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MAY SUFFERS A DECLINE OF 1 1-4c FROM SATURDAY'S CLOSE.

Big Drop in Liverpool Caused a Weak Opening and Liquidation Kept It Weak—Corn and Provisions Off a Little.

Chicago, April 5.—Wheat closed squarely under the 70c mark to-day, the May option suffering a decline of 1¼c per bushel, and July ⅞c, the greater weakness in May being caused by changing over from that month to the more deferred delivery. A big drop in Liverpool caused a weak opening, and liquidation continued almost without interruption all day. Other markets were sympathetically weak, corn declining ⅛@¼c, and provisions 2½@15c. Oats closed practically without change.

Wheat got a blow on the heart from Liverpool when that market cabled an opening decline of 1¼d per cental. The start here, under stress of such a staggerer, was at declines, compared with Saturday's closing price, of ⅜@⅞c per bushel for May and from ⅝c to ⅞c for July. First quotations for the former were from 69⅝c to 69⅝c, and for the latter 69½c and 69c. The lowest of those quotations formed the bottom of the range of the subsequent fluctuations up to 12 o'clock. In addition to the decline at Liverpool, the quantity on ocean passage was increased 480,000 bushels since a week ago, and world's shipments show a marked increase over those of the week previous, the total cabled to the board of trade aggregating over 4,500,000 bushels, against 3,735,000 bushels the week previous. This also helped the bears, in that it was far in excess of the recent average, although 2,500,000 below the estimated weekly requirements. According to a cablegram from Beerbohm's, European stocks of wheat and flour in first hands and the quantity on ocean passage were together 10,000,000 bushels less April 1 than they were March 1 of this year. The reduction in visible supplies in this country for March were about 6,000,000 bushels, so that the world's visible lost 16,000,000 bushels in that month. Minneapolis and Duluth received only 230 cars of wheat, compared with 344 a week ago and 376 the corresponding day of last year. Chicago got 13 carloads. The visible supply, which was expected to show perhaps a small increase, was found to have decreased 411,000 bushels. That helped to prevent prices declining below the lowest of the figures made at the opening until about half an hour from the close, when they got down onto fresh ground. May, about fifteen minutes from the close, sold down to 69⅛@69⅛c, and July to 68⅞@69c. The export clearances from Atlantic ports are equal to 510,000 bushels in wheat and flour, since Saturday's report, did not do much to help sustain prices, in view of the claim that it was old business, and there is no present bid within 2 or 3 cents of our prices. The closing price for May was 69⅛@69¼c, and for July, 68⅞c.

Corn was quiet and weak, influenced by the weakness in wheat and the more liberal receipts. The conditions were such that holders were disposed to sell out, but prices were fairly steady until near the close, when liquidation became pronounced. Exports, 382,000 bushels, show a considerable falling off. May opened ⅛c lower at 24⅛@24¼c, sold to 24⅜c, and declined to 24⅛c, where it closed.

Oats held remarkably well during the morning on a very small trade. The backwardness of the weather caused some anxiety among shorts, and the covering of a few lines caused a slight advance, which was lost later, as wheat grew weaker. The visible supply decreased 180,000 bushels, and the seaboard clearances were 114,000 bushels. May opened unchanged at 17⅛c, sold between 17⅛@17¼c and 17@17⅛c, closing at 17⅛c.

Provisions opened weak and continued to decline, notwithstanding a much smaller arrival of hogs than expected. There was very general liquidation, packers especially being liberal sellers, and little support was given the market, which closed at the bottom. May pork closed 15c lower at $8.20; May lard 7½c lower at $4.10@4.12½, and May ribs 2½c lower at $4.52½@4.55.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 14 cars; corn, 100 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 17,000.

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Scarce and Firm—Corn Firmer and Wanted—Oats Steady.

In store—Wheat, 211,127 bushels; corn, 163,401 bushels; oats, 187,127 bushels; rye, 5,915 bushels.

WHEAT—Receipts past 48 hours 9,600
Same time last year 14,400
Shipments 5,400

There was not much in yesterday, and all good samples were in demand and steady. There was a sharp decline in futures, but this seemed to have no influence upon the market in, the face of the very light arrivals; but it is scarcity alone that keeps prices up. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 hard, nominal, at 79@81c; No. 2 spring, 79@81c; No. 3 hard, 73@77c, 1 car choice at 77c; No. 3 spring, 72@76c; No. 4 hard, nominal, at 63@67c; rejected, 50@60c, 1 car at 60c; No. 2 red, 1 car at 86c, and 1 car mixed at 88c; No. 3 red, 80@84c; No. 4 red, 80@86c.

CORN—Receipts past 48 hours 54,600
Same time last year 28,700
Shipments 32,200

Demand good and market firm. Arrivals continue light and easily absorbed by the order trade, and holders independent, and the general tone of the market strong. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 5 cars at 21c; May, 10,000 bushels at 20c; No. 2 mixed, 10 cars at 20½c, 1 car at 20⅝c, and 1 car with special billing at 21c, and 1 car yellow with special billing at 21c; No. 4 mixed, 2 cars at 20c, 2 cars at 20½c, 2 cars at 20¾c; no grade, 2 cars at 18c, and 1 car at 19c; No. 2 white, 1 car at 21¾c; No. 3 white, 1 car at 21c, 1 car at 21¼c, and 1 car with special billing at 21½c; No. 4 white, 20½@21c.

OATS—Receipts past 48 hours 7,000
Same time last year 6,000
Shipments 6,000

Not many coming in, and market held steady and firm under the influence of light offerings. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, nominal, at 17@18c; No. 3 mixed, 15½@16½c; No. 4 mixed, 14½@15c; No. 2 white, 19@22c; No. 3 white, 17@18½c; No. 4 white, 16@16½c.

RYE—Receipts past 48 hours 600
Same time last year 600
Shipments .. ..

Very little arriving and trading light. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 30@31c; No. 3, 28@29c.

FLOUR—Market slow but firm. Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.40@2.50; extra fancy, $2.00@2.25; fancy, $1.65@2.00; choice, $1.60@1.80. Hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.00@2.10; straights, $1.90@2.00.

CORNMEAL—Firmer and in fair demand. Quoted at 42@43c per cwt., bulk.

CORN CHOP—Held higher but dull. Quoted at 39@40c per cwt., sacked.

CASTOR BEANS—But few arriving; car lots, $1.15; less, $1.05 per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Quiet and weak; cash, 68@69c per bushel upon the basis of pure.

BRAN—Steady and in good demand. Sacked, 54@55c per cwt.; bulk, 48@49c per cwt.

HAY—Receipts past 48 hours .... 390 tons
Same time last year .... 580 tons
Shipments .. .... 140 tons

Demand fair and values firm. Quotations are as follows: Prairie, choice, $5.50@6.00; No. 1, $5.00@5.50; No. 2, $4.00@4.50; lower grades, $3.00@3.50. Timotny, choice, $8.50@9.00; No. 1, $7.75@8.25; No. 2, $6.75@7.25. Clover, mixed, No. 1, $6.25@6.75; No. 2, $5.75@6.25.

Yesterday's Chicago Markets.

Furnished by the French Bros. Commission Company, room 22, Board of Trade building:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Sat.
Wheat—					
April	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 68½	$ 69¾
May	69⅝	69⅞	69⅛	69¼	70⅝
July	69	69½	68⅞	68⅞	69¾
Corn—					
May	24⅛	24⅜	24⅛	24¼	24⅝
July	25½	25⅝	25½	25½	25⅞
Sept.	26⅜	26⅞	26⅜	26⅜	26⅞
Oats—					
April	.....	.....	.....	16⅝	16⅝
May	17⅛	17⅛	17	17⅛	17⅛
July	18	18⅛	17⅞	18	18
Pork—					
April	.....	.....	.....	8 15	8 27½
May	8 30	8 35	8 20	8 20	8 32½
July	8 45	8 47½	8 32½	8 32½	8 47½
Lard—					
April	.....	.....	.....	4 10	4 15
May	4 15	4 17½	4 10	4 10	4 17½
July	4 27½	4 27½	4 20	4 20	4 27½
Ribs—					
April	.....	.....	.....	4 52½	4 55
May	4 55	4 60	4 50	4 52½	4 55
July	4 57½	4 60	4 52½	4 55	4 57½

Chicago car lots—Winter wheat, 6 cars; contract, 2 cars. Spring wheat, 7 cars; contract, 1 car. Corn, 195 cars; contract, 56 cars. Oats, 203 cars; contract, 21 cars.

Estimated for to-day—Wheat, 14 cars; corn, 190 cars; oats, 250 cars.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 86@88c; No. 3 red, 80@85c; No. 2 hard, 69½@73c, and No. 3 hard, 68@70c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 24c, and No. 2 white, 24c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 17c, and No. 2 white, 20½@22c.

Grain Notes.

Kansas City stocks of wheat decreased 96,500 bushels last week.

The English visible supply of wheat decreased 718,000 bushels last week.

The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased last week 480,000 bushels; corn decreased 240,000 bushels.

Chicago stocks of grain are as follows: Wheat, 10,020,000 bushels; corn, 7,720,000 bushels; oats, 5,926,000 bushels; rye, 1,340,000 bushels; barley, 156,000 bushels.

The stocks of wheat in Liverpool yesterday were 3,466,000 bushels, against 3,400,000 bushels a week ago. Of corn, 1,071,000 bushels, against 964,000 bushels a week ago.

The Ohio state crop report for April makes the condition of winter wheat 85; percentage of the crop of 1896 still in farmers' hands, 14; barley, condition, 89; rye, 68; corn, condition in cribs, 94.

The imports of grain at Liverpool last week were: Wheat—From Atlantic ports, 26,500 quarters; Pacific ports, 25,000 quarters; other ports, 12,000 quarters. Corn—70,000 quarters from Atlantic ports.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday 299,143 bushels of wheat, 49,572 packages of flour, 360,138 bushels of corn and 116,360 bushels of oats. Total wheat and flour clearances amount to 511,00 bushels.

A Duluth special: More wheat is sold to go East than is now in store, and a million bushels of Minneapolis wheat is sold to go East via Duluth, and 800,000 bushels have already gone from Minneapolis to Duluth.

A Chicago special says: "Secretary Kennedy, of the Indiana state board of agriculture, while having no official data, believes that 12 per cent of the winter wheat area will be plowed up. The state average is not expected to exceed 76."

Duluth wheat stocks increased last week 1,060,000 bushels; Minneapolis stocks decreased 205,000 bushels; Buffalo decreased 230,000 bushels; Toledo increased 53,000 bushels; Boston decreased 202,000 bushels; New York decreased 317,000 bushels.

Weather Observer P. Connor, here at Kansas City, in his summary for March says the temperature was 4 deg. higher than in March, 1896, and the rainfall 1.28 inches greater, being 2.37 inches, against 1.09 inches the same month last year.

The world's wheat shipments last week were 4,544,000 bushels; the previous week, 3,727,000 bushels; a year ago, 3,975,000 bushels. Russian shipments last week were 1,760,000 bushels; Argentine, 712,000 bushels; Danubian, 208,000 bushels; American, 2,464,000 bushels.

The primary market receipts yesterday were 330,000 bushels of wheat, against 338,000 bushels a year ago. Shipments were 105,000 bushels; last year, 134,000 bushels; corn receipts, 370,000 bushels; a year ago, 275,000; shipments, 161,000 bushels; last year, 66,000 bushels.

A Haven, Minn., letter says: "This country in the last three days has had the worst flood known. Warm weather the past week caused a great body of snow to melt so fast that small streams suddenly became raging rivers. Much grain has been destroyed; in many cases farmers have lost all the seed they had, and it will be very hard for them to get seed for their land, owing to hard times and scarcity of seed, especially wheat. Should the weather remain warm and no rain, farmers may begin by the 15th on high ground. The time when general seeding will begin will depend upon the weather from now on."

The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, as reported by the Chicago board of trade:

	Wheat, bushels.	Corn, bushels.	Oats, bushels.
Yesterday	38,612,000	25,318,000	13,616,000
Preceding week	39,023,000	25,152,000	13,797,000
A year ago.....	60,349,000	16,982,000	9,034,000
Two years ago...	72,203,000	12,890,000	5,815,000
Three years ago.	70,768,000	17,483,000	2,654,000
Four years ago.	77,293,000	14,914,000	4,423,000

Changes in the visible supply of grain:

	Wheat. bushels.	Corn. bushels.	Oats. bushels.
Last week	* 411,000	** 166,000	* 180,000
Preceding week..	*1,407,000	* 925,000	* 1,000
A year ago.....	* 683,000	** 501,000	**507,000
Two years ago..	*1,605,000	* 519,000	* 381,000
Three years ago.	* 692,000	* 1,053,000	* 58,000
Four years ago.	* 361,000	* 401,000	* 115,000

*Decrease. **Increase.

Car lot receipts of wheat:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Mpls.	Dith.	Tot.
Yesterday ...	16	13	33	191	133	386
A week ago.	13	14	19	513	331	890
2 weeks ago.	31	17	22	321	73	464
A year ago...	24	20	46	143	153	456
2 years ago...	23	6	12	126	137	304

Car lot receipts of corn:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	78	196	158	431
A week ago	61	144	179	384
Two weeks ago	168	157	292	617
A year ago	31	157	96	284
Two years ago.....	9	107	19	135

Car lot receipts of oats:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	7	23	27	257
A week ago.....	15	111	12	138
Two weeks ago	29	181	40	250
A year ago.....	6	121	41	168
Two years ago.....	9	141	21	171

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He Wanted Paregoric.

Harper's Round Table: It is a good thing to remember the right word at the right time, but it is not everyone who does it by such a curious succession of ideas as the man who dashed into a Western drug store and accosted the clerk with:

"Say, I want some medicine, and I want it quick, too! But for the life of me I can't tell what the name is!"

"Well, how on earth do you expect to get it, then?" demanded the disgusted clerk. "I can't help you!"

"Yes you can, too!" said the would-be customer, promptly. "What's the name of that bay on the lower part of this lake—eh?"

"Do you mean Put-in Bay?"

"That's it! That's it! And what's the name of the old fellow that put in there once, you know? Celebrated character, you know?"

"Are you talking about Commodore Perry?"

"Good! I've got it! I've got it!" shouted the customer. "That's what I want! Gimme 10 cents' worth of paregoric!"

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THERE WAS A WANT OF LIFE TO THE STOCK MARKET.

New Jersey Central Was More Traded in Than Anything Else and Bobbed Up and Down—Railways Generally Lower.

Quietude still pervades the local money market. Very little mercantile paper is offering, and what being made generally for small amounts. Some little renewing is being done, however, and the cattle people are taking some little money, but as a whole the loan market is dull and easy. Rates steady at 7@8 per cent. But little currency going to the country. Bank clearings, $1,777,234, against $1,556,437, an increase of $220,959, a gain of 14 per cent.

Eastern exchange barely steady.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, 35c premium; Chicago, par; St. Louis, par.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, April 5.—Money on call easy at 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½@1¾ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent; sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and $4.85¾@4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84¾.

London, April 5.—Money 1 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 1¼ per cent.

Ney York, April 5.—Clearings, $68,076,252; balances, $4,615,424.

Boston, April 5.—Clearings, $12,959,920; balances, $1,060,987.

Baltimore, April 5.—Clearings, $2,420,522; balances, $355,552.

Philadelphia, April 5.—Clearings, $8,945,986; balances, $1,284,709.

Cincinnati, April 5.—Clearings, $3,304,900; money 6 per cent; New York exchange, 25@40c discount.

Chicago, April 5.—Clearings, $13,728,872; New York exchange, 25c premium; foreign exchange steady; demand, $4.87⅞; sixty days, $4.85¾.

St. Louis, April 5.—Clearings, $5,056,778; balances, $574,369; money 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 35c premium bid, 50c premium asked.

New Orleans, April 5.—Clearings, $798,343; New York exchange, bank, $1 per $1,000 premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.

New York, April 5.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Alabama, class A, 105½; Alamaba, class B, 100; Alabama, class C, 100; Alabama currency, 100; Louisiana new consols, 4s, 94½; Missouri 6s, 100; North Carolina 6s, 122½; North Carolina 4s, 102; South Carolina non-fund, ½; Tennessee new settlement 6s, 75; Tennessee new settlement 5s, 105; Tennessee old 6s, 60; Virginia centuries, 63⅝; Virginia centuries deferred, 5; Atchison 4s, 80⅞; Atchison 2d A, 44½; Canada Southern 2ds, 105; Central Pacific 1sts of '95, 102½; D. & R. G. 7s, 112½; D. & R. G. 4s, 88; Erie 2ds, 64; G., H. & S. A. 6s, 103¼; G., H. & S. A. 7s, 101; H. & T. C. 5s, 109½; H. & T. C. 6s, 101; M., K. & T. 1st 4s, 82¾; M., K. & T. 2nd 4s, 57; Mutual Union 6s, 112; N. J. Central general 5s, 111; Northern Pacific 1sts, 116; Northern Pacific 2ds, 53½; Northwest consols, 143; Northwest sinking fund debenture 5s, 112½; Rio Grande Western 1sts, 72½; St. Paul consols 7s, 134; St. P., C. & P. W. 5s, 115; St. L. & I. M. general 5s, 71; St. L. & S. F. general 6s, 111; Texas Pacific 1sts, 58; Texas Pacific 2ds, 19¼; Union Pacific 1sts of '96, 101½; West Shore 4s, 107½.

Government Bonds

As reported yesterday by Houston, Fible & Co., over their private New York wire:

	Due.	Int. due.	Bid.	Ask.
Reg. 2 per cts.....	Opt.	Q. Mar.	96½	....
Reg. 4 per cts.....	1907	Q. Jan.	111	111¼
Coupon 4 per cts....	1907	Q. Jan.	112¾	112¾
Reg. 5 per cts.....	1904	Q. Feb.	114	114½
Coupon 5 per cts....	1904	Q. Feb.	114	114½
Reg. 4 per cts.....	1925	Q. Feb.	123⅞	124¼
Coupon 4 per cts....	1925	Q. Feb.	123⅞	124¼

Silver.

New York, April 5.—Bar silver, 61¾c per ounce, and Mexican dollars, 48¼c.

London, April 5.—Bar silver, 28¾d per ounce.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, April 5.—The traders in stocks made a plaything of New Jersey Central stock to-day, and worked their will with it. So inviting a subject for speculation was it that it absorbed a large share of attention in a very narrow market, its wide and erratic fluctuations making it specially available for the purposes of traders. There seemed to be an extraordinary degree of doubt and lack of reliable information as to the exact intentions of the directors at the meeting to-day regarding the dividend. That the rate was to be reduced was taken for granted, and stories had even found credence of late that it was to be passed. The opening decline in the stock to-day seemed to be based on a belief that the dividend would be reduced to a 3 per cent basis. The price sold off 2⅝ to 76¼ on this. When it was announced that a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent had been declared, a rally of 4½ to 80¾ ensued, but this was followed by a reaction of 3⅝ to 77⅞, due in part to disappointment at the absence of a statement of the company's financial condition and to fears as to the earnings having been up to the dividend rate decided on. There was some slight stiffening of prices about midday on a covering of shorts and in sympathy with the short-lived upward movement in the coalers, Leather pref'd showed the extreme gain of 1¾, but the Vanderbilts profited to the extent of a sharp fraction. Later the market succumbed to a number of adverse influences, or what were interpreted as such by the dealers. The principal of these was the news that the supreme court had refused to advance the appeal of the Joint Traffic Association to a hearing at the present term of court, and had set the second Monday in October as the date of hearing. The resumption of the Cuban question as a subject of debate in the senate worked on the fears of dealers to some extent. Disappointment was felt that the prices of Americans in London did not respond more favorably to the presence in London of several American financiers, supposed to have in hand plans to benefit the properties in which they are interested. The losses in the railways generally ranged as high as 1½ in Burlington, the decline in the grangers being marked. The industrials were not much traded in, aside from Sugar and Leather pref'd.

Railway bonds were dull and mainly featureless.

The following was the range of prices yesterday, as furnished by the C. S. Lee Commission Company, 200 New York Life building:

	High.	Low.	Yes. Close.	Sat.
American Spirits	12⅞	12½	12½	12¾
Am. Sugar Refining..	111½	110½	110⅝	111⅛
American Tobacco ...	74¾	73½	73½	74
A., T. & S. F., com..	10⅝	10⅜	10⅜	10¾
A., T. & S. F., pfd..	....	....	....	20⅞
Chi., Bur. & Quincy..	72	70¼	70⅜	71⅞
C., C., C. & St. L., com	30¼	29⅞	29⅞	29¾
Chicago Gas	79¼	78¼	78¼	78⅞
C., M. & St. P., com	73⅛	72¼	72¼	73⅛
Chi. & Northwestern.	105¼	104	104	105
Chicago, R. I. & P..	62¾	62	62	62⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio..	....	....	....	16½
Del., Lack. & West..	152	151	151	....
Consolidated Gas	....	....	....	156
Delaware & Hudson.	103⅞	101½	102¾	102¾
General Electric	31¾	31½	31½	31¾
Lake Shore	....	....	....	155⅞
Lou. & Nash.....	46¼	45½	45½	45⅞
Manhattan	83¾	83¼	83¾	83¾
Missouri Pacific	15½	15	15¼	15⅝
Mo., Kas & Texas..	27¼	27¼	27¼	27¾
New Jersey Central..	80¾	76¼	77⅞	79¼
New York Central...	100⅝	99¾	99¾	100⅝
Northern Pacific, pfd.	36⅞	35¾	35¾	36⅛
Pacific Mail	27¼	26¾	26¾	27¼
Phil. & Reading.....	21⅞	20¼	20⅞	21
Tenn. Coal & Iron....	25¾	25¼	25¼	25½
U. S. Leather, pfd....	55¾	54¾	55¼	55
Wabash, pfd	13	12¾	12¾	13⅛
Western Union	80¼	79½	79⅞	80

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, April 5.—BUTTER—Receipts, 9,224 packages. Market steady. Western creamery, 15@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 8@13½c. CHEESE—Receipts, 1,113 packages. Market quiet. State, large, 9@10½c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@8c; full skims, 2½@3c. EGGS—Receipts 22,970 packages. Market steady. Western, 9½@9¾c.

Elgin, Ill., April 5.—BUTTER—Steady; offerings, 46,980 pounds; sales, 34,380 pounds at 20c.

Chicago, April 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 9,000 barrels, and shipments, 4,000 barrels. Still dull; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring patents, $4.00@4.10; straights, $3.40@3.50; bakers' grades, $3.00@3.30. BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 10@17c. EGGS—Firm at 8½c.

St. Louis, April 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 5,000 barrels; shipments, 3,000 barrels; quiet, but steady; patents, $4.70@4.80; extra fancy, $4.40@4.45; fancy, $3.70@3.85; choice, $3.15@3.25. WHEAT—Receipts, 22,000 bushels; shipments, 20,000 bushels; spot dull, neglected and lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 91c nominal; track, 93c; May, 86⅞c bid; July, 71½c; September, 69¼c. CORN—Receipts, 103,000 bushels; shipments, 78,000 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, cash, 21½c bid; May, 22½c bid; July, 23¾c bid; September, 24⅞c. OATS—Receipts, 26,000 bushels; shipments, 6,000 bushels; firm in tone, but lower than Saturday's close; No. 2, cash, 18½c bid; May, 18⅝c bid; July 19½c bid. BRAN—Dull, weak; sacked, east track, worth nominally 49@50c. HAY—Quiet, steady; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $8.50@14.00. BUTTER—Weak; creamery, 17@23c; dairy, 10@18c. EGGS—Lower; 7½c. PORK—Dull; standard mess, jobbing, $8.30@8.75. LARD—Lower; prime steam, $3.95; choice, $4.02½. BACON—Boxed shoulders, $5.00; extra short clear, $5.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.60. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders, $4.87½; extra short clear, $5.00; ribs, $5.12½; shorts, $5.20.

Liverpool, April 5.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red, winter Western, no stock; No. 1, Northern, opening dull, 6s 3½d. CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, 2s 6¾d; old, American mixed, steady, 2s 10½d. Futures dull; April, 2s 6½d; May, 2s 7¾d; June, 2s 9d. FLOUR—Dull; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d. BEEF—Extra India mess, firm, 56s 3d; prime mess, firm, 47s 6d. PORK—Prime mess, fine Western, 50s; medium, 45s. HAMS—Short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, 42s 6d. BACON—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 pounds, 29s; short ribs, 20 to 24 pounds, 27s 6d; long clear middles, light, 35 to 38 pounds, 26s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 45 pounds, 25s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 pounds, 25s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 pounds, 28s 6d. SHOULDERS—Square, 12 to 18 pounds, 27s. LARD—Prime Western, 21s 9d.

New Orleans, April 5.—PROVISIONS—Steady, but dull. PORK—Old, 8½c; new, 9½c. LARD—Refined tierce, 3¾c. BOXED MEATS—Dry salt shoulders, 5¼c; sides, 5⅛c. BACON—Clear ribs, sides, 5¾c. CORNMEAL—Steady; $1.55 per barrel. HAMS—Choice, 9½@9¾c. FLOUR—Firm; BRAN—Easy; 67½@69c. HAY—Firmer; prime timothy, $13@15; choice, scarce, $16.50. CORN—Steady; No. 2 sacked, mixed and white, 33c; yellow, 33@34c. OATS—No. 2 sacked, 24½@25c. RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3¾@4½c.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, April 5.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, unchanged to 5 points higher, following lighter receipts at Brazil and news from the European market. Trading was chiefly in the hands of local operators; closed quiet, unchanged to 5 points net advance; sales, 10,500 bags, including: April, 7.30@7.35c. Spot coffee—Rio weak; No. 7 invoice, 7¾c; jobbing, 8¼c. Mild, dull and weak. Cordova, 13¾@15¼c. Sales, 1,000 bags Rio No. 7, spot, at 7¾c; 1,000 bags Rio No. 7, plus 20, at 8⅛c. SUGAR—Raw, firm; sales, 11,558 bags centrifugal, 96 test, at 3⅜c, ex-ship; 2,100 bags molasses, 89 test, at 2⅜c. Refined, firm; mold A, 5c; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅝c; cut loaf, 5⅝c; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5c; granulated, 4¾c; cubes, 5c.

New Orleans, April 5.—COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low, fair, 12¼@14½c. SUGAR—Quiet; open kettle, 2¼@3¼c; centrifugal, granulated, 4⅛c; whites, 3 11-16@3 15-16c; yellows, 3 7-16@3⅝c; second, 2¼@3 3-16c. MOLASSES—Quiet; centrifugal, 59@9c.

Rye and Seeds.

St. Louis, Mo., April 5.—Rye—31c, track. Flaxseed—72c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.60@2.75.

Chicago, April 5.—Rye—Cash, 31½c; May, 33c. Flaxseed—Cash, 73½c; May, 74c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.70.

Cotton.

New Orleans, April 5.—COTTON—Futures quiet; sales, 35,100. April, 6.96c bid; May, 6.96@6.97c; June, 6.57@6.98c; July, 6.97@6.98c; August, 6.86@6.88c; September, 6.64@6.65c; October, 6.54@6.55c; November, 6.56@6.58c; December, 6.59@6.61c; January, 6.63@6.65c.

Lead and Zinc.

New York, April 5.—Lead—Quiet; brokers' price, $3.25; exchange price, $3.37½@3.42½. Spelter—Quiet; domestic, $4.10@4.20.

St. Louis, April 5.—Lead—Firm at $3.17½@3.20. Spelter—Firm at $3.92½.

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WOMAN WORRIED A CONSTABLE.

Managed After Three Weeks to Serve Papers on Her.

From the New York Herald.

Constable James E. Carey, of Elizabeth, N. J., Saturday succeeded, after three weeks' experience, in serving upon a young but shrewd Elizabeth woman a summons to appear to-morrow in the chancery court at Newark and show cause why her child should not be given into the custody of her husband, from whom she has separated.

Carey, who is one of the oldest of the Union county court constables, was engaged three weeks ago by the husband's counsel to serve the papers on the wife. When handed the summons the constable was informed that several attempts to serve the papers had been frustrated by the woman's shrewdness.

"That is always the way," replied Carey, "when you depend upon inexperienced men to do work of this character. I will see, sir, that the lady has the papers before night."

Carey, an hour later, rang the front door bell of the large Spring street house where resided the woman wanted with her child and servants. To the servant who answered the bell and opened the door as far as a heavy chain would permit, the constable stated, in an authoritative manner, that he desired to see the mistress. Before the girl could reply a sweet voice from the upper floor exclaimed, "That will do, Mary, dear; close the door, please!"

Mary did as she was told, and Carey was baffled. The next morning a seedy looking peddler, with a handful of potatoes, knocked at the kitchen door of the house.

The servant who came to the door said: "No, we don't want any potatoes." *

"But ask your mistress to come to the door," persisted the peddler.

"No; she can't bother with you," exclaimed the girl(as she closed the door. Again Carey was beaten. Three nights later a fashionably dressed woman appeared at the front door and explained to the servant that she must see the mistress on important business, but the suspicious girl saw Carey crouching behind the woman. The servant immediately closed the door.

The constable finally discovered that every evening after dinner the woman took exercise by walking through the garden in the rear of the house. Satisfied that this was his opportunity, Carey last Tuesday evening, as he saw the lady appear in the yard, jumped the fence and started after her. She was too quick, however, and disappeared.

Carey, his best scheme frustrated, and made desperate by the taunts of his fellow constables, had about made up his mind to defy the law, force his way into the house and serve his papers, when he received a letter from the woman's counsel, stating that his client was now ready to accept the papers and would be pleased to receive the constable at her house Saturday. Carey was on hand and served the papers to the woman, who received him with a smile.

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