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GRAIN MARKETS BRACE UP.

RECOVER SOMEWHAT FROM SAD COLLAPSE OF WEDNESDAY.

May Wheat Closes More Than a Cent Higher—Corn and Oats Strong, With a Net Advance of 3-8c—Provisions.

Chicago, April 8.—All the grain and provision markets were firm to-day, closing as a rule at substantial advances. The strength was more the result of a natural reaction from yesterday's slump, although the statistical news was generally favorable. May wheat closed 1⅛c higher, corn ⅜c higher and oats ¼@⅝c higher. Provisions advanced 2½@5c.

Yesterday's decline in wheat appeared to have brought out all that was for sale below 66c, and buyers had to pay something over the figures mentioned, both for May and July deliveries, during the greater part of to-day's session, whatever reason was given as the cause which induced shorts to cover wheat previously sold at purchases of that sort constituted nine-tenths of the buying done in the forenoon. The trading was neither active nor of large volume. May opened at from 66⅛c to 66¼c, compared with yesterday's closing price of 65⅝c, improved to 66½c, and declined from that to 65⅝c. It began to improve after touching the latter figures and rose once more to 66½c. During the remainder of the forenoon it rose and fell within the extremes of 66½c and 66c, being more inclined toward the upper than the lowed edge of that range during the time mentioned. Rumors of some country milling demand for spring wheat was given as one reason for the generally improved tone which rallied wheat again after its first drop from and 66½c for May to 65⅝c. Liverpool, while lower at the opening, was not as weak as Chicago had been the day before, and had already recovered ½d of the 1d decline before trading started here. Chicago receipts were 15 cars, Minneapolis and Duluth received 264 cars, against 587 a week ago, and 229 the corresponding day of the year before. The Cincinnati Price Current ventured to estimate the coming crop, should it maintain its present condition, at from 300,000,000 to 310,000,000 bushels. Atlantic ports clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 235,000 bushels. New York reported some business for export—100,000 bushels, it was said, for prompt and 100,000 bushels more for May—June shipment. The reported export business, moderate as it was, kept the market fairly firm at the close. May, about half an hour from the close, sold at 67c, and July at 66⅝c. July sold at 66⅝c earlier in the day, when May at the same time was bringing only 66½c. During the last few minutes, enough reaction occurred to bring May down to 66⅝c and July to 66½@66⅝c, which were the closing prices.

Corn was also somewhat stronger, influenced partially by the better tone in wheat, but chiefly by the heavy rains in the corn belt, which has raised the presumption of light receipts. Shorts were good buyers. Exports amounted to 710,000 bushels. May opened about ⅜c higher at 22⅝@22½c, advanced to 22⅞c and closed firm at 22½@22⅝c.

Shorts covered in the oats market and were mainly responsible for the firm feeling which was the most important feature of the session. Sympathy with wheat and continued unfavorable wet weather were also factors in the advance. The aggregate business was larger than usual. Exports were 41,000 bushels. May opened ¼c higher at 16⅝@16½c, advanced to 16⅝c and closed at 16⅝c.

Provisions, although starting weak, soon firmed up and joined in the general advance. There was further liquidation by commission houses earlier, but under an improved demand, both from packers and English houses, prices gradually advanced. At the close, May pork was about 2½c higher at $8.10@8.12½; May lard a shade higher at $4.07½@4.10, and May ribs 5c higher at $4.47½.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 8 cars; corn, 180 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

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LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Dull and Weaker, in the Face of Light Offerings—Corn and Oats Firm.

In store—Wheat, 300,784 bushels; corn, 162,400 bushels; oats, 182,127 bushels; rye, 5,415 bushels.

WHEAT—Receipts past 24 hours..... 7,200
Same time last year..... 4,200
Shipments 14,400

There was very little doing in this grain yesterday. Holders were trying to hold prices up, while buyers were very bearish, and only the very light offerings prevented a sharp decline. Cables were all lower, but futures were up again, a natural reaction from Wednesday's bad break. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 hard, nominal at 72@73c; No. 2 spring, 72@73c; No. 3 hard, 69@69½c; No. 4 spring, nominal at 73@75c; No. 4 hard, 62@65c, 1 car at 65c; rejected, 50@60c, 1 car poor at 52c; No. 2 red, 92@94c, 1 car fair at 92c; No. 3 red, nominal at 88@90c; No. 4 red, 80@85c.

CORN—Receipts past 24 hours..... 21,000
Same time last year..... 13,200
Shipments 30,100

The bad weather and consequent light receipts continues to lend a firm tone to the market. The offerings being such as are easily absorbed by the local feed and order trade, and enabling holders to keep prices well in hand. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 5 cars at 21½c, 1 car at 21c, 1 car yellow at 21½c; May, 5,000 bushels at 19⅝c, 5,000 bushels at 19¾c; No. 3 mixed, 4 cars at 20½c, 1 car at 20⅜c, 4 cars with good billing at 21c; No. 4 mixed, 2 cars at 20c, 1 car at 20½c; no grade, 2 cars at 19½c; No. 2 white, 2 cars at 22c; No. 3 white, 2 cars at 21c, 1 car at 21½c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 19c.

OATS—Receipts past 24 hours..... 6,000
Same time last year..... 1,000
Shipments 6,000

Very few on sale, and market firm and demand fair for all offerings. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, nominal at 17@18c; No. 3 mixed, 16@17c; No. 4 mixed, 14@15c; No. 2 white, 19½c; No. 3 white, 17@18½c, 1 car at 18c; No. 4 white, 16@18½c.

RYE—Receipts past 24 hours..... 500
Same time last year..... —
Shipments ..... —

But few coming in, and market quiet. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 36c; No. 3, 25@28c.

FLOUR—Market still dull and weak, and trade of a hand-to-mouth character. Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.40@2.50; extra fancy, $2.00@2.25; fancy, $1.85@2.00; choice, $1.60@1.80. Hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.00@2.10; straights, $1.90@2.00.

CORNMEAL—Firm, but slow sale. Quoted at 42@43c per cwt., bulk.

CORN CHOP—Dull, but steady. Quoted at 39@40c per cwt., sacked.

CASTOR BEANS—Slow sale and lower. Car lots, $1.10; less, $1.00 per bushel.

FLAXSEED—Dull and lower. Cash, 64@65c per bushel, upon the basis of pure

BRAN—In fair demand and steady. Quoted: Sacked, 53@54c; bulk, 47@48c per cwt.

HAY—Receipts past 24 hours..... 210 tons
Same time last year..... 50 tons
Shipments ..... 150 tons

Firm and in good demand. Prairie, choice, $5.00@6.50; No. 1, $5.50@6.00; No. 2, $4.50@5.00; lower grades, $3.00@4.50. Timothy, choice, $8.50@9.00; No. 1, $8.00@8.50; No. 2, $7.00@7.50. Clover mixed, No. 1, $6.25@6.75; No. 2, $5.75@6.25.

Yesterday's Chicago Market.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Clos'd Wed.
Wheat—					
April	.....	.....	.....	$ 66⅝	$ 65
May	66⅝	67⅛	65⅝	66⅞	65⅝
July	66⅝	66⅞	66⅛	66½	65⅝
Corn—					
May	23⅝	23⅝	23⅛	23½	23¼
July	24⅜	25	24⅜	25	24⅝
Sept.	26¼	26¼	26⅛	26¼	26
Oats—					
April	.....	.....	.....	16⅞	15⅞
May	16½	16¾	16½	16⅝	16¼
July	17⅝	17⅞	17⅝	17⅞	17½
Pork—					
April	.....	.....	.....	8 07½	8 02½
May	8 05	8 15	8 00	8 12½	8 07½
July	8 15	8 25	8 10	8 22½	8 15
Lard—					
April	.....	.....	.....	4 07½	4 05
May	4 07½	4 10	4 05	4 07½	4 07½
July	4 15	4 20	4 15	4 20	4 15
S. Ribs—					
April	.....	.....	.....	4 47½	4 42½
May	4 40	4 47½	4 40	4 47½	4 42½
July	4 45	4 50	4 40	4 50	4 45

Chicago car lots—Winter wheat, 10 cars; contract, 3 cars. Spring wheat, 5 cars; contract, none. Corn, 276 cars; contract, 87 cars. Oats, 285 cars; contract, 79 cars.

Estimated for to-day: Wheat, 8 cars; corn, 180 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 15,000.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 85@85c; No. 3 red, 75@80c; No. 2 hard, 66@68c; No. 3 hard, 64@66c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 23½c; No. 2 white, 23½c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 16¾c; No. 2 white, 20@21c.

Grain Notes.

Abel Rey, of Paris, cabled yesterday: "Weather very wet and unfavorable for crops."

A message from Jennings, Kas., says it has snowed or rained in Decatur county every day for two weeks and the wheat looks fine.

A. T. Rogers, of Beloit, Kas., was on 'change yesterday. He says wheat looks well in Mitchell county and promises a good crop.

J. Archibald Fluck, of Gloucester, England, was on 'change yesterday. He is making a trip over this country to look into the crop prospects.

It is stated that Beerbohm denies the correctness of Bradstreet's statement of an increase of 3,000,000 bushels in European stocks of wheat last week.

Another general rain was reported in Edwards county, Kas., Wednesday night. Wheat shows a wonderful improvement and a big crop is expected.

There was a rainfall of 1½ inches in Rice county, Kas., Wednesday night, and it is said recent rains have brought out much wheat that was thought to be winter killed, and the loss from this source will be small.

A Chicago message says Western millers are there looking for red wheat, but no good red is offered for less than 21½c premium over May. There are only 136,000 bushels of No. 2 red and 236,000 bushels of No. 3 red wheat in Chicago public elevators.

The flour output for the week at Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior and Milwaukee was 295,000 barrels, against 313,000 barrels the week previous, and 246,000 last year. St. Louis mills last week ground 27,000 barrels; preceding week, 56,000 barrels; a year ago 38,000 barrels.

The primary market receipts yesterday were 223,000 bushels in wheat, against 279,000 bushels a year ago. Shipments were 181,000 bushels, last year 110,000 bushels. Corn, receipts, 308,000 bushels; a year ago, 169,000 bushels. Shipments, 526,000 bushels; last year, 49,000 bushels.

Yesterday's Cincinnati Price Current says: "There is no essential change in the crop situation. The position suggests a possible 300,000,000 to 310,000,000 bushels of winter wheat. Moisture is delaying oats seeding to some extent and the produce movement. The season generally is a little backward."

Very little rainfall was reported in Missouri up to 7 o'clock yesterday morning. The Kansas precipitation, as reported to the weather bureau, was: Concordia, .10 of an inch; Hays City, .52; Manhattan, .07; McPherson, .60; Osage City, .07; Toronto, .10; Wichita, .01; Baker City, Dodge City, Fort Scott and Sedan, none.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday 146,074 bushels of wheat, 37,861 packages of flour, 572,971 bushels of corn and 40,524 bushels of oats. In addition, New Orleans cleared 20 barrels of flour and 137,000 bushels of corn. The total wheat and flour clearances amounted to 304,308 bushels, and corn 709,971 bushels.

The Oklahoma weekly weather bulletin says: "The spring season of 1897 opens most favorably. Reports from every section state that wheat came through the winter in excellent shape and that the outlook everywhere is all that can be desired. Oats were generally planted the first week in March and are up and growing finely. Corn is all planted and some of it is up."

Car lot receipts of wheat:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Mpls.	Dlth.	Tot.
Yesterday	12	15	25	132	132	326
A week ago	13	59	17	272	315	647
2 weeks ago	22	8	12	210	103	355
A year ago	7	15	12	190	68	300
2 years ago	15	35	7	129	80	257

Car lot receipts of corn:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	30	276	166	472
A week ago	49	107	74	230
Two weeks ago	54	73	104	236
A year ago	19	220	57	296
Two years ago	11	105	9	125

Car lot receipts of oats:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	6	287	67	360
A week ago	11	131	13	158
Two weeks ago	5	85	10	102
A year ago	1	198	24	223
Two weeks ago	3	143	16	162

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LIVE STOCK BY TELEGRAPH.

Omaha, Neb., April 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,600 head. Market 5@10c lower. Beeves, $3.60@4.60; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.40; cows, $1.75@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head. Market a shade lower. Top, $3.85; bulk, $3.80.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,600 head. Market higher.

St. Louis, April 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200 head. Market steady. Texas grassers, steady; native beeves, $3.60@4.80; top Texans, $3.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,200 head. Mostly inferior; market easy; top, $4.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,300 head. Market strong; top for Texans, $4.60.

Chicago, April 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,500. Prices were steady and fairly well held. Comparatively few sales were made at $3.75@4.00, and the bulk of the cattle crossed the scales at $4.30@4.85. There was a good stocker and feeder trade, most of the offerings going for $3.50@4.30. Calves sold at $3.00@5.25, a few bringing $5.35@5.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 18,000. Buyers managed to force a decline of about 5c, the bulk of the offerings selling at $3.90@3.95. Rough to good heavy packing lots sold at $3.80@3.80. Pigs, light weights, were more numerous.

SHEEP—Receipts, 12,000. Trade in sheep was active. Common to strictly choice sheep were wanted at $3.25@5.25, Westerns bringing $4.25@5.00. Lambs sold on the basis of $3.75@4.25 for the poorest to $5.00@5.75 for fair to choice Westerns, with choice Colorados firm at $5.00. Yearlings sold at $4.50@5.20 and shorn lambs at $5.00@5.25.

KANSAS TOWN GOES DRY.

County Attorney Christy Notifies Burlington Jointists to Quit and They Quit.

Burlington, Kas., April 8.—(Special.) Burlington is a dry town to-day and for the first time in years not a drink of whisky could be bought at any joint. Last night County Attorney C. M. Christy notified the men who run the six principal joints and the men in charge of the local headquarters of the Mystic Brotherhood that they must quit selling liquor or be arrested. They quit. A short time ago County Attorney Christy shut up the crap dive. The people hope the places will stay closed.

Many persons keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand to prevent bilious attacks, sick headache, dizziness, and find them just what they need.

MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

STOCKS SHOW A BETTER TONE ALL ROUND.

The Market Was Hardly Active, Yet There Was Improved Buying of Everything, and Close of Stocks and Bonds Firm.

There was a good counter business yesterday at all the banks and the mails very satisfactory, but the call for money was very light. Some little miscellaneous paper was offering, but no noteworthy demand from any quarter, but while the loan market is dull, rates are being held steady, still 7@8 per cent. But little currency going to the country. Bank clearings, $2,114,768; same time last year, $1,927,774, an increase of $186,994, a gain of 9 per cent.

Eastern exchange steady and active.

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

The gold reserve yesterday was $152,795,255.

The Bank of England's reserve this week is 52.31 per cent, against 52.65 per cent last week. Its rate of discount has been reduced to 2½ per cent.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, April 8.—Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½; closed offered at 1½@2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent; sterling exchange firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and at $4.85¾@4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½ and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.85.

London, April 8.—Money, ¾@1 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 1 1-16 per cent.

New York, April 8.—Clearings, $79,938,414; balances, $6,276,476.

Boston, April 8.—Clearings, $14,454,327; balances, $1,328,145.

Philadelphia, April 8.—Clearings, $8,266,985; balances, $1,186,798.

Baltimore, April 8.—Clearings, $2,250,180; balances, $268,817.

Cincinnati, April 8.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount; clearings, $2,266,850.

Chicago, April 8.—Clearings, $15,929,778; New York exchange, 20c premium; foreign exchange steady; demand, $4.87¼; sixty days, $4.86.

St. Louis, April 8.—Clearings, $5,779,385; balances, $683,229. Money, 5@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 50c premium asked.

New Orleans, April 8.—Clearings, $2,318,309.

Memphis, Tenn., April 8.—Clearings, $123,852; balances, $46,617. New York exchange selling at $1.50 premium.

State and Railroad Bonds.

New York, April 8.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Pacific 6s of '95, 104; Alabama, class A, 106; Alabama, class B, 105; Alabama, class C, 100; Alabama currency, 100; Louisiana new consols, 4s, 94½; Missouri 6s, 100; North Carolina 6s, 124; North Carolina 4s, 102; South Carolina non-fund, 4½; Tennessee new settlement 6s, 77; Tennessee new settlement 5s, 105; Tennessee, old, 6s, 60; Virginia centuries, 63½; Virginia deferred, 5; Atchison 4s, 80⅝; Atchison 2d A. 45; Canada Southern 2ds, 105½; Central Pacific 1sts of '95, 102⅝; Denver & Rio Grande 7s, 112; Denver & Rio Grande 4s, 88; Erie Seconds, 64; G., H. & S. A. 6s, 103½; G., H. & S. A. 7s, 101; H. & T. cent., 5s, 108½; H. & T. cent. 6s, 99½; L. K. & W. 1st 4s, 82½; M., K. & T. 2d 4s, 57¾; Mutual Union 6s, 112; New Jersey Central general 5s, 110; Northern Pacific 1sts, 116; Northern Pacific 2ds, 54½; Northwest consols, 141; Northwest S. F. debentures, 5s, 112⅝; Rio Grande Western 1sts, 123½; St. Paul consols, 7s, 134; St. Paul, C. & P. W. 5s, 115⅝; St. L. & I. M. general 5s, 70½; St. L. & S. F. general 6s, 110¼; Texas Pacific 1sts, 8s; Texas Pacific 2ds, 19⅝; 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	111⅝
Coupon 4 per cts	1907	Q. Jan.	112⅝	112¾
Reg. 5 per cts	1904	Q. Feb.	114	114⅜
Coupon 5 per cts	1904	Q. Feb.	114	114⅜
Reg. 4 per cts	1925	Q. Feb.	124¼	124¾
Coupon 4 per cts	1925	Q. Feb.	124¼	124¾

Silver.

New York, April 8.—Bar silver, 61¾c; Mexican dollars, 48⅝c.

London, April 8.—Bar silver, 28⅝d per ounce.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, April 8.—There was an unmistakable improvement in the tone of the market for stocks to-day over that which has prevailed of late. The market was not active, but there was good buying in many stocks, and the general list was firm, the heavy liquidation in a number of stocks, which has been a depressing influence, having apparently come to an end, for the time being at least. There was a disposition to feel various points in the market, and, where resistance of values was found, there was a buying of the stock. The general average price was higher at the close than at last night's close. Apparently no apprehension was caused by the notification of the roads in the Joint Traffic Association by the interstate commerce commission calling for information regarding their contract, agreements not reduced to writing, and rates. It was rather felt that this would serve to bring into line the roads which are not disposed to maintain rates, and thus serve the same purpose in maintaining the association's rates as the Western roads seek in agreeing to inform the commission of any discrimination in rates that may come to their knowledge. The grangers held firm to-day, being favorably affected by the recovery in the wheat market. All showed gains, which reached 1½ per cent. The closing was strong, and in nearly all cases at the highest level of the day.

The bond market developed a fair degree of activity, but changes were practically narrow, except in a few instances.

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

	High.	Low.	—Closed— Yes.	Wed.
American Spirits	13	12¾	13	.....
Am. Sugar Refining	114⅝	111⅞	114⅝	111⅞
American Tobacco	74	72¾	74	73½
A., T. & S. F., com	10¾	10½	10¾	10½
A., T. & S. F., pref	.....	.....	.....	20
C., B. & Q.	72⅝	71	72⅛	70⅞
C., C., C. & St. L., com	30⅝	30	30¼	29⅝
Chicago Gas	80⅝	79	80⅝	78⅝
C., M. & St. P., com	73⅝	73	73½	72⅞
C. & N. W.	105⅛	104⅝	105⅛	104⅝
C., R. I. & P.	63⅝	62½	63⅝	62½
Chesapeake & Ohio	.....	.....	.....	17
Consolidated Gas	161⅛	159½	161¼	158¾
D., L. & W.	152½	152	152½	.....
Delaware & Hudson	104⅝	104	104⅝	104
General Electric	32	31⅝	31⅝	31½
Lake Shore	165½	165½	165½	.....
L. & N.	46½	46⅛	46½	45¾
Manhattan	85¾	84¼	85¼	84⅞
Missouri Pacific	16¾	15¾	16	15⅞
M., K. & T.	27½	27½	27½	27½
New Jersey Central	77¾	75⅝	77¾	75½
New York Central	100¼	100	100¼	100
Northern Pacific, pref	36⅞	36½	36⅞	36⅝
Pacific Mail	27⅛	26⅞	27⅛	27
Phila. & Reading	21¼	20⅝	20⅝	20¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	25¾	25	25¾	25⅛
U. S. Leather, pref	55¾	54⅝	55¼	54¾
Wabash, pref	13	12⅝	12¾	12⅞
Western Union	82¼	80¾	82¼	80½

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, April 8.—BUTTER—Receipts, 3,774 packages. Steady; Western creamery, 15@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 8@13c. CHEESE—Receipts, 550 packages. Quiet; state large, 9@12½c; small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@8c; full skims, 2½@3c. EGGS—Receipts 12,576 packages. Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 9½@10c; Western, 9½@9¾c; Southern, 8c.

Chicago, April 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 9,000 barrels, and shipments, 4,000 barrels. Easy; winter patents, $3.30@4.50; straights, $4.00@4.20; spring patents, $4.00@4.10; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers' grades, $3.00@3.30. BUTTER—Weaker; creamery, 14@18c; dairy, 9@16c. EGGS—Continue firm at 8¾@9c.

St. Louis, April 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 3,000 barrels, and shipments, 6,000 barrels. Patents, $3.55@3.70; extra fancy, $3.25@3.35; fancy, $3.80@3.90; choice, $3.15@3.25. WHEAT—Receipts, 8,000 bushels, and shipments, 27,000 bushels. Spot steady. No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 88c bid; track, 92¼@92½c; No. 2 hard, cash, 88¾c; May, 86c bid; July, 76c bid. CORN—Receipts, 57,000 bushels, and shipments, 457,000 bushels. Spot steady; No. 2 cash, 21c; May, 21½@21¾c; July, 22½c bid. OATS—Receipts, 14,000 bushels, and shipments, 14,000 bushels. Quiet and firm, with prices a fraction better than yesterday. Spot lower; No. 2 cash, 18½c bid; May, 18¾c. BRAN—Weak and dull; east track worth nominally 48@49c. HAY—Easier; timothy, $8.50@14.00; prairie, $5.00@7.50. BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 16@21½c; dairy, 10@17c. EGGS—Firm at 7¼c. PORK—Steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.20@8.50. LARD—Steady; prime steam, $3.92½; choice, $4.00. BACON—Boxed shoulders, $4.85; extra short clear, $5.27½; ribs, $5.45. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders, $4.82½; extra short clear, $4.95; ribs, $5.07½; shorts, $5.15.

Liverpool, April 8.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 2d. CORN—Steady; American mixed, spot, new, 2s 5¾d; fut ures steady; April, 2s 5¾d; May, 2s 6¼d; June, 2s 8d.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, April 8.—COFFEE—Opened barely steady with prices 10@15 points lower, following heavy receipts in Brazil and weakness in foreign markets. Further declined 15 points under late disappointing cables and bear selling. Free warehouse deliveries checked the decline. Closed steady with prices 15@25 points net decline; sales, 15,750 bags, including May, 7.10@7.15c. Spot coffee—Rio, weak; No. 7, invoice, 7½c; No. 7, jobbing, 8c; mild, weak; Cordova, 15½@18½c; sales, 500 bags Rio No. 7, 7c, cost and freights; 60,000 bags Maracaibo, basis 14½c for good Cucuta; 600 bags unwashed Caracas p. t. SUGAR—Raw, quiet; refined, dull; mold A, 5c; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅝c; cut loaf, 5⅝c; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5c; granulated, 4⅝c; cubes, 5c.

New Orleans, April 8.—COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, 11½@14c. SUGAR—Quiet; open kettle, 2¼@2⅝c; centrifugal granulated, 4¼c; whites, 3 11-16@3 15-16c; yellows, 3 7-16@3⅝c; seconds, 2¼@3 3-16c. MOLASSES—Quiet; centrifugal, 59@3c. Others unchanged.

Rye and Seeds.

St. Louis, Mo., April 8.—Rye—31c, track. Flaxseed—63½c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.50@2.55.

Chicago, April 8.—Rye—Cash, 31c; May, 31½c. Flaxseed—Cash, 71c; May, 72c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.60.

Toledo, O., April 8.—Clover seed—Steady; prime cash, $4.60. Rye—Weaker; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

Cotton.

New Orleans, April 8.—COTTON—Futures quiet; sales, 20,700. April, 6.96c bid; May, 6.99@7.00c; June, 7.00@7.02c; July, 7.01@7.02c; August, 6.96@6.97c; September, 6.87@6.88c; October, 6.77@6.78c; November, 6.59@6.61c; December, 6.62@6.64c; January, 6.65@6.67c.

Lead and Zinc.

New York, April 8.—Lead—Weaker; brokers' price, $3.30; exchange price, $3.35@3.37½. Spelter—Quiet; domestic, $4.10@4.20.

St. Louis, April 8.—Lead—Dull at $3.15@3.20. Spelter—Weaker at $3.90.

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FUR SEAL CONTROVERSY.

New Administration Intends to Lose No Time in Bringing It to a Satisfactory Conclusion.

Washington, April 8.—The administration intends to lose no time in taking up the fur seal controversy. The Associated Press has learned that at the cabinet meeting on Tuesday it was decided, after a full discussion between the president and Secretary Sherman, to invite Mr. John W. Foster to take charge of the conduct of these matters, under the direction of the secretary of state, and that Mr. C. S. Hamlin, retiring assistant secretary of the treasury, who has given the question careful study for the past four years, will be asked to co-operate on behalf of the treasury department.

It is known that the president has taken the liveliest interest in this matter, and there is every reason to believe that there will now be what Russia has long desired, hearty co-operation between herself and the United States on this question, and probably united action will be taken by both nations to stop the slaughter now going on at sea. The high regard entertained for Mr. Foster in Russia, and his intimate knowledge of the seal question, obtained through his conduct of the case of the United States before the Paris tribunal of arbitration, especially fits him for the task assigned him by the president.

The continued diminution and threatened extermination of the seal herd, reported by Professor Jordan as the result of his investigations on the seal islands last year, is said to concern the president greatly, and probably the first step made will be an attempt to secure a renewal of the modus vivendi of 1891, to which the United States, Russia and England would be parties. This would suspend all killing in Behring sea until next year, when, under the terms of the Paris award, the regulations now in force will be reconsidered with a view to their modification. Failing to secure a modus vivendi, it is believed that the government will employ all its resources to protect the herd as much as possible from injury, pending negotiations. The branding of females and pups, thus destroying their pelts, so successfully experimented with last year, will doubtless be resorted to on the largest possible scale. Just what effect branding will have on the legal status of these animals will be an entirely new question for the tribunal to consider.

WARREN ON THE TARIFF.

Defends the Action of Westerners in Guarding the Interests of Their Constituents.

Washington, April 8.—Commenting to-day upon Senator Gallinger's statement of yesterday in regard to the possible failure of the tariff bill because of the high rates, Senator Warren, of Wyoming, said:

"I do not consider it entirely fair, and cannot judiciously impute at this time to Western senators a disposition to be extreme in their tariff views, or to insinuate that the tariff bill will fail because of radical demands for Western interests. Such a presumption would be premature, and tend to demoralize rather than intimidate, as perhaps intended.

"The tariff bill will fail, as it ought to fail, if it is sectional and partial and does not equitably recognize agricultural, mining and lumber interests as well as others. Eastern interests are always well represented at the capital by competent experts in all Eastern economic lines. These are in continual attendance on the committees, so that Eastern senators and congressmen do not have much left to contend for before the committees having charge of tariff bills, and, the duties being arranged satisfactorily for them in committees, they need make but little effort on the floor while tariff bills are under consideration. On the other hand the agricultural and Western interests are not thus represented, but, feeling that they are entitled to consideration, they appeal to their representatives in congress, and thus Western senators have greater responsibilities and more to do than Eastern senators in contending for a just scale of import duties. But their activity must not be taken as hostility.

"If it be decided that one section of the country must take buzzard while another demands turkey in order to reform the tariff, then reformation had better be delayed, regrettable as such a result would be, and to none more regrettable than to Western senators."

FOR MONETARY REFORM.

Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Conference Working Hard for Immediate Action.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.—The executive committee of the Indianapolis monetary conference has asked further aid of the commercial organizations of the country. Blank copies of a petition are being sent out from this city to the secretaries of boards of trade and other commercial organizations, and also to all who attended the convention as delegates. The petition is addressed to the senators and representatives and urges the necessity of reform in the national currency and banking legislation. A letter accompanying this petition is signed by H. H. Hanna, chairman. This letter says: "The members of the senate and house of representatives need proof of public demand for legislation upon the lines the Indianapolis monetary convention instructed the executive committee to urge. To secure to the president, at this extra session, authority to appoint a commission, a hard, quick push must be put into the work. If the action is not taken at the present extra session, the important opportunity will be lost."

Chairman Hanna requests that within three days after the receipt of the letter, the person addressed secure 100 signatures to each petition, and address and forward one to each senator from the district and that the other be forwarded to the representative in congress from the same district.

New Michigan G. A. R. Commander.

Greenville, Mich., April 8.—Colonel A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, was elected department commander of the Michigan G. A. R. at to-day's session of the encampment. A. T. Patrick, of Detroit, the other candidate, withdrew his name. L. Wells Sprague, of Greenville, was chosen for senior vice commander.

St. Joseph Gas Consolidation.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 8.—(Special.) It was publicly announced to-day that the stock of the two gas companies of this city has been sold to an Eastern syndicate, of which Emerson McMillen, of New York, is the head. It is thought the price of gas will remain the same as at present—$1 a thousand.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

LITTLE CHANGE IN CATTLE AND TRADING FAIR.

Hogs Lower in the Face of Moderate Receipts—Packers Continue Main Buyers—Sheep Hardly So Firm, Yet Selling Fairly.

Western receipts past 24 hours:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Oma.
Cattle	4,200	8,000	1,200	1,600
Hogs	9,200	18,000	4,200	4,000
Sheep	2,400	12,000	3,200	3,600
Same time last year:				
Cattle	3,000	10,000	2