A GREAT DAY FOR THE BULLS

JULY WHEAT MADE A BIG ADVANCE, CLOSING 2 1-4c HIGHER.

Corn Was Firm, Making a Gain of 3-8c; July Oats Were 1-8c Higher, While Provisions Were Steady and Made Slight Advances.

Chicago, May 9.—Wheat went up with a rush to-day on crop damage reports. July closed 2¼c higher; July corn gained 5c, and July oats 1c. Provisions also made modest gains.

Wheat opened strong at 63c bid for July, compared with 62½c at the close yesterday, and it continued firm and with an advancing tendency all forenoon, selling up to 63½c, and maintaining itself near the top most of the time. It did react about 11 o'clock to 63⅛, but that reaction was taken advantage of by the early buyers to take more, and it had another spurt to 63⅞c before 12 o'clock. It was claimed that a considerable line of short wheat was covered for heavy local bear speculators. Numerous reports from various sections of the winter wheat belt received here to-day would almost lead to the conclusion that a disaster to the crop was threatened; and this, together with much smaller receipts, added to the strength with which the bulls held their grip upon previous purchases, and the readiness with which they added to them. Minneapolis and Duluth received 160 cars, compared with 235 a year ago, and the total of the primary market receipts were 162,000 bushels, against 183,000 a year ago. Export clearances from the Atlantic seaboard in wheat and flour together amounted to 315,000. The export business was more completely barred by to-day's rise in price than it was before, although Liverpool kept under the parity of prices ruling here, the reports from there indicating some apprehension regarding their ability to get all their wants supplied from elsewhere. The matters last referred to, and the great uncertainty of how to-morrow's government report will be received by the crowd, kept the market strong, and about 12:30 p. m. the price was 64c for July. Some bargoes of No. 2 red were sold here c. i. f. Buffalo, to Baltimore and New York buyers, of hard grain. It was reported that forty boatloads of No. 2 spring had been sold in New York for export. Although the Continental closing cables came weak and lower, the market ruled strong to the close on the domestic situation, July closed at 64½c.

The corn market was firm, but encountered much opposition from houses who handle the cash grain. The receipts were 100 cars this morning, in place of 85, as estimated, and for to-morrow 218 cars are estimated. Primary market receipts were 109,000, compared with 134,000 bushels a year ago. New York reported some inquiry there from exporters and sales of eight or ten loads. The opening price for July was 41½c, and 41½c sent up quickly. The selling by receiving houses referred to caused a reaction to 50½c, but the great strength displayed by wheat carried the market beyond the control of the sellers, and caused a second advance to 52½c, with 51½@51¾c the closing price.

Business in oats was of only fair volume, and fluctuations were left to follow the other grains. June started at 25c, sold at 29⅝c, declined to 28⅝@28¾c, and closed at 28⅞@28c. July ranged from 28⅝c to 28¾c, resting at 28⅝c.

Provisions were firmer, but did not gain in activity, although making slight improvement in prices in sympathy with the corn. Hog receipts were 23,000 head, and 17,000 is the extent of the estimated run for to-morrow. Compared with yesterday's close, September pork is about 5c higher, and July unchanged. Lard 7½c higher for both July and September, and ribs are up 7½c for July, and 5c for September.

Vessel room firm at 1½c for wheat and corn and 1c for oats to Buffalo.

HOW TO SERVE STRAWBERRIES.

Very Sweet This Year and May Be Prepared in a Variety of Ways.

With the coming of strawberries a wide variety of toothsome desserts are opened up to the diner, and the housewife who has cudgeled her brains all winter to devise new kinds of puddings and pies is straightway relieved of her most bothersome task. For this first of all fruits lends itself readily to simple "fixin's," and alone, unadorned, is sufficient to please the palate of the veriest epicure.

The berries are astonishingly sweet this year, on the whole, and they give promise of being cheaper than usual when they shall arrive in plenty. Already they are beginning to be found on the bills of fare of the less pretentious restaurants. The larger dining-rooms and hotels of the metropolis have long had them.

Popular as the strawberry is, very few households know the delights of it when served in unaccustomed forms. Shortcake, for example, is a byword, but shortcake is seldom made properly. Rightly constructed, this delicacy is of two separate sort—the genuine sponge-cake variety and the real shortcake, a biscuit paste made with baking powder, and not raised. These biscuit layers are then split and the berries placed between and on top, the whole being afterwards covered with a rich cream. For the other sort of shortcake the sponge-cake is baked in round tins, and each layer is surmounted with whipped cream and well-sugared berries laid closely together.

A pretty and delightful way of serving strawberries is with the hulls on, and dipped in sugar. They are then eaten from off the hulls, held between the fingers. This method prevents all loss of juice, and there is the additional advantage of the berries not having been handled or touched by water. If they were properly picked no dirt remains on them.

Strawberry Bavarian cream, strawberry cream tarts and strawberry syllabub are other pleasing variations of a dainty sort. In making the second of these, stew the berries and mix with corn starch, adding whipped cream when this mixture is put into the pastry. For syllabub put the berries into the oven and strain out the juice to add to whipped cream.

Berry sauces for puddings are to be highly recommended. They are made in this wise: Put a pint of strawberries into the oven with a little sugar. The heat draws the juice out, and this juice is to be whipped and stirred into a hard butter and sugar sauce.

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FINANCIAL.

There was nothing new in the local money market yesterday. There were fair offerings of cattle paper, but the demand from merchants and manufacturers was light, though more or less renewing was reported.

Rates remain steady and firm at 6@8 per cent. Movement of currency to the country light. Bank clearings, $1,803,322; same day last year, $1,618,144, an increase of $185,178, a gain of 11 per cent.

Eastern exchange quiet, but steady.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote rates as follows: New York, 50c premium; Chicago, 40c premium; St. Louis, 30c premium.

The national banks have received a call from the comptroller of the currency for a statement of their condition May 7.

The available cash in the treasury yesterday was $182,581,635 and the gold reserve $96,029,988.

New York, May 9.—The Evening Post says: On May 1 eight sterling bills sold at $1.89½. To-day sales were made at $4.87½ and indications point to still lower rates to-morrow. The sharp break, according to prominent dealers, is due to pressure to sell bills against the purchases of securities for the foreign account within the past three months. More than $20,000,000 bonds have been placed in large blocks in that period and it has been current gossip that besides these purchases every available steamer has taken from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 in scattered blocks of bonds within the last two months. So far this week the purchases of stock on arbitrage for foreign account amounts to over 100,000 shares, and there have also been heavy purchases of bonds by foreign houses. One of the most prominent dealers in foreign exchange to-day said: "Within the last three months Europe has taken $100,000,000 of our securities."

Local Bank Stock Quotations.

The following are the bid and asked price of stocks of Kansas City banks and other local securities, as furnished by H. P. Wright & Co., brokers, Armour building:

	Bid.	Asked.
American National bank	67	69
Citizens' National bank	106	112
First National bank	170	180
Interstate National bank	78	80
Midland National bank	100	102
Metropolitan National bank	90	95
Missouri National bank	96	100
National Bank of Commerce	165	167
Union National bank	101½	102½
Missouri Savings bank	150	—
Mechanics' bank	105	109
Kansas City State bank	80	82
New England Safe Deposit	112	—
Kansas City stock yards	152	154
Metropolitan Street railway	28	28
Kansas City Cable railway	70	75
United States Trust Company	195	—

Silver.

London, May 9.—Bar silver, 30 9-16d per ounce.

New York, May 9.—Silver certificates, 67¼ 67¾c; bar silver, 66¾c; Mexican dollars, 52½c.

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, May 9.—Money on call easy at 1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills, $4.888@4.88¾ for demand and $4.87@4.87½ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.87@4.88½ and $4.88½@4.89½. Commercial bills, $4.86.

London, May 9.—Money, ¾ per cent; rate discount in open market for short bills, 12-16 per cent; three months' bills 13-16 per cent.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued to-day, shows the following changes as compared with the previous account:

Total reserve decreased	£87,000
Circulation decreased	25,000
Bullion decreased	108,207
Other securities decreased	176,000
Other deposits decreased	228,000
Public deposits decreased	262,000
Notes reserve decreased	197,000
Government securities increased	28,000

The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 55.36 per cent, is now 55.25 per cent.

Paris, May 9.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France, issued to-day, shows the following changes as compared with the previous account:

Notes in circulation, dec	38,175,000
Treasury accounts current, inc	5,275,000
Gold in hand, dec	3,975,000
Bills discounted, dec	16,175,000
Silver in hand, inc	2,700,000
New York, May 9.—Clearings, $124,639,301; balances, $5,247,000.

Boston, May 9.—Bank clearings, $16,467,222; balances, $1,526,473.

Philadelphia, May 9.—Bank clearings, $18,497,788; balances, $1,586,753.

Baltimore, May 9.—Clearings, $1,931,830; balances, $387,969.

Chicago, May 9.—Clearings, $75,835,000; New York exchange, 20c premium; sterling posted rates, $4.89½ and $4.88, money, 5 per cent; 25@6 per cent on time.

St. Louis, Mo., May 9.—Clearings, $6,188,672; balances, $967,842; money, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 50c premium bid.

Memphis, Tenn., May 9.—Clearings, $328,472; balances, $142,094; Eastern exchange par, selling.

New Orleans, May 9.—Clearings, $1,450,883.

Railroad Bonds.

New York, May 9.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

	Yest'day.	Today.
Atchison 4s	75	75
Atchison 2d A	25½	24½
Canada Southern 2s	102	102
Central Pacific 4s	107	107
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	83½	80
Denver & Rio Grande 5s	112	112½
Erie 2d	98½	98½
G., H. & S. A. 6s	99	99
G., H. & S. A. 7s	108	108
Houston & Texas Central 5s	107	107
Houston & Texas Central 6s	101	101
Mutual Union 6s	103	103
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 1st 6s	87½	87
Missouri, Kan. & Texas 2d 4s	38½	38½
New Jersey Central general 5s	114	114
Northern Pacific lets	117	116½
Northern Pacific 2ds	66½	66½
Northwestern consols	138½	138½
Northwest S. F. debentures	107	107
St. L. & S. F. general 6s	108	108
St. Louis & Western lsts	87½	87½
St. Paul consols 7s	127	127
St. L. & I. M. general 5s	78½	78½
St. Paul, C. & P. W. 5s	112½	112
Texas Pacific lets	91	90½
Texas Pacific 2ds	30½	30½
Union Pacific lsts of '98	104½	104½
West Shore 4s	105½	105½

State and Government Bonds.

New York, May 9.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

	Yest'day.	Today.
United States 4s, registered	112½	112½
United States 4s, coupon	112½	112½
United States new reg. 4s	125½	125½
United States new coupon 4s	125½	125½
United States 5s, registered	113½	113½
United States 5s, coupon	113½	113½
United States 2s, registered	97	97
Pacific 6s	109	109
State—		
Alabama, class A	106	107
Alabama, class B	106	106
Alabama, class C	96	96½
Alabama currency	95	95½
Louisiana, new consols	94½	94
North Carolina 6s	124	124
North Carolina 4s	102	102
South Carolina non-fund	1½	1½
Tennessee 5s, new settlements	87	87
Tennessee 5s, new settlements	100	100
Tennessee 6s, old settlements	60	60
Virginia centuries	59½	59½
Missouri 6s	100	100

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, May 9.—Speculation on the Stock exchange to-day opened strong and active, the trading continuing very heavy throughout the day and bringing the aggregate of the sales up to the unusually large total of about 405,000 shares. During the first quarter of an hour the market advanced on good buying, a large portion of which was for the foreign account. The appreciation in values ranged up to 1 per cent, the latter in Baltimore & Ohio. At the higher figures realizations set in and there was selling for the short account in expectation of a general break, but the reaction effected did not extend a fraction except in Sugar and Distillers, which lost 1½ per cent each. The depression lasted for about an hour, when the purchasing movement was renewed, the Coal stocks taking the lead in the ensuing advance.

The bond trading to-day, as on yesterday, was very strong and animated. The sales were $1,631,000, of which $687,000 were Texas & Pacific seconds.

Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Stocks.	Yest'd'y.	To-d'y.
Atchison, T. & S. F.	6⅝	7⅛
Adams Express	145	146
Alton & Terre Haute	43	43½
American Express	113	113
Baltimore & Ohio	58¾	59⅝
Canada Pacific	51	50½
Canada Southern	53½	54⅝
Central Pacific	18½	18½
Chesapeake & Ohio	21⅝	22⅝
Chicago & Alton	150	150
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	77½	78½
Chicago Gas	73⅝	73⅞
Chicago & N. Illinois pref'd	98⅞	99½
C., C., C. & St. L.	41½	41⅝
Consolidated Gas	143⅝	142½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	25	25
Colorado Fuel & Iron pref'd	65	65
Colorado Coal & Iron	6	6½
Cotton Oil Certificates	29	29½
Delaware & Hudson	129½	129½
Delaware, Lackawanna & W.	160½	161½
Denver & Rio Grande	14½	14½
D. & R. G. pref'd	45⅝	46⅝
Distillers & C. F. Co	20⅝	20⅝
Erie	12½	12⅝
Erie pref'd	36	35½
Houston & Texas Central	11½	11½
General Electric	37⅝	37⅝
Great Northern pref'd	100	100
Illinois Central	94	94½
Kansas & Texas pref'd	32⅝	32½
Lake Shore	141⅝	143⅝
Lake Erie & Western	26⅝	26⅝
L. E. & W. pref'd	77⅝	77½
Lead Trust	35	35⅝
Louisville & Nashville	57⅝	59
Louisville & New Albany	50	50
Manhattan Consolidated	134⅝	134⅝
Memphis & Charleston	10	10
Michigan Central	100	100⅝
Minnesota & St. Louis	32½	32½
Missouri Pacific	28⅝	29
Mobile & Ohio	26⅝	26⅝
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. L.	88½	88½
Northwestern pref'd	141½	141½
National Cordage	7	6⅝
National Cordage pref'd	16⅝	16
North Pacific	4⅝	5⅝
North Pacific pref'd	22	23⅝
National Linseed Oil Co	21½	21½
New Jersey Central	36⅝	36½
North American Co.	5⅝	5⅝
New York Central	99	100⅝
Norfolk & Western pref'd	17½	17
Nashville & Chattanooga	67	67
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	13⅝	13⅝
Ontario & Western	18⅝	18½
Oregon & Navigation	22½	22
O. S. L. & U. N.	7⅝	7½
Oregon Improvement Co	20⅝	19½
Pacific Mail S. S. Co	27	27½
Peoria, Decatur & Evansville	7	7⅝
Pullman Palace Car Co	156	157
Reading	16⅝	16⅝
Rio Grande Western	16	16
Rio Grande Western pref'd	40	40
Rock Island & Pacific	67⅞	68½
St. Paul	64⅝	66½
St. Paul pref'd	119⅝	119⅝
St. Paul & Omaha	36½	36½
St. Paul & Omaha pref'd	111	112
Southern Pacific	19⅝	19⅝
Sugar Refinery Co	114⅝	114½
T., A. & N. M.	1⅝	2⅝
Tennessee Coal & Iron	23⅝	24⅝
Texas Pacific	11⅝	11⅝
Toledo & O. C. pref'd	78	78
Union Pacific	15	16½
U. P., Denver & Gulf	6⅝	6⅝
United States Express	35	38
Wheeling & Lake Erie	13½	13⅝
W. & L. E. pref'd	44	44
Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific	7⅝	7⅝
Wabash, St. L. & P. pref'd	17⅝	17⅝
Wells-Fargo Express	104	105
Western Union Telegraph	90⅝	93

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THE GRAIN MARKET.

In store—Wheat, 250,231 bushels; corn, 200,930 bushels; oats, 221,430 bushels; rye, 1,161 bushels.

WHEAT—Receipts 24 hours..... 5,400
Same time last year..... 10,800

The day ended with a sharp upward turn in the speculative market yesterday, and cash grain was higher in sympathy, and what few samples offered were sold without trouble. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 4 hard, 2 cars at 55c, 1 car at 62½c; No. 3 hard, 2 cars at 55c, 1 car at 61½c; No. 2 red, 63½@64½c; No. 3 red, 1 car 56 pounds at 62½c, 2 cars at 63c; No. 4 red, 1 car poor at 61c, 1 car choice at 63c; rejected, 2 cars at 57c.

CORN—Receipts 24 hours..... 9,600
Same time last year..... 15,000

Firmer in sympathy with wheat, and demand fair, both for mixed and white. Sales, however, light, and holders generally wanted more than buyers were willing to pay. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 5 cars at 45½c, 1 car yellow at 45c; No. 3 mixed, 44½@45c; No. 2 white, 1 car at 46½c; No. 3 white, 45½@46c.

OATS—Receipts 24 hours..... 2,000
Same time last year..... 2,000

The arrivals were again light yesterday, and in sympathy with a better corn and wheat market values were somewhat stronger. The demand, however, is still light, and confined largely to single car lots. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 26½@27c, 3 cars from store at 27c; No. 3 mixed, 26½@26¾c, 1 mixed, 24½c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c, 1 car poor at 28½c; No. 3 white, 29@29½c; No. 4 white, 28@28½c.

RYE—Receipts 24 hours..... 1,200
Same time last year..... 600

More doing in this grain yesterday than for some time, and values firm. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 2 cars at 52c, 3 cars at 52½c; No. 3, 50@51c.

FLOUR—Demand light, but prices steady and rather firm. We quote: Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $1.60@1.80; extra fancy, $1.50@1.60; fancy, $1.30@1.40; choice, $1.25@1.35; hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $1.50@1.80; straights, $1.50@1.60; Kansas, $1.60@1.70; low grades, $1.25@1.35; rye, $2.50@2.75.

CORN MEAL—Selling slowly, but prices steady. Quoted at 90c per cwt. bulk.

CORN CHOP—Steady, but dull. Quoted at 82½c per cwt. sacked.

MILLET—Steady and in good demand. Common, $1.70@1.85; German, $1.85@2.00 per cwt.

FLAXSEED—Demand light, but prices steady. We quote at $1.37½@1.38 per bushel on the basis of pure.

BRAN—Selling fairly, and prices steady. Sacked, 70c; bulk, 64c per cwt.

HAY—Receipts 24 hours..... 120 tons
Same time last year..... 120 tons

Best grades continue to sell fairly well, and prices steady. Low grades dull. We quote it as follows: Prairie, upland, fancy, $8.50 per ton; choice, $7.50@8.00; No. 1, $6.50@7.00; No. 2, $5.00@6.00; lowland, choice, $6.00@6.50; No. 1, $5.50@6.00; No. 2, $4.00@5.00; timothy, choice, $9.00@9.50; No. 1, $8.00@8.50; No. 2, $7.00@7.50; No. 3, $4.00@5.00; clover, mixed, No. 1, $7.25@7.75; straight clover, $7.00@7.50.

Yesterday's Chicago Market

As furnished by French Bros. Commission Company, rooms 20, 21, 22 Exchange building:

Options.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, May	$ 62⅝	$ 63⅝	$ 62	$ 63⅝
July	63½	64⅝	63	64⅝
Sept	65½	65	63½	64⅝
Corn, May	50⅝	51	50⅝	50⅝
July	41⅝	41⅝	40⅝	41⅝
Sept	41⅝	41⅝	41	41⅝
Oats, May	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝
July	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝
Sept	26⅝	26⅝	25⅝	26⅝
Pork, May	11 85	12 02½	11 85	12 02½
July	12 17½	12 20	12 00	12 17½
Sept	12 25	12 40	12 20	12 40
Lard, May	6 62½	6 62½	6 62½	6 62½
July	6 70	6 75	6 67½	6 75
Sept	6 85	6 90	6 82½	6 90
S. Ribs, May	6 10	6 10	6 10	6 10
July	6 02½	6 20	6 07½	6 17½
Sept	6 22½	6 32½	6 22½	6 32½

Chicago car lots yesterday: Wheat, 9; corn, 100; oats, 107.

Estimated to-day: Wheat, 25; corn, 218; oats, 180.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 63½c; No. 3 red, 62c; No. 2 hard, 63c; No. 3 hard, 62c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 50½c; No. 2 white, 50½c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 28¾c, and No. 2 white, 29½c.

Grain Notes.

The Michigan state crop report makes the condition of winter wheat 80.

Advices from Argentine say stocks of wheat there are about exhausted.

Receipts at primary points yesterday were 150,000 bushels, and shipments, 559,000 bushels.

North Platte, Neb., got .22 of an inch of rain Wednesday. Showery conditions prevailed yesterday. The temperature in Kansas Wednesday was up to 100, and it was about as warm yesterday. Cooler weather is predicted.

Export sales of wheat at the seaboard Wednesday were 256,000 bushels, and of corn, 88,000 bushels.

Henry Hermann, Uniontown, Bourbon county, Kas., says corn in his county is six inches high and growing fast.

Minneapolis received 62 cars of wheat and Duluth 98 cars yesterday. A year ago Minneapolis received 133 cars and Duluth 100 cars.

The Minneapolis flour output last week was 225,000 barrels, against 211,000 barrels the preceding week, and 160,000 barrels a year ago.

The four Atlantic ports cleared for export yesterday 210,000 bushels of wheat, 26,000 packages of flour, 50,000 bushels of corn and 20,000 bushels of oats.

The Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin says the world's available supply of wheat decreased 11,724,000 bushels in April. In April last the decrease was 9,600,000 bushels.

Receipts at St. Louis yesterday were: Wheat, 6,388 bushels; corn, 32,900 bushels; oats, 17,300 bushels; same day last year, wheat, 2,147 bushels; corn, 30,815 bushels; oats, 27,000 bushels.

C. A. Pillsbury wired Chicago yesterday: "My opinion is that this extremely hot and unforseen weather, next to absolute drouth, is worse than anything we possibly could have. It is forcing the wheat too fast, and leaving it in very bad shape to stand dry weather, should it come later, because the roots are much shorter than usual."

W. W. Cowen was sending this out yesterday: "Kansas, like Oklahoma and Texas, will be a buyer of wheat long before another crop is raised. It looks as if the three states named will require all the surplus of Missouri to supply their deficiency, leaving little, if any, winter wheat raised west of the Mississippi river to go East."

Prime, in his crop bulletin yesterday, says: General conditions of the country are still favorable for crop. We have not had the dry area reduced to such a small area the present spring as now. Indiana and Ohio ought to have rains; so ought a few counties in Southern Illinois. We are fast regaining all the time lost during April from dry weather. Reports from Eastern Kansas show that the early wheat will be in head the latter part of this week.

Yesterday's Cincinnati Price Current says: Rains west of the Mississippi river have improved the crop situation. Insufficient moisture in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, entucky and Illinois continues to threaten a shortened yield of wheat and oats. The promise of winter wheat is positively poorer than a year ago. The outlook for corn is encouraging. Rains in the Northwest make the situation there decidedly encouraging. Indications are for a possible increase moderately in interior offerings of grain.

"It is possible," says a Chicago wheat bull, "that we bulls may all be embarrassed for a while by weakness in the Northwest. I should not be surprised myself to see some sensational break-up there. Pretty nearly half the visible supply is in spring wheat, and at two points. I don't think there is as general a demand for it as for winter, and it is at a great big premium. I have all along felt that winter wheat was likely before July to get a premium over spring, and I should not be surprised some day to see a sudden break at Duluth and Minneapolis, enough to make all of us sick for a few minutes from sympathy. At any rate, it is one of the considerations with me now, and one of the things I, as a bolder, am most solicitous about."

F. G. Logan & Co., of Chicago, wired W. W. Cowen yesterday: "The wheat market has been active and strong to-day. Cables were higher, which influenced the buying some, but the poor crop reports of the growing winter wheat has had more to do with this advance than anything else. General expectations are that the government report to-morrow will show a low condition and a reduced acreage. This, with the light reserves, may bring in fresh speculation, which might start a higher range of values. We dislike to advise buying on bulges, but the situation of the wheat trade this year is a little out of the course of a year ago, when every country had it for sale. The uncertainty of the crop will continue for another month and meantime we recommend taking profits."

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BUTTER—Very little nice, sweet table stock coming in, and the market for it is very good. But quotations of all else continue to drag. We quote it as follows: Highest grade separator, 18c; finest gathered cream, 17c; fine fresh, good flavor, 15c; fair to good, 12c. Dairies—Fancy farm, 14c; fair to good lines, 8c. Country store packing—Fancy, 12c; fresh and sweet packing, 7c. Roll—Choice, 12c; fair, 8c; poor, 7c.

EGGS—Quiet. Fresh, 10½c.

BUTTERINE—Creamery grades, in 20 to 60 pound tubs, solid, 18c per pound; dairy, grade, in 25 to 60 pound tubs, solid, 13½c per pound. Rolls, prints or bricks, 2 pounds, in 10 pound tubs, ½c higher than solids, and 1 pound is higher than solids.

CHEESE—We quote: Herkimer county, N. Y., cheddars, 13c per pound; Crawford county, Pa., cheddars, 12c per pound; Sheboygan, Wis., twins, 12c; Sheboygan, Wis., Young America, 12½c; Missouri and Kansas full cream 8c.

STRAWBERRIES—Not many coming in, and market a little firmer. All good dry berries in very good request. The best stock $1.50@1.75 per crate of 24 quarts, and wet and soft at $1.25@1.50 per crate.

POULTRY—No change in the situation. Receipts are light and demand good for springs at firm figures. Hens meet with a fair request and not many received. Turkeys are quiet and ducks slow. Hens, 6½c; roosters, 12@15c; springs, 17c; turkeys (hens), 8c; turkeys (toms), 7c; ducks, 8c; geese, 7@8c; pigeons, 75c; veal, choice, 80 to 100 pounds, 8@8½c.

GAME—Nothing doing and values quoted nominally steady. We quote. Ducks—Teal, per doz., $1.50; mixed, per doz., 75c; mallard, per doz., $2.50; snipe, per doz., 50c; frogs, extra large, $1.25; medium, 25@40c; small, 50@75c.

POTATOES—Slow sale and lower. New California, $1.40 per bushel, and Texas at 65c per ½ bushel box. Old quoted: Home grown and Northern, 60@65c to the trade; Utah and Colorado, choice, 55@60c; common, 45@50c.

VEGETABLES—Jobbing prices: Beans, navy, California, per bushel, $2.00@2.10; New York, fancy, $2.10; country, $1.75@2.00; pound, 4c; onions, new, per bushel, $1.20@1.25.

CABBAGE—But little on sale, and that California. Quoted at $2.00@2.25 per cwt.

NEW VEGETABLES—A good deal on sale and peas and beans weaker. Quoted: Turnips, California new, 75c; Cauliflower, 50@$1.50 per dozen, $1.25 per crate; Asparagus, 10c per dozen bunches. Lettuce, home grown, 50@75c per bushel. Shipped stock not wanted. Radishes, home grown, 5c per dozen bunches. Cucumbers, hot house, $1.00@1.25 per dozen; Florida small, 50@75c per dozen. Tomatoes, Florida, $7.50 per box. Pie plant, 5c per dozen bunches. Texas, Mississippi and Arkansas string beans, $1.00@1.25 per bushel box; 40@50c ½ bushel; wax, $1.25 per ½ bushel box; Florida, $1.50@2.00 per crate. Spinach, 25@60c per bushel. Mississippi and Alabama peas, $1.25 per bushel box, 40@50c per ½ bushel box. Mushrooms, 50c per basket. Texas squash, small, $1.50@2.00 per bu. box. New Orleans beets, $1 per dozen bunches.

SWEET POTATOES—Steady, but slow sale. Red, 25@35c, and yellow, 30@35c per bushel.

FRUITS—Offerings good; market quiet. Quoted: Bananas, large, $1.75@2.00; lemons, fancy Messina, $3.00@4.00; Malaga, $4.00; oranges, Mexican, $2.75@3.00; Washington navels, $3.00@3.50; California seedlings, fancy, $2.75@3.00; California seedlings, choice, $2.25@2.50; cranberries, Cape Cod, $11.00@11.50 per barrel; Jersey, $11.00@11.50.

APPLES—Dull, but unchanged. We quote: Standard packed, ranged at $4.00@4.50 per barrel; others, $3.00@4.00; fancy stand, $5.50@6.50.

BROOM CORN—Quoted: Hurled green, 4½@5c per pound; green, self-working, 4½@5½c; red, self-working, 4c; common, self-working, 3@3½c; crooked, half price; dwarf, 3½@3¾c.

FEATHERS—Prime geese, 35c per pound; dark and soiled, 20c; mixed and old, 15@30c; 1 per cent tare on small sacks and 3 per cent on large.

HONEY—1 pound comb, white, 15c; fall, 1 pound comb, 13@14c; 2 pound comb, California white, 16@17c; 2 pound comb, California dark, 12@13c; extracted, in cans, 6@7c; extracted, in barrels, 5@6c.

BEESWAX—No. 1 amber, 22c per pound; No. 2, 18c.

GROUND LINSEED CAKE—Quoted: Car lots, sacked, $22.00 per ton; 2,000 pounds, $1.20 per 100 pounds.

NUTS—Jobbing prices: Cocoanuts, per 100 quoted at $4.00. Pecans—Missouri, per pound, 9½c; Texas, 4½@5c; pecans, polished, 8@10c. Peanuts—Virginia, white, raw, per pound, 4½@6c; Tennessee, raw, 4½@5c; roasted, 7@8c; Kansas, 3@5c. Hickory nuts—Small, per bushel, $1.25; large, $1.25. Hazelnuts—20@24c per pound. Chestnuts—9@10c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun dried: Apples, choice, 6