

WITH BULLS AND BEARS.

The Speculative Markets Active With Liberal Trading Throughout the Day.

Weather Reports 'Tone up' Wheat but the Advance is Lost Under Liberal Offerings.

Corn and Provisions Lose Their Strength and Go Down Under a Bear Raid.

Rumors of a Big Bear Movement on Stocks—A Quiet Day in Wall Street.

Chicago, March 17.—Events in the corn pit on 'change to-day demonstrated that the long-continued strength and firmness of that article was liable at last to succumb to influences which have long controlled the price of wheat, namely, of those of an ample supply and the more immediate of a

2,000 bushels of rye; 48,000 bushels of barley. 2:30 p.m. On the afternoon wheat—wheat advanced 1/4 cent to 87 1/2. Corn—steady and unchanged. Oats—steady and advanced 1/4 cent. Pork was steady and advanced 1/4 cent. Lard was steady and unchanged.

M. Moran's Report. St. Paul, March 17.—The following quotations giving the range of the markets during the day, were received by M. Moran, Commission Merchant:

Table with columns for WHEAT, April, May, and Chicago, May. Rows include 'Yestly close', 'Opening', and various time slots from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

CORN, OATS AND PORK—CHICAGO. Table with columns for Corn, Oats, and Pork, and rows for 'Yestly close', 'Opening', and various time slots.

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New York Provisions. New York, March 17.—Flour, quiet; receipts, 26,000 barrels; exports, 1,000 barrels; superfine state and western, \$4.65 to \$5.15; common to good extra, \$3.40 to \$4.10; extra, \$4.10 to \$4.65; No. 1, \$4.10 to \$4.65; No. 2, \$3.40 to \$4.10.

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prospects for the future. This improved condition extends to the manufacturers also, some of whom are resuming in a limited way while others who have not shut off at all are moderately increasing the amount of goods turned out. In the Northwest the same results are observed. The short interest in the market is increasing, activity while prices generally are firm and reasonably good collections are reported. The dry goods men have had a good order demand through the week, with a few personal buyers. Sales aggregated about the same as the preceding week, and just about the same for the same time of the year. While it is a little speculative to say just that country merchants will do the coming season, indications point to a larger demand through traveling salesmen than by personal appearance in market. As a very large proportion of the goods sold during the spring are staple in character, merchants do not recognize the necessity of sending to the factory on the part of the merchant, and small lots from traveling men and keep stocks well assorted by reordering. Of course this is applicable more especially to far off purchases, but it is true of all. Near by merchants visit the market once a month or oftener. Prices are without much change. Domestic and foreign goods are in demand, and a large amount of goods are being turned out, and though dealers have not thus far looked for much improvement in collections they are now to be seen in the market, and are being freely. At present they are only fair. Valencia raisins, new, have advanced 1/4 cent; Japan tea is stronger and is now quoted at 25 to 30; Young Hops are firm at a little and are quoted at 25 to 30.

Western Associated Press. New York, March 17.—Governments are quiet and a shade lower for 1/4 per cent registered. Bonds are unchanged. Stocks—Trading in the stock exchange today until the final hour of the board was the dullest this year. The only stock which at any time was pressed for sale was Union Pacific. Among the damaging reports in circulation in regard to this company was one to the effect that the coming report of the United States railroad commission to the department of the interior would show that there had been an increase of about two million dollars in floating debt of the company during the last six months of last year. The difficulties between Central Pacific and Union Pacific, and a published statement that the former had refused to receive freight at Ogden from the Union Pacific except at local rates, were also used by the bears.

Stocks and bonds closed at the following prices: Delaware, Lackawanna & Western 12.00; Lake Shore 12.00; New York Central 10.00; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul 12.00; Western Union 10.00.

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Canned Goods—Per doz: Oysters, 2-b cans, 1 1/2; peaches, 3-b cans, standard, 1 1/2; peaches, 3-b cans, seconds, 1 1/2; salmon, 1-b cans, Columbia river, 1 1/2; tomatoes, 2-b cans, standard, 1 1/2; galled apples, Erie, 2 1/2.

Boots and Shoes. Men's calf, French calf, S. opera boots per pair, \$5.10; men's calf, S. opera boots per pair, \$5.10; men's calf, S. opera boots per pair, \$5.10.

Finished Iron and Steel. Common iron, \$2.15; horseshoe iron, 15c; Swedish iron, 6c; best tools steel, 3c; cast plow steel, 7c; German plow steel, 5c; spring steel, 6c; machinery steel, 6c; nails, 10 to 16, \$4.10; other sizes, \$3.50 to \$4.50.

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owing, it is said, to the unlimited supply. The supply has been very scanty and has sometimes been limited to one car left on hand over night. The cattle that have gone through the yards during the past week have been somewhat heavier than heretofore and part of the week the market has taken on the appearance of something like activity. Most of the cattle received have weighed from 1050 to 1250 lbs, and the price has ranged from \$3.75 to \$4.25. The demand for hogs is not so great, and consignments are not being large enough to pull down the market to any great extent. Most of the hogs sold today were of the standard breed, and one of the best was a 22 head, weighing 215 lbs, which sold for \$4.20. The demand for sheep has been very good, while the supply has been light. Those weighing from 57 to 70 lbs sold from \$3.50 to \$3.75, while those weighing 102 lbs brought \$4.10, and a lot of 700 ones that averaged 80 lbs also brought \$4.10. On the whole, the live stock market has been rather quiet and dull during the week.

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MINNEAPOLIS. Flour—Patent, \$1.60 to \$1.75; straight, \$1.50 to \$1.60; clear, \$1.45 to \$1.55; low grade, \$1.30 to \$1.40.

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