THE COMMERCIAL RECORD.

Under Manipulations of the Bull Clique May Wheat Advances Nearly a Point.

Sympathetic Bulge in Corn, Oats and All Manner of Hog Products.

Financial Operations in the Monetary Centers---The General Quotations.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—There was less excitement on 'change this morning than for a week past, but prices were maintained, and in most cases advanced. There was fair activity in wheat to-day, but the range of prices was great. On the whole there was a firm feeling which resulted in pretty good buying. Perhaps the leading influence on the bull side was the wheat here. The sleet, rain and melting weather reported in many sections and states were the first symptoms of a crop scare and had their effect. Another influence was the belief on the part of the crowd that the clique would again bulge the market, following the break of yesterday. The market opened with May at $1.07. There was some very good bidding early, and the price was advanced to $1.08 the first hour. There was plenty of May for sale at $1.08, and the price settled back to $1.07½, and after 12 o'clock to $1.07¼, with a rally to $1.07¾ shortly before the call. Primary receipts were quite good. Export clearances were about 27,000 bu. During the last ten minutes of the session May wheat sold $1.07¾ off to $1.07⅜, closing at $1.07⅝, or ⅞c over last night. Corn was strong and higher. The wet weather and the big exports induced a small proportion of the shorts to cover, and the result was a sharp advance. May corn ran up to 36c. There was again heavy buying of May oats by Wadhams, the reputed broker for the Milwaukee clique. Schwartz Dupee, Lindblom and Shaw also bought. Eggleston was a free seller. May advanced from 27⅜@27½c to 28¼c. Receipts of corn, 415 cars; of oats, 134 cars, and of wheat, 40 cars. Provisions were firmer, and ranged at higher prices on a demand from shorts.

THE ROUTINE REPORT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Trading to-day in the wheat market was light and it ruled quiet and at times dull. Outside orders were few, and local operators showed less inclination to trade and were content with watching the market. Outside news was scarce. The market opened ¼@⅜c higher and advanced ⅞c for May, fluctuated for some time within a moderate range and then broke off ⅞c, closing firmer and ⅞c higher than yesterday. Seaboard markets were firm, due it is said to a good inquiry for wheat from interior millers. This, together with good buying of July wheat here, based upon the report of a some sections in the winter wheat belt, and rain in others, with predictions of colder weather, started prices for July to advance, and in turn reacted upon the May future and induced some covering by "shorts." There was a moderate speculative business in corn to-day, trading being active at times. Transactions were confined largely to the more distant deliveries, the near futures receiving but little attention, May in particular being in good demand. Offerings were somewhat limited to-day, while a very good inquiry existed from "shorts," and other sources. One house is credited with large purchases, firming up the market. Oats were active, stronger and higher. Trading was chiefly in May, offerings of which were rather small early in the session. Buyers were more numerous, especially "shorts," several large operators who have been closely identified with the market for a month past buying heavily. Rather more interest was manifested in the market for hog products, and the feeling was stronger in a general way. The receipts of hogs were quite liberal, but the fact that packers were purchasing freely at full former prices had a tendency to check speculative offerings and encourage a little more buying by local and outside operators. The receipts of products were small and the shipments were considerably increased. Trading was mainly in contracts for May delivery. Prices ruled higher on all the leading articles and the advance was moderately well supported to the close.

THE GENERAL QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—No. 2, February closed at $1.04⅜; March opened at $1.04⅜; May opened at $1.07, closing at $1.07⅜; July, 94c, closing at 94⅜c. Corn—No. 2 February opened at 34½c, closing at 34½c; March, 34½c, closing at 34⅝c; May, 35⅞c, closing at 36c; July, 36⅜c, closing at 36⅝c. Oats—No. 2, February closed at 25½c; March opened at 25⅝c, closing at 26c; May, 27¾c, closing at 27⅞c; July closed at 27c. Mess Pork (per bbl)—February closed at $11.22½; March closed at $11.12½; May opened at $11.20, closing at $11.37½; July, $11.42½, closing at $11.57½. Lard (per 100 lbs)—February closed at $6.62½; March opened at $6.55, closing at $6.62½; May, $6.67½, closing at $6.72½; July, $6.72½, closing at $6.82½. Short Ribs (per 100 lbs)—February closed at $5.87½; March opened at $5.82½, closing at $5.87½; May, $6, closing at $6.05; July, $6.15, closing at $6.17½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, $1.04@1.04⅜; No. 3 spring, 93c@$1; No. 2 red, $1.04@1.04⅜. Corn—No. 2 34⅜c bid. Oats—No. 2, 25¼c. Rye—No. 2, 46c. Barley—No. 2 nominal. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.59. Prime timothy seed, $1.47. Mess pork, per bbl, $11.22½@11.25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6.60. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.85@5.95. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5½@5¾c. Short clear sides (boxed), 6⅛@6¼c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.03. Sugars, unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 28,000 bu; corn, 180,000 bu; oats, 101,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 46,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 10,000 bu; corn, 130,000 bu; oats, 73,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 21,000 bu. On the produce exchange, to-day, the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs steady at 13½c.

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Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 15.—Wheat opened firm and ½c higher for cash and ⅝c up on May from closing quotations yesterday. The early market though dull and inactive, was strong under small business. May advanced during the first half hour ⅝c, with but few sellers and numerous buyers. Before noon prices eased off ¼c from the top. During the last hour the market was dull, ruled easier and prices declined ¼c more. Cash opened firm with sales of several car lots of No. 1 hard at $1.19½, which was ½c up from yesterday's closing; quoted nominal at $1.19 for car lots; No. 1 northern, no transactions, close and nominal at $1.10; No. 2 northern, no transactions, nominally unchanged at 98@99c; nothing done in lower grades; February dull and neglected, nominally 7c under May delivery at $1.20; May opened firm at ½c up from yesterday's close at $1.26¾, with transactions a few minutes later $1.27½, which was the top price for the day; for an hour or more it ruled dull, but steady and firm, with sellers at $1.27½ and $1.27¾ bid, finally selling at the latter figure; under slow trading it eased off to $1.27, and closed with buyers at that and sellers at $1.27¼; June dull, no transactions, nominally at $1.26½ bid; July, nothing done, nominal with buyers at $1.25.

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PAID UP CAPITAL, - - $400,000.
Surplus and undivided profits, $55,000.
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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 15.—Flour, steady; Wheat, dull; cash, 93½c; May, 95½c. Corn, steady; No. 3, 29½c. Oats, steady; No. 2 white, 27¾c. Rye, neglected, No. 2, 46c. Provisions firm. Pork, $11.10. Lard, $6.60. Butter, irregular;; dairy, 13@20c. Cheese firm; cheddars, 10½c. Receipts—Flour, 8,600 bbls; wheat, 12,000 bu; barley, 19,500 bu. Shipments—Flour, 14,600 bbls; wheat, 3,800 bu; barley, 14,300 bu.

BANK OF MINNESOTA.
Paid Up Capital, $600,000.
Surplus, $100,000
Wm. Dawson, Pres. Robt. A. Smith, V.Pres
Wm. Dawson, Jr., Cashier.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 15.—Wheat firm, higher; cash, 98½c@$1.01½; May, 98¾c; July, 90¼c. Corn active, firm; cash, 33½c; May, 36c. Oats dull; cash, 26c. Clover seed dull; cash, $5.17½. Receipts—Wheat, 4,000 bu; corn, 8,000 bu; oats, 3,000 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 2,000 bu; oats, 1,000 bu; clover seed, 326 bags.

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Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15.—Wheat weaker; No. 2 red, cash, 91c bid; May, 95½c bid, 96⅜c asked; No. 2 soft, cash, 90c bid; March, 95c asked; May, 95⅜c bid, 97c asked. Corn stronger; No. 2 cash, 24⅜c asked; May, 26½c bid, 26⅞c asked; No. 2 white, cash, 26½c bid; May, 28½c. Oats—No. 2, cash, 22½c asked; May, 23⅜c bid, 23¾c asked.

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New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Flour—Receipts, 13,200 packages; exports, 930 bbls, 2,362 sacks; held firmly; moderately active; sales, 15,900 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 550 bu; exports, none; sales, 238,000 bu futures, 8,000 bu spot; spot market strong, dull; No. 2 red, 98@98⅜c elevator, 99c afloat; 98½c f. o. b.; No. 1 red, $1.06; No. 1 white, 99c; options strong, moderately active, 1½c higher; No. 2 red February closed at 97c; March closed at 98c; April closed at 99⅜c; May, 99⅞@$1.00¼ closing at $1.00½; June, $1@1.01, closing at $1.00⅞; July, 96½@97½c, closing at 97½c. Rye dull; Western, 52c. Barley dull. Barley malt quiet. Corn Receipts—57,600 bu; exports, 95,912 bu; sales, 2,080,000 bu futures, 198,000 bu spot; spot market fairly active. No. 2, 43⅜c elevator; 44⅜c afloat; No. 2 white, 46½c; No. 3, 40½@41⅜c; ungraded mixed, 40@43c; steamer mixed, 41@43c; options fairly active; early months, ⅛@¼c lower; late, ⅜@⅝c up, closing firm; February, 43⅜c; March, 44@44⅜c, closing at 44c; April, 43⅜@43⅝c, closing at 43½c; May, 43⅜@43⅝c, closing at 43½c; June, 43⅝@44¼c, closing at 44¼c. Oats—Receipts, 38,000 bu; exports, 2,915 bu; sales, 75,000 bu futures, 87,000 bu spot; spot market quiet, firmer; options quiet, stronger; February, 30⅞c; March, 31¼c; May, 32¼@32⅜c, closing at 32¼c; spot No. 2 white, 33½@33¾c; mixed Western, 28½@32c; white Western, 34@39½c; No. 2 Chicago, 32c. Hay moderate demand. Hops firm, quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady, unchanged to 10 points up, closed firm at 15@20 points above yesterday; quiet, firmer cables; sales, 27,250 bags, including March, 15.75@15.90c; April, 15.65@15.80c; May, 15.65@15.85c; June, 15.75@15.90c; July, 15.90@15.95c; August, 16.10c; September, 16.05@16.20c; October, 16.10@16.25c; December, 16.10@16.25c. Spot Rio quiet; fair cargoes, 17⅞c. Sugar—Raw, strong; refined steady, quiet, Moasses—Foreign quiet; New Orleans, quiet. Rice quiet, firm. Petroleum quiet; crude in bbls, Parkers, 7.25c; refined here, 7.20c; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 7.10c; United closed 91⅜c. Cotton seed oil quiet. Tallow firm; sales, 190 bbls; city, 5¼@5 5-16c. Rosin quiet; firm. Turpentine steady, quiet, 47½c. Eggs, quiet; easy; western, 13⅜@14c; receipts, 7,065 packages. Wool, quiet; weak; domestic fleece, 32@38c; pulled, 23@39c; Texas, 15@27c. Pork, firm; quiet; cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 14 lbs., 6¼c. Lard stronger; quiet; sales, Western steam, $7.10; city, $6.65 @7.97 asked; March, $7.07 asked; April, $7.07 asked; May, $7.03@7.04, closing at $7.08 asked; June, $7.07, closing at $7.09 asked; July, $7.10, closing at $7.11 asked; August, $7.12 asked; September, $7.07@7.10, closing at $7.12 asked. Butter, choice, steady; Western dairy, 13@20c; Western creamery, 16@21½c; Elgins, 31@32c. Cheese, quiet; Western, 10½@11½c. Pig iron unchanged. Copper dull; lake, February, $16.60. Lead steadier; domestic, $3.65. Tin easier; dull; straits, $21.20.*

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15.—Wheat quiet; holders offer freely; California No. 2, 7s 10d per central. The receipts of wheat for the past three days were 157,000 centals, including 87,000 American. Corn firm, demand good; new mixed western 4s 1½d per central. The receipts of American corn for the past three days were 101,900 centals.

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FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Clearings, $121,216,855; balances, $5,710,581. Money on call at 1½@2½ per cent, last loan 2; closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 4@6; sterling exchange dull but firm at $4.86¼ for sixty days, and $4.88¾ for demand. The stock market was more active and stronger to-day, and the result of the day's trading is to leave almost everything fractionally higher than last evening, though outside of the grangers there was little or no feature in the list. The extensive covering of shorts yesterday had the effect of making the market this morning quiet, and operators were evidently waiting for developments, though the dividend on Burlington helped to open that stock at a material advance over the rest of the list. The hesitation, however, soon encouraged the bears to make a drive at the grangers, and while London was a buyer of its specialities and commission houses were executing orders in the general list, the room being rather bullish, Rock Island and Burlington yielded readily to the attacks and dragged the rest of the list with them to a limited extent. The grangers, however, were doing all the business, and the fluctuations in the others were confined to the smallest fractions and possessed little or no significance. A sudden change came over the temper of the speculation toward noon, however, when it was announced that the Burlington had signed the agreement, and there was a rush to buy for both sides of the account, which soon recovered all the losses of the forenoon and brought prices up to higher figures. Burlington and Rock Island took the lead in this rise, but later Northwestern became very prominent, and Big Four also crept up on a comparatively light business. The improved feeling extended to all portions of the list, although the grangers and Atchison, which was bought freely by Boston, monopolized the greater portion of the business done. First prices were generally firm at slight advances, but Burlington was exceptional, with a gain of ⅝ per cent, and while the pressure upon the grangers knocked Burlington and Rock Island off about a point each, the rest were dull, and while sympathizing with the weakness displayed in those stocks moved within the narrowest limits. This condition of things lasted until noon, when the entire list woke up, and prices rallied sharply, Burlington moving up 2½ per cent, and the others in proportion. Atchison and Northwestern afterwards became prominent, though a slight reaction took place toward delivery hour, but the strong tone continued to the end, and the close was active and strong at the best prices of the day. Burlington is up 1⅞ per cent this evening, Northwestern and Big Four 1 per cent each, and ot ers fractions. The railroad bond list felt the stimulus of the buoyancy in the share list this afternoon, and there was a more active and more widely distributed business, with a more decidedly strong tone than has prevailed for the past few days. The sales of all issues aggregated $2,246,000, out of which Chesapeake & Ohio 5s furnished $266,000; Denver & Rio Grande Western assented $165,000 and the Atlantic and Pacific 4s, $151,000. There were no specially marked movements in the list. Government bonds have been dull but firm. State bonds have been dull and steady. The total sales of stocks to-day were 281,960 shares, including Canada Southern, 5,227; Atchison, 19,240; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 16,800; Erie, 3,900; Lake Shore, 8,500; Missouri Pacific, 5,085; Northwestern, 23,875; Oregon Transcontinental, 4,500; Reading, 19,430; Richmond & West Point, 5,900; St. Paul, 26,130; Texas Pacific, 6,400; Union Pacific, 10,470; Western Union, 3,550.

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Quotations of Stocks and Bonds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Stocks and bonds closed at the following prices bid:

U. S. 4s reg	128¾	Rocking Valley	27
do 4s coup	128¾	Houston & Tex.	11
do 4½s reg	109⅞	Illinois Central	110
do 4½s coup	109	Ind., B. & W.	11½
Pac. 6s of '95	120	Kansas & Texas	12⅞
La. stamped 4s	86	Lake Erie & W.	18½
Missouri 6s	100½	do pfd	58¼
T. new set. 6s	103¾	Lake Shore	104¾
do do 5s	100½	Louisville & N.	60¼
do do 3s	72½	Louis. & N. A.	48½
Can. South'n 2ds	96⅝	Memphis & C.	50
Can. Pac. 1sts	113¼	Mich. Central	91¼
D. & R. G. 1sts	120¾	Mil., L. S. & W.	70
do do 4s	78¼	do pfd	102
D. & R.G.W. 1sts	91¼	Mpls & St. L.	6
Erie 2ds	102¼	do pfd	11
M. K. & T. G. 6s	56	Mo. Pacific	73⅜
do do 5s	52	Mobile & Ohio	9
Mut. Union 6s	101½	Nash. & Chatt.	88½
N. J. C. int. cert.	110	N. J. Central	97⅞
N. Pac. 1sts	116¾	N. & W pfd	52
do 2ds	114	N. Pacific	27⅞
N. W. consols	144⅝	do pfd	62¼
do deb 5s	110¼	Northwestern	107⅜
Or. & Trans. 6s	105⅜	do pfd	141
St.L.& I. M. G. 5s	99	N. Central	109⅝
St. L. & S.F.G.M.	116	N. Y., C. & St. L.	19
St. Paul consols	123½	do pfd	74
St.P.,C.& P. 1sts	118	Ohio & Miss.	23⅞
T. P. L. G. T. R.	89⅞	do pfd	86
T. P. R. G. T. R.	38	Ont. & West	17⅜
Union Pac. 1sts	113¼	Oregon Imp.	65½
West Shore	106¼	Oregon Nav.	95½
Adams Express	150	Oregon Trans'l.	33⅛
Alton & T. H.	47	Pacific Mail	39½
do pfd	90	P., D. & E.	27½
Am. Express	112	Pittsburg	156
B., C. R. & N.	25	Pullman P. Car	202½
Canad'n Pacific	53	Reading	48⅜
Can. Southern	55⅞	Rock Island	97½
Cen. Pacific	36	St. L. & St. F.	26
Ches. & Ohio	12¼	do pfd	64
do 1sts pfd	18¾	do 1sts pfd	110¾
do 2d pfd	18¾	St. Paul	64⅞
Chi. & Alton	134	do pfd	100½
*C., B. & Q.	103	St. P., M. & M.	103½
C., St. L. & P.	18½	St. P. & Omaha	32¼
do pfd	41¼	do pfd	92
C., S. & C.	63	Tenn. C. & I.	35
Cleve. & Col.	73½	Texas Pacific	21½
Del. & H.	137½	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	50
Del., L. & W.	142⅛	Union Pacific	66
Den. & R. G.	16½	U. S. Express	79
East Tennessee	9	Wab., St. L. & P.	13½
do 1sts pfd	69½	do pfd	27¼
do 2d pfd	23	Wells-Fargo Ex.	141
Erie	29½	W.U. Telegraph	85⅞
do pfd	69	Am. Cotton Oil	59¼
Fort Wayne	150	Colorado Coal	36

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Boston & Maine	160¾	A. M. Co., new	3⅜
C., B. & Q.	103	Cal. & Hecla	265
C., S. & C.	258¼	Catalpa	15
Eastern R. R.	82½	Franklin	14
Flint & P. M.	29	Huron	4¼
do pfd	97	Osceola	15¾
K.C.St.J.&CB 7s	123⅜	Pewabic (new)	51
Mex. C. com	13⅜	Quincy	67
do 1st mtg. b.	70¼	Bell Tel.	227
N. Y. & N. E.	48	Boston Land	7¼
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Crown Point	4 00	Yellow Jacket	3 65
Gould & Curry	2 70	Com'onw'lth	5 12½
Hale & Nor.	3 85	Belle Isle	35
Mexican	3 05	North Isle	2 70
Ophir	5 12½		

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Money dull, easy and unchanged. Bank clearings, $10,460,000. New York exchange 12½c discount.

BUSINESS IS BOOMING.

R. G. Dun & Co. Report an Actual Improvement in Trade.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Actual improvement in business continues. The upward movement in prices which was noticed last week has not been sustained, the general average for commodities being about half of 1 per cent lower than a week ago. The output of pig iron has diminished. The furnaces in blast Feb. 1 were producing 147,111 tons weekly, against 152,270 Jan. 1, a decline of 3½ per cent. The rail business is stagnating, only three mills out of fourteen now running. The plate and tank iron trade is dull, and in structural iron business is slow. There is cutting in sales of pig iron by some Northern, as well as Southern furnaces, and purchases are generally confined to immediate needs. The coal trade is depressed by overprodnction and cutting of rates. The copper market has been weaker abroad, and conflicting rumors about the refusal of American mines to contract with the syndicate are current. Sales of lead have reached 1,400 tons, with prices declining to $3.60. The tin market is also demoralized, with quoted sales at $21.25. Wheat has advanced 1c for the week. Atlantic exports were in five weeks, ending Feb. 2, only 242,453 bu, against 1,764,333 bu last year, and of flour 583,760 bbls, against 1,032,582 bbls last year. This, compared with exports of 10,115,335 bu of corn during the same weeks, against 1,728,567 last year, shows how the foreign trade has been affected by the speculation which holds prices of wheat at Chicago far above prices at the seaboard. Corn has advanced but half a cent, with sales of 9,000,000 bu, and oats are unchanged. Oil speculation has lifted the price 4½c, with sales of only 7,000,000 bbls here. Cotton, with sales of 375,000 bales, and coffee, with sales of 207,000 bags, have each declined an eighth, and pork is half a dollar lower, with lard 27½c lower per 100 lbs. The dry goods operations, as in other branches of business, are to some extent retarded by the close scrutiny of credits which the slowness of collections, in many quarters naturally prompts, but the reports from the interior in that respect are this week rather more favorable than before. Clearings through banks last week were 18.4 per cent larger than a year ago outside of New York, only seven cities reporting any decrease, of which San Francisco, Minneapolis and St. Paul were the most important. The stock market has been stronger on account of the covering of short sales, but more discriminating in its temper than usual. Most of the granger roads are weaker, and the failure to get the presidents' agreement signed by all the companies has a depressing influence. Evidences that the agreement is actually evaded are accumulating, and the Baltimore receipts of corn are especially noticed. The exports of merchandise have been larger, and imports also show a large increase. The money market has been easy, rates on call declining from 2½ to 1½ per cent, and the treasury has disbursed during the week $1,200,000 more than it has taken in, but the decrease in circulation of silver continues. The business failures number 289 as compared with 303 last week, and 332 the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year the failures figured up 273.

LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

Wheat was not so rampant yesterday as on Wednesday and Thursday, though there was a free demand for it. Nos. 1 and 2 northern stood firm at the former quotations, but No. 1 hard dropped off 1c. Corn was dull and lower with receipts heavy. Oats steady. Hay was decidedly lower and very dull, with sales of good stock at $8.50@4 and the market flooded at that. Eggs showed some signs of weakening. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.19 bid; No. 1 northern, $1.10 bid; No. 2 northern, $1.02 bid.

Corn—Sample, 28@29c bid.

Oats—No. 2, 24½c bid, 26c asked; No. 2 white, 27½c bid, 29c asked; No. 3, 23@25c bid.

Rye—No. 2, 45c bid.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $12.@12.50 asked.

Corn Meal—Unbolted, $12.50 asked.

Bran—Bulk, $9.50 bid, $10 asked.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, $4 bid, $4 asked; No. 1, $3.60 asked; timothy, $6 bid.

Dressed Hogs—$5.25 bid.

Flax Seed—$1.53 bid.

Timothy Seed—$1.40 bid.

Clover Seed—$4.60 bid.

Eggs—12½c bid, 12½c asked.

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There is a little scarcity of choice dairy butter, while the market is overloaded with low and medium grades of roll and print, which are very hard to sell. There is no change in apples, and no demand for them. They are rotting fast, and dealers have to sell for what they can get. Fresh poultry is very scarce and wanted badly, while there is a lot of refrigerator frozen stock on the market that is very dull and hard to sell.

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The demand for futures was slack, and while prices advanced nearly ⅝c in a few minutes after the opening, the demand was no greater than at the start. If that indicated anything it was that there was very little short interest in the market unprovided for. Futures were dull with the opening price of May at about $1.11½@1.11¾, and rose to $1.12⅜, fluctuating a little during the next two hours between $1.12 and $1.12⅝. Outside orders were smaller than usual, and the local crowd showed little disposition to put out any liberal lines on either side. The rise that cut down milling orders from other states had something to do with the slackness of buyers of futures, and the late rise is too fresh in the minds of scalpers to leave them feeling safe on the short side. The close was fairly steady at $1.12⅜ for May. The following are the closing quotations. No. 1 Hard—February, $1.19; March, $1.20; May, $1.24¼; on track, $1.19; No. 1 Northern—February, $1.09; March, $1.10; May, $1.12⅜; on track, $1.10@1.11; No. 2 Northern—February, 99c; March, $1; May, $1.02; on track, $1@1.03.

But little inquiry existed for milling wheat at the opening and sellers were asking about yesterday's figures for samples offered. After outside markets had moved up about 1c, buyers took hold a little better and trading at one time was fairly active. Local millers were looking for the best lots of 1 northern and some fair lots of No. 2 went to that class of buyers. A few orders for outside points were being filled but the demand from this source was light. Receipts for the twenty-four hours were 168 cars and sixty-five were shipped out. Duluth had thirty-three cars. Car lot sale by sample: 1 car No. 1 hard, f. o. b., $1.20; 1 car No. 1 hard, f. o. b. o. w. b., $1.20; 3 cars No. 1 hard, $1.19; 2 cars No. 1 northern, del., $1.12½; 3 cars No. 1 northern, to arrive, $1.10; 3 cars No. 1 northern, $1.10; 4 cars No. 1 northern, $1.11; 8 cars No. 1 northern, $1.10; 5 cars No. 1 northern, $1.12; 2 cars No. 1 northern, del., $1.12; 2 cars No. 1 northern, o. t., $1.15; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.14; 2 cars No. 2 northern, delivered, $1.04; 2 cars No. 2 Northern, $1.04; 4 cars No. 2 northern, $1.02; 4 cars No. 2 northern, $1; 11 cars No. 2 northern, $1.03; 8 cars No. 3, 96c; 5 cars No. 3 97c; 4 cars No. 3 delivered, 98c; 6 cars No. 3, 99c; 2 cars No. 3, 98c; 2 cars No. 3, 98c; 2 cars No. 3, 93c; 3 cars No. 3, 90c; 2 cars No. 3, 94c; 2 cars No. 3, 92c; 1 car rejected, 70c; 2 cars rejected, 66c; 1 car no grade, 39c; 2 cars no grade, 60c; 2 cars no grade, 62c; 2 cars no grade, 65c; 1 car no grade, f. o. b., 53c; 1 car no grade, f. o. b., 69c; 2 cars no grade, f. o. b., 68c; 2 cars no grade, f. o. b., 56c; 2 cars sample, 40c; 1 car sample, 43c; 3 cars sample, $1; 2 cars sample, 75c; 2 cars oats, 22c; 3 cars oats, 21c; 3 cars oats, 24½c; 2 cars corn, 27½c; 6 cars corn, 27c; 2 cars corn, delivered, 29½c.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour Market Record—The following mills were running to-day: Pillsbury A and B, Phœnix, Anchor, Washburn B and C, St. Anthony, Holly, Pettit, Galaxy and Crown Roller. The added daily capacity of the eleven mills grinding amounts to 20,300 bbls, but the output for to-day will probably not exceed 16,000. Patents, sacks to local dealers, $6.20@6.30; patents to ship, sacks car lots, $6@6.10; in barrels, $6.15@6.25; delivered at New England points, $6.90@7.05; New York points, $6.80@6.95; delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.75@6.90; bakers' here, $4.10@5.10; superfine, $2.50@4.10; red dog, sacks, $1.45@1.60; red dog, barrels, $1.70@1.85.

Bran and shorts—Sold pretty well today with the quotations running about $9 for bran and about $8.75 for common shorts; fine shorts held at $9.25@9.50.

Corn—Was ftill offered freely though, though the arrivals were not so large as yesterday. Sales were mostly at about 97 for ungraded with the most common range at 26½@27½.

Oats—Steady and dull at 24@25 for most common lots.

Feed—$11.50@12.50.

Flax—Quoted at $1.53; Chicago, $1.59.

Barley—Choice in good demand and good selling fairly well at 40@50. No demand for stained or frosted.

Hay—Wild $3.50@5.50. Timothy $7.50@8.25.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Following is the state inspection of grain in Minneapolis for the past twenty-four hours:

RAILWAYS.	No. 1 hard	No. 1 northern	No. 2 northern	No. 3	Rejected	No grade
M. & M.—Breck. div	1	8	4	....	....	8
M. & M.—F. F. div.	2	7	....	3	7	6
C., Mil. & St. Paul	1	13	13	3	1	2
Mpls. & St. Louis	....	4	11	2	....	....
Minneapolis & Pac	....	2	3	....	....	....
Northern Pacific	....	1	6	4	1	5
C., St. P., M. & O.	2	3	3	....	2	2
Total grades	6	38	40	12	11	23

Total cars.....132

Other Grains—No. 4 corn, 1 car; No. 3 corn, 3 cars; no grade corn, 25 cars; No. 3 oats, 9 cars; No. 3 barley, 2 cars; No. 4 barley, 5 cars; No. 5 barley, 3 cars.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 3 cars; No. 1 northern, 6 cars; No. 2 northern, 9 cars; No. 3, 3 cars; rejected, 7 cars; no grade, 18 cars.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Receipts—Wheat, 94,680 bu; corn 9,000 bu; oats, 4,500 bu; barley 4,800 bu; millstuff, 29 tons; hay, 100 tons; fruit, 63,325 lbs; merchandise, 687,965 lbs; lumber, 10 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 85,000 lbs; coal, 734 tons; wood, 172 cords; brick, 8,000; lime, 1 car; ties, 3 cars; live stock, 1 car; hides, 57,500 lbs; sundries, 15 cars. Total, 388 cars.

Shipments—Wheat, 3,6400 bu; oats, 1,800 bu; flour, 15,302 bu; millstuff, 546 tons; merchandise, 927,240 lbs; lumber, 35 cars; machinery, 70,000 lbs; oil cake, 80,000 lbs; hides, 10,100 lbs; sundries, 18 cars. Total, 372 cars.

FLOUR SHIPMENTS.

Milwaukee road, 3,900 bbls; Omaha, 3,092 bbls; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 412 bbls; Wisconsin Central, 450 bbls; Manitoba, 375 bbls; St. Paul and Duluth, 2,375 bbls; St. Paul & Kansas City, 1,058 bbls; Chicago, Burlington & Northern, 1,690 bbls; Soo Line, 1,950 bbls.

CAR LOT RECEIPTS.

Following are the Minneapolis wheat receipts by roads: Milwaukee road, 26 cars; Omaha, 16 cars; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 41 cars; Manitoba, 69 cars; Northern Pacific, 19 cars; Soo Line, 8 cars.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following are the receipts and shipments at primary points as reported by Charles E. Lewis, Commission Merchant, 103-108 Third street south.

Points.	Receipts.	Shipments
Minneapolis	94,080	36,400
Chicago	28,082	9,611
Milwaukee	12.600	3,825
Philadelphia	6.622	8,900
Baltimore	1,156	2,067
Toledo	3,731	5,000
Detroit	1,250	10,346
St. Louis	7,500	1,500
New York	550	...

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