THE COMMERCIAL RECORD.

Extreme Weakness in the Wheat Pit, the Price of the May Future Declining Half a Point.

Corn Slumps in Sympathy, Oats Dull, and the Trade in Provisions Very Slow.

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

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The wheat market was not without a few new features, but they did not cause great activity or decided change in prices. Very soon after the opening there was a weaker feeling apparent. The weather furnished no crop scare news. Pacific coast dispatches reported good rains, and there was a weakness noticed in the Northwest. The market opened weak, and on free selling by a number of good houses, there was a decline in the price of May from $1.09¼ to $1.08½. Then there was a rally of 1c started by the prospects of a good decrease in the visible supply, and held along by buying by Baker around $1.09, and others above that figure. At 11 a. m. May touched $1.09½, the outside price for the day, and the realizing which usually follows a little bulge on the visible figures put the price back to $1.08¾, where it was dull until afternoon. Later there was a second rally to $1.09¼, and at 1 p. m. the price went off to $1.08, the lowest point up to that hour. This price undoubtedly touched stop orders, for the pit was the most excited for the day, as the price dropped to $1.07¾, and went immediately back to $1.08, where it closed weak. The movement of wheat was not very significant. The visible supply decreased 695,000 bushels, or about 25 per cent more than was expected; the stock here increased 31,000 bushels. Receipts to-day were 134 cars, with 69 cars of contract wheat on the inspection sheet. The stock of wheat here is now 4,477,000 bushels, and at New York 8,244,000 bushels. Corn was quiet and the market a trifle weak for the day, with closing prices about ¼c lower. Receipts were 526 cars, with 437 cars estimated for Tuesday. The visible supply increased 874,000 bushels. The stock here is now 3,073,000 bushels. Oats were comparatively dull. There was a little show of strength early and buying by Boyd and others, but the close was the same as on Saturday. Receipts, 212 cars. Visible supply decreased 115,000 bushels. The provision trade was very slow to-day, and the principal action in futures was early. Prices ranged lower, and the close was at the bottom for the session.

THE GENERAL QUOTATIONS.

Wheat—No. 2 February closed at $1.04¾; March closed $1.05¾; May opened at $1.09⅛, closing at $1.08; July, 95⅛c, closing at 94c. Corn—No. 2 February closed at 34⅛c; March opened at 25¾c, closing at 34⅛c; May, 35⅛c, closing at 35½c. Oats—No. 2 February opened at 25½c; March, 25¾c, closing at 25⅝c; May 27¾c, closing at 27⅝. Mess Pork (per bbl)—March closed at $11.05; May opened at $11.40, closing at $11.25; June opened at $11.40, closing at $11.35. Lard (per 100 lbs)—March closed at $6.77½; May opened at $6.92½, closing at $6.87½; June, $6.92½, closing at $6.92½. Short Ribs (per 100 lbs—March opened at $5.87½, closing at $5.87½; May, $6.10, closing at $6.05; June, $6.15, closing at $6.12½; Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, $1.04¾; No. 3 spring, 88@89c; No. 2 red, $1.04¾. Corn—No. 2, 34⅜@34½c. Oats—No. 2, 25¼c. Rye—No. 2, 43¾c. Barley—No. 2 nominal. Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.54. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.42@1.43. Mess pork, per bbl, $11.05@11.10. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6.75@6.77½. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.85@6.95. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.25@5.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.12½@6.25. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.03. Sugars unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 13,000 bbls; wheat, 32,000 bu; corn, 114,000 bu; oats, 83,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 31,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 20,000 bu; corn, 157,000 bu; oats, 84,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 21,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs steady at 13@13½c.

THE ROUTINE REPORT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—A moderate business was transacted in wheat, and the feeling was weaker, with prices averaging somewhat lower all round. The opening was ¼@⅜c lower than Saturday's closing, declined ½c more, then rallied 1c, declined 1⅝c, and closed about 1⅜c lower than Saturday. Domestic markets were all weaker, and Minneapolis, which has been 5@7c over Chicago, is now selling on a par with Chicago prices. Reports were also received of rains in California, and that the winter wheat crop in the South and Southwest was looking well. Corn was quiet and steady all day, trading being rather light and almost entirely local. There was nothing new of importance developed, and fluctuations did not show much change from Saturday. In oats during the first part of the session a fair business transpired, one buyer taking all the May offered. Prices advanced a fraction. After early buyers had been filled up, dullness prevailed. Offerings increased and the market closed quiet and easy. A little more life was manifested in hog products and the market was stronger in a general way. A fairly active trade was reported in mess pork, but almost exclusively in contracts for May delivery. Early the market was stronger and prices ruled 7½@10c higher, but gradually settled back again 15@17½c and closed quiet. A moderate trade was reported in the lard market and the feeling was steadier. Prices were advanced 2½@5c early, but receded and closed quiet. Less interest was manifested in ribs, and trading was lighter. Early sales were made at 2½@5c advance, but prices were not supported to the close.

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Duluth Grain.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Feb. 25.—There was an irregular market to-day, with considerable business for May delivery. The opening was firm at ⅛c above closing quotations of Thursday; sellers predominated and the advance was lost on very next deal; prices steadily slumped until a break of 2c to 2⅛c had been scored on May up to noon, with premium over Chicago narrowed to 14⅛@15c, against 16@16½c on Thursday, and 18@19c difference in favor of this market one week ago. Cash and other futures dull and neglected. During the last hour the market ruled firm and steady up to just before close, when a further decline of ¼c on May was accepted. The close was dull and 2¼c below the opening; No 1 hard dull; no transactions; closed for car lots nominally at $1.18½; No. 1 northern, $1.08; No. 2 northern, 97c; No. 3 wheat, 77c; February dull, nominal at $1.19; May, first sales at ¼c above Thursday's close at $1.26⅛, immediately followed by sales at $1.26. Under free selling it steadily declined to $1.24⅜ before noon, but afterwards sold up to $1.24½, which was bid for it for a long time. Just before the close it dropped to $1.24¼, where it closed with buyers. June dull at $1.24; July dull, nominally at 2c lower to sell at $1.22.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 25.—Flour unchanged. Wheat easy; cash, 94½c; May, 96½c; July, 94c. Corn dull; No. 3, 29½@30c. Oats quiet; No. 2, 28@28½c. Rye steady; No. 1, 45c. Barley firmer; No. 2, 59c. Provisions easier. Pork, $11.40. Lard, $6.77½. Butter lower; dairy, 18@20c. Eggs easy; fresh, 13½c. Cheese firm; cheddars, 10½@11c. Receipts—Flour, 15,000 bbl s; wheat, 32,600 bu; barley, 41,600 bu; shipments, flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 11,500 bu; barley, 9,100 bu.

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St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat lower. The market opened lower and declined owing to weak markets elsewhere, and now held quiet and firm, but late went off again, and May was ½c and July 1c below. No. 2 red, cash, 93⅜c, nominal; May, 98⅛@98¼@99½c, closing at 98¼@98⅝c bid; July, 95⅜@96c, closing at 95½c bid; July, 85⅜@86¼c, closing at 85½c bid; August, 84¼c. Corn quiet; No. 2 mixed, cash, 28⅛@28⅜c; March, 27⅜@27⅝c, closing at 27⅝c; May, 30½@30⅝@30⅝c, closing at 30⅝c bid; June, 31¼c; July, 32⅜c. Oats firmer; No. 2, cash, 24¼c; May closed at 27½c bid. Rye—No. 2, 45c. Barley quiet; Iowa, 49c; Minnesota, 60c. Hay dull, except for very best grades; prairie, $6@7.50; timothy, $9.50@12.50; Bran dull and declining; 54@55c. Flax seed quotable at $1.50. Lead—Demand improved; corroding, $3.45@3.50; chemical hard, $3.52½c. Butter quiet and steady; creamery at 24@26c; dairy, 20@22c. Eggs—Guaranteed stock, 11½c. Corn meal, $1.85. Whisky steady at $1.03. Provisions firmer, generally with demand fair. Pork, $11.75. Lard—Prime steam nominal at $6.65. Dry Salt Meats—Boxed shoulders, $5.70@5.72½c; short clear, $6.20@6.25. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, $6.25; longs and ribs, $6.80@6.90; short clear, $7@7.05. Hams, $10@12. Receipts—Flour, 5,000 bbls; wheat, 16,000 bu; corn, 185,000 bu; oats, 45,000 bu; rye, none; barley, 17,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 17,000 bbls; wheat, 17,000 bu; corn, 87,000 bu; oats, 15,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 23,000 bu.

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Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 25.—Wheat steady; No. 2 red cash, 93½c asked; May, 94½c bid, 96c asked; No. 2 soft cash, no bids nor offerings; May, 94c bid. Corn steady; No. 2 cash, 23½c bid, 23⅞c asked; No. 2 white cash, no bids nor offerings; May, 27¾c asked. Oats—No. 2 cash, 21¾c asked; May, 23c bid, 25½c asked.

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Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Feb. 25.—Wheat dull, lower; cash, 98⅛c@$1.01½; May, 98½c; July, 90⅝c. Corn steady; cash, 32½c; May, 35½c. Oats dull; cash, 26c. Clover seed active, lower; cash and March, $4.85; April, $4.80. Receipts—Wheat, 2,000 bu; corn, 15,000 bu; clover seed, 120 bags. Shipments—Wheat, 4,000 bu; corn, 3,000 bu; oats, 1,000 bu; clover seed, 220 bags.

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New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Flour—Receipts, 18,326 pkgs; exports, 10,601 bbls, 14,000 sacks; fairly active; home and export steady; sales, 22,000 bbls. Cornmeal steady. Wheat—Recipts, 1,000 bu; sales, 824,000 bu futures, 20,000 bu spot; spot market dull; ¾c lower; light milling demand; No. 2 red, 97⅜@99⅛c elevator, 97⅜@99¾c afloat, 98¼@¾1 f. o. b; No. 3 red, 94c; No. 1 red, $1.08; No. 1 white, $1.01; options dull and heavy; ⅜@1c lower; February closing at 97⅜c; March, 98@98⅜c, closing at 98c; May, $1.00¼@1.01 3-16, closing at $1.00⅜; June, $1.00¼@1.01⅛, closing at $1.00⅜; July, 96⅜@97⅜c, closing at 96⅜c; August, 96¼@94⅛c, closing at 93¼c; December, 96¼@96⅜c, closing at 96¼c. Stocks of grain in store and afloat Feb. 23: Wheat, 8,331,927 bu; corn, 2,142,934 bu; oats, 1,655,589 bu; rye, 153,500 bu; barley, 213,565 bu; malt, 141,206 bu; peas, 22,103 bu. Barley dull. Barley malt quiet. Corn—Receipts, 108,200 bu; exports, 280,677 bu; sales, 128,000 bu futures, 122,000 bu spot; spot market steady, quiet, closing easy; No. 2, 43¾c elevator, 45c afloat; No. 2, white, 46c; No. 3, 40½@41⅜c; ungraded mixed, 40½@44¾c; steamer mixed, 41¼@42½c; options dull, ⅜c lower; weak; February, 44¾c; March, 43⅞c; April, 43½@43⅝c, closing at 43⅝c; May, 43⅛@43¼c, closing at 43¼c; June, 43¾@43⅞c, closing at 43¾c; steamer mixed, April, 41⅜c. Oats—Receipts, 40,000 bu; exports, 460 bu; sales, 60,000 bu futures, 126,000 bu spot; spot market more active; stronger; options moderately lower; February, 30¾c; March, 31c; April, 31½c; May, 31⅞c; spot No. 2, white, 33@33½c; mixed Western, 28½@33c; white Western, 34@39c; No. 2, Chicago, 32c. Hay quiet. Hops steady, quiet. Coffee—Options opened barely steady, 5@25 points down; closed steady, 12@15 points down; unsettled cables; fair business; sales, 65,250 bags, including: February, 16.20@16.30c; March and April, 16.20@16.25c; May, 16.20@16.30c; June, 16.35@16.45c; July, 16.45@16.55c; August, 16.55@16.65c; September, 16.65@16.80c; November, 16.70@16.75c; December, 16.65@16.80c; January, 16.75c. spot Rio strong; fair cargoes, 17⅝c. Sugar—Raw firm; refiuing, 4 7-16c; centrifugals, 96-test, 5 9-16c; refined quiet, easy. Molasses—Foreign, strong; 50-test, 21c; New Orleans quiet. Rice quiet, steady. Petroleum steady, dull; crude, in barrels, Parker's $7.25; refined here, $7.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7; United closed at 92½c. Cottonseed oil firm; crude, 40@42c; yellow, 48c. Tallow lower; sales, 164 hhds city, 5@5⅜c. Rosin dull, nominally firm; strained, common to good, $1.10@1.12½. Turpentine firm, quiet; 48c bid. Eggs in fair demand; firmer; Western, 15½c; receipts, 5,647 packages. Pork quiet; cut meats dull; pickled shoulders, 5⅝@5¾c; pickled hams, 9¾@10c; pickled bellies, 12 lbs, 6⅞@7c; do, 10 lbs, 8c; middles steadier. Lard steadier, quiet; sales, Western steam, $7.25; city, $6.80; February, $7.22; March, $7.22; April, $7.32; May, $7.23; June, $7.25; July, $7.27; August, $7.29; September, $7.31. Butter, moderate demand; choice steady; Western dairy 13@20c. Western creamery, 16@29c; Elgins, 30@31c. Cheese quiet, easy; Western, 10@11¼c. Pig iron steady. Copper dull, heavy; lake, March, $16.50. Lead quiet, firm; domestic, $3.75. Tin—Spot, firmer; futures easier; straits, 21c.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 25.—Wheat steady, but quiet; holders offer sparingly. Corn firm; demand fair.

FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Clearings, $67,253,105; balances, $3,362,527; money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent; closed offered at 2; prime mercantile paper, 4@6; sterling exchange dull, but firm at $4.86¼ for 60-day bills and $4.88¾ for demand. The stock market was dull and stagnant, except for a few of the leading shares, though there was a general heavy tone for most of the day. The interest in the dealings was centered almost entirely to the grangers and Southwestern stocks, and London was a liberal seller of St. Paul in the early trading, and the advices pointed to the publication at that center of rumors of the passing of the dividend on the preferred stock, which induced free realizations by the foreigners, and a marked impression was made, on both the common and preferred stocks; but as the dividend is not due until April and the action by the directors can not be taken until next month, there was a disposition to buy the stock upon the decline, especially by the Western contingent; and, after the first drop, the price of the stock was very well held. Dispatches from Chicago, stating that the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific had not signed the agreement on Saturday, were circulated, and had considerable effect upon the first-named stock, which was afterward extended to the other Southwestern, but these stories were afterward disproved, and a better feeling prevailed toward the latter portion of the afternoon, which neutralized to some degree the sharp losses of the early dealings. The bears, however, did not abandon the search for weak spots, and a heavy drive was made against the coalers in the afternoon, of which Reading bore the brunt and was forced off a fraction, while the losses in the rest were insignificant. Several of the specialties, however, were found more vulnerable, and Oregon Improvement again fell an easy prey, dropping 5 per cent on very light transactions. Manhattan, St. Paul & Duluth and Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg all gave way and showed material losses at the lowest figures; but the strong point in the list was the Vanderbilts, though all were very quiet, and with the exception of C., C., C. & I., wqich rose over a point and a half, moved within the narrowest limits. First prices were almost invariably lower, though only St. Paul, with a loss of ¾, and Missouri Pacific, with 1 per cent, were specially prominent. In the early dealings St. Paul and Cotton Oil were prominent for weakness, and the latter dropped a point, but the movement in the rest of the list was confined to the smallest fractions, without perceptible tendency in either direction, and after the first half hour's business the market sank into pronounced dullness, with an improving tendency toward noon. The drive at the coal stocks made after 12 o'clock and the influence of the same extended to the general list, which sagged off slowly, while Manhattan and Oregon Improvement made decided declines. Towards delivery hour there was some improvement, however, and after that time a steady tone marked the limited transactions, the market finally closing dull and steady at about opening prices for the great majority of the stocks dealt in. C., C., C. & I. shows the handsome advance of 2¾ per cent, but the rest of the list, almost without exception, is lower, and St. Paul lost 1¼, Pullman and Reading each 1 per cent, and others fractional amounts. The railroad bond market was unusually dull to-day, the total sales of all issues aggregating only $1,007,000, which was quite evenly distributed among the issues dealt in. The same lack of feature which distinguished the trading in shares, was show in the bond market, and while some heaviness was apparent in the forenoon, a better tone prevailed toward the close. The final changes are irregular and the important ones are few in number. Among those which are higher, Henderson Bridge firsts rose 2¼ to 111 and Manitoba consols 2 to 120. Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and steady. The total sales of socks to-day were 166,650 shares, including: Atchison, 6,430; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 9,455; Lake Shore, 3,423; Northwestern, 11,583; Missouri Pacific, 4,010; Northern Pacific preferred, 2,094; Oregon Transcontinental, 5,133; Reading, 18,300; St. Paul, 39,655; Union Pacific, 6,463.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Stocks and bo closed at the following prices bid:

U. S. 4s reg	128¾	Hocking Valley	26½
do 4s coup	128¾	Houston & Tex.	12
do 4½s reg	107⅜	Illinois Central	108½
do 4½s coup	109	Ind., B. & W.	11½
Pac. 6s of '95	120	Kansas & Texas	13¼
La. stamped 4s	87¼	Lake Erie & W.	18
Missouri 6s	100½	do pfd	57½
T. new set. 6s	104	Lake Shore	104⅜
do do 5s	101¾	Louisville & N.	59¾
do do 3s	72¼	Louis. & N. A.	46
Can. South'n 2ds	96½	Memphis & C.	50
Cen. Pac. 1sts	113⅝	Mich. Central	89¼
D. & R. G. 1sts	121	Mil., L. S. & W.	71
do do 4s	79¼	do pfd	102¼
D. & R. G. W. 1sts	94	Mpls. & St. Louis	5½
Erie 2ds	103	do pfd	10
M. K. & T. G. 6s	56	Mo. Pacific	71¼
do do 5s	52½	Mobile & Ohio	10¾
Mut. Union 6s	102½	Nash. & Chatt.	90
N. J. C. int. cert.	109½	N. J. Central	96¼
N. Pac. 1sts	117¼	N. & W. pfd	52
do 2ds	116	N. Pacific	26¾
N. W. consols	141⅜	do pfd	62
do deb. 5s	111	Northwestern	106⅜
Or. & Trans. 6s	109	do pfd	140
St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	84	N.Y. Central	109
St. L. & S. F. G. M.	119¾	N.Y., C. & St. L.	18¼
St. Paul consols	123½	do pfd	73
St. P., C. & P. 1sts	118	Ohio & Miss.	23⅛
T. P. L. G. T. R.	90	do pfd	85¼
T. P. R. G. T. R.	36½	Ont. & West	17⅛
Union Pac. 1sts	113¾	Oregon Imp	54
West Shore	106⅜	Oregon Nav.	97¼
Adams Express	150	Oregon Transc'l	33
Alton & T. H.	44	Pacific Mail	37
do pfd.	90	P., D. & E.	25½
Am. Express	113	Pittsburg	156½
B., C. R. & N.	25	Pullman P. Car	198
Canad'n Pacific	52	Reading	47
Can. Southern	54⅝	Rock Island	96⅛
Cen. Pacific	3¼	St. L. & san F.	25¾
Ches. & Ohio	20	do pfd	62⅜
do 1sts pfd	17⅝	do 1sts pfd	109
do 2ds pfd	18	St. Paul	61⅝
Chi. & Alton	136	do pfd	97
C., B. & Q.	101¾	St. P., M. & M.	102
C., St. L. & P.	18	St. P. & Omaha	32
do pfd	49	do pfd	90
C., S. & C.	63	Tenn. C. & I.	36½
Cleve. & Col.	73⅜	Texas Pacific	21
Del. & Hudson	135¾	Tol. & O. C. pfd	50
Del., L. & W.	141½	Union Pacific	64¾
Den. & R. G.	16¼	U. S. Express	82
East Tennessee	9	Wab., St. L. & P.	13½
do 1sts pfd	68½	do pfd	26⅞
do 2d pfd	22	Wells-Fargo Ex.	141
Erie	29⅜	W. U. Telegraph	85⅞
do pfd	67½	Am. Cotton Oil	58¼
Fort Wayne	150½	Colorado Coal	34¼

Railway and Mining Shares.

BOSTON STOCKS.

A. & T. 1s 7s	119¼	Rut. com. pfd	37
do L. G. 7s	111	Wis Cen. Com	15½
do R. R.	52⅝	A. M. C. (new)	3¼
Boston & Alb	213½	Cal. & Hecla	265
Boston & Me	169½	Catalpa	17
C. B. & Q.	101⅞	Franklin	14¼
C. S. & C.	26	Huron	4
Eastern R. R.	80	Osceola	14
do 6s	125½	Pewabic (new)	3
F. & P. M.	29	Quincy	67
do pfd	97½	Bell Tel.	225
Mex. C. com	14	Boston Land	7⅛
do 1s mtg. b	70⅜	Water Power	7¼
N. Y. & N. E.	47⅝	Tamarack	147
do 7s	127	S. D. L. Co.	22¼
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Crown Point	5 75	Utah	1 45
Gould & Curry	3 00	Yellow Jacket	4 45
Hale & Norc	4 10	Commonw'th	5 00
Mexican	3 80	Nevada Queen	2 75
Navajo	1 45		

LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

There was a decided slump in the wheat market yesterday, prices dropping a full cent all around in sympathy with outside markets. There was liberal trading and a large display on the sample tables. Corn and oats were quiet and dull, oats steady, rye exceedingly quiet, ground feed unchanged and bran dull. There was no inquiry for hay. Eggs were in good demand and firmer. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.19 bid; No. 1 northern, $1.13 bid; No. 2 northern, $1.02 bid.

Corn—Sample, 27@28c bid, 28@29c asked.

Oats—No. 2 white, 27½c bid; May, 32c bid, 33c asked; No. 3, 24½@25½c asked.

Rye—No. 2, 45c bid.

Ground Feed—$12 asked.

Corn Meal—Unbolted, $12 asked.

Bran—Bulk, $9.75 asked.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, $5 asked; timothy, $7 bid.

Dressed Hogs—$5.10 bid.

Flax Seed—$1.53 bid.

Timothy Seed—$1.35 bid.

Clover Seed—$4.35 bid.

Eggs—13c bid, 13½c asked.

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Produce Exchange.

There was general weakness all around, but no very decided change. There is little demand for apples, stocks of which are abundant and rapidly decaying. The market for cheese is steady, and prices for poultry are beginning to stiffen, owing to the scarcity of the article.

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Chamber of Commerce.

The opening market was a tame sort of affair, with considerable May wheat offered and buyers a trifle weak. The offerings were made rather gingerly, not to drive prices lower, but because the sellers wanted to sell their wheat. The market would not take much at the prices, the only buyers being such shorts as had a little profit and were willing to accept it. There was not the slightest uneasiness apparent among traders that there would be any attempt by bulls to push the May deal to extremities, and prices merely floated along subject to the legitimate drift of orders.

There is this season a greater scarcity of contract grade wheat than usual, and it is on that account that prices have been etter sustained than they could other ise have been. In the Northwest espec ally is there great scarcity. On the smallest show of alarm the shorts go tumbling over each other to cover the wheat they have out on short contract. When that is done there is invariably calm and after it a decline in prices. It is not unreasonable to believe that the big bulls at the present time will work themselves out of their present embarrassments through such changes without material loss, and be ready to drop the May "deal" before that option becomes due.

At the start sellers of futures tried to get $1.09½ for May wheat. Meeting poor encouragement they finally offered it at $1.09¼, and down to $1.09, with a limited amount disposed of. At $1.09 there could have been a large amount sold perhaps, but at that figure sellers hesitated about selling too freely, though at a fraction above it they offered very freely. As compared with other points, this market was relatively weakest, and the premium was gradually working out. The slow cash wheat demanded affected the sales of futures unfavorably. The market was very weak toward the close and fell to $1.08⅛ for May about 1 o'clock, with a fair demand for that. Following are the closing quotations: No. 1 hard, February, $1.18; March, $1.18; May, $1.21; on track, $1.18; No. 1 northern, February, $1.07; March, $1.07; May, $1.08½; on track, $1.08@1.09; No. 2 northern, February, 97c; March, 97c; May, $1; on track, 99c@$1.

The accumulated receipts of several days were again displayed for sale on the sample tables, but the buying was not active at any time. The feature was the poor quality of offerings, scarcely any No. 1 northern wheat being displayed at all. Local and outside millers were looking for choice milling grades, but the poor wheat was poor sale. Prices were easier, sellers being forced to make concessions to induce sales. Trade was light all day. Local elevator stocks decreased 224,917 bu the past week, and Duluth increased 62,614. The two days' receipts were 171 cars here and 15 cars in Duluth. Local shipments were 73 cars. Car lots by sample: 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.10½; 5 cars No. 1 northern, $1.09½; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.11; 6 cars No. 1 northern, $1.10; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.14; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.04; 2 cars No. 2 northern $1.05; 2 cars No. 2 northern, 99c; 14 cars No. 2 northern, $1.01; 26 cars No. 2 northern, $1; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.04; 2 cars No. 2 northern, 1.00½; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.05; 2 cars No. 2 northern, o. w. b., $1.02; 5,000 bu May No. 2 northern, $1; 2 cars No. 3, 92c; 2 cars No. 3, f. o. b., 90c; 2 cars No. 3, 90c; 2 cars No. 3, 91c; 1 car rejected, 77½c; 4 cars rejected, 64c; 2 cars rejected, 90c; 2 cars rejected, 85c; 2 cars rejected, 68c; 1 car no grade, 83c; 1 car no grade, f. o. b., 63c; 20 cars sample, delivered, $1.01¼; 2 cars sample, f. o. b., 77½c; 2 cars corn, 28c; 2 cars corn, 27½c; 2 cars oats, 23c; 2 cars oats, 22c.

FLOUR AND COURSE GRAINS.

Flour—Market Record: The following mills were running to-day: Pillsbury A and B, Phœnix, Anchor, Washburn B and C, St. Anthony, Galaxy, Northwestern and Holly. The added capacity of the ten mills grinding amounts to 17,800 bbls, but the output for to-day will probably not exceed 14,000 bbls. There was some Eastern demand at about $7 for choice brands of patents, delivered at New York points. A few millers claimed they could sell all they cared to sell at that price; others claimed they could not sell freely at above $6.90 there, $7 at New England points and $6.85 at Baltimore and Philadelphia points. The interior small points were taking out a fair amount. Bakers' were going abroad fairly on the basis of 28s for first grade. Considerable bakers' sold a few days ago at 28s 6d, but the same buyers are off 6d a sack now.

Patents, sacks to local dealers, $6.30@$6.40; patents to ship, sacks, car lots, $6@6.20; in barrels, $6.25@6.35; delivered at New England points, $7@7.15; New York points, $6.90@7.05; delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.85@$6.95; bakers', here, $4.20@$5.20; superfine, $2.50@4.10; red dog, sacks, $1.45@1.60; red dog, barrels, $1.70@1.85.

Bran and Shorts—The demand for both these commodities was of the ordinary character, with prices ranging at about $8.75 for common shorts and about $9 for bran. Fine shorts were held some 50@75c above.

Corn—The corn market was steady at about 28c for common ungraded. Some receivers were asking 29½c to arrive.

Oats—Demand steady at 23@25 for fair lots, 20@21c for light, and 26@28c for good to ci oice.

Barley—Stained and frosted nearly unsalable. Fair to good samples went at 40@50c.

Feed—$11.50@12.50.

Flax—Quoted at $1.48; Chicago, $1.54.

Hay—Wild, $3.50@5.50; timothy, $7.50@8.25.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Receipts—Wheat, 95,760 bu; corn, 10,200 bu; oats, 8,100 bu; barley, 2,400 bu; flour, 385 bbls; millstuffs, 29 tons; hay, 95 tons; fruit, 31,700 lbs; merchandise, 1,026,479 lbs; lumber, 16 cars; posts and piling, 2 cars; barrel stock, 4 cars; machinery, 311,850 lbs; coal, 698 tons; wood, 117 cords; brick, 25,000; household goods, 21,270 lbs; ties, 6 cars; stone, 1 car; live stock, 2 cars; pork, 180 bbls; dressed meats, 140,000 lbs; hides, 20,000 lbs; sundries, 17 cars. Total, 434 cars.

Shipments—Wheat, 40,880 bu; oats, 1,800 bu; barley, 1,200 bu; flour, 18,459 bbls; millstuff, 782 tons; merchandise, 890,060 lbs; lumber, 60 cars; machinery, 133,620 lbs; house goods, 20,000 lbs; ties, 11 cars; oil cake, 120,000 lbs; dressed meats, 45,100 lbs; hides, 4,000 lbs; sundries, 5 cars. Total, 435 cars.

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	....	6	46	10	4	...
M. & M.—F. F. div	3	27	2	12	2	6
C., Mil. & St. Paul	1	9	17	5	3	....
Mpls. & St. Louis	....	2	8	16	4	...
Mpls. & Pacific	....	1	4	....	....	....
Northern Pacific	....	2	15	13	16	12
C., St. P., M. & O.	....	...	6	5	1	1
Total grades	4	47	98	61	30	19

Total cars 264

Other Grains—No grade corn, 14 cars; No. 3 oats, 4 cars; No. 4 barley, 4 cars.

Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 5 cars; No. 1 northern, 34 cars; No. 2 northern, 7 cars; No. 3, 5 cars; rejected, 3 cars.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following are the receipts and shipments at primary points yesterday:

Points.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts
Minneapolis	95,760	40,850
Milwaukee	32,625	11,485
Chicago	31,681	20,382
St. Louis	16,000	17,000
Toledo	1,805	4,200
Detroit	11,535	7,351
Baltimore	17,281	.....
Philadelphia	6,285	2,241
New York	1,100	.....

FLOUR SHIPMENTS.

Milwaukee road, 7,670 bbls; Omaha, 2,165 bbls; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 786 bbls; Wisconsin Central, 125 bbls; St. Paul & Duluth, 750 bbls; Manitoba, 250 bbls; St. Paul & Kansas City, 1,100 bbls; Chicago, Burlington & Northern, 925 bbls; Minneapolis Pacific, 1,125 bbls; Soo Line, 3,563 bbls.

CAR LOT RECEIPTS.

Following are the Minneapolis wheat receipts by roads: Milwaukee road, 25 cars; Omaha, 15 cars; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 8 cars; Manitoba, 73 cars; Northern Pacific 44 cars; Soo Line, 6 cars.

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