WHEAT ON THE UP GRADE.

Local Speculation on Chicago Change Sends December Wheat Up a Fraction.

Corn Closes With a Gain, Oats Fairly Active, Provisions Closing Firm.

Financial Operations of the Money Kings---The General Quotations.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—The wheat market was very active most of the day and the sharp turns in prices were quite remarkable. It was a wicked market for small traders, and many of them suffered. The opening of the market was very delusive. Firm Liverpool cables and private advices, giving very unfavorable weather abroad, gave strength at the start. First prices were ⅜ to ¾c over the close yesterday. September was quoted around $1.03, December at $1.06⅝ and May at $1.10. This was the top for the morning. There was no other bull news but that referred to at the opening. The market received fair support during the first hour, but prices began to go down on the offerings by the bears, Pardridge, Baldwin & Farnum, Brosseau, Smith & Co. and many others sold and pounded the market fiercely. There was good buying on the way down by Mitchell, Champlin, Counselman & Day, Roche and others. Nothing stopped the decline until a drop of 2c from first prices occurred. September touched $1.01, December $1.04¼, and May $1.08. About 11 o'clock Leopold Bloom became a good buyer, and, after turning the market up ½c, offered to take any part of 1,000,000 bushels around $1.04⅝. The market moved up to $1.05 for December, with fair buying all around. Hutchinson became prominent as a seller, but his offerings were taken largely by Bloom, Buxbaum, Roche, Comstock, Logan and the bull houses. The price of December recovered to $1.06 before noon. A second bear raid put the price to $1.05¼, and another rally carried the price up again to $1.05¾, followed by a third drop to $1.05¼ before 1 o'clock. At 1 o'clock p. m. the price was up to $1.06 again. It was largely a battle between local bulls and bears, but it made a big market all day. Wheat was well supported before the close. December again touched $1.06, and closed at $1.05⅝, or a fraction better than yesterday. September at the close was $1.02½; May, $1.09½. Calls on December wheat sold at $1.07⅛@1.07½, and puts at $1.04⅝. The low temperature in the Northwest caused the corn market to open with considerable buoyancy at an advance since the preceding afternoon of ⅝@¾c per bushel. After a break of ⅝c all around, the price worked back to and closed substantially at the same figures given at the opening quotations. But little interest was manifested in the oats market, which was dull and quiet. The market closed slightly higher. The provision deal broke away from the control of corn. While the latter was strong, pork products were easier. Pork closed 7½c lower, lard 5c lower and ribs unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 2 Wheat:				
August	1 03	1 03⅛	1 01	1 02½
September	1 03⅛	1 03⅛	1 01	1 02½
December	1 06¼	1 06¼	1 04¼	1 05¾
No. 2 Corn:				
August	47¾	47⅞	47	47⅝
September	47¾	47⅞	47	47⅝
May	50⅞	51⅛	50¼	50¾
No. 2 Oats:				
August	37	37	36¾	36¾
September	36¼	36¼	35¾	36⅛
May	38⅞	39⅛	38⅝	38
Mess Pork:				
September	10 45	10 45	10 25	10 25
October	10 50	10 50	10 30	10 35
January	12 30	12 30	12 10	12 25
Lard:				
September	6 15	6 17½	6 12½	6 17½
October	6 35	6 35	6 27½	6 32½
January	6 75	6 75	6 67½	6 72½
Short Ribs:				
September	5 25	5 27½	5 20	5 25
October	5 40	5 40	5 35	5 40
January	5 82½	5 85	5 72½	5 80

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour was steady. Wheat—No 2 spring, $1.02½; No. 3 spring, 9[illegible]91c; No. 2 red, $1.02½. Corn—No. 2, 47⅝c. Oats—No. 2, 36¾c. Rye—No. 2, 65½c. Barley—No. 2, 70@72c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.41. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.39. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $10.75. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $6.17½. Short ribs sides, (loose), $5.2[illegible]@5.30. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.75@5.87½. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.6[illegible]@5.65. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.13. Sugars unchanged. Oats—No. 2 white, 37½@38c; No. 3 white, 36¼@37¼c. Receipts—Flour, 10,000 bbls; Wheat, 47,000 bu; corn, 215,900 bu; oats, 263,100 bu; rye, 18,500 bu; barley, 57,300 bu. Shipments—Flour, 15,400 bbls; wheat, 42,200 bu; corn 478,800 bu; oats, 214,500 bu; rye, 6,300 bu; barley, 8,300 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was steady with good demand for fancy grades. Eggs, 16@16½c.

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Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Aug. 29.—Wheat broke on weaker markets all around and declined 2c from the opening, rallying a fraction about noon. Closing: August, $1.06; September, $1.05½; December, $1.00¾c; old No. 1 hard, $1.05; old No. 1 northern, $1.01; old No. 2 northern, 95c.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 29.—Flour unchanged. Wheat, steady—No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 98c@$1.01; September, 98c; No. 1 northern, $1.04. Corn quiet; No. 3 on track, 49c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, on track, 37@37½c. Barley easier; No. 2, in store, 63c. Rye easier; No. 1, in store, 67½@68c. Provisions easier. Pork—September, $10.67½; January, $12.22½. Lard—September, $6.20; January, $6.70. Receipts—Flour, 4,100 bbls; wheat, 16,000 bu; barley, 48,300 bu. Shipments—Flour, 13,100 bbls; wheat, 600 bu.

St. Louis Produce.

St. Louis, Aug. 29.—Flour easy, unchanged. Wheat—The volume of business transacted was good, and, when compared with yesterday, the market was easy; prices were ⅛@¼c off at the opening, and a further break of ⅝c was recorded before operators showed any disposition to take hold, when there was a reaction of ¼c, receded ⅛c later, and for some time fluctuations were small. An advance of ⅛@⅜c followed, and after this changes were slight: September closed ⅜c lower than yesterday, December ⅜c lower, and May at yesterday's prices: No. 2 cash, 98@98¾c; September, 98¼c bid; December, $1.03¼; May, $1.09⅛ asked. Corn—The business was moderate and the market firmer. The opening was at ⅛@¼c decline, but upon the receipt of unfavorable news the loss was regained and prices regained ⅜@⅝c, receded slightly, and closed ⅜c up: No. 2 cash, 44c; September, 44⅜c bid; October, 45c bid; May, 47⅝c bid. Oats—Nothing but a scalping market, as outside influences amounted to nothing; fluctuations were small, and while September closed lower, May showed an advance of ⅜c: No. 2 cash, 33½c; september, 33c; December, 35¾c bid; May, 38⅜c. Rye irregular; No. 2, 68c.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 27,191 packages; exports, 1,616 bbls, 9,389 sacks; dull, heavy; 5@16c lower; sales, 13,450 bbls. Cornmeal steady, quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 29,700 bu; exports none; sales, 3,328,000 bu futures, 42,000 bu spot. Spot market unsettled; closing steady, dull; No. 2 red, $1.05@1.07⅛ elevator, $1.04@1.06½ afloat. $1.06¼@1.07½ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1.01½@1.02; ungraded red, $1.03⅛@1.08; No. 1 northern, $1.10¾; No. 1 hard, $1.22¾. Options opened ⅜@½c up on buying by St. Louis, declined 1⅜@1¾c under realizing, recovered 1@1¼c on covering over the holidays, closing steady; No. 2 red, August, $1.04⅝@1.06⅜, closing at $1.05⅞; September, $1.04⅝@1.06⅜, closing at $1.05; October, $1.05⅜@1.07, closing at $1.06⅜; November, $1.05½@1.07¾, closing at $1.07¾; December, $1.07⅛@1.09⅛, closing at $1.08¼; January, $1.09¾, closing at $1.09¾; May, $1.11⅝@1.13⅛, closing at $1.12¾. Rye quiet, firm; Western, 65@66c. Corn—Receipts, 77,250 bu; exports, 26,126 bu; sales, 1,552,000 bu futures, 154,000 bu spot; spot market moderately active, ½c up, strong; No. 2, 54½@55¼c elevator, 55⅝@55¾c afloat; ungraded mixed, 55@55½c; steamer mixed, 55@55½c; Options opened weak, closed firm at ⅛@⅜c over yesterday, through covering over holidays; August, 54⅞@55¼c, closing at 55¼c; September, 55¾@54½c, closing at 54¼c; October, 54⅛@54¾c, closing at 54⅜c; November, 54⅜@55⅜c, closing at 55⅛c; December, 54¾@55¼c, closing at 55¼c; May, 56¼@56¾c, closing at 56¾c. Oats—Receipts, 70,000 bu; exports, 608 bu; sales 310,000 bu futures, 114,000 bu spot; spot market nigher, quiet; light offerings. Options stronger, fairly active; August, 41¾c, closing at 41¾c; September, 40¾@41c, closing at 41c; spot No. 2 white, 43@42¼c; mixed western, 38@43c; white western 43@50c; No. 2 Chicago, 42c. Hay quiet, steady. Hops strong, quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady, April 5 points up, others unchanged to 5 points down; closed steady, unchanged to 10 down; sales, 18,500 bags, including August, 18.05@18.10c; September, 17.75@17.80c; October, 17.2 @17.25c; December, 16.65@16.70c; March, 15.75@15.80c; spot Rio firm, quiet; fair cargoes, 20¼c; No. 7 flat bean, 19c. Sugar—Raw higher and firmer; fair refining, 5⅛c; centrifugals, 96-test, 5¾c; sales, 2,000 tons; 10,000 bags Bahia, 82-test, 4⅜c; 4,561 bags centrifugals, 96-test, at 5¾c; refined firm; moderate demand. Molasses—New Orleans firm, quiet. Rice in good demand, firm. Petroleum steady, dull; United closed at 83½c for September. Cottonseed oil quiet. Tallow quiet, steady. Rosin steady, quiet. Turpentine quiet and lower at 40½@41c. Eggs dull, easy; Western, 19@21½c; receipts, 4,394 pkgs. Wool steady, quiet; domestic fleece, 33@38c; pulled, 26@34c; Texas, 17@24c. Pork quiet, steady; mess, $12.25@13; extra prime, $10.50. Cut meats firm: middles quiet. Lard opened weak, closed firm, dull; Western steam, $6.47½; sales, 1,500 tcs; also 4,000 tcs c. i. f., $6.40; options sales 6,250 tcs; September, $6.25; October, $6.54@6.59, closing at $6.59@6.60; November, $6.71; December, $6.79@6.82, closing at $6.84 bid; January, $6.98@7.02, closing at $7 bid. Butter firm, fair inquiry; Western dairy, 9@14c; Western creamery, 11@24c; Western factory, 7½@13c. Cheese stronger, supplies closely sold; part skims, 4½@6¼c; Ohio flat, 5½@7½c. Pig iron quiet, steady. Copper nominal; lake, $16.75. Lead dull; domestic, $4.72½. Tin lower; straits, $22.85.

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Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Aug. 29.—Wheat active, lower; cash, $1; August and September, $1.00¼; December, $1.05¼; May, $1.10¼. Corn dull; cash, 50c; September, 47½c; May, 51½c. Oats quiet; cash, 39c. Cloverseed active; cash and October, $4.35; December, $4.50. Receipts—Wheat, 37,714 bu; corn, 78,438 bu; oats, 7,615 bu; rye, 1,816 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 41,601 bu; corn, 3,575 bu; oats, 3,100 bu.

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 29.—Wheat lower; No. 2 hard, cash, 91c; August, 91½c; No. 2 red, cash, 96c. Corn weak; No. 2 cash, 42½c; August, 42¾c. Oats weak; No. 2 cash, 35½c; August, 34¾c. Receipts—Wheat, 22,800 bu; corn, 14,000 bu; oats, 11,600 bu; rye, 1,200 bu. Shipments—None reported.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 29.—Wheat firm: demand fair; holders offer sparingly. The receipts of wheat for the past three days were 153,000 centals, including 104,000 American. Corn firm; demand improving. The receipts of American corn for the past three days 168,400 centals.

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New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Clearings, $103,226,437; balances, $5,640,836. Money on call easy, ranging from 2 to 6 per cent; last loan 2, closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 4@7. Sterling exchange dull and heavy at $4.82 for sixty-day bills and $4.85½ for demand. The stock market became exceedingly dull again to-day and the expected closer working of the money market caused a drooping tendency in prices after the first half hour, and this, with the lower opening, resulted in leaving most stocks a little lower for the day. A few specialties developed marked weakness, but the heaviness in the general list is not to be traced to their influence, and Cotton Oil and Chicago Gas were the only prominent example being subject to influences which did not touch the remainder of the market. There was no scarcity of money, but the preparations for the quarterly disbursements with the inevitable shifting of loans incident to that operation, together with the usual withdrawal of funds over the holidays, created a demand which was rather urgent for the time being. The street in general believes that with all the adverse elements out of the way there must come better times both in business and prices during the fall. The dullness was at times most intense, but here and there were spots of strength and activity and Lackawanna, Hocking Valley and Rock Island led the early rises, while the trusts before mentioned led the succeeding downward movement. There is considerable dissatisfaction with the issue of the debenture bonds, together with the delay in the reorganization and selling to-day was long stock, while the selling of Chicago Gas had more the look of a raid at an opportune moment. The strength in Lackawanna and Hocking Valley is directly traceable to the improved outlook of the coal trade. The remainder of the list moved only in response to the general conditions and dullness and practical stagnation were the principal features of the day. While the money market is now comparatively easy, banks and trust companies are unwilling to make time loans. The market after the declines reacted slightly in the last hour, but the close was rather heavy generally at small fractions under the opening prices. The only material changes of the day were declines of 2¼ in Cotton Oil new stock and 1½ in Chicago Gas, and an advance of 1⅛ in Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred. Railroad bonds were again very dull, the sales reaching only $487,000, and while there was a steady to firm tone. Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and featureless. The Post says: The crippled condition of the Rock Island was the result of overbuilding in 1887 and 1888, and the effect of this was shown in the decline in the stock from 126½ in June, 1887, to 94⅞ in December, 1888, and afterwards to 89½ in March, and 83 in August of this year. The decline from 126½ to 89½ was unquestionably due to a large outpouring of stock by investors, but the decline in the last three months has been largely due to persistent hammering and the circulation of bearish reports. Chicago Gas is another stock which has been persistently assailed with rumors of all sorts of misfortunes that are going to happen to it. This forenoon the stock was sold down two points in half an hour to 52⅝, in connection with the report by telegraph from Chicago that the "gas trust, its constitution and operations, are to be made the subject of an inquiry by the grand jury in the immediate future, and that the legal proceedings against the old companies composing the trust are being pushed rapidly." Whatever grain of truth there may be in this statement, it shows in its language the desire of the sender to make the most of it against the gas trust, and is therefore to be taken with some allowance, and especially as there is known to be a considerable short interest outstanding in the stock. Total sales of stocks to-day were 111,380 shares, including: Atchison, 3,635; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 7,200; Hocking Valley, 4,850; Louisville & Nashville, 3,500; Richmond & West Point, 4,315; St. Paul, 3,100; Union Pacific, 4,110.

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Chicago.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Clearings, $11,336,000. New York exchange was 70c discount. Money rates were still at 6 per cent on call loans.

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STOCKS—CLOSING PRICES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—

Adams Express	149	Ohio & Miss.	26½
Alton & Terre H.	42	do pfd.	85
do pfd.	120	Ontario & West.	19½
Am. Express	115	Oregon Imp.	46
B., C. R. & N.	20	Oregon Nav.	99
Canad'n Pacific.	82½	Oregon Trans'l	46
Can. Southern	54	Pacific Mail	45⅛
Central Pacific	32	P., D. & E.	19⅛
Ches. & Ohio	22	Pittsburg	155
do 1st pfd.	59¾	Pullman P. Car	215
do 2d pfd.	40	Reading	42½
Chi. & Alton	128	Rock Island	85⅜
C., B. & Q.	101	St. L. & S. F.	22
C., St. L. & P.	15	do pfd.	58
do pfd.	39½	do 1st pfd.	76
C., S. & C.	63	St. Paul	71½
Del. & Hudson	160	do pfd	117½
D., L. & W.	144¾	St. P. M. & M.	108½
Den. & R. G.	20	St. P. & Omaha	31
East Tennessee	9¼	do pfd.	90
do 1st pfd.	76	Term. C. & I.	45
do 2d pfd.	23	Texas Pacific	20
Erie	26⅛	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	89
do pfd.	60	Union Pacific	61¼
Fort Wayne	155	U. S. Express	70
Hocking Valley	31⅝	Wab., St. L. & P.	11¾
Houston & Tex.	2	do pfd.	26⅛
Illinois Central	111	Wells-Fargo Ex.	140
Kansas & Texas	19¼	W. U. Telegraph	83¾
Lake Erie & W.	17	Am. Cotton Oil	24
do pfd.	62½	Colorado Coal	50¼
Lake Shore	107½	Homestake	10¾
Louisville & N.	88½	Iron Silver	205
Louis. & N. A.	43	Ontario	45
Memphis & C.	60	Quicksilver	8½
Mich. Central	94	do pfd.	41
Mil., L. S. & W.	86	Sutro	8
do pfd.	108½	Bulwer	25
Mpls. & St. L.	5½	R. & W. P. Ter.	21
do pfd.	12½	Atchison	42⅜
Mo. Pacific	71¼	S. Pacific	31⅛
Mobile & Ohio	23½	D. T. & F. W.	60¾
Nash. & Chat.	103	D. & R. G. pfd.	30½
N. J. Central	121	C. & E. Ill	44½
Nor. & W. pfd.	64	S. P. & D	32
N. Pacific	33¼	Wis. Central	25¾
do pfd.	82½	Chicago Gas	53¾
Northwestern	109¼	Lead Trust	21⅜
do pfd.	143	Sugar Trust	78¼
N. Y. Central	106¼	C., C., C. & St. L.	70⅜
N. Y., C. & St. L.	16¼	Oregon S. L.	43
do pfd.	70½	Great Nthn. pfd.	80

BONDS—CLOSING PRICES.

U. S. 4s reg	125⅜	M. K. & T. G. 5s.	70
do 4s coup	125⅜	Mut. Union 6s	104
do 4½s reg	104	N. J. C. Int ctfs.	111
do 4½s coup	105	N. Pacific 1sts	115¼
Pac. 6s of '95	114	do 2ds	114
La. stamped 4s	89	N. W. consols	142½
Missouri 6s	100	do deb 5s	110
Ten. new set. 6s	105	Or. & Trans'l 6s	106½
do do 5s	105	St. L. I. M. G. 5s	95
do do 3s	73¼	St. L. & S. F. G. M. 10	98
C. Southern 2ds	99½	St. Paul consols	125
Cen. Pacific 1sts	109⅜	St. P. C. & P 1sts	114
D. & R. G. 1sts	116½	T. P. L. G. T. R.	61¾
do do 4s	82⅜	T. P. R. G. T. R.	40¼
Erie 2ds	102½	Union Pac. 1sts	110¼
M. K. & T. G. 6s.	83	West Shore	103¾

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Best & Belcher	3 75	Potosi	6 37½
Bodie Con	1 25	Savage	4 00
Challenge Con	3 30	Sierra Nevada	2 90
Con. Cal & Va.	5 40	Union Con	3 00
Crown Point	85	Utah	80
Eureka Con	4 50	Yellow Jacket	3 35
Gould & Curry	2 40	Commonw'th	3 10
Hale & Norcross	2 70	Nevada Queen	85
Mexican	3 40	Belle Isle	1 10
Mono	50	N. Belle Isle	1 05
Mount Diablo	2 50		

BUSINESS IS IMPROVING.

Money Is Easier and Crop Prospects Reassuring.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The great relief in the money market here, caused by treasury purchases of 4½ per cent bonds, the refusal of the labor federation to take up and extend the strike on the Central railroad, and the prospect that the senate will soon reach final action on the tariff bill, have all tended to improve the state of business. At the same time better crop propects have brought a distinct reaction in the speculations which have retarded exports. Thus, while the volume of domestic trade continues greater than in any previous year at this season, bank clearings for August outside this city exceeding last year's by 21 per cent, the outlook for the future is clearer and brighter. Wool sales at Boston reached 6,005,000 pounds, and many mills have substituted terry warp for the fleece wool in use, and the market for fleece has been weak. Better orders for woolen goods are reported by the mills. A fair trade continues in cotton goods. Copper is firmer again, after large sales at 17c. Tin has advanced ½c, and lead is stronger at $4.70. The boot and shoe trade is large and active. The past week has witnessed some further improvement in the demand for manufactured forms of iron and steel plate, the structural mills being crowded, with better prices in some cases. But the pig iron market, according to private accounts from Philadelphia, is badly disorganized at present, and is not stronger here, the doubt whether overproduction has not much exceeded the demand affecting the views of the buyers. Stagnation prevails in the coal trade, and it is admitted that May prices still rule in actual sales. The restriction of outputs restricts very imperfectly, the total this year to Aug. 16 being only 330,000 tons behind last year's record. Accounts from other cities are even more favorable than usual, excepting as to money markets. Boston notes especial activity in leather. At Philadelphia collections in many branches are rendered slow by monetary pressure. Chicago, on the contrary, reports money plenty at 6 per cent on call and collections easy; a better trade than last year's in dry goods and clothing; a reduction of 75 per cent in stockyard business since the strike; a decrease of 50 per cent in wool compared with last year, 20 per cent in butter, and steady decrease in dressed beef, but large increase in cured meats, lard, cheese, cattle, hides, and 100 per cent in hogs. St. Louis has a fair volume of trade, and Milwaukee notes rapid absorption of money by grain movements at increased prices. At Detroit, Cleveland, Omaha and St. Paul trade is satisfactory, and at Minneapolis the flour output is 170,000 bbls, and the lumber trade is firm. At Kansas City no change is noted, and at Pittsburg a good demand for manufactured iron. Savannah reports brisk trade, but Jacksonville much discouragement; Atlanta trade is good and the crops very promising. Interior money markets do not yet feel the relief seen here, and at Philadelphia the market is tight at 5⅝@6 per cent for commercial paper, at Pittsburg active at 6 to 7, at Cleveland demand exceeds supply, at Detroit demand is strong at 7, at Milwaukee the market is very firm at 7, and at St. Paul tight, as it is at St. Louis, with 7 to 8 ruling, and at Savannah and Atlanta. Presumably this pressure will continue as business expands and products go forward to market. The movement of some staples is checked by high prices; wheat exports fall far below last year's, and the value of all exports from New York for four weeks shows a decrease of 25½ per cent from last year. But prices have been yielding rapidly; wheat and corn each about 2 cents and oats 3 cents for the week, oil over 1½ cents, pork 25 cents per barrel, and cotton ⅞ of a cent. Hogs, lard and butter are stronger, and coffee unchanged. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 189, as compared with 192 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 211.

LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

Wheat is without change, but is very firm at quotations. Corn is a shade weaker, while oats are a little firmer, with a good demand for shipments. Mill stuffs are a shade weaker. Bran steady. Hay is rather more plentiful, still the best qualities are stronger and prices firm. Potatoes unchanged. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.12@1.13; No. 1 northern, $1.07@1.08; No. 2 northern, $1@1.02.

Corn—No. 3, 47@49c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 35½c bid; No. 2 white, 36½c bid; August, 36½c bid; year, 30c bid; No. 3, 35c bid.

Barley—No. 3, 50@55c.

Rye—No. 2, 54@56c.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $18.50@19.

Cornmeal—Unbolted, $19.

Bran—Bulk, $12@13.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, $8@9.50, No. 1, $7.50 bid; timothy, $9 bid.

Potatoes—New, per bu, 65@75c.

Produce Exchange.

Choice butter is rather scarce and wanted. All commission men are well cleaned up on this stock. We would advise shipment of all kinds of butter, as all sell readily now. Eggs are in good demand, and about enough are coming in to meet requirements. Live poultry is dull and lower. Cheese is quoted ½c higher. Prairie chickens and ducks are rather scarce, and not enough to meet the demand. Apples are scarce, and choice stock is in good demand. For cranberries there is a very light demand, as those coming into market are too green.

Butter—Creamery 1st, 18@20c; creamery 2d, 12@14c; dairy 1st, 14@16c; dairy 2d, 8@10c; packing stock, 7½@8½c.

Cheese — Full cream, 7@8c asked; skimmed, 3@5c.

Eggs—Fresh, $1.50@4.80.

Maple Sugar—8@10c.

Maple Syrup—Per gallon, $1.15@1.25.

Honey—Slow at quotations; fine white new clover, 12@15c; buckwheat, 10@11c.

Malt—Per bu, 63@70c.

Oranges—$7@8.

Lemons—Fancy, $8@9.

Nuts—Pecans, Texas polished, medium large, 8@10c per lb; almonds, Tarragona, 17c; California soft-shelled, 18c; filberts, Sicily, 12c; walnuts, new California, 12@15c; cocoanuts, $6 per 100; hickory nuts, $1.50 per bu; shellbarks, $1.75@1.85 per bu; Brazils, 10@12c; peanuts, Virginia hand-picked, 8½c; roasted, 10½c.

Dates—Persians, 7@8c; in mats, 5½c; figs, new, 12@15c.

Cider—Choice Michigan, 16-gal kegs, $3 per keg; choice refined, 16-gal kegs, $3; choice refined, 32-gal bbls, $5@5.50 per bbl; Ohio cider, $4 per half-bbl, $7 per full bbl.

Poultry (live)—Turkeys, 8@9c; spring chickens, 8@9c; hens, 7@8c; roosters, 5@6c.

Veal—$3@5.

Prairie Chickens—$3.50 per dozen.

Ducks—$1.50@3 per dozen.

Sweet Potatoes—$5.50.

Apples—Fancy, $3.50@3.75 per bbl; standards, $2.75@3.25.

Onions—New, 75@85c per bu.

Carrots—40@50c per bu.

Celery—25c.

Blueberries—$1.25@2 per bbl.

Blackberries—$2. 16-quart crates.

Cabbage—75@85c per doz.

Radishes—15@20c per doz.

Wax Beans—Minnesota, $1.25 per box.

String Beans—$1 per box.

Cauliflowers—$1.50 per doz.

Cucumbers—50@75c per bu.

Lettuce—Per doz, 15c.

Watermelons—$7@10 per 100.

Muskmelons—$1.25@1.75 per bu; by the crate, $1@1.25.

Peaches—$1.50@1.75.

Plums—$1.50@1.75.

Grapes—Concord, 45@50c.

Pears—$2.25@2.50.

Tomatoes—$1.25@1.50.

Cranberries—Bell and cherry, $7@8.

Wholesale Produce.

Pork, Bacon, Lard, Etc.—Pork, mess, $13; hams, 10½c; salt dry long clear, 6½c; smoked long clear, 6¾c; breakfast bacon, 8½c; long spiced rolls, 8@8½c; tierce lard, 6½c; keg lard, 6¾c; 3-lb tin pail, 7¼c; 5-lb tin pail, 7⅛c; 10-lb tin pail, 7c; 20-lb pail, 6¾c.

Flour—Patents, $5.75@6.20; straight, $5@5.50; baker's, $4.10@4.50; buckwheat, $3.50@3.75; rye, $3@3.50.

Beans—Medium, $1.90@2.15; navy, $2@2.25.

Dressed Beef—Fancy-dressed steers, $4.25@4.50; choice steers, $4@4.25; cows and heifers, $3.5[illegible]@3.75; country-dressed beef, $2.50@3; hindquarters, 4@5c; forequarters, $2@3; veal, 4½@5½c; extra heavy mutton, 6@7c; mutton ranging from 30 to 40 lbs, 7@7½c; country-dressed mutton, 4@5c; pigs' feet and tripe, 90c@$1 per kit; quarters, $2.

Oysters—Per can, selects, 45c; New York Counts, 50c.

Fish—Whitefish and trout, 6½c; pike, 6½c; pickerel, 6c; crappies, 6c; lobsters, 18c; halibut, 18c; salmon, 18c; red snappers, 12c; black bass, 12c; bluefish, 12½c.

Furs—Mink, 50c@$1; marten, $1.25@2.50; otter, $6@8; beaver, per lb, $3@4; fisher, $5@7; cross fox, $3@5; silver-gray fox, $15@75; red fox, $1.65; kit fox, 40c; wolverine, $4; timber wolf, $3; prairie wolf, $1; lynx, $4@5; wild cat, 50c; house cat, 15c; skunk, 50@60c; muskrat (fall), 11c; muskrat (winter), 13c; muskrat (kits), 5c; badger, $1; black bear, $16@25; black cub bear, $4@7; brown bear, $16@20; brown cub bear, $4@7; grizzly bear, $1@15; grizzly cub bear, $4@5; raccoon, 60c@$1; sheep pelts, 25@75c.

Hides—Green hides, per lb, 4c; green salted hides, per lb, 4½c; green salted long-haired kip, per lb, 4c; green salted veal kip, per lb, 4½c; dry flint hides, per lb, 7c; dry salted hides, per lb, 6c; green calfskins, per lb, 4½c; dry calfskins, per lb, 6c; wool, washed, per lb, 24@26c; wool, unwashed, per lb, 16@19c; tallow, per lb, 4c; ginseng, per lb, $2.75; seneca, per lb, 32c; beeswax, per lb, 20c; dry deer skins, fall, per lb, 30c; dry deer skins, winter, per lb, 25c; dry antelope skins, per lb, 23c; dry elk skins, per lb, 20c; dressed buckskin, per lb, $1.25.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Chamber of Commerce.

Wheat Futures—Wheat was decidedly lower this morning. The cause of the rapid falling off from $1.00¼ to 97⅜c was due, much of it, to a change in front of many large operators in the general markets, who having liquidated their long holdings on the late bulge, were on the short side and working for a break. Still there was said to be other heavy holders that have not yet gone out. After the first big break of more than 2c confidence was partially restored and with some good buying part of the first loss was regained. With the heavy break of more than 5c in a few days, shorts for a quick turn, filled in quite freely, siding to check the decline. December fell from $1.00⅜@1.03⅜ to $1.01⅜, but in the last hour regained nearly 1c of it. Early private Liverpool advices noted some firmness in wheat caused by unsettled weather in England. A Russian agriculturist report makes the wheat crop 7,200,000 bushels above the average.

Following are to-day's closing wheat quotations: No. 1 hard—August, $1.07; September, $1.03¾; on track, $1.09@1.12; No. 1 northern—August, $1.00½; September, 98⅜c; December, $1.02½; on track, $1.04@1.07; No. 2 northern—August, 98c; on track, $1.00@1.02. New wheat on track quoted: No. 1 hard, $1.05@1.07; No. 1 northern, $1; No. 2 northern, 96@97c.

Cash Wheat—The break was severe in new wheat to-day and there was something of it in old but the latter was not very plentiful and the latter was wanted by local millers as well as by milling buyers to ship. A large amount was bought by elevator carriers which relieved the tables of much new No. 1 at about $1, a break of some 4c from yesterday. And some very good samples that sold yesterday at $1.05 were duplicated in the sales at $1 today. The new was avoided by local millers excepting to be put in store for further curing, while the old was in demand by them for present use. Receipts were 171 cars and shipments 149. The inspections of new wheat were 6 cars hard, 33 No. 1 northern, 47 No. 2 northern, 3 No. 3, 3 rejected and 11 no grade.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour—The added daily output of the mills grinding yesterday will probably aggregate 26,300 bbls. The flour markets were easier all day, the cause being due to lower prices established Thursday for wheat in the general markets. Most millers quoted about the same as the previous day, but as they bought wheat a shade lower many would likely shade equally safe figures of flour. The quotations ranged from $5.65 to $6.05 for patents, $4.40 to $4.85 for bakers', $2 to $2.35 for low grades, including red dog. Shipments, 23,641 bbls.

Bran and Shorts—The offerings were fair for prompt and future delivery. Bran was quoted at $11.75@12.25, shorts $13.25@13.75, and middlings from $14.25 to $15. Shipments, 1,369 tons.

Corn—Feeling was easy with good yellow offered at 47@47½c, and mixed quoted at 46½@47c, though some asked above. Receipts, 1,220 bu; shipments, 600 bu.

Oats—Offerings were fair of all sorts, with holders asking from 34@37c, with 34@35c the most common figures for new. Receipts, 6,300 bu; shipments, 1,800 bu.

Rye—The inquiry was good, with 60c bid for No. 2.

Barley—This grain is beginning to move and a good many samples are coming