PRICES CLOSE HIGH.

Weakness of the Shorts Sustains the Price of May Wheat.

Surrounding Environment of the Situation Without Change.

Corn Market in Active Sympathy With the Advance in Wheat.

Wall Street Stock Market as Near Dead as Possible and Prices Low.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The market on 'change averaged strong, and prices closed higher for all the speculative commodities. Wheat was held up by what is called the inherent strength of the situation in conjunction with the acquired weakness of the shorts. The surrounding environment of the situation was without material change before the market opened, the only appreciable alteration being a slightly firmer tone to the foreign dispatches. A cold wave was reported to be one of the possibilities of the next few days. Snow had fallen at Portland, Ore.; San Francisco and San Diego, Cal., reporting clouds, but no rain. The opening price of May was 97⅝c, with some sales at the same instant at 97½c; it touched 97⅞c, reacted to 97¼c, and ten minutes from the opening, it had advanced to 98⅛c. There was one more weak spot, when the extent of the Northwestern receipts became known; then the Milwaukee flour shipments, Atlantic clearances, cold wave and the scared shorts played into the hands of the bulls, and an advance to 98¾c was brought about without much trouble and to the accompaniment of heavy trading. Hutchinson was the heaviest buyer from 97⅝c until 98¾c was passed. After the bulge to 98⅝c he was a seller at around 98½c. Logan & Co. bought heavily near the opening. Gifford took 200,000 bushels from Robert Lindblom in one lot; M. C. Mitchell gathered in, it was said, 1,000,000 for N. B. Ream. Milmine-Rodman, S. V. White & Co., Kennett Hopkins, Baldwin-Farnum and W. G. McCormick & Co. all had buying orders early. The sellers were the holders of calls. The price of May gradually sagged from 98⅝c to 98⅛@98¼c, and when in the neighborhood of 98⅝c, there was a very light business. There was some improvement near the close on reports of export business at New York. The corn market was in sympathy with the advance in wheat, and closed at ⅛c advance upon yesterday's closing quotations. The May delivery opened at 52¾c, with some sales at 52⅝c also. There was very little disposition to sell until the price was advanced to 53⅛c, when Hutchinson quieted some of the shorts by selling a moderate quantity. The oats market was active early with prices advancing under buying by Hutchinson, but later he turned seller, causing a reaction and a quiet market for the remainder of the session. The short interest in May rye caused another sharp advance in that cereal. The opening was excited and 2c higher at 82c. Thence the price advanced to 87c with rumored sales at 87½c. The climax was reached at this price, which indicated an advance of 7c as compared with yesterday's closing. Several traders who held selling orders then attempted to execute them by offering their property down to 85c, when the market closed showing a net advance of 5c. The receipts of from 30,000 to 33,000 hogs was somewhat less than had been looked for, and the first sales of provisions showed some improvement over yesterday's closing quotations. The demand at the advance was not active. At an advance in pork of 10c over the opening figures sellers were more numerous, but the final dealings were at 10c advance on those at the corresponding time yesterday. Lard and ribs followed the course of the pork deal, the former closing with a gain for the day of 7½c and the latter of 5c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 2 Wheat—				
February	94	95¼	94	94⅞
May	97½	98¾	97½	98⅜
July	93	94⅛	93	93⅝
No. 2 Corn—				
February	50⅝	51⅜	50⅝	51
May	52⅝	53⅜	52⅝	53¼
July	52¼	53	52¼	53⅜
No. 2 Oats—				
February	44½	45	44½	45
May	45⅞	46⅛	45⅞	46
June	45¾	45⅞	45¾	45⅞
Mess Pork—				
February	9 30	9 37½	9 27½	9 37½
March	9 40	9 47½	9 37½	9 47½
May	9 70	9 77½	9 67½	9 75
Lard—				
February	5 57½	5 60	5 57½	5 60
March	5 60	5 62½	5 60	5 62½
May	5 80	5 85	5 80	5 85
Short Ribs—				
February	4 50	4 45	4 50	4 55
March	4 55	4 60	4 55	4 60
May	4 85	4 90	4 85	4 90

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 91¾@95c; No. 3 spring, 86@92c; No. 2 red, 97⅝@98⅜c. Corn—No. 2, 51c. Oats—No. 2, 44½@45c. Rye—No. 2, 86@87c. Barley—No. 2, nominal. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.22. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.26. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $9.35@9.37½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.57½@5.60. Short Ribs—Sides loose, $4.50@4.55. Dry Salted Shoulders—Boxed, $3.87@3.90. Short Clear Sides—Boxed, $4.75@4.80. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.14. Sugars, unchanged. Oats—No. 2 white, 47c; No. 3 white, 43½@46c. Barley—No. 3, f. o. b., 65@70c; No. 4, do, 62@68c. Receipts—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 363,000 bu; oats, 222,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 42,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 23,000 bu; corn, 94,000 bu; oats, 91,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 26,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 19@19c.

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Duluth Wheat.

DULUTH, Feb. 13.—Close: May, $1.00½; No. 1 hard, 94½c; No. 1 northern, 91¼c; No. 2 northern, 87½c.

Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 13.—Flour quiet. Wheat firmer: No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 94@95c; May, 95⅝c; No. 1 northern, 98c. Corn steady; No. 3, on track, 50c. Oats quiet: No. 2 white, on track, 46½c. Barley quiet: No. 2, in store, 66½c. Rye firm: No. 1, in store, 80@81c. Provisions quiet. Pork—May, $9.70. Lard—May, $5.80. Receipts—Flour, 5,200 bbls; wheat, 22,500 bu; barley, 12,600 bu. Shipments—Flour, 33,800 bbls; wheat, none; barley, 9,800 bu.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Flour—Receipts, 26,554 pkgs; exports, 7,365 bbls, 11,514 sacks; firm, moderately active; sales, 22,150 bbls. Cornmeal steady, quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 19,800 bu; exports, 39,000 bu; sales, 2,480,000 bu futures, 61,000 bu spot; spot market firmer, quiet; No. 2 red, $1.11½ elevator, $1.13⅛ afloat, $1.12⅝@1.14 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1.04½ @1.05; ungraded red, 97½@$1.13; No. 1 northern, $1.17½; No. 1 hard, $1.20½; options ¼@⅜c higher steady on a freer export trading and full demands from millers, chiefly from interior markets: No. 2 red, February, closing at $1.11⅜; March, closing at $1.11⅝; May, $1.06⅝@1.07⅜, closing at $1.07¼; June, $1.04¼; @1.04⅜, closing $1.04¾; July, $1.01 1-16 @1.01¼, closing at $1.01¾; August, 96⅝@97c, closing at 96⅞c; September closed at 96½c; December, 96@96½c, closing at 96⅛c. Rye quiet, firm; Western, 80@84c. Barley quiet, firm. Corn—Receipts, 45,384 bu; exports, 33,666 bu; sales, 816,000 bu futures, 91,000 bu spot; spot market firmer, moderately active; No. 2, 63@63¼c in elevator, 64@64¼c afloat; ungraded mixed, 62½@64¼c; steamer mixed, 65@64¼c; options ⅜@½c higher, trading fair; February, 63c; March, 62@62⅛c, closing at 62c; May, 59⅝@60c, closing at 59¾c; June, 58⅝@59⅜c, closing at 59⅜c; July, 58⅞ @59¼c, closing at 53¼c. Oats—Receipts, 66,000 bu; exports, 1,607 bu; sales, 150,000 bu; futures, 87,000 bu spot; spot market firmer, dull; options stronger, quiet; February, 52⅜c; May, 51⅞@51¾c, closing at 51½c; spot No. 2 white, 52¾@53c; mixed Western, 51@56c; white Western, 53@62c; No. 2 Chicago, 53¾c. Hay weak, quiet. Hops dull, easy. Coffee—Options opened steady, unchanged, to 20 points down; closed steady, unchanged, to 10 points down; sales, 28,500 bags, including February, 17.00@17.05c; March, 16.65@16.80c; April, 16.50@16.55, May, 16.30@16.35c; June, 16.05@16.10c; July, 15.67½@15.70c; September, 15@@15.05c; spot Rio dull, firm; fair cargoes, 19c; No. 7, 17⅝c. Sugar—Raw dull, firm; refined firm, fair demand. Molasses—New Orleans quiet, firm. Rice quiet; steady. Petroleum steady; quiet; united, closed at 80c for March. Cottonseed oil quiet; firm. Tallow steady; quiet. Rosin steady; quiet. Turpentine dull; steady at 40@40½c. Eggs large receipts; much lower; Western, 18⅝@18⅞c. Wool firm; quiet; domestic fleece, 34@37c; pulled, 26@33c; Texas, 17@24c. Pork quiet; old mess, $9.25@10.25; new mess, $10.50@11.25; extra prime, $9@9.75. Cut meats fair demand; about steady; middles quiet; unsettled; short clear, $5.25. Lard stronger; more active; western steam, $5.92½; sales, 1,550 tcs at $5.90@5.95; option sales, 8,250 tcs; March, $5.91@5.93, closing at $5.93 bid; May, $6.05@6.07, closing at $6.07 bid; August, $6.40, closing at $6.42 bid. Butter active, firm; western dairy, 11@23c; Western creamery, 17@27½c; Western factory, 10@21c; Elgin, 28@28½c. Cheese fairly active, strong; light skims, 5@8½c; Ohio flats, 7½@10¼c. Pig iron quiet, steady. Copper unchanged. Lead nominal; domestic, $4.37½. Tin dull, heavy; straits, $19.85.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 13.—Wheat dull, easier; cash, $1.00½; May, $1.01¾; July, 93¾c; August, 91¼c. Corn dull, firm; cash 54c; May, 53½c. Oats quiet; cash, 47c. Clover-seed active, steady; cash and February, $4.92½; March, $4.55; April, $4.50. Receipts—Flour, none; wheat, 4,160 bu; corn, 15,000 bu; cloverseed, 167 bags. Shipments—Flour, 525 bbls; wheat, 120 bu; corn, 4,000 bu; rye, 600 bu; cloverseed, 970 bags.

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 13.—Wheat steady; No. 2 hard cash, 84c bid, 85½c asked; No. 2 red cash, 90c bid. Corn steady; No. 2 cash, 47c bid, 47½c asked; February, 47½c bid, 47½c asked. Oats steady; No. 2 cash and February, 44½c bid, 45½c asked. Eggs weak at 14c. Receipts—Wheat, 20,000 bu; corn, 680 bu; oats 2,420 bu; rye, 640 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 2,000 bu; oats, 5,800 bu; rye, 400 bu.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 13.—Wheat firm; demand fair; holders offer sparingly; the receipts of wheat for the past three days were 130,000 centals, including 40,000 American. Corn firm; demand improving; mixed Western, 5s 3¼d per cental; the receipts of American corn for the past three days were 58,100 centals. Pork—Prime mess, 50s per bbl. Bacon—Long and short, 55 lbs, 25s 5d per cwt. Lard—Prime Western, 29s 6d per cwt. Cheese—American, finest white and colored, 56s per cwt.

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THE WEEK'S BUSINESS.

Some Improvement in the Eastern Business Tone.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: There is some improvement in business at the East and a more confident feeling, and at Chicago the tone is very hopeful. But at most other Western and nearly all Southern points business shows no increase in volume, and is rather hesitating. The payments through all clearing houses for January show scarcely any increase over last year, although the yearly and quarterly disbursements on account of previous business were very much larger than a year ago, and the returns for February thus far exhibit substantially the same situation. It must be inferred that now business is on the whole somewhat smaller in volume than it was a year ago, notwithstanding the advance of about 10 per cent in the average prices of commodities. St. Louis reports a fair volume, but no improvement, while Kansas city finds better wholesale and quiet retail trade; at Denver and St. Paul trade is fair; at Minneapolis very active in lumber, with excellent logging prospects; at Omaha without improvement and at Milwaukee and Detroit quiet. Cleveland reports fairly good trade in most lines and pig iron slightly better, but 2,000,000 tons of ore are on the docks, half unsold. Pittsburg notes better demand for merchant iron because of the strike, and good trade in bottle glass, but dullness in other branches of the glass business. At Chicago wool receipts are more than double last year, and there is some increase in lard and cheese, but heavy decrease in corn and dressed beef. Dry goods, clothing and shoe trades considerably exceed last year. Philadelphia reports improvement in wool and fair trade. Throughout the country the money markets are comparatively easy and undisturbed, though the demand is good and the supply hardly adequate. Denver and Milwaukee are the only cities at which collections are reported slow; at most places they are fair or good. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 297, as compared with a total of 306 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 332.

LIFELESS MARKET.

Wall Street as Near Dead as it Possibly Can be.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The stock market today except in a few spots was as near dead as possible to be and have business transacted at all, but there was an inclination to heaviness and prices at the close were left generally a shade under those of last evening. The stagnation is the effect principally of the fear that some free coinage measure will be rushed through by hook or by crook in the closing hours of the session. The possibility of further orders of gold for shipments by to-morrow's steamer, not to speak of the changes of the same thing next week, and exaggerated reports regarding Mr. Gould's health were effectually used to depress prices. The general list to-day presented as little features as on any day this year. Burlington & Quincy's delay over the matter of a dividend is causing some uneasiness to those most interested, and to-day it was one of the weakest spots in the market. Louisville was heavy on lower London figures, and Chicago Gas was sold on rumors of liquidation by a bull pool in the stock. On the other hand, the Susquehanna was again strong, the preferred rising materially. The opening was in sympathy with lower London and under the influence of gold shipments, but the traders endeavored to buy their list in the early trading without much success. The manipulation in the sugar stocks was in the direction of lower figures in the forenoon, and the new common stock was depressed from 75 to 72 and the receipts from 86 to 83¾, giving a heavy tone to the regular list. Later there was a sharp reaction, especially in the last hour, when these losses were entirely made up, and the preferred stock sold up to 88. The general list exhibited no recuperative powers, however, and the close was no more than steady generally at a shade under last night's prices as a rule. In no case is the final change more than a fraction, though the advances among the active stocks are few. The trade in railroad bonds also showed a material falling off both in the number of issues traded in and the aggregate of the sales, which was $1,189,000. The market exhibited the same lack of vitality that characterized the dealings in shares, and while a heavy tone prevailed the changes were insignificant in all but a few cases. Losses are most numerous, however, and Minneapolis & St. Louis seconds lost 4 to 51. Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been dull and firm. Petroleum firm, but the market failed to respond to reports of activity in the West, and the afternoon yielded quarter and closed dull. Pennsylvania oil, spot opening at 79¼c; highest, 79¼c; lowest, 79¼c; closing, 79¼c. March option opening, 80¼c; highest, 80¼c; lowest, 80c; closing, 80c. Total sales, 141,000 barrels. The Post says: The general feeling is that if gold is exported it would make money so plenty in London that there would advance the speculative demands for American stocks. If it was not for the apprehensions of possible disturbance to finances here by the passage of some kind of free coinage measure in congress, but that with this contingency still in view the stock market will remain dull and sagging until the silver question is settled.

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Money on call easy, ranging from 2 to 3 per cent, last loan 2 per cent; closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 4@7. Sterling exchange quiet and steady at $4.86 for sixty-day bills and $4.88½ for demand. Bank clearings to-day, $93,517,700; balances, $3,558,933.

Chicago Money.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Bank clearings were $11,387,000. New York exchange was 40c discount. Rates for money were firm at 6@7 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady and unchanged.

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STOCKS—CLOSING PRICES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—

Adams Express	148	Ontario & West'n	16⅝
Alton & Terre H. 27		Oregon Improv't.	27
do pfd	120	Oregon Navig'n	75
Am. Express	115	North American	17⅝
B., C. R. & N.	22	Pacific Mail	56½
Canad Pacific	73⅞	P., D. & E.	18½
Can. Southern	56½	Pittsburg	148
Central Pacific	25	Pullman P. Car	191
Ches. & Ohio	18½	Reading	32⅞
do 1st pfd	51½	Rock Island	68¾
do 2d pfd	35½	St. L.&S. F.1st pfd.	50
Chi. & Alton	125	St. Paul	54⅝
C., B. & Q.	85½	do pfd	111¼
Del. & Hudson	137	St. P., M. & M.	108
D., L. & W.	138½	St. P. & Omaha	24½
D. & R. G.	18	do pfd	84
East Tennessee	7	Tenn. C. & I.	36½
do 1st pfd	62	Texas Pacific	14¼
do 2d pfd	17	Tol. & O. C. pfd	85½
Erie	16⅝	Union Pacific	44¼
do pfd	52½	U. S. Express	68
Fort Wayne	150	Wab., St. L. & P.	10
Hocking Valley	26½	do pfd	18¼
Houston & Tex.	1½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	140
Illinois Central	96¾	Western Union	80¼
Kansas & Texas	12	Am. Cotton Oil	21
Lake Erie & W.	14⅝	Colorado Coal	35½
do pfd	57⅝	Homestake	81½
Lake Shore	111⅝	Iron Silver	125
Louisville & N.	74⅛	Ontario	40
Louis. & N. A.	25	Quicksilver	6
Memphis & C.	36	do pfd	38½
Mich. Central	91	Sutro	5
M., L. S. & W.	70	Bulwer	20
do pfd	102	R. & W. P. Ter.	18½
Mpls. & St. Louis	4¼	Atchison	27½
do pfd	10¼	U. P., D. & G.	22½
Mo. Pacific	66⅞	D. & R. G. pfd	60¼
Mobile & Ohio	32	South'n Pacific	29
Nash. & Chatt	93	Chicago & E. Ill.	47
N. J. Central	116	St. P. & D.	25
Nor. & W. pfd	55	Wis. Central	20¼
North'n Pacific	27⅝	Chicago Gas	39⅞
do pfd	71¾	Lead Trust	19⅛
Northwestern	106⅝	Sugar Trust	86
do pfd	135	C., C., C. & St. L.	62
N. Y. Central	102¼	Oregon S. L.	21⅛
N. Y., C. & St. L.	13¾	Great Nthn. pfd.	84½
do pfd	65	R. G. West'n	33
Ohio & Miss.	18	do pfd	66½
do pfd	85		

BONDS—CLOSING PRICES.

U. S. 4s reg	120	Mut. Union 6s	104
do 4s coup	120	N. J. int. ctfs	110⅜
do 4½s reg	101⅞	N. Pacific 1sts	115⅜
do 4½s coup	103	do do 2ds	112½
Pacific 6s of '95	109	N. W consols	136½
La. stamped 4s	93	do deb. 5s	109
Tenn. new set. 6s	103¼	St. L. & I.M.G.5s	93
do do 5s	98	St. L. & S. F. G.M.10s	98
do do 3s	71	St. Paul consols	124
Can. South'n 2ds	99	T. P. L. & G. T. R. 1sts	115
Cen. Pac. 1sts	108¼	T. P. L. G. T. R.	87½
D. & R. G. 1sts	117½	T. P. R. G. T. R.	32
do 4s	82	Union Pac. 1sts	109⅜
Erie 2ds	100½	West Shore	102
M. K. & T. G. 6s	78	Rio Grand W.1sts	75¾
do do 5s	41½		

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LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

Wheat unchanged. Corn steady. No. 2 white oats are a shade firmer, otherwise the market on oats is unchanged. Barley and rye are without variation. Ground feed and cornmeal are steady. Bran is showing some weakness. Hay quiet and steady. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 94c; No. 1 northern, 93c; No. 2 northern, 92c.

Corn—No. 3, 49@51c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 41c; No. 2 white, 44½c bid; No. 3 white, 44c.

Barley—No. 2, 67c; No. 3, 55@60c.

Rye—No. 2, 85@86c.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $20.50.

Cornmeal—Unbolted, $20.

Bran—Bulk, $15.75@16.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, $6.50@7; No. 1, $6@6; timothy, $8@8.50.

Flaxseed—$1.12@1.14.

Potatoes—Straight, 75@80c; mixed, 65@70c.

Dressed Hogs—$3.85 bid, $4 asked.

Produce Exchange.

Butter—Creamery 1st, 2@25c; creamery 2d, 18@20c; dairy 1st, 18@20c; dairy 2d, 13@15c; roll and print, 10@13c; packing stock, 7@8c.

Cheese—Full cream, 10@11c asked; skimmed, 3@5c.

Eggs—Fresh, 18@19c per doz; ice house, 13@14c per doz.

Maple Sugar—12@14c.

Maple Syrup—Per gallon, $1.12@1.25.

Honey—Slow at quotations; fine white new clover, 18@20c; buckwheat, 10@11c.

Meal—Per bushel, 80@85c.

Oranges—Messinas, $3; Floridas, $4; Californias, $3.25.

Lemons—Fancy, $3.50@4.

Nuts—Pecans, Texas polished, medium to large, 8@10c per lb; almonds, Tarragonas, 17c; California soft-shelled, 16c; filberts, Sicily, 12c; walnuts, new California, 12@15c; cocoanuts, $5 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, $4.50 per keg; choice refined, 16-gal kegs, $5; choice refined, 32-gal bbls, $8@9 per bbl.

Poultry—Dressed—Turkeys, 11@12c; chickens, 9@10c; ducks and geese, 10@11c.

Veal—$1.50@6.

Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, $4.50.

Apples—Fancy, $6@6.50; standards, $5@5.50; choice, $3.75@4.

Onions—$1.25@1.50.

Carrots—40@50c per bu.

Celery—25c.

Pears—$3@3.50.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $11@13; bell and cherry, $8@10 per bbl; Cape Cod, $11@13 per bbl.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Chamber of Commerce.

Wheat markets were higher yesterday morning, advancing shortly after the opening on reports of very liberal exports of flour from New York, and the small supplies of wheat supposed to be back in farmers' hands in the country. The movement in the Northwest was liberal, but nowhere else from the farmers. The latter sales, it was claimed, were liberal more on account of the necessity of the farmers to get a little money than because they have a full reserve to sell. Speculation took the buying side, partly for reasons given and partly to follow certain leaders who leaned that way in their operations.

Closing—No. 1 hard, February, 94c; on track, 95½c; No. 1 northern, February and March, 93c; May, 95⅛c; on track, 95½c; No. 2 northern, February, 91c; on track, 91@91½c; July closed at 96½c.

CASH WHEAT.

The strengthened futures created a sentiment on the part of wheat holders that they ought to get within 1c of the May figures for spot wheat delivered to the mills. The mills resisted and wanted to buy at a wider spread and sales were consequently slow at first. Later the variance was reconciled and the milling wheat went quite well, and there was thought to be some improvement in the demand for the under grades. There was the usual buying for the outside trade mostly going to the mills. Receipts of wheat for twenty-four hours, 260 cars. Shipments 101 cars. Duluth received 27 cars.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour—The added daily output of the mills grinding yesterday will probably aggregate 20,600 bbls. Shipments, 19,592 bbls. Quoted at $4.55@4.95 for first patents, $4.25@4.45 for second patent, $3.50@4.20 for fancy and export bakers', $1.80@2.10 for low grades in bags, including red dog. Sales of flour were on a steady though rather easy basis, and some was quoted down to $4.60 for good patents, while $4.90 seemed to be about the top, excepting it was in small lots, and then sometimes $5 was figured for a single car. The high freight now cuts quite a figure, for the transit is about all used up excepting what is owned by the Pillsbury, Washburn and Washburn-Crosby companies and a few others. The standing of the Washburn-Crosby mills and of the Pillsbury-Washburn mills, is such that when any flour sells there is a demand for theirs that enables them to run while many others have to shut down.

Bran and Shorts—Shipments, 556 tons; quoted at $15@15.25 for bran, $14.75@15.25 for shorts, $15.75@16.25 for middlings. Bran was steady in demand, with quotations firm at current rates. Shorts a little slow, and middlings in fair request.

Corn—Receipts, 4,560 bu; quoted at 49@52c on track. No great amount of corn offered: some fair No. 3 was offered at 51c to arrive and 50c bid. Choice yellow on spot was held at 51@52c, with damp samples selling when offered along at 48@49c.

Oats—Receipts, 17,600 bu; shipments, 10,920 bu. Quoted at 42@45c by sample. Oats sold well, and, when really choice, brought about top quotations. There was inquiry for local consumption, grinding and shipping.

Rye—Receipts none; shipments none. Quoted at 85@86c for sample cars on track.

Barley—Receipts, 530 bu; shipments, 2,440 bu. Quoted at 55@65c for good to fine samples of No. 3. Choice No. 3 usually went at 62@65c, with fair lots ranging along down to 55c.

Flax—Receipts, 560 bu; shipments, none; flax sales are based on 8c off from the Chicago quotations.

Feed—Millers held at $20@20.50, with cornmeal at $19@19.50.

Hay—Receipts, 130 tons; shipments, 10 tons; choice wild quoted at $6.50@7.50, and good timothy at $8@8.50; fair wild, $5.50@6.

The market was good for upland that was choice, but rather easier for common wild, and poor was hard to sell.

ST. PAUL UNION STOCK YARDS CO
SOUTH ST. PAUL.
The Yards and Packing Houses Open for Business.
Ready Cash Market for Hog

Union Stockyards.

Receipts at South St. Paul: 684 hogs, 121 cattle, 24 calves, 100 sheep.

Hogs—Steady to a shade higher. All sold at $3.10@3.25. The quality was only medium. Quotations: Light, $3.10@3.20; mixed, $3.15 @3.25; heavy, $3.2@3.30.

Cattle—Active. The yards were about cleared at fair prices for the quality. Sales: Butcher steers, 1,055 lbs, at $2.90; 1,030 lbs, $3; mixed butcher stock, 1,270 lbs, at $3.75; bulls, 1,076 lbs, $1.70; mixed, 810 lbs, $2; 22 calves, 127 lbs, at $3.25; cows, 777 lbs, $2.50; feeders, 891 lbs, $2.50; stockers, 695 lbs, $2.27½; oxen, 1,390 lbs, $2.65.

Sheep—Firm. Sam Atchison sold 784 head of 102-lb muttons at $4.50. Quotations: Muttons, $3.75@4; feeders, $3.50@4; stockers and common, $3@3.75; lambs, $4@4.50.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,960; shipments, 150. Market steady to strong; steers, $3.75@5.55; cows, $2@3.35; stockers and feeders, $2.6@3.55. Hogs—Receipts, 8,170; shipments, 2,980; market 5c higher; bulk, $3.27@3.40; all grades, $3@3.50. Sheep—Receipts, 1,420; shipments, 460; market steady, unchanged.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000 head; market active, steady to strong; steers, $3.25@5.50; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@4.50; stockers, $2.25@3.90. Hogs—Receipts, 33,000 head; shipments, 55,000 head; market strong; rough and common, $3.25@3.40; prime mixed and packers, $3.45@3.50; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $3.55@3.60; light, $3.50@3.55. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 25,000 head; market active, firmer; natives, $4@4.85; Westerns, $4@5.75; Texans, $3.90@4.75; native lambs, $5@6.15.

Oil Markets.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 13.—Petroleum dull; National Transit certificates opened at 80½c, closed at 80c; highest, 80½c; lowest, 80c.

MINNEAPOLIS REAL ESTATE.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday:

Charles Haeg and wife to Susie Haeg et al, in sec 25, town 28, range 24 .... $10,000
Louisa Mary Haeg to Theresa Ragenia Hylent, in sec 25, town 28, range 24 .. 5,000
Charles Haeg to Fred Haeg, lt 3, in sec 25, town 28, range 24 10,000
Charles Haeg to Charles Joseph Haeg, in sec 35, town 28, range 24 10,000
Charles Haeg to Theresa Ragenia Haeg et al, in sec 25, town 28, range 24 10,000
Charles Haeg to John Haeg, in sec 25, town 28, range 24 10,000
Charles Haeg to Edward H Haeg, in sec 35, town 28, range 24 10,000
Charles Haeg to Jacob Valentine Haeg, sec 25, town 28, range 24 10,000
Charles Haeg to Emma Albertina Haeg et al, in section 25, town 28, range 24 .. 20,000
Theresa Ragenia Hylent to Mary Louisa Haeg, in sec 25, town 28, range 24 5,000
John W Cirkel to Minnie Willworth, part lts 13 and 14, blk 32, East side add 1,050
Nannie Shares to Charles J A Morris, in sec 30, town 117, range 22 500
Geo B Dayton to John W Rutledge, lt 9, blk 8, Wolverton's add 5,000
Barney Kunkle to John Swanstrom, in sec 25, town 119, range 21 1,300
Agro D Condon to John F Freidlein, lt 3 etc, blk 10, Cottage City add 1,200
Geo F Shaw to Christian Ilehl, lts 1 etc, blk 7 etc, Town of Long Lake 850
Geo D Dayton to Jennie Caldwell, lt 6, blk 18, Windom's add 3,000
Edward A Davis to Elizabeth Curran, lt 4, blk 31, Fairmount Park add 750
John Curan to Edward A Davis, lt 4, blk 31, Fairmount Park add 750
Louisa P Albee to Adam Gilles, lt 5, blk 23, B S Wright's add 350
George B Burch to Hugh Martin, lts 1, etc., blk 5, Endsley, Farrier & Hillman's add 15,000
Hugh Martin to Spencer E Davis, lt 1, etc, blk 5, Endsley, Farrier & Hill, man's add 20,000
George A Boardman to Charles H Prior, pt lt 3, blk 55, town of Minneapolis ... 15,000
Four unpublished deeds 92,658

Total, 27 deeds $257,408

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings Board Fire Commissioners.

Regular Meeting.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 9, 1891.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the City of St. Paul met at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—Commissioners Prendergast, Freeman, Martin, Mitsch and Mr. President—5.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

REPORTS.

Commissioner Freeman, from Committee on Monuments, reported having examined the bronze figures placed on firemen's monuments in Calvary and Oakland cemeteries. They are satisfactory, and committee recommended the acceptance of them, and an allowance of $1,000 be made to W. A. Van Slyke in part payment of same. Report accepted and adopted.

From the Chief Engineer reporting he had placed the new Waterous engine for duty in No. 3 engine house. The following hose burst since last report: One section of Eureka, placed in service November, 1888, same has been repaired and placed back in service; three sections of 3½-inch Eureka placed in service December, 1886, same has been condemned. On Feb. 1 1 suspended from duty in this department Frank St. Germain for cause, and he was discharged. I recommend the purchase of three shut-off nozzles and 1,000 feet of steam fire engine rubber hose. Report accepted and adopted. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for proposals for furnishing the city with 1,000 feet of rubber hose, bids to be submitted on Monday, the 23d inst.

The Superintendent of Fire Alarm reported having received 3,000 feet of okonite wire from the National Subway Company to be placed in their conduit. Have changed the number of box located corner of University avenue and Rice street from 425 to 84. Have taken down half-mile of wire on Rice street, between Seventh and Tenth streets. All fire alarm boxes have been tested and are in good working order.

Reports of Master Mechanic, Fire Wardens and Veterinary Surgeon presented, read and placed on file.

Owing to an oversight in drawing up the contract for the last two engines manufactured for the city by the Waterous Engine Works, interest on past due payments was omitted. On motion the Secretary was instructed when drawing warrants in payment of said engines to allow interest on same at rate of 7 per cent from date of allowance of said accounts until paid.

Resolution by Commissioner Martin—

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Fire Alarm employ two operators only in his office at the rate of $62 per month each, one lineman at $75 per month; this resolution to go into effect on Feb. 15 inst. Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Commissioners Prendergast, Freeman, Martin, Mitsch and Mr. President—5.

Nays—None.

The Secretary reported condemned property sold amounting to $229.82, and presented City Treasurer's receipts for same.

The following bills, being in due form and properly approved, were presented:

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