TROUBLE IN THE PITS.

The Squeeze in Corn Produces a Disturbance in Other Grains.

The Wheat Market Very Active From the Start and Strong in Tone.

Heavy Buying All Around by Prominent Operators on the Board.

The Result of the Day's Dealings Simply a Panic Among the Shorts.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Everything went hopping when the bell tanped for the opening on the board of trade this morning. The squeeze in corn was mainly responsible for the early troubles in the other pits. The wheat market was very active at the start. First prices for May wheat were from $1.02 to $1.02⅜, and the demand was such as to carry it quickly to $1.02½. Realizing sales on this rapid advance caused a reaction to $1.02, and it fluctuated nervously for a short time between $1.02⅜ and $1.02½ before again starting to climb. The second splurge carried up to $1.03. July wheat was even less irregular and stronger than the March delivery. It started at from around 99¼@99⅜, and before it stopped it sold up to $1.01, gaining nearly 1c upon May. All this was in the face of heavy receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, besides Bradstreets statement that the available stocks of the world are now 4,000,000 bu more than they were at the corresponding time last year, in spite of the further fact that, firm as spot wheat and near eight cargoes are quoted in England, the farther-off shipments were 1½c lower, and New York reported the flow of gold to Europe still in progress. Hutchinson was a heavy buyer of July. The buying by prominent operators is based on a conviction that Europe must take a lot of wheat from us, and they are preparing for the higher prices which they think the statistical situation justifies. Later in the day, under free selling by longs to realize the handsome profits in sight, broke the market to $1.01¼ for May and 99⅝c for July. The wildest kind of a scramble for corn took place among the shorts when trading commenced, and first transactions were simultaneously made in the May delivery at from 66c to 68½c, and even 69c was paid by an excited trader for one 5,000 bu lot. General trading did not get above 68½c. It was simply a matter of panic among the shorts. The highest prices were paid at the first rush, but sudden and material changes were the order of the day up to the close. The closing prices gave very little indication of the day's turmoil, but a range of 2¾c or thereabouts in the day's fluctuations means unusual agitation in the corn crowd. The latest trading in May was at 6⅝c and in July at 65½c, which is a mere ⅛@¼c advance over yesterday's closing figures. The highest price on the oats crop was made to-day when May wheat sold at 55c, thereby showing an advance of 1c on the previous high point, and the squeeze still goes on. The market was active early and rather quiet toward the close. The opening for May was at 54c; then to 55c, to 54c, to 74⅞c, to 54½c, the close being ⅛ higher than yesterday's latter figure. The provision market felt the fury of the storm which was raging in corn and for a time the traders in the hog products were only a trifle behind the corn speculators in their efforts to come off the short side. For May pork the opening price was $11.68, and it shot up smartly to $11.75, but reacted again to around $11.67½. Another excited advance sent prices booming once more and $12.10 was paid before enough offerings came out to arrest its upheaval. Lard was in strong request but less excited than pork.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 2 Wheat—				
March.....	98¾	1 00½	98¾	99¾
May.....	1 02	1 03	1 00	1 02⅛
July.....	99⅜	1 01	99⅜	98⅝
No. 2 Corn—				
March.....	65	67½	65	65½
May	66	68½	66	66½
July.	64½	66¾	64½	65⅛
No. 2 Oats—				
May	54	55	54	54½
June.....	53⅛	54¼	53½	53⅝
July.....	51	51⅝	51	51¼
Mess Pork—				
March.	11 40	11 80	11 35	11 75
May	11 60	12 10	11 55	11 95
July.....	12 00	12 50	12 00	12 32½
Lard—				
March.....	6 40	6 47½	6 40	6 42½
May.....	6 55	6 62½	6 55	6 57½
July.....	6 85	6 87½	6 77½	6 82½
Short Ribs—				
March.....	5 55	5 75	5 55	5 62½
May.....	5 75	5 95	5 75	5 82½
July.....	6 05	6 25	6 05	6 12½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 98¾c; No. 3 spring, 92c; No. 2 red, $1.01¼@1.02¼. Corn—No. 2, 65½@65⅝c. Oats—No. 2, 53¼@53½c. Rye—No. 2, 85c. Barley—No. 2, nominal. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.20. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.28. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $11.75. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $6.40@6.42½. Short Ribs—Sides—Loose, $5.60@5.65. Dry Salted Shoulders—Boxed, $4.38@4.40. Short Clear Sides—Boxed, $5.95@6. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.16. Sugars—Cut loaf, unchanged. Oats—No. 2 white, 53½@54½c; No. 3 white, 52¾@53c. Barley—No. 3 f. o. b., 67@75c; No. 4, f. o. b., 62@65c. Receipts—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 60,000 bu; corn, 132,000 bu; oats, 170,000 bu; rye, 10,000 bu; barley, 36,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 5,000 bbls; wheat, 40,000 bu; corn, 121,000 bu; oats, 146,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 29,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 21½@23c.

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Duluth Wheat.

DULUTH, Minn., March 21.—The market opened strong and active here this morning and steadily advanced up to noon. May No. 1 northern opened with a sale at 1c advance over yesterday's close. May was the favorite. Receipts for the week amounted to nearly 90,000 bu. Exports of wheat to the four principal ports for the week were 337,450 bu, an increase of 83,000 bu. The shipments of flour, sacks and barrels, were 341,700, an increase of 57,800. The market herself sed steady at yesterday's figures, except in May and June No. 1 northern, which closed 1c ahead of yesterday. The close was as follows: Cash No. 1 hard, $1.00½; No. 1 northern, 97½c; No. 2 northern, 94½c; March No. 1 hard, $1.02¾; No. 1 northern, 97¼c; May, No. 1 hard, $1.04; No. 1 northern, $1.01; June, No. 1 hard, $1.05; No. 1 northern, $1.02. Cars on Track—Wheat, 58; last year wheat, 70. Receipts—Wheat, 31,868 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 2,608 bu. Inspection: Cars—No. 1 hard, 5; No. 1 northern, 22; No. 2 northern, 2; No. 1 white winter, 1. Total, 30.

Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 21.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 97c; May, 97⅝c; No. 1 northern, $1.02. Corn higher; No. 3, on track, 65½c. Oats higher; No. 2 white, on track, 53½c. Barley easier, No. 2, in store, 68c. Rye easier; No. 1, in store, 89½@90½c. Provisions quiet. Pork—May, $11.97½. Lard—May, $6.60. Receipts—Flour, 7,400 bbls; wheat, 34,400 bu; barley, 16,800 bu. Shipments—Flour, 22,300 bbls; wheat, 1,100 bu; barley, 9,200 bu.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Flour—Receipts, 15,297 packages; exports, 8,030 bbls, 1,820 sacks; moderately active, stronger, held higher; sales, 27,100 bbls. Cornmeal dull, higher; yellow Western, $3.30@3.65. Wheat—Receipts, 38,200 bu; exports, none; sales, 8,576,000 bu futures; spot, none; spot market ½@¾c up, firm, quiet; No. 2 red, $1.15⅛ in elevator, $1.18⅛ afloat, $1.16@1.17⅜ f. o. b.; No. 1 northern, $1.22½; No. 1 hard, $1.25½; options opened steady and quiet, became more active and advanced ½@⅝c later, closing firm on cable news; No. 2 red, March, $1.14⅞@1.15⅛, closing at $1.15⅛; May, $1.00¾@1.11, closing at $1.11; June, $1.08 15-16@$1.09½, closing at $1.09½; July, $1.06⅞@1.06½, closing at $1.06½; August, $1.02½@1.03, closing at $1.02⅞; September, $1.02¾@1.02½, closing at $1.02⅝; December, $1.04@1.04½, closing at $1.04½. Rye quiet, steady. Barley quiet, firm; No. 2 Milwaukee, 83@83c; ungraded Western, 77½@85c; Canada, 88@90c. Barley malt dull; Canada country-made, $1. Corn—Receipts, 87,750 bu; exports, 4,282 bu; sales, 1,616,000 bu futures, 57,000 bu spot; spot market higher, quite scarce; No. 2, 76½@77½c elevator; 77½@78¼c afloat; ungraded mixed, 76@78½c; steamer mixed, 76½@78c; options advanced ⅜@1⅛c, closing firm on light offerings and bullish feeling; May, 71⅜@72⅜c, closing at 72⅜c; June, 70@72½c, closing at 70½c; July, 69¾@70⅝c, closing at 70½c. Oats—Receipts, 45,000 bu; exports, 33,000 bu; sales, 230,000 bu futures, 87,000 bu spot; spot market higher, good demand; options fairly active, higher; March, 60c; April, 60c, closing at 60c; May, 59½@60c, closing at 59½c; July, 58⅛@58⅜c, closing at 58⅜c; spot No. 2 white, 63@63½c; mixed Western, 57@61c; white Western, 58@64c; No. 2 Chicago, 63¾c. Hay fair, demand firm; shipping, $45; good to choice, $50@70. Hops dull, steady; state, common to choice, 21@33c; Pacific coast, 22@30c. Coffee—Options opened barely steady, unchanged to 10 points decline, closed steady 5 points up to 15 points down; sales, 13,000 bags, including March, 17.90c; April, 17.70c; May, 17.50@17.55c; June, 17.2½c; July, 16.80@16.85c; spot, 16.10c; October, 15.65c; December, 15.40c; spot Rio firm, quiet; fair cargoes, 20c; No. 7, 18⅜c. Sugar—Raw firm, in demand; fair refining centrifugals, 96-test, 5 11-16c; sales, 2 cargoes centrifugals, 96-test, 5 11-16c; refined dull. Molasses—Foreign steady; 50-test, 12½c in hhds; 11c in tanks; New Orleans, firm, fairly active; common to fancy, 23@30c. Rice steady, quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 5@6¾c; Japan, @6¼c. Petroleum steady, quiet; crude, in barrels, Parker's, $7; crude, in bulk, Parker's, $4.45; refined, all ports, $7@7.25; refined in bulk, $4.65; United closed at 71⅞c for April. Cottonseed oil firm; crude off grades, 24@27c; yellow off grade, 31@33c. Tallow strong, quiet; city ($2 for packages), 5⅛c. Rosin dull, firm; strained common to good, $1.57½@1.60. Turpentine quiet, firm; 40@40½c. Eggs—Light receipts; firmer; Western, 22c; receipts, 5,826 pkgs. Hides inactive, steady; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45@55 lbs, 7@8c; Texas selected, 55@60 lbs, 6@8c. Pork higher, active; old mess, $11@11.50; new mess, $12.77@13.25; extra prime, $10.25@11.25. Cut meats firm, active; pickled bellies, 5½c; pickled shoulders, 4@4⅛c; pickled hams, 7¾@8c; middles quiet, firm; short clear, $6.35. Lard higher, active; Western steam, $6.75; sales, 750 tierces at $6.82½@6.75; opening sales, 45,000 tierces; March, $6.73; April, $6.75; May, $6.75@6.82, closing at $6.82; June, $6.91; July, $6.91@7.02, closing at $7.05; August, $7.13@7.15, closing at $7.17; September, $7.25. Butter—moderate demand, firm; Western dairy, 12@27c; Western creamery, 21@31½c; Western factory, 19@28c; Elgin, 32½c. Cheese firm; wanted; skims, 6½@10c; Ohio flats, 8@11c. Pig iron quiet; American, $16@17.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, O., March 21.—Wheat active, lower; cash, $1.01½; March, $1.04; May, $1.05¾; July, 99⅝c; August, 96⅝c. Corn steady; cash, 67c; May, 67½c. Oats dull, firm; cash, 54½c; No. 2 white, 56½c bid. Clover seed dull, firm; cash and March, $4.45. Receipts—Flour, 250 bbls; wheat, 13,300 bu; corn, 4,817 bu; clover seed, 198 bags. Shipments—Flour, 825 bbls; wheat, 52,800 bu; corn, 4,600 bu; oats, 700 bu; clover seed, 992 bags.

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WALL STREET.

A Disposition on All Sides to Take an Active Stand.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The trading in the stock market this morning was on even a more contracted scale than that of the past few days, but there was a general expectation of a better bank statement than usual of late, and the traders were, as a consequence, more disposed to take the bull side, and cessation of the hammering operations in the late active specialties was changed into a desire to cover some of the outstanding shorts. The further engagements of gold for exports seemed to have no influence for the time being, and while there is a confident prediction by the bears that more will follow next week no inclination to bank upon this opinion appeared. The general list displayed the usual lack of feature, and, in fact, a fluctuation of ⅜ per cent was exceptional to-day. St. Paul and Burlington, followed by Lackawanna, Union Pacific and Northern Pacific preferred developed some animation, but in neither was there movement worthy of comment. While the general tone was firm there was renewed buying of Ontario & Western, and it rose ⅞ per cent but failed to hold the improvement and the final changes, though almost all in the direction of higher figures, are confined entirely to small fractions. The issue of the bank statement failed to create a ripple on the surface of the speculation and the market finally closed dull but steady to firm at fractions better than the opening prices. Railroad bonds were dull: sales, $256,000. No feature of any kind was developed. Petroleum opened steady and April option advanced slightly on covering of shorts, but as soon as this buying was filled the market became dull and remained so until the close. Pennsylvania oil opened at 72; highest, 72; lowest, 72; closed, 72. April option opened at 71⅝; highest, 72; lowest, 71⅝; closed, 71⅞. Total sales, 17,000 bbls. Government bonds have been dull and steady.

FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Money on call easy at 2½ per cent; last loan, 2½. Prime mercantile paper, 5@7. Sterling exchange quiet but firm at $4.86¼ for sixty-day bills, and $4.88¾ for demand.

Chicago Money.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Bank clearings to-day were $12,355,000. New York exchange was 80c discount. Rates for money were unchanged at 6@6½ per cent. Sterling exchange was steady at $4.88 for sixty-day bills and $4.89½ for sight drafts.

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STOCKS—CLOSING PRICES.

NEW YORK, March 21.—

Adams Express	145	Ontario & West'n	17¾
Alton & Terre H.	30	Oregon Improv't.	25
do pfd	125	Oregon Nav	70
Am. Express	116	North American	17⅛
B., C. R. & N.	99	Pacific Mail	36¼
Canad'n Pacific	76⅛	P., D. & E.	18¾
Can. Southern	79¼	Pittsburg	149
Central Pacific	29	Pullman P. Car	191⅜
Ches. & Ohio	16¾	Reading	29⅜
do 1st pfd	51¼	Rock Island	90⅛
do 2d pfd	30	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd.	55
Chi. & Alton	124	St. Paul	54½
C. B. & Q.	77⅞	do pfd	111
Del. & Hudson	131	St. P., M. & M.	107
D., L. & W.	154¼	St. P. & Omaha	22
D. & R. G.	16½	do pfd	78
East Tennessee	6¾	Tenn. C. & I.	34½
do 1st pfd	50	Texas Pacific	13½
do 2d pfd	15	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	80
Erie	18¼	Union Pacific	44
do pfd	59	U. S. Express	68
Fort Wayne	149	Wab., St. L. & P.	9¼
Hocking Valley	25	do pfd	18
Houston & Tex.	2	Wells-Fargo Ex.	140
Illinois Central	94	Western Union	79⅜
Kansas & Texas	11½	Am. Cotton Oil	22¾
Lake Erie & W.	13¼	Colorado Coal	37½
do pfd	55½	Homestake	8½
Lake Shore	109½	Iron Silver	.....
Louisville & N.	73	Ontario	38
Louis. & N. A.	31	Quicksilver	5½
Memphis & C.	36	do pfd	38
Mich. Central	91	Sutro	8
M., L. S. & W.	75	Bulwer	35
do pfd	103	R. & W. P. Ter.	17¼
Mpls. & St. Louis	3¼	Atchison	29⅛
do pfd	8¼	U. P., D. & G.	22
Mo. Pacific	66	D. & R. G. pfd.	58
Mobile & Ohio	41½	South'n Pacific	29⅝
Nash. & Chatt.	92	Chicago & E. Ill.	23
N. J. Central	114	St. P. & D.	23
Nor. & W. pfd	52½	Wis. Central	19
Northern Pacific	26½	Chicago Gas	42⅛
do pfd	69⅞	Lead Trust	18¼
Northwestern	103½	Sugar Trust	74⅜
do pfd	140	C., C., C. & St. L.	59¼
N. Y. Central	101	Oregon S. L.	22
N. Y., C. & St. L.	13¼	Great Nthn. pfd.	85½
do pfd	65	R. G. Western	34
Ohio & Miss.	17	do pfd	72⅛
do pfd	85		

BONDS—CLOSING PRICES.

U. S. 4s reg.	121⅛	Mut. Union. 6s	104
do 4s coup	122⅛	N. J. C. int. ctfs.	110¼
do 4½s reg	102	N. Pacific 1sts	115¾
do 4½s coup	102	do 2ds	113½
Pacific 6s of '95	110	N. W. consols	137½
La. stamped 4s	90	do debentures	106¾
Tenn. new set. 6s	102½	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	92½
do do 5s	101	St. L. & S. F. G. M.	108
do do 3s	76½	St. Paul consols	122
Can. South'n 2ds	97	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	112
Cen. Pac. 1sts	106	T. P. L. G. T. R.	87
D. & R. G. 1sts	110½	T. P. R. G. T. R.	38
do do 4s	85⅜	Union Pac. 1sts	110
Erie 2ds	99⅜	West Shore	110¼
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do 5s	39¼		

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Best & Belcher	6 12½	Potosi	4 05
Bodie Con	1 15	Savage	2 80
Challar	2 40	Sierra Nevada	3 15
Con. Cal. & Va.	10 50	Union Con	3 25
Crown Point	1 90	Utah	1 05
Eureka Con	3 05	Yellow Jacket	2 65
Gould & Curry	3 00	Commonw'lth	1 00
Hale & Norcross	2 10	Nevada Queen	30
Mexican	3 20	Belle Isle	80
Mono	60		

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LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

No. 1 hard wheat was unchanged this morning, but No. 1 and No. 2 Northern each advanced 1c. Corn—No. 3 was a great deal firmer, and advanced to 64@66c, with light receipts. Oats were firmer and higher. Barley advanced to 70c, and closed firm. Rye declined to 80@82c. Ground feed was very firm. Bran was firmer. Hay steady. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 99c@$1; No. 1 northern, 98c; No. 2 northern, 95@96c.

Corn—No. 3, 57c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 49@51c; No. 2 white, 51@53c; No. 3 white, 50@52c.

Barley—No. 2, 70c; No. 3, 60@67c.

Rye—No. 2, 80@82c.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $24.50; No. 2, $19.50@20.50.

Cornmeal—Unbolted, $24.

Bran—Bulk, $17.25.

Hay—No. 1 upland prairie, $7; No. 2, $6.50; No. 1 wild, $6; No. 2, $5.50; timothy, No. 1, $8.25 bid; No. 2, $7.50.

Flaxseed—$1.11@1.12.

Potatoes—Straight, 80@85c; mixed, 75c.

Dressed Hogs—$3.75@4 asked.

St. Paul Produce.

Butter—Creamery first, 26@28c; creamery second, 23@25c; dairy first, 22@24c; dairy second, 19@21c; roll and print, fancy, 18@20c; roll and print, common, 12@16c; packing stock, 10@12c.

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

Eggs—Fresh, 16½@17c per doz.

Maple Sugar—12@14c.

Maple Syrup—Per gallon, $1.15@1.25.

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

Malt—Per bushel, 85@85c.

Oranges—Messinas, $2.50@3; Riverside, $2.75@4; Californias, $2.50@3; Floridas, $3.75@4.25; Navels, $4.50@5.

Lemons—Fancy, $4@5.

Bananas—$1.75@2.50.

Nuts—Pecans, Texas polished, medium to large, 8@10c per lb.; almonds, Tarragonas, 17c; California soft-shelled, 18c; filberts, Sicily, 12c; walnuts, new California, 12@13c; cocoanuts, $5 per 100; hickory nuts, $1.50 per bu; shellbarks, $1.75@1.85 per bu; Brazils, 10@12c; peanuts, Virginia hand-picked, 5½c; roasted, 10½c.

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

Cider—Choice Michigan, 16 gallon kegs, $4.50 per keg; choice refined, 16-gallon kegs, $5; choice refined, 32-gallon bbls, $8@9 per bbl.

Poultry—Dressed—Turkeys, 12@14c; chickens, 10@12c; ducks and geese, 10@11c.

Veal—$4.

Sweet Potatoes—Illinois, $4.

Apples—Fancy, $3@3.50; standards, $4.50@5; choice, $3.50@4.

Onions—$1.50@1.75.

Carrots—40@50c per bu.

Celery—25c.

Pears—$3@3.50.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $9@10 per bbl; bell and cherry, $8@8.50 per bbl.

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MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Chamber of Commerce.

Wheat was strong from the first yesterday, and cash wheat and futures sold higher. The first sales were made at 98½c, and from that point there was almost a steady advance to 99½c without a break. Then a small depression followed, and some long wheat was sold out to realize. Trading was active most of the day, and the total transactions were heavy. Some reports of the world's available supply were published, with a bearish showing, but they did not affect prices seriously. Closing quotations were as follows: No. 1 hard, March, $1; on track, $1.00½. No. 1 northern, March and April, 97½c; May, 98¾c; on track, 98¼c. No. 2 northern, March, 96c; on track, 96¼@96½c; July, $1.01.

CASH WHEAT.

Cash wheat was strong and about 1c higher. Millers were not in sympathy with the advance and bought very sparingly. Elevator companies were good buyers and took the bulk of No. 1 Northern at ⅞@1c under May. Poor wheat was sluggish. Early sales of No. 1 Northern were made at 98c and No. 2 at 96c, but after ½c advance was obtained. Receipts of wheat 24 hours were 316 cars; shipments, 41 cars. Duluth received 38 cars.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour—The added daily output of the mills grinding yesterday will probably aggregate 19,900 bbls. Shipments, 25,681 bbls. Quoted at $4.85@5.20 for first patents; $4.70@4.85 for second patents; $3.90@4.40 for fancy and export bakers; $3@2.35 for low grades, in bags, including red dog. Flour has not been active the last week but there has been a steady tone and there are fewer people disposed to question that the advance has come to stay. Buyers are not taking high grades with great freedom, for they were caught several times in a break after doing so. Now they are holding off for a stability that would indicate safety. Forward buying is looked for and activity in the markets may come any time now according to the common view of local millers.

Bran and Shorts—Shipments, 849 tons. Quoted at $17.75@18 for bran; $17.75@18.25 for shorts, and $18.25@18.75 for middlings. The inquiry was steady and the movement brisk at about the quotations of yesterday.

Corn—Receipts, 14,850 bu; shipments, 24,240 bu. Quoted at 65@64½c on track. The arrivals were fair and the demand active at higher prices for local use and for shipment.

Oats—Receipts, 10,340 bu; shipments, 10,710 bu. Quoted at 50@52c by sample. Receipts not very large and the demand active with sales at higher figures.

Rye—Receipts, 400 bu; shipments, none; Quoted at 78@80c for sample cars on track.

Barley—Receipts, none; shipments, none. Quoted at 55@68c for good to fine samples of No. 3. The movement was small, with very little offered; demand fair.

Flax—Receipts, 2,250 bu; shipments, 1,140. Flax sales are based on 8c off from the Chicago market.

Feed—Millers held at $24.50@25, with cornmeal at $23.50@24. Prices were higher to sell from the mills, with good requests.

Hay—Receipts, 42 tons; shipments, 10 tons. Choice wild quoted at $6.50@7.50, and good timothy at $7.50@8.50; fair will, $5.50@6. This market was slow. There is little coming by rail, with local market supplied largely from teams, and not much inquiry for present use.

Union Stockyards.

Official receipts at South St. Paul: 870 hogs, 77 cattle, 8 calves.

Hogs—Higher, closing, advanced 10@15c above Friday's prices. The quality averaged fair and packers bought lively, clearing the yards at $3.75@3.95; bulk at $3.83. The very strong demand at the close indicates a continuance next week, even if the receipts are much larger.

Cattle—Steady on good. The decline on thin and common stuff, which had sold comparatively well lately, is more noticeable by the lack of winter butcher demand. Such stuff is now 25@60c per 100 lbs lower than a few days ago. The receipts were light, and Saturday's market, but the yards were cleared pretty well. Sales—Cows 876, 1,025 lbs, at $2; 11 bulls, 1,196 lbs, at $2; 13 cows, 915 lbs, $2.25; heifers, 730 lbs, $2.25; 6 butcher's cows, 1,006 lbs, $2.50; feeders, 862 lbs, $2.50; butcher's steers, 1,246 lbs, $3.35; calves, 140@150 lbs, $3.25@3.50; mixed butcher cows and steers, 1,000 lbs, at $3.50; 16 steers, 1,124 lbs, at $4.25. Quotations: Good, fat, grain-fed steers, $3.80@4.00; good cows, $2.50@3.50; common to fair cows, 90c@$2.50; bulls, stags and oxen, $2@3; beef oxen, $3@3.75; milch cows, $15@35; veal calves, $3@4.75; stockers, $2@2.50; feeders, $2.40@3.25.

Sheep—Weak, except on the very best; 108 head of fair grain-fed muttons sold at $5. 105 lbs average. Quotations unchanged.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 500; market steady; steers, prime and fancy, $5.25@6.20; others, $3.75@5; heifers and cows, $1.75@4.25; stockers, $3@3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; shipments, 9,000; active and higher; mixed and packers, $3.70@4.15; prime heavy and butcher weights, $4.20@4.35; light, $4@4.15. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 500; market steady; natives, $5@6.25; Westerns, $5.25@5.75; lambs, $5@6.15.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,850; shipments, 1,670; market steady; steers, $3.85@5.60; cows, $2.75@4; stockers and feeders, $3@4. Hogs—Receipts, 5,800; shipments, 550; market 10c higher; bulk, $3.80@4.05; all grades, $3.10@4.20. Sheep—Receipts, 1,200; shipments, 850; market steady, unchanged.

Kansas City Produce.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—Wheat quiet; No. hard cash, 90@91c; No. 2 red cash, 90@97c. Corn excited and higher; cash, 61c; April, 59¾c. Oats stronger. No. 2 cash, 48½c bid; March, 49c. Eggs firm at 14c. Receipts—Wheat 20,400 bu; corn, 23,100 bu; oats, 21,200 bu; rye, 500 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 24,500 bu; corn, 2,700 bu; oats, 14,300 bu; rye, 500 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—Wheat firm; supply fair; holders offer sparingly; California No. 1, 8s 4½@8s 5d per cental. Corn strong; demand fair; mixed Western, 5s 8½d per cental. Bacon—Long and short clear, 55 lbs, 29s per cwt; long clear, 45 lbs, 26s per cwt. Cheese—American finest white and colored, 56s per cwt.

Oil Markets.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 21.—National Transit certificates opened at 71¾, closed at 71⅝; highest, 72; lowest, 71⅝.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

Condition of Finances at the European Money Centers.

LONDON, March 22.—Discount was firm during the past week at 2½ for three months and 2 for short. The reports of large drafts of gold going to Montevideo in connection with the loan of £2,000,000 negotiated by Uruguay tend to cause a hardening of the money rates. Business on the stock exchange was very inactive, and there will be no revival until after the Easter holidays. The house will close from March 26 to March 31. In spite of the paucity of transactions prices generally improved. Rupee paper fluctuated and closed yesterday ⅜ lower on week. In foreign securities the feature was the strength of Argentine nationals, the recovery ranging from ½ to 2½. Argentine provincials tended to rise until advices from Buenos Ayres announced that the conversion of the loans of 1882 and 1886 would not be met. There was some buying of Costa Rican securities, which advanced 1½. Chilians were a traction higher. Mexican sixes gained 1¾. The movements of English railway securities were slight, though the tendency was good; there was an average rise of ¾. In American railroads the feeling was distinctly weak, no initiative being taken in dealings here. What little business was done was due to spasmodic impulses from the New York daily fluctuations, and mean nothing beyond the result of minor professional operations. The public holds entirely aloof. Variations of the week in prices of American railway securities include the following: Increases—Lake Shore, New York, Ontario & Western and Wabash debentures, 1½ each; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, Mexican Central and Northern Pacific mortgages, 1¼ each; Mexican Central mortgages, Ohio & Mississippi ordinary and Atlantic first leased, 1 each; Central Pacific shares and Wabash preferred, ½ each; Illinois Central, 1¼. Decreases—Norfolk & Western ordinary, 1; Northern Pacific preferred, ½; Denver & Rio Grande common and Union Pacific shares, ¼ each. Canadian Railway securities were steady. Grand Trunk second preferences went up to 1, and first and third preferences ½ each, while Grand Trunk debenture fives dropped 2 on the week. Of the miscellaneous securities, Allsopts were boomed on the report that the brewery company had acquired a monopoly of a number of public houses, and ordinary rose 19½. Primitiva nitrates advanced 1¼ on the week and Rio Tintos ¾, while Hudson Bay dropped 3⅜ and Bell's Asbestos ¼. There was a spurt in financial trusts which sent American Investment deferred up 4½. Among the issues of the week were the Newfoundland-Canadian Exploring trust, formed to acquire and work mines in the colonies. The scheme for the conversion of the business of the banking house of Murrietas & Co. is generally approved. The debentures taken by the securities insurance corporation are redeemable at 105 in ten years, commencing in 1893, the Murrietas having the option to redeem sooner. The supporters of the firm believe there will be an early redemption. The London Produce Clearing House company will begin to-morrow a system of registration of contracts for future delivery business in silver. The company undertakes the storage of silver in its vaults, issuing warrants against the metal. A deposit of £80 per 10,000 ounces is required. Significant of the condition of business on the stock exchange is the fact that nearly 200 members, with 300 clerks, are about to resign, being unwilling or unable to renew their annual subscriptions.

PARIS, March 22.—Although business on the bourse was limited during the week past, the tendency was toward firmness. The securities named show advances for the week as follows: Three-per cent rentes, 35 centimes, and Rio Tintos, 22 francs. Credit Foncier shares declined 17 francs on the week, and Panamas 2¼ francs. The fortnightly settlement passed without a symptom of embarrassment arising from, the Societe des Depots et Comptes Courants collapse. The Banque de Paris is negotiating a loan for China. Minister Roche has directed the railway companies to stop granting reduced through rates from foreign countries. This order will lead to a diversion of through traffic from Belgian railways, yet the ministry was obliged to give way to the protection clamor. The shares of the Societe des Depots et Comptes Courants, which a week ago were at 250 francs, are now quoted at 340 francs.

BERLIN, March 22.—The boerse was quiet during the last week. Prices were firm. The closing quotations of Saturday include: Prussian fours, 105.60; Deutsche bank, 164.10; Mexican sixes, 91.75; Bochumers, 131; Harpeners, 166; roubles, 241.25; short exchange on London, 20.35¼; long exchange on London, 20.24; private discount, 2¾. Argentine securities were largely sold at the opening of the week, but have since been firmer. Chilian securities lost 2¼ per cent. Iron and coal shares continue to drop under the threats of a general strike.

FRANKFORT, March 22.—On the boerse during the week business has been fairly active and the tone was firm. The final quotations include the following: Hungarian gold rente, 93.10; Italian fives, 91.51; Russian fours, 89.80; Spanish fours, 76.90; Austrian silver rente, 71.60; short exchange on London, 20.36; private discount, 2⅜.

A Successful Private Dairyman.

At the Illinois dairymen's convention, J. W. Drury, of Waterloo, gave his successful experience in dairying, extending over twelve years, says the Indiana Farmer. He had been a trotting horse man, but quit that and bought six cows of his wife, and gradually increased the number to sixty-two, and is making a pound of butter from seventeen pounds of milk. In 1890 his cows averaged $108.20. Fif