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A WAVERING MARKET.

An Abundance of Snow Causes a Tumble in Wheat Futures.

Corn Had Only Indifferent Support and Followed Wheat.

Hog Products Advance, but the Markets Were Lifeless.

Wide Fluctuations and Large Business in the Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—It was a shaky set of markets on 'change today. Wheat sold off 1c, but regained ⅜c of the decline. Tons of snow in sight and a chinook temperature were mainly responsible for the tumble in prices. Corn closed at a decline of ½c from last night's figures, and oats ¼c. Provisions, after many fluctuations, closed at a small advance—12½c for pork, 10c for lard and 7½c for ribs.

Wheat started about ¼c lower than the closing of yesterday, and after some sight fluctuations prices declined ⅜c more, then rallied slightly, again eased off, and the closing was about ⅝c lower for May and ⅜c lower for July than the closing figures of yesterday. Operators had been buying wheat of late expecting that a hard freeze would follow the recent thaw, in which event higher prices might result from crop scares. But the fall of snow, if it extended through the winter wheat belt, would afford a protection against cold weather and make the prospect of damage to the young plant less liable, and this belief brought out a little more wheat, and under larger offerings, the market was weak. There was no special demand and no support to the market until the lower prices were reached, when there was some demand to cover from shorts and other sources, and the market held steadier. A bad break in stocks in New York created some little uneasiness among dealers. The Northwest is offering fair quantities of wheat, Chicago No. 2 grading guaranteed at 31¼c under May prices to arrive here.

Corn was shown only indifferent support and the sentiment leaned toward weakness, prices selling down ¼@⅜c, followed by a partial recovery. Traders talked of the accumulating stocks, both here and in the visible supply, and under a lack of "bull" news it was not difficult to sell the market off. The cash situation was reported unfavorable for holders, and shippers of corn to the seaboard and buyers here of the contract grades entered the speculative market as sellers of deferred futures. One or two well known houses with Eastern connections were also liberal sellers.

In oats there was fair selling by commission houses and elevator men, and the decline in corn assisted in making the market weak.

Not much life was manifested in the market for hog products. The bulk of the trading was between local brokers and for small quantities.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 164 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 9,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat, No. 2—				
February	74	74	73¼	73⅝
May	77⅝—¾	77½	76¾	77⅛
July	76¾—⅞	76⅞	76	76¼
Corn, No. 2—				
February	42—42⅛	42⅛	41½	41⅝—¾
May	45⅜—½	45½	44⅛	45—45⅛
July	45⅝	45⅝—⅜	45⅛	45¼
Oats, No. 2—				
February	33¾	33¾	30½	33½
May	34	34	33½	33⅝—¾
Mess Pork—				
May	19 80	19 82½	19 67½	19 77½
Lard—				
May	12 95	12 95	12 70	12 90
July	12 30	12 62½	12 30	12 52½
Sept	12 10	12 35	12 10	12 25
Short Ribs—				
May	10 45	10 45	10 32½	10 42½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull, unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 75⅝c; No. 3 spring, 54@66c; No. 2 red, 78⅝c. Corn—No. 2, 41⅝@41¾c. Oats—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, on track, 35½@36c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 32@34½c. Rye—No. 2, 52½c. Barley—No. 2, 64c; No. 4, f. o. b., 57@63c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.24. Timothy Seed—Prime, $4.50. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $19@19.12½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $12.99. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $10.40@10.50; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.87½@10; short clear sides (boxed), $10.90@10.95. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.17. Sugars unchanged. Corn—No. 3, 37⅝c. Receipts—Flour, 21,000 bbls; wheat, 110,000 bu; corn, 203,000 bu; oats, 242,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 74,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 18,000 bbls; wheat, 42,000 bu; corn, 103,000 bu; oats, 161,000 bu; rye, 3,000 bu; barley, 60,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 20@28½c. Eggs excited, higher; strictly fresh, 29@30c.

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Milwaukee Grain.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 17.—Flour quiet. Wheat steady; May, 69⅝c; No. 2 spring, 66½; No. 1 northern, 73c. Corn steady; No. 3, 41c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 white, 33@34c. Barley quiet; No. 2, 63c; sample, 40@62½c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 57½c. Provisions steady. Pork—May, $19.80. Lard—May, $12.99. Receipts—Flour, 5,300 bbls; wheat, 40,000 bu; barley, 28,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 3,300 bbls; wheat, 3,300 bu; barley, 4,800 bu.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 21,000 pkgs; exports, 6,000 bbls, 34,200 sacks; sales, 6,600 pkgs; market dull, easy. Cornmeal dull, steady.

Barley quiet firm. Barley malt dull, steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 5,400 bu; exports, 103,400 bu; sales, 3,940,000 bu futures, 96,000 bu spot; spot market lower, fairly active for exports; steady; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 79½c; afloat, 79½@79¾c; February, 79@80⅛c; No. 1 northern, 84½c; No. 1 hard, 88¼@88½c; No. 2 northern, 83½c; options were moderately active, opening weak and declining ⅝c on easier cables, longs selling and realizing by the West, advanced ¼c on covering and closed firm at ⅜@½c under yesterday; No. 2 red, March, 77 13-16@78⅜c, closing at 78⅜c; May, 80 5-16@80 13-16c, closing at 80½c; July, 81 5-16@81 13-16c, closing at 81⅝c.

Corn—Receipts, 48,200 bu; exports, 28,200 bu; sales, 295,000 bu futures, 51,000 bu spot; spots firm, moderately active; No. 2, 52½@52⅝c elevator, 53c 53½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 48½@52c; steamer mixed, 51c@51¼c; No. 3, 49@50c; options declined ⅜c with wheat and then advanced ½@¼c on covering, closing dull and irregular with February and March ¼c up, May and July ¼c down; trading local; March, 52⅜@52¼c, closing at 52¼c; May, 51⅜@51⅝c, closing at 51½c; July, 51½@51⅜c, closing at 51⅝c.

Oats—Receipts, 22,000 bu; exports, 17,000 bu; sales, 30,000 bu futures, 100,000 bu spot; spots moderately active; options dull, unchanged to ¼c lower; February, 37¾c; March, 38c; May, 38½@38⅝c, closing at 38½c; spot No. 2 white, 41¼c; No. 2 Chicago, 38¾c; No. 3, 37c; No. 3 white, 40@40½c; mixed Western, 38@38½c; white Western, 40@45½c.

Hay—Fairly active, firm.

Hops—dull, easy; Pacific coast, 21@23c.

Hides—Moderate demand, steady.

Wool—Firm, quiet for domestic; domestic fleece, 27@32c; pulled, 20@37c; Texas, 17@21c.

Cut Meats—Quiet, steady. Pickled bellies, 11½c bid; pickled hams, 44@14½c. Middles quiet, firm. Lard quiet, firmer; Western steam closed at $13.20; sales, 650 tierces at $13.07½; option sales, none; March, $13.2[illegible]; May, $12.20; July, $13.80. Pork firm, quiet.

Butter—Quiet; Western dairy, 18@23c; Western creamery, 21@29c; Elgins, 28⅝@29c. Cheese—Moderate demand, steady. Eggs lower; liberal receipts; receipts, 7,531 pkgs; Western fresh, 28½c.

Tallow—Quiet, firm; city ($2 for pkgs), 8c bid. Cottonseed oil firm, quiet; crude, 54½@59c; yellow, 64@65c. Petroleum—Fair demand; crude firmer; Parker's, $5.50; Parker's, in bulk, $3; United closed at 59¾c for March; firm, moderate demand. Turpentine quiet, easier, at 35@35½c.

Rice—Active, firm. Molasses—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, good demand, firm. Coffee—Options opened barely steady 5 to 20 points down, closed steady 10 down to 5 up; sales, 17,700 bags, including: February, 16.20c; March, 17.10c; April, 16.75@16.85c; May, 16.55@16.65c; June, 16.50@16.55c; July, 16.45c; September, 16.35@16.40c; October, $16.30c; December, 16.20c; spot Rio dull, easy; No. 7, 17⅞c. Sugar—Raw dull; fair refining centrifugals, 93-test, 3⅜@3 7-16c; sales, 20 hhds, and 9 Cerevons Muscovado, 89-test, at 3c; refined quiet, steady.

Pig Iron—Steady, quiet; American, $13.50@15.50. Copper, lake, $12. Lead dull, steady; domestic, $4. Tin quiet; straits, $20.15.

St. Louis Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—Flour unchanged. Wheat went off ¼c early, then dropped ⅜c more, later rallied ⅜c, but again let down and closed ⅜@⅝c under yesterday; cash, 68c; May closed at 73¼c; July, 73¼c. Corn also declined without reaction and closed ½@⅝c below yesterday; cash and February, 39c; May, 41⅝c; July, 42½c. Oats lower; cash, 32c bid; May, 33⅞c. Rye—None offered. Barley—No sales. Bran active; 63@64½c. Lead firm and active; $3.70. Spelter steady, $4.05. Flaxseed firm; $1.20½.

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—Wheat ½c lower; dull early, became more active; No. 2 hard, 65@66c; No. 2 red, 70c. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed, 34c; No. 2 white, 35½@36c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 29½@30c; No. 2 white, 31½@32c. Rye steady, 52c. Eggs firm, 23@32½c. Receipts—Wheat, 60,000 bu; corn, 5,000 bu; oats, 1,000. Shipments—Wheat, 89,000 bu; corn, 1,000 bu; oats, none.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—Wheat quiet, holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 6s 3d@6s 4d per cental; No. 2 red winter, 5s 9½d@5s 10½d. Receipts of wheat for the past three days were 39,000 centals, including 27,000 American. Corn quiet, demand fair; receipts American for the past three days were 86,100 centals. Rosin—Common, 3s 10½d per cwt.

FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The stock market today was a remarkable one, not only for the volume of business transacted, but for the width of the fluctuations and the rather neutral result of the day's operations. The bears were out in full force and made one of the most vigorous drives of the season against Reading and the leading industrial shares, but at the close of the day only Reading, New England and Cordage showed any marked loss, while there were few important gains, and among the general railroad list the changes were about equally divided between gains and losses of small fractions. No clearer demonstration of the inherent strength of the market could be given, and the general confidence of the holders of stocks was plain. The advices over night that the president had left to the discretion of Secretary Foster the matter of an issuance of bonds reassured the street. The opening of the market was therefore generally strong, but this did not deter the bears from carrying out their prearranged programme of a vigorous drive at the few weak spots in the list.

There could be no doubt that liquidation was general in both Reading and New England today, though whether the material declines effected in those stocks would have been brought about without the vigorous bearish operations of the day is hardly to be maintained. The movement was much of a mystery, but heavy selling orders were executed, especially during the first hour, when one broker was credited with having sold a line of some 20,000 shares. The bears endeavored to create the belief that a large inside interest was liquidated, and and the amount to be sold was placed as high as 100,000, to say nothing of income bonds. At the same time the belief was general that Messrs. Keene & Kammack were the source of most of the selling orders, while another interest, which has been known to be bearish upon Reading for some time, was credited with the inauguration of the movement. The liquidation was attributed to insiders, who opposed the policy of President McLeod in New England. New England showed more rallying power in the late tradings. Reading opened at 46⅝ and steadily declined to 40⅝ and rallied to 42, failed to hold the improvement by closing at 38, a loss of 8⅝ points, while the transactions reached the enormous total of 400,000 shares. New England opened at 46, and at one time sold up to 46¾, but from that point retired rapidly to 41¾, rallying to 43½ at the close, a net loss of 2½.

The early efforts of the bears were directed largely against Sugar and Cordage, and the former was driven down 3 per cent to 121, while the latter, after opening at 67, retired to 61½, the declines in these stocks being accompanied by rumors of a disagreement in the Cordage pool, as to the amount of stock to be accumulated and of pool liquidations in Sugar, while certainly both were without support of any kind. The manipulators of these stocks, however, took hold of them later in the day, and Sugar was brought to 125 and Cordage from 61½ to 64¾. Sugar finally closed at 124½, with a gain of ⅞ per cent, but Cordage was 2¼ lower. The rest of the industrials sympathized on a scale with these leaders, but their final changes are in all cases insignificant, with the exception of Tobacco, which closed with a gain of 2⅛ per cent., which was entirely in the nature of a rally from its late depression. Railroad shares were fairly well held, but were compelled to yield to the influence of these sharp declines, and, despite the support given by London buying of St. Paul, Louisville and others of its favorites, the whole list was brought down from ¼ to ½ per cent. With the appearance of support in Sugar and Cordage, the traders quickly got over to the long side, and from that they worked diligently for a rally. In stocks this was fully accomplished, though the gains shown were for small fractions only. Manhattan was shifted about with it's usual sharpness, but finally closed 1 per cent higher at 103½. The market remained extremely active right up to the close which, however, was quite unsettled and evidently under the influence of the weakness in Reading.

The Post says: "The vulnerable nature of the industrials, and the ease with which they can be raided and demoralized, compared with the railway shares, is a subject so often commented upon as to have become almost true, but it has been seldom better illustrated than today. So-called 'gilt-edged' shares, as well as those stocks more familiar with violent fluctuations, nearly all yielded to concerted attack, and declines were not by fractions, but by whole points. A large amount of long stock was dislodged, and the shorts were enabled to cover almost at their own prices. Many who thought themselves secure were rudely awakened, and were made painfully aware of the vicissitudes of an industrial stock when once it starts on its downward way."

The Total Sales of Stocks today were 900,200 shares, including:

Atchison	6,600	Nat. Cordage	45,000
Burlington	7,900	New England	44,200
Chicago Gas	29,100	N. Pac. pfd	15,500
Cotton Oil	10,800	Reading	403,700
Distilling	19,400	Rock Island	7,800
Erie	6,500	St. Paul	40,600
Gen. Electric	6,800	St. Paul & O.	7,800
Louis. & Nash.	5,800	Sugar	121,000
Manhattan	4,400	Union Pacific	4,000
Nat. Lead	17,900	Western Union	10,000

Stocks—Closing.

Atchinson	33¾	Northern Pacific	17½
Adams Express	160	do pfd	48
Alton & Terra H.	32½	U. P. D. & Gulf	15¼
do pfd	150	Northwestern	112⅜
American Ex	118	do pfd	145
Baltimore & O	94	N. Y. Central	106⅝
Canada Pacific	86	N. Y. & N. Eng	43½
Can. Southern	55	Ont. & Western	18
Cen. Pacific	27¾	Oregon Imp	20½
Ches. & Ohio	23¾	Oregon Nav	89
Chicago & Alton	142	Or. S. L. & U. N.	20½
C., B. & Q. ex div	97⅝	Pacific Mail	25¾
Chicago Gas	89⅛	P., D. & E.	17
Consol. Gas	131¾	Pittsburg	155
C., C., C. & St. L.	53⅞	Pullman P. Car	196½
Cotton Oil Cert's.	48	Reading	40⅞
Del. & Hudson	143¾	Richmond Ter.	9¾
Del., L. & W	151½	do pfd	37
D. & G. R. pfd	51⅞	Rio G. Western	22
Distillers & C. F.	37¾	do pfd	69
East Tennessee	4½	Rock Island	84
Erie	24⅜	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	75
do pfd	52	St. Paul	78⅞
Fort Wayne	155	do pfd	123
Great Nor. pfd	135	St. Paul & Omaha	54¾
Chi. & E. Ill. pfd	102½	do pfd	118½
Hocking Valley	23⅝	Southern Pacific	31¾
Illinois Central	99¾	Sugar Refinery	124½
St. Paul & Duluth	44	Tenn. C. & I	35
Kan. & Tex. pfd.	24⅞	Texas Pacific	9½
Lake Erie & W	22⅞	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	78
do pfd	77½	Union Pacific	39½
Lake Shore	128¾	U. S. Express	65
Lead Trust	43⅝	W., St. L. & P.	12¾
Louisville & N.	75⅛	do pfd	25¼
Louisville & N. A.	24¼	Wells-Fargo Ex	146
Manhattan Con	150½	Western Union	96½
Memphis & Chas.	40	Wheeling & L. E.	19¾
Mich. Central	104⅛	do pfd	61⅝
Missouri Pacific	55⅝	Mpls & St. L.	16½
Mobile & Ohio	32	D. & R. G.	16¾
Nash. Chatt	88	Gen. Electric	138½
Nat. Cordage, new	64⅝	Nat'l Linseed	36½
do pfd	114	Col. Fuel & Iron	70
N. J. Central	125½	do pfd	108
Norfolk & W. pfd	36¼	Houston & T. C.	6
North Amer. Co.	10		

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Government and State Bonds.

Government bonds dull and easier. State bonds neglected.

U. S. 4s reg	112¼	N. Pacific 2ds	115⅝
do 4s coup	112¼	N. W. consols	134
do 4½s reg	99½	do deb. 5s	112
Pacific 6 of '95	105	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	88
La. stamped 4s	96½	St. L. & S. F. G. M	108
Tenn. new set. 6s	102	St. Paul consols	127
do 5s	101	t. P., C. & P. 1sts	117¾
do 3s	75⅛	T. P. L. & G. Tr. R.	79
Canada So. 2ds	103¼	T. P. R. G. Tr. R.	26¼
Cen. Pacific 1sts	106	Union Pac. 1sts	106
D. & R. G. 1st	118	West Shore	102¼
do 4s	88	R. & G. W. 1sts	77½
Erie 2ds	104⅛	Atchison 4s	83⅝
M. K. & T. Gen 6s	82½	do 2½ class a	55¾
do 5s	45½	G. H. & S. A. 6s	103½
Mut. Union 6s	113	do 2d 5s	97
N. J. C. Int. cert	112	H. & T. C. 5s	107⅛
N. Pacific 1sts	117¾	do con 6s	107

New York Mining Stocks—West.

Crown Point	$0 69	Plymouth	$0 60
Con. Cal. & Va	2 35	Sierra Nevada	1 20
Deadwood	1 35	Standard	1 35
Gould & Curry	80	Union Con	25
Hale & Norcross	1 15	Yellow Jacket	65
Homestake	11 50	Iron Silver	35
Mexican	1 65	Quicksilver	3 00
Ontario	13 50	do pfd	12 00
Ophir	2 05	Bulwer	12

Money Markets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Bank clearings today $16,703,321. New York exchange 80c discount. Sterling exchange dull; sixty-day bills, $4.86¾; demand $4.88¾. Money steady at 5½@6 per cent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Money on call firmer at 3@6 per cent, last loan 6, closed offered at 5. Prime mercantile paper 6. Sterling exchange quiet and easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½ for sixty days, and $4.88½ for demand.

THESE QUOTATIONS
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St. Paul Produce.

Wheat—Receipts of wheat have been light the past few days, with a fair demand at the following prices: No. 1 hard, 68@69c; No. 1 northern, 67@68c; No. 2, northern, 65@66c.

Corn—Corn is moving quite freely, with prices steady and demand fair; No. 3, 37@38c; No. 3 yellow, 38@39c.

Oats—Receipts of oats have been much larger the past few days, but the demand has been good and prices remain unchanged; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 3 white, 31½@32½c; No. 3, 30@31½c.

Rye—No. 2, 47@48c.

Barley—Nearly all sales of barley are made on samples prices, ranging 35@50c.

Flour—Although wheat is weak and lower, flour remains firm and in good demand. Patents, $3.60@4.10; straight, $3.30@3.60.

Rye Flour—$2.50@3.50.

Buckwheat Flour—$4@4.50.

Corn Meal—Bolted, $2.10@2.40.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $15.25@15.75.

Coarse Corn Meal—$15.

Bran and Shorts—Steady at $11@11.50 for bran, and $12@12.50 for shorts.

Hay—Receipts light and demand fair; No. 1 upland, $7.25@7.75; No. 2 upland, $6.75@7; No. 1 timothy, $9@9.50.

Straw—$3.75@4.25.

Butter—Creamery, 1-lb bricks, 29@30c; creamery, in tubs, 26@28c; second creamery, in tubs, 23@25c; first dairy, 22@23c; dairy, second, 16@18c; packing stock, 13@14c; roll and print, 16@19c.

Cheese—Full cream, 11½@12½c; primost, 5@6c; Young America, 11½@12c; brick, 11½@13½c; Limburger, 11@11½c; Swiss, 14@15c.

Eggs—Fresh, per doz., 18@20c.

Poultry—Turkeys, dressed, 14@15c; old hens and roosters, 10@11c; spring chickens, 12@13c; ducks and geese, 11@12c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, 65@70c; Minnesota onions, $1@1.25 per bu; Minnesota cabbage, $18@20 per ton; Hubbard squash, $1.75@2 per doz; Jersey sweet potatoes, $5.50 per bbl; sweet potatoes, Cobden, $4.50@5 per bbl. Beans—Navy, $1.75@2 per bu; medium, $1.50@1.75. Cabbage—California, per lb, 4c.

Fruits—Lemons, $2.75@3; fancy, $3@3.25. Bananas—Port Limons, $2@2.50; Bluefield, $2@2.25; Honduras, $1.50@2. Apples—New, $3@3.25 per car lots; small way, $3.50; fancy, $4.50@5; standard, $3.25@3.50; fair, $3. Figs, 12½@16c. Dates—Persian, 50-lb boxes, 5c; Sayre, 60-lb boxes, 4½c; Fards, 10-lb boxes, 10c; Golden, 10-lb boxes, 7@7½c. California Peaches—None coming. Pears, $3.25@3.50. Grapes—Concords, 10-lb baskets, 35c; 5-lb baskets, 20c; Catawbas, 10-lb baskets, 35c; 5-lb baskets, 20c; Malagas, full wgt, fancy, $9@10 per bbl; choice, full wgt, $8@8.50 per bbl; Florida tangarines, ½ cases, $2.50. Cranberries—Cape Cod, $10.50@11 per bbl; bell and cherry, $9@9.50; bell and bugle, $10.50@11. Florida oranges, $3.50@3.75 per box; Californias, $3@3.25; navel oranges, $4@4.50; Mexican oranges, $3@3.25 per box.

Miscellaneous—Veal, per 100 lbs, $6@7.50; hides, steer, green, per lb, 5c; hides, cow, green, per lb, 3½c; hides, calf, green, per lb, 6c; hides, steer, salt, per lb, 6c; hides, cow, salt, per lb, 4½c; pelts, 25c@$1.50; wool, washed, 22@24c; wool, unwashed, 15@17c; tallow, 4c; pork, mess, $20@22; beef, $7; bacon, $10@10.50; hams, 11@11½c; lard, $8@9.50; hops, 25@27c; cocoanuts, per 100, $5@5.50; hogs, dressed, $6@6c; mutton, dressed, $6@6.50; prairie chickens, $4@5 per doz; pheasants, $7@8; ducks, mallard, $3.50@4 per doz; teal, $1.50@1.75; quail, per doz, $1.75@2; jack rabbits, $2.50@3 per doz.

Nuts—Peanuts, raw, 5c; roasted, 7@8c; walnuts, California, 12@12½c; Grenoble, 14c; Naples, 11c; pecans, 10@11c; Brazils, new, 10@11c; almonds, Taragona, 18c; almonds, California, 17c; filberts, Sicily, 10c; hickory nuts, small, per bu, $1.75@2; large, $1.75 per bu; black walnuts per bu, $1.

Cider—New apples, clarified, bbl, $6.75@7; ½ bbl, $3.50@3.75; orange, ½ bbl, $6.50; pear, ½ bbl, $6.50; peach, ½ bbl, $6.50; Mott's hard cider, ½ bbl, $4; bbl, $7.

Honey—Per lb, 14@15c; maple sugar, 9@10c; maple syrup, per gal, $1@1.50.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Chamber of Commerce.

The demand for wheat was at lower prices, with May at ¼c lower at first, falling later with the fall noted at all other points. Cables were heavy, and weak, with Liverpool quoting downward tendency. Weather was not unfavorable to the crop on the ground, and spring wheat receipts were larger. There was talk of the clique buying to hold the markets from going lower. Who the clique is, is somewhat uncertain, but when known finally, will possibly be as unreal as it is now fanciful. Still the word may be valuable to allay the tendency that might, on occasions, lead to reckless selling. Minneapolis received 370 cars of wheat this morning and Chicago 214 cars. There was buying against puts in the morning that checked the early break. That with reported clique buying in Chicago steadied the decline, although New York was reported selling in the West, and by some the clique is located in Wall Street. Wheat ranged as follows:

February, opening, 65½c; highest, 65½c; lowest, 65½c; closing, 65½c; May, opening, 69¼c; highest, 69½c; lowest, 68⅝c; closing, 69c; July, opening, 71⅝@71¾c; highest, 71¾c; lowest, 71¼c; closing, 71¼c.

On Track—No. 1 hard, 68c; No. 1 northern, 66½c; No. 2 northern, 63@64c.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour—Receipts, 600 bbls; shipments, 27,073 bbls. Quoted at $3.75@4.10 for first patents; $3.50@3.75 for second patents; $2.25@2.50 for fancy and export bakers'; $1.10@1.45 for low grades in bags, including red dog. Local millers advise that demand is good, and contemplate raising the price.

Bran and Shorts—Quoted at $10.50@11.50 for bran, $11.50@12 for shorts.

Corn—Receipts, 3,450 bu; shipments, 16,280 bu; quoted at 36c for No. 3, and No. 2 yellow at 39½@40c; corn very dull, receipts light and demand also light. See sales.

Oats—Receipts, 7,840 bu; shipments, 13,130 bu; quoted at 31@32½c for No. 3 white, 31½@33c for No. 3 oats. Demand is slow. See sales for other grades.

Barley—Receipts, 5,840; shipments, 5,390 bu; quoted at 30@50c for No. 3; really choice, see sales.

Rye—Receipts, 510; shipments, none; No. 2 rye nominally 47@48c today.

Flax—The market is based on Chicago market, less the freight. Flax closed at $1.24; cash timothy, $2.03; nominal; March, $2.05 in Chicago.

Feed—Millers held at $15.75@16 per ton; less than car lots, $16@17, with cornmeal, $13.50@14; granulated meal, $20.

Hay—Receipts, 306 tons; shipments, 10 tons. The market is steady for choice upland at about $7@7.25 for Iowa upland.

Sample Sales—No. 1 hard, 2 cars, 69c; No. 1 hard, 5 cars, 68⅛c; No. 1 northern, 97 cars, 67c; No. 1 northern, 28 cars, 66½c; No. 1 northern, 8 cars, 67¼c; No. 1 northern, 5 cars, 68c; No. 1 northern, 2 cars, thin, 66c; No. 1 northern, 2 cars, 66c; No. 1 northern, 1 car, poor, 66c; No. 1 northern, 1 car, 69c; No. 2 northern, 34 cars, 64c; No. 2 northern, 19 cars, 63½c; No. 2 northern, 5 cars, to arrive, 63½c; No. 2 northern, 4 cars, 64½c; No. 2 northern, 6 cars, choice, 66c; No. 2 northern, 1 car, o. w. b., 66½c; No. 2 northern, 2 cars, 65c.

Union Stockyards.

Receipts, 583 hogs, 339 cattle, 80 calves, 156 sheep.

Hogs—Strong; market opened 10c higher, all sold early except late arrivals, and late sales were steady with the opening, although Eastern markets closed weak. Quality pretty fair for the bulk, a few loads being common and light mixed.

Cattle—Steady and active. With yesterday's late arrivals, about 600 head were offered. The demand was good all around, except canners, which sell slow. Good butcher stuff is scarce, and prime material brings top prices. Stockers and feeders in good demand. Several buyers on the market for good-sized shipments. Quotations: Prime steers, $4@4.50; good steers, $3.50@4; prime cows, $3@3.85; good cows, $2.50@3; common to fair cows, $1.75@2.50; light veal calves, $5.50@4.50; heavy calves, $2.50@3.50; stockers, $2@2.75; feeders, $2.50@3.25; bulls, $1.75@3.

Sheep—Slow. Local demand was pretty well supplied, and there was no trading. Quotations: Muttons, $4.75@4.75; lambs, $3.75@4.75; stockers and feeders, $3@4.25.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000; shipments, 2,500; market active, higher; top steers, $5.40@6; good to choice, $5@5.25; others, $4.25@4.90; Texans, $3.25@4.50; cows, $3.50@3.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; shipments, 8,000; market steady, strong at opening, but closed trifle lower: mixed and packers, $8@8.35; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $8.40@8.60; prime light, $8.05@8.15; other lights, $7.50@8.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; shipments, 1,500; market steady; natives, $4@4.25; Westerns, $5@5.35; fed Texans, $4.86; lambs, $4.40@6.25.

Petroleum.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The animation in petroleum certificates, owing to the scarcity of production in the field, was continued today and some advance in the price recorded. Although it was reported that 67c bid in the field failed to secure supplies, the price here did not rise above 60¼c. The opening was firm and unchanged at 59c, and the price was pushed to 60¼c, but liquidation was started and a reaction to 59¾c followed, the close being at that price bid.

OIL CITY, Pa., Feb. 17.—National Transit Certificates opened at 59¼c; highest, 60c; lowest, 59¼c; closed at 59½c. Sales, 137,000 bbls; clearances, 738,000 bbls; shipments, 65,068 bbls; runs, 88,572 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 17.—National Transit Certificates opened at 59¼c; closed at 59⅝c; highest, 59⅝c; lowest, 59¼c.

ST. PAUL REAL ESTATE.

The following real estate transfers were recorded yesterday:

Caroline Wolterstorff to Jacob A Ondrak, lts 1 and 2, blk 5, G V Bacon's add $1,500

Walter S. Ryan to Percy Vittum, lts 21 and 22, blk 24, Mackubin & Marshall's. 7,000

Sadie A Vittum to F W Anderson, lts 1 to 6, inclusive, blk 4, Birmingham's add 2,800

J A Heinze to Hans J Frandsen, part blk 82, Lyman Dayton's add 1,200

Henry Rochar to Richard Hille, lt 14, blk 2, Denny Hill add 600

E M Hallowell to Otto Bremer, lts 1 to 5, blk 19, lts 7 and 8, blk 18, Bazille & Robert's 6,000

Emily E Westervelt to Nels J Veline, pt lts 6 and 7, blk 114, West St Paul Proper 1,500

Henry Buschman to Chas Bjorklund, lt 3, blk 4, Holcombe's subd, lts 70 to 75, Wilkin & Hayward's Outlots 1,400

Total, nine deeds $20,500

CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY Co. Trains leave union depot. City Office, 19 East Third Street.

*Daily.	†Daily ex. Sund	Leave.	Arrive
†Chicago Fast Express		7:55 am	10:40pm
†Iowa, Mo. & Kansas Ex		7:25 am	10:40pm
*Dodge Center Local		4:35 pm	10:15am
*Chicago Limited		7:30 pm	7:35am
*Des Moines, St. Joe & K. C.		7:30 pm	7:35am

Burlington Route

Leaves Union Depot for Chicago, St. Louis and down-river points, 7:50 a. m. Arrives from same points, 5:10 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Leaves Union Depot for Chicago and St. Louis, 7:30 p. m. Arrives from same points, 7:05 a. m. daily.

SITUATIONS OFFERED.

Males.

AGENTS—Wanted, live, wide-awake men for city agents by the Northwestern Benevolent Society of Duluth, Minn.; pays sick, accident and death benefits; costs members $1 per month; office in Odd Fellows' Block, Wabasha st., opposite postoffice; call and investigate.

AT OSBORN & JOHNSON'S AGENCY, 287 Sibley st., 50 railroad laborers for Dakota; 25 railroad laborers for Iowa; free fare; also 500 men for Black Hills; one year's work; farm hands near city.

BARBER wanted, a first-class man, at Arlington hotel; wages $15 per week.

BARBER—Wanted, a barber for Saturday, at 227 West Seventh st.

BARBER WANTED—Steady job to sober man. 414 South Wabasha st., West St. Paul.

BARBERS—Wanted, three first-class white barbers; steady work; highest wages, apply Lyceum Barber Shop, Duluth, Minn.

BARBER wanted at 481 Wabasha st.

BROCK'S COMMERCIAL AGENCY (Limited), of New York city, of which Henry Brock is president, and T. H. Wallace treasurer, desire to engage a reporter in St. Paul, who is in no other business and will give his whole time and attention to their business. Salary $1,500 the first year. It is understood that employes must live within their means, not borrow money, nor ask any credit. On account of these restrictions, the pay will be liberal, and if services are satisfactory compensation will be increased every six months. No applications will be considered from those who are at present employed by parties in a similar business. Apply by letter, with reference, and state previous experience, to H. Brock, Parlor D, Ryan Hotel, for three days.

BOYS WANTED—Steady employment The Horne & Danz Co., West Side.

BOY—A strong boy to carry packages and make himself generally useful. Apply The August Oppenheimer Company of St. Paul, Fifth and Sibley.

BUTLER—Wanted, a butler; must have good recommendations. Apply 2505 Park av., Minneapolis.

COMPOSITOR—Steady employment to right boy with one year's experience. 317 Wabasha st.

GROCERY CLRK—Wanted, experienced grocery clerk; also an assistant bookkeeper. Address Jas. S. O'Brien, 65 West First South st., Salt Lake City, Utah.

HARNESSMAKERS—Wanted, twenty-five harnessmakers at once on handmade work. Dodson, Fisher, Brockman & Co., 15, 17 and 19 Third st. north, Minneapolis, Minn.

PAINTER—Good, reliable painter and paperhanger will find first-class opening; good thing for the right party. Write E. M. Robertson, Graceville, Minn.

SALARY OR COMMISSION to agents to handle the Patent Chemical Ink-Erasing Pencil; the most useful and novel invention of the age; erases ink thoroughly in two seconds; works like magic; 200 to 500 per cent profit; agents making $50 per week; we also want a general agent to take charge of territory, and appoint sub agents; a rare chance to make money; write for terms and specimen of erasing. Monroe Eraser Mfg. Co., X4, La Crosse, Wis.

SALESMAN—To sell specialty to retail grocers, bakers and confectioners; state experience and salary wanted. Address T 28, Globe.

SECOND BAKER