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TURNED AFTER NOON

Early Depression in Wheat Succeeded by Strength Later.

Corn Was Dull but Firm, and Closed With a Gain.

Provisions Unsettled, but the Average Was Decidedly Lower.

Railroad Shares Advanced in the Face of High Money.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Wheat turned strong this afternoon on a rumor that the government had decided to sell bonds for the purpose of replenishing the supply of gold coin. The stimulus continued its effects even after the receipt of a contradiction. The market early had been very weak, but the last quotation was ⅛c higher than yesterday's closing price for May. July closed ¼c lower. Corn was dull but firm, and improved ⅛c. Provisions suffered declines amounting to 25c in pork, 12½c in lard and 7½c in ribs.

Nearly everything seemed to be against the price of wheat at the start. The weather was spring-like all over the country, cables were lower and weak, domestic markets showed a material decline, the New York stock market was again demoralized by the high premium for money—from 25 to 50 per cent—and the amount on ocean passage increased 818,000 bu. In addition to all this, there was an increase of over 500,000 bu in the stock of contract grade during the last week. Under these conditions the trade was slow and the tendency downward. On the decline shorts were fairly good buyers, and there was apparently some investment demand, but the selling pressure was too strong for this demand to check the weakness much. The impending government report of stocks in farmers' hands and the uncertainty attending it was also a depressing factor. It was while matters were in this condition during the last hour that the sharp rally was caused by the report, afterward denied, that the government would issue $50,000,000 gold bearing bonds. The opening was about ⅜@½c lower, ruled easy, and then advanced sharply ⅝c for May and ½c for July, receded again, recovered and the closing was steady within ⅛c of the top.

Corn traders were again discussing the possibility of the government supply report to be issued late this week showing a less quantity in farmers' hands than had been supposed. On this talk there was some display of buying by a few well-known houses. With this action and the fact that the speculative offerings were but moderate, the local "shorts" were disposed to cover, and prices advanced⅜c, subsequently ruling easier. The fact was mildly emphasized by some favoring the "bull" side that the local stocks of contract grades decreased 48,844 bu for the week, and are now 5,605,206 bu. The quantity on ocean passage also exhibited a decrease of 80,000 bu.

There was a moderate trade in oats, and prices held within a range of ⅜c. Closing sales were at about the same as yesterday for May, but at a net loss of ⅛c on September.

Provisions were considerably unsettled today, but the average was decidedly lower. The market opened weak on slightly increased receipts of live hogs at the yards, realizing on stop loss orders by the commission houses, the uneasy feeling in Wall street, fine, open weather, and the fear of a strike by the city switchmen employed by the railroads centering in Chicago. The "shorts" were the principal buyers. They quickly absorbed the offerings, and the market advanced rapidly. After a slight reaction the feeling of steadiness prevailed. The volume of trading was light. Subsequent free offerings by a prominent packing institution caused a liberal break. As soon as they were withdrawn the "shorts" rushed in to cover and sent the market up again, after which it ruled steady.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 120 cars; corn, 150 cars; oats, 120 cars; hogs, 22,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat, No. 2—				
March	73	73⅝	73	73⅝
May	76¾	77	76⅝	76⅞
July	73	73¼	72¾	73¼
Corn, No. 2—				
March	46¾	47⅛	46¾	47⅛
May	43½	43⅞	43½	43⅞
July	44¼	44¾	44¼	44½@⅝
Oats, No. 2—				
March	31⅛	31½	31⅛	30⅞
May	32⅞	33	32⅝	32⅞
June	33	33⅛	33	33⅛
Mess Pork—				
May	18 20	18 40	18 07½	18 27½
Lard—				
May	12 80	12 85	12 77½	12 85
July	11 80	11 87½	11 72½	11 87
Sept	11 57½	11 62½	11 50	11 55
Short Ribs—				
May	10 25	10 37½	10 20	10 20

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour barely steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 73½@73⅝c; No. 3 spring, 61@65c; No. 2 red, 73½@73¾c. Corn—No. 2, 41c. Oats—No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 34@34½c; No. 3 white, 31@32c. Rye—No. 2, 50c. Barley—No. 2, 62c; No. 3, f. o. b., 44@53c; No. 4, f. o. b., 33@48c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.20½. Timothy Seed—Prime, $4.42@4.44. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $18.05@18.07½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $12.75. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $10.30@10.32½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $9.75@9.87½; short clear sides (boxed), $10.70@10.75. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.17. Sugars—Unchanged. Corn—No. 3, 37½c. Receipts—Flour, 19,000 bbls; wheat, 130,000 bu; corn, 72,000 bu; oats, 141,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 112,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 17,000 bbls; wheat, 78,000 bu; corn, 67,000 bu; oats, 105,000 bu; rye, none; barley, 25,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was tame; creamery, 19@26c; dairy, 19@25c. Eggs steady; strictly fresh, 17c.

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Milwaukee Grain.

MILWAUKEE, March 7.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm: May, 67⅞c; No. 2 spring, 67c; No. 1 northern, 72c. Corn steady: No. 3, 38½@39c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 34½c; No. 3 white, 32½@33½c. Barley quiet; No. 2, 62c; sample, 33@62c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 54½c.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Flour—Receipts, 48,067 pkgs; exports, 2,275 bbls, 28,277 sacks; sales, 5,600 pkgs; market very dull, steady.

Barley—Firm, quiet. Barley Malt—Dull, steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 51,925 bu; exports, 147,391 bu; sales, 1,685,000 bu futures, $88,000 bu spot; spot market moderately active for export, ¼@½c lower, with options steady; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 78½@78¾c; afloat, 78¼@78½c; f. o. b., 77¾@79¼c; No. 1 northern, 83¾@84c; No. 1 hard, 88¼@88½c; No. 2 northern, 82¾@83c; options were dull and ⅛@⅜c lower, closing steady; opening weak and declining ⅜c on the increase on passage; lower cables, increased receipts West and tight money, reacted ¼@⅜c, with the West and shorts covering; No. 2 red, March, 76⅞c, closing at 76¾c; May, 78 3-16@79¼c, closing at 79⅛c; June, 79⅝@80c, closing at 80c; July, 80⅞@81 1-16c, closing at 81c.

Corn—Receipts, 8,000 bu; exports, 14,238 bu; sales, 550,000 bu futures, 46,000 bu spot; spot market strong, very dull; No. 2, 53¼@53½c elevator, 54½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 51½@54c; No. 3, 51@52c; options opened at ¼c decline and weak, as following wheat, and on the increase on passage, advanced ⅜c, with West, and on covering declined ¼c on local realizing, and closed dull at ⅛@⅜c under yesterday; May, 51@51⅜c, closing at 51⅛c; June, 50⅜c, closing at 50⅞c; July, 51@51⅜c, closing at 51⅛c.

Oats—Receipts, 27,300 bu; exports, 1,526 bu; sales, 4,000 bu futures, 64,000 bu spot; spot market dull, firmer; options dull, ⅛c higher, steady; May, 38@38⅛c, closing at 38⅛c; spot No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 2 Chicago, 39¾c; No. 3, 38c; No. 3 white, 41½@41¾c; mixed Western, 38½@40½c; white Western, 41½@48c.

Hay—Firm, moderately active.

Hops—Quiet, weak.

Hides—Fair demand, steady.

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

Cut Meats—Less active, firm; pickled bellies, 11@11¼c; pickled shoulders, 10c; pickled hams, 14¼c. Middles quiet, easy; short clear, 11¼c. Lard dull, lower; Western steam closed at $13 asked; March, $12.05; May, $12.95; July, $12. Pork quiet, weak.

Butter firm, fairly active; Elgins, 27½c; jobbing lots, 28c. Cheese—Moderate demand, steady. Eggs firm, good demand; Western, fresh, 19c; receipts, 10,330 packages.

Tallow quiet, lower; city ($2 per package), 6½c. Cottonseed oil quiet, firm. Petroleum steady, quiet; United closed at 63c bid, 63½c asked. Rosin dull, firm; strained, common to good, $1.45@1.47½. Tupentine firm, quiet, at 35¼@35¾c.

Rice—Fair demand, firm. Molasses—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, fairly active, firm, 30@38c. Coffee—Options opened steady, 5 to 10 points higher, closed inactive, 5@10 up; sales, 7,250 bags, including: March, 17.40c; April, 17.05c; May, 16.85@16.90c; July, 16.65c; September, 16.55@16.60c; spot Rio nominal. Sugar—Raw dull, steady; refined quiet, steady.

Pig Iron—Dull, steady: Scotch, $18.50@22; American, $12.75@15.50. Copper quiet, weak; lake, $11.75. Lead dull, easy; domestic, $3.82½. Tin strong; straits, $20.85; plates steady, moderately active.

St. Louis Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, March 7.—Flour steady; in better demand; wheat opened ½c lower on a rush, and sold down slightly from that point, rallying ⅜c and closing firm, ¼@⅜c below yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 67c; March, 67½c; April, 68⅜c; May, 70⅜c; July, 71⅝@71⅞c. Corn opened ¼c off, lost ¼c, rallied, closing ⅛@¼c higher; No. 2 cash, 37⅜c; March, 37⅜c; April, 38½c; May, 38⅞c; July, 41c. Oats—Very little doing; No. 2 cash, 32½c; May, 33¼c. Rye and barley firm. Hay—Increased trading; prices unchanged. Flaxseed lower, $1.18½.

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Wheat weak and lower; No. 2 hard, 63@63½c; No. 2 red, 70½@71c. Corn weak; No. 2 mixed, 33½@33½c; No. 2 white, 35c. Oats in fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 28¾@29½c; No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, March 7.—Wheat quiet, demand fair, holders offer moderately: No. 1 California, 6s 1½d@6s 2½d per cental; No. 2 red winter, 5s 7½d@5s 8½d. Receipts wheat past three days were 143,000 centals, including 137,000 American. Corn—Easy, demand poor; mixed Western old, 4s 6½d per cental; mixed Western new, 4s 3d. Receipts American corn past three days, 41,800 centals. Lard—Prime Western, 63s 6d per cwt.

FINANCIAL

New York.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The severe stringency in the money market, call loans having sold as high as ⅛ per cent per diem and interest, equal to about 52 per cent per annum, led to a fresh attack upon the industrials in the early trading today. American Sugar Refining broke 6½ to 116⅜, and the others yielded anywhere from 1 to 3¾ per cent. Many holders were alarmed by the high rates exacted for money and sold out. The railroad list, on the other hand, held remarkably firm, the only notable exception having been New England, which the popular belief that the New York, New England & Hartford will ultimately get the road at its own price broke 4⅛ to 25. As the day wore along it became evident that the stringency in money was due in part to manipulation, and this, together with a further decided drop in sterling exchange, had a tendency to restore confidence. A recovery set in, and it assumed more important proportions as the ease in money became more pronounced. American Sugar regained all of its early loss on well-authenticated reports, which were afterwards fully borne out, that an extra dividend would be paid on the common stock. It was officially announced late in the day that the directors, in addition to declaring the usual quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred, had raised the quarterly rate on the common from 2½ to 3 per cent, and, in addition, had awarded the common stockholders an extra cash dividend of 10 per cent. It is stated that, after paying all these dividends, the company will have a cash surplus of some $5,000,000. Outside of American Sugar Refining, the advance from the lowest was equal to ½@2½ per cent. A majority of the railway shares, like St. Paul, Rock Island, Burlington & Quincy, Lackawanna, Louisville & Nashville, Union Pacific, Reading, Missouri Pacific and Atchison, closed with net gains for the day of ¼ to 1¼ per cent. There was considerable buying for the long account, as well as to cover short contracts, owing partly to reports that Secretary Carlisle would at an early day announce an issue of bonds by the government of $50,000,000. The market closed firm in tone.

The Post says: "The real element of importance in the monetary situation is the question how far the banks in and out of New York are or have been participating in the gold scare. In this city there is no ground for saying that the banks have been hoarding gold. The clearing house banks combined hold $32,000,000 less specie than they did a year ago, while their legal tender account is little changed. Only one conspicuous bank in that time has materially increased its specie holdings at the expense of its legal tenders, and it is probable that for this exception there are special reasons. Whether the accumulation elsewhere of gold or of currency exchangeable for treasury gold has intensified the March demand from interior banks, the course of affairs later in the week will show. Meantime, it certainly cannot be deemed unreasonable for banks to hold their money reserves as closely as possible, pending some radical action by the new treasury secretary. If the government is to accumulate $50,000,000 more money in its specie reserve, it is highly essential, before the banks extend their credits further, that they should know whence the money is to be drawn."

The Total Sales of Stocks today were 412,800 shares, including:

Atchison	4,000	Missouri Pacific	4,100
C., B. & Q.	11,600	National Lead	10,300
Chicago Gas	8,900	Nat'l Cordage	10,500
Cotton Oil	9,400	New England	43,500
D., L. & W.	5,700	North. Pac. pfd.	9,600
Distilling	16,700	Reading	61,900
Erie	8,500	Rock Island	5,000
Gen. Electric	6,800	St. Paul	19,300
Louisville & N.	5,200	Sugar	85,200
Manhattan	4,200	Western Union	7,400

Stocks—Closing.

Atchinson	32¼	N. Pacific	15⅞
Adams Express	157	do pfd	38¾
Alton & Terre H.	32	U. P., D. & Gulf	14¼
do pfd	150	Northwestern	111¼
American Ex.	117	do pfd	140
Baltimore & O.	91	N. Y. Central	108
Canada Pacific	85	N. Y. & N. Eng.	27⅞
Can. Southern	73⅞	Ont. & Western	17½
Central Pacific	27	Oregon Imp.	19
Ches. & Ohio	23	Oregon Nav.	75
Chicago & Alton	141	Or. S. L. & U. N.	19½
C., B. & Q.	94¾	Pacific Mail	23¾
Chicago Gas	89½	P., D. & E.	16⅞
Consol. Gas	1.5	Pittsburg	156
C., C., C. & St. L.	49	Pullman P. Car	191
Cotton Oil cert's.	48¾	Reading	24⅞
Del. & Hudson	127⅞	Richmond Ter.	9⅞
Del., L. & W.	144⅞	do pfd	36
D. & G. R. pfd.	52½	Rio G. Western	20
Distillers & C. F.	32⅞	do pfd	61
East Tennessee	4	Rock Island	83
Erie	21⅞	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	75
do pfd	48	St. Paul	77⅞
Fort Wayne	135	do pfd	122¼
Great Nor. pfd	149	St. Paul & Omaha	52¼
Chi. & E. Ill. pfd.	100	do pfd	116
Hocking Valley	28¼	Southern Pacific	32
Illinois Central	98¼	Sugar Refinery	120⅞
St. Paul & Duluth	42	Tenn. C. & I.	20¼
Kan. & Tex. pfd.	24¼	Texas Pacific	9
Lake Erie & W.	22	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	75
do pfd	76¾	Union Pacific	37⅞
Lake Shore	126	U. S. Express	65
Lead Trust	38¾	W., St. L. & P pfd	11½
Louisville & N.	75	do pfd	23¼
Louisville & N. A.	22½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	146
Manhattan Con.	130	Western Union	94⅞
Memphis & Char.	40	Wheeling & L. E.	15⅛
Mich. Central	104	do pfd	59⅞
Missouri Pacific	54⅞	Mpls & St. L.	15
Mobile & Ohio	33	D. & R. G.	15¾
Nash. Chatt.	85	Gen. Electric	105
Nat. Cordage	59⅞	Nat'l Linseed	36⅞
do pfd	110	Col. Coal & Iron.	68¼
N. J. Central	118½	do pfd	109¾
Norfolk & W. pfd	34	Houston & T. C.	6½
North Amer. Co.	9⅛	Tol. A. A. & N. M.	37

Government and State Bonds.

Government bonds steady. State bonds dull.

U. S. 4s reg.	112½	N. Pacific 2ds	113
do 4s coup	112½	N. W. consols	135½
do 2½s reg.	99½	do deb. 5s	109
La. stamped 4s	105	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	87¼
Pacific 6s of '95	94½	St. L. & S. F. G. M. 111	
Missouri 6s	102	St. Paul consols	123½
Tenn. new set. 6s	101	St. P., C. & P. 1sts	116½
do 5s	101	T. P. L. G. Tr. R.	77
do 3s	77⅞	T. P. R. G. Tr. R.	26
Canada So. 2ds	99⅞	Union Pac. 1sts	106½
Cen. Pacific 1sts	106	West Shore	102
D. & R. G. 1st	118	R. & G. W. 1sts	76⅛
do 4s	87	Atchison 4s	82
Erie 2ds	100	do 2½ class a	55½
M. K. & T. Gen 6s.	81¼	G. H. & S. A. 6s	106
do 5s	44½	do 2d 5s	107
Mut. Union 6s	112	H. & T. C. 5s	109½
N. J. C. Int. cert.	111	do con 6s	106½
N. Pacific 1sts	116		

New York Mining Stocks—West.

Crown Point	$0 40	Plymouth	$0 75
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 50	Sierra Nevada	1 15
Deadwood	1 50	Standard	1 40
Gould & Curry	80	Union Con.	90
Hale & Norcross	1 10	Yellow Jacket	50
Homestake	11 00	Iron Silver	40
Mexican	1 60	Quicksilver	3 00
Ontario	13 00	do pfd	15 00
Ophir	1 90	Bulwer	20

San Francisco Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	$2 20	Mexican	$1 60
Bulwer	25	Ophir	1 70
Best & Belcher	1 30	Potosi	1 30
Bodie Con.	5	Savage	75
Challar	60	Sierra Nevada	1 10
Con. Cal. & Va.	2 35	Union Con.	85
Crown Point	35	Utah	10
Gould & Curry	75	Yellow Jacket	50
Hale & Norcross	1 10	Belcher	65

Money Markets.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Bank clearings today, $16,955,876. New York exchange, 80c discount. Sterling exchange unsettled; sixty-day bills, $4.85¼; demand, $4.87¼. Money strong at 6@7 per cent.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Money on call was irregular, ranging from ⅜ per cent and interest per diem to 2 per cent per annum; last loan 3; closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper 6. Sterling exchange was heavy with actual business at $4.84@4.84¼ for sixty-day bankers' bills and $4.85¾@4.86¼ for demand.

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St. Paul Grain Markets.

Wheat—Receipts are light and prices unchanged; No. 1 hard, 68@69c; No. 1 northern, 67@68c; No. 2 northern, 65@66c.

Corn remains firm and steady at the following quotations: No. 3, 36@37c; No. 3 yellow, 38@39c.

Oats—The demand for oats continues good and prices steady: No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c; No. 3, 31@32c.

Rye—No. 2, 47@48c.

Barley—Sales of barley are mostly by sample, ranging 35@47c.

Flour—Quiet, and demand fair; patent, $3.60@4; straights, $3.30@3.60; bakers', $2.60@2.90; rye, $2.50@3.50; buckwheat, $5@5.50.

Cornmeal—Bolted, $2.10@2.20; coarse, $14.50.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $15@15.50; No. 2, $16; No. 3, $16.50.

Bran and Shorts—The demand is good and prices steady at $11@11.50 for bran, and $12@12.50 for shorts.

Hay—Unchanged; No. 1 upland, $7@7.50; No. 2 upland, $6.50@7; No. 1 timothy, $9@9.50. Straw—$3.75@4.50.

St. Paul Produce.

Butter—Extra creamery, 3-lb rolls, 28@29c; tub creamery, 26@27c; choice creamery, 24@25c; fancy dairy, 23@22c; good, 17@18c; packing stock, 14@15c.

Vegetables—Celery, per doz, 35@40c; Minnesota, 35@40c per doz; parsnips, 50c per bu; beets, 50c per bu; rutabagas, 30c; lettuce, 35c per doz; radishes, 30@35c per doz; Minnesota onions, $1@1.25 per bu; Minnesota cabbage, per doz, 75@$1; new cabbage, per lb, 3@3½c; potatoes, per bu, 70@75c; Hubbard squash, $1.75@2; Illinois sweet potatoes, $4.50@5 per bbl; new California tomatoes, $3 per crate.

Figs—Extra fancy, 16@18c; fancy new layers, per lb, 14@15c; choice new layers, per lb, 12@13c; mats, 50 lbs, 10c; baskets, 21c.

Game—Prairie chickens, $4.50@5 per doz; ducks, $2.50@2.75; mallard, redhead, $3.50; canvasback, $6; pheasants, $6@7; quail, $1.75@2; jack rabbits, $2.50@3; rabbits, 75c@$1; squirrels, per doz, 75c; snipe, per doz, $1.75; plover, per doz, $1.75.

Fruits—California pears, per box, $3@3.75; California peaches, none coming; California plums, none coming; California plums, cal. crates, none; California Tokay grapes, none; California Muscat grapes, none; Siberian apples, none coming; Hislop, none coming.

Beans—Fancy navys, hand-picked, bu, $1.80@2; mediums, bu, $1.60@1.75; mixed lots, bu, 90c@$1.25; red kidney, bu, $1.25@1.50; brown beans, bu, $2.50.

Oranges—California Riverside, $3@3.25; Florida, $3.50@4; Messinas, $2.75@3.25; Valencias, $6; Rodi, none coming; California navels, $4@4.50; Mexicans, $3@3.25; Tangerines, ½-cases, $2.50.

Bananas—Yellow, large, sound fruit, $2.25@2.75; ditto, medium, $1.75@2.

Honey—White clover, 14@15c; dark, 10@12c.

Malaga Grapes—Heavy weights, $10@12; light, $8.50@9.

Cranberries—Bell and cherry, $9.50@10; Bell and bugle, $11@11.50; Cape Cod, $10.50@11.

Poultry—Turkeys, 15@16c; chickens, 12@13c; ducks, 12@13c; geese, 12@13c.

Dates—Persian, 65-lb boxes, 5c; Fard, 12-lb boxes, 10c; Golden, 10-lb boxes, 9c; hallowees, 50-lb boxes, 4½c.

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

Eggs—Receipts light, 22@23c; market strong.

Pineapples—Havanas, $3.50@4.

Lemons—$3.25@3.75; Malagas, $2.50@3; Messinas, fancy, $4.

Nuts—Pecans, polished, medium, 9@10c per lb; almonds, Tarragona, 18c per lb; aimonds, California, soft-shelled, 17@18c per lb; filberts, Sicily, 11c per lb; walnuts, California, 11@12c per lb; hickory nuts, large, $1.50@1.75 per bu; hickory nuts, shellbark, $1.75@2 per bu; Brazils, 10@11c per lb; Virginia peanuts, new, 5@5½c per lb; Virginia peanuts, roasted, 7@8c per lb; cocoanuts, per 100, $5.50@6.

Maple Sugar—1-lb brick, 10c; 1¼-lb brick, 10c.

Cider—Clarified, bbl, $6; ½-bbl, $3.50; Mott's crab apple cider, ½-bbl, $4; bbl, $7; orange, peach and pear, ½-bbl, $5.50@6; hard cider, bbl, $8@9; ½-bbl, $4.50.

Veal—Sells good at quotations.

Cheese—Fancy full cream cheddar, 12½@13c; fancy full cream cheddar, twins, 12½@13c; Young America, 13c; Swiss, 14@15c; brick, 14@15c; Limburger, 11@11½c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

Chamber of Commerce.

The wheat markets were slow and the early tendency was to lower prices. May fell about ½c, and buyers coming in at that decline arrested further weakness for a time, and steadiness followed during much of the day. The weather in the winter wheat sections was good, and about forty above in the region of St. Louis. Complaints were less numerous of the injurious effects of the winter, and farmers were said to be more hopeful of the outcome, with disposition to await the consequences of improved weather. The northwest movement was restricted by lack of cars. The elevators here are nearly full of wheat, and there is trouble about selling from some of the northern roads. The Great Northern does not let its cars go off its tracks to unload, which causes wheat on that line to sell below wheat on other lines. Cables were not of encouraging tenor. The wheat on passage increased 848,000 bushels. Weather in Europe was reported generally favorable for the crops. Wheat ranged as follows:

March, opening, 64c; highest, 64c; lowest, 64c; closing, 64c; May, opening, 68c; highest, 68¼c; lowest, 66¾c; closing, 67½c; July, opening, 69⅜c; highest, 69⅜c; lowest, 69c; closing, 69⅜c.

On Track—No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 northern, 64½c; No. 2 northern, 61@62c.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour—Receipts, 1,407 bbls; shipments, 20,750 bbls. Quoted at $3.60@4 for first patents, $3.25@3.60 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@10.75 for bran; $11.50@12 for shorts.

Corn—Receipts, 3,100 bu; shipments, 1,380 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, 15,640 bu; shipments, 3,510 bu. Quoted at 31½@32c for No. 3 white; 31¼@32c for No. 3 oats. Demand slow. See sales for other grades.

Barley—Receipts, 6,390 bu; shipments, none. Quoted at 30@50c for No. 3. Really choice, see sales.

Rye—Receipts, none; shipments, none; No. 2 rye sales were made at 47c f. o. b.

Flax—The market is based on Chicago market, less the freight. Flax closed at $1.20½ cash; timothy, cash, $1.98; March, $1.98, nominal in Chicago.

Feed—Millers held at $15@15.50 per ton; less than car lots, $15@16; white cornmeal, $13.50@14; granulated meal, $20.

Hay—Receipts, 154 tons; shipments, none. The market is steady for choice upland at about $7@7.50 for Iowa upland.

Some Sample Sales—No. 1 northern, 1 car, 66½c; No. 1 northern, 1 car, 66½c; No. 1 northen, 29 cars, 65c; No. 1 northern, 27 cars, 65½c; No. 1 northern, 12 cars, 64½c; No. 1 northern, 5 cars, 64c; No. 1 northern, 15 cars, 65¼c; No. 1 northern, musty, 1 car, 63½c; No. 1 northern, 1 car, 67½c; No. 1 northern, f. o. b., 1 car, 67c; No. 1 northern, 1 car, 66½c; No. 2 northern, 16 cars, 62½c; No. 2 northern, 3 cars, 63c; No. 2 northern, 1 car, 64c; No. 2 northern, 2 cars, 61c; No. 2 northern, 2 cars, 62c; No 2 northern, 4 cars, 63½c; No. 2 northern, 1 car, 64½c; No. 2 northern, 2 cars, 63¾c.

Union Stockyards.

Receipts—1,191 hogs, 246 cattle, 20 calves, 38 sheep, 4 horses.

Hogs—Market opened slow and weak. Eastern reports were bad. Chicago market declined another nickel before noon, and the bulk of the sales were mostly 15c lower. Opening 10c lower. The comparatively high prices paid for the few bunches offered yesterday made today's decline seem worse. Yards cleared to packers at $7.50@7.90.

Cattle—Steady, but rather quiet. Receipts were light and mostly of inferior butcher stuff. A few bunches of good butcher cattle sold readily. Common stuff dragged somewhat, a few buyers wanting good cattle only. Stockers and feeders are in good demand, but a few buyers want to buy them lower. Prospects, however, prices will keep up for the present.

Quotations: Prime steers, $4@4.40; good steers, $3.50@4; prime cows, $3@3.50; good cows, $2.50@3; common to fair cows, $1.25@2.25; light veal calves, $3@4.25; heavy calves, $2@3; stockers, $2@2.75; feeders, $2.50@3.50; bulls, $1.50@2.50.

Sheep—Steady. A small bunch received, selling to a city butcher at steady prices. Good demand for wether feeders.

Quotations: Muttons, $4.75@4.90; lambs, $4@5; stockers and feeders, $3@4.50.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,800; shipments, 1,200; market slow; top steers, $5.50@6; medium to good, $4.60@5.15; others, $4@4.55; stockers and feeders, $3@4.25; Texas, $2.90@4.15; cows, $2.10@4.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,000; shipments, 9,000; market 10@15c lower; mixed and packing, $7.75@7.90; prime, heavy and butchers', $8@8.20; prime light, $7.80@7.85; pigs and light weights, $6@6.10.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; shipments, 1,400; others and Westerns, 10 lower; natives, $4@6; Westerns, $5.10@5.40; fall clipped Texans, $4.60@4.75; lambs, $4.50@6.50.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,900; shipments, 1,200. The general market was steady; steers occasionally 10c lower; dressed beef and shipping steers, $4.25@5.50; cows and heifers, $1.50@2.50; stockers and feeders, $3.30@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,600; shipments, 100; the market opened 10@15c lower, closing 20@30c lower; all grades, $5.75@5.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,600; shipments, none; the market was fairly active and steady; muttons, $4.40@4.80.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The dry goods market was relatively quiet at first hands, but with demand a little improved for some articles. Agents advanced the following: Atlantic 4-4 brown sheetings, to 7¼c; Atlantic H, to 7c; do D, to 6¾c; do M P, to 5¾c, and L L, to 5¼c.

Petroleum.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The petroleum market opened quiet. Later on a pressure to sell was developed, and the price declined from 64¼c to 62c. At the close the market was steadier again at 63c bid and 63½c asked.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY
Tickets 300 Nicollet av. Minneapolis: 195 E. 3d st., St. Paul. Union depots both cities.

LEAVE	St. Paul Union Depot.	ARRIVE
b8:05a.m.	Willmar, Morris, Brown's Valley and Breckinridge	b6:30 p.m.
b8:50a.m.	Fer. Falls, Fargo & G. Forks	b6:10 p.m.
b3:30p.m.	Osseo, Clearwater & St. Cloud	b11:55 a.m.
b3:30p.m.	Anoka, St. Cloud & Willmar	b10:55 a.m
b4:20p.m.	Excelsior and Hutchinson	b11:35 a.m.
a6:35p.m.	Willmar, ‡Sioux City, ‡Fargo, Winnipeg, Pacific Coast.	a7:15 a.m
a7:00p.m.	‡Anoka, St. Cloud, Fergus Falls, Crookston, G. Forks, Kalispell, Spokane, Great Falls, Helena, Butte and Pacific Coast.	b7:20 a.m
	EASTERN MINNESOTA.	
b4:35p.m.	Duluth, West Superior, Elk River, Milaca, Hinckley, Princeton, ‡Anoka.	b9:[illegible] a.m

a. daily; b, except Sunday; ‡Buffet parlor cars on trains to Duluth and W. Superior; ‡Buffet sleepers ‡Dining cars, palace sleepers and free colonist sleeping cars.

SITUATIONS OFFERED

Males.

AGENTS for new sanitary article, used in every home and office; exclusive territory; big profits. Columbia Chemical Company, 357 Sedgewick st., Chicago, Ill.

BARBER—Wanted, a first-class barber at once at Rice Lake, Wis. Address F. L. Miller, Rice Lake, Wis.

BOY wanted from fourteen to sixteen years; reference required. N. Lyons & Co., Third and Cedar sts.

BELL BOY—Wanted, a bell boy, at International Hotel; call immediately.

BUTCHER and farm hand wanted. Call at 646 Kent st.

COATMAKER—Good coatmaker at once; steady work. Oakes, the Tailor, 904-905, Pioneer Press Building.

CANVASSERS—Wanted, five good canvassers. Apply to Installment Shoe Co., 390 Wabasha st., Room 3, up stairs.

CARPENTER wanted who is a single man; steady work. 71 East Seventh, Room 8.

COACHMAN—Wanted, competent coachman, sober, with St. Paul references; permanent place. Address V 39, Globe.

ENGINEER—Situation as engineer or fireman; licensed and experienced; no objection to leaving city. W. B., 220 West Sixth st.

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.

SOLICITORS—Men of energy and tact to solicit for Bankers' Life Association of St. Paul; salary or guarantee as preferred. Address C. E. Secor, St. Paul, Minn.

STENOGRAPHERS furnished with positions and business houses supplied without charge to either party. Apply to Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, 94 East Fourth st.; telephone 496.

TYPEWRITER—Wanted, in railroad office, young man or boy who can use typewriter and make himself generally useful; moderate salary until qualified for more responsible work. Address, stating age, qualifications and reference, N 35, Globe.

WANTED—Young men and ladies to learn telegraphy, shorthand, bookkeeping, etc.; students can make board; attend night school. Globe Business College, Endicott Building.

WANTED—For the United States Army—Able-bodied unmarried men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years; good pay, rations, clothing and medical attendance; applicants must be prepared to furnish satisfactory evidence as to age, character and habits. Apply at Room 207, No. 34 East Seventh st., St. Paul, Minn.

Females.

ATLARPENTEUR'S—Places free; best help. 51 W. Exchange st. Telephone 607.

APPRENTICE wanted at the Elite Hair Parlors, 406 Wabasha st.

COOK—Wanted, a first-class cook. 439 Laurel av.

DINING ROOM and kitchen girl wanted at once: 64 East Eleventh st.

DRESSMAKER — Wanted, experienced dressmaker; no other need apply but first-class. 423 Robert st., Greeland hotel.

HOUSEWORK—Wanted, a girl for general housework; will