# SPRING TRADE OPENS

INDICATED BY BETTER INQUIRY IN SOME LINES OF RETAIL BUSINESS.

## STEADY PRICES FOR STAPLES.

INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL OFFSET IN SOME DEGREE BY CLOSING OF FACTORIES.

EXPANDING CONSUMPTIVE DEMAND

Many Favorable Features in the Situation Reflected in the Week's Commercial Reviews.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Continued activity in various industrial lines, based on an expanding consumptive demand, fairly steady prices for staples, further improvement in railway earnings and widespread confidence that the volume of business will expand materially in the near future, are the features of the week. Spring demand has begun to show itslf with retail houses. There is a better inquiry for shoes, hats and clothing and for light hardware and agricultural implements. West and Southwest the industrial revival has been offset in instances by the closing of factories and mills, and in others by continued operations dependent upon paying reduced wages.

Offerings of cotton goods have been in excess of demand, nothwithstanding the curtailment of output. Wool continues active and firm in price, but manufacturers are buying sparingly in addition to requirements to meet present contracts. The central West and Northwest report that the distribution of general merchandise was interrupted by floods and washouts.

Prices are being fairly steady, noteworthy decreases being those for tea sugar, coffee, lard and wheat. The drop in the price of wheat, in the face of the government's remarkable bullish reports on stocks of wheat in farmers' hands, indicates continued lack of faith in agricultural department outgivings as to the size of crops and stocks of the same. Exports of wheat from both coasts of the United States, flour included, amount to only 1,599,482 bushels this week against 2,075,000 bushels last week, 2,401,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 2,791,000 bushels in the week two years ago, 3,258,000 bushels three years ago and as compared with 2,886,000 bushels in the like period of 1893, and form the smallest week's total since the last week in April 1896. Exports of Indian corn continue heavy, amounting to 5,310,000 bushels against 5,255,000 bushels last week, 1,708,000 bushels in the week a year ago, 882,000 bushels two years ago, 1,273,000 bushels three years ago, and as compared with shipments of 966,000 bushels in the like week of 1893.

Business failures continue to decrease the total for the week being 227, against 262 last week, 282 in the week a year ago, 262 in the week two years ago, and as compared with 231, in the like week of 1894. In the corresponding period in 1893 when trade was of large volume the total was 221. Business failures reported from Canadian Dominion this week number 56 against 51 last week, 58 in the week a year ago and 35 in the week two years ago.

### STEPS TO PROSPERITY

How But Sure in the Opinion of Dun & Co.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: It is a curious illustration of human nature, this continued discouragement, even while the increase of produce, industries and of legitimate business steadily grows. No genuine or lasting improvement could come otherwise than slowly and step by step, after such a depression as the past four years have witnessed, and the most hopeful feature of the situation is that the gain is so nearly devoid of elements which involve unsoundness and probable reaction. The first step toward prosperity is to get the wheels started, and the hands employed, and the number of works which have resumed or increased their force during the past week seems greater than in any other week since November. While the start has been secured in many cases by contracts at extreme low prices, involving some reduction of wages, the hands are earning more, even so, and aid more in the general recovery than if not working at all, and thus are important strikes have been avoided in many cases, though some are still threatened. The money markets continue especially favorable to industrial recovery, and there is no such speculative epidemic as to lock up an excessive share of available capital.

The annual statements of wheat in farmers' hands March 1 have not in the least stimulated speculation. Those commonly considered worthy of attention indicate that farmers' and commercial supplies together—96,000,000 to 206,000,000 bushels—exceed the output estimate of home demand, 130,000,000 bushels, to July 1, by much more than the quantity likely to be wanted for export, in view of the continued outgo of corn, amounting for the past two weeks to 6,894,888 bushels, against 1,591,475 last year. Wheat exports from the Atlantic ports in two weeks have been 2,431,747 bushels, against 2,921,097 last year, and although Western receipts are but 3,451,369 bushels for the two weeks, against 4,567,392 last year, they are still so large for the season as to discredit alarms about speedy exhaustion of the supply. The price has declined 3½c for the week, and corn is also a fraction lower.

The speculation in wool continues, and sales for the two weeks have been 17,903,900 lbs, of which 9,921,700 were domestic, whereas the largest previous sales for the same period were 12,017,676 lbs, in 1892, of which 1,369,426 were domestic. While there is much trade between dealers, manufacturers show by purchasing far beyond their present wants the belief that larger business is coming.

Failures for the past week have been 256 in the United States, against 300 last year, and 61 in Canada, against 60 last year.

### Another Pool Gone.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 12.—The fact has just been made public that the Hoop Iron Association has been dissolved. This was caused by the refusal of two leading firms to continue the organization, and it expired by limitation. The market is now an open one. The only members of the combination in this city were J. Painter & Co. and William Clark & Co.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL PATRIOTISM.

G. A. R. Committee Disapproves of the Histories in Use.

OMAHA, March 12.—Included in General Order No. 5, from headquarters G. A. R., Commander-in-Chief Clarkson includes an extract from a letter written him by the chairman of the committee appointed at St. Paul last year to examine the histories in use in the public schools. Forecasting the report the letter says:

"After careful examination, and the exchange of views by members of the committee, it was the unanimous opinion that no history in use as a text book gives such an account of the war period as entitles it to the commendation of the committee; that no one of them makes any use of the important period in our history, and of its great events, to teach lessons of patriotism; that the child without other sources of information would be entirely unable to determine whether there was any difference in the patriotism of those who fought for the preservation of the 'national unity' and those who fought for the destruction of our government."

# WILD FINAL SPURT

WHEAT, AFTER A WEAK MORNING, RALLIED AND CLOSED FRACTIONALLY HIGHER.

## BEARS FROLICKED EARLY.

EVERY INDICATION FOR A TIME OF ANOTHER SERIOUS PRICE TUMBLE.

SHORTS OVERDID THEIR WORK.

In a Hasty Rush to Cover May Was Bid Up a Cent in Five Minutes.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Wheat closed strong today at about ⅜c advance, after giving every indication during the morning of a repetition of yesterday's disastrous break. The oversold condition of the market and reports of good export business changed a very weak market into a strong one in five minutes' time. Corn and oats were independently strong, corn closing ⅛@¼c higher and oats about ½c higher. Provisions advanced 7½@15c.

Wheat opened close to yesterday's final price, the first sales being made at 72½c, but with a decidedly nervous feeling noticeable. Foreign markets responded willingly to the decline which took place here yesterday. Liverpool started with a decline of from 1d per cental for March and 1½d in May, and cables came in a little later with a further ¾d fall in March and ¼d in May, while Berlin reported 1½ marks decline at the beginning. With the exception of the cold wave, which made shorts a little nervous and resulted in a small momentary advance, there was nothing in sight to change the bearish feeling which prevailed yesterday, and liquidation on a large scale soon commenced, holders being discouraged by the belief that the market for the time was without a bull leader. The result was that May had sold down to 71½c before 11:30 o'clock, two or three lots selling as low as 71⅜c. Chicago received 19 carloads of wheat; Minneapolis and Duluth received 172 cars, compared with 298 last Friday, and 290 the corresponding day of last year. The seaboard clearances were again very light, the Atlantic ports giving the total as equal to only 125,000 bu in wheat and flour together. That was one of the factors that led to additional selling when May was bringing 72c, that broke it to 71½c. About an hour from the end of the session, after the price had recovered to 71¾c, John Cudahy's brokers were seen to be bidding for and taking wheat freely. At that, the scalpers being short to a man, a sudden fear of the consequences possible after a straight 5c per bu decline seized them, and in three minutes the price was up to 72½c. The price had another wild spurt in the last ten minutes, when it was rumored that 100 boatloads had been sold at New York for export. The price got up to 73c on that, and, though the figures were afterwards corrected to read only 8 or 10 boatloads, as the extent of the day's business, the shorts could not get over their fright, and May was bringing 72⅞@73c, as the session closed.

Corn dragged during most of the session, and had no life in it until wheat became so strong near the close. Then traders woke up and put some energy in the market during the last few minutes. Even during the extreme dullness, however, prices held stubbornly. May opened unchanged at 24½@24¼c, advanced to 24⅜c, where it closed. Oats were firm, especially so when the weakness of wheat was taken into consideration. There was a good demand from shorts and some large lines changed hands. Seaboard clearances were 120,000 bu. May opened unchanged at 17@17⅛c, sold at 16⅞@17c and advanced to and closed at 17⅛c. Provisions were consistently strong all day. Prices commenced with a moderate rise on the small hog receipts, which have been a factor all week. Packers were good buyers, and there was considerable speculative support, the result being a slow, though steady, advance. May pork was 15c higher at $8.50; May lard, 7½c higher at $4.20@4.22½, and May ribs 12½c higher at $4.57½. Estimates: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 125; oats, 200; hogs, 13,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | | | |
| March | 71½ | 72 | 70½ | 72 |
| May | 72½ | 73 | 71½ | 73 |
| July | 70 | 70⅞ | 69¼ | 70¾ |
| September | 68⅛ | 68⅝ | 67⅛ | 68⅝ |
| Corn— | | | | |
| March | 23⅜ | 23⅜ | 23⅜ | 23⅜ |
| May | 24¼ | 24⅜ | 24⅛ | 24⅜ |
| July | 25¼ | 25⅜ | 25⅛ | 25⅜ |
| September | 26½ | 26¾ | 26⅜ | 26¾ |
| Oats— | | | | |
| March | 16⅛ | 16⅛ | 16⅛ | 16⅛ |
| May | 17⅛ | 17⅛ | 17 | 17⅛ |
| July | 18 | 18⅛ | 18 | 18⅛ |
| Mess Pork— | | | | |
| May | 8 40 | 8 52½ | 8 37½ | 8 50 |
| July | 8 55 | 8 65 | 8 52½ | 8 65 |
| Lard— | | | | |
| May | 4 15 | 4 22½ | 4 15 | 4 22½ |
| July | 4 25 | 4 30 | 4 25 | 4 30 |
| Short Ribs— | | | | |
| May | 4 47½ | 4 60 | 4 45 | 4 57½ |
| July | 4 47½ | 4 60 | 4 45 | 4 57½ |
| July | 4 55 | 4 65 | 4 52½ | 4 62½ |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour weaker. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 72c; No. 3 spring, 69@71c; No. 2 red, 81⅞@83½c. Corn—No. 2, 23¼@23⅜c. Oats—No. 2, 16½@16¾c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19¾@20c; No. 3 white, 17@17½c. Rye—No. 2, 32½c. Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 24@33c; No. 4, f. o. b., 23c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 77½@80c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.75. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $8.40@8.45. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $4.12½@4.15. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $4.45@4.60. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4½@4¾c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), 4⅝@4¾. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.17. Sugars unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 6,000 bbls; wheat, 13,000 bu; corn, 114,000 bu; oats, 235,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 49,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 87,000 bu; corn, 74,000 bu; oats, 180,000 bu; barley, 15,000 bu. On the produce exchange the butter market was steady; creameries, 10@18c; dairies, 9@16c. Cheese steady; 9½@10¼c. Eggs firm; fresh, 10@10¼c.

## MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 12.—The local wheat market opened barely steady this morning, with the most of the trade in a state of fear and trembling. The experience of yesterday was fresh in their memory. The market held fairly strong for nearly an hour, when, in sympathy with pronounced weakness in Chicago, the market began to weaken, and shortly after a quick slump of a full cent was scored for May wheat. New York advised that foreigners were selling moderately.

May wheat opened at 70⅞c, being the same as yesterday's close, advanced to 71c, lost ¼c, gained ¼c, lost ¼c, gained ⅞c, dropped to 70½c, gained ⅛c, declined to 69⅞c, firmed up to 70 1-16c, sold down to 69¾c, gained ⅛c, lost ⅛c, firmed up to 69⅞c by 11:45, and by noon held at 69⅞@70c.

July wheat opened at 72c, being ⅛c better than yesterday, lost ¼c, firmed up to 72c, lost ¼c, gained ¼c, dropped to 70⅞c, advanced to 71c, sold at 70¾c by 11:45 a. m. and by noon held at 70¾@70⅞c.

The demand for cash wheat was very good on the basis of a full cent over the May future. Low grades sold better than yesterday, all offerings being well taken early. No. 1 northern sold at 71½@72c, and No. 2 at 69½@70½c. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 108 cars and 25 cars shipped out.

About 12:15 p. m. the market became quite strong, and scored a quick advance of ⅝@¾c from the low point. The covering of shorts was the feature. Official closing cables quoted Liverpool spot wheat at 1@2d lower and futures 1½@1¾d lower. The local market closed strong.

March wheat closed at 71¾c, May at 71c and July at 71⅞c.

RANGE OF PRICES.

| Wheat— | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing. Today. | Closing. Yes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| March | .... | .... | .... | 71¾ | 71¾ |
| May | 70⅞ | 71⅜ | 69¾ | 71 | 70⅞ |
| July | 72 | 72¼ | 70¾ | 71⅞ | 71⅞ |
| September | 66¾ | 67 | 65¾ | 67 | 66½ |

On Track—No. 1 hard, 73¾c; No. 1 northern, 71¾c; No. 2 northern, 70¼c; March oats, 16½c; flaxseed, 75c.

Curb on May wheat, nominal .....71

Puts on May wheat, bid .....70¾

Calls on May wheat, sellers .....71¾

SOME SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 3 cars .....71½
No. 1 northern, 3 cars .....71½
No. 1 northern, 8 cars .....72
No. 1 northern, 1 car, to arrive .....71¾
No. 1 northern, 3.00 bu, to arrive .....71½
No. 2 northern, 3 cars .....70¼
No. 2 northern, 5 cars .....69½
No. 2 northern, 6 cars .....70½
No. 2 northern, 5 cars .....70¾
No. 2 northern, 1 car .....69¼
No grade wheat, 2 cars, 2 lbs off .....69
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car, new .....18½
No. 4 corn, 3 cars .....18½
No. 3 oats, 4 cars .....16
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars .....16½
No. 4 barley, 2 cars .....22
No. 4 barley, 1 car .....21½
No. 4 barley, 1 car .....21¾
No. 5 barley, 1 car .....22

FLOUR.

Flour—The flour market is said to be very active because of a good Southwestern demand. Prices are held steady.

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|---|---|
| First patents | $4 00@4 20 |
| Second patents | 3 80@4 00 |
| First clears | 3 40@3 60 |
| Second clears | 2 30@2 50 |
| Rye flour, per bbl, pure | 2 00@2 15 |
| Rye flour, XXX, per bbl | 1 80@1 90 |
| Rye flour, standard, per bbl | 1 70@1 80 |
| Graham flour, per bbl | 2 65@3 15 |

BRANS, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Washburn, Crosby & Co. quote as follows today:

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|---|---|
| Bran, in bulk | $6 50@7 00 |
| Bran, in bulk, 200-lb sacks | 7 50@8 00 |
| Bran, in bulk, 180-lb sacks | 8 00@8 50 |
| Shorts, in bulk | 6 00@6 25 |
| Middlings in bulk | 7 00@7 25 |
| Red dog, 140-lb sacks | 9 00@9 25 |

The market continues strong with good demand.

Corn—Corn is arriving in very bad condition; No. 3, 18½c; No. 4, 18½c.

Oats—No. 3 oats, 16c; No. 3 white, 16½c.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 32½@32¾c. No sales.

Barley—No. 4, 21½@22.

Feed—Reported by the Diamond Elevator and Milling company:

Business is fair, with a good demand at prices quoted. Bran is in better demand. Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only .....$7.00@7.25

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|---|---|
| No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks | 7.50@7.75 |
| No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, 80-lb sacks | 7.75@8.00 |
| No. 3 ground feed, 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks | 8.00@8.25 |
| Spring wheat bran | 6.75@7.00 |

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

| Railroads— | No. 1 hd. | No. 1 Northern. | No. 2 Northern. | No. 3. | Rjd. | N.G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gt. N.—B.D. | .. | 66 | 18 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Gt. N.—F.F.D. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| C., M. & St. P. | .. | 53 | 14 | .. | .. | 2 |
| M. & St. L | .. | 54 | 5 | .. | 1 | 2 |
| Soo Line | .. | 10 | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Northern Pac | .. | 5 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |
| Omaha | .. | 23 | 7 | .. | .. | 1 |
| C. G. W. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | 1 | .. |
| Total | 1 | 214 | 46 | 2 | 6 | 12 |

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 2 cars; no grade corn, 5 cars; No. 3 oats, 37 cars; no grade oats, 4 cars; No. 2 rye, 5 cars; No. 3 rye, 3 cars; No. 4 barley, 2 cars; No. 5 barley, 1 car; no grade barley, 1 car; No. 1 flax, 4 cars; rejected flax, 2 cars.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 1 car; No. 1 northern, 125 cars; No. 2 northern, 30 cars; rejected, 4 cars; No. 3 oats, 3 cars; no grade oats, 1 car; No. 1 flax, 1 car.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 75,600 bu; corn, 7,040 bu; oats, 42,400 bu; barley, 3,000 bu; rye, 1,060 bu; flour, 735 bbls; millstuffs, 50 tons; hay, 59 tons; fruit, 71,350 lbs; merchandise, 952,118 lbs; lumber, 17 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 144,000 lbs; coal, 978 tons; wood, 166 cords; lime, 2 cars; cement, 180 bbls; household goods, 40,000 lbs; live stock, 1 car; dressed meats, 119,820 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 14 cars. Total car lots, 418.

Shipped—Wheat, 18,250 bu; corn, 1,680 bu; oats, 29,750 bu; barley, 1,640 bu; rye, 5,050 bu; flax, 750 bu; flour, 74,172 bbls; millstuffs, 1,245 tons; fruit, 36,450 lbs; merchandise, 1,209,220 lbs; lumber, 260 cars; machinery, 297,000 lbs; cement, 100 bbls; household goods, 20,000 lbs; tallow, 23,350 lbs; railroad materials, 20 cars; sundries, 15 cars. Total car lots, 695.

## DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., March 12.—Cash sales today were the lightest of the crop year, being only six cars in all. The shippers took this at ¾c under May. The mills were still trading at ¼c under, but got none. The estimate of stocks are for 300,000 bu increase for the week. The market opened at 73⅛c, an advance of ½c, but by 1 o'clock dropped to 72c. It rallied from there and closed at 73c. The close: Cash, No. 1 hard, 74¼c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 70c; No. 3 spring, 66½@68½c; rejected, 49¼@64¼c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; May No. 1 hard, 75¼c; No. 1 northern, 73¼c; July, No. 1 northern, 73¾c; September, No. 1 northern, 68½c. Receipts, wheat, 63,613 bu; shipments, 1,530 bu; cars inspected, 64; last year, 56. Receipts, corn, none; oats, 1,038 bu; rye, 2,349 bu; barley, 10,459 bu; flax, 4,790 bu. Oats, close, 17¼@16¾c; rye, 34c; flax, 78½c; May, 79½c.

Cash sales were as follows: 2 cars No. 1 hard, 73½c; 2 cars No. 1 northern, 73c; 2 cars, No. 1 northern, 72½c.

## ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations of hay, grain, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., commission merchants:

Wheat—The wheat market opened weak and lower, but later braced up. Closing prices about ½c over opening figures. No. 1 northern, 71@72c; No. 2 northern, 70@70¾c.

Oats—Market higher; No. 3 white, 16@16½c; No. 3, 15@15½c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 18½@19c; No. 3, 17@18c.

Barley—20¾@21c.

Rye—31@33c.

Seeds—Timothy, 90c@$1.25; red clover, $3.80@4.50; flax, 76@77c.

Flour—Patent, per bbl, $3.90@4.30; straight, $3.65@3.80; bakers', $3@3.40; rye flour, $3@3.25; buckwheat flour, $3@3.50.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, $7.50@8; No. 2 feed, $8.25@8.50; No. 3 feed, $8.75@9; coarse cornmeal, $6.75@7.25; bran, bulk, $7@7.25; shorts, $7@7.25.

Hay—The hay market is very dull; best grades of wild and upland selling at $5@6; inferior qualities, $3@4.75, according to quality and condition; No. 1 timothy, $6@7; oat and rye straw, $3.50@3.75.

## OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.

The Modern Miller says: The best domestic breadstuff demand in many weeks is reported. Southern and Southwestern markets especially show a brisk trade, regardless of the fact that at many points stocks have been enlarged. The call for feed stuffs is also urgent, and the demand for corn is brisk. Pacific coast markets also enjoyed a good demand, and clearances were enlarged.

Liverpool cable: Spot wheat quiet, 1d lower; corn quiet, ½d lower; future wheat steady, 1½d lower. London cargoes on passage: Wheat rather easier; corn quiet; American wheat parcels, 3d lower. Country markets: English steady; French steady; Mark Lane easy, 3d lower; Berlin flat, 1¼ lower.

Four ports cleared 5,000 bu wheat, 26,644 bbls flour, equal to 124,900 bu wheat.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Flour—Receipts, 13,124 bbls; exports, 15,150 bbls; market weak and lower at first with wheat, but finally improved on the closing firmness in grain; winter patents, $4.55@4.85; Minnesota patents, $4.20@4.40. Rye flour weak. Buckwheat flour dull. Buckwheat steady. Cornmeal quiet. Rye easier. Barley quiet. Barley malt dull. Wheat—Spot irregular; No. 1 hard, 86¾c; options opened weak and declined under active liquidation, acompanied by lower cables and free short selling; rallied later and closed strong at ⅛@½c net advance, governed by active covering on large export rumors and war talk; No. 2 red March, 79⅛@80¼c, closed 80¼c; May, 77 9-16@78 15-16c, closed 78¾c. Corn—Receipts, 64,620 bu; exports, 220,041 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 29c; options generally firm all day, supported by a good local demand and bad weather news, closed ⅛c higher; March closed 29¼c; May, 29 11-16@29¾c, closed 29¾c. Oats—Receipts, 105,600 bu; exports, 117,175 bu; spot quiet; No. 2, 22c; options inactive, closing unchanged; May closed 21½c.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, March 12.—Wheat—Spot closed quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 6s 2d; No. 1 California, 6s 4½d; futures opened steady, with rear and distant positions 1½d lower, closed dull with July ½d lower and other months ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; March, 6s ¾d; May, 6s 2d; July, 6s 2d. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed new, 2s 5¾d; futures opened quiet with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed quiet with April and July unchanged and other months ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; March, 2s 5¾d; April, 2s 6¾d; May, 2s 7½d; June, 2s 8d; July, 2s 9d. Flour steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

CROP MOVEMENT.

(Market Record.)

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, Aug. 1, 1896, to date, and for the same time a year ago:

| | This Crop, Bushels. | Last Crop. Bushels. |
|---|---|---|
| Minneapolis | 46,017,350 | 61,949,080 |
| Milwaukee | 5,947,995 | 7,222,639 |
| Duluth | 34,644,406 | 43,726,102 |
| Chicago | 14,247,391 | 19,284,574 |
| Total | 100,857,142 | 132,182,395 |

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement from July 1, 1896, to date, and for the same time a year ago:

| | This Crop, Bushels. | Last Crop. Bushels. |
|---|---|---|
| Toledo | 6,389,072 | 5,115,181 |
| St. Louis | 10,171,871 | 10,591,805 |
| Detroit | 2,944,237 | 1,182,678 |
| Kansas City | 6,186,000 | 6,960,400 |
| Total | 25,641,180 | 24,553,064 |

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, March 12.—Flour dull and nominal. Wheat weak and unsettled; No. 2 spring, 71½c; No. 1 northern, 76¾c; May, 73¼c. Corn steady; No. 3, 19½c. Oats weak; No. 2 white, 18¼@19¼c. Barley dull; No. 2, 31@31½c; sample, 25@31½c. Rye steady; No. 1, 34c. Receipts—Flour, 6,000 bbls; wheat, 12,000 bu; barley, 35,000. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 3,000 bu; barley, 2,000 bu.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 92@93c; May, 88c. Corn—No. 2 cash, 20¾c; May, 21⅞c. Oats—No. 2 cash, 18c; May, 18c. Rye, 34c. Flax, 75c.

## PRODUCE.

ST. PAUL MARKET.

| | |
|---|---|
| Butter—Creameries— | |
| Extras | .17 |
| Firsts | .15 @.16 |
| Seconds | .12 @.13 |
| Hand separator | .15 @.16 |
| Dairies— | |
| Extras | .14 @.15 |
| Firsts | .12 @.13 |
| Roll and print, fancy | .11 @.12 |
| Ladles— | |
| Extras | .10 @.11 |
| Firsts | .08 @.09 |
| Packing stock | .07½ |
| Grease | .03 @.04 |
| Cheese— | |
| Twins, fancy, full cream, new | .11 @.12½ |
| Twins, common to fair | .07 @.09 |
| Full cream, Young America, new | .12½ |
| Swiss cheese | .11 @.12 |
| Brick, No. 1, new | .10 @.11 |
| Brick, No. 2, new | .08 @.09 |
| Eggs— | |
| Candled stock, fresh | .12 @.12½ |
| No. 1 cold storage | .08 |
| Seconds | .05 @.06 |
| Beans—Market quiet; supply moderate. | |
| Fancy navy, per bu | .90 @1.00 |
| Medium, mand-picked, bu | 75 @ .85 |
| Yellow peas, per bu | .40 @ .60 |
| Green peas, per bu | .60 @ .75 |
| Potatoes— | |
| Home-grown, per bu | .20 @ .25 |
| Illinois sweets | 1.75 @2.00 |
| Vegetables— | |
| Cabbage, California | 1.00@1.75 |
| Tomatoes, basket | 1.00 |
| Radishes, doz | .25 |
| Cauliflower, doz | 2.50 |
| Beets, bu | .25 |
| Celery, doz | .25 |
| Wax beans, bu | 4.00 |
| String beans, bu | 3.00 |
| Rutabagas, bu | .25 |
| Onions, home-grown, bu | .85@1.00 |
| Squash, doz | .75 |
| Turnips, bu | .25 |
| Mint, doz | .30 |
| Carrots, bu | .25 |
| Lettuce | .25@ .30 |
| Cucumbers, doz | 1.00 |
| Spinach, bu | 1.00 |
| Miscellaneous— | |
| Malaga grapes, bbl | 6.50@7.50 |
| Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl | 5.50@6.00 |
| Cranberries, Bell and Bugle | 6.00@6.25 |
| Cranberries, Jerseys, bbl | 5.25@5.50 |
| Apples—Market weaker; demand good. | |
| Common, bbl | 1.25@1.50 |
| Fancy eating, bbl | 2.50@2.75 |
| Baldwins, choice, bbl | 2.00@2.25 |
| Greenings, choice, bbl | 1.50@1.75 |
| Spies, choice, bbl | 2.00@2.25 |
| Russets, choice, bbl | 2.00@2.25 |
| Lemons— | |
| Fancy Messinas, box | 3.00@3.25 |
| California, box | 2.75@3.00 |
| Oranges— | |
| California, navels, box | 3.25@3.75 |
| Redlands, navels, box | 3.25@4.00 |
| Fancy bright, Florida, box | 4.00@4.50 |
| Mexicans, box | 2.75@3.00 |
| Valencias, case | 5.50 |
| Grape fruit, box | 8.00@8.50 |
| Nuts— | |
| Hickory, bu | 1.00 |
| New California walnuts, lb | .09 @ .11 |
| Black walnuts, bu | .75 |
| Chestnuts, lb | .10 |
| Peanuts, raw, lb | .04½@ .05 |
| Peanuts, roasted, lb | .05½@ .06 |
| Brazils, lb | .08 @ .10 |
| Pecans, lb | .18 @ .20 |
| Filberts, lb | .10 @ .12 |
| Hazelnuts, lb | .05 |
| Bananas—Supply large; demand active. | |
| Choice shipping, bunch | 1.75@2.25 |
| Figs and Dates— | |
| Figs, fancy, five crowns | .12 @.13 |
| Figs, fancy, four crowns | .11 @.12 |
| Hallowee dates | .06 |
| Fard dates, 10-lb boxes | .05 @.09 |
| Honey— | |
| White clover | .12 @.12½ |
| Extracted | .05 @.06 |
| Maple syrup, gal | 1.00 |
| Maple sugar, lb | .10 @.11 |
| Apple Cider— | |
| Sweet, bbl | 3.75@4.00 |
| Sweet, half-bbl | 2.00@2.25 |
| Hard, bbl | 5.00@7.00 |
| Hard, half-bbl | 3.25@4.00 |

(No charge for package or carriage.)

Dressed Meats—Moderate supply; demand good.

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|---|---|
| Veal, fancy | .07 |
| Veal, medium | .05½@.06½ |
| Hogs, country dressed | .03½@.03¾ |
| Mutton, country dressed | .05 @.06 |
| Spring lambs, pelt off | .06 @.07 |
| Dressed Poultry— | |
| Turkeys | .11 @.11½ |
| Chickens | .08½@.09 |
| Hens | .07½@.08 |
| Ducks | .09 @.10 |
| Geese | .08½ |
| Tame pigeons, doz | .90 @1.25 |
| Squabs, doz | .75 @1.00 |
| Game— | |
| Canvasback ducks, doz | 6.00@8.00 |
| Mallard ducks, doz | 3.00 |
| Teal ducks, doz | 1.25@2.00 |
| Common ducks, doz | 1.25 |
| Jack rabbits, doz | 1.50@2.00 |
| Cottontail rabbits, doz | .75@1.00 |
| Woodcock, doz | 4.00@4.50 |
| Jacksnipe, doz | 1.25 |
| Bear, carcass, hide on, lb | .10@ .12 |
| Squirrels, doz | .75 |
| Fish—Good demand. | |
| Black bass | .09 |

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 12.—Packing stock butter is lower, but everything else on the list is unchanged. The receipts of both creameries and dairies were rather light, but the market lacked sufficient buying support to advance prices. Retailers will take fancy separator and dairy goods at quotations, but any attempt to increase prices by handlers is unsuccessful. Roll and print in a moderate request. Ladles are steady. Packing stock is weak, as late advices from the East do not speak encouragingly of the export demand. Eggs are in rather liberal supply, and the fact that the storm will shut off receipts for the present did not have any effect. Prices declined ¼c, and the market ruled weak at the decline. Chickens are scarce and moving briskly. Quotations continue to advance, and prices are now within 1½c per lb of turkeys. The latter article is in freer supply, but the market is firm. Ducks and geese are steady. Veal is ½c higher and in good request. Mutton and lamb are firm, and the same applies to dressed hogs.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Butter—Creamery, 10@18c; dairy, 9@16c. Eggs—Firm; fresh, 10@10¼c.

New York, March 12.—Butter—Receipts, 2,331 pkgs; steady; Western creamery, 13@19c; Elgins, 19c. Cheese—Receipts, 779 pkgs; quiet; large, 9@12¼c; small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@9c; full skims, 3@4c. Eggs—Receipts, 12,968; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11½c; Western, 11c.

## LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCKYARDS.

Receipts—152 hogs, 11 cattle, 1 calf.

Hogs—On account of the bad storm only two loads arrived, not enough to make a market. A couple of bunches sold well up to yesterday. Representative sales:

| No. | Wgt. | Price | No. | Wgt. | Price |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40 | 265 | $3 70 | 28 | 130 | $3 75 |
| 27 | 268 | 3 65 | | | |

Cattle—Firm. Very little on the market, and trading quiet. Representative sales:

| No. | Wgt. | Price | No. | Wgt. | Price |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 cow | 1,320 | $2 30 | 3 calves | 236 | $3 50 |
| 2 stockers | 480 | 3 75 | 10 calves | 239 | 3 50 |
| 1 bull | 1,450 | 2 40 | 20 calves | 345 | 3 50 |
| 41 calves | 360 | 3 50 | 23 stockers | 769 | 3 37½ |
| 6 calves | 233 | 3 50 | 1 cow | 25 | 00 |
| 23 calves | 346 | 3 50 | 1 cow | 35 | 00 |

Sheep—Steady. Good demand.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Prices for cattle ruled steady for the general run. Choice fat cattle were scarce and in active demand at stronger prices. The bulk sold at $2.30@4.75, with a good many sales at $3.80@4.25. Sales above $5 were few and far between, as choice cattle are extremely scarce. The stocker and feeder trade shows no abatement; feeders averaging 1,000 to 1,075 lbs were active at $4@4.25. Butchers' and canners' were active at relatively high prices. Cows largely sold at $2.40@3.40, and fat heifers brought $3.50@4, the top price of the week, $4.50 having been paid for eleven fancy 1,254-lb heifers. Bulls sold at $2.25@3.50, a few going at $3.70@3.80, and choice calves sold around $6. Texas steers were offered in fair numbers at $4@4.25. There was an active and stronger hog market, with some sales 5c higher than yesterday, and the supply was soon taken at $3.45@3.95. The bulk of the sales occurred at $3.80@3.87½. For once, at least, light weights failed to show the most strength and the top price, $3.95, was paid for butcher weights as well as for "singers." A drove of eighty hogs that averaged 507 lbs brought $3.80, and a sale was made of forty-nine hogs, averaging 343 lbs, at $3.90. In sheep an active demand enabled sellers to dispose of their consignments at strong prices. Sheep sold at $2.75@3 for a few culls up to $4.10@4.30 for good to choice flocks. Westerns compose the bulk of the offerings. Shorn sheep sold at $3.60@3.75. Lambs sold actively at $3.70@5.40 for poor to extra fine. Very few lambs sold below $4.30, and plenty of Colorados brought $5.20. For yearlings, buyers paid $4@4.50, and shorn lambs brought $4.05@4.30. Receipts—Cattle, 3,000 head; hogs, 17,000 head; sheep, 5,000 head.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET.

Barrett & Zimmerman's report: Market opened this morning with 300 head of horses on hand. Demand for farm horses and mares was good. Shipments were made to Winnipeg and to North Dakota; also a fair demand for general purpose horses. The following representative sales are for horses, service sound, unless otherwise mentioned:

| | Weight. | Price. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 pair brown mares, 5 to 6 years | 3,200 | $185 |
| 1 pair bay mares, 5 to 6 years | 2,800 | 175 |
| 1 pair gray horses, 6 years | 2,600 | 170 |
| 1 pair bay horses, 5 years | 3,000 | 180 |
| 1 pair black horses, 6 years | 2,800 | 170 |
| 1 bay mare, 5 years | 1,300 | 80 |
| 1 gray mare, 6 years | 1,400 | 80 |
| 20 head farm horses and mares, 5 and 6 years | 1,200@1,500 | 1,300 |
| 12 head farm horses and mares, 5 and 6 years | 1,200@1,500 | 840 |
| 20 head farm horses and mares, 5 to 7 years | 1,200@1,500 | 1,100 |

MINNEAPOLIS.

NEW BRIGHTON, March 12.—Cattle—Market steady, but firm. Good demand for butchers' stock, stockers and feeders. Sales: 2 calves, av 130 lbs, $4; 2 canners, av 890 lbs, $1.75; 1 bull, 1,230 lbs, $2.50; 1 stag, 930 