

ST. PAUL GLOBE

A STRONG OPENING OF THE MARKET FOR MONDAY ON FOREIGN CABLES

PRICES FLUCTUATED LATER

Realizing Sales Responsible for Inequality Before the End of the Week—Approval of the Holidays Responsible for Stagnation in Trading—Conditions Favorable to Continued Firmness.

The wheat market during the past week has experienced a slight improvement in prices in all the principal markets, although business has been comparatively dull on account of the time, due chiefly to the near approach of the holidays. At the close Friday, and Monday, during which no trading will take place, the general tone was strong.

The following are the prices of the May option at the close of business Friday, Dec. 25, and Saturday, Dec. 26, in the markets named:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity (Wheat, Corn, etc.) and Price. Includes prices for various grades of wheat and corn in different markets.

The opening Monday was strong, and an advance over the closing of the Saturday previous. This was due chiefly to a strength already reflected in Liverpool cables.

There were reports also of heavy rains in Argentina which would tend to curtail the crop and the ripening crop there. Heavy rains in our own winter wheat belt were also reported, and the general tendency of the market was bullish.

Tuesday, however, there was a marked falling off in trade traceable to the approach of the holidays. Inequality in quotations from Liverpool continued corresponding and sympathetic conditions in the market throughout the day was bullish, but for some reason or other operators on that side were disposed to press any possible advantage from that side. This resulted in general dullness.

Wednesday's trading was characterized chiefly by the absence of traders who had generally closed up for the holiday recess. Business in Liverpool also had a dispiriting effect upon the seaboard. The week fairly large Northwestern receipts. Toward the close the market showed some firmness. This condition followed the opening Thursday.

The market was, however, slightly weak. There was considerable position on the advance, but meanwhile good purchasing was noticeable. And this condition continued until the final closing for the week on Friday.

Generally speaking, the week is strong and while trading will probably be light during this holiday week, conditions are favorable for strength, with occasional concessions in prices as the result of realization by the bull element.

The Northwestern Miller, in its issue of the 22d inst., says: There is a tendency on the part of speculators to turn from wheat to corn, and this is considered to augur well for higher values.

The deliveries of wheat by farmers have been light for two weeks or more, but the amount of Christmas funds is calculated to improve receipts this week at country elevators. There is now a very good supply of cars and elevator men have been shipping wheat to terminal markets at a brisk rate.

With the delivery of wheat at country elevators resulting in drawing down stocks of country elevators very rapidly. There has been some buying by terminal elevators here, as is evidenced by the fact that the public houses of Minneapolis. There is no actual carrying charge for them, but they are hopeful of conditions changing in their favor, and are accumulating something of a stock on that basis.

COMPARATIVE WHEAT RECEIPTS. Receipts of wheat at winter and spring grain markets for 25 weeks, July 1 to Dec. 19, with comparisons, in bushels, compiled by the Cincinnati Price Current:

Table showing comparative wheat receipts in bushels for various weeks and years, including 1898 and 1897 data.

The receipts of wheat the past week at primary markets compared with the preceding week and corresponding week last year, as follows:

Table comparing wheat receipts for the current week, previous week, and corresponding week last year across different markets.

OUR BREAD STUFFS ABROAD. Three hundred million dollars worth just about represent the value of our exports of breadstuffs during the calendar year now closing. All this year over 20,000,000 bushels of wheat have been shipped abroad at the rate of \$25,000,000 monthly, and the year's total will far exceed that of '97.

THE AMERICAN HOG ABOARD. At the four leading Western live stock markets this year the receipts of hogs have been more than 1,200,000 larger than the same time in 1897, and yet at the same time as a year ago. For this condition of affairs Western farmers are indebted to the popularity of American hog products abroad, the exports for the year ending Oct. 31, having been about 250,000,000 lbs. larger than during the same months in 1897.

Table titled 'Compiled by the Cincinnati Price Current, as follows:' showing prices for various commodities like St. Louis, Toledo, Kansas City, etc.

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BROOMHALL WHEAT VIEWS. The Liverpool Corn Trade News of Dec. 6 in its report on the wheat market, as we mentioned last Tuesday, the Argentine news is likely to prove a powerful factor in determining prices at the moment.

LIVE STOCK MARKET. There was a comparatively light supply and consequently a light trade at the Union stockyards, South St. Paul, last week.

OVERSHIPPING OF LIVE STOCK. It would seem the part of prudence for shippers of live stock to be more cautious in the weeks immediately preceding the holidays.

AMERICAN MEATS IN GREAT FAVOR. Our foreign trade in hog products continues relatively greater than in beef and dairy products. Exports of hogs and pork have continued very heavy, and while foreigners are taking enormous quantities of dressed and canned beef, the movement of these items is somewhat better than for the past few months.

BEF, CATTLE AND SHEEP. There are many reasons for the establishment of similar herd books in other raising breeds, and our beef breeders and shippers might advantageously do something toward the improvement of their herds and flocks by some similar plan.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Receipts of live stock at Chicago were 23,000, against 28,408, the week previous, being a decrease of 5,408. Last year there were received during the corresponding week 29,643, or 6,645 more than last week.

SOUTH ST. PAUL HORSE MARKET. George W. Wentworth, of the South St. Paul horse exchange, reports: The market the past week hasn't been as good as we expected, although we have had some trade on farm mares, with considerable demand for general purpose horses.

ST. PAUL PRODUCE. The soft weather of the earlier days of the week had a depressing influence upon produce generally. The same was true of dressed poultry. There was a revival during the closing days of the week, and prices closed for all grades of butter, as well as for eggs and the higher qualities of dressed poultry, at approximately those of the closing of the week before.

NEBRASKA POTATOES IN EVIDENCE. In our opinion the section tributary to Omaha is better supplied than recent previous seasons at this time. More attention has been given to potatoes heretofore for year, and two to more raised for commercial purposes.

INCREASE IN PORK PACKING. Preliminary estimates of packing in the West for the 11th week ending Dec. 26, are as follows:

Table showing preliminary estimates of pork packing in the West for the 11th week ending Dec. 26, 1898, compared with previous weeks and years.

ers expect higher figures. Nebraska potatoes have suffered in quality Western markets. Minnesota stock, commanding higher prices. Choice early Ohio from this state when well assorted have usually sold at 26 1/2 to 27 1/2 per bushel.

POTATOES. Since the latest crop began to move, we are getting but few potatoes from abroad. October imports being about 7,000 against 121,000 by a year ago.

DEMAND FOR APPLES. Apples at \$5 per barrel for fancy stock in Chicago, fully confirms the early and exclusive reports of crop shortage made by Dr. J. J. Farmer, and summarized by the 'Orange Judd Farmer'.

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Advertisement for Cuticura, mentioning its effectiveness for various skin conditions.

NO FEAR OF FAMINE

SIR WILLIAM CROOKES' GLOOMY PREDICTION CHALLENGED BY AN AMERICAN EXPERT.

HONESTY THE BEST POLICY. Alleged Error Pointed Out in the Wheat Figures of the English Statistician—Uncharitable to Hope for Food Scarcity, But It Would Not Injure the American Farmer.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—J. R. Dodge, for many years statistician for the United States department of agriculture at Washington, has written to the Country Gentleman an exhaustive answer to the address of Sir William Crookes before the British association, in which the latter predicted a wheat famine. He takes Sir William to task for presenting inaccurate figures. He says: 'Sir William Crookes declares that there is already a deficit of wheat acreage of 31,000 square miles, or approximately 22,000,000 acres, and this area would yield approximately a production of nearly 200,000,000 bushels, while the European deficiency, which is the principal one in the world, in the Bear-bull record is only 210,000,000 bushels average in the last ten years. He says the annual requirement for bread is 2,242,000,000 bushels of wheat, while the official present estimate of the world's production for 1898 is 2,247,845,000, an excess of over 150,000,000. The eminent statistician is almost as accurate in his estimates of consumption as he is in those of production, really minimizing both. He makes the supply of the year only 1,921,000,000, while in the statement quoted above the product for 1897, the smallest of seven years, is given as 2,214,000,000. It is a very unreliable forecast that understates production nearly 10 per cent.

'It would be uncharitable to hope for a scarcity of bread ration; still our wheat growers would not feel very dependent over a prospect of good prices. The Crookes estimate is a distinct encouragement to them, and similar views have been put forth before, sometimes apparently in the hope of official notice in the Eastern states and Canada. Particulars at City Ticket Office, 400 Robert street (Holtz-Ryan), Telephone 35. Good for return until Jan. 31, 1899.'

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CORRUPTION IN CHINA.

Sample of the Robbery Practiced at the Gates of Peking.

From the St. James Gazette. A curious instance, and by no means a flattering one of Chinese methods of government, has just been supplied by the arrival of Sheng Tsai from Shanghai. This gentleman holds several important posts, and among others has the appointment of director of the Chinese telegraphs, and has an excellent reputation among foreigners for his tolerance and open-mindedness. Recently he was called here by command of the emperor to confer about several reforms which his majesty is so eager to adopt. The chief officials of Peking halted his advent with a 'welcome' which had been quite noticeable while Sheng was so far distant at Shanghai. The nodus operandi is quite a usual and an everyday one and deserves notice. The gates of Peking are farmed out to high officials, chiefly princes of royal blood. All merchandise is examined and is passed on payment of a small tax. But when they are desirous of getting a good round sum, the procedure is altered. In this particular case Sheng was called here to pay over \$2,500 before he was allowed to go to his duties.

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