MAY WHEAT STRONGER

REPORTS OF BAD EFFECTS OF COLD WEATHER THE CAUSE

OPENING SHOWED DEPRESSION

Reports of Serious Damage to Winter Wheat Started Early and Prices Quickly Hardened — May Left Off With a Gain of Nearly Two Cents — Corn Followed Wheat, Rallying Sharply.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	69¼	67⅞
May wheat, Chicago	70⅝	68¾
May wheat, New York	75¼	73⅞
May wheat, Duluth	69⅞	68⅛

CHICAGO, March 24. — The moving cause of the strength of wheat today after about two hours' depression was the increasing number of reports of serious damage of winter wheat. Shorts were forced to cover, and during the excitement May wheat rose 2¼c from the bottom of the day's range, and closed at the top, with a net gain of 1⅝@1¾c. Corn and oats pursued a similar course, and advanced ¼@⅝c and ⅛@¼c respectively. Pork improved 7½c and lard and ribs left off a shade higher.

There was an easy feeling in wheat at the start, and May opened ¼@½c lower at 68¼@½c, and slid off to 68⅛c during the first hour's trading. There was no fresh reasons for weakness at the time of opening, but bulls were disheartened at the apathy of traders in general, and the indifference with which reports of heavy damage to winter wheat was received. The bulls considered the holding of wheat under such circumstances like love's labor lost, and let some drop into the maws of the bears, who were short and looking on the decline with which the market started as the proper time to feed. The reports of winter-killed wheat from the country were numerous and fully corroborated previous advices of a similar character. The action of the market, however, during the early trading clearly indicated a well-spread belief that wheat was not nearly so seriously damaged as had been claimed.

Chicago received 42 cars, of which five graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 492 against 310 the same day last year. Atlantic port clearances for the day were 540,000 bu. Indications were that the world's shipments to Europe would be about 6,500,000 for the week. St. Louis bought wheat freely on the break, and orders from outside generally were to buy. During the last half of the session reports from Kentucky said that fall wheat fields were being plowed up and general complaints from the Southwest were of an almost sensational character, claiming that damage previously unsuspected had revealed itself. This sort of news started local shorts scrambling to cover. Offerings were found to be very scarce, however, and after a vigorous climb after the last hour of the session. May rested at 70⅝c, with the buying demand still unsatisfied.

Corn followed wheat, rallying sharply at the close. Shorts and elevator people were heavy buyers on the way up. Claims from New York, of 100 boatloads being disposed of for export, exerted a strengthening influence. Receipts were 71 cars and country offerings practically nothing. May started ⅛c lower at 35⅛@¼c, declined to 34⅞c, then advanced to 35⅝c sellers at the close.

Oats rallied with the other grains closing firm at the high point. Elevator people and shorts bought and this helped the advance. Receipts, 143 cars. May began ¼@⅜c lower, at 26¼c, sold sparingly at 26½c, then rose steadily to and closed at 26⅜c.

A good demand for lard and buying by packing concerns strengthened provisions. May pork opened 2½c lower at $9.05, and advanced to $9.15 buyers at the close. The range in lard and ribs was very narrow.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 125; oats, 180, and hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	68½	70⅜	68⅛	70⅜
July	68	69½	67⅝	69½
Corn—				
May	35¼	35⅞	34⅞	35⅝
July	35¾	36⅛	35½	36⅛
September	36⅜	36⅞	36⅛	36⅞
Oats—				
May	26⅛	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝
July	24⅜	24¾	24¼	24¾
Mess Pork—				
May	9 05	9 15	9 05	9 15
July	9 20	9 30	9 20	9 20
Lard—				
May	5 32½	5 35	5 32½	5 35
July	5 45	5 47½	5 45	5 47½
September	5 60	5 62½	5 60	5 62½
Short Ribs—				
May	4 72½	4 77½	4 72½	4 77½
July	4 85	4 90	4 85	4 87½
September	4 97½	5 00	4 97½	5 00

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 66¼@68c; No. 3 spring, 63@67c; No. 2 red, 69@70½c. Oats—No. 2, 27½@27¾c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c. Rye—No. 2, 52@52¼c. Barley—Sample, 40@47c. Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.18; Northwestern, $1.22¼. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.35. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $9@9.05. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.25@5.27½. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $4.40@4.80. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4½@4¾c. Short Clear—Sides (boxed), $4.95@5. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.26. Sugar unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 37,000 bu; corn, 89,000 bu; oats, 105,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 18,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 19,000 bbls; wheat, 33,000 bu; corn, 101,000 bu; oats, 234,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 10,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs easy; fresh, 12c. Cheese steady; creams, 10¾@12½c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 24. — Wheat opened weak, but improved. — May wheat opened at 67⅝c against 67¾@67⅞c on Thursday, declined to 67⅜c, firmed up ⅛c, lost 3-16c, sold at 67½c, declined to 67¼c and gradually advanced to 67⅝@67¾c by noon. — July wheat opened at 68½c against 68⅝@68¾c Thursday, declined to 68⅛@68¼c and firmed up to 68½c by noon. —The cash wheat market was strong with ordinary No. 1 northern selling at ½@¾c over the May option.—The closing was a little wild. May wheat closed at 69¼c and July at 69⅞c.

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat.				
March	....	....	70	67¾
May	67⅝	69¼	67¼	69¼ 67⅜-⅞
July	68⅛	69⅞	68⅛-¼	69⅞ 68⅝-¾

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 70¾c; No. 1 northern, 69⅝c; No. 2 northern, 68¼c; March oats, 27⅜c; March corn, 30⅞c; flax seed, $1.19¾.

Curb on May wheat ... 69@69⅛
Puts on May wheat ... 68⅝@68½
Calls on May wheat, bid ... 70⅞

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 3 cars choice ... 69¼
No. 1 northern, 48 cars ... 68¼
No. 1 northern, 4 cars choice ... 69
No. 1 northern, 6 cars choice ... 68½
No. 1 northern, 8 cars choice ... 68¾
No. 1 northern, part car ... 68
No. 1 northern, 9 cars ... 68
No. 1 northern, 1 car choice ... 68⅞
No. 1 northern, 5,000 bu to arrive ... 68½
No. 1 northern, 1,400 bu to arrive ... 68¼

FLOUR—Millers sold 50,000 bbls of flour yesterday, mostly to domestic buyers. There is fair export call for red dog. First patent is quoted $3.65@3.75 per bbl; second patent, $3.45@3.55; first clear, $2.50@260; red dog at rate of $12.25@12.50 per ton in jute. Flour shipments, 42,476 barrels.

STATE GRAIN INSPCETION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1hd	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	Gd.
G. N	..	59	7	4	5	6
C., M. & St. P.	..	64	14	4	..	..
M. & St. L	..	3	6	..	1	..
Soo Line	..	17	..	2	1	..
N. P	..	32	1	..	3	2
C.,St.P.,M.& O	..	21	13	1	1	..
Totals	..	196	41	11	11	8

OTHER GRAINS—No. 3 corn, 16; No. 4 corn, 3; no grade corn, 8; No. 3 oats, 15; No. 2 rye, 4; No. 3 barley, 2; No. 4 barley, 5; No. 1 flax, 15

CARS INSPECTED OUT—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 1; No. 1 northern, 28; No. 2 northern, 9; No. 3, 4; rejected, 6; no grade, 27; No. 3 corn, 4; No. 2 oats, 4; No. 3 oats, 21; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 1 flax, 5; no grade flax, 1.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 276 cars, 207,010 bu; corn, 11,400 bu; oats, 10,890 bu; barley, 850 bu; rye, 1,280 bu; flax, 7,800 bu; fuel oil, 130,323 lbs; flour, 252 bbls; hay, 40 tons; fruit, 132,416 lbs; merchandise, 1,876,615 lbs; lumber, 17 cars; barrel stock, 5 cars; machinery, 413,460 lbs; coal, 1,033 tons; wood, 223 cords; brick, 10,000; lime, 1 car; cement, 320 bbls; household goods, 20,000 lbs; stone and marble, 1 car; live stock, 2 cars; dressed meats, 71,900 lbs; railroad materials, 3 cars; sundries, 19 cars; car lots, 644.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 70 cars, 58,100 bu; corn, 6,240 bu; oats, 1,330 bu; barley, 6,500 bu; flax, 990 bu; flour, 42,476 bbls; millstuffs, 2,517 tons; fruit, 24,000 lbs; merchandise, 2,085,910 lbs; lumber, 99 cars; machinery, 673,400 lbs; brick, 8,000; household goods, 16,000 lbs; live stock, 2 cars; hides, pelts, etc., 28,400 lbs; railroad materials, 2 cars; sundries, 12 cars; car lots, 834.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., March 24.—Market fairly active and firm. May opened ¼c off at 68½c, sold off to 68c in five minutes, up to 68½c at noon and at 12:30 was quoted at 68¾c. Cash—20,000 bu at 1½c under May in store and 1c under to the mills. Wheat stocks will increase 650,000 bu this week. Car Inspection—Wheat, 116; corn, 14; oats, 3; barley, 4; flax, 11. Receipts—Wheat, 170,278 bu; corn, 27,985 bu; rye, 4,335 bu; barley, 1,134 bu; flax, 2,221 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 8,076 bu; flax, 1,770 bu. May closed 1¼@1⅜c up at 69¾@69⅞c; spot No. 1 hard, 70¼c; No. 1 northern, 68¼c; No. 2 northern, 64¾c; No. 3 spring, 61¼c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 70¼c; No. 1 northern, 68¼c; No. 1 hard May, 71¾@71⅞c; March, 70¼c; July, 72⅝c; No. 1 northern, March, 68¼c; July, 70⅝c; oats, 27@26½c; rye, 50½c; barley, 37@40c; flax, $1.21½; May, $1.23½; corn, 32c; May, 33c.

ST. PAUL.

Quotations on grain, hay, feed, etc., furnished by Jameson & Hevener, grain and seed merchants:

There was a firm feeling in the grain market yesterday, with a slight advance all around.——WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 69@70c; No. 2 northern, 67@68¼c.——CORN—No. 3 yellow, 31½@32½c; No. 3 31¼@32¼c.——OATS—No. 3 white, 28½@29½c; No. 3, 28¼@29¼c.——BARLEY — Sample barley, 36@40c.——RYE—No. 3 rye, 47@48c; No. 3, 46@47c.——SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.16@1.17; timothy seed, 90c@1.15; red clover, $3@4.——FLOUR—Patents, per bbl, $3.40@3.60; rye flour, $2.60@2.80.——GROUND FEED — $13@13.25——CORASE CORNMEAL — $12@12.25.——BRAN — $11@11.50. —— SHORTS —In bulk, $11.25@11.50. — HAY — Market very firm for the better quality; poor stuff not wanted; choice Iowa and Minnesota upland, $7@7.75; No. 1 upland, $6@7; good wild hay, $5@6; low grades, $3@4; good to choice timothy, $7@8; mixed, $6@6.50.——STRAW—Rye, $3.50@3.75; oat, $3@3.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP — Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.——New York: St. Petersburg daily papers publish pitiable stories of the condition of the famine districts of Russia. The peasants are compelled to sell everything. Unless the government gives prompt aid the Volga provinces appear doomed to a repetition of the horrors of 1891 and 1892.——Private Antwerp cable says there is a corner on in Argentine March and April delivery.——Kansas City: There is no doubt about one thing—the season for farm work is very late out through this country and oat crop will be much less in acreage than a year ago.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—Wheat: May declined ⅝c, but closed 63⅜c; No. 2 hard, 65½c; No. 3, 62@64½c; No. 2 red, 75c; No. 3, 70@73c. Corn, steady; No. 2 mixed, 32¼c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3, 33½c. Oats, firm; No. 2 white, 30c. Rye steady; No. 2, 52¼c.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 24.—Flour, dull; wheat weak; No. 1 northern, 69½@70½c; No. 2 northern, 67@68c. Oats, dull; 29½@30c. Rye, lower; No. 1, 54½c. Barley, firm; No. 2, 47@47¼c. Sample, 41½@46½c.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Flour—Receipts, 23,508 bbls; exports, 34,137 bbls. Stronger with wheat and held higher, but lacked demand. Wheat—Receipts, 44,800 bu; exports, 31,991 bu. Spot strong; No. 2 red, 82½c f. o. b., afloat; options, 1⅜c net advance. Cables were steady and crop news bad, but neglected. March, 80⅛@82 3-16c; closed, 82⅛c; April, 74½@76¾c; closed, 76¾c; May, 73¼@75 5-16c; closed, 75¼c; July, 72@74¼c; closed, 74¼c; September, 70¼@73¼c; closed, 72½c. Corn—Receipts, 54,600 bu; exports, 157,396 bu. Spot strong; No. 2, 42½@44⅜c f. o. b., afloat; options ⅜c net advance. May, 39⅞@40½c; closed 40½c; July closed 40¾c. Oats—Receipts, 176,400 bu; exports, 9,975 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 33c; track white, 35@38½c; No. 2 white, 35½@36c; track mixed Western, 32@34c; options steadier.

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—Wheat spot steady. Corn spot firm; American mixed new 3s 6d. Futures quiet; March 3s 5¼d; May 3s. 4¼d; July 3s. 4⅜d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 96,000 centals, including 94,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the past three days, 197,900 centals. Weather cold and clear.

ST. PAUL MARKETS.

PRODUCE — Eggs and potatoes are quoted higher. Butter and other produce steady.

The following are the quotations as corrected daily by Jett & Woods:

Apples—Per Bu—Russet, $4.75@5.25; Baldwin, $4.75@5.50; Greening, $4.75@5.25; other varieties, $4@5.

Beans—Per Bu—Fancy, $1.35@1.50; dirty lots, 60@65c; brown, fancy, $1.25; medium, hand-picked, $1.20.

Beef — County-dressed, fancy, 6@8c; rough, 4@6c.

Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extras, 19½c; creameries, firsts, 18c; creameries gathered cream, 16@18c; dairies, extras, 15c; firsts, 15@16c; roll and print, 13@14c; packing stock, 12c.

Cabbage—Home-grown, $3.

Cheese—Per Lb—Brick, No. 1, 11@11½c; brick, No. 2, 9@9½c; Limburger, 9@9½c; twins, fancy, Minnesota and Wisconsin, 11½@12½c; primost, 6@8½c.

Cider—Sweet, per bbls, $5@5.50; sweet, per half bbl, $3@3.75.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $6.75@7; bell and cherry, $6@6.50; Cape Cod, $6.75@7.

Eggs—Fresh, subject to loss off, new, cases included, 11½@12c; seconds, 9c.

Figs—California, 10-lb box, $1.25.

Fish—Per Lb—Pickerel, 4½@5c; croppies, 7c; trout, lake, 8c; whitefish, 8c.

Game—Ducks, mallard, per doz, $4.50@5; canvasback, $5.25@7; brant, per doz, $4@4.50.

Hogs—Clean—Per Lb—Heavy, 4½c, light, 4½@6c; medium, 4c.

Honey—Lb Sections—Buckwheat, 5@6c; extracted amber, 6@6½c; extracted white, 11c; white, fancy, 15c.

Lemons—California, 300s to 360s, $3.50@3.75; Messinas, 300s to 360s, $3.75.

Maple Sugar—Per Lb—Ohio, in bricks, 10c; Vermont, in bricks, 10c; Western, in bricks, 10c.

Mutton—Per Lb—Bucks, 5½c; country-dressed, 7@8c; milk lambs, pelts off, 9½@10c.

Nuts—Almonds, new, small quantities, 16@17c; almonds, Tarragonas, sacks, 100 lbs, 16c; Tarragonas, small quantities, 17c; filberts, sacks, about 200 lbs, 9@9½c; filberts, small quantities, 10c; hickory, per bu, $1.50; peanuts, per lb, 5@6c; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; walnuts, 8@9c; walnuts small quantities, 9@10c; walnuts, California, soft shell, sacks, 100 to 110 lbs, 9½@10c; walnuts, hard, less quantities, 12c; black walnuts, per bu, $1.

Onions—Per Bu—Silver Skins, 40@50c; Red Globe, 55@60c; other varieties, 30@45c.

Oranges — Per Box — California, navel, $3.25@4; California seedlings, $2.50@2.75.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 55@60c; Rural, 50@55c; Peerless, 45@50c; common and mixed, 40@45c; Jersey Sweets, $3@3.25.

Poultry—Country-dressed—Spring chickens, 12c; hens, 10c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, choice, 10@11c; medium, 9c.

Veal—Per Lb—Coarse and thin, 6c; extra fancy, country-dressed, 7½@8c.

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS

HOGS SOLD A FULL NICKEL LOWER THAN THURSDAY'S CLOSE

LIGHT RUN OF CATTLE IN

Day's Trading Was Confined Almost Entirely to Left Over Cattle——The Quality Was Generally Poor and Low Prices Were Paid——Light Heifer Stuff Was in Demand and Sold Well.

SOUTH St. PAUL, March 24.—The receipts at the Union Stock yards today were: Cattle, 75; calves, 25; hogs, 850; sheep, 150.

The receipts by cars over the various railroads were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Mix.
C. G. W.	..	2	..	..
C., M. & St. P.	..	1	..	1
M. & St. L.	..	1	1	1
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	8	..	1
Great Northern	1	1	..	1

The shipments were as follows: Cattle, 125; calves, 250; hogs, none; sheep, none.

The shipments by cars were: Cattle, 9; hogs, none; sheep, none.

The cattle market was dull owing to light receipts, and the quality of the offerings. Most of the trading was in left over stuff. Some fair butcher steers and a few good cows brought fair prices. Heifer calves were in demand and the medium to good stuff sold well. Common stuff went at low prices. The hog market was a full 5c lower than yesterday's close. The bulk of the butchers sold at $3.60, with a range of $3.60 to $3.65. The run was light and the quality fair. The run of sheep and lambs was light. Prices were steady. Some sales from the pens.

Hogs—Comparative receipts:

Total for today	850
A week ago	1500
A year ago	1100

Quotations—Butchers, $3.60@3.65; packers, $3.35; stags and rough, $2@2.65; pigs, $3.25.

Market weak and a full nickel lower than yesterday's close. The run was light and the quality fair. The bulk of the butchers sold at $3.60, with a top of $3.65 for the choice ones. Representative sales:

Butchers—

No.	Wt.	Dg.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dg.	Price.
113	205	40	$3 60	84	195	..	$3 60
37	285	240	3 60	7	264	..	3 60
77	209	200	3 60	81	215	40	3 62½
48	231	..	3 65	80	204	..	3 62½
62	275	..	3 60				

Packers—

1	440	..	$3 50	3	304	..	$3 35
3	335	80	3 35				

Stags and Rough—

1	270	..	$2 60	1	250	..	$2 60
1	440	..	2 00				

Pigs—

1	100	..	$3 25	2	120	..	$3 25
8	127	..	3 25				

Cattle—Comparative receipts:

Total for today	100
A week ago	300
A year ago	153

Quotations—Good to choince butcher steers, $4.50@5; fair to good, $4@4.50; good to choice fat cows and heifers, $3.50@4.10; medium to good, $3.50@3.40; canners, $1.50@2.40; fat bulls, $3.25@3.75; bologna and feeding bulls, $2.25@3; common to choice steer calves, $3@4.85; common to choice heifer calves, $2.75@3.80; good to choice stockers and feeders, $3.75@4.25; common to good, $2.75@3.75; scrubs, Jerseys and Holsteins, $2@3; veal calves, $5@6; milkers and springers, $25@45.

Market dull owing to light receipts and quality of stuff in the yards. Much of the trading was in tail ends. A few offerings of medium butcher cattle brought fair prices. Stock heifers were in demand and the good ones sold well. The common stuff dragged and sold low. Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1	890	$2 85	1	1190	$3 25
1	1370	3 85	1	1140	3 80
3	980	3 10	1	1030	2 80
2	850	3 70	1	910	3 80
2	1185	3 70	1	950	3 35
1	1100	2 90	2	1100	3 00

Stock Cows and Heifers—

1	830	33	15	1	850	$3 35
2	405	3 40	1	640	3 60
1	490	3 25	4	352	3 70
1	510	2 70	31	398	3 70
2	550	2 70	2	265	3 50

Stockers and Feeders—

2	475	$4 00	1	280	$4 50
12	385	4 50	5	922	3 65
1	450	3 00	20	941	3 65
3	920	3 50	2	1010	3 90
8	834	3 30	3	690	3 00
10	291	4 50	3	876	3 10
6	375	3 80			

Thin Cows and Canners—

1	550	$2 00	1	870	$2 35
1	910	2 50	1	780	2 50
1	770	2 40	1	1170	2 25
1	880	2 35			

Butcher Steers—

24	1095	$4 10	1	1310	$4 10
5	1060	3 72½			

Bulls—

1	520	$3 25	4	492	$2 40
3	1053	2 20	1	1200	3 00
1	910	2 50	2	1325	3 00
1	1050	2 50			

Veal Colves—

1	120	$5 50	1	110	$5 25

Stags and Oxen—

1	1310	$3 35	1	890	$3 00

Milkers and Springers—

1 cow	$26 00	2 cows	$60 00
1 cow	29 00	1 c and 1 c	32 00

Sheep—Comparative receipts:

Total for today	150
A week ago	300
A year ago	136

Quotations—Wethers, heavy, $4@4.25; wethers, yearlings, $4.40@4.75; fat ewes, $4@4.25; mixed ewes and wethers, $4@4.50; stock ewes, $3.25@3.50; choice fat lambs, $5.25@5.50; common lambs, $4.75@5.25; feeding lambs, $4.50@4.75.

The receipts were light. The sales included everything in and some from the pens. Prices were steady. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
57 lambs	73	$4 85	21 lambs	97	$5 00
11 lambs	53	4 40	16 muttons	115	3 80
243 st. lambs	50	4 00	13 st. ewes	97	3 50

Day's Sales—

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	39	765	...
Staples & King	6	...	32
W. E. McCormick	2	...	73
Blaisdell	7	...	...
L. Thuet	...	...	243
Sopher	14	...	...
R. N. Katz	5	...	...
Brown	10	...	...
Clark	9	...	...
B. Kay	5	...	...
Hess	8	...	...
Hogan Bros.	45	...	...
Moore Bros.	15	...	...
Van Hoven Co.	4	...	...
W. S. Svendson	27	...	...
C. Black	...	...	13
Wilson	22	...	...
W. H. Mathews	28	...	...
Unclassified sales	20	...	...

MILCH COW EXCHANGE—South St. Paul, March 24.—Lytle & Raeburn's report: Choice milkers were in fair demand at steady prices. Common stuff was hard to sell except at low prices. Representative sales:

No.	Price.	No.	Price.
2 cows	$75 00	1 cow	$33 00
1 cow	35 00	1 cow	23 00

AMONG THE SHIPPERS—The following were on the market: Druck & Harrington, Avoca, hogs; Shaw & Houghton, Clear Water, 3 loads cattle and hogs; W. Frank, Fairfax, sheep; M. C. Block, Cannon Falls, hogs; J. S. Green, Red Wing, cattle and hogs; Fairbanks & Prall, Owatonna, hogs; F. J. Lessions, Austin, horses; C. H. Davidson, Lyle, horses; Cosgrove Live Stock company, Le Sueur, hogs; G. W. Dodge, Madelia, hogs; C. Gardner, Hammond, cattle, calves and hogs; J. F. Nelson, Norman, hogs; Donohue & Carter, Twin Lakes, hogs and sheep; Gilbert & Gibbons, Mantorville, hogs; A. Hende, Cottonwood, hogs.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET—Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul—Barrett & Zimmerman's report; all classes of horses was well represented and sales easily effected, carload buyers from Manitoba and North Dakota were numerous and in buying spirit. The largest portion of the outgoing stock consisted of farm horses, drivers and mules. The aggregate sales for this week will be the highest on record. The vast quantity of horses passing through this market at this time are shipped almost exclusively to Manitoba and North Dakota. The representative sales are as follows:

Drafters, choice to extra ... $115@160
Drafters, common to good ... 80@100
Farm horses, choice to extra ... 100@125
Farm horses, common to good ... 50@ 65
Mules, 1,250 pounds ... 70@ 90

CHICAGO, March 24.—There was a fairly active demand for cattle today and prices ruled about steady. Fancy cattle, $5.70@5.80; choice steers, $5.30@5.65; medium steers, $3.50@4.75; beef steers, $3.85@4.55; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.75; bulls, $2.60@4; cows and heifers, $3.40@4.25; Western fed steers, $4.20@5.50; Texas steers, $3.70@4.90; calves, $4@7.25. There was a good local and shipping inquiry for hogs after buyers had forced prices 5 to 7½c lower and prices wound up about unchanged. Fair to choice, $3.75@3.92, heavy packing lots $3.50@3.75; mixed, $3@3.80; butchers, $3.60@3.87½; light, $3.50@3.80; pigs, $3.25@3.70. Slaughterers were pretty well supplied with mutton and trade in sheep was slow, with prices largely 5@10c lower. Poor to choice sheep, $2.75@4.75; yearlings, $4.75@5.10; prime sheep, $4.85@5; poor to good lambs, $3.30@5.75, and choice lots, $5.80@5.85. Receipts—Cattle, 2,900 head; hogs, 26,000 head; sheep, 8,000 head.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200. Steady; native beef steers, $4.10@5.40; Western steers, $3.90@4.80; Texas steers, $3.60@4.60; cows and heifers, $3.40@4.25; canners, $2.50@3.30; stockers and feeders, $3.90@4.30; calves, $4@5.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 8,000. Market shade to 5c lower. Heavy, $3.57½@3.67½; bulk of sales, $3.57½@3.62½. Sheep—Receipts, 4,400. Market steady; lambs easier; yearlings, $4.50@5; Western muttons, $4@4.60; stock sheep, $3@3.80; lambs, $4.50@5.70.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000. Market steady to strong. Native steers, $3.50@4.50; Texas steers, $3.75@4.75; Texas cows, $2.75@3.75; native cows and heifers, $2@4.40; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.40; bulls, $3.25@4. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market weak to 5c lower. Bulk of sales, $3.55@3.70. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000. Market firm. Lambs, $4@8; latter for springs; muttons, $3.10@4.75.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the bank clearings for the week, with the percentable of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,273,234,338	100.6	.....
Boston	131,433,822	47.4	.....
Chicago	118,293,240	25.5	.....
Philadelphia	91,400,300	45.4	.....
St. Louis	31,175,068	28.3	.....
Pittsburg	31,347,236	56.7	.....
Baltimore	33,268,576	129.2	.....
San Francisco	15,197,495	20.2	.....
Cincinnati	13,467,750	24.6	.....
Kansas City	10,322,547	2.5	.....
New Orleans	9,059,567	14.2	.....
Minneapolis	7,784,823	13.6	.....
Detroit	7,183,617	25.7	.....
Cleveland	8,261,173	40.4	.....
Louisville	7,239,975	20.6	.....
Providence	6,037,100	32.0	.....
Milwaukee	4,541,726	1.1	.....
St. Paul	4,466,049	27.2	.....
Buffalo	5,533,031	56.3	.....
Omaha	3,721,356	.....	28.4
Indianapolis	5,837,619	23.7	.....
Columbus, O	4,960,500	57.1	.....
Washington	2,405,156	38.2	.....
Portland, Or	1,378,295	.....	5.4
Des Moines	1,295,100	13.2	.....
Seattle	1,348,356	.....	16.0
Tacoma	712,777	.....	18.9
Spokane	1,063,026	16.4	.....
Sioux City	886,356	18.4	.....
Fargo, N. D	231,118	29.0	.....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	139,799	29.9	.....
Helena	462,100	.....	12.4
Totals, U. S.	$1,884,504,791	73.4	.....
Totals outside N. Y.	611,270,453	35.4	.....

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Montreal	$15,353,866	16.5	.....
Toronto	9,002,516	.....	.....
Winnipeg	1,516,305	22.9	.....
Halifax	1,168,564	12.8	.....
Hamilton	713,070	14.2	.....
St. John, N. B.	610,778	36.8	.....
Vancouver	582,087	.....	.....
Victoria	575,804	.....	.....
Totals	$28,865,090	10.6	.....

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WEEKLY STOCK LETTER.

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle at South St. Paul the past week have been quite liberal. The bulk of cattle on sale have been of a rather inferior class. The supply of good beef cattle is considerably short of the demand. There are too many half fat and warmed up cattle coming to market and we regret that such is the case as the profit in feeding cattle is in finishing them out and making them fat. You cannot make your cattle too good for this market, as we have buyers here who are willing to pay good prices for good cattle. The most notable feature of the week was the large supply of the fair and common grades of stockers and feeders. The demand for this class of cattle is limited and prices on this class of cattle are 20@30c lower than a week and ten days ago, and we would respectfully advise the trade to buy these cattle considerably lower, as the present outlook for common cattle is for a good deal lower prices. There is a good demand for stockers and feeders of good quality and we anticipate a steady market the coming week on the best grades.

We Quote—Good to choice beef steers, 1,100 lbs and upwards, $4.50@5; fair to good beef steers, $4@4.40; good to choice fat cows and heifers, $3.50@4; fair to good fat cows and heifers, $2.75@3.40; canners, $1.75@2.50; good to choice fat bulls, $3@3.60; fair to good bulls, $2.25@2.60; good to choice feeders, $3.75@4.25; good to choice steers, $3.60@4; good to choice