MAY WHEAT UP AGAIN

HEAVY COVERING BY SHORTS ON SENSATIONALLY BAD CROP REPORTS THE CAUSE

CLOSE IN WHEAT WAS STRONG

May Showed a Net Gain at the Close of One to One and One-Eighth Cents—Corn Was Dragged Up Reluctantly by the Buoyancy in Wheat — Oats Improved One-Eighth to One-Fourth.

	Close.	Prev. day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	70⅞	69⅝
May wheat, Chicago	73	*...
May wheat, Duluth	71¾	70¾
May wheat, New York	77¼	76¼

*No session.

CHICAGO, April 5.—Heavy covering by wheat shorts today on sensationally bad crop reports caused a jump of 2½c a bu in prices. At the close May showed a net advance of 1@1⅛c. Corn was dragged up reluctantly by the buoyancy of wheat, recovering from ⅝c loss to ⅛c gain. Oats improved ⅛@¼c. Provisions advanced 15c, and lard and ribs 5c each.

The filling of buying orders which were sent in on account of the weakness on the curb yesterday, together with better cables abroad, gave wheat a fairly good start. The Ohio state crop report, however, knocked the bull feeling out of the crowd. The report showed a condition of 85, compared with 80 the year before, and with 26 per cent of last year's crop still in farmers' hands. May opened ¼c higher at 72¼@72½c, sold sparingly at 72¾c, then declined quickly to 70⅞c.

Liquidation was heavy on the way down and a recovery did not set in until a general exchange of crop news from country correspondents among commission men established the universality of crop damage of a serious character in all Western states outside of Ohio. Chicago received 91 cars, of which 12 graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 300 cars, compared with 250 the corresponding day a year ago. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equaled 550 000 bu. Primary Western market receipts aggregated 999,000, against 613,000 bu last year.

As the session neared the end the crop damage complaints became sensational and were backed up by heavy buying orders from the country. Shorts became nervous, and when an attempt was made to cover, offerings were found to be very scarce. The competition became so great for what little was for sale, that May hesitating at 71⅜c, jumped to 73⅛c and closed at 73c. The fluctuations in July were almost identical to that in May and both months kept closely in unison. May still kept the lead as to volume of trading, but when changes to July could be made on even terms, there was a disposition evinced by longs to transfer trades to the more deferred future.

Liquidation of long property depressed corn early. When the rapid rise in wheat got well underway, however, shorts became alarmed, and brought back former holdings, causing a sharp rally. Receipts, 385 cars. May started a shade lower at from 35⅛ down to 34⅞c, but closed with sellers at 35c.

Liberal selling by the country and better weather weakened oats early. Buying by a prominent short at the decline, however, started an upturn, and the loss was more than recovered. Receipts, 250 cars. May began a shade lower at 26⅜@26½c, sold off to 26⅛c, improved to 26¾c, and closed at 26⅝@26¾c.

Moderate selling by packers at the beginning weakened provisions. The improvement in grains caused enough covering to bring about a reaction. May pork opened 2½c higher at $9.12½, sold off to $9.07½, then rose to $9.25 at the close. The range in lard and ribs was narrow.

Estimated receipts for Thursday: Wheat, 80 cars; corn, 310 cars; oats, 180 cars, and hogs, 28,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	High est.	Low est.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	72¼	73⅛	70⅞	73
July	72¼	73	70⅞	72¾
Corn—				
May	34⅞	35⅛	34¼	35
July	34½	35¾	34⅞	35¾
September	36¼	36⅜	35⅝	36¼
Oats—				
May	26½	26¾	26⅛	26¾
July	25⅝	26	25¼	25⅞
Mess Pork—				
May	9 12½	9 25	9 07½	9 25
July	9 25	9 40	9 20	9 37½
Lard—				
May	5 27½	5 32½	5 25	5 35
July	5 40	5 45	5 40	5 45
September	5 55	5 60	5 52½	5 60
Ribs—				
May	4 75	4 80	4 72½	4 80
July	4 87½	4 92½	4 85	4 92½
September	5 00	5 05	4 97½	5 05

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Dull and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 69@70¼c; No. 3 spring, 64@70c; No. 2 red, 72½c. Corn—No. 2, 34@34¼c; No. 2 yellow, 34½c. Oats—No. 2, 27½c; No. 2 white, 29½@30¼c; No. 3 white, 28¼@29¼c. Rye—No. 2, 53½c. Barley—No. 2, 39@47c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.20; Northwest, $1.23½. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.35. Clover Seed—Contract grade, $5.65. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $9.15@9.20. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.22½@5.25. Ribs—Short sides (loose), $4.50@4.90. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4⅜@4½c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $5@5.10. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.26. Sugars—Cut loaf, 5.83c; granulated, 5.33c. Receipts—Flour, 65,000 bbls; wheat, 108,000 bu; corn, 438,000 bu; oats, 599,000 bu; rye, 16,000 bu; barley, 38,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 54,000 bbls; wheat, 25,000 bu; corn, 151,000 bu; oats, 507,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 18,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@20c; dairies, 11½@15c. Eggs—Steady; fresh, 11¾c. Cheese—Steady; 11¾@12½c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 5.—Wheat opened weak, but quickly gained strength. May wheat advanced from 68⅞c to 70½@70⅝c. The recovery was sharp and it seemed to have merits. The crop reports are very bad, and while exaggeration is expected the trade is beginning to pin faith in the fact that the crop has been severely injured.——May wheat closed strong at 70½@70⅝c, against 69½@69⅝c yesterday and 96½c a year ago. July wheat closed at 71⅞@72c.——Spot and to arrive No. 1 northern was in good demand by elevators. Millers bought a few cars. No. 2 northern, No. 3 wheat and low grades were slow sales, and at noon a number of cars were unsold. The trade figured about one-third of yesterday's offerings were carried over, which made offerings today liberal, although receipts were considerably lighter than yesterday. The easy futures market unsettled buyers after the opening, and it was some time before they came into the market. Elevators took No. 1 northern freely and also several round lots to arrive. Spot No. 1 northern sold largely at 69¾c. May price, and choice cars at 69⅞@70c, a premium of ¼@½c over May. No. 1 northern to arrive sold at 69½c, and late in the season at 69¼c. Spot No. 2 northern was quoted at 67½@68c early, and later at 67c. No. 2 northern to arrive was quoted at 67@68c. No. 3 wheat sold at 62@66c, according to quality. Good quality low grade sold at 60@65c, and poor at 52@58c.

The following was the range of price of wheat today:

	April.	May.	July.
Opening	....	70	71⅜
Highest	....	70⅝@¾	72⅛
Lowest	....	68⅞	70¼@⅜
Close—			
Today	70½	70½@⅝	71⅞@72
Yesterday	69½	69½@⅝	70⅝@⅞
Year ago	98	96½	94¾

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 71⅜c; No. 1 northern, 70⅜c; No. 2 northern, 68⅞c.

April oats, 27⅜c; April corn, 30¼c.

2 p. m. Report—

Puts, May wheat	69⅝
Calls, May wheat	971½
Curb, May wheat, bid	70½

FLOUR—Fair buying of flour by foreigners was the feature of yesterday. Total sales for the day were 40,000 bbls, one-half export. Demand for clear and red dog showed slight improvement. First patent is quoted at $3.70@3.80 per bbl; second patent, $3.50@3.60; first clear, $2.60@2.70; red dog at the rate of $11.75@12.25 per ton in jute. Flour shipments, 44,787 bbls.

CASH SALES.

No. 1 northern, 45 cars	69½
No. 1 northern, 28 cars	69¼
No. 1 northern, 2 cars	69
No. 1 northern, 1 car	68⅝
No. 1 northern, 7 cars, choice	69¾
No. 2 northern, 7 cars	68
No. 2 northern, 7 cars	67¾
No. 2 northern, 17 cars	67
No. 2 northern, 4 cars	67½

INSPECTED IN—Wheat—Cars—Great Northern—No. 1 northern, 60; No. 2 northern, 16; No. 3, 2; rejected, 6; no grade, 14.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—No. 1 northern, 65; No. 2 northern, 24; No. 3, 4; rejected, 1.

Minneapolis & St. Louis—No. 1 northern, 7; No. 2 northern, 26; No. 3, 4.

Soo Line—No. 1 northern, 11; No. 2 northern, 3; No. 3, 2; rejected, 1.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 27; No. 2 northern, 10; rejected, 2; no grade, 1.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha—No. 1 northern, 30; No. 2 northern, 15; No. 3, 1; rejected, 1.

Minnesota Transfer—No. 2 northern, 2.

Totals—No. 1 northern, 200; No. 2 northern, 96; No. 3, 13; rejected, 11; no grade, 15.

OTHER GRAINS—Cars—No. 3 yellow corn, 5; No. 3 corn, 10; no grade corn, 1; No. 3 white oats, 2; No. 3 oats, 3; no grade oats, 2; No. 2 rye, 3; No. 3 rye, 1; No. 4 barley, 2; No. 1 flax, 13; rejected flax, 2.

CARS INSPECTED OUT—No. 1 northern wheat, 1; No. 2 northern, 10; No. 3 wheat, 2; rejected wheat, 2; no grade wheat, 8; No. 3 corn, 9; No. 2 white oats, 2; No. 3 white oats, 2; No. 3 oats, 8; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 1 flax, 1.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 250 cars, 180,000 bu; corn, 11,250 bu; oats, 15,080 bu; barley, 850 bu; flax, 3,650 bu; fuel oil, 36,900 lbs; flour, 315 bbls; hay, 128 tons; fruit, 94,240 lbs; merchandise, 1,163,030 lbs; lumber, 19 cars; barrel stock, 5 cars; machinery, 567,175 lbs; coal, 1,189 tons; wood, 179 cords; brick, 13,000; cement, 100 bbls; pig iron, 58 cars; ties, 2 cars; dressed meats, 94,435 lbs; railroad materials, 3 cars; sundries, 20 cars; car lots, 555.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 56 cars, 44,240 bu; corn, 2,550 bu; oats, 3,990 bu; flax, 5,810 bu; flour, 44,787 bbls; millstuffs, 1,215 tons; fruit, 40,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,904,310 lbs; lumber, 105 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 448,000 lbs; coal, 33 tons; brick, 18,000; household goods, 24,000 lbs; ties, 21 cars; linseed oil, 46,000 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 16 cars; car lots, 747.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., April 5.—The market opened strong at 71c bid for May, with first trades at 71¼c. Trading was very dull all morning in both cash and options. May sold down to 70c, then braced up, going to 71c, where it held strong up to noon. Receipts—Wheat, 50 cars; corn, 12 cars; oats, 1 car; barley, 3 cars; flax, 7 cars. Shipments—Flax, 8,896 bu. Close—No. 1 hard, 73¾c; May, 74⅜c; July, 74⅞c; No. 1 northern, 70¾c; May, 71¾c; July, 72⅞c; No. 2 northern, 67¼c; No. 3, 63¾c; corn, to arrive, 31¼c; May, 32¼c; No. 2 white oats, 28c; No. 3 white oats, 27½c; flax, to arrive, 48½c; May, $1.20; rye, to arrive, 51¼c; May, 52⅜c; barley, 37c to 40c; September flax, $1.

ST. PAUL.

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

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 71@72c; No. 2 northern, 69@70c——CORN—No. 3 yellow, 31@32c; No. 3, 27@28½c.——BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 35@40c; rye market strong, 51c for No. 2.——SEEDS—Flax, $1.18@1.20; timothy seed, 85c@$1.10; clover, $3.20@4.——FLOUR—Patent, per bbl, $3.60@3.80; straight, $3.30@3.50; rye, $2.60@2.50.——GROUND FEED—$13@13.50.—COARSE CORNMEAL—$12@12.50. BRAN—Bulk, $10.50@11.——SHORTS—$10.50@11, —— HAY—No. 1 upland, $6.50@7; other grades, $3.50@5; No. 1 timothy, $7@7.50.——STRAW—Rye, $3.50@4; 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.——St. Louis Letter from Capt Guardeau company says that even with most favorable weather from now on that county won't make over half crop; this is a wheat county.——New York—Ohio state crop report says it is 85 per cent of a full average, and that 26 per cent of last year's wheat crop is still in farmers' hands.——Wellington, Kan., wires: We are having freezing weather today. Something remarkable for this time of year. If we succeed in harvesting 40 per cent of an average crop we will be agreeably surprised. A majority of the fields are entirely past redemption. Fully one-half of the acreage sown in wheat will never be worth cutting.

GRAIN AVAILABLE SUPPLY—New York, April 5.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in the available supplies of grain last Saturday, as compared with the previous Saturday: Wheat United States and Canada, east Rockies, decrease, 448,000 bu; do Liverpool Corn Trade News, afloat for and in Europe, increase, 500,000 bu; total supply, increase, 52,000 bu; corn United States and Canada, east Rockies, decrease, 1,101,000 bu; oats United States and Canada, east Rockies, decrease, 91,000 bu. Among the more important decreases reported to Bradstreet's not given in the official supply statement are those of 440,000 bu at New Orleans; 300,000 at Northwestern interior elevators and 60,000 at outside Manitoba storage points. The principal increases are those of 223,000 bu at Chicago private elevators, 192,000 at Fort William and Keewatin; 100,000 at Galveston. The stock of wheat held at Portland, Or., and Tacoma, Wash., and Seattle, Wash., decreased 192,000 bu.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 5.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Steady; No. 1 northern, 71½@73c; No. 2 northern, 70c. Oats—Easy; 28¾@29¾c. Rye—Lower; No. 1, 55@56½c. Barley—Firm; No. 2, 48c; sample, 28@47½c.

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—Wheat—Irregular; May, 66½c; cash No. 2 hard, 66@67c; No. 2 spring, 64@66c; No. 3, 60@61c. Corn—Steady; May, 31⅜c; cash No. 2 mixed, 32¼@32¾c; No. 2 white, 33¼c; No. 3, 33c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 28¾@29½c. Rye—Steady; No. 2, 54c.

LIVERPOOL, April 5.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 1 California, 6s 5d@6s 6d. Corn—Spot firm; futures quiet; April, nominal; May, 3s 4⅞d; July, 3s 5½d.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Flour—Receipts, 18,120 bbls; exports, 12,245 bbls; more active and held firmer. Wheat—Receipts, 4,800 bu; exports, 42,991 bu; spot firm; No 2, red, 82¼c f. o. b., afloat; options 1@1⅛c net advance; May, 75½@77⅞, closing at 77¼c; July, 75½@76⅞c, closing at 76¾c; September, 73@74¾c, closing at 74¾c. Corn—Receipts, 17,550 bu; exports, 78,346 bu; spot firm; No. 2, 42@43½c f. o. b., afloat new and old; options ⅛@¾c net higher and strong; May, 39 5-16@40c, closing at 39⅞c; July, 39⅝@40¼c, closing at 40¼c. Oats—Receipts, 79,200 bu; spot quiet; No. 2, 33@33¼c; No. 2 white, 35½c; track mixed Western, 32@34½c; track white state, 35@38½c; options dull but firm.

ST. PAUL MARKETS.

PRODUCE—Eggs, butter and potatoes are quoted steady.

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

Apples—Per Bbl—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 — Country-dressed, fancy, 6@8c; rough, 4@6c.

Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extras, 19½c; creameries, firsts, 18c; dairies, extras, 17c; firsts, 15@16c; roll and print, 13@14c; packing stock, 12c.

Cabbage—Home-grown, $3.50 cwt.

Cheese—Per Lb—Brown, 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 bbl, $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, 11c; 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@5c; 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 lb, $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—Yellow Globes, 65@70c; Red Globe, 70@75c; other varieties, 45@50c.

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

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

Poultry—Country-dressed spring chickens, 12c; hens, 10c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, choice, 10@11c; medium, 8c.

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

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

LIGHT RUN OF HOGS WITH ACTIVE DEMAND AT SOUTH ST. PAUL

BUTCHER CATTLE STEADY

Stockers and Feeders Active, Good Ones Holding Firm nd More Common Ones Being Worked Off in Mixed Lots Than Last Week—Very Few Left at the Close—Sheep and Lambs Wanted.

UNION STOCK YARDS, SOUTH ST. PAUL, April 5.—Receipts,—Cattle, 452 head; calves, 176 head; hogs, 1,180 head; sheep, 2 head.

Hogs—A light run and good demand made a good lively market. Trades were made very readily at stronger prices, the bulk selling at $3.70@3.72½ and best bunches at $3.75. The quality was about like yesterday. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Dge.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dge.	Price.
8	143	...	$3 50	41	230	160	$3 72½
20	168	...	3 60	77	221	...	3 72½
14	163	...	3 60	82	176	40	3 72½
19	302	...	3 65	62	241	80	3 72½
59	225	40	3 67½	22	239	...	3 72½
34	233	80	3 67½	56	219	...	3 72½
12	267	...	3 70	68	242	80	3 75
29	190	40	3 70	73	224	40	3 75
31	193	...	3 70	136	203	40	3 75
18	165	...	3 70	19	228	...	3 75
70	191	...	3 70				

Pigs and Culls—

10	90	...	$3 25	5	436	80	$3 35
8	123	...	3 25	4	387	...	3 35
18	104	...	3 25	1 stag	540	...	2 00
2	430	...	3 35				

Cattle—Butcher cattle were steady and in good demand. A few bunches of top stuff were on sale, steers selling up to $5 and cows up to $4.35. Stockers and feeders were active, good ones holding firm, and more common ones being worked off in mixed loads than last week. Very few were left by the close. The weather is favorable to a good market from now on. Representative sales:

Stockers and Feeders—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
7	506	$3 75	1	350	$4 00
6	290	4 50	9	469	4 00
4	712	4 10	3	610	4 00
4	915	4 10	7	315	4 50
2	485	3 75	13	321	4 50
4	355	4 50	4	375	4 25
1	350	2 50	11	902	4 30
1	760	4 00	11	638	3 90
10	222	4 50	11	1059	4 15
4	442	4 60	4	350	4 40
2	850	3 25	4	337	4 50
2	890	3 25	1	370	5 00
1	260	4 50	1	630	3 75
5	304	4 40	2	390	2 75
1	810	3 25	4	547	4 00
4	990	4 65	1	510	3 75
11	293	4 50			

Stock Cows and Heifers—

1	960	$2 60	9	372	$3 65
1	1050	2 10	1	750	3 65
3	306	3 60	5	456	3 60
4	340	3 60	10	594	3 60
1	430	3 65	3	336	3 00
3	563	3 50	3	633	3 60
1	640	3 25	9	338	3 60
4	525	3 30	9	313	3 60
7	281	3 25	6	586	3 70
1	560	3 50	5	672	3 50

Butcher Steers—

6	1006	$4 40	12	1118	$4 20
9	1049	4 25	2	1450	4 30
2	1520	5 00	1	920	3 75
8	1050	4 25	1	1060	4 00
8	1237	4 25	1	1170	4 25
6	1023	4 25	5	1200	4 15

Veal Calves—

2	150	$4 50	3	270	$4 00
1	300	4 50	3	126	4 50
3	223	4 00			

Milkers and Springers—

3 cows		$10 00	1 cow		$25 00
1 c and 1 c		24 00	4 c and 2 c		107 50
1 cow		40 00	2 cows		67 00
1 c and 1 c		47 00			

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

1	910	$3 25	1	1040	$2 35
1	1040	2 50	2	700	3 50
3	966	3 60	1	1050	2 75
3	1316	4 35	1	920	2 35
10	1068	3 40	1	960	2 00
5	996	2 50	5	800	2 00
1	920	2 00	1	1000	3 00
1	1280	4 00	2	1025	3 10
2	845	3 10	2	1070	3 35
1	970	2 40	1	1080	2 80
1	1000	3 25	1	1010	3 25
1	1090	3 50			

Bulls—

1	1350	$3 25	1	440	$1 50
1	1010	3 00	1	2040	3 75
1	870	2 50	1	1640	3 00
1	1620	3 25	1	1300	2 75
1	1130	2 75	1	1010	2 75
1	1100	3 25	1	1080	2 90

Stags and Oxen—

2			1	1020	$3 30

SHEEP—There were practically no receipts. A bunch of good wethers from a feed lot brought $4.60. Sheep and lambs are wanted by all the dealers. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
149	106	$4 60	1 lamb	70	5 00

Disposition of Stock—

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	93	753	153
T. V. Graper	30	..	50
E. Empey	38	..	..
Slimmer & Thomas	33	..	..
J. E. Bolton	25	..	..
Kirkpatrick & Co.	13	..	..
Fitzg'ld & McKeegan	27	..	..
Clark & Co.	110	..	..
J. Maxwell	22	..	..
Pope & Co.	24	..	..
Hankey Bros.	21	..	..
W. E. McCormick	5	37	50
Perry	22	..	..
Cook	62	..	..
Staples & King	29	..	..
J. Carson & Son	28	..	..
Haas Bros.	..	161	..
Fry Bros. & Co.	..	161	..
Weir & Co.	..	289	..
Others	113	2	1

On the market: D. V. Kelly, Goodhue, mixed load; W. Frank, St. Peter; cattle; J. B. Peers, Stacy, cattle; N. Anderson, Brooten, cattle; Pettis & Chapel, St. Peter, hogs; E. R. Benson, Lowry, cattle and hogs; H. P. Nelson, Alden, cattle and hogs; Coon Gardner, Hammond, mixed load; Ryan & Hoban, Waterville, hogs; Carver Bros. & Co., Faribault, cattle; H. E. Halgrinson, Farwell, mixed load; E. A. Beckley, Paynesville, cattle; Nelson & Anderson, Lafayette, hogs and cattle; C. A. Tropp, Buffalo Lake, cattle and hogs; A. T. Flour, Cannon Falls, hogs; Anderson, Foster & Co., Sleepy Eye, hogs; T. A. Rude, Sacred Heart, cattle and hogs; J. Ellingson & Sons, Barrett, cattle and hogs; A. W. Page, Spencer, cattle; Anderson & Berg, New Richmond, hogs; George Schnehart, Hutchinson, mixed load; H. H. Brackett, New Brighton, cattle; H. Harmar, Blue Earth City, cattle; C. E. Brady, Blue Earth City, mixed load; Lewis & Daly, Annandale, mixed load; M. Kinsella, Millville, hogs; C. Steube, New Ulm, cattle; M. Mullen, Sleepy Eye, cattle.

CHICAGO, April 5.—There was a good demand for cattle today, with prices ruling steady for common and middling grades and strong for the good offerings; fancy cattle brought $5.70@5.90; choice steers, $5.55@5.65; medium steers, $4.75@4.95; beef steers, $4@4.70; stockers and feeders, $3.75@4.85; bulls, $2.75@4.10; cows and heifers, $3.40@4.25; Western fed steers, $4.25@5.50; Texas steers, $4@5.10; calves, $4.50@6.75. Trade in hogs was brisk at stronger prices, with both local packers and Eastern shippers buying freely; fair to choice, $3.82½@3.95; heavy packing lots, $3.60@3.80; mixed, $3.65@3.90; butchers, $3.70@3.92½; light, $3.65@3.87; pigs, $3.35@3.75. There was a good demand for sheep at steady prices. Lambs however were 10c lower owing to large offerings. Wooled flocks sold at $5.65@5.90 and Mexican and Colorado wooled lambs at $5.80@5.90; shorn lambs, $4.25@5.30, and shorn yearlings, $4.75@5.05. Wooled sheep were wanted at $4@5, and shorn sheep at $4@4.80. Receipts: Cattle, 14,000; hogs, 25,000; sheep, 15,000.

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—Receipts, 2,500 head, including 17,600 Texans; market steady to strong; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $4.75@5.75; light and dressed beef and butchers steers, $3.75@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.30@4.60; cows and heifers, $2@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 6,000 head; strong; pigs and lights, $3.75@3.85; packers, $3.75@3.90; butchers, $3.85@3.95. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000 head; market strong; native muttons, $4@4.25; lambs, $5@5.75.

KANSAS CITY, April 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; steady; native steers, $3.90@5.50; Texas steers, $3.50@5.80; Texas cows, $3@4.40; native cows and heifers, $2.50@4.40; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.25; bulls, $3@4.35. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000 head; market strong; bulk of sales, $3.60@3.75. Sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; market firm; lambs, $3.75@5.50; muttons, $3.50@5.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,100 head; active and strong; native beef steers, $4.25@5.30; Western steers, $3.90@4.75; Texas steers, $3.60@4.60; cows and heifers, $3.60@4.25; stockers and feeders, $2.90@4.10; calves, $4@6.75. Hogs—Receipts, 9,500 head; market steady to shade lower; bulk of sales, $3.62½@3.65.

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Weekly Market Letter.

CATTLE—The supply of cattle for the first few days of the week has been moderate. Butcher cattle are in good demand with stronger prices for the best quality. Much of the steer stuff that is coming in is only half fat and sells at a range of $4.15@4.40. Good style, 1,100 to 1,200 lb steers, will sell readily on this market at $4.50@4.75.

Yesterday's run of cattle was light and brought in but little that was better than medium in quality. Good cow and heifer stuff was taken freely at $3.40@3.75. Fleshy cows sold at $2.75@3.25. Stock heifers were firm at $3.40@3.65. Heavy feeders sold at $3@4.15.

Other prices quoted are as follows: Choice 600 to 700 lb steers, $4@4.25; fair quality stuff, $3.60@3.80; steer calves, $4.25@4.60; common and off color stuff, $3@3.75. The market is steady on good light weight feeding bulls and lower on the common kind. The best will sell at $3@3.25. Fleshy and heavy weight bulls are selling at $3@3.50. Common heavy weight bulls, $2.50@2.75. Cows with calves, and forward springers are quoted at $30@40. Top veal calves are selling at $5.50@6.

We are of the opinion that the present prices will be sustained and do not think that the receipts will be heavy enough to cause a break in the market.

HOGS—The receipts have been light this week. Yesterday the market was strong to 5c higher. Outside buyers are on the market and competition is lively. The range on butchers was $3.60@3.75 with the bulk selling at $3.70@3.72½.

Sheep—Receipts have been very light. The market is steady.

We quote: Good fat wethers, $4.25@4.60; fair to good, $4@4.25; good fat ewes, $4@4.25; choice lambs, $5.25@5.50; fair to good, $5@5.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,500 head; market active and strong; yearlings, $4.50@5.30; Westerns, $3.75@4.85; stock sheep, $3@4.25; lambs, $4.25@5.20.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET — Boston, April 5.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow: "There has been more looking around for wool during the past week, and the aggregate business done slightly exceeds that of the previous week. Some negotiations at this writing also are pending, especially on territory wools, which, if consummated, may result in even larger volume of trade next week. The feeling in the market is, on the whole, a hopeful one, and there is an absence of that dejection which was so noticeable a few weeks ago. Some of the mills in the worsted trust have been in the market, although they, as well as other consumers, are taking only such wools as they actually need. Prices are steady. The sales of the week in Boston amount to 3,471,000 lbs domestic and 772,800 lbs foreign, making a total of 4,243,800, against a total of 3,768,000 for the previous week, and a total of 1,418,000 for the corresponding week last year. Sales since Jan. 1, 1899, amount to 49,076,300, against 40,195,980 lbs last year at this time."

NEW YORK COFFEE—New York, April 5.—Coffee options opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points lower and closed steady, unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 3,250 bags, including April, 4.90c; September, 5.30c; November, 5.45c; December, 5.65c; March, 5.80c. Spot Coffee—Rio dull but steady; No. 7, invoice, 6⅛c; No. 7, jobbing, 6⅝c; mild quiet and steady; Cordova, 8@14c. Sugar—Raw strong and tending upward; fair refining, 3 15-16c; centrifugal 96 test, 4⅛c; molasses sugar, 3 13-16c; refined strong.

BUTTER AND EGGS—New York, April 5.—Butter—Receipts, 5,324 pkgs; steady; Western creamery, 16@21½c; Elgins, 21½c; factory, 12@14¼c. Eggs—Receipts, 16,416 pkgs; steady; Western, 12¾@13c; Southern, 12¼@12¾c.

Chicago, April 5.—Butter—Firm; creamery, 15@20c; dairies, 11@17½c. Eggs—Steady; fresh, 11¾c.

MRS. GEORGE GRATIFIED.

An Admirer Presents Her With a Bouquet in the Court Room.

CANTON, O., April 5.—Seven jurors who had passed examination as to qualifications yesterday, Mrs. George, and her friend, Mrs. Siddinger, were in their places when court opened at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and soon thereafter the examination of other jurors was resumed. The doors to the public did not open until 9 o'clock, and the room filled with a rush. A man named Norris, of Hanoverton, who yesterday sat among the friends of Mrs. George, came into court and placed a handsome bouquet in front of the prisoner evidently to her pleasure and delight. Newton George took the flowers up and handled them, appreciating the gift of the newcomer. The flowers remained on the table, and then the accused turned her attention to the proceedings, apparently watching every detail. Soon afterwards Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Sinclair, sister and aunt of the accused, respectively, and others