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GRAIN MARKETS SHOWED MORE FIRMNESS AFTER A DAY OF UNCERTAINTY

LIQUIDATION STILL IN ORDER

July Corn Closed a Half Under Previous Day and Wheat Was a Shade Improved—Oats Easy Throughout.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
July wheat, Minneapolis	64⅛-64¼	64¼
July wheat, Chicago	65¾	65⅝
July wheat, New York	71⅛	71⅜
July wheat, Duluth	66½	66½

CHICAGO, May 12.—Liquidation of long corn, wheat and oats was again the feature on the Board of Trade today. The decline brought out a demand, however, and the close showed a fair recovery. July corn closed ½c under yesterday; July wheat a shade improved, and July oats ¼c down. Provisions were quiet, closing at a small gain over yesterday.

The corn liquidation was the feature on 'change. Trade began with the market steady, but it speedily turned weak. The weather, favorable for planting, the proved inability of the remaining bulls in the market to hold in the face of the poor export inquiry and change of general speculative sentiment, encouraged more speculative selling, which in turn caused liquidation. Following the opening the market was animated. The July option opened at 37½@37⅝c, and sold off in short order to 34⅝c. Then the market gradually recovered to 37¼c, at which it closed, ½c under yesterday. Receipts here were 166 cars.

The wheat market opened steady, because cables were less weak than had been expected. The corn weakness soon made itself felt, however, having opened 65⅞@66c, July slid off under active selling to 65⅛@65¼c. The prediction of rain in the Northwest was also an influence in the selling, as that section of the wheat-growing country had been clamoring for moisture for several weeks. Shorts covered on the decline, and, as the price had declined until rather tempting to buyers, the market rallied and closed with the early loss nearly all recovered. July unchanged from yesterday at 65¾c.

Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 290,000 bu. Primary receipts were 469,000 bu, compared with 330,000 last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 424 cars, against 315 last week, and 236 a year ago. Local receipts were 21 cars, none of contract grade.

Oats were easy in sympathy with corn and on stop loss selling by commission houses. The market still felt the bearish effects of the Illinois crop report, and the fine weather was also a bearish influence. Receipts were 169 cars. July sold between 22¼@22¼c and 21½@21⅝c, and closed steady, ¼c under yesterday, at 21⅞c.

Provisions were quiet and firm, but without any notable incident to the trade. Trade was slow and generally unimportant, although the cash demand was fair, easily equal to the supply. Hogs were firm and receipts very moderate. July pork sold between $11.60 and $11.52½, and closed 5c improved at $11.57½; July lard closed 2½@5c up at $6.87½, and July ribs a shade higher at $6.55@6.57½.

Estimates Monday: Wheat, 44; corn, 180; oats, 155; hogs, 30,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat—				
May	64¼	64¼	63½-⅝	64⅛
July	65⅞-66	66	65⅛-¼	65¾
Corn—				
May	36⅝-¾	36⅝-¾	35⅝-¾	36¼
July	37½-⅞	37⅞	36½-⅝	37¼
September	38¼	38¼	37¼	37¾
Oats—				
May	22-22¼	22¼	21½	21⅝
June	22	22	21⅝	21⅝
July	22⅛-¼	22⅛-¼	21½	21⅞
Mess Pork—				
May	....	....	....	11 45
July	11 55	11 60	11 52½	11 57½
Lard—				
May	6 82½	....	....	....
July	6 82½	6 87½	6 82½	6 87½
September	6 85	6 87½	6 82½	6 87½
Ribs—				
May	....	....	....	6 50
July	6 55	6 57½	6 52½	6 57½
September	6 55	6 55	6 52½	6 55

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and weak; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $2.90@3.40; clears, $2.70@3.20; spring specials, $3.70@3.90; patents, $3@3.40; straights, $2.60@2.90; bakers, $1.70@2.40. Wheat—No. 3 spring, 61@63½c; No. 2 red, 70@70½c. Corn—No. 2, 36¾c; No. 2 yellow, 36¾c. Oats—No. 2, 22½@23¼c; No. 3 white, 23@25¾c. Rye—No. 2, 54@54½c. Malting—Fair to choice, 39@42½c. Seed—No. 1 flax, $1.80; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.80; prime timothy, $2.40. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $10.45@11.50. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $6.70@6.85. Sides—Short ribs (loose), $6.40@6.65. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 6½@6¾c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $7@7.10. Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.25½. Sugar—Cut loaf unchanged. Clover—Contract grade, $7. Receipts—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 24,000 bu; corn, 163,000 bu; oats, 177,000 bu; rye, 11,000 bu; barley, 18,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 5,000 bbls; wheat, 57,000 bu; corn, 344,000 bu; oats, 274,000 bu; rye 600 bu; barley, 4,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14½@19½c; dairies, 13@16½c. Cheese dull, 9@11½c. Eggs steady; fresh, 10¾@11c.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., May 12.—The market was dull both in cash and future today. Cash sales were 10,000 bu at ½c under July. July opened ⅛c up at 66⅝c, sold at 66½c at 9:45, and 66⅛c at 10:15, at 66¼c at 11:10, at 66⅝c at 11:59, and closed at 66½c. Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 67¾c; to arrive, 67¾c; May, 67¾c; July, 68¼c; September, 67½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 66c; to arrive, 66c; May, 66c; July, 66½c; September, 66½c; No. 2 northern, 64¼c bid; No. 3 spring, 61c bid; oats, 22½@23c; rye, 62½c; barley, 36@41c; flax, cash, $1.80; May, $1.80; September, $1.12½; October, $1.15¾; corn, 35¾c. Receipts—Wheat, 111,347 bu; corn, 2,712 bu; oats, 13,195 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 170,000 bu.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, May 12.—Receipts at the Union stock yards today (estimated) were: Cattle, 25; calves, 25; hogs, 1,200; cars, 20.

Official receipts Friday: Cattle, 137; calves, 84; hogs, 856; sheep, none; horses, 2; cars, 18.

Receipts thus far in May, compared with the same period in May, 1899, are as follows:

	May, 1900.	May, 1899.	Gain.
Cattle	4,400	3,484	916
Calves	3,673	2,419	1,254
Hogs	19,110	16,795	2,315
Sheep	1,411	456	555
Horses	730	21	709
Cars	511	386	125

Receipts thus far in 1900, compared with the same period in 1899, are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	Gain.
Cattle	36,519	32,228	4,291
Calves	17,576	14,464	3,112
Hogs	186,734	141,450	45,284
Sheep	99,216	126,084	*26,832
Horses	8,360	330	8,030
Cars	4,964	3,823	1,141

*Loss.

The following table shows the roads over which Friday's receipts came in and the number of loads hauled by each:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Mixed.
C. G. W.	..	1	..	..
Gt. Northern	1	1	..	1
Nor. Pacific	..	..	..	1
C., St.P., M.& O	1	3	..	1
C., M. & St. P.	1	3	..	3
M. & St. L.	1	..	..	..
Totals	4	8	..	6

HOGS.

Comparative receipts:

Total for today	1,200
A week ago	2,080
A year ago	731

Quotations: Mixed and butchers, $5@5.12½; good to prime heavy, $5.05@5.15; rough heavy, $4.80@4.85; stags and boars, $2@4.25; pigs and skips, $4@4.50.

Market opened steady and closed firm. Receipts were fair and demand good. The quality averaged good. Mixed and butchers sold at $5.05@5.12½; good to prime heavy, $5.05@5.15. Packer pigs and stags steady. Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.
Mixed and Butchers—							
35	224	80	$5 10	64	219	..	$5 12½
56	205	..	5 10	71	217	..	5 12½
66	215	160	5 10	9	191	..	5 10
74	209	..	5 10	79	216	..	5 15
Good to Prime Heavy—							
4	262	..	$5 05	61	246	80	$5 15
47	292	..	5 12½	71	252	80	5 12½
68	232	..	5 15				
Heavy Packing and Rough—							
2	375	..	$4 85	5	366	..	$4 85
2	385	80	4 85	2	415	..	4 85
Stags and Boars—							
1	490	80	$4 25	1	540	80	$4 25
1	570	80	4 25	1	410	80	4 25
Pigs—							
4	140	..	$4 80	4	130	..	$4 50

CATTLE.

Comparative receipts:

Total for today (estimated)	50
A week ago	45
A year ago	32

Quotations: Choice butcher cows and heifers, $3.75@4.25; fair to good, $3@3.60; thin cows and canners, $2.25@2.75; choice butcher steers, $4.60@5; fair to good, $4.25@4.50; fat bulls, $3.40@3.85; bologna bulls, $2.75@3.25; veal calves, $4.50@6.50; choice stock cows and heifers, $3.50@4; fair to good, $3.25@3.50; common and tailings, $2.50@3; heifer calves, $3@4; choice stockers and feeders, $4@4.40; fair to good, $3.50@3.85; common and tailings, $2.25@3; steer calves, $4@4.80; stock and feeding bulls, $2.50@3.35; stags and oxen, $2.75@4; milkers and springers, $25@45.

Receipts light and market quiet. Butcher offerings consisted of only a few scattering head of common to good quality that sold at steady prices. No change in stock cattle conditions, with common stuff salable at only very low prices.

Representative sales:

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
Butcher Cows and Heifers—					
1	1160	$3 60	8	1115	$3 75
1	960	3 75	1	1030	3 00
2	1190	3 25	1	900	3 40
Stock Cows and Heifers—					
5	730	$3 25	2	695	$3 75
1	650	3 75			
Heifer Calves—					
7	244	$4 00	1	440	$4 00
Stockers and Feeders—					
3	470	$3 50			
Steer Calves—					
2	295	$4 65			
Stock and Feeding Bulls—					
1	380	$3 15	1	840	$3 35
1	580	4 00			
Feeding Cows—					
1	1140	$3 10			
Thin Cows and Canners—					
2	790	$2 15	1	720	$2 15
Milkers and Springers—					
2 cows and 1 calf		$66 00			
1 springer		37 00			

SHEEP.

Comparative receipts—

Total for today (estimated)	none
A week ago	14
A year ago	none

Quotations: Fat sheep, $4.50@5.40; stock sheep, $3@3.50; feeders, $3.40@4; fat lambs, $5.50@6.25; yearlings, $5.25@5.65; stock and feeding lambs, $4.50@5; buck lambs, $3@4.50; bucks, $2.25@4.25; spring lambs, $7@8. Above quotations are on shorn sheep and lambs.

No receipts and no sales from field lots. Quotations unchanged.

Milch Cow Exchange—Market quiet. No fresh arrivals and but little demand. Prices lower. Representative sales:

No.	Price.
1 cow	$41
1 cow	37
1 cow	32

The day's sales, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated, were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	14	1,125	...
W. E. McCormick	2	...	...
Staples estate	..	9	...
Country buyers	43	...	...
Totals	59	1,134	...

Among the shippers on the market were M. Black, Cannon Falls; F. Larson, Waltham; G. W. Gore, Kasson; L. M. Weston, Claremont; Cogswell & Robinson, Kellogg; J. Kilroy, Goodhue; E. L. Starr, Balaton; A. D. Sackett, Janesville; O. Depew, Madella; D. Bergman, Plato; J. P. Snipps, Leland; Ryan & Hoban, Waterville; Fairbanks & Pratt, Bixby; D. D. Farrell, Fontain.

STOCKS WERE FEVERISH.

Disposition of Dealers to Sell Was Still Evident.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	60	60
Call money, New York	Nominal	2½

NEW YORK, May 12.—The tone of the trading in stocks was feverish and uncertain today, and the disposition to sell was still evident. There was an effort to support some stocks, and the short selling by the bears was followed by buying to cover contracts. Missouri Pacific was lifted at one time a point above last night, carrying the railroad list with it. The dangers, especially Burlington & Southern railway preferred was pretty well supported after the rally in Continental Tobacco preferred, from its 6¼-point slump. This stock recovered almost completely before the close. Stocks were offered freely at the higher level of prices, and declined to the lowest before the appearance of the bank statement. People's Gas, the local tractions and the steel stocks were all notably weak, and large losses were registered in a number of shares which have not been traded in during the recent declines. Some effort was made to rally prices after the bank statement, because it failed to show the expected heavy expansion in loans, but it was successful only in isolated instances.

The close generally was unchanged, and net changes were mixed. The weekly reports of the mercantile agencies confirmed the feeling that the business reaction has not yet reached its limits, and the opinions expressed in the senate yesterday of the possibility of foreign complications on account of the Monroe doctrine as applied to the Danish West Indies was cited by the bears as further ground for speculative depression.

A report of a small decrease in the loan account at the banks for the week instead of a heavy increase was a surprise to Wall street. It did not alter the belief in the reported Pennsylvania loan, which today is reported to be from $15,000,000 to $20,000,000. The placing of such a loan late in the week would figure in the bank statement for the averages of only one day. The calling of loans earlier in the week, in preparation for the new accommodation would figure disproportionately in the averages. The effect would be to throw the showing of the new loan in the statement of the following week.

Bonds reacted in sympathy with stocks and subsequently showed some recovery. United States refunding 2s w. i., the 3s and old 4s declined ½ and new 4s ¼ in the bid price.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by Charles H. F. Smith & Co., members of the New York Stock exchange, Pioneer Press building, who have direct wires to Chicago and New York. Closing prices are bid:

	S'l's	High	Low	Closing 12	Closing 11
Am. Steel & Wire	7900	38	37	37½	38
do pfd	400	78½	78	78	78
Am. Tobacco	43600	93½	90	92⅜	90½
do pfd	....	....	....	128	128
Am. Tin Plate	....	....	....	25	25¼
do pfd	....	....	....	76½	77
Am. Ice	....	42	41½	41¾	41½
do pfd	....	....	....	72	72
A., T. & S. F.	2000	24¼	23⅞	23⅞	23⅜
do pfd	6600	68¼	67⅝	67⅞	67⅛
Am. Linseed Oil	....	....	....	11¾	12
do pfd	....	....	....	55¾	55
B. & O. new	4000	75¼	74⅛	74½	75
do pfd	1700	89	79	79	79¼
B. R. T.	12700	69½	67½	68	69½
C., B. & Q.	14600	124½	123⅛	123¼	123½
Can. Pacific	....	....	....	92¾	93¼
Car & Foundry	....	17	16¾	16¾	16⅞
do pfd	....	....	....	65¼	65⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	400	57⅝	57⅛	57⅜	57⅞
Con. Tobacco Co.	7800	25⅜	24½	25¼	25½
do pfd	6400	76	70	75⅝	76
Ches. & Ohio	2600	27½	26⅝	26¾	27½
Col. F. & I.	....	37¾	37½	37⅝	37¾
do pfd	....	....	....	128	128
Chi. G. W.	400	12⅝	12½	12⅜	12⅝
do Deb. 4 per ct.	....	....	....	86	85¼
do pfd A	....	....	....	74¾	74½
do pfd B	....	....	....	38¾	38½
Chi., Ind. & L.	....	22½	22½	22¾	22½
do pfd	....	52½	52	52	52½
Chi. Terminal	....	....	....	12	12½
do pfd	....	35½	35	35½	36
Con. Gas	....	182	181	182	181
Den. & Rio G.	....	18¼	18	17	17½
do pfd	....	....	....	67½	67¾
D., S. S. & A. pfd.	....	15½	15½	15⅜	15½
D. M. & Ft. D.	....	....	....	14	14¼
Erie	....	....	....	12	12
do 1st pfd	....	35½	35½	35¾	35⅞
do 2d pfd	....	....	....	18	18
Fed. Steel	2700	38⅝	38	38	38¼
do pfd	400	67	67	67	67¼
E. & T. H.	....	....	....	48	47½
do pfd	....	....	....	93	93
Gen. Elec. Co	200	134	133	134	135
Gt. Nor. pfd	....	151	150	149½	151½
Glucose	200	46	45½	45½	45
do pfd	....	....	....	95	95
Illinois Central	....	....	....	112	112½
Int. Paper	....	22	21½	21½	22
do pfd	....	....	....	63½	61
L. E. & W.	....	....	....	26½	28
do pfd	....	....	....	90	91⅝
Lake Shore	....	....	....	210	210
Louis & Nash	5900	78¾	78⅛	78⅝	79
Leather	400	11¼	11⅛	11⅛	11¼
do pfd	600	69⅞	69¾	69¾	69⅞
Manhattan Con	4100	89¾	88	88¼	89⅜
M., St.P. & S.St.M.	....	25	25	24½	24¼
do pfd	....	65	65	64¾	64¾
Met. Traction	3800	150	148¼	148½	150¾
M. & St. L.	....	65	65	62¼	63
do 2d pfd	....	....	....	95	95
M., K. & T.	....	....	....	10½	11
do pfd	600	32⅞	32½	32¾	32½
Missouri Pacific	18000	57⅜	55⅞	56¼	56⅜
Nor. Pacific	4200	56⅛	55½	56	55¾
do pfd	1200	73½	73¼	73⅜	73¾
New York Cent	2300	130¼	129½	129½	130
Nat. Steel Co	....	30	29⅝	29½	30¼
do pfd	....	....	....	87¾	87¾
Nat. Biscuit	....	....	....	30	30½
do pfd	....	....	....	84	84
Norfolk & W.	....	34	33½	33¾	33½
do pfd	400	77	76	77	76
North-Western	....	....	....	155	156
do pfd	....	....	....	196	196
North American	....	14¾	14⅝	14¾	14⅝
Omaha	....	....	....	113	112
do pfd	....	....	....	170	170
Ontario & West.	900	21¼	20¾	21	21
Pressed Steel C C	....	....	....	45	46½
do pfd	....	....	....	75½	77½
Pennsylvania Ry.	8300	130¼	129	129½	13 ⅛
Pacific Mail	1100	30	29½	29	30⅛
People's Gas	17700	100	97¾	97⅞	99⅞
Pullman	....	....	....	180	180
P., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	52	52
do pfd	....	82½	81¾	82	82½
Reading	1600	17⅛	17	16¾	17
do 1st pfd	4300	55⅛	54⅜	54½	55⅞
do 2d pfd	....	27¼	27	26¾	27¾
Rock Island	3000	105¾	105¼	105⅞	105⅝
Southern Ry	2800	12⅛	12	12	12⅛
do pfd	....	55	53¾	55	53½
Southern Pacific	7900	33⅞	33⅜	33⅝	33½
St. L. & S. W.	....	....	....	11¼	11½
do pfd	....	27¾	27½	27½	27½
Smelter	....	38⅜	37¾	37¾	38½
do pfd	....	88½	88¼	88	88½
Sugar Refinery	21500	110¾	108⅞	110	110⅜
do pfd	....	....	....	111	111
T. C. & I.	3500	76	75	75¼	75¾
Tex. Pacific	600	17⅛	17	16¾	17
Twin City R. T. C	....	....	....	64	64
Union Pacific	9000	53	52¼	52½	52¾
do pfd	1100	73⅛	73⅞	73¼	73⅛
U. S. Rubber	200	28¾	28¾	29	28½
do pfd	....	....	....	93	93½
Wabash	....	....	....	8⅛	8⅜
do pfd	1700	21⅞	21⅛	21¼	21⅝
Western Union	1800	79½	78½	79⅜	78⅝
Wisconsin Cent.	....	....	....	15½	15½
do pfd	....	45½	45	45	45½
R. Iron & Steel	400	15¼	14⅞	15	15
do pfd	....	....	....	56½	56½
A. Hoop	1000	22	21½	21⅝	22
do pfd	300	72	71½	72	71¼
Third Avenue	....	....	....	107	107¼
National Tube	....	46	45¾	45¾	46
do pfd	....	....	....	86½	88¼

Total sales, 288,735.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. w. i.	102¾	N. Y. C. 1sts	111
do 2s, reg	99¼	N. J. C. gen. 5s	122½
do 3s, reg	109	Nor. Car. 6s	127½
do 3s, coup	109	do 4s	106
do new 4s, reg	133¾	N. P. prior 4s	103½
do new 4s, coup	133¾	do gen. 3s	66¾
do old 4s, reg	114½	N.Y.,C.& S.L.4s	106⅜
do old 4s, coup	114½	N. & W. con. 4s	96⅝
do 5s, reg	112⅝	do gen. 6s	131
do 5s, coup	112½	Or. Nav. 1sts	109
District 3s, '65s	122½	do 4s	103½
Atch. gen. 4s	100	Or. S. Line 6s	128½
do adj. 4s	83¼	do con. 5s	114
Cana. So. 2ds	107	Reading gen. 4s	87⅛
Chesa. & O. 4½s	98¾	R. G. W. 1sts	99
do 5s	117	S.L.& I.M.con.5s	100¾
C. & N.W.con.7s	141½	S.L.& S.F.gen.6s	124
do S. F. deb.5s	119	St. Paul con	170
Chi. Term. 4s	95	St.P.,C. & P.1sts	120
D. & R. G. 1sts	101¼	do 5s	121⅝
do 4s	98⅞	So. Ry. 5s	110½
E.T.,V.& G.1sts	102¾	S. R. & T. 6s	70¼
Erie gen. 4s	72¼	Tenn. new set.3s	95⅝
F.W. & D.C.1sts	71	T. & P. 1sts	115
Gen. Elec. 5s	120	do 2ds	65
G.,H. & S., A.6s	110½	Union Pacific 4s	104¼
do A. 2ds	107½	Wabash 1sts	114¾
H. & T. C. 5s	111½	do 2nds	102⅝
do con. 6s	110	West Shore 4s	112
Io. Cnt. 1sts	115	Wis. Cent. 1sts	90
K.C.,P. & G.1sts	71⅛	Va. Centuries	93
La. new con.4s	108¼	do deferred	9
L. & N. uni. 4s	99⅞	Col. So. 4s	84½
M., K. & T. 2ds	67⅛	So. Pacific 4s	82⅜
do 4s	93		

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT—New York, May 12.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease, $645,750; loans, decrease, $287,900; specie, decrease, $1,687,100; legal tenders, increase, $566,100; deposits, decrease, $1,909,000; circulation, increase,

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$90,000. The bank now holds $15,352,725 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

NEW YORK MONEY—London, May 12.—An easier tendency prevailed in the money market today, owing to the expectation of large receipts of gold, a million of which is now on its way from Russia, while it is stated that considerable sums have been engaged at New York.

NEW YORK MONEY—New York, May 12.—Money on call nominal. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4¼ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88@4.88¾ for demand, and at $4.84⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.85½ and $4.89@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84¼. Bar silver, 60c. Silver certificates, 60@60½c. Mexican dollars, 47½c.

MINNEAPOLIS MONEY—Minneapolis, May 12.—New York exchange Saturday: Buying rate par, selling rate 50c premium; Chicago exchange, buying rate par, selling rate, 40c premium. Sterling, $4.84⅛.

TREASURY STATEMENT—Washington, May 12.—Today's treasury statement of balances exclusive of the gold reserve shows: Available cash banances, $141,492,707; gold, $75,901,925.

DECREASE IN LOAN ITEM

IT IS THE FEATURE OF THE FINANCIAL MARKET IN NEW YORK FOR THE WEEK

REGARDED OF SMALL MOMENT

New York Banks Loaning Forty Millions to Europe—Pennsylvania Loan Had Less Effect Than Expected.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The New York Financier says this week:

"After a continuous expansion in loans, which lasted over six weeks, and added $48,000,000 to the totals of the New York banks, the clearing house institutions reported, May 12, a decrease of $287,900 in the loan item. The decrease is of small amount, but it is interesting at this time, as showing the culmination of operations which have been a constant factor in the weekly reports for a considerable period. The assertion has been made that the New York banks are carrying sterling loans to the amount of $40,000,000. This, plainly interpreted, means that they are loaning that amount to Europe, and, while there is no means of verifying the statement, there is no question that the rise in loans has been due more or less to that cause. At any rate, now that actual exports of gold are being made, it is not to be expected that the banks will add to outstanding commitments.

"It had been expected that the $14,000,000 loans of the Pennsylvania Railroad company would influence the current statement, but there is authority for saying that this transaction was completed too late to enter the statement calculation, and, besides that, quite a large percentage went to trust companies and Philadelphia institutions.

"The cash changes in the statement are immaterial. The banks' losses to the treasury on account of gold exports, and interior gains did not offset these decreases. The result was a reduction of $877,000 in cash holdings. This was not evenly distributed, as one bank alone reported an increase of $4,000,000 in specie. The changes in loans and cash account for the decrease of $1,909,000 in deposits, the first shrinkage noted since March 24, after a steady rise amounting to $67,000,000. The surplus reserve for the week was reduced $645,750, and now stands at $15,332,725. Taken as a whole, the statement is better than had been expected. The chief interest for the week or two centers in the volume of possible gold exports.

"Already the movement amounts to over $6,000,000. The gold has gone to France, and if England does not demand remittances, the shipments may be less than now indicated. It is worthy of note that time loans are now being engaged to run over the presidential election, the impression being that money rates will harden considerably later on. In 1896 money during the latter part of the presidential contest loaned at 100 per cent and above. New York still continues to be the cheapest money center in the world."

BANK CLEARINGS.

St. Paul, $1,033,165.77.
Minneapolis, $1,755,386.
Chicago, $21,145,386.
New York, $167,045,156.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Building permits were issued yesterday as follows:

Jacob Pogreba, one and a half-story house and one-story frame barn, Western avenue, between Blair and Van Buren streets	$500
Minneapolis Iron Stove Company, repairs and erection of two-story frame addition to factory, Endicott street, between Hersey and railroad tracks	600
Total, 2 permits	$1,100

This Is All

It will cost from St. Paul or Minneapolis for a round trip ticket to any of these fishing resorts reached via the Northern Pacific:

Battle Lake	$7.50
Perham	7.75
Frazee	9.15
Detroit	9.15
Pine River	7.85
Walker	8.65
Bemidji	10.10

Tickets on sale May 15th to Sept. 30th, good to return until Oct. 31st. Call at N. P. R. City ticket offices for information in regard to Fishing, or the "North Coast Limited," the Crack Train of the Northwest.

EMPIRE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Principal Office: New York. (Organized in 1850.) Lindley Murray Jr., President. David J. Burtis, Secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $200,000.

INCOME IN 1899.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$130,232.40
Rents and interest	10,398.20
From all other sources	136.42
Total income	$140,767.02

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1899.

Amount paid for losses	$52,542.01
Dividends and interest	12,000.00
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	37,474.31
Salaries of officers and employes	11,550.06
Taxes and fees	1,055.79
All other disbursements	5,427.13
Total disbursements	$120,049.27
Excess of income over disbursements	$20,717.75

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.

Mortgage loans	$5,500.00
Bonds and stocks owned	290,250.00
Cash in office and in bank	36,631.43
Premiums in course of collection	2,724.23
Total admitted assets	$335,105.66
Assets not admitted	$4,267.50

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unadjusted	$10,850.00
Reinsurance reserve	66,066.02
Capital stock paid up	200,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$276,916.02
Net surplus	$58,189.64

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1899 BUSINESS.

Fire risks written during the year	$16,698,911.00
Premiums received thereon	148,601.82
Net amount in force at end of the year	$13,535,356.00

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.

Whereas, the Empire City Fire Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of New York, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this State, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above named Company to transact its appropriate business of fire insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul this 31st day of January, A. D. 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

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INDEMNITY MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Principal Office in the United States, Philadelphia. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Deposit Capital, $200,000.

INCOME IN 1899.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$299,937.82
Rents and interest	8,045.68
From all other sources (home office)	635,141.81
Total income	$943,125.31

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1899.

Amount paid for losses	$773,483.49
Amount returned to home office	125,314.35
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	33,520.25
Salaries of officers and employes	13,109.02
Taxes and fees	10,463.56
All other disbursements, including deposit premiums returned and payments to scripholders, and rents	4,812.07
Total disbursements	$960,702.74
Excess of disbursements over income	17,577.43

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.

Bonds and stocks owned	$355,600.00
Cash in office and in bank	9,368.70
Accrued interest and rents	1,575.00
Premiums in course of collection	27,576.34
All other admitted assets	3,867.33
Total admitted assets	$397,987.37

LIABILITIES.

Loans adjusted and unadjusted	$97,777.49
Reinsurance reserve	58,723.96
Commissions and brokerage	9,201.67
All other liabilities	20,325.45
Total liabilities	$186,028.57
Net surplus, including deposit capital	$211,958.80

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1899 BUSINESS.

Marine and inland risks written during the year	$69,436,607.00
Premiums received thereon	388,861.11
Net amount in force at end of the year	$75,183,876.00

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1899.

	Inland.	Aggregate.
Risks written	$10,705,644	$10,705,644
Premiums received	40,468	40,468
Losses paid	14,672	14,672
Losses incurred	16,931	16,931

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.

Whereas, the Indemnity Mutual Marine Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Great Britain, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this state, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above named company to transact its appropriate business of Marine insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

AACHEN AND MUNICH INSURANCE COMPANY.

Principal office in U. S., Chicago, Ill. (Commenced business in the U. S., 1895.) Jos. A. Kelsey, Manager. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota: Insurance Commissioner. Deposit capital, $200,000.

INCOME IN 1899.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$461,155.63
Rents and interest	25,857.69
From all other sources	128,207.22
Total income	$615,220.54

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1899.

Amount paid for losses	$322,919.69
Amount returned to home office	18,916.03
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	93,360.56
Salaries of officers and employes	62,474.22
Taxes and fees	19,002.60
All other disbursements	33,155.08
Total disbursements	$549,828.18
Excess of income over disbursements	$65,392.36

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.

Bonds and stocks owned	$789,357.50
Cash in office and in bank	40,139.07
Accrued interest and rents	920.00
Premiums in course of collection	63,497.86
All other admitted assets	2,793.84
Total admitted assets	$896,708.27

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unadjusted	$48,780.93
Losses resisted and disputed	5,175.00
Reinsurance reserve	312,321.57
All other liabilities	6,081.44
Total liabilities	$372,358.94
Net surplus, including deposit capital	$524,349.33

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1899 BUSINESS.

Fire risks written during the year	$48,482,460.00
Premiums received thereon	618,432.99
Net amount in force at end of year	$46,443,689.00

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1899.

	Fire Risks.
Risks written	$759,476
Premiums received	13,981
Losses paid	3,201
Losses incurred	3,631
Amount at risk	938,260

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.

Whereas, the Aachen and Munich Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Germany, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this State, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above named Company to transact its appropriate business of Fire insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul this 31st day of January, A. D. 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Principal Office: New York. (Organized in 1899.) C. Perger, President. E. Harbers, Secretary. Attorney to accept service in Minnesota, Insurance Commissioner. Cash capital, $200,000.00.

INCOME IN 1899.

Premiums other than perpetuals	$20,325.03
Rents and interest	5,878.53
Total income	$26,203.56

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1899.

Amount paid for losses	$3,595.23
Commissions, brokerage, salaries and allowances to agents	5,958.04
Salaries of officers and employes	1,513.96
Taxes and fees	440.39
All other disbursements	2,507.34
Total disbursements	$14,014.96
Excess of income over disbursements	$12,188.60

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.

Bonds and stocks owned	$232,295.84
Cash in office and in bank	20,219.85
Accrued interest and rents	3,566.66
Premiums in course of collection	19,499.20
Total admitted assets	$275,581.55
Assets not admitted	$9,672.91

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unadjusted	$4,486.99
Reinsurance reserve	26,913.04
All other liabilities	462.34
Capital stock paid up	200,000.00
Total liabilities, including capital	$231,858.37
Net surplus	$43,723.18

RISKS AND PREMIUMS, 1899 BUSINESS.

Fire risks written during the year	$5,839,682.00
Premiums received thereon	58,104.04
Net amount in force at end of the year	$4,587,930.00

BUSINESS IN MINNESOTA IN 1899.

	Fire Risks.	Aggregate.
Risks written	$92,550	$92,550
Premiums received	1,028	1,028
Amount at risk	92,550	92,550

State of Minnesota,
Department of Insurance.

Whereas, the North German Fire Insurance Company, a corporation organized under the laws of New York, has fully complied with the provisions of the laws of this State, relative to the admission and authorization of insurance companies of its class.

Now, Therefore, I, the undersigned, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby empower and authorize the said above named Company to transact its appropriate business of Fire insurance in the State of Minnesota, according to the laws thereof, until the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1901, unless said authority be revoked or otherwise legally terminated prior thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at St. Paul, this 31st day of January, A. D. 1900.

J. A. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
Insurance Commissioner.

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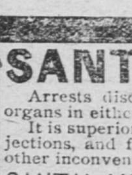

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"NORTH COAST LIMITED" NORTHERN PACIFIC

	Leave	Arrive
Electric Lighted—Observation Cars to Portland, Ore., via Butte, Seattle and Tacoma, daily.	8:55 a. m.	2:20 p. m.
Pacific Express Fargo, Helena, Butte, Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, daily.	10:35 p. m.	7:45 a. m.
Fargo and Leech Lake Local St. Cloud, Brainerd, Walker, Bemidji, Fargo, daily ex. Sunday.	8:15 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Dakota & Manitoba Express Fergus Falls, Wahpeton, Fargo, Moorhead, Crookston, Grand Forks, Grafton, Winnipeg, daily.	8:00 p. m.	7:15 a. m.

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Office 395 Robert St. 'Phone 480.

†Ex. Sun. ‡Ex. Sat. §Ex. Mon. Others Daily.	LEAVE	ARRIVE
Badger State Express Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison	8.30 am	10.15 pm
Chicago "Atlantic Ex"	11.10 pm	11.30 am
Chicago "Fast Mail"	6.55 pm	8.10 am
North-Western Limited Chicago, Milwaukee, Madison	8.10 pm	7.45 am
Wausau, F. du Lac, Green Bay	6.55 pm	8.10 am
Manitowoc, Sheboygan	‡ 6.55 pm	§ 8.10 am
Duluth, Superior, Ashland	† 8.05 am	† 3.40 pm
Twilight Limited Duluth, Superior, Ashland	4.30 pm	9.59 pm
Mankato, St. James, Su. City	† 7.40 am	† 4.20 pm
Deadwood, Black Hills	† 7.40 am	7.25 am
Elmore, Algona, Des Moines	† 7.40 am	† 7.45 pm
Omaha Express Su. City, Omaha, Kan. City	10.00 am	7.45 pm
St. James, New Ulm, Tracy	10.00 am	7.45 pm
New Ulm, Elmore	† 4.50 pm	†10.05 am
Fairmont, St. James	† 4.50 pm	†10.05 am
Omaha Limited Su. City, Omaha, Kan. City	8.30 pm	7.25 am

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. THE MILWAUKEE LINE

Ticket Office 365 Robert St. 'Phone 98

a(*)Daily. bEx. Sun.	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago, La Crosse, Mil.	a8:30am	a10:15pm
Chicago, La Crosse, Mil.	a4:30pm	a11:45am
Chicago, La Crosse, Mil.	a6:55pm	a2:50pm
Chicago "Pioneer Limited"	*8:10 pm	*7:45 am
Chi., Faribault, Dubuque	a4:40pm	a11:00am
Peoria, via Mason City	a4:40pm	a11:00am
Red Wing and Rochester	b3:20pm	b11:45am
La C., Rock Isl., St. Louis	a8:30am	a7:45pm
Northfield, F'b'lt, St. L.	a8:40am	a6:25pm
Milbank and Aberdeen	b8:20am	b6:30pm
Ortonville, Aberdeen	a7:05pm	a8:05am
Nor'field, F'bault & Aus	b7:20pm	b9:20am

THE GREAT NORTHERN

Ticket Office—199 East Third St. 'Phone Main 1999.

Leave.	a Daily. b Ex. Sunday.	Arrive.
b8:35am	St. Cl'd, F'gs F'ls, F'rgo	b5:05pm
b8:35am	Willmar, via St. Cloud	b5:05pm
a9:00am	Flyer Mont. & P. Coast	a2:45pm
b9:10am	(Willmar, S. F., Y'kton) (S'x City, Brown's Val)	b6:25pm
b3:00pm	Elk R., M. & Sandstone	b11:40am
b4:35pm	..Excel. & Hutchinson..	b11:30am
a7:05pm	Breck., Fargo, G.F W'pg	a7:45am
a8:30pm	...Minn. & Dak. Exp...	a7:30am

EASTERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY.

b9:00am a11:15pm	Duluth & W. Superior.	b6:10pm a7:00am

Sleeper for 11:15 p. m. train can be occupied at any time after 9 p. m.

Lake Minnetonka trains leave St. Paul: Except Sunday, 8:50 a. m., 4:35 p. m. Sunday only, 9:35 a. m. Daily, 5:55 p. m.

CHICAGO GREAT WESTERN RY.

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City Ticket Office, 5th & Robert Sts., St. Paul.

† Ex. Sunday; others daily.	LEAVE FOR	ARRIVE FROM
Kenyon, Dodge Center, Oelwein, Dubuque, Freeport, Chicago and East.	† 8.10 am 8.10 pm 11.20 pm	† 8.30 pm 7.50 am 12.55 pm
CedarFalls, Waterloo, Marshalltown, Des Moines, St. Joseph, Kansas City.	† 8.10 am 8.10 pm 11.20 pm	† 8.30 pm 7.50 am 12.55 pm
Cannon Falls, Red Wing, Northfield, Faribault, Waterville, Mankato.	† 8.10 am 6.05 pm	† 8.30 pm 9.50 am
Mantorville Local.	6.05 pm	9.50 am

Burlington Route. BEST LINE TO CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS. Burlington Route.

Lv. For	STATIONS.	Ar. From
8:15am	Winona, La Crosse, Dubuque and Chicago, except Sunday	12:55 pm
8:15am	Winona, La Crosse, Dubuque and St. Louis, except Sunday	....
8:05pm	Winona, La Crosse, Dubuque, Chicago and St. Louis, daily	7:45 am

Ticket Office 400 Robert Street. Tel. Main 36

M., ST. P. & S. S. M. R'Y.

City Ticket Office 379 Robert St. Tel. 1053, Union Depot, St. Paul.

Leave.	EAST.	Arrive.
7:20pm	.Atlantic Limited (daily).	8:45am
9:45am	Rhinelander Local (exSun)	5:05pm
5:15pm	St. Croix Falls Local, ex Sunday. From Broadway Depot, foot Fourth St...	9:15am
	WEST.	
9:05am	..Pacific Limited (Pacific Coast) daily.	7:00pm
5:15pm	Glenwood Local (ex. Sun)	9:35am

WISCONSIN CENTRAL R'Y CO.

City Office, 373 Robert St. 'Phone No. 694.

Leave St. Paul	All Trains Daily.	Arrive St. Paul
8:00am	Eau Claire, Chip. Falls Milwaukee and Chicago	8:15am
7:40pm	Ashland, Chippewa F'ls, .Oshkosh, Mil. and Chi.	5:00pm

ST. PAUL & DULUTH R. R.

Union Depot. *Daily. †Ex. Sunday.

Lv		Ar.
† 8:10 am *2:25 pm *11:15 pm	Trains for Duluth and Superior.	*7:15 am †2:50 pm *6:30 pm

M. & St. L. Depot—Broadway & 4th.

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Leave. | *Daily. †Except Sunday. | Arrive.

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Leave		Arrive
†9:00am	Albert Lea, Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Kansas City	†7:30pm
*7:00pm	Chicago & St. Louis Limited	*8:40am
†9:35am	.... Watertown, New Ulm....	†4:25pm
†5:00pm	..... New Ulm Local	†10:20am

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