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Fear of a Corner in July Wheat Advances the Price of that Option.

THIS FEELING OFFSETS BEARISH NEWS

May and July Wheat Are Both Higher and the Other Markets Are Also Strong Through Sympathetic Influence.

CHICAGO, April 4.—Bearish statistics and favorable reports on the growing wheat crop were offset in that market today by the belief that the present May corner was proving a success, and fear that a corner in July was in process of formation. July closed 1c higher and May ¼c higher in consequence. Other markets were strong, partly with wheat, corn and oats advancing ¼@¼c each, and provisions closing 10@22½c higher.

Wheat started at an advance of ¼@⅜c for July at 84½@84⅝c. After a few moments of hesitation, during which time the price touched 84⅝c, the market assumed a decidedly bullish aspect, and under active general buying, July being pushed up steadily to 85⅝@85¾c, the price being reached before the end of the first hour's trading. Buyers and sellers were quite equally divided at first. The world's shipments were large, even without India, being put at 7,623,000 bu. The Orange Judd Farmer report on the crop condition put the average at 89 per cent. This was not so bearish as expected, but as the average was the highest in seven years it had its effect. Northwest receipts were fairly liberal, 357 cars, against 325 last week and 240 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 65 cars. There was another large addition to the contract stock today, 51 cars coming from regular sources, while mixing houses contributed 91 cars and 33,900 bu., a total of about 168,000 bu. On the other hand, Liverpool was ⅜ pence higher for spot wheat, though futures were irregular. The strength shown by stocks was the real incentive for the early buying by the crowd. Then another factor was developed. Heavy buying of late, which has been credited to Armour, was continued today, and strengthened the belief that a corner in July, similar to the one in May, was in process of formation. The belief in this was general enough to scare shorts, who made a concerted rush to cover when what was supposed to be an Armour buying was reported. Offerings were much too limited for this demand, and the advance to 85⅝@85¾c resulted. A marked reaction then followed. India shipments have started the bulls, exports from that country being placed at about 1,000,000 bu. Another big surprise was the increase of 162,000 bu. in the visible supply. The trade had been led to expect a decrease of about 1,500,000 bu. Quite free realizing took place, the price being forced up to 85c. Here the market turned again, and the highest prices were reported about noon, July getting up to 85⅞c. Leiter reported further cash sales of about 500,000 bu. Atlantic clearances amounted to 346,000 bu. The firmness of the continental and Liverpool markets at the close also had a good effect, Liverpool being ½d up on spot wheat, with futures ½@¾d higher. Paris was up 50@10 centimes, and Antwerp was 37½@50 centimes higher. Late in the day another spell of realizing caused a reaction in July to 85¼c, that price being reached near the close. July closed at 85¼@85⅜c.

Corn was influenced mainly by the action of wheat. Trading was quite active early, with doubling up on some important long lines, and prices advanced materially. There was also an urgent demand from shorts. Clearances were heavy and local receipts light. Realizing later caused some recession, but the market closed firm. May ranged from 29¾@29¾c to 29⅞c and closed ⅛@¼c higher at 29⅝c.

Oats were firm, but very inactive, hardly anything more than a little scalping and changing trade. Light receipts and the strength of wheat were the influences. May ranged from 25⅝c to 25⅞c and closed ⅛@¼c higher at 25½c.

Provisions were decidedly active. Prices advanced sharply during the morning under the influence of light hog receipts and small stocks, buying being general. Offerings were heavy at the top and a sharp reaction followed, but the market later firmed up again under a renewed demand and closed steady. May pork closed 22½c higher at $9.55, May lard 12½c higher at $5.32½ and May ribs 10c higher at $5.25.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 400 cars; corn, 260 cars; oats, 320 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Satdy
*Wheat-					
May	1 05¼	1 08⅛	1 05	1 05¼	1 05
July	84¼@⅜	85⅝	84⅝	85¼@⅜	84⅝
Sept	78⅝	78⅝	77⅞	77⅞	77⅞
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*Corn-					
May	29⅝@¾	29¾@¾	29⅝	29⅝	29¾@¾
July	30⅝@¾	31⅛	30⅝	30⅞-31	30⅝@¾
Sept	31⅞	32¼	31⅞	32	31⅞
*Oats-					
May	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25½	25¼@⅜
July	23⅝@¾	23⅞	23⅝@¾	23⅞	23⅝@¾
Pork-					
May	9 00	9 02½	9 72	9 87½	9 65
July	9 00	10 02½	9 87½	9 97½	9 77½
Lard-					
May	5 25	5 32½	5 25	5 32½	5 20
July	5 32½	5 40	5 32½	5 40	5 27½
Sh'Ribs					
May	5 25	5 27½	5 22½	5 25	5 15
July	5 35	5 35	5 30	5 35	5 22½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.20@4.50; spring patents, $4.70@5.00; straights, $4.40@4.50; bakers, $3.40@3.75; spring specials, $5.40.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 85@89c; No. 2 red, 81⅞@84¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 25½c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 29½@30c; No. 3 white, 27¾@28¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 50½c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.21@1.22½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $9.85@9.90; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.27½@5.30; short ribs, sides (loose), $5.10@5.40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@4.87½; short clear sides (boxed), $5.00@5.20.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.65@5.88; granulated, $5.13@5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	11,000	11,000
Wheat, bu	41,000	330,000
Corn, bu	184,000	559,000
Oats, bu	345,000	254,000
Rye, bu	3,000	6,000
Barley, bu	30,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@20c; dairies, 11@16c. Cheese, easy at 8@8½c. Eggs, 9c. Live poultry, firm; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8@8½c; ducks, 8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 4.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,021 bbls.; exports, 37,295 bbls.; Minnesota patents, $5.10@5.50; Minnesota bakers, $4.25@4.45; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; winter extras, $3.65@4.10; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull, $2.75@3.20. Buckwheat flour, nominal at $1.50@1.55.

CORNMEAL—Firmer; yellow western, 70c.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal at 45c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 58@58½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 41@c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 221,025 bu.; exports, 98,767 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.03¼, f. o. b., spot; options opened steady on better news from the stock, developed on late cables and export developments. A reaction followed, however, with general realization features, particularly in late markets, which showed ⅜@¾c net lower, against ¾c advance in near months. No. 2 red, May, $1.00⅝@1.01¼, closed at $1.00.

CORN—Receipts, 122,000 bu.; exports, 80,438 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 36¾c; options opened steady with wheat and was sustained all day by export decline, and closed ¼c higher. May, 34⅛@34⅜c, closed at 34⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 141,000 bu.; exports, 60,878 bu.; spot, stronger; No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, 32½c; options inactive but firmer with corn, closing ⅛c net higher; May closed at 29½c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, $80@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 17@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@5c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15½c; Texas dry, 12½c; California, 17½@18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20½c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 12@16c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@11.75; extra mess, $9.00@9.75; beef hams, $23 packet, $19.25@21.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.50@4.50; pickled shoulders, $4.50; pickled hams, $7.50@7.75. Lard, firmer; western steamed, closed, $5.60; refined firmer. Pork, steady; mess, $9.75@10.00; short clear, $10.25@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, steady; city, $4.12½; country, $3.12½@3.75.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, dull; prime crude, 19½c; prime yellow, 22½c. Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, firm, 32½@33c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¾@4¾c; Japan, $4@4½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 36@42c.

METALS—Feeling in the metal market is moderate, some departments showing decided strength and activity, while others are neglected and easier. At the close the Metal exchange reported pig iron warrants as quiet, at $8.75 bid and $8.80 asked. Copper quiet, with $11.50 bid and $12.00 asked. Tin quiet, with $14.00 bid and $14.25 asked. Spelter firm, with $4.25 bid and $4.35 asked. Lead easier, with $3.67½ bid and $3.77½ asked. The firm tone in the settling price for smelters and miners in the west quotes lead at $3.50.

BUTTER, Receipts, 5,166 pkgs.; market very firm; western creamery, 19½@21c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 13@14½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 341 pkgs.; market quiet; light skims, 5¾@6¾c; part skims, 4@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 12,318 pkgs.; market firm; western, 10c; southern, 9½@10c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 8½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 7½@8c; old roosters, 3½@4c; young roosters, 6½@7c; ducks, 7c.

GAME—Mallards, $2.00@2.75; teal, $1.35@1.25; brants, $2.00@3.00; Canada geese, $4.50@6.00; mixed ducks, $1.00@1.25.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.15@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $7; midland, $6; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 50c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 75@85c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.75@3.00; seed sweet potatoes, $2.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c.

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $3.75@4.00.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 45@50c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 25@30c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 15c.

WATERCRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.00.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.75.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; boxes, $1.25@1.50.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl, $10.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.25@2.50; choice, $2.

LEMONS—California fancy, $2.75@3.00; choice, $2.50; fancy Messinas, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standard, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per doz, $4; peanuts, raw, 5@6½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 24-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22c; 20-oz. per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.75.

MAPLE SYRUP—Pure, gal. can, each, $1.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Halloweis, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5¼c; Sair, 50-lb. Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half-bbl., $3; bbl., $5.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7½c; rounds, No. 2, 6½c; rounds, No. 3, 6½c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 11c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 15c; tenderloins, frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 9½c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 7½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 7½c. No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; loins, No. 1, 13½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 8c per lb.; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks, long, 9c; half racks, short, 11c; loins, 9c; saddles, 9c; legs, 8c; lambs legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 2½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6½c; long, 6c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 4c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 30c; livers, each, 2c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 46@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; waste grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown) $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@90c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf, (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@30c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $5.00@$75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—FLOUR—Slow and easier; patents, $4.70@4.80; straights, $4.20@4.45; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Irregular, closing with May 1c and July ½@¾c higher and September ¼@⅜c lower compared with Saturday's final figures; spot, higher. No. 2 red cash, elevator, 87c; track, 88@89c; April, 86c; May, $1.00⅛; July, 79½c bid; September, 73⅝@75½c. No. 2 hard cash, 90½c.

CORN—Futures closed irregular, with May and September a fraction higher and July ¼c off from Saturday's close; spot, steady. No. 2 cash, 27½c; April, 27½c; May, 27½c bid; July, 28½c; September, 29½c bid.

OATS—Dull, but about unchanged; No. 2 cash, 26½c; track, 26½@27½c; April, 26½; May, 26⅝@26½; July, 23½c bid; No. 2 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—Strong, 50c bid.

FLAXSEED—Higher, $1.18.

TIMOTHY SEED—Firmer, $2.90@3.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Dull, steady; sacked, east track, 51c.

HAY—Quiet for prairie, with choice timothy firm and scarce; prairie, $8.00@8.00; timothy, $5.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Firm, 8c.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.20.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—Higher, 5¾@6½c.

METALS—Lead, dull, $3.52½@3.55. Spelter, nominal, $4.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $9.37½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.10; choice, $5.20. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.25@5.37½; extra short clear, $5.75; ribs, $5.87½; shorts, $6.00. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 156,000 bu.; oats, 36,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 55,000 bu.; corn, 150,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 4.—FLOUR—Quiet; western superfine, $2.70@3.00; western extra, $3.25@4.00; western family, $4.25@4.50; winter patents, $4.15@5.00; spring patents, $5.25@5.40; spring wheat straights, $5.00@5.15; receipts, 12,000 bbls.; exports, 1,286 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, 99⅝@99¾c; May, $1.00¼@1.00½; receipts, 30,555 bbls.; exports, none; southern wheat, by sample, 99c@$1.00½; southern wheat, on grade, 96¼@$1.00.

CORN—Strong; spot, month and May, 34½@34¾c; steamer mixed, 34@34¼c; receipts, 98,448 bu.; exports, 68,571 bu.; southern white corn, 35½@36c; southern yellow, 35c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 33@33½c; No. 2 western, 30½@30¾c; receipts, 4,680 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 nearby, 55½@55¾c; No. 2 western, 56¾c; receipts, 14,440 bu.; exports, 42,857 bu.

HAY—Firm for the better grades; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very dull; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3½d. May; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 5s 3d. April; 3s. May.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 19@20c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy table, 15c; good table, 13@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 10½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¾@9¾c; fancy New York, medium, 9½@10c; fancy New York, small, 10½c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, April 4.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $3.70@4.00.

WHEAT—Active; No. 2 red, 93@94c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 31½@32c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 mixed, 28½@28c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 52c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm, higher, $5.15. Bulk meats, firmer, $5.30. Bacon, firm, higher, $6.00.

WHISKY—Firm, $1.20.

BUTTER—Steady; Elgin creamery, 20½c; Ohio, 13@16c; dairy, 10@12c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.38@5.85.

EGGS—Quiet, 8c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.—Receipts: Wheat, 18 cars. CHICAGO, April 4.—Receipts today: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 175 cars; oats, 197 cars. Estimated car lots tomorrow: Wheat, 400; corn, 260; oats, 320.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 4.—Receipts: Wheat, 209 cars.

DULUTH, April 4.—Receipts: Wheat, 68 cars.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 4.—WHEAT—No. 2 spot, firm; No. 2 red winter, 7s 3½d; No. 2 northern spring, red, 6s 11d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull at 5s 6d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 3½d; futures, steady; April, 3s 2½d; May, 3s 3d; July, 3s 2½d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull at £4@5.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 51s 3d. Hams, short cut, steady at 33s. Bacon, steady at 31s; short rib, 30s 6d; long clear middles, light, 26s; long clear middles, heavy, 29s. Lard, prime western, dull at 26s 9d. Tallow, prime city, 30s 9d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 4.—WHEAT—Active, but generally lower; No. 1 hard, 90c; No. 2, 87½@90c; No. 3, 85½@89c; No. 1 red, 92c; No. 2, 91@92c; No. 3, 88½@90½c; No. 2 spring, 87@88c; No. 3, 83@86c.

CORN—Active, steady; No. 2 mixed, 25¾@26¼c.

OATS—Active, ¼@¾c lower; No. 2 white, 25¾@26c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 47c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.25.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 15@18½c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 38,400 bu.; corn, 60,100 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 18,600 bu.; corn, 27,900 bu.; oats, none.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.—HOG PRODUCTS—Dull; mess pork, standard, $10.00. Lard, refined tierce, $5.12½@5.75; pure lard, $5.25. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $5.87½; sides, $5.25@5.37½. Bacon, clear sides, 16-12½@6.25. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Rio, dull; ordinary to fair, 6¾@8½c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3¾@4¼c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $4.60@4.70; patents, $4.90@5.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—71c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $14.00@14.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 28c; white and yellow, 38c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked western, 31½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 4.—WHEAT—Higher, weak; No. 2 cash and May, 97¾c.

CORN—Dull, higher; No. 2 mixed, 30½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

RYE—Dull, unchanged; No. 2 cash, 51c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull, steady; prime cash and April, $2.87½.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 4.—CORN—Firm, higher; No. 2 29c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 27½c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2, 51c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, April 4.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 94¾c; No. 2 red, 95¾c; May, 96½c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 31c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 52c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—WHEAT—Easier; December, $1.43½; May, $1.53¾.

BARLEY—Steady; December, $1.24¾.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

There Is a Scramble to Execute All Buying Orders at Once.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The interest and the principal activity in the stock market today was in the first hour. The bulge at the opening was caused by the scramble to execute all buying orders at once for several thousand shares in each of the leading stocks. These orders were placed by frightened bears, who saw a warning in the very buoyant tone assumed by American securities on foreign exchanges, and who had in mind the same experiences of the shorts last Monday. Upon the execution of these orders, the market promptly sold off again. The decline was arrested when rather more than one-half of the advance had been wiped out. Transactions for the remainder of the day were small, and speculation was narrow outside of a few stocks. Notwithstanding the later weakness, net gains of from 1 to 2 per cent were scored for nearly all the active stocks. The opening jump in prices was in sympathy with the buoyancy of Americans in foreign exchanges, where the reported mediation of the pope between the United States and Spain was viewed as of the utmost importance. This importance was enhanced by the fact that the reports given out from Spanish sources had it that the pope's mediation was offered at the request of the United States. The sentiment for peaceful adjustment, which found expression in many pulpits in this country at Sunday's religious services, tended to give color to the peaceful outlook. Professional stock traders who were after the bears' scalps were also very busy disseminating an allegation that President McKinley had determined to embody a recommendation against war or forcible intervention in Cuba in his forthcoming message. The early view, it was soon believed, had exaggerated the possibilities of peace. The official denial from Washington that the pope had been accepted as a mediator between the United States and Spain was potent in dispelling this view. Expressions by men in Washington, who are strenuous for firm action on the Cuban case, and who expressed contentment with the president's probable action, urge the administration to insist on the independence of Cuba. The measures taken by the pope was felt to offer a possible means of influencing Spain to yield to the demands of the United States, especially as the vatican reports heretofore indicated toward the maintaining of absolute independence. This constituted the sustaining force, which saved the market from a full reaction of its opening gains. The bond market was dull, and after opening strong prices caused a sharp but sufficient reaction from the close. Baltimore & Ohio 6s, Petersburg branch, sold at 104, a decline of 11 per cent from the last sale. Total sales, $1,725,000. United States new 4s advanced ¼ per cent; United States new 4s, coupon, 1¾ per cent; the old 4s, registered, 1 per cent; old 4s, coupon, and the 5s ½ per cent, and the two declined ½ per cent bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram: The stock markets here opened strong today on the report that the pope was mediating in the Cuban affair, and on the securing of Cuban funds by England. Spanish 4s rose to 51½. A general reaction followed on a belief that the pope's mediation had been sought by the United States. The buying of Americans was rather large, but it was not influential. A stock exchange holiday on Saturday was previously announced. Argentine were flat on the fall in exchange to 5¾. Mines were better, Rhodes' return and the forthcoming meeting of the Chartered company galvanizing the markets a little. Copper shares were strong, in connection with the weakness of the London discount market it will be observed that more American bills are offering. Cape gold to the amount of £300,000 was bought today for shipment to New York.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	11⅛	Hawaii C. C.	23¾
do pfd	26⅛	St. P. & Om	70
Baltimore & Ohio	14¾	do pfd	145
Canada Pacific	76½	St. P. M. & M.	138
Canada Southern	47⅛	Sd. Pacific	14
Central Pacific	12	So. Railway	8
Ches. & Ohio	18⅛	do pfd	26⅛
Chicago & Alton	153⅛	Texas & Pacific	10
C., B. & Q.	93⅝	Union Pacific	53⅛
C. & E. I.	52	U. P. D. & G.	6⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	27⅛	Wabash	6⅝
do pfd	62	do pfd	15⅝
Del. & Hudson	107⅛	Wheel. & L. E.	1¾
Del. L. & W.	148	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	8⅝
Den. & Rio G.	10⅛	Adams Ex.	100
do pfd	44	American Ex.	118
Erie (new)	12⅛	United States Ex.	38
Erie 1st pfd	33⅛	Wells Fargo Ex.	115
Ft. Wayne	168	Am. Cot. Oil	18⅛
Great Northern pfd	147	A. Cot. Oil pfd	69
Hocking Valley	5¾	Am. Spirits	8⅛
Illinois Central	99	Am. Spirits pfd	18⅛
Lake Erie & W.	13⅝	Am. Tobacco	102⅝
do pfd	68	do pfd	115
Lake Shore	170	People's Gas	91⅝
Louisville & Nash.	50⅝	Cons. Gas	170
Manhattan L.	98	Com. Cable Co.	169
Met. St. Ry.	138	Col. F. & Iron	19⅛
Michigan Central	105	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L.	24	Gen. Electric	32⅝
do 1st pfd	80	Illinois Steel	47
Mo. Pacific	26½	La Clede Gas	40
Mobile & Ohio	17	Lead	30⅛
No. E. 3d pfd	20½	do pfd	107
Mo. K. & T pfd	32	Nat. Lin. Oil	14
Chi., Ind. & L.	7	Oregon Imp. Co.	27⅛
do pfd	23	Pacific Mail	24⅝
N. J. Central	92	Pullman Pal.	174
N. Y. Central	110⅛	Silver Certificates	55⅝
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	11⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	3⅝
do 1st pfd	63	Sugar	118⅝
do 2d pfd	29	do pfd	118
Norfolk & Western	12⅝	T. C. & Iron	20⅛
No. Amer. Co.	5⅝	U. S. Leather	5⅝
No. Pacific	23⅛	do pfd	57⅛
do pfd	62	U. S. Rubber	16⅛
Ontario & W.	14⅝	do pfd	66
Ore. R. & Nav.	47	Western Union	85⅛
Ore. Short Line	28	Northwestern	119
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	172⅛
Reading	17	Rio Grande West.	29
Rock Island	87⅛	do pfd	56
S. L. & S. F.	6⅛	St. L. & S. W.	4
do 1st pfd	26	do pfd	10
St. Paul	89⅝	Reading 1st pfd	39
do pfd	142		

The total sales of stocks today were 322,300 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 4,905; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 32,230; Louisville & Nashville, 10,085; Manhattan, 16,239; Metropolitan, 15,376; Missouri Pacific, 5,525; New York Central, 4,061; Northern Pacific, 10,715; Northern Pacific preferred, 7,710; Rock Island, 11,070; St. Paul, 42,125; Union Pacific, 32,028; Tobacco, 11,760; People's Gas, 4,742; Sugar, 94,700.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Official closing quotations on mining stocks todayy were as follows:

Alta	16	Justice	24
Alpha Con.	7	Kentucky Con.	4
Andes	12	Mexican	43
Belcher	26	Occidental Con.	275
Bodie Consol.	34	Ophir	89
Bullion	7	Overman	9
Caledonia	24	Potosi	41
Challenge Con.	28	Savage	25
Chollar	44	Scorpion	5
Con. Cal. & Va.	85	Sierra Nevada	205
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con.	49
Con. Virginia	23	Utah Con.	12
Gould & Curry	24	Yellow Jacket	65
Hale & Norcross	130	Standard	160
Julia	1		

Silver bars, 55c; Mexican dollars, 45½@46c; drafts, sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, April 4.—There was a general advance in prices on the bourse today on account of the reported mediation of the pope in the Cuban difficulty. Government securities were principally in favor; Spanish 4s leading, Rio tintos and DeBeers mines were in active demand and rallied sharply. Spanish 4s closed at 52 15-16, against 50¾ Saturday. Three per cent rentes, 1aif 2c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 20c for checks.

BERLIN, April 4.—Business on the bourse today was cheerful, in consequence of a report from Paris that the pope had been called upon to mediate in the Cuban trouble. There was a sharp rise in the price of Spanish 4s and American securities in London, which stimulated transactions here. At the close the tendency was easier on realizations resulting from the uncertainty as to the form of the pope's mediation and as to whether it would be accepted.

LONDON, April 4.—The market for American securities advanced at the opening and remained steady all day on bears covering. The closing tone was firm. Spanish 4s closed at 51, a net gain of ⅞ from Saturday. Amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance, £9,000. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 164.00.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 4.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally 3@4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Market steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83⅝@4.83¾ for demand and $4.85⅝@4.81 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.81¼@4.85 and $4.84½@4.85; commercial bills, $4.80@4.80¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—55⅝@56¼c.

BAR SILVER—55½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—44c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Market irregular; new 4s, reg., 120½; coupon, 121½; 4s, reg., 108⅛@109; coupon, 110@111½; 2s, reg., 97½; 5s, reg. and coupon,