

## THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Very Nervous All Day With But Little Change in Prices.

## ONLY MODERATE ACTIVITY IN CORN

Oats Open Lower and After a Slight Advance Close at a Loss—News Far From Exciting in Provisions.

actual needs, their stocks having run down to small proportions. The market is steady and prices are unchanged. In Ohio figures there have been sales of X at 30¢/bushel and XX at 28¢/bushel. Michigan has been sold mostly at 30¢/bushel. Indiana is steady at 30¢/bushel. Eastern Oregon wheats were selling well, with the best bringing 38¢/bushel, from that down to 32¢/bushel. The Terrier wheats are steady at 30¢/bushel. California and Texas are quiet and steady. No new wheat have been received here recently. The market is steady and quiet and steady. Foreign wheats continue quiet and steady. Foreign wheats continue quiet and steady, and there is no trouble about disposing of the supplies of Australian here and to arrive.

## PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, April 22.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE)—The wheat market was not so remarkable as for nervousness. What strength there was surprised even the bulls. It was felt on the earth that the market was ready for a temporary reaction whatever the result may be later. On this feeling July wheat opened 4¢ off at 36¢. Instead of a further slide the price went to 36¢ at once. There was a little easier feeling before 11 o'clock, with July off to 35¢. Then came a burst of strength similar to that of yesterday before midday and the price went up to 37¢ and resisted it to 36¢, still holding a firm position last night.

This seemed to puzzle the trade. The market opened easier on the expectation of a reaction and on lower cables and general rains. In the northwest this news was followed by the arrival of reports from Minnesota regarding receipts of grain for export by Bremen. Figures giving a 32,000 bushels increase on ocean passage and by rail to New York were given by the St. Louis. On this news the advance was made. Hutchinson bought wheat early and encouraged the market on the advance.

The market was quiet and the bull sentiment might have been stronger. United Kingdom imports for the week were 100,000 bushels, 100,000 bushels less than 30,000 bushels of wheat and but very little flour today. The out inspection here was 100,000 bushels.

Corn was influenced very much as on Monday. Buying of cash corn was a strong feature. Elevator men and shippers held May futures, making a little more than this, so the shorts in this month in bid up prices. There was some selling of July by this same element and the premium on July was up to 2¢ two days ago. May sold at 32¢ to 34¢ to 35¢. June bids were June 12¢ to 13¢ and up to 35¢ closing at 33¢-34¢. September closed at 33¢.

Oats opened weak and upward, made a fair move and closed at or below last night's price. May sold at 24¢ to 24¢ to 24¢ at the close. June and July acted to gather selling at 25¢, to 25¢ to 25¢ at the close.

The provision trade was but moderate today. There was no great range in values and while large amounts of new wheat were offered and closed with a fair advance. Packers were sellers of lamb. In short, all sales were led by the packers and the market was crowded, the business to Hutchinson and Armour. Ryan bought ribs. May ribs went off to \$2.25 closing at \$2.15. July went to \$2.15 closing at \$2.10. August to \$2.05. May and for July. Pork advanced to \$1.25 for May, closed at \$1.25, and to \$1.05 for July, closing at \$1.00.

## CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, April 27.—(Special Telegram to THE BEE)—CATTLE—The market opened with a slight drop, but closed with a gain of 5¢, making a little more than the day before. At weak prices common steers and roughed fleshy medium weight grades being quoted by some salesmen at 56¢/bushel lower. As the day passed, however, a steeper decline was developed and fair clearances effected at prices not materially different from those quoted yesterday. Cows and the general run of butchers' cattle sold freely at steady prices. Hogs were little off of 40¢/bushel, otherwise material change. The bulk of the offerings being unattractive. Nearly 1,800 head of cattle were offered, mostly western, where the quality was poor. Little conception prevailed but good grassers and fed stock sold steadily. The stockers' feeders' trade was in a dead condition. A number of orders were in hand, but they carried with them instructions, as a rule, to purchase at figures so much below yesterday's as to make it difficult to do so. Choice extra heifers, \$4.00-\$5.25 medium to good, 1,350 to 1,600 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 1,350 to 1,700 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 1,700 to 2,000 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 2,000 to 2,300 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 2,300 to 2,600 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 2,600 to 2,900 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 2,900 to 3,200 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 3,200 to 3,500 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 3,500 to 3,800 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 3,800 to 4,100 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 4,100 to 4,400 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 4,400 to 4,700 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 4,700 to 5,000 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 5,000 to 5,300 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 5,300 to 5,600 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 5,600 to 5,900 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 5,900 to 6,200 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 6,200 to 6,500 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 6,500 to 6,800 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 6,800 to 7,100 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 7,100 to 7,400 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 7,400 to 7,700 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 7,700 to 8,000 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 8,000 to 8,300 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 8,300 to 8,600 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 8,600 to 8,900 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 8,900 to 9,200 lbs., \$4.00-\$4.40; 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