

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

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SHORTS RECEIVED A SLIGHT WARNING

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CHICAGO, Ill., April 19.—Corn and pork divided public interest with wheat today. A huge of nearly 100,000 bushels in corn, April, was almost panic and sold down. Wheat went off a cent. There was considerable stir in corn, but the serious buying helped on my some manipulation. The firmness in corn for some days past, even when all other markets on the floor were weak, was a warning to the shorts in May that it might be safer to get under cover. This feeling has increased from day to day as the receipts kept coming in moderate and the grading showed no improvement.

Chicago's market has lost practically no contract corn in store here. The last ten days of April have been reached and still about the No. 2 corn has the word "new" attached and is rated out of the contract grade. The weather has again been both shipments and grading. The action today was almost entirely in May. There was a small sale of hogheads here and in New York, said to be heavily long on corn. When the market began to advance Boyden and others supposed to be acting for Compt. Co. were buying in large quantities at smaller bidders. The same parties sold some at higher prices, but the market could not stand any heavy buying. The market was off from the opening price, closing irregular, May, \$0.40 up compared with last night and July only \$0.10 up.

Wheat—Higher, No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 10c; No. 4, 10c. Corn—Higher, No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 10c; No. 4, 10c. Oats—Higher, No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 10c.

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