

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Clump in May Wheat the Feature of Yesterday's Trading.

## CORN FIRM ON COVERING BY SHORTS

At the Opening That Cereal Was a Fraction Under the Final Quotations of Saturday—Active in Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 17.—A clump in May wheat today caused many to believe that the shorts have nearly all been driven in. The rumors of big settlements which were so thick at the time of the great excitement but which were so vigorously denied were no doubt well founded, for the clique seems to have abandoned the deal, for the moment, at least, and sold heavily of both May and June, and with the decline in prices, 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 140 $\frac{1}{4}$ , in the recovered somewhat. Notwithstanding appearances, a number of people contend the action of the clique today was only a ruse to induce further short selling and work another squeeze. Tonight compared with Saturday's closing prices, May wheat was 140 and July 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Corn was firm on covering by shorts and there was an improvement of fronting in the May future to 140 for July and September. Provisions showed declines of from 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  in pork, 150 to 170 $\frac{1}{2}$  in lard and from 27 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$  in oats.

The opening for May wheat was about 140 lower and prices declined 20 more, rallied to recede some and the close was about 142 lower than Saturday. July opened about 140 lower than the closing figures of Saturday, rallied weak and prices declined with only slight indications of rally, the final period steadily and the close was about 142 lower than Saturday.

There was some short selling reported. The opening for May corn was 140 and July 142 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The market was a fraction under the final quotations of Saturday and sold off 10 points to 140 for July and September.

Corn at the opening was a fraction under the final quotations of Saturday and sold off 10 points to 140 for July and September in general. The demand increased when the visible supply importance in with a decrease of 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 140 and started the sellers in. The price advanced to 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  and then went back and closed with a net gain of 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 141. The selling of a part of the last day, with indications of a further half-day factor, there was a good deal of May covered today and some July put on.

After a decline of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  the most buying of shorts absorbed the offerings so readily that prices advanced from 140 to 141. A recession followed and the market closed 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 141 steady. The visible supply decrease helped the upward movement.

Offerings of grain stocks were moderately free and the market was all sources limited. The receipts of hogs were considerably in excess of the estimates and had a depressing effect on the market. The market was 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 141 in reaction from bottom figures, but it was early to again.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 140 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; corn, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; oats, 220; hogs, 18,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES OPEN HIGH LOW CLOSE SATURDAY

Wheat No. 2..... 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  141 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  141 140 $\frac{1}{2}$

April ..... 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  141 140 $\frac{1}{2}$  141 140 $\frac{1}{2}$

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Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull, nominally unchanged.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 70c bbl.; No. 3 spring, 68c bbl.; No. 2 hard, 61c bbl.; No. 3 hard, 58c bbl.

Oats—No. 2 white, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ c bbl.; No. 3, 34c bbl.

Rye—No. 2, 56c bbl.

Meal—No. 2 clear, No. 3, f. o. b., 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ c bbl.

Flax Seed—No. 1, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c bbl.

Timothy Seed—Price, \$1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ c bbl.

Hay—Per ton, \$10.00 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 10.75c, lard, per 100 lbs., \$0.75 to 0.90; short ribs, \$0.25 to 0.30; short clear sides, boxed, \$1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., \$1.14.

Unchained—Cut, long, 55c bbl.; granulated, 55c bbl.; standard, "A," 53c bbl.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

ARTICLES RECEIPTS SHIPMENTS

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On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c bbl.; dairy, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Eggs, steady; strictly fresh, 15c.

Omaha Grain.

The following prices are paid at Misco's grain store:

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 70c bbl.; No. 3 spring, 68c bbl.; No. 2 hard, 61c bbl.; No. 3 hard, 58c bbl.

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A sale of 130 cars of corn at private terms was reported.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Flour—Receipts, 20,500 bags; exports, 3,114 bbls., 18,540 sacks; flour, 1,000 bbls.; market dull and weak.

Corn—Meal—Dull; steady.

Rye—Quiet; steady; western, 58c bbl.

HARVEST—Dull; firm; No. 2, 88c.

Flax Seed—Dull; steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 6,375 bbl.; exports, 1,075 bbl.; sales, 8,230 bbl.; future, 112,000 bushels; spot market, steady; lower, 68c bbl.; higher, 70c bbl.

Options—Specie market, steady; lower, 68c bbl.; higher, 70c bbl.

BUTTER—Weak and steady; creamery, 25c bbl.

EGGS—Less steady; 12c.

RECEIPIES—Wheat, 13,000 bush.; corn, 4,000 bush.; oats, 1,000 bush.; rye, 1,000 bush.; meal, 11,000 bush.; flour, 6,000 bush.; wheat, 21,000 bush.; corn, 10,000 bush.; oats, 4,000 bush.; rye, 2,000 bush.; barley, none.

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British Grain Trade Report.

LONDON, April 17.—The Mark Lane Express says: English wheat was in small supply and prices have advanced 6d. Foreign wheat had the same value as yesterday but grade on Parma, Turin, and Sardinia was 1s. The market was flat. The surplus stocks have not been worked off. The overstock amounts to 1,000,000 bushels. It is the opinion that the market at the leading ports will be depressed by excessive offers. The total imports of wheat thus far amount to 334,000 quarters. The market is still strong and steady.

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