

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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CHICAGO, Ill., April 24.—Wheat today averaged higher, but left off with a decline of six in May and set in July. Corn, 10c; oats, 10c; and barley, 10c. The market was quiet, but there were indications of a rally. The clique bought at the opening and sold on the advance. Corn was firm and closed with a gain of 4c. A moderate advance was established in price.

In the wheat pit, speculative feeling was nervously apprehensive and, as a rule, shorts were inclined to cover and there was considerable investment demand. Cables were firm and there was renewed talk of foreign damage from drought, but a number of private reports were received which indicated that any damage had been inflicted on grain, while admitting that pasture had been seriously shortened. The condition in Kansas was still said to be fair to poor, to the wheat crop. Some good rains were admitted, but ditches from many parts of the state said that the recent freezing weather had done more damage to wheat than the recent drought. The market was quiet and it was thought that much wheat must have been injured, as much frost is in the joint and staple stage of susceptible injury from frost.

During the last hour, wheat turned easy, but was again firm. The market was 10c discount to the previous day. The average of the corresponding week of last year is \$2,000,000 but. There was a growing feeling that the supply will be ample and that the market is likely to drop. May and July 4c. It sold Pardridge 50,000 bu. of May today, but immediately replaced it by a purchase of the same amount of July 4c. The market was quiet in many other instances. July opened from 45c lower and then rallied to 46c, ended weak and prices declined to 45c, ruled flat and the closing was to 45c.

Com. attracted a great deal of attention, the market was quiet, but there was a general covering a wider range with increased outside interest. The sentiment appeared to be a continuation of the stronger tone developed late in the month. The market was quiet, but was passed over larger India shipments reports of rain in the southwest and free raining here and at the west, clouded market at 4c. July, 4c; August, 4c; September, 4c; October, 4c; November, 4c; December, 4c.

BUTTER, EGGS, GAME, POULTRY.

Butter—Packing stock, 15c/lb.; fair to fancy, 20c.

Eggs—Per box, \$2,000-\$2,25.

Bacon—Hams, navy, \$2,000-\$2,45; common bacon, \$1,900-\$2,20.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Per lb. 3c.

CUCUMBERS—Choke, per dozen, \$1.50-\$2.00.

ONIONS—Home-grown, on orders to country, \$4-\$5.

POTATOES—Colorado stock, \$1.10; Wisconsin burrions, \$1.05; western Nebraska, 75¢-90¢; early Ohio, 90¢.

PIE PLATE—Per lb. 10c; boxes, \$1,000-\$1,75.

ROASTERS—Fancy, 10c; plain, 8c.

POULTRY—Chicken, hens, 11c/lb.; mixed coops, 12c/lb.; old roasters, 70c/lb.; game and ducks, 10c/lb.; turkeys, 10c/lb.; pigeons, \$1.25-\$1.50 per dozen.

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COKE—Quiet, 10c/lb.

COULD—Dull; steady, 75¢c/lb.

DAIRY—Pork, 10c/lb.

EGGS—General market, 13c/lb.

GAMBLE—Dried ducks, 4c/lb.; real, 1c/lb.; Jack rabbit, 1c/lb.

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