

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Much Concern Manifested Over What Delivery Day Will Develop.

CROP OUTLOOK RATHER UNPROMISING

There Seemed No Doubt that Talk of Financial Complications Had a Tendency to Check Speculation—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO. Ill., April 23.—Concern as to what the coming delivery day will be, was the predominant topic of talk in the wheat pit as trade closed this afternoon. May 2 will be the day. Monday, the 1st, being a holiday in honor of the World's fair opening.

The clique today appeared to be continuing to rid themselves of May wheat. It had very much the appearance of an abandonment of the manipulation. Partridges are reported to have settled with the clique at 2½ cents above \$1,000,000, more of their short May wheat. Both wheat and corn were firmer and slightly higher during the forenoon, but weakened and closed about the lowest point of the day's range.

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The market was full of berries and prices lower; in fact, the lowest of the season so far. Owing to the higher prices asked by buyers at the close of the day, the difficulty of getting fresh stock, the market here is quoted higher.

FRUIT.—Choice shipping stock, \$3.75-\$4.00 per bushel.

STRAWBERRIES. Arkansas, \$4.00-\$4.50.

ORANGES. California, \$1.50-\$2.00; oranges, \$2.25; Washington avocados, \$4; Newcastle seedlings, \$2.75; Rambutans, \$2.75; Mod. sweets, \$2.75; Riverside seedlings, \$2.75.

LEMONS. Choice, including crates and packing, \$2.00-\$2.75.

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VEGETABLES.

PEAS—Per bushel, \$1.75-\$2.00.

BEANS—Choice navy, \$2.20-\$2.45; common stock, \$1.60-\$2.00.

ONIONS.—Per bushel, \$1.50-\$2.00.

CUCUMBERS. Choice, per dozen, \$1.50-\$2.00.

SWEET POTATOES. Per bushel, \$5; seed sweet potatoes, \$4.50.

WATERMELONS. Choice, per dozen, \$1.50-\$2.00.

RADISHES. Per dozen, \$3.50-\$4.00.

PARSLEY. Per dozen, \$3.50-\$4.00.

PODDED ONIONS. Per dozen, \$3.50-\$4.00.

PODDED LIMA BEANS. Choice, \$1.50-\$2.00; green beans, \$1.50-\$2.00.

SPINACH. Per bushel, \$2.50.

ASPARAGUS. Home-grown, per dozen, \$1.

LETTUCE. Choice, per dozen, \$1.50-\$2.00.

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