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CORN WAS FIRM AND CLOSED UNCHANGED

Only a Small Business Was Transacted in Oats—Provisions Were Easier at the Opening on Account of Heavy Hog Receipts.

CHICAGO, April 18.—Wheat was weak at the start and finished with a loss of ⅝c for May. Favorable crop reports were responsible for the weakness and overcame a temporary advance caused by California drouth and an advance at Minneapolis. Corn was firm and closed unchanged. Oats closed ¼c lower for May and provisions finished higher throughout the list.

A heavy feeling pervaded the wheat market at the opening on account of the rain, which was falling over a great portion of the winter wheat area. A more considerable decline than the ½c or so which occurred at the start was provoked by knowledge that in California the drouth was still unbroken and that the sleet and snow storms reported from the northwest would cause further delay in seeding operations. Then trading came to almost a standstill for a couple of hours in the middle of the session, and at no time during the forenoon was there any heavy trading. The opening prices were quite irregular, but in every case at ¼c lower than they closed yesterday, and in a majority of instances at ½c lower. The range for May in the first second or two was from 60¼c to 60c, and for July from 62c to 61⅞c; May went down 59⅜c and July from 62⅝c to 61⅜c, and then recovered to 60¼c and from 62c to 62¼c respectively, following which there were numerous ⅛c fluctuations. The first rally already referred to was caused by the strength displayed by the Minneapolis market. While May wheat here was ½c lower than it closed yesterday, at Minneapolis it was ⅞c higher, but the Minneapolis advance being confined to May future it lost its first effect as a bullish factor. The market became firm when shortly after 12 o'clock it was shown that wheat in San Francisco at the opening was 3c per cental higher than on Monday last. Dispatches from there used strong expressions in characterizing the extent of damage to the California crops. May rose to 60¼c, but by 1 o'clock it was back to 60c. The market closed weak at 59⅞c sellers.

Corn was very firm except at the close. Fluctuations had a range of ¾c, and the price during the greater part of the session was kept above yesterday's closing rate. The heaviness with which wheat closed caused weakness in corn also.

Only a small business was transacted in oats. The fine weather and more favorable reports tended to bring about more sellers.

The provision market was easier at the opening on account of the receipts of 33,000 hogs at the yards and a decline of from 10c to 15c in their price. At the decline with which the day's trading was inaugurated there was a good demand from shorts and that continued during the greater part of the remainder of the session. Pork opened off from 2½c to 5c and closed with a gain for the day of 17½c. Lard started with a decline from 2½c to 5c and wound up with an advance of 10c. Ribs sold off from 2½c to 7½c early and then became strong and closed 12½c higher than they did yesterday.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 83 cars; corn, 230 cars; oats, 135 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

Lake business was dull at 1c for corn to Buffalo and 1c to 1⅛c for corn and 1¼c for oats to Port Huron.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
April	59⅝	60	59¼	59⅜
May	60@60¼	60½	59¼	59⅜@59⅝
July	62@62⅜	62½	61⅝@61¾	61¾@61⅞
Corn No. 2—				
April	38⅛	38⅞	38⅛	38⅝
May	39	39⅝	39	39@39⅛
July	40½@40¾	40⅝	40	40@40⅛
Oats No. 2—				
May	32⅛	32⅝	32⅜	32⅜
June	32	32	31⅜	31⅞
July	29¼	29¼	29¼	29¼@29⅜
Sept	25¼@25⅜	25⅝@25¾	25¼	25¼@25⅜
Pork per bbl				
May	12 85	13 05	12 80	13 00
July	12 90	13 17½	12 87½	13 10
Lard, 100 lbs				
April				7 80
May	7 60	7 75	7 60	7 75
July	7 15	7 32½	7 15	7 30
Sept	7 17½	7 30	7 17½	7 30
Short Ribs—				
May	6 47½	6 42½	6 45	6 42½
July	6 35	6 57½	6 35	6 55
Sept	6 60	6 60	6 60	6 60

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 59¾c; No. 2 red, 59¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 39¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 32c; No. 2 white, 34½@34¾c; No. 3 white, 33½@34¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 54@57c; No. 4, 48c.

FLAX SEED—$1.28.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $13.00@13.02½ per bbl.; lard, $7.80@7.85 per 100 lbs.; short ribs sides (loose), $6.67½@6.72½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.00@6.25; short clear sides (boxed), $7.00@7.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	25,000	11,000
Wheat, bu	44,000	205,000
Corn, bu	152,000	530,000
Oats, bu	206,000	236,000
Rye, bu	4,000	9,000
Barley, bu	14,000	22,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 16@22½c; dairy, 11@18c. Eggs, easy, unchanged; strictly fresh, 10½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, April 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,000 bbls.; exports, 16,000 bbls.; sales, 8,600 pkgs.; market about steady; demand limited and mills holding prices firmly. Southern flour, quiet; rye flour, dull; buckwheat flour, nominal.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; range of all grades, 68 @75c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $2.6@2.70; Brandywine, $2.75.

RYE—Dull; car lots, 51@52c; boat loads, 54@56c, to arrive.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 65@89c; Canada, 90c; six-rowed, 82@82c, to arrive.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, 67@67½c; ungraded, 60@65c; No. 2, Milwaukee, 66@67c; two-rowed, state, 66c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 23,000 bu.; exports, 8,000 bu.; sales, 1,419,000 bu. futures and 2,000 bu. spot; spot, dull; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 62¼c; afloat, 63⅝c; f. o. b., 63¾@63¾c; ungraded red, 61@63c; No. 1 northern, 65½c. Options opened weaker on rains west and good crop reports, but rallied at noon on reports of damage in France, predictions of a cold wave west and higher late cables. Trade was dull all afternoon, and finally prices broke under local realizing, closing ⅛@¼c net decline; No. 2 red, April, closed at 62¼c; May, 62 13-16c, closed at 62⅞c; June closed at 63¾c; July, 65¼@65⅝c, closed at 65¼c; August closed at 65¼c; September, 67⅛@67 9-16c, closed at 67¼c; October closed at 68¾c; December, 70¾ @71 5-16c, closed at 70¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 205,000 bu.; exports, 36,000 bu.; sales, 656,000 bu. futures and 140,000 bu. spot; spot firmer and more active; No. 2, 44⅞@44¾c in elevator; 45¼@45⅝c afloat; yellow, 45c in elevator; steamer mixed, 44c. Options opened easier, with wheat, but advanced on talk about the light movement, and at noon were firm; April closed at 44½c; May, 44⅝@44¾c, closed at 44⅝c; July, 44⅝@44¾c, closed at 44¾c; September, 46⅜@ 46 11-16c, closed at 46¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 71,000 bu.; exports, 1,000 bu.; sales, 150,000 bu. futures and 58,000 bu. spot; spot market quiet, but firm; No. 2, 38½c; No. 2, delivered, 39¼c; No. 3, 37¾c; No. 2, track white western, 40@45c; track white state, 45c. Option market easy at the opening, then rallied with corn, was again dull, and closed ¼c net advance; April closed at 37⅝c; May closed at 37¾c; July, 29@29¼c, closed at 36½c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 65@85c.

HIDES—Quiet; wet salted, New Orleans selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5¼c; Texas selected, 35 to 50 lbs., 46@5c; Buenos Ayres dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 8½@8½c.

LEATHER—Dull; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 16½@19c; common, nominal.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 9@18c; Pacific coast, 12@19c; London market, steady; holders offer sparingly.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 19@25c; pulled, 20@24c; Texas, 9@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; cut meats, firm; pickled bellies 7¼@8c; pickled shoulders, 6½@ 6¾c; pickled hams, 10c asked; lard, firm; western steam, closed at $8.20; sales, 300 tierces, at $8.13@8.20; April closed at $8.20 nominal; May, $8.15 nominal; July, $7.70 nominal. pork, steady and active; new mess, $14.25@14.50; extra prime, $14; family, $11.00@15.25; short clear, $14.00@16.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 12@13c; western creamery, 17@24c; western factory, 16@16c; Elgins, 24c; state dairy, 16@22c; state creamery (new extra), 24c.

EGGS—Weaker; state and Pennsylvania, 13c; receipts, 11,000 pkgs.; southern, 10½@11c.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4⅝c; country (pkgs.), 4c, as to quality.

PETROLEUM—Steady; united closed at 83c bid.

ROSIN—Dull; strained, common to good, $1.17½@1.20.

CHEESE—Steady; state large, 9@12¾c; small, 10@12¾c; part skims, 3@8c; full skims, 2@2½c.

TURPENTINE—29½@30c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, poor to extra, 4@6c; Japan, 4½@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Quiet and steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@38c.

PIG IRON—Quiet.

COPPER—Quiet, lake, 9½c.

LEAD—Firm; domestic, $3.20.

TIN—Very firm for spot and later deliveries; straits, $19.65; plates, firm; sales on 'change, 25 tons at spot tin, at $19.60, and 10 tons April, subject to duty clause, at $19.55@19.60.

SPELTER—Dull; domestic, $3.40 bid.

SUGAR—Raw, steady, unchanged; sales, 1,500 tons centrifugal, 96 test, ex-ship, at 2⅝c; refined, steady and fairly active.

Local Produce Market.

BUTTER—The market is practically unchanged. Extra choice roll butter, 16@18c; choice country, 10@12c; packing stock, 7@8c.

EGGS—The receipts are fairly liberal, and the market is steady; strictly fresh eggs, 9½@10c; seconds, 8@8½c.

LIVE POULTRY—The conditions are practically unchanged, prices being barely steady. Hens, 6½@7c; young roosters, 6c; staggy stock, 4@5c; old roosters, 3c.

VEAL—There is a fairly good supply, but good stock is scarce. Good, fat veals, 7@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

HONEY—Choice white clover, 15c; California, 16c; dark honey, 12½@13c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs and cans, per doz., $12.50; half gallons, $6.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 10c.

GAME—The market is lower and the demand is very moderate. Mallards, $2; redheads, $2; bluewing teal, $1.25; greenwing teal, $1; mixed ducks, 75c; geese, $1.00@4.50.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 12c per lb.; Italian chestnuts, 12@12c; almonds, 16c; English walnuts, 12c; filberts, 12c; pecans, 12@14c; pecans, medium, 10c; Brazil nuts, 11c.

SAUERKRAUT—Per bbl., $4; half bbl., $2.25.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $6; half bbl., $3.25; Oregon, per bbl., $4.50; half bbl., $2.75; clarified cider, per bbl., $4.50; half bbl., $2.75.

VEGETABLES.

BEANS—California hand-picked navy, $1.90@2.00; western navy, $1.75@1.80; common white beans, $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Spanish are quoted on orders at 80@ 90c; onions, in bbls., $2.75.

POTATOES—Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 75@80c; same in car lots, 72@73c; Nebraska and Iowa, from store, 65@70c; Colorado, from store, 85@90c; Colorado lots, 75@ 80c; Salt Lake, 80@85c; seed potatoes, Early Ohio, $1.10@1.25; Early Rose, 90c@$1.00.

CABBAGE — Florida cabbage, per crate, $2; California cabbage, per lb., 2½c.

CELERY—Extra fancy California, $1.00@1.25.

SWEET POTATOES—Seed potatoes, $3.25.

GREEN VEGETABLES — Spinach, per bbl., $2.25; radishes, per doz., 35c; lettuce, per doz., 35@45c; cucumbers, $2; parsley, per doz., 30@ 35c; egg plant, per doz., $2.25; onions, per doz. 25@30c; asparagus, per lb., 12½c; turnips, per bu., $1; carrots, per bu., 75c; beets, per doz., 90@ $1.00; water cress, per doz., $1.75@2.00; Florida tomatoes, per 6-lb. crate, $4; new potatoes, per 50-lb. box, $2.50; squashes, per bu., $2; pie plant, per doz., 50c; Bermuda onions, per bu., $3.

APPLES—Fancy western, $2.25 per box.

CRANBERRIES—There is some demand for good stock; any berries fit for shipment are worth $7.50@8.00 per bbl.

PINEAPPLES—Floridas, per quart, 25@30c; Texas, per 24-pint case, $3.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Some fancy prices are realized at importers sales and the local market is higher. Per bunch, large, $2.25@2.75; small to medium, $1.75@2.25.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $4; choice, $3.50.

ORANGES—Fancy Floridas, $3.25; choice Floridas, $2.75@3.00.

CALIFORNIA ORANGES—Riverside seedlings, $2.50@2.75; Riverside Washington navals, $3.00@ 3.25; Redland seedlings, $2.75@3.00; Redland navals, Pasadenas and excelsior navals, $2.75@ 3.00; seedlings, $2.50@2.75.

FIGS—Fancy, per lb., 15c.

DATES—Halowees, 65 to 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c.

PINEAPPLES—Large, per doz., $3.00@3.25; small to medium, per doz., $2.50@3.00.

FURS.

BEAR—No. 1 black, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $15; small, $8.00@10.00; black yearlings, large, $12.00@15.00; medium, $10; small, $7; black cubs, large, $6.00@8.00; medium, $5.00@6.00; small, $4; black Montana and Rocky mountain, large, $18.00@22.00; medium, $14; small, $10; black Montana yearlings, large, $12; medium, $8; small, $6; black Montana cubs, large, $6.50; medium, $4.50; small, $3; silver tip, large, $20; medium, $12; small, $8; silver tip yearlings, large, $11; medium, $8; small, $5; silver tip cubs, large, $6; medium, $4.50; small, $3; brown, large, $20.00@ 25.00; medium, $16; small, $12; yearlings, large, $10.00@12.00; medium, $8; small, $6; cubs, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $3; badger—No. 1, large, $1.00@1.50; medium, 60c; small, 50c; fisher—No. 1, large, $8; medium, $6; small, $4; fox, silver, as to color, according to beauty—No. 1, large, $10; medium, $65; small, $40; silver, pale, according to beauty, large, $50; medium, $30; small, $20; cross, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $2; red, large, $1.50; medium, $1.25; small, $1; gray, large, 75c; medium, 50c; small, 40c; kit, large, 50c; medium, 40c; small, 30c; lynx, No. 1, large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; marten, No. 1, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, $1; mink, No. 1, large, 80@$1.00; medium, 75c; small, 65c; mink, dark, No. 1, large, $1; medium, 75c; small, 50c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1, large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, 25@50c; otter, No. 1, large, $8; medium, $5.00@7.00; small, $3; otter, pale, No. 1, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $4; raccoon, No. 1, large, 80c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, No. 1 large, $1.25; medium, 75c; small, 50c; short striped, large, $1; medium, 70c; small, 45c; narrow striped, large, 60c; medium, 40c; small, 25c; broad striped, large, 20@25c; wolverine, No. 1, large, $4; medium, $3; small, $2; wolf—mountain, No. 1 large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; prairie, large, 70@75c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; medium, $4.50; small, $2; kits, large, $3; medium, $1.50; small, 75c; muskrats—winter, No. 1 large, 10@11c; medium, 9c; small, 7c; fall, large, 8@9c; medium, 7c; small, 6c; kits, large, 2@3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 2½@3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 1½@2c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 6½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short-wooled early skins), 5@15c; dry shearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@8c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@7c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4¼@ 4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3¾@4c; grease, white A, 4c; grease, white B, 3½c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15 @18c; rough tallow, 2@2½c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Made a net loss of ⅝c on improved crop conditions. California news prevented a collapse; No. 2 red, cash, 54⅜c; May, 55½c; July, 57⅝c; August, 58⅝c.

CORN—Eased off ¼c, largely because of wheat's weakness. Speculation was decidedly light. No. 2 mixed, cash, 36¾c; May, 36⅜c; June, 36¾c; July, 37¼c.

OATS—Weak, lower; No. 2, cash, 33¾c; May, 32¾c; July, 27¾c.

RYE—45c bid for No. 2 regular.

BARLEY—No trading; Iowa, 60c.

BRAN—Higher, 62c east track.

FLAX SEED—$1.25.

CLOVER SEED—Lower; $7.50@8.40.

TIMOTHY SEED—$3.45@4.10.

HAY—Unchanged at $9.00@10.00 for prime to choice timothy.

BUTTER—Firmer; separator creamery, 21@22c; choice dairy, 19@20c.

EGGS—Steady, quiet; 9c.

LEAD—Easier; $2.22½.

SPELTER—Weaker; $3.30.

CORN MEAL—$1.85@1.90.

WHISKY—$1.08@1.15.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged; 95c@$1.00.

BAGGING—Unchanged; 5½@6c.

PROVISIONS—Firm, with more doing. Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $13.50. Lard, prime to choice steam, $7.60@7.82½. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $6.12½; longs and ribs, $6.67½; shorts, $6.82½; clear backs. Bacon, packed shoulders, $7; longs, $7.12½@7.25; ribs, $7.15@7.37½; shorts, $7.37½@7.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 65,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 58,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—COFFEE—Options opened 5@10 points lower, later ruled dull and heavy under local pressure, closed dull at 5@15 points net decline; sales, 8,000 bags, including April, at 16.05; May, at $16; June, 15.85@15.95; July, $15.65; August, $15.35; September, $15.55; October, $14.75@14.80. Spot coffee, Rio, dull and nominal; No. 7, 17.25; mild, dull; Cordova, $19.25@19.50; sales, 709 bags Mexican and 500 bags Maracaibo. Warehouse deliveries yesterday, 8,559 bags; New York stock today, 140,846 bags; total United States stock, 193,599 bags; afloat for the United States, 235,089 bags; total visible for the United States, 528,599 bags, against 586,578 bags last year.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 18.—Market firm; No. 7, Rio, $17.25; receipts, 4,000 bags; stock, 92,000 bags; cleared, 24,000 bags.

SANTOS, April 18.—Market quiet; no quotations; receipts, 1,000 bags; stock, 33,000 bags; cleared, 19,000 bags.

HAMBURG, April 18.—Market dull; sales, 6,000 bags; prices unchanged to ¼ pfg. lower.

LONDON, April 18.—Market quiet; sales, 6,000 bags; prices unchanged to 3d lower.

HAVRE, April 18.—Market quiet; sales, 4,000 bags; near futures, ¼f higher; late, unchanged.

'Frisco Grain Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—For the first time in the history of the state the price of barley in the local market rose above that of wheat. This was caused by the damage to the growing crop by dry weather and the small stocks of old barley on hand. December barley opened at $1.20 per cental, and closed at $1.22. May barley went up to $1.11½ bid. For spot barley, $1.10 was offered, but few sales were made even at that figure.

December wheat got as low as $1.13¾ today, but closed at $1.20¼. May wheat dropped to $1.13.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—WHEAT—85,619 centals; May, $1.12¾; December, $1.20¼.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., April 18.—National Transit certificates opened at 85½; highest, 85¾; lowest, 85; closed, 85; sales, 3,000 bbls.; shipments, 97,240 bbls.; runs, 66,844 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 18.—National Transit certificates opened at 85; closed at 85; highest, 85; lowest, 85; no sales.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—There was a very brisk demand for dry goods. A larger inquiry was found in dress goods of staples and fancies and good selections for present sales. Blankets and flannels, also cotton flannels, had more attention. Staple cottons in light request, but large forwardings on former purchases. Woolen goods in less demand, with some business doing in lower grades. Printing cloths quiet at 2¾c bid, and generally declined for 64 squares.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 18.—The local wheat market was very unsettled today, with few of the earlier sales made ½c below the closing of yesterday. At that point buying was found to be larger, and with no very great amount for sale, Prices appreciated steadily, and May sold up 1c, at that time reaching almost the price of July, while July receded ½c correspondingly weak, it not having advanced any in the meantime. The cause for this advance of May above July seemed to be mainly local. Some time ago it was talked and quite generally believed that July wheat would sell at about 2c above May, and considerable spreading was done between the two months, that is, May was sold and July bought to get the benefit of the further spread in prices, which, at that time, was about 1c.

The labor strike on the Great Northern, it is generally believed, will greatly reduce the receipts here below what were expected, as there is a demand for about 150,000 bu. daily, for the use of the local mills, and reports was created that the early futures would advance much more than the later, as wheat will be wanted from the elevators to grind early in May. This started parties buying such spreads between the two futures to buying May and selling their July. That brought the two together at one time today. When that rush of buying was over there was another spread, and July closed at ⅝c above May, leaving the market ⅝c higher for April, ⅝c higher for May, and about ¼c higher for July than yesterday, with the same price for September; cash wheat was ½c higher all around; No. 1 hard, 62¾c; and May at 61⅝c; July, 62¼c; September, 61⅜c; on track, No. 1 hard, 63c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 62c; receipts were 98,000 bu.; shipments, 18,000 bu.; stock, 1,811,000 bu.; flour production, 29,648 bbls. Flour was reported steady at $2.40@2.55 for patents, and $2.00 @2.25 for bakers.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 18.—COTTON—Quiet; sales, 1,100 bales; to arrive, 2,000 bales; receipts, 2,666 bales; exports, Great Britain, 8,731 bales; coastwise, 2,430 bales; stock, 153,012 bales. Futures closed steady; sales, 42,900 bales; April, 6.08 bid; May, 6.07@7.02; June, 6.07@7.11; July, 6.07@7.10; August, $7.25@7.26; September, $7.24@7.25; October, $7.22@7.28; November, $7.22@7.23; December, $7.22@7.28.

GALVESTON, April 18.—COTTON—Receipts, 1,160 bales; sales, 1,164 bales; stock, 46,000 bales; spots, 7¼c.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—COTTON—Good demand; middling, 7½c; sales, 800 bales; receipts, 700 bales; shipments, 800 bales; stock, 52,300 bales.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 18.—WHEAT—Steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 1d@5s 2d; red western, winter, 4s 10½d@5s 1½d.

CORN—Steady; demand poor; new mixed, 3s 1½d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, 82s 6d; pork, prime mess, 70s; bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 32s 6d; long clear, 45 lbs., 33s 6d; lard, prime western, 40s.

BUTTER—Finest, 85s; good, 60s.

CHEESE—American, finest, 38s 6d.

TALLOW—32s 3d.

LINSEED OIL—21s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, 3s 9d.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, April 18.—WHEAT—About ½c higher; No. 2 hard, 52c; No. 2 red, 54½@55c; No. 3 red, 53c; rejected, 45c.

CORN—About ½c higher; No. 2 mixed, 36@ 36½c; No. 2 white, 36¾@37.

OATS—Poor demand; No. 2 mixed, 33@33½c; No. 3, 34c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 15 @18c.

EGGS—Quiet, steady at 8½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 2,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 38,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, none.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, April 8.—CORN—Market higher; No. 2, 35c; No. 3, 33¾c.

OATS—Market firm, higher; No. 2 white, 33¾c; No. 3 white, 33¼c.

RYE—Scarce, nominal.

WHISKY—Market firm; high wine basis, $1.15.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 37,000 bu.; oats, 51,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, none; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 54,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 18.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 hard, cash, 62½c; April, 59¾c; May, 63c; July, 64½c. No. 1 northern, cash, 61½c; April, 58¾c; May, 62c; July, 63½c; September, 62¾c. No. 2 northern, cash, 58c; No. 3, 51½c; rejected, 46c; on track, delivered, No. 1 northern, to arrive, 63c. Car inspection today, wheat, 99 cars.

London Sugar Market.

LONDON, April 18.—SUGAR—Cane, dull; no demand; Java, 14s 9d; Muscovado, 14s 9d; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s 9d.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—WOOL—Steady, unchanged, with fair demand; desirable qualities meeting ready sale.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Share Speculation Yesterday Was Quite Unsettled in Character.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The share speculation today was unsettled in character. During the morning the market was strong in tone, particularly for the industrials, in which the chief activity was displayed, the railway list being rather neglected in the early dealings. General Electric, which had been advanced 1⅛ per cent by the bull pool formed some time ago, began to show signs of weakness about the middle of the afternoon and was singled out for attack by the bears. The selling movement in these shares was quickly communicated to the general market, and with the exception of some inconsequential rallies the tendency during the rest of the day was downward. The lowest figures were touched just before the close, at which the decline from the highest point ranged from ¼ to 2 per cent, the latter in General Electric, while Chicago Gas had receded 1⅝ per cent; American Tobacco, 1⅝ per cent; Rubber, 2 per cent; Rubber preferred, 2½ per cent, and Rock Island, 1⅜ per cent. In the final sales some of the stocks recovered a small fraction, but the tone of speculation at the close was decidedly heavy. Compared with yesterday's final sales, the last prices made for the active list show but trifling changes. The bond market was firmer during the morning and early afternoon, but became heavy during the last hour in sympathy with the share speculation and closed weak.

The Evening Post says: The professional element dominated the market. The sentiment expressed toward the grangers was in the balance bearish. It was based on the rate wars and threatened labor troubles of western roads and the feeling that the market of the higher priced stocks is now undergoing a natural reaction. This found expression in a selling movement by room traders at the opening, who, after disposing of their stock, put out short lines. The market reacted of its own accord. The advance in the industrials, which found its greatest expression in Sugar, Chicago Gas and Distillers, was largely manipulative in its character, and was too well understood to have any but a reflex effect on the railroad list. It was doubtless the hope of the professionals who engineered the movement that it would extend to the grangers. The Chicago Gas "uncertainty" was made to do further duty, while an accommodating attorney general remained in the background. Distillers was resurrected as a "speculative favorite."

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	15	No. Pac. pfd	19⅛
Adams Express	130	U. P. D. & G.	5⅛
Alton, T. H	24	Northwestern	108⅛
do pfd	150	do pfd	143⅜
Am. Express	112	N. Y. Central	99⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	80	N. Y. & N. Eng	40⅛
Canada Pacific	68¼	Ontario & W	16⅝
Canada Southern	51¼	Oregon Imp	14⅝
Central Pacific	15⅜	Oregon Nav	20
Ches. & Ohio	10⅜	R. G. W.	9
Chicago Alton	139	Pacific Mail	16
C., B. & Q	81¼	P. D. & E	4⅜
Chicago Gas	66⅛	Pittsburg	162
Consolidated Gas	201	Pullman Palace	172
C. C. C. & St. L	38⅜	Reading	20⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron	12⅜	Richmond Term	9
Cotton Oil Cert	31	do pfd	18
Del. & Hudson	125⅛	R. G. W.	14⅜
Del. Lack. & W	165	R. G. W. pfd	42
D. & R. G. pfd	32¾	Rock Island	69⅜
D. & C. P. Co	28⅞	St. Paul	62⅜
East Tenn	4¼	do pfd	120
Erie	16⅜	St. P. & Omaha	39¼
do pfd	35	do pfd	115⅝
Fort Wayne	153	Southern Pac	21⅝
G. Northern pfd	105	Sugar Refinery	95⅜
C. & E. I. pfd	93	Tenn. Coal & Iron	11⅜
Hocking Valley	108	Texas Pacific	9⅛
Ill. Central	92⅛	T. & O. Cent pfd	70
St. P. & Duluth	22⅝	Union Pacific	19⅛
K. & T. pfd	25⅝	U. S. Express	55
Lake Erie & W	16¾	W. St. L. & P	7⅜
do pfd	68⅜	do pfd	17¼
Lake Shore	128⅜	Wells Fargo Ex	123
National Cordage	19⅜	Western Union	84⅛
Louisville & N	80⅝	W. & L. E	13
Louisville & N. A	9¾	do pfd	40⅜
Memphis & C	5	M. & St. L	12
Michigan Central	98	C. & R. G	10⅝
Mo. Pacific	29⅝	G. E.	40⅜
Mobile & Ohio	17⅜	N. L.	21
Nashville Chat	74	C. F. & I.	26
National Cordage	121	do pfd	70
do pfd	43	T. & T. C.	3
N. J. Central	113	T. A. A. & N. M.	8
N. & W. pfd	22⅜	T. St. L. & K. C.	1
North Am. Co	6	do pfd	7
Northern Pacific	5⅛		

*bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 173,000 shares, including American Tobacco, 3,500; Atchison, 2,400; American Sugar, 15,600; Burlington, 8,900; Chicago Gas, 32,000; Distilling and Cattle Feeding, 12,700; General Electric, 19,800; Missouri Pacific, 8,100; National Lead, 3,100; New York Central, 7,500; Reading, 6,100; R. & W. P., 2,300; Rock Island, 6,100; St. Paul, 16,000; Wabash preferred, 2,200.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1 per cent; last loan and closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills, $1.85@4.85½ for demand, $4.87@4.87¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.87@4.87½; commercial bills, $1.86@4.86½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm. State bonds, dull.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 5s reg	117⅜	Ala. Class C	92
U. S. 5s coup	118⅛	Currencies	94
U. S. 4s reg	134	N. W. Consols	140
U. S. 4s coup	114¾	N. W. Deb. 5s	111
U. S. 6s reg	104	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	70¾
Pacific 6s of '95	103	S. L. & S. F. Gen. M	98
Louisiana stpd 4s	95	St. P. Consols	129⅞
Missouri 6s	100	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	110⅜
Tenn. new set 6s	104	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	83¼
Tenn. new set 5s	104	T. P. B. & G. Tr. Rcts	23
Tenn. new set 3s	78	Union Pac. 1sts	103
Canada So. 2nds	104¾	West Shore	105⅜
Cen. Pac. 1sts	103	R. G. W. 1sts	70
D. & R. G. 1sts	105	Atchison 4s	75⅜
D. & R. G. 4s	78⅝	Atchison 2½s	23¾
Erie 2nds	80	*Is 78	104
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	47	H. & T. C. 5s	106¼
M. K. & T. Gen 5s	77¾	do 4s	102
Mutual Union 6s	111	*N. C. 6s	123⅛
N. J. C. Int. Cert	115	do 4s	98
No. Pac. 1sts	112⅝	Tenn. old 6s	60
No. Pac. 2nds	44¾	Va. Centuries	60¾
Ala. Class A	106	do deferred	8½
Ala. Class B	102	S. C. nonfund	2

*offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 18.—Call loans, 1¾ per cent; time loans, 3 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F	13⅝	Westingh. Electric	38
Am. Sugar	112⅝	Wis. Central	6 3⅛
Bay State Gas	1¼	Wis. Central	8
Bell Telephone	88⅜	Atchison 2ds	86
Boston & Albany	209	Atchison 4s	75⅛
Boston & Maine	175	New England 6s	103⅞
C., B. & Q	81⅛	Wis. Cent. 1sts	74
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