

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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## COIN WAS MUCH DEPRESSED BY WHEAT

New York Reported an Excellent Demand  
for Cash Wheat and Chicago Bears  
Were Ready to Sell Any  
Quantity.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Free selling weakened wheat today, despite bullish news, and May closed 5¢ lower. May corn lost 3¢, May oats 4¢, and provisions finished at decline.

The business of the year in the wheat pit commenced with a slight inclination to the bearish side. There was not any immediate material change in the prices prevailing at the close of Monday's session, but sellers were in the majority, and the market offers in large volume than the market could absorb. The general features of the early news favored the bulls. Liverpool was reported firm at \$40 advance for red American wheat, receipts in this country were light, exports of fair volume, and inquiry for export reported to be good. The first transactions in May were at from 57½ to 57¾ and a gradual decline to from 57½ to 57¾ followed the quotations during the next two hours. The May export trade reported from the seaboard caused a reaction to 57½, and the price kept between 57½ and 57¾ during the greater part of the remainder of the session. Monday was sixty-six days since the market had been inspected, and since then there have been no receipts of 15 cars and Duluth 190, reported receipts of 15 cars and Duluth 190, marking for the two places 347, compared with 400 last year. The market has reported an excellent demand for cash wheat. The big bears in this market saw nothing but point at the amount of wheat available supply and sell to build. May closed at 57¾.

It was weak and lower with a fair amount of trading. The receipts were equal to the liberal estimates made on Monday. The opening price for May was 48¢, and that was the highest point all day. It worked gradually down to 47½ and 47¾, and could not get higher again after that. The 47½ was the lowest point of the day, and had a depressing effect upon corn and wheat, but point at the amount of wheat available supply and sell to build. May closed at 47½.

The market for oats was inclined to drag. The easy feeling noticeable was influenced entirely by the heaviness in the corn market, which shade up from Monday's last quotation at 31¢, sold down to 31½, and closed at 31¾ for May.

The market was weak, influenced by heavy hog receipts. Selling was slow, but the pork decline, May pork closed 30¢ lower. May lamb 1¢ lower, and May ribs 12¢ lower.

The leading features were as follows:

Articles Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat, No. 2 534 534 534 534

May 574 574 574 574

July 586 586 586 578½

Corn No. 2 454 454 454 455

May 484 484 484 485

June 48 48 48 47½

Dec. 284 284 284 286

May 313 313 313 315

June 29 29 29 29

Potatoes—Western, car lots, 67¢

Old Beans—Hand-picked, navy, \$1.90-\$2.00

Lima beans, per lb., 5¢

Carrots—On orders, 14¢

Celery—Per doz., 35¢

Potatoes—Home grown, \$2.75, Mus-

cature, \$3.00

Beets—Per lb., 12¢

Horselap—Per lb., 72.75-\$3.00

Turnips—Per lb., 70¢

Rutabagas—Per lb., 42¢

Pumpkins—Per dozen, boxes, 35¢

Split Peas—Per lb., 25¢

Green Peas—Per lb., 22.75-\$1.35

Lettuce—Per doz., 12¢

Spinach—Per lb., \$1.50-\$1.75

Fruits—California per 50-lb. box, \$1.50

Quinces—California, none

Plums—California, none

Pears—Winter Nails, 12; Vicars, \$1.75

Apples—Good stock, per lb., 12

Oranges—Good stock, 14¢

Grapes—Concord, no. 1, Malaga, per 5 to 6-lb. boxes, gross, \$0.00-\$1.00

Cherries—Per lb., 10¢

Tropical Fruits—Tangerine, \$0.50 per lb.

The first carload of oranges from Riverside, Cal., this year was shipped to San Francisco, Calif., and will be followed by others. The first shipment to be made, but it is said there is a desire to hold the fruit until it is ripe.

ORANGES—Florida, per box, 15¢, 17¢, and 19¢

TANGERINES—Florida, per half box, 22¢

HANANAS—Choice stock, \$1.00-\$1.50 per bunch, Florida, size 10 to 12, 12¢

CHERIES—Wisconsin, per box, 15¢, 17¢, 19¢, 21¢; twins, 12¢; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 15¢, 17¢, 19¢; 12¢; 10¢; 8¢; 6¢

PEACHES—Wisconsin, per box, 15¢, 17¢, 19¢, 21¢; 12¢; 10¢; 8¢; 6¢

PEARS—Winter Nails, 12; Vicars, \$1.75

APPLES—Good stock, per lb., 12

ORANGES—Good stock, 14¢

GRAPES—Concord, no. 1, Malaga, per 5 to 6-lb. boxes, gross, \$0.00-\$1.00

CHERIES—Wisconsin, 10¢

MARSHMALLOW—Tapioca, 10¢

WHEAT—No. 2, 57½

PROVISIONS—Meat, pork, per lb., \$1.20-\$1.25

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OATS—No. 2, 57½

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