

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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In Corn the Market at Times Ruled Quite Dull, Fluctuations Ruling Narrow Throughout the Session.

CHICAGO, May 19.—Insect damage gave a little strength to wheat today. The market closed at \$1.05 for July, or 1¢ over yesterday. Corn and oats were firm, and provisions in an uncertain condition, gleaning from firm at the opening to weak, and then back again to firm.

There was just a fair trade in wheat, chiefly local, the range for the day being 1¢ to 1¢ 1/2 at the close. The feeling of buyers was that it was well supplied, and ruled, just selling in early and September to 1¢ 1/2. Later on there was a moderate reaction, and final figures showed from 8¢ to 10¢ gain. There was a lack of outside support, but some good covering by prominent local operators on the short side, which absorbed the bulk of the scattered offerings, part of which was country liquidation. On the whole, the grain fair buying was limited, operators, who looked for a profit earlier, after the late steady decline, and good action covering by shorts. The reduction of more rain for the Dakotas, together with better exports from New York, added something to the price, and helped to bring in a few buyers.

Baldraud officials in the northwest, while the bulk of the grain raised in the Red river valley, continue to hold their own.

For the most part the outlook in that section, owing to the late seedling. Damage to wheat in Michigan by Hessian flies appears to have put the price up. Indiana also sent big damage reports, but the recent rains appear to have offset the price of the flies. The weather has been rather dry, so far, from where there were less numerous than before.

There was only a moderate fall in corn, the market being rather dull, fluctuations being narrow. The feeling manifested was fairly firm, considering the weather, receipts an active market, and offers were lighter, the bulk of the selling coming from elevator interests, against cash purchases, and railroads.

PIGEON CITY, May 19.—Dull; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.—Florida stock, 6-basket crates, \$1.50.

ARTICLES—Peaches, No. 2, 75¢ per bushel.

TOP ONIONS—Large, 5¢ per bushel, 50¢ per box.

CUCUMBERS—Per dozen, 25¢.

NEW ONIONS—Texas stock, per bushel, \$1.00.

STRONG BEANS—Per lb., box, \$1.00; per bushel, \$1.00.

PIE PLATE—Home grown, per lb., 16¢.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCK—Per crate, \$1.00.

WATER CHESS—Per 16-qt. case, \$1.50.

WATERMELONS—Per bushel, \$1.00.

LEMONS—Per dozen, fancy, \$1.00.

ORANGES—California, choice, \$1.00.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, \$1.00.

PINEAPPLES—Per box, according to size, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 60¢; Tarragon almonds, per lb., large, 12¢.

Prunes, per lb., English walnuts, per lb., 60¢; Walnuts, per lb., 12¢.

COCONUTS—Per lb., 12¢.

GOOSE FEATHERS—Per 16-qt. case, \$2.50.

ORANGES—California blighted seedlings, fancy, 12¢ to 15¢; choice, \$2.50.

LEMONS—Per dozen, fancy, \$1.00.

PIE PLATE—Home grown, per lb., 16¢.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 16¢.

WATER CHESS—Per 16-qt. case, \$1.50.

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STRAWBERRIES—Missouri stock, 12¢.

CHERRIES—No shipping stock.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES—Per 16-lb. box, 24¢.

GOOSE FEATHERS—Per lb., 12¢.

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