# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## May Wheat Now Advances Nearly to the Dollar Mark.

## GAIN IS DUE TO THE ANXIETY OF SHORTS

### Everything Else in the Market is Active and Strong, Oats Especially Showing a Big Advance.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—May wheat today advanced to within a small fraction of the dollar mark and closed strong with a gain of 1½c over yesterday's figures. The advance was due more to the anxiety of shorts to get out than to the news. The impression increased that wheat is pretty well tied up by Leiter interests. Everything else on the floor was active and strong. Corn closed ½c higher and oats ⅝@⅞c higher. Provisions advanced sharply, but reacted on realizing, pork closing 20c higher, lard and ribs unchanged.

For a few minutes following the opening in wheat it looked as if the dollar mark for May was at last to be reached. There was hardly any wheat offered for sale on the curb and this condition also prevailed when the regular market opened. Reports that Leiter had contracted with the Lehigh road for the moving of 2,000,000 bushels of his wheat to the seaboard came from New York. They were not substantiated, but the report rapidly spread that May wheat is almost completely tied up by Leiter influences and when the market opened there was a rush of anxious shorts to get under cover. May, which closed yesterday at 98⅝@98¾c, opened today at 98¾c to 98⅞c. Even at this substantial advance the market was almost bare of offerings and the price was bid up steadily to 99¾c. A peculiar feature of the advance was the number of stop loss orders in short wheat. Wheat began to come out after "call" price (99⅛c) had been passed, but offerings were eagerly accepted and the market did not hesitate much until 99¾c had been reached. This price brought out a lot of wheat from commission houses and May dropped back to 99¼c. There it hung for a time. The news of the day did not especially favor either side, though more bullish than bearish. Northwest receipts were 305 cars, against 452 last week and 246 a year ago. Chicago receipts were seventy-eight cars, of which six were of contract grade. Liverpool was up ⅝@¾d for futures, but cash prices showed nearly all of yesterday's advance lost. Argentine cables reported yesterday's reports of poor threshing returns and lower exportable estimates. Liverpool receipts for three days were only 88,000 bu. Bradstreet's showed 524,000 bu. decrease in the visible. Export clearances from Atlantic ports were rather small at 176,000 bu. A little before midday the price shot up again under a renewed demand from shorts and this time May got to 99⅞c before the reaction came. Leiter had sold no wheat during the day. On the contrary, he was credited with buying a little. This, added to the belief that he is in control of the May market, started buying again. At midday the price had reacted to 99⅝c and for the rest of the session the market fluctuated between that figure and 99¾c. At the close it was bringing 99⅝@99¾c.

For the first two hours business in corn was exceedingly lively and a sharp advance was recorded. Heavy buying by one of the commission houses started the market strong and general buying following the advance in wheat and provisions prices moved up rapidly. The advance brought out free offerings, which were fairly well absorbed and for the rest of the session the market ruled steady. May ranged from 31c to 30⅝c and closed ½c higher at 30¾@30⅞c.

Oats was strong and fairly active on strength in other markets. Urgent bidding advanced prices steadily for a time. Many longs also increased their offerings. Later there was some reaction on realizing, but the market closed steady. May ranged from 27½c to 26¾c and closed ⅞@1c higher at 27¼@27¼c.

There was a broad general trade in provisions. The opening was rather unsettled but higher. Heavy commission house buying and sympathy with the wheat strength resulted in prices advancing sharply, especially for pork. This was followed by free realizing, a good deal of selling being credited to packers; market closed rather easy. May pork 20c higher at $11.15, May lard unchanged at $5.20, and May ribs unchanged at $5.32½.

Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 335 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yest'y. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat- | | | | | |
| Feb.... | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| May... | 98⅝@¾ | 99⅞ | 98⅝ | 99¾@¾ | 98 @¼ |
| July... | 85 @⅛ | 86⅜ | 85¾ | 86⅜ | 85¾ |
| *Corn— | | | | | |
| Sept... | 30⅝@¾ | 31 | 30⅝ | 30¾@¾ | 28⅝ |
| May... | 31⅛@¼ | 32¾ | 31⅛ | 31⅞-32 | 29¾@⅝ |
| July... | 33¼ | 33⅜ | 32⅝ | 33 | 31⅛ |
| *Oats— | | | | | |
| May... | 26¾@¾ | 27⅛ | 26¾ | 27⅛@¼ | 26¼ |
| July... | 24¼@¾ | 25⅛ | 24¼ | 24⅞ | 24 |
| Pork— | | | | | |
| May... | 11 05 | 11 35 | 11 05 | 11 15 | 10 85 |
| July... | 11 25 | 11 35 | 11 10 | 11 15 | 10 97½ |
| Lard— | | | | | |
| May... | 5 23 | 5 27½ | 5 27½ | 5 20 | 5 20 |
| July... | 5 32½ | 5 37½ | 5 32 | 5 27½ | 5 30 |
| Sh'ribs | | | | | |
| May... | 5 37½ | 5 40 | 5 32½ | 5 32½ | 5 32½ |
| July... | 5 42½ | 5 55 | 5 37½ | 5 40 | 5 40 |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Strong; winter patents, $4.80@4.90; straights, $4.30@4.60; spring specials, $5.35@5.45; spring patents, $4.50@4.60; bakers, $3.50@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 93@94c; No. 3 spring, 89@97c; No. 2 red, 99¼@$1.00.

CORN—No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2, 27¼c o. b.; No. 2 white, 29½@29¾c; No. 3 white, 28@28¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 48¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 32@40c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.23½@1.27¼.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.90.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.05@11.10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.20@5.45. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.60.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18¾.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.01; granulated, $5.51.

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 16,000 | 12,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 49,000 | 16,000 |
| Corn, bu | 513,000 | 234,000 |
| Oats, bu | 370,000 | 177,000 |
| Rye, bu | 12,000 | ..... |
| Barley, bu | 66,000 | 23,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 13@19c; dairies, 11@13c. Cheese, quiet at 8@8½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 16c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 8@10c; chickens, 7@8c; ducks, 6@7½c.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

### Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 42,858 bbls.; exports, 12,878 bbls.; firmly held at some advance on choice grades; demand slow; city mill patents, $5.00@5.95; city mill clears, $5.40@5.60; Minnesota patents, $5.20@5.50; Minnesota bakers', $4.25@4.50; Minnesota straights, grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, steady, $2.65@3.15. Buckwheat flour, steady, $1.25@1.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Firmer, 38@39½c.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 71c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 57c; car lots, 52@53c.

BARLEY—Strong; feeding, 40c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 52½@57c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 86,175 bu.; exports, 16,778 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2 red, $1.00¾; options opened strong at ⅛c advance on higher cables and further improved on nervous covering, inspired by strength in Chicago May wheat, which crossed New York price. An afternoon reaction under long selling and small export demand was followed by a second scare and firm close at ⅛@¼c net advance; No. 2 red, February closed $1.01, May, 99⅞@99 7-16c, closed 99⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 151,125 bu.; exports, 79,604 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 37½c; options opened firmer at ¼@⅜c advance and was later bid up by shorts on a big cash demand and strong Liverpool news. Prices finally yielded a little to realizing, but closed steady at ⅛c net advance; February closed 36⅝c; May, 35⅛@35⅜c, closed 35¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 94,800 bu.; exports, 200,014 bu.; spot, firmer; No. 2, 32c; options quiet all day, but stronger on the advance in cash oats, closing ⅛c net higher; May closed 31¼c.

FEED—Firm; bran, 70@77½c; middling, 75@77½c. Rye, 65c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 35@45c; good to choice, 60@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 17@19c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 17@19c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas, dry, 12c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, 19½@20c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 27@31c; Texas, 13½@15½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $23.00@23.50; packet, $9.00@10.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.50@6.50; pickled shoulders, $4.75; pickled hams, $7.50@7.75. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $5.40; refined, firm. Pork, strong; mess, $11.00@11.25; short clear, $10.75@12.75; family, $11.50. Tallow, steady; city, 3 7-16@3⅜c; country, 3¼@3⅜c.

OILS—Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, firm; 34½@34¾c. Cottonseed oil—The upward movement in oil products continues, stimulated by strength of lard. Prime crude and yellow are the grades chiefly affected. Prime crude, 19@19½c; prime summer yellow, 23c; off summer yellow, 22@22½c; butter oil, 25@28c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants, quiet at $6.50 bid and $6.70 asked; lake copper, firm at $11.75 bid and $11.80 asked; tin, firm at $14.05 bid and $14.15 asked; spelter, quiet at $4.10 bid and $4.15 asked, and lead quiet at $3.80 bid and $3.85 asked. The firm that fixes the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $3.90.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¾@5¾c; Japan, 5@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@35c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 10,212 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14@14½c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 13@14c; imitation creamery, 13@17c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,389 packages; quiet; large white, September, 8½c; small white, 8½c; large colored, September, 8½c; small colored, September, 8c; light skims, 6½c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@3.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,844 packages; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 15c; western, 14½@14½c.

## OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

### Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 12c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 8@10c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 7@8c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 75c; large, $1.25; squirrels, 50@60c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light laies sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.10@1.25.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 20@30c; western stock, 70c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.35; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00@7.25; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50@7.75; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.50; choice, $2.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.00; choice, $2.75.

BANANAS—Choice stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 9c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 2 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25@2.35.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 90 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6¼c; fancy heifers, 6¼c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7½c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; stomachs, per doz., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 12½c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or half, 6c; calf heads and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 10c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 8c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6c; rump butts, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 13c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 7½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 8c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 8½c per lb.; lambs, 7½c; sheep, 6½c; market racks, long, 8½c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 8½c; saddles, 9c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 5c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5¾c per lb., dressed hogs, 5¾c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6¾c; long, 6¼c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5¾c; Boston butts, 5¾c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; necktones, 2c; slip bones, 2½c; cheek meat, 3½c; neck bones, 2c; pigs tails, 3c; plucks, each, 7c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, per pair, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 green salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb. actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

TALLOW, GREASES, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2¾c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@25.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; grey fox, 25@90c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 60@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@60c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

## St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Quiet and easy; patents, $4.50@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.45; clear, $3.90@4.15; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher, closing ⅝c for May and ¼c for July above yesterday. May opened ¼c higher, advanced 1⅛c more, declined ⅜@⅝c and closed with sellers ⅛c below the top. Spot, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 97½c; track, 97½@98½c; February, 97¾c; May, 99½c; July, 82⅝c; No. 2 hard, cash, 91½c.

CORN—Futures, firm, with no pressure to sell, closing with buyers of May ⅝c above yesterday and July ⅜c higher. Spot, higher; No. 2, cash, 28c; February, 28c asked; May, 28⅝@28¾c; July, 29⅝@29¾c.

OATS—Strong and higher, with May 1c and July ⅝c up. Spot, higher; No. 2, cash, elevator, 26½c; track, 26½c; February, 26¾c; May, 27½c; July, 24½c; No. 3 white, 27½@28c.

RYE—Firm at 48½c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominally $1.21½. Prime timothy seed, $2.90@2.75.

CORNMEAL—Firm at $1.45@1.50.

BRAN—Firm and in demand; sacked, east track, 58c.

HAY—Steady; prairie, $5.50@8.50; timothy, $7.00@10.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 8@15c.

EGGS—Firm at 12c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTONTIES—20c.

BAGGING—5⅛@6c.

METALS—Lead, higher at $4.05. Spelter, better at $4.85.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $11.15. Lard, steady; prime steam, $4.10; choice, $5. Bacon, boxed lots, extra short clear, $5.87½@6.12½; ribs, $6.00@6.25; shorts, $6.12½@6.37½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $5.50@5.75; ribs, $5.62½@5.87½; shorts, $5.75@6.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 17,000 bu.; corn, 37,000 bu.; oats, 24,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bu.; wheat, 24,000 bu.; corn, 210,000 bu.; oats, 38,000 bu.

## Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.80@3.20; western extra, $3.45@4.10; western family, $4.40@4.70; winter wheat patents, $4.85@5.10; spring wheat patents, $5.10@5.30; spring wheat straights, $4.90@5.00; receipts, 11,911 bbls.; exports, none.

WHEAT—Strong; spot and month, $1.00¼@1.00⅝; March, $1.00¾@1.01¼; May, 99½@99¾c; steamer, No. 2 red, 96½@96⅝c; receipts, 117,117 bu.; exports, none; southern wheat by sample, 96@$1.01; southern wheat on grade, 91c@$1.01.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 35@35¼c; March and April, 34⅝@35c; steamer mixed, 34½@34¾c; receipts, 96,695 bu.; exports, 17,142 bu.; southern white corn, 34½@35¼c; southern yellow corn, 33½@34½c.

OATS—Strong and higher; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 2 mixed, 30@31c; receipts, 18,197 bu.; exports, 85,000 bu.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 nearby, 54½@55c; No. 2 western, 55½@56c; receipts, 48,159 bu.; exports, 8,571 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Rather dull; steamers quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3½d, March.

BUTTER—Quiet; fancy creamery, 21c; fancy imitation, 16@17c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle 13@14c; store packed, 12@14c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 14c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy large, 9@9½c, fancy medium, 10@10½c; fancy small, 10½@10¾c.

## Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Very slow, closing ½c higher; No. 1 hard, 91c; No. 2, 88½@90½c; No. 3, 85½@88c; No. 1 red, 93@94c; No. 2, 92@93c; No. 3, 89@91c; No. 2 spring, 88@89; No. 3, 85@87c.

CORN—½@¾c higher; active; No. 2, mixed, 26½@26¾c.

OATS—¼@½c higher, fairly active; No. 2 white, 25½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 44c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.25.

BUTTER—Firm; receipts liberal; creamery, 15@18c; dairy, 12@14.

EGGS—Steady; receipts heavy and increasing; fresh, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, 53,500 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 40,800 bu.; corn, 32,900 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

## Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Spot, strong; No. 1 red northern, spring, 4s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 4½d; American mixed, old, 3s 4¾d; futures were steady; February, 3s 4½d; March, 3s 5½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm at 2s 6d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm at £4 15s@£5 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 6d; prime mess, 56s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 51s 3d; medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, firm at 33s 3d. Bacon, firm; Cumberland cut, 32s 6d, short ribs, 33s 6d; long clear middles, light, 31s; long clear middles, heavy, 30s 6d; clear bellies, 34s; short clear backs, 29s; shoulders, square, 26s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady at 27s.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, steady at 47s.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm at 19s.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 24s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, steady at 4s 11½d.

## Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Feb. 15.—The feeling maintained by some good traders at yesterday's close that the market had gone high enough and should have a reaction had been entirely dissipated, and with foreign news leading and higher May wheat opened up an advance of ¼c with July stronger in the same proportion, and May continued to advance until 99⅝c had been touched, from where it declined slowly until it closed.

News was somewhat mixed, with the exception that Argentine estimates were considerably reduced on account of the unsatisfactory results shown in threshing.

The sudden advance scared in the May option shortly after the opening was principally caused by the driving in of heavy short interests, in connection with the congested and tightened condition of that future. The market seemed to be entirely under Leiter control, and it appears on good authority that he will ship at once about 4,000,000 bu. of wheat, all rail, for export. Although a reaction may be due, we fail to see it as yet, and we are of the opinion that Leiter has the correct idea of the supply and demand and that short selling would be inadvisable where the influence Thurston seems to be so fully in accord with the advance.

May wheat opened at 99⅝@99¾c and July at 85⅝c bid.

Receipts today, 78 cars, estimated tomorrow, 40 cars.

Corn was stronger in sympathy with wheat, with the trade broadening and in a healthy condition. A great many traders are leaving wheat on account of the uncertainty, and it appears to them, of that cereal, and because of its sudden changes, and are going into the coarse grains. We look for a more active market in corn and believe it is a safer property on soft spots.

May corn closed at 30¾@30⅞c and July corn at 31⅝@32c bid.

Receipts today, 899 cars, estimated tomorrow, 335 cars.

Oats still climb upward, with a good demand, both at home and abroad, which shows no signs of decreasing, and with the small supply on hand we can see no reason why there should be more than one side to them, and that is the long side.

May oats closed at 27¼@27½c and July at 24½c.

Receipts today, 573 cars, estimated tomorrow, 150 cars.

## Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 15.—FLOUR—Firm; fancy, $4.20@4.50; family, $3.60@3.85.

WHEAT—Firm and higher; No. 2 red, 97@98c.

CORN—Firm and higher; No. 2 mixed, 31¼c.

OATS—Firm and higher; No. 2 mixed, 27½@28c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 51c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at $4.95. Bulk meats, firm at $5.30. Bacon, firm and higher at $6.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.19.

BUTTER—Dull; Elgin creamery, 21c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.22@5.97.

EGGS—Firm and higher at 12c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 8½@9c.

## Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 248 cars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Receipts today: Wheat, 78 cars; corn, 899 cars; oats, 573 cars. Estimated carlots tomorrow: Wheat, 40; corn, 335; oats, 150.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 65 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 24 cars.

DULUTH, Feb. 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 57 cars.

## Toledo Markets.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Dull and steady; No. 2, cash, 96½c; May, 97½c.

CORN—Active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 30c.

OATS—Dull and firm; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, cash, 50c.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, $3.10.

## Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 white and No. 2 red, 95½c; May, 96½c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—No. 1 white, 30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

## Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Feb. 15.—CORN—Firm, higher; No. 2, 29c.

OATS—Firm, higher; No. 2 white, 27½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.18.

## San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—WHEAT—Dull; December, $1.32½; May, $1.40.

## STOCKS AND BONDS.

### There is a Sharp Rally with a Recovery in Prices.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Today's sharp rally in stocks is to be attributed to the covering of short contracts put out in yesterday's flurry. Buying was paid to be heavy for Washington account, which was a heavy seller yesterday. Yesterday's losses were more than recovered in most cases, notwithstanding a small volume of business today. There was at least one period of general reaction during the day, but it was of short duration and declines reached small proportions. There was also profit taking in a few special stocks, which did not affect the general list to a noticeable extent. American securities continued to be favorites on the London exchange. Prices for Americans were marked up with a distinctly confident tone before the opening here and London continued a buyer here even after prices had advanced to the London parity. Much stress was laid on this as indicating a distinct change in the attitude of the British investing public toward American securities. They were persistent sellers of Americans during all of last summer and during the subsequent rise which has been almost continuous since last November. They are now buying American stocks at many points above where they sold. This buying is regarded as the more significant on account of the higher rates of money in London as compared with New York and the heavy balance of exchange still known to be outstanding in favor of this country. In Paris Spanish is declined on fears of strained relations between the United States and Spain and American securities declined on some of the continental exchanges; but London heeded none of these considerations and continued buying at advancing prices. Foreign exchange failed to reflect this buying and demand sterling today declined ¼ and cable transfers the same amount. Metropolitan Street railway showed a continuance of yesterday's weakness after its early period of strength and dropped 4 points. It subsequently rallied, but closed the day with a sharp loss. Other local securities were strong. Minnesota iron was conspicuously heavy and Lake Shore ruled below last night's price. There were a few losses shown by conspicuous stocks, but the general level of prices at the close was very materially higher. The stocks of the Louisville & Nashville were strong on reports of a circular issued to stockholders asking an option on the stock with a view to a purchase of control. New Jersey Central was benefited by rumors that connected it with a trunk line working agreement. Kansas & Texas preferred showed a sharp recovery from yesterday's losses. In the active list net gains of between 1 and 2 per cent for the day were frequent. The strength and activity in bonds increased as the day passed. Business in Texas Pacific second was largely individual transactions in heavy blocks at advances of 1 per cent. Total sales, 4,260,000. United States old 4s, registered, new 4s, registered, and the 5s were ¼ per cent higher bid, and the new 4s, coupon, ¼ per cent higher.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "All the stock markets here were dominated today by politics. Americans by Cuban affairs and other markets by the general outlook. Americans opened over the parity, gave way, rallied on reports that Spain had issued an apologetic letter, relapsed in the absence of confirmation of the report, and finally closed rather firm on New York support. Copper shares were strong on Paris buying. It is difficult to fathom wholly the reason for the fall in the price of gold. The reported reasons, however, are that Russian and other continental demands will be less pressing in the future. The slightly easier tone of the money market was partly due to this decline in her gold."

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

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| Atchison | 12⅝ | St. P. & Om | 77¼ |
| do pfd | 31⅝ | do pfd | 150 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 17 | St. P. M. & M | 134 |
| Canada Pacific | 88¼ | So. Pacific | 120 |
| Canada Southern | 53⅝ | So. Railway | 9⅝ |
| Central Pacific | 14⅝ | do pfd | 32⅝ |
| Ches. & Ohio | 23⅝ | Texas & Pacific | 12⅛ |
| Chicago & Alton | 165 | Union Pacific | 34⅝ |
| C., B. & Q | 76⅝ | U. P. D. & G | 7¼ |
| C. & E. I | 57⅝ | Wabash | 7 |
| C. C. C. & St. L | 80 | do pfd | 18⅝ |
| do pfd | 111⅝ | Wheel. & L. E | 2⅝ |
| Del. & Hudson | 156¼ | Wheel. & L. E. pfd | 9⅝ |
| Del., L. & W | 167 | Adams Ex | 100 |
| Den. & Rio G | 15⅝ | American Ex | 120 |
| do pfd | 45 | United States Ex | 42 |
| Erie (new) | 19⅝ | Wells Fargo Ex | 115 |
| E. & Waysde | 125 | Col. Oil | 21 |
| Great Northern pfd | 156 | do pfd | 75¼ |
| Hocking Valley | 7⅝ | Am. Spirits | 8⅝ |
| Illinois Central | 105¼ | Am. Spirits pfd | 20¼ |
| Lake Erie & W | 107 | Am. Tobacco | 92 |
| do pfd | 74¼ | do pfd | 117 |
| Lake Shore | 191⅝ | People's Gas | 96⅝ |
| Louisville & Nash | 59⅝ | Cons. Gas | 191 |
| Manhattan L | 178 | Com. Cable Co | 185 |
| Met. St. Ry | 161⅝ | Col. F. & Iron | 23¼ |
| Michigan Central | 112 | do pfd | 70 |
| Minn. & St. L | 39¼ | Gen. Electric | 38 |
| do 1st pfd | 70 | Illinois Steel | 52 |
| Mo. Pacific | 33⅝ | La Clede Gas | 43¼ |
| Mobile & Ohio | 33⅝ | Lead | 35⅝ |
| Mo. K. & T pfd | 38⅝ | do pfd | 108⅝ |
| Chi. Ind. & L | 9⅝ | Nat. Lin. Oil | 18 |
| do pfd | 31⅝ | Oregon Imp. Co | 28⅝ |
| N. J. Central | 96⅝ | Pacific Mail | 31⅝ |
| N. Y. Central | 118¼ | Pullman Pal | 180¼ |
| N. Y. Chic. & St. L | 18⅝ | Silver Certificates | 56¼ |
| do 1st pfd | 73 | Stand. Rope & T | 5⅝ |
| do 2d pfd | 37⅝ | Sugar | 138¼ |
| Norfolk & Western | 16 | do pfd | 113 |
| No. Amer. Co | 5⅝ | T. C. & Iron | 24⅝ |
| N. Y. Pacific | 20⅝ | U. S. Leather | 7⅝ |
| do pfd | 67⅝ | do pfd | 65⅝ |
| Ontario & W | 17⅝ | U. S. Rubber | 20⅝ |
| Ore. R. & Nav | 51⅝ | do pfd | 72 |
| Ore. Short Line | 25⅝ | Western Union | 93⅝ |
| Pittsburg | 168 | Northwestern | 128⅝ |
| Reading | 21⅝ | do pfd | 175⅝ |
| Rock Island | 91⅝ | Rio Grande West | 23 |
| St. L. & S. F | 7⅝ | do pfd | 69 |
| do 1st pfd | 58 | Chicago Great W | 8¼ |
| St. Paul | 95⅝ | S. L. & S. W | 4 |
| do pfd | 142 | Reading 1st pfd | 52 |
| Hawaiian Com Co | 36 | | |

The total sales of stocks today were 311,700 shares, including 5,575 Atchison preferred, 26,770 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 9,950 Louisville & Nashville, 10,430 Manhattan, 11,900 Metropolitan, 9,690 Minneapolis & St. Louis, 3,835 Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 56,510 New York Central, 4,655 Northern Pacific, 11,135 Northern Pacific preferred, 3,100 Oregon Short Line, 7,940 Rock Island, 14,470 St. Paul, 6,321 Union Pacific, 9,566 Tobacco, 3,830 People's Gas, 8,768 Consolidated Gas, 19,053 Sugar, 7,771 Rubber, 3,327 Rubber preferred, 10,107 Western Union.

### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally 1@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85½ for demand and $4.83@4.83½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84 and $4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—56½@57½c.

BAR SILVER—57⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; United States new 4s registered, 128½; do coupon, 127⅝; 4s registered, 113½; do coupon, 114½; 2s, 100; 5s registered, and coupon, 108⅝; Pacific 6s of 95, 101.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

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| U. S. new 4s, reg | 128⅝ | N. J. C. 5s | 114⅝ |
| U. S. new 4s cou | 129⅝ | N. Y. C. 6s | 125 |
| U. S. 4s, reg | 113⅝ | N. C. 4s | 103 |
| U. S. 4s, coup | 114⅝ | No. Pacific 1sts | 118⅝ |
| U. S. 2s, reg | 100 | No. Pacific 3s | 65 |
| U. S. 5s, reg | 113⅝ | No. Pacific 4s | 97 |
| U. S. 5s, coup