

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Market Shows Reactionary Tendency and Closes Lower.

LETTER PREVENTS A BREAK IN WHEAT

Corn and Oats Each Decline Under the Depression, and Provisions Remain About the Same.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Everything on the Board of Trade showed a读eadline tendency today and closed at a decline. Wheat fell the most, 5¢ per bu.; oats, 3¢ per bu.

The large Argentine wheat shipments resulted in a decline in May of 15¢ at one time, but heavy ocean freight engagements for Leiter caused a rally. May closed at a loss of 5¢ from yesterday. Corn declined 3¢ and oats 3¢. Provisions closed unchanged to lie low.

It was evident at the start in wheat trading that the short scare, so prominent a feature of trading all week, had nearly died out. The market in the nervous days was due during yesterday's session. In addition to the most important of the early news was clearly in favor of the bears, and a weak and lower opening was the inevitable result. May, the closing price of which yesterday was \$1.04, was offered in goodly quantities at the start today at from \$1.02 down to \$1.03, and so great was the selling pressure for a time that the price dropped to \$1.02, or the low of the highest price paid yesterday. In this decline Argentine news was prominent. Argentine shipments for May amounted to 1,250,000 bags against 312,000 in the week previous, and 162,000 bu. last year. Cable news was also rather discouraging to holders, both Liverpool and Paris, as a result of which much was expected of the failure of the European markets to follow the advance here yesterday. The character of the news, however, had changed. Mincing and speculating with respect to only 24 car loads of grain came to an end yesterday.

CHICAGO.—Receipts, 11,239 bags; quiet; grain, 6,956; port skins, 4,636; full skins, 280. EGGS.—Receipts, 4,258 bags; state and Pennsylvania, 1,161; western, 1,152.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 11¢c.

BUTTER—Comes to fair, 50¢ per lb.; separator butter, 50¢; granular creamery, 50¢c.

MEAT.—Chilled fat, 50¢ per lb., quoted at 5¢ large and coarse, 45¢c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 65¢c; turkeys, 80¢c; geese, 75¢c; ducks, 70¢c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 6¢; old roosters, 12¢c.

HAM—Small rabbits, per doz., 50¢; large, 12¢c; squirrels, 50¢c.

PEAS—Dried peas, dead pieces not wanted, 5¢.

HAY—Upland, 35¢ per bushel, 15¢ per bushel, 45¢; straw, 45¢; color makes the price on 45¢; bales sell the best; only top grade bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERIAC—Good stock, large, 40¢; small, 25¢.

ONIONS—Per bu., \$1.00-\$1.15.

POTATOES—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., \$1.25-\$1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10¢ per bushel.

CAHAGE—Good stock, per lb., 15¢.

POTATOES—Home grown, 35¢-\$65; western stock, 2¢.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, \$0.65-\$1.50; California Bellflower, 15¢; 19¢; Colorado Jonathanas, 25¢-\$1.00; Empire, 25¢-\$1.00; future were steady; February, 35¢-\$1.50; March, 35¢-\$1.50.

GRANADIERES—Jerseys, 25¢-\$1.00.

PLUMS—London, Pacific coast, firm at 24 cents.

GRAPE—MICHIGAN, 15¢-\$0.50.

TOPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navel, 27¢-\$3.00; fancy seedlings, 25¢-\$1.00.

LEMONS—California, fancy, 3¢ choice, 2.75.

BANANAS—Cuban, large stock, per bunch, \$2.00-\$2.25; firm, 25¢-\$1.00; July, 75¢-\$1.00.

MELONS—Miscellaneous.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large, 125¢-\$1.25; small, 10¢; Brazil, per lb., 90¢; English walnuts, 125¢-\$1.25; Pecans, prime medium, 90¢; extra large, 125¢; large hickory nuts, 125¢-\$1.25; macadamia, 125¢-\$1.25; pecans, per lb., 100¢; 149¢; peanuts, raw, 25¢; roasted, 66¢-\$1.00.

PEPPERS—Green, 12¢; red, 15¢; yellow, 15¢.

WHITE PEPPERS—White, 12¢; red, 15¢.

ONIONS—Eating, 12¢; white, 12¢; Colorado, 10¢-\$1.00.

WATERMELON—Firm, steady, 12¢.

LEMONS—Firm, 12¢.

LEAVES—Firm, 12¢.