COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat is Strong and Weak, but Closes on Top of the Bulge

LEITER INTERESTS ARE PROMINENT

Other Markets Are Stronger, Corn, Oats and Provisions Each Close at a Material Advance.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Wheat was strong and weak by turns today, but closed on the top of a bulge, May showing ⅝c advance and July a gain of 1⅛@1⅛c. Support from the Leiter interests was prominent at times, but there was plenty of influential bull news. The big short interest formed last week was evidently far from eliminated. Corn was strong and advanced ⅝c. Oats also showed strength, closing ⅝c higher. Provisions scored small advances.

Although news from Liverpool was distinctly disappointing, the opening in wheat was strong, July starting ½@⅝c higher at 89⅝@90c, and May unchanged to ⅛c higher at $1.04⅝@1.05. There was quite a good demand from shorts who had not covered yesterday, and the demand from this source was sufficient to overcome any natural weakness of the market. The fact that Liverpool had lost its slight opening advance before trading commenced here and that receipts of wheat at the English market during the last six days were up to the normal weekly requirements had the effect of bringing out liberal offerings that temporarily wiped out the opening advance here, and for a short time the market showed weakness. After July had declined to 89⅝c and May to $1.04¼ the demand again became so strong that prices advanced. Some of the support was given by Leiter and other prominent bull interests, and this brought more timid shorts into the pit. In addition there was covering of a line for St. Louis houses. Prospects of a cold wave following rain through the winter wheat belt had some influence. On this bulge May got up to $1.04 and July to 90⅝c. Then the market reacted. A good deal of wheat showing substantial profits came on the market and prices tended downward for some time, May finally getting to $1.01⅝ and July to 89⅛c. A steadier feeling developed on the liberal Atlantic port clearances (125,000 bu., and reports which were afterward denied of the engagement of 150 car loads of corn for export. No impression was made on prices, however, trading about that time being extremely limited. After 12 o'clock some activity was again manifested. Bradstreets' reported the world's visible decrease at 3,516,000 bu. This amount was fully twice as much as the trade expected and brought in a fresh lot of buying orders, and resulted in an advance in July to 90⅛c and May to $1.05. Prices quickly reacted, the market being loaded up with long wheat, but in the last twenty minutes trading the Leiter forces stated things so long with some lively bidding and prices climbed in a hurry. By closing time May had advanced to $1.05⅝. July rose to 91⅛c, but reacted just at the close to 91⅛c.

Corn developed a good deal of strength on smaller trading than of late. Opening strong and higher with wheat, prices eased off some on the heavy receipts, but such good support developed that the market advanced rapidly, most of the gain being maintained through the late grations of wheat. Heavy clearances had much influence. The buying was general. May ranged from 30⅝@30⅞c to 30c and closed ⅝c higher at 30⅝c.

The market for oats was dull and fluctuations were controlled almost entirely by the course of corn. Offerings were mostly taken by elevator people, probably against sales of oats for export. May ranged from 26⅝c to 26¼c and closed about ⅝c higher at 26⅝@26⅝c.

Provisions were weak during the morning, but strong later. The market opened strong on the moderate hog supply, but continued heavy selling by a prominent commission house caused prices to sag. There was a great deal of selling. During the latter part of the session a good demand sprang up, and near the close, when wheat made its bulge, buying became quite free and general. The market closed firm at near outside figures. May pork being 2½c higher at $9.42½, May lard 2½c higher at $5.17½ and May ribs 7½c higher at $5.20.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday: Wheat, 75 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 225 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
March	1 04⅛	1 05⅝	1 04⅛	1 05⅝	1 04⅜
May	1 04⅛@⅜	1 05⅝	1 04⅛	1 05⅝	1 04⅜
July	89⅝@90	91⅛	89⅝	91⅛	89⅝@⅞
*Corn—					
May	30⅝@⅞	30⅝@¾	30	30⅝	30
July	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛@⅛
Sept	32⅝	33	32⅝	33	32⅝
*Oats—					
May	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝@⅝	26¼
July	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24¼
Pork—					
May	10 42½	10 45	10 27½	10 42½	10 40
July	10 30	10 45	10 30	10 45	10 42½
Lard—					
May	5 15	5 17½	5 10	5 17½	5 15
July	5 22½	5 25	5 17½	5 25	5 22½
Ribs—					
May	5 10	5 20	5 10	5 20	5 12½
July	5 17½	5 25	5 15	5 25	5 17½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring specials, $5.40@5.50; spring patents, $4.70@5.10; straights, $4.40@4.60; bakers', $3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 89@90c; No. 3 spring, 88@89c; No. 2 red, $1.01⅛@1.03⅛.

CORN—No. 2, 29⅝@29⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 29⅝@29⅞c.

OATS—No. 2, 26⅝c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 29@29½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 28@28½c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 22@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.21½; new, $1.25½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.90.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $10.35@10.40. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.10@5.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.20@5.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $5.30@5.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18½.

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

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	35,000	15,000
Wheat, bu	74,000	182,000
Corn, bu	620,000	252,000
Oats, bu	511,000	235,000
Rye, bu	14,000	49,000
Barley, bu	97,000	42,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 15@20c; dairies, 11@18c. Cheese, quiet at 8@8½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 12c. Dressed poultry, dull; turkeys, 8@11c; chickens, 7@8c; ducks, 9@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 1.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,721 bbls.; exports, 10,675 bbls.; quiet and lower to sell. Minnesota patents, $3.20@3.35; Minnesota bakers', $4.00@4.60; winter straights, $4.00@4.25; winter extras, $3.30@4.10; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, steady, $3.75@3.85. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $1.25@1.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 89@90c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 70c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 50½@50c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 40c.

BARLEY MALT—Western, 72½@76c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 138,750 bu.; exports, 47,696 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.07⅛, f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened easy and unchanged, selling off under bearish cables; news a rally on account due to large supply for sale, the market ruling dull until near the close, when a scare in corn caused shorts again and prices left off at the top, or ⅝@1c higher than last night; No. 2 red, March, closed 99⅞c; May, closed $1.03⅝; May, $1.02⅞, closed $1.03⅝.

CORN—Receipts, 126,825 bu.; exports, 126,825 bu.; spot, strong; No. 2, 37c. Options opened steady and generally firm all day, particularly at the close, when news came that the demand and clearances was a feature; final prices were 1@1½c higher; May, 34⅝@35⅛c, closed 35⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 41,700 bu.; exports, 10,700 bu.; spot, easier; No. 2, 30c. Options were quiet, but sympathetic with other markets, closing ½c net higher; May closed at 30c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 80@82½c; middlings, 80c; rye feed, 82½@85c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, $1.00@1.05.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 12@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@12c; 1897 crop, 12@18c; olds, 5@8c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas, dry, 12c; California, 19@24½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, 18@22c; Wax, quiet; Buenos Ayres, 17@22½c; Texas, 15@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; packet, $9.00@9.50. Pork, meats quiet; pickled belies, $5.75@6.00; pickled shoulders, $4.75; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, quiet; western steamed, $5.12½; refined, quiet. Pork, weak; mess, $10.25@11.75; short clear, $10.75@12.50; family, $11.50@12.00. Tallow, steady, city 3½c; country, 3½@3¾c.

OILS—Petroleum, firm. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.65. Turpentine, firm, 33@35c. Cottonseed, quiet and steady; prime crude, 20@22c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 16@19c; prime summer yellow, 23@25c; off summer yellow, 23@25c; butter oil, 20@22c; prime winter yellow, 26@28c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¾@5¼c; Japan, $4@4.90.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@35c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants were steady with $8.75 bid and $8.75 asked, lake copper strong with $11.87½ bid and $12.00 asked; tin firm with $14.20 bid and $14.30 asked; spelter unchanged with $4.10 bid and $4.25 asked; lead was reported as dull with no change in quotations, $3.70 bid and $3.75 asked. The firm fixing the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $3.60.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9,146 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 10@22c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 11@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,675 pkgs.; quiet and steady; September, 8½c; October, 8@8½c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@2c.

EGGS—Receipts, 15,250 pkgs.; firm, at the decline; state and Pennsylvania, 11@12c; western, 11c; southern, 10@11½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 13@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 99 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 6c; old roosters, 5c; ducks, 6c.

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

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

POTATOES—Choice, $1.50; mediums, $1.00; lowland, $1.00; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

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

ONIONS—Per bbl., $1.10@1.25.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-pock 1bs., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.30; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—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, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 10c; Brazils, per lb., 8@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; 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@6½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 2-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 7c; 2-lb. boxes, 2½@25c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

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

SAUERKRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.25.

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

NOTES—Hallowes, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 8c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.00.

FRESH MEATS

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6⅝c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 11@c; rifle No. 1, 8c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; No. 5, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7½c; rounds, No. 2, 6½c; rounds, No. 3, 6½c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c.

Branks, per shoz., 2c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tails, each, 5c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 2½c; calf livers, each, 30@35c; calf tongues, each, 5@6c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 35c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 10c; boneless strips, frozen, 8c; strip loins, fresh, 8c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 8c; chucks, boneless, 5½c; plates, 3½c; loins, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 4 chucks, 2c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 2½c; cover plates, 2c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 13½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 7c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 9c per lb.; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 10c; loins 9c; saddles, 8½c; legs, 9½c; lamb legs, 8½c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, short, 6c; long, 6c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5½c; shoulders, regular, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 5c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c, plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; tenderloins, 15c; livers, each, 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 5c; blade bones, 2c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; 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 shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1 each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@9c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@9c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@7c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½@4c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2c.

FURS—Raw (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 150@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c; 25c; 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 1.—FLOUR—Firm, in sympathy with wheat; patents, $4.75@4.90; straights, $4.40@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher, closing ⅝@¾c for May and to for July above yesterday. July opened ⅛c lower, declined ⅝c, advanced ⅝c, fell back ⅝c and late advanced ⅛c, closing only 1c below within 1-16c of the top. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 98½c; track, 99@98½c; March, 98⅝c; May, $1.00⅝; July, 85⅝c bid.

CORN—Futures moderately active, followed wheat and closing at the top and ½c above yesterday. Spot firm; No. 2 cash, 27c; March, 27c; May, 27½c; July, 29c bid.

OATS—Futures dull and practically unchanged, with the exception of July, which closed ⅛c higher than yesterday; spot, easy; No. 2 cash, elevator, 26c; track, 27@27½c; March, 26¼c; May, 26½c bid; July, 23⅞c bid; No. 2 white, 28@29c.

RYE—Steady, 49½c.

FLAXSEED—$1.17.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.90@3.00.

CORNMEAL—Firm; $1.90@1.95.

BRAN—Dull and easier; sacked east track, 59c.

HAY—Firm for timothy at $7.00@10.50; prairie, steady at $7.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Higher; creamery, 15@21c; dairy, 9@16c.

EGGS—Lower; 10½c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

COTTONTIES—$1.20.

BAGGING—3½@6c.

METALS—Lead, lower, $3.52½. Spelter, nominal, $3.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady, standard mess, jobbing, $10.75. Lard, steady, prime steam, 4.92½c; choice, 5 cents. Bacon, boxed lots, extra short clear, $5.62½@5.87½; ribs, $5.87½@6; shorts, $6.00@6.25. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $5.25@5.50; ribs, $5.37½@5.62½; shorts, $5.50@5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 167,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 124,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, March 1.—The opening of the wheat market this morning was practically unchanged on cable advices thay the Liverpool quotations were unchanged and a slight bearish feeling, caused by disappointment at this news, caused some selling, but at this juncture the "clique" took hold, giving the market a turn and causing shorts to cover, which gradually worked the market higher until May wheat had reached as high as $1.04⅝ and July as high as 91c, at which figure it was steady, but later declined slightly and closed strong at $1.03 for May and 91⅛c bid for July.

The tendency of wheat seems to be upward and with the corn crop scares we are most certain to have in March, we can advise no one to sell this wheat short at the present time.

Corn opened about ⅛c higher this morning and after working around ⅝c, gradually climbed upward and reached the high point of the close. This advance we believe was caused by shorts, who covered extensively, and the large exports of this cereal during the last three days. Another bullish feature of corn is the large acreage of spring wheat which will be sown during the coming spring and the large acreage of winter wheat that is now in, which will reduce the corn acreage during the coming year to an unusually low point.

We cannot advise anything but to buy this corn on any break for good profits on a long pull.

May corn closed at 30⅝c bid and July at 31⅞c.

Oats was strong and advanced ⅛c for the May and July options, closing at 26⅝c for May and 24⅝c for July.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—WHEAT—Hard active, steady; No. 1 hard, 94@96c; No. 2, 86@89c; No. 3, 83@87c; No. 2 red, 92c; No. 3, 88@91c; No. 2 spring, 85c; No. 3, 84@c.

CORN—Active, steady to ¼c higher; No. 2 mixed, 27½@27¾c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 26@27c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 42@46c.

HAY—Firm, choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $6.25@7.00.

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

EGGS—Steady; receipts heavy, demand liberal; fresh, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 79,800 bu.; corn, 102,300 bu.; oats, 17,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 31,800 bu.; corn, 77,300 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

Bradstreets' Visible Statement.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreets', covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, decrease, 1,716,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 1,800,000 bushels; world's supply, total decrease, 3,516,000 bushels.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 612,000 bushels.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 142,000 bushels.

Among the more important reductions, as given by Bradstreets not reported in the official visible statement, were the decreases of 222,000 bushels at Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario storage points, 80,000 bushels at Northwestern interior elevators, 50,000 bushels at Minneapolis private elevators, 67,000 bushels at Chicago private elevators and 41,000 bushels at Louisville. The more important increases not otherwise reported are the gains of 190,000 bushels at New Orleans and 21,000 bushels at Cleveland.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, March 1.—The wool market here remains quiet and the tone is a little easier. The dealers regard the outlook as strong and there is no attempt to force prices. Territory wools were slow and about the only weakness of the whole market is shown in the prices for this class, while good parcels of fine medium and fine territory wool is yet at 50 cents, and lots of these wools can be purchased for 47 cents or any large lines. Fleece wools are not meeting with much demand, but the market maintains a firm tone.

Australian wools hold firm, but the demand is quiet.

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 27@28c; XX and above, 29@31c; Delaine, 30@32c; No. 1 combing, 30@32c; No. 2 combing, 30@32c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc.—Michigan, 24c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 26c; No. 2 Michigan, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 26c; N New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 28@29c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; Delaine Michigan, 28c. Unwashed medium, Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 25c; Kentucky and Indian three-quarter-blood combing, 29@29c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 27@27c; Missouri three-quarter-blood combing, 28@31c; braid combing, 31c; Texas and Georgia, fine, twelve months, 19@19c; scoured price, 49@49c; Texas and Georgia, fine, six months, 18@19c; scoured price, 45@47c; Territory wools—Montana fine medium and fine, 19@19c; scoured, 47@49c; staple, 50@52c. Australian wools, scoured basis combing, superfine, 59@62c; fine, 55@58c; average, 52@55c; Queensland combing, 60c.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 1.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.80@3.00; western extra, $3.25@3.40; family, $3.50@4.00; winter patents, $4.50@5.00; spring wheat patent, $4.25@4.40; spring wheat straights, $3.90@4.10; receipts, 19,224 bbls.; exports, 142 bbls.

WHEAT—Steady to spot and month, $1.00@1.00⅛; May, $1.00; steamer No. 2 red, 95⅝@95¾c; receipts, 45,751 bu.; exports, 36,001 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 97@$1.01⅛; southern wheat, on grade, 95⅝@$1.00⅛.

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

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Steady, with better feeling; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, 3½d; April, 3½d; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3c 6d.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 21@22c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy dairy, 15c; good dairy, 13@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 12c.

PROVISIONS—Firm; pork, New York, 6 large, 5⅝@5¾c; fancy New York, 27, medium, 19@19½c; fancy New York, 23, 16½@16½c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 1.—WHEAT—No. 1 red northern, spring, dull at 4s 3d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, quiet at 3s 3½d. Futures, February, nominal; March, quiet at 3s 3d.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 65s 9d; prime mess, 56s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, western, 44s. Hams, short cut, 11 to 16 lbs., easy at 32s 6d. Bacon, dull at 31s 6d, short nils, steady at 31s 6d; long clear middles, light, dull; clear middles, dull; heavy, 32s; clear backs, dull at 29s 6d. Shoulders, dull at 27s 6d; shoulders, dull at 28s 6d. Lard, prime western, dull at 27s 3d.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, dull at 47s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm at 19s.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, 15s 6d. Turpentine spirits, firm at 24s 9d. Rosin, common, steady at 4s 6d.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, March 1.—FLOUR—Fairly active; fancy, $4.60@4.80; family, $3.60@4.10.

WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 red, 97@98c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 31⅝c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 27½@28c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 52c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, Steady at $5.00. Bulk meats, easy at $5.15. Bacon, steady at $6.00.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.20.

BUTTER—Firm and higher; fancy Elgin creamery, 22c; choice, 20@18c; dairy, 11@12c.

EGGS—Quiet at 10½c.

SUGAR—Steady; hard refined, $4.22@5.97.

CHEESE—Firm and higher; good to prime ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 300 cars.

CHICAGO, March 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 118 cars; corn, 421 cars; oats, 424 cars. Estimated car lots tomorrow: Wheat, 75; corn, 600; oats, 225.

ST. LOUIS, March 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 20 cars.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 131 cars.

DULUTH, March 1.—Receipts: Wheat, 103 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, March 1.—WHEAT—Higher and firm; No. 2 cash, $1.00; May, 99⅝c.

CORN—Higher and firm; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, cash and May, 27c.

RYE—Dull and unchanged; No. 2 cash, 51c.

CLOVERSEED—Active; prime cash, $2.95 bid.

OIL—North Lima, 68c; south Lima and Indiana, 56c.

Detroit Markets.

DETROIT, March 1.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 97½c; No. 2 red, 98c; May, 98c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 33c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, March 1.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, 28½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, 26c; No. 3 white, 27@27½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof, $1.12½.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.31½; May, $1.40⅞.

BARLEY—Steady; December, 80c; May, $1.02.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 21c.

EGGS—Steady and easier; fresh nearby and western, 11c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Report from Washington Hastens the Shorts to Covering.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The stock market took on no well defined character today until after the publication of the statement attributed to the secretary of the navy that the element of Spanish official responsibility for the Maine explosion might be considered to be eliminated from the situation. This was in the last hour of the session and the whole short interest apparently rushed to cover the short lines that it has acquired in the last few days on the developments following the Maine disaster. There had been covering of shorts early in the day in continuance of yesterday's movement, but a little later other short selling developed on the theory that the market would certainly sag away after the large short interest had been covered. The market had apparently swung to a standstill and was drifting rather aimlessly, without yielding, when a strong movement set in on the long statement, and the trading ended in all the appearance of a runaway bull market. Some of the advances were violent, Metropolitan Street Railway being pushed up to 153½, a net rise of 2 points. This stock closed at 151. Manhattan, Sugar and New York Central were also conspicuous in the movement, the former showing an extreme advance of 5 points and the latter two rising 3 points each. There was large buying also of the grangers, and Rock Island rose 2 points and closed at the top, while the Vanderbilts felt the upward movement to a very noticeable extent, and this late bulge added to the very substantial advance already achieved makes the week's gains in railway stocks ranging from 1 to 4 points in the general list, and always that in exceptional cases. Buying for London helped the strength in the early dealings. There was some recovery in Spanish securities in London and this helped to put a better tone to shorts, who covered extensively, and the large exports of this cereal during the last three days. Another bullish feature of corn is the large acreage of spring wheat which will be sown during the coming spring and the large acreage of winter wheat that is now in, which will reduce the corn acreage during the coming year to an unusually low point.

We cannot advise anything but to buy this corn on any break for good profits on a long pull.

May corn closed at 30⅝c bid and July at 31⅞c.

Oats was strong and advanced ⅝c for the May and July options, closing at 26⅝c for May and 24⅝c for July.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 1.—WHEAT—Hard active, steady; No. 1 hard, 94@96c; No. 2, 86@89c; No. 3, 83@87c; No. 2 red, 92c; No. 3, 88@91c; No. 2 spring, 85c; No. 3, 84@c.

CORN—Active, steady to ¼c higher; No. 2 mixed, 27½@27¾c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 26@27c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 42@46c.

HAY—Firm, choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $6.25@7.00.

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

EGGS—Steady; receipts heavy, demand liberal; fresh, 10c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 79,800 bu.; corn, 102,300 bu.; oats, 17,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 31,800 bu.; corn, 77,300 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

Bradstreets' Visible Statement.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreets', covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, decrease, 1,716,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 1,800,000 bushels; world's supply, total decrease, 3,516,000 bushels.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 612,000 bushels.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 142,000 bushels.

Among the more important reductions, as given by Bradstreets not reported in the official visible statement, were the decreases of 222,000 bushels at Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario storage points, 80,000 bushels at Northwestern interior elevators, 50,000 bushels at Minneapolis private elevators, 67,000 bushels at Chicago private elevators and 41,000 bushels at Louisville. The more important increases not otherwise reported are the gains of 190,000 bushels at New Orleans and 21,000 bushels at Cleveland.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, March 1.—The wool market here remains quiet and the tone is a little easier. The dealers regard the outlook as strong and there is no attempt to force prices. Territory wools were slow and about the only weakness of the whole market is shown in the prices for this class, while good parcels of fine medium and fine territory wool is yet at 50 cents, and lots of these wools can be purchased for 47 cents or any large lines. Fleece wools are not meeting with much demand, but the market maintains a firm tone.

Australian wools hold firm, but the demand is quiet.

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 27@28c; XX and above, 29@31c; Delaine, 30@32c; No. 1 combing, 30@32c; No. 2 combing, 30@32c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc.—Michigan, 24c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 26c; No. 2 Michigan, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 26c; N New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 28@29c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; Delaine Michigan, 28c. Unwashed medium, Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 25c; Kentucky and Indian three-quarter-blood combing, 29@29c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 27@27c; Missouri three-quarter-blood combing, 28@31c; braid combing, 31c; Texas and Georgia, fine, twelve months, 19@19c; scoured price, 49@49c; Texas and Georgia, fine, six months, 18@19c; scoured price, 45@47c; Territory wools—Montana fine medium and fine, 19@19c; scoured, 47@49c; staple, 50@52c. Australian wools, scoured basis combing, superfine, 59@62c; fine, 55@58c; average, 52@55c; Queensland combing, 60c.

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