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May Wheat Shows an Advance on Leiter's Buying.

OTHER WHEAT PRICES ARE UNCHANGED

Corn Closes Lower, Oats Make an Advance, and Provisions Show a Slight Improvement in Price

CHICAGO, March 21.—With the exception of May the closing prices of wheat today, compared with Saturday's close, showed very little change. July closed ⅛c lower, all advance from frost in the winter wheat being lost under late realizing. Leiter was a buyer of May and that future was strong, closing 1⅜c higher. Corn was firm most of the time, but closed ⅛c lower. Oats advanced ¼c. Provisions were very dull, but the tendency was toward an improvement in prices, slight advances being recorded.

Wheat opened with a continuation of the weakness which marked the closing on Saturday, July starting about ¾c lower at 84½@84¾c. Perhaps the chief element of weakness lay in the large receipts here and in the northwest. Chicago receipts, estimates of which weakened the market Saturday, far overran expectations, 309 cars being reported, of which number 92 were of contract grade. Besides this 62 cars came from the mixing houses, a total addition to the contract stocks today of about 354,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth reported arrivals of 473 cars, against 444 last week and 394 a year ago. Liverpool showed ⅝d decline, at around the opening. World's shipments were large, 6,314,000 bushels, not including India. This was an important factor in the early weakness. Liquidation which started at the opening soon stopped. The weather bureau reported freezing temperature in the northwest, and predicted cold weather for the west, which, in view of the recent rains and the totally unprotected fields, aroused a good deal of apprehension among shorts and soon turned the market from weakness to strength. Inside of the first thirty minutes' trading July advanced to 85½c under fairly active buying to cover short lines. A reaction then set in which carried the price back to 85c, but support by prominent bull interests started recovering again and for two hours the market, though quiet, showed a good deal of strength. May fluctuations were apparently outside of the pale of other influences. Opening prices of that future were ½@¾c higher at $1.03@1.01. It sold up at once to $1.05 and did not get below $1.04 again during the session. Heavy selling by Leiter on Saturday caused dealers to think that he would be a buyer today and this proved true, for Leiter broke away from his accustomed buying and proved to be a buyer of May but not of July. The announcement that Leiter had contracted for the shipment of 1,000,000 bus. more of his wheat, all rail, to the coast, and belief in the early opening of lake navigation, with the moving of 2,000,000 bus. already loaded in boats, gave the market a strong undertone during the period of dullness. The market continued strong until a few minutes of the close, when general realizing set in, many of the early buyers disposing of their lines. Support in a general way was withdrawn and prices dropped quickly. July had sold as high as 85⅝@85¾c, but it dropped in a few minutes to 85⅛c and closed at 85⅛@85¼c. May sold as high as $1.05⅛ and closed at $1.04¾.

Corn was steady during most of the session. Shorts were the best buyers. The market was helped by the wheat strength and by liberal clearances, but weakened on the unexpected increase in the visible supply, which brought out considerable May liquidation. May ranged from 29⅛c to 28⅞@29c and closed ⅛c lower at 29⅛c.

Oats were strong and quite a good business was done. Shorts were good buyers and more outside support developed. The early advance in wheat, large clearances and good cash demand were the factors. The expected cold wave was also an influence. The market sympathized to some extent with the late decline in corn and wheat, but closed steady. May ranged from 26⅛c to 25½c and closed at ¼c higher at 25⅞c.

Provisions were slow, with prices most of the session almost at a standstill. The unsettled conditions at Washington acted as a drag on the market. Strength in the grain markets had a beneficial effect and later the demand improved, packers being the best buyers. At the close May pork was 5c higher at $9.87; May lard unchanged at $5.10, and May ribs 2½c higher at $5.07½.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 183 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close	Sat'y.
*Wheat-					
March.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May...	1 03⅛	1 05⅛	1 03⅛	1 04¾	1 03
July...	85⅛@⅜	85¾@⅞	84¾	85⅛@¼	85⅛@⅜
*Corn—					
May...	28⅞-29	29⅛	28⅞-29	29⅛	29¼
July...	30⅛@¼	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛@⅜	30½
Sept...	31⅛	31⅜	31⅛	31⅜	31⅜
*Oats—					
May...	25⅛	26⅛	25⅛	25⅞	25⅝
July...	23	23⅛	23	23⅛	23⅛@⅜
Pork—					
May...	9 80	9 87½	9 80	9 87½	9 82½
July...	9 85	9 95	9 85	9 92½	9 87½
Lard—					
May...	5 07½	5 10	5 07½	5 10	5 10
July...	5 17½	5 17½	5 15	5 17½	5 17½
Ribs—					
May...	5 05	5 07½	5 05	5 07½	5 05
July...	5 10	5 12½	5 10	5 12½	5 10

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.80@5.00; straights, $4.30@4.50; 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, 92@96c; No. 3 spring, $1.01⅜.

CORN—No. 2, 28⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 25⅝c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 29½@30½c; No. 3 white, 28@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—F. o. b., No. 3, 54@60½c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.17@1.20½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.85@9.87½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.07½@5.10. Short ribs, sides (loose), $4.90@5.15. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.25@5.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	28,000	39,000
Wheat, bu	120,000	100,000
Corn, bu	234,000	281,000
Oats, bu	274,000	291,000
Rye, bu	3,000	1,000
Barley, bu	68,000	6,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@18c; dairies, 10½@16c. Cheese, quiet, 8@8¾c. Eggs, fresh, 9c. Live poultry, market dull; turkeys, 7@8½c; chickens, 8@8½c; ducks, 7@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,824 bbls.; exports, 16,279 bbls.; quiet, but firm; city mill patents, $5.85@6.10; city mill clears, $5.60@5.75; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; Minnesota patents, $5.20@5.45; winter patents, $4.90@5.00; winter extras, $3.30@4.10; Minnesota bakers, $4.35@4.55; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull, $2.80@3.25. Buckwheat flour, nominal, $1.30@1.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet, 44c.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 69c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 57⅝@58⅛c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 41c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52½@67c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 76,775 bu.; exports, 56,093 bu.; spot, easy; No. 2 red, 81.04¾ f. o. b. afloat to arrive; options opened steadier at ⅜c advance over Saturday's late curb price, with shorts buying on a general weather scare, receiving clique support and better cables than expected; steadiners continued until near the close, when, under realizing, prices eased off quite sharply and were finally ⅛@⅜c higher than Saturday's curb, but 1⅛@1⅜c below the opening close; No. 2 red, March, $1.03@1.04⅛, closed $1.03; May, 99⅝@$1.00⅜, closed 99⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 215,475 bu.; exports, 120,402 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 36⅝c. Options opened fairly steady with wheat, but encountered moderate offerings, which, in absence of outside support, caused weakness, and prices closed ⅛c net lower; May, 33 13-16@33⅞c, closed, 33⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 146,400 bu.; exports, 104,414 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32½c; options, dull and barely steady with corn, closing ⅛c net lower; May, 29⅝@30c, closed 29⅞c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 80@82½c; middlings, 80c; rye feed, 62½@65c.

HAY—Easy; shipping, 20@35c; good to choice, 65@70c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 17@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 17@18c. London market, 85@95.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 25½c; Texas dry, 23c; California, 17½@19½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@20½c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 12@15c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; packet, 10@11c. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.62½@5.75; pickled shoulders, $4.50@4.62½; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, easy; western steamed, $5.55@5.60; refined, quiet. Pork, mess, $9.75@10.00; short clear, $10.50@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, steady; city, 3 11-16@3⅜c; country, 3⅜@3½c, as to quality.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, quiet, 33½c. Cottonseed oil, dull; prime crude, 19½@20c; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 16@16½c; prime summer yellow, 22½@23c; off summer yellow, 22c; butter oil, 25@27c; prime winter yellow, 29@29½c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4½@6½c; Japan, 5½c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@33c.

METALS—The feeling in today's market was decidedly better, nearly all points showing firmness on more active inquiry. At the close the metal exchange called pig iron warrants quiet at $6.75 bid and $6.90 asked; lake copper, quiet at $11.87½ bid and $12.00 asked; tin, firmer at $14.30 bid and $14.40 asked; spelter, firmer at $4.25 bid and $4.35 asked; lead, firmer at $3.72½ bid and $3.77½ asked. The firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters in the west quotes lead at $3.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9,240 pkgs.; market firm; western creamery, 15@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 12@15c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,524 pkgs.; market quiet; September, 8c; October, 7½@7¾c; light skims, 5⅞@6½c; part skims, 4@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 14,685 pkgs.; market firm; state and Pennsylvania, 10⅝@11c; western, 10⅝c; southern, 10@10⅝c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 8c.

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

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 3c; ducks, 6c.

GAME—Mallards, $2.00@3.25; teal, $1.25@1.50; brants, $3.50@4.50; Canadian geese, $4.50@6.00; mixed, $1.25@1.50.

PIGEONS—Live, $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light hales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 50c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.00@1.10.

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

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

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., ¼@½c.

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

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $4.00@4.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $7.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Nebraska, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.

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, $2.75; choice, $2.50; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Per bunch, 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., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, 10@11c; 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, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 2-crown, 48-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box. California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

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

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

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, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

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

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6¾c; 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, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; rounds, No. 1, 7½c; rounds, No. 2, 6½c; rounds, No. 3, 6¼c; trimmings, 1¾c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 11c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 8c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins (calves), 15c; tenderloins, frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 9½c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 7½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6¼c; rump butts, boneless, 5¾c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 3¼c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; 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, 9c.

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

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5¼c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6½c; long, 5c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5¾c; Boston butts, 5¾c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5¼c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5¼c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; neckbones, 2c; cheek meat, 4c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs, feet, per doz., 30c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7½c; No. 2 green hides, 6½c; 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 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, 4@5c; 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, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3@3¼c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@90c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf, (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 25@40c; silver fox, $5.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—FLOUR—Weaker; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Unsettled and irregular, closing ¼c higher for May and ¼c lower for July compared with Saturday's spot lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 97½c bid; track, 97½@98½c; March, 98½c; May, 99¼c; July, 79¾c bid; No. 2 hard, cash, 92c.

CORN—Futures closed weak, but unchanged; spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 26¾c; March, 26¾c; May, 26⅝@26¾c; July, 28½c asked; September, 29¼c bid.

OATS—Futures were easier; spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 26c bid; track, 26½c; March, 26c; May, 25½c; July, 23c asked; No. 2 white, 28⅝@28c.

RYE—Higher at 48½c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at $1.12.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.85@2.90.

CORNMEAL—$1.50@1.55.

BRAN—Steady; east track, sacked, 57c.

HAY—In little demand, except for fine timothy; prairie, $5.00@8.25; timothy, $8.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 16@19½c; dairy, 9@13½c.

WHISKY—$1.20.

EGGS—Firm at 8½c.

COTTON—Firm at 5¾c.

BAGGING—4½@6c.

METALS—Lead, stronger at $3.55@3.57½; spelter, $4.00, sellers.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $9.87½. Lard, steady; prime steam, $4.92½; choice, $4.95. Boxed meats, bacon shoulders, $5.12½@5.25; extra short clear, $5.62½; ribs, $5.75; shorts, $5.87½. Dry salt meats, shoulders, $4.50@4.62½; extra short clear, $5.12½; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 212,000 bu.; oats, 67,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 86,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—HOG PRODUCTS—Quiet. Pork, standard mess, $10.25. Lard, refined tierces, $3.62½@3.75; pure lard, $5.25@5.37½. Boxed meats, 25-lb. average salt shoulders, $5.00; sides, $5.37½. Bacon, sides, $6.25. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to fair, 6⅝@6¾c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3¾@4¾c.

FLOUR—Dull; extra fancy, $4.60@4.70; patents, $4.85@5.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—72c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, $10.00@10.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 37@37½c; white and yellow, 37½@38c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 31½c.

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Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat Saturday, March 19, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

WHEAT—31,417,000 bu.; decrease, 598,000 bu.

CORN—42,388,000 bu.; increase, 736,000 bu.

OATS—12,317,000 bu.; decrease, 549,000 bu.

RYE—2,291,000 bu.; decrease, 118,000 bu.

BARLEY—1,976,000 bu.; decrease, 144,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, March 21.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 cash and May, 97¾c.

CORN—Active, steady; No. 2 mixed, 30c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 27c.

RYE—Dull, easy; No. 2 cash, 50c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Active, higher; prime cash, March and April, $2.95.

OIL—North Lima, 57c; South Lima and Indiana, 52c.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, March 21.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 20c; fancy western prints, 21c.

EGGS—Dull and ⅛c lower; fresh, nearby and western, 10½c.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady; New York fancy full cream, 8½@8¾c; New York prime, 7½@8c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, March 21.—WHEAT—Spot, dull; No. 2 red, northern spring, 8s; No. 2 red, western, 3s 9d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American, new, 3s 4½d; futures quiet; March, 3s 4d; May, 3s 2⅝d; July, 3s 2½d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week: From Atlantic ports, 57,000 quarters; Pacific ports, 14,000 quarters; other ports, 55,000 quarters. Imports of corn into Liverpool for the week: From Atlantic ports, 46,100 quarters.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 9s 3d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull, £4 5s@£4 15d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 9d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fair western, 51s 3d; prime mess, medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, short cut, steady, 32s 6d. Bacon, firm, 31s. Short ribs, dull, 31s; long clear middles, light, steady, 29s; long clear middles, heavy, steady, 28s 6d; short clear backs, steady, 28s 6d. Clear bellies, steady, 32s. Shoulders, square, steady, 24s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady, 27s. Tallow, prime city, firm, 20s 6d.

CHEESE—American white and colored finest, unchanged.

OILS—Cottonseed, Liverpool refined, steady, 17s 3d. Turpentine spirits, steady, 25s 3d. Rosin, common, steady, 4s 2d.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—FLOUR—Quiet; western, superfine, $2.70@3.10; western, extra, $3.35@4.00; western, family, $4.30@4.60; winter wheat patents, $4.75@5.00; spring patents, $5.20@5.40; spring wheat straight, $5.00@5.15. Receipts, 7,637 bbls.; exports, none.

WHEAT—Unsettled; spot and month, 99¼@99¾c; May, 99¾c@$1.00; steamer, No. 2 red, 92⅞@95⅝c. Receipts, 82,467 bu.; exports, none. Southern wheat, by sample, 93c@$1.00; southern wheat, on grade, 96½@99½c.

CORN—Steady; spot and month, 33¼@33½c; March, 33⅝@33¾c; steamer, mixed, 32⅝@34c. Receipts, 209,932 bu.; exports, 128,931 bu. Southern white corn, 33½@34½c; southern yellow corn, 32⅝@33¾c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, western, 34@34½c; No. 2 mixed, white, 31½@32c. Receipts, 37,112 bu.; exports, 60,000 bu.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 nearby, 55½c; No. 2 western, 56½c. Receipts, 9,215 bu.; exports, none.

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

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Demand very flat, and rates appear to be easy; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3¼d, May; cork for orders, per quarter, 5s 10½d, March; 3s 4½d@3s 6d, April.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 20@21c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy table, 15c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 10@12c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 10½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 9½@10c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—WHEAT—Active, steady to ¼c higher; No. 1 hard, 90@91c; No. 2, 88@89c; No. 3, 86@87c; No. 1 red, 94@96c; No. 2, 93@96c; No. 3, 87½@92½c; No. 2 spring, 86@88c; No. 3, 84@86c.

CORN—Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, 25½@26c.

OATS—Active and steady; No. 2 white, 27½@28c.

RYE—Weaker; No. 2, 45½c.

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

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@18½c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 7½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 46,200 bu.; corn, 57,800 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 43,200 bu.; corn, 27,900 bu.; oats, 9,600 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, March 21.—FLOUR—Easy; fancy, $4.35@4.55; family, $3.70@4.00.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 97½c.

CORN—Active, lower; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 mixed, 28@29c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2, 52c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady, $4.95. Bulk meats, steady, $5.15. Bacon, steady, $5.95.

WHISKY—Firm, $1.20.

BUTTER—Easier; Elgin creamery, 20½c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10@12c.

SUGAR—Easy; hard refining, $4.10@5.85.

EGGS—Dull, 9c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Receipts today: Wheat, 279 cars; corn, 301 cars; oats, 292 cars. Estimated carlots tomorrow: Wheat, 183 cars; corn, 220 cars; oats, 300 cars.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—Receipts: Wheat, 13 cars.

KANSAS CITY, March 21.—Receipts: Wheat, 77 cars.

Buffalo Market.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 21.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.00⅝; new, $1.05⅝; No. 2 winter, $1.05⅝.

BARLEY—Minnesota, 45@50c; Wisconsin, 42@47c.

RYE—No. 2 on track, 58c asked.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, March 21.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 94c; No. 2 red, cash and May, 96c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 21.—CORN—Market firmer; No. 2, 27⅝@28c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 28c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.35⅝; May, $1.45⅛.

BARLEY—Steady; December, $1.07½; May, $1.16⅞.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., March 21.—BUTTER—Steady; offerings, 199 tubs; sales, 185 tubs at 18½c; sales reported for the week, 10,540 tubs.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market is Dull, Owing to Uncertainties About Cuba.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The only feature discernible in today's stock market was its dullness. This dullness was the exact reflection of the doubt and hesitation which prevail in all financial circles over the next probable development in the Cuban question. Apparently there was a limited volume of sales for the short account at the start, which resulted in sharp declines to practically the low point of the day. There were lower prices made in some few stocks later in the aimless drifting of the market. Business was almost stagnant after the opening until near the close, when there was a sharp rally in prices, apparently due to the relaying of 54¾, a decline of ¼ from Saturday's prices.

PARIS, March 21.—On the bourse today Spanish 4s closed at 55 7-16. The closing price of Saturday was 55 3-16. Most of the day was quiet, and prices improved on the rumor that those stocks which are not quoted on the floor will be exempted from yearly stamp duties, payment of which will be confined to new issues. The market closed firm. Three per cent rentes, 103f 32½c for account. Exchange on London, 25f 29c for account.

MADRID, March 21.—Spanish 4s are quoted today at 76.55.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, March 21.—The market for American securities, after a dull and narrow week opening, was firmer, with no special feature. The close was steady and the demand light.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, March 21.—The following are the quotations for leading descriptions:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleces, X and above, 27@28c; XX, 29c; XX and above, 30c; delaine, 29@31c; No. 1 combing, 30@31c; No. 2 combing, 26@31c. Michigan, Wisconsin, northwest, delaine, Michigan, 24c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 29c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 29c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 28@29c; New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 29@31c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; delaine, Michigan, 26c. Unwashed medium Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 23c; Kentucky and Indiana three-eighths-blood combing, 22c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 22c; Missouri three-eighths-blood combing, 23c; braid combing, 24c; lake and Georgia, 22c. Texas wools, spring medium, twelve-month, 16@18c; scoured, 43@45c; spring fine, twelve months, 18@19c; scoured, 48@50c. Territory wools: Montana fine medium and fine, 16@18c; scoured, 40@42c. Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, etc.: Fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured, 45@47c; staple, 50c. Australian scoured basis, combing superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c.

ST. LOUIS, March 21.—WOOL—Dull and easier; medium, 15@19½c; light fine, 13@16c; heavy fine, 86@13c; tub washed, 22@28c.

LONDON, March 21.—WOOL—There was a good attendance at the wool auction sales today. The offerings aggregated 14,147 bales and consisted of a varied selection. There was active competition and the tone of the sales was firm. Continental representatives showed a hardening tendency. The continental buyers, especially French representatives, were bidding spiritedly for better greasy merinos. Prices are very high, especially for locks and pieces, owing to the scarcity of scoured. A fine line of Geelong sold well to the home trade at 2s 6½d, and also lambs at 3s 10½d. The home trade also purchased a majority of middle sorts, greasy merinos and crossbreds. There was a quick sale for Cape of Good Hope, which was in moderate supply. A lot of Natal greasy was principally taken by Yorkshire at a farthing to half a penny above the opening of the sale. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 5,100 bales; scoured, 1s 2¾@1s 7d; greasy, 5½@5¾d. Queensland, 1,250 bales; scoured, 1s 4d@1s 8½d; greasy, 6½@10½d. Victoria, 3,300 bales; scoured, 1s@1s 10d; greasy, 3½d@1s ½d. South Australia, 600 bales; scoured, 1s ¼d; greasy, 5½@7½d. West Australia, 400 bales; greasy, 5½@6¾d. New Zealand, 2,300 bales; scoured, 60@11d; greasy, 6½@10d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 3,400 bales; scoured, 7¾d @1s 5d; greasy, 5½@7½d.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The dreary weather produced quiet store trading in dry goods today, which was the most noticeable change in conditions noted. Jobbers did a fair business, but by no means as heavy as during the early part of last week. In primary markets there is little or no change. Cotton continues quiet with many adverse influences evident. The export trade in staple cottons, dry goods, ducks and other brown goods is decidedly better. Other staple cottons are generally quiet. Print cloths are weak, though nominally quoted at 2¼c, less 1 per cent. Actual business in extras can only be gone on as before on a basis of 2 11-16c. Prints are quiet.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, March 21.—SUGAR—Dull; open kettle, 2⅝@3 11-16c; granulated, 4⅝@4 11-16c; whites, 4⅛@4⅜c; yellows, 4@4 3-16c; seconds, 2⅝@3 15-16c. Molasses, strong; centrifugal, 59@40c.

NEW YORK, March 21.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 1-16c; refined, quiet; mould A, 5⅝c; standard A, 5c; confectioners' A, 5c; cut loaf, 5⅝c; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5 5-16c; granulated, 5⅛c; cubes, 5 3-16c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, March 21.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Steady; evaporated apples, common, 5@6c; prime wire tray, 8½@8¾c; wood dried, prime, 8½@8¾c; choice, 8¾@9c; fancy, 9½@10c; prunes, 3½@6c; apricots, Royal, 5½@7c; Moor Park, 8½@10c; peaches, unpeeled, 5@9c; peeled, 12@16c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Week Opens with Light Supplies and a General Request.

GOOD DEMAND FOR THE BEEF STEERS

Prices Go Up Five to Ten Cents Under Urgent Buying—Hogs Sell Briskly and a Shade Higher.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 21.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Hor's.
March 21	1,429	1,778	5,716	16
March 19	1,208	3,355	1,701	7
March 18	2,307	4,708	2,999	....
March 17	1,804	4,730	14,146	3
March 16	3,597	4,945	5,535	....
March 15	3,720	6,007	3,041	36
March 14	2,188	1,629	4,826	2
March 12	2,108	4,532	796	20
March 11	2,482	5,942	1,985	....
March 10	2,342	4,697	10,207	....
March 9	2,804	6,251	6,976	47
March 8	2,839	6,600	7,869	3
March 7	3,200	3,176	3,584	4
March 5	1,137	5,437	1,270	66
March 4	1,823	6,545	6,245	43
March 3	1,052	5,599	3,763	2
March 2	1,794	5,349	4,833	5

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	....	1	..	1