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Weak Cables and the Good Crop Prospects Break Wheat Market.

JULY AND SEPTEMBER EACH CLOSE LOWER

Corn and Oats Follow Wheat with Declines and All Lines in Provisions Suffer a Big Loss.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Selling by longs, together with weaker cables and the fine crop prospects, caused another break in wheat today. July is 1½c lower and September declined 1 5-8@2c. Corn lost 1@1 1-8c and oats 1¼c. Provisions show declines of 27½c for pork, 20c for lard and 12½@15c for ribs.

The bulk of speculative business in wheat today was confined to September and December, and in view of the lower foreign markets and the prospect of big crops on both sides of the ocean holders got discouraged and sold out, and scalpers sold short, making a weak and drooping market. July was heard of at considerable intervals and was apparently kept well in hand by Leiter brokers, and the latter also took occasion at times, when September and December appeared to be getting too weak, to let the crowd know the high worth of May and June wheat. Liverpool cables were 1@2d lower. Among the bearish items of the day's news was a report that France had supplies enough until harvest, which will commence in the southern part of that country July 1. The Chicago receipts were 467 cars, against 12 last year, and Minneapolis and Duluth got 858 cars. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were again heavy, being equal to 625,000 bu. July started 1@2c lower at $1.09@1.10, sold up to $1.10½, declined to $1.08½, then up again to $1.09¼ at the close. September began 1¼@1½c off at 87½@88c, advanced to 88@88¼c, weakened to 87¼c, then rallied to 87¾@87 7-8c, the closing figure. May and June were unchanged.

A large speculative business was done in corn today at declining prices. The weakness was chiefly due to an improvement in the weather. The heaviness of September wheat had its influence also to the injury of the value of corn. Receipts were 869 cars. July opened 5-8c off at 34½@34 5-8c, advanced to 34⅝@34 7-8c, then declined steadily to 34 1-8c bid, the final quotations.

The heavy selling by May longs was held responsible for a good share of the decline in oats. Receipts were 466 cars. July opened 1¼c lower at 25 5-8c, declined to 25¼@25½c, back again to 25 5-8c, then declined steadily to 25 5-8c, the closing figures.

There was evidence of provision selling by the packing houses today. Everything was weak and hog products felt the decline in corn. Hogs were 5c lower. July started 15@17½c off and sold up to $12.30@12.02½, sold up to $12.07½, fell back to $11.72½ and firmed up to $11.85@ at the close. July lard opened 10@12½c lower at $6.25@6.27½, weakened to $6.12½, then up to $6.17½, the closing price. July ribs opened 5c lower at $6.05@6.07½, sold off to $5.90, then advanced and closed at $5.97½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 282 cars; corn, 419 cars; oats, 288 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

Leading futures range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
*Wheat—					
May...	1 00	1 03	1 00	1 03	1 03
July...	1 00-10	1 03¼	1 00	1 00¼	1 11
Sept...	87⅜-88	88¾	87¼	87¾@⅞	89¼
Dec...	82⅝@⅞	83	82¼	82⅝	83⅜
*Corn—					
May...	34⅝	34⅝	34⅛	34⅜	34⅞
July...	34¼@⅜	34¼@⅜	34⅛	34⅜	35¼@¼
Sept...	35⅜@⅝	35⅝@¾	35	35	36@⅛
*Oats—					
May...	29½	29¾	29⅛	29¼	29¾
July...	25¾	25¾	24⅞	24⅞	25¾
Sept...	22¾@⅞	23	22⅜	22½	23¼
Pork—					
July...	12 02½	12 07½	11 72½	11 87½	12 15
Sept...	12 15	12 15	11 87½	12 00	12 30
Lard—					
July...	6 25	6 27½	6 12½	6 17½	6 37½
Sept	6 35	6 37½	6 20	6 27½	6 45
Ribs—					
July...	6 05	6 07½	5 90	5 97½	6 12½
Sept	6 10	6 12½	5 97½	6 05	6 17½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; special brands, $7.40; winter patents, $6.60@6.90; winter straights, $6.25@6.50; winter clears, $6.00@6.30; spring patents, $6.75@7.00; bakers', $5.00@5.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.20; No. 3 spring, $1.15@1.40; No. 2 red, $1.62.

CORN—No. 2, 34½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29¼@29½c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 30@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 65½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 40@51c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1, $1.34@1.35; prime timothy seed, $2.80@2.85.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $11.75@11.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.15@6.17½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.90@6.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $6.35@6.45.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.25; standard A, $5.25.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	11,500	11,500
Wheat, bu	93,800	178,200
Corn, bu	535,300	207,300
Oats, bu	418,800	327,300
Rye, bu	14,000	600
Barley, bu	40,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 13@15½c; dairies, 11@12c. Eggs, steady at 10@11c. Live Poultry, in good demand; spring chickens, 3½@9½c; ducks, 6@7c; turkeys, 6@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 45,767 bbls.; exports, 151 bbls.; strong and higher with wheat; winter patents, $6.60@7.00; winter straights, $6.25@6.50; Minnesota patents, $6.90@7.40; winter extras, $4.75@5.50; Minnesota bakers, $5.50@5.80; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, quiet, $3.65@4.15.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 80c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 66@67c.

BARLEY—Nominal; feeding, 42c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 62@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 679,825 bu.; exports, 280,638 bu.; spot easy; No. 2 red, 87 5-8@⅞ f. o. b. afloat; exports, grade, 953c afloat; September, 87 5-8@⅞c. Options opened weak under depressing cable news, northwest receipts and favorable crop reports. Trade was dull all day, with little feature, save a late rally in July on covering, which left it unchanged from last night and 3c decline on May and 1 3-8c drop in later months. No. 2 red, May, closing, $1.59@1.60; July, $1.16@1.16½; closing, $1.10⅞.

CORN—Receipts, 165,200 bu.; exports, 830,197 bu.; spot weak; No. 2, 40 5-8c. Options dull and weak all day. Selling was inspired by improved crop news and weak cables and closed 5-8@⅝c lower; May closed, 38 7-8@39c; July, 39½@39¾c; closed, 39 3-8c.

OATS—Receipts, 259,000 bu.; exports, 634,205 bu.; spot weak; No. 2, 33½@33¾c; No. 2 white, 36c. Options reflected weakness in other departments and closed ¼c net lower; May closed, 33¼c.

HAY—Lower; shipping, 35@40c; good to choice, 45@75c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1898 crop, 6@7c. Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 12@14c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs. 16c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@20c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 16@22c; Texas, 12@14c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $12.50@13.00; extra mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $23.50@24.00; packet, $11.50@12.00; city extra India mess, $18.00@19.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 6½@7¼c; pickled shoulders, 4½@5c; pickled hams, 7¼@8c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $6.50; refined, quiet. Pork, steady; mess, $11.75@12.00; short clear, $12.50@14.50; family, $13.00@14.00. Tallow, steady; city, 4c; country, 3¾@4 1-8c, as to quality.

OILS—Petroleum, steady. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, steady at 29@29½c. Cottonseed oil, inactive; prime crude, 21@22c; nominal; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 16½@17½c; prime summer yellow, 26c; off summer yellow, 25@25½c. Butter oil, dull at 28@29c; prime yellow winter, 30@31c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 5 1-8@5¾c; Japan, 5 7-8@6c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@32c.

METALS—All departments were very slow today, with changes in quotations. At the close the metal exchange called pig iron warrants very quiet, with $6.75 bid and $6.80 asked; lake copper was quiet and unchanged, with $12.00 bid and $12.10 asked; tin was dull, with $14.03 bid and $14.70 asked; spelter finished the day steady in tone, with $4.25 bid and $4.35 asked; lead ruled very dull, with $3.90 bid at the close and $3.95 asked. Lead is still quoted at $3.50 by the firm making the settling price for western miners and smelters.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,200 pkgs.; quiet; light skims, 6@6½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 13,600 pkgs.; steady; western, 11½@12c; southern, 11½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 13,700 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 14@16c; Elgins, 16c; factory, 11@12½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 9½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator, 15c; gathered creamery, 13@14c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 5@5½c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 7@7½; old roosters, 3½@5½c; young roosters, 6@6½c; spring chickens, 20@22c.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.15@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $7.00; midland, $6.00; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—New southern, per lb., 2½c.

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

CABBAGE—Mississippi, per crate, $2.00@2.25; Texas, $2.00.

POTATOES—Home grown, 70@55c; Colorado stock, 75c; northern fancy early Ohio seed potatoes, 85c; new potatoes, per bbl., $3.50; bushel boxes, $1.25.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $2.00@3.25.

BEETS—New, per bu. box, $1.00.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 25@30c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 10c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 75c.

WAX BEANS—1-3 bu. box, 75c.

PEAS—Per 1-2 bu., 65@75c.

SPINACH—Per basket, $1.

PIEPLANT—Home grown, per lb., 1c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Arkansas, 24-qt. case, good shipping stock, $4.50; Missouris, $4.00.

APPLES—Jonathans, $3.75.

GOOSEBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $2.00@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $2.50; Mediterranean sweets, $2.50@2.75.

LEMONS—California, $3.00@3.25; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

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, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 11@12c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 11@12c; 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; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22½@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

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

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

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

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3; bbl., $5.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c.

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

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.

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, 2½c, 5c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie covote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@90c; silver fox, $5.00@75.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7½c; good forequarters steers, 6c; good hindquarters steers, 9c; western steers, 7c; native heifers, 6¾c; good forequarters heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters heifers, 8½c; native cows, 6¼c; western cows, 6½c; cow forequarters, 3½c; cow hindquarters, 8½c; backhalves, cow, 6½c; steer, 7c; triangles, cow, 4½c; steer, 5½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, fresh, 18c; frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 11c; strip loins, fresh, 9c; frozen, 7½c; rolls, boneless, fresh, 11c; rolls, Spencer cuts, fresh, 11c; sirloin butts, boneless, fresh, 11c; shoulder clods, boneless, 4½c; rump butts, boneless, 6c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 5c; No. 1 chucks, roll, boneless chucks, frozen, 5c; fresh, 5½c; cow plates, 4½c; steer plates, 4¾c; flank steak, 8c; loins, No. 1, frozen, 12c; fresh 14½c; loins, No. 2, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; loins, No. 3, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin ends, 9½c; hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; ribs, No. 2, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10½c; ribs, No. 3, frozen, 6c; fresh, 8½c; No. 1 rounds, 7½c; No. 2 rounds, 7c; No. 3 rounds, 5c; beef rounds, shank off, ¾c additional; beef rounds, shank and rump off, 1¼c additional; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 3c; tongues, per lb., 12c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 10½c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Spring lambs, 10c; regular lambs, 9c; sheep, 8c; market racks (long), 9c; hotel racks (short), 11c; loins, 9½c; saddles, 10c; legs, 10½c; lamb legs, 12c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 6c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5¾c; dressed hogs, tenderloins, 12c; loins, small, 7½c; large, 7¼c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 6c; Boston Butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 5¾c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads, cheaned, 3c; snouts and ears, 3c; fresh hams, 16 to 18 lbs., 7½c; fresh short clears, 5¾c; cheek meat, 4c; neckbones, 2c; pigs' tails, 2c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 25c; stomachs, per doz., 10c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—FLOUR—Dull and easy; patents, $6.25@6.40; straights, $5.75@6.00; clear, $5.00@5.50; mixed, $4.25@4.75.

WHEAT—Closed weak, with sellers at the bottom and May 2c, July 2¼c, September 2 1-8c and December 1c under yesterday; spot, lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.22 bid; track, $1.25@1.27; May, $1.22 bid; July, 97¼c asked; September, 84¼c asked; December, 82c; No. 2 hard, cash, $1.25.

CORN—Closed weak at the bottom and ⅛c lower than yesterday for July, the leading option; spot, easy; No. 2 cash, 33¼c asked; May, 32½c; July, 32¼c bid; September, 32 3-8c.

OATS—Futures were dull but easier; spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 24c asked; track, 26@29c; May, 29½c bid; July, 24½c bid; September, 22½c asked; No. 2 white, 32½@33c.

RYE—Nominal at 62c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, $1.30; prime timothy seed, $2.00@2.65.

COTTONTAILS—Strong at $1.90@2.00.

BRAN—Dull; undepressed and lower; sacked, east track, 64c.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $7.50; timothy, $9.00@11.50.

BUTTER—Firm, but quotably unchanged.

EGGS—Lower at 9c.

WHISKY—$1.27.

COTTONTIES—79c.

BAGGING—5 7-8@6 3-8c.

METALS—Lead, steady at $3.47½@3.50; spelter, nominal at $4.10.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $12.00. Lard, lower; prime steam, $6.00; choice, $6.07½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.87½; extra short clear, $6.87½; ribs, $7.00; shorts, $7.12½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5.37½; extra short clear, $6.37½; ribs, $6.50; shorts, $6.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 29,000 bu.; corn, 106,000 bu.; oats, 54,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 72,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 24.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red northern, spring, steady, 11s; July, 10s 4d; September, 7s 7½d.

CORN—Spot American mixed, new, steady, 3s 6½d; futures, quiet, May, 3s 6 1-8d; July, 3s 3 3-8d; September, 3s 3d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull, 12s 9d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull £2 2s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; extra India mess, 55s; prime mess, 48s. Pork, prime mess, medium western, 35s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 34s. Bacon, dull, 34s 6d; short ribs, 34s; long clear middles, light, 35s; long clear middles, heavy, 34s 6d; short clear backs, 34s 6d; clear bellies, 34s. Shoulders, square, dull, 28s 6d. Lard, prime western, dull, 33s. Tallow, prime city, firm.

CHEESE—Dull; American finest white, 49s; finest colored, 42s.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, steady, 16s 9d. Turpentine spirits, steady, 26s 9d. Rosin, common, firm, 58 7½d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week: From Atlantic ports, 74,900 quarters; from Pacific ports, none; from other ports, 17,000 quarters. Imports of corn into Liverpool from Atlantic ports for the week, 55,600 quarters.

Bradstreet's Visible Statement.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Special and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increased 800,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, increased 2,100,000 bu.; world's supply, total increase, 2,900,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 2,486,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 679,000 bu.

Among the most important reductions are the decreases of 134,000 bu. at Manitoba storage points; 131,000 bu. at New Orleans; 100,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, and 75,000 bu. at Galveston. The important gains not otherwise reported are the increases of 97,000 bu. at Cleveland; 50,000 bu. at Minneapolis, and 49,000 bu. at Fort William, Ont. The combined stock of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., shows an increase of 326,000 bu. of wheat.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, May 24.—FLOUR—Firm; western superfine, $3.75@4.00; western extra, $4.00@5.25; western family, $5.85@6.25; winter wheat, $6.50@6.85. Receipts, 7,193 bbls.; exports, 13,758 bbls.

WHEAT—Unsettled; spot and month, $1.25¼@1.25½; July, $1.11 asked; steamer No. 2 red, $1.29½ bid; receipts, 37,958 bu.; exports, 80,000 bu.; southern wheat by sample, $1.20@1.35¼; southern wheat on grade, $1.20¼@1.35½.

CORN—Weak; spot and month, 38¼@38⅝c; July, 38¼@38¾c; steamer mixed, 37½@37¾c; receipts, 376,138 bu.; exports, 135,749 bu.; southern white and yellow corn, 40@40½c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 37½@38c; No. 2 mixed, 34c; receipts, 80,718 bu; exports, none.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 nearby, 63½c; No. 2 western, 65½c; receipts, 26,426 bu.; exports, 17,143 bu.

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

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Demoralized; rates generally nominal; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4d, June; Cork for orders, per quarter, 38s@3s 4½d, June.

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

EGGS—Weak; fresh, 10c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 24.—WHEAT—About 2c lower; No. 1 hard, $1.24; No. 2, $1.22½@1.24; No. 3, $1.20½@1.21; No. 1 red, $1.25; No. 2, $1.24½; No. 3, $1.18@1.20; No. 2 spring, $1.21; No. 3, $1.17@1.18.

CORN—Is lower; No. 2 mixed, 33½@33½c; No. 2 white, 35@35¾c; No. 3, 32½c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 white, 31c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2, 56c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $10.25; choice prairie, $10.00.

BUTTER—Steady; 10@12c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 8½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 34,800 bu.; corn, 38,200 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 65,400 bu.; corn, 48,100 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, May 24.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $5.30@5.70; family, $5.00@5.25.

WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 red, $1.20.

CORN—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 37c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 31½@32c.

RYE—Lower; No. 2, 58c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, quiet at $6.05; bulk meats, easy at $5.40; bacon, active at $7.00.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.23.

BUTTER—Firmer; Elgin creamery, 17½c; Ohio, 15c; dairy, 11@12c.

SUGAR—Easy; hard refined, $4.47@6.10.

EGGS—Quiet at 9c.

CHEESE—Dull; good to prime Ohio flat, 8@8½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 24. — Receipts: Wheat, 174 cars.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 40 cars.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Receipts today: Wheat, 467 cars; corn, 609 cars; oats, 466 cars. Estimated for tomorrow: Wheat, 282 cars; corn, 600 cars; oats, 288 cars.

DULUTH, May 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 684 cars.

KANSAS CITY, May 24. — Receipts: Wheat, 58 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., May 24.—WHEAT—Lower, weak; No. 2 cash and May, $1.50 asked.

CORN—Active, lower; No. 2 mixed, 36c.

OATS—Dull, lower; No. 2 mixed, 30½c.

RYE—Dull, lower; No. 2 cash, $0.25.

CLOVERSEED—Lower, active; prime October, $3.60.

OIL—North Lima, 61c; South Lima and Indiana, 56.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

There is Evidence of Manipulation in the Market.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The stock market continued more or less professional today and there was a palpable evidence of manipulation. The success of the campaign for the rise, assisted by one or two factors of strength, invited an extending interest and indicated a broadening tendency in the speculation. The advance was primarily due to the rumors, subsequently discredited, that the United States fleet had won a victory over the Spaniards off the West Indian waters. The final strength of the market cannot be attributed to these rumors. The final upward rush of prices was largely due to covering of shorts, who had become alarmed at the easy advance of prices, and the persistent resistance to decline, especially after the contradiction of the reports of a successful naval battle. This covering of shorts made final prices the best of the day. Net gains were well over a point in the International and Granger groups of the railway list and ranged up to nearly 6 points for Metropolitan Street Railway in the specialties. The widely diffused effect of the rumors of naval victory was shown by the advance in Americans before the opening here in London and on the continent, and the coincident decline of Spanish 4s. Weakness in some of the specialties unsettled the market after the opening here, but the improvement was in full force before the end of the hour on strong London buying, and especially of St. Paul, and was only interrupted by slight reactions during the remainder of the day. The stocks or iron companies continued to show strength and the southwestern railways as a group showed some strength and activity. Dealings in coal stocks were still largely in evidence and were not a small factor in the undertone of strength of the market. The money market continued in a condition of extreme ease and Sterling exchange reacted a fraction under the influence of buying of securities for London account and a further decline in the London discount rate, which is now well below the New York rate. The week's exports of merchandise to New York, which was valued at $12,149,857, the largest total on record, indicate that the recent rise in exchange was in no way due to lack of supply. With the continued tendency toward ease in the London discount rate, the demand for sterling for collateral is likely to cease. It is evident that this country can command further supplies of gold if they prove desirable to have. The bond market developed increasing activity as the day advanced and shows net gains throughout. Total sales, $2,225,000. United States bonds were steady without change.

The Evening Post's financial cablegram says: American markets here were quiet but firm today. The settlements show a small account and was favored by easy money. Contangoes on Americans were usually 3 to 4 per cent, but a few weak bills were charged 5¼ per cent. Milwaukee & St. Paul was scarce and commanded 1-8 per cent. Americans were distinctly quiet, closing at the best, with a revival of speculative interest. The improvement in Brazils continues.

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

Atchison	12⅝	Hawaii C. C.	19¼
do pfd	31	St. P. & Om.	79
Baltimore & Ohio	18½	do pfd	145
Canada Pacific	84¾	St. P. M. & M.	135
Canada Southern	51⅞	So. Pacific	15¾
Central Pacific	13½	So. Railway	35⅝
Ches. & Ohio	22¾	So. Railway pfd	80⅜
Chicago & Alton	159	Texas & Pacific	11⅝
*C. R. & Q.	102½	Union Pacific	38⅜
C. & R. I.	80	U. P. D. & G.	7⅜
C. C. C. & St. L.	35¼	Wabash	7½
do pfd	75	Wabash pfd.	20
Del. & Hudson	103	Wheel. & L. R.	3¼
Del. L. & W.	162	Wheel. & L. R. pfd	11⅜
Denver & Rio G.	12	Adams Ex.	99
do pfd	47¾	American Ex.	125
Erie (new)	13	United States Ex.	41
Erie 1st pfd	35½	Wells Fargo Ex.	117
Ft. Wayne	168	Am. Cot. Oil	22¾
Great Northern pfd	165¾	A. Cot. Oil pfd	74⅜
Hocking Valley	9	Am. Spirits	12⅜
Illinois Central	104¾	Am. Spirits pfd	31⅜
Lake Erie & W.	13	Am. Tobacco	109¾
do pfd	73¾	do pfd	118
Lake Shore	180¾	People's Gas	98⅜
Louisville & Nash.	55⅜	Con. Gas Co.	194¾
Manhattan L.	105⅜	Com. Cable Co.	160
Met. St. Ry.	161¼	Col. F. & Iron	27⅜
Michigan Central	103¾	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L.	27¾	Gen. Electric	36¾
do pfd	85¼	Illinois Steel	51
Mo. Pacific	35¼	La Clede Gas	47⅜
McTile & Ohio	28	Lead	34⅜
Mo. K. & T.	11⅜	do pfd	107⅜
Mo. K. & T. pfd.	35¼	Nat. Lin. Oil	21
Chi., Ind. & L.	8⅜	Oregon Imp. Co.	28⅜
do pfd	28	Pacific Mail	27¾
N. J. Central	81¾	Pullman Palace	183½
N. Y. Central	116¾	Silver Certificates	57¾
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13	Stand. Rope & T.	6⅜
do 1st pfd	65	Sugar	136⅛
do 2d pfd	31¾	do pfd	113
Norfolk & Western	13⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron	25⅛
No. Amer. Co.	5¾	U. S. Leather	8⅜
No. Pacific	26⅞	do pfd	68⅜
do pfd	69¼	U. S. Rubber	21¾
Northern Pacific	34	do pfd	79
Oregon Nav.	51⅜	Western Union	91⅝
Ore. Short Line	28	St. L. & S. W.	4¾
Pittsburg	166	do pfd.	10⅜
Reading	18¾	Northwestern	128¾
Rock Island	102¼	do pfd.	170
S. L. & S. F.	7⅜	R. G. & W.	25
do 1st pfd	61⅜	R. G. & W. pfd.	67¾
St. Paul	80¾	Reading 1st pfd	45¾
do pfd	116⅝	Chi. Gt. West	13⅜

Total sales of stocks today were 418,200 shares, including 15,300 Atchison preferred, 5,753 Chesapeake & Ohio, 18,073 Burlington, 19,450 Louisville & Nashville, 13,550 Manhattan, 15,480 Metropolitan, 27,920 Missouri Pacific, 5,469 New York Central, 7,720 Northern Pacific, 16,528 Northern Pacific preferred, 13,720 Rock Island, 56,795 St. Paul, 4,623 Southern preferred, 19,650 Union Pacific preferred, 3,140 Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, 6,584 Wabash preferred, 16,425 Tobacco, 5,690 Chicago Great Western, 12,560 People's Gas, 27,710 Sugar, 3,846 Tennessee Coal and Iron, 9,250 Leather preferred, 4,120 Western Union.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 24.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 1@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.86¾ for demand and $4.84¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½ and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—57 3-8@57½c.

BAR SILVER—57@57¼c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 121½; 4s, reg., 108; coupon, 109½; 2s, 96; 5s, reg. and coupon, 110½; 6s of '99, 103.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	121½	N. C. 6s	122¾
U. S. new 4s coup.	121½	N. C. 4s	103
U. S. 4s, reg.	108	No. Pacific 1sts	116
U. S. 4s, coup.	108¾	No. Pacific 3s	66¾
U. S. 5s, reg.	95	No. Pacific 4s	95⅜
U. S. 5s, reg.	110¾	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	101
U. S. 5s, coup.	110¾	N. & W. 6s	117
District 3.65s	120	N. W. Consols	137
District 6s	108½	N. W. Deb. 5s	114
Ala., class A	105	Ore. Nav. 1sts	112¾
Ala., class B	105	Ore. Nav. 4s	95¾
Ala., class C	90	O. S. L. 6s, 1922	113
Ala. Currency	99½	O. S. L. 5s, 1st f.	102⅜
Atchison 4s	90¾	O. Imp. 1sts, 1st	119
Atchison adj. 4s	64⅜	O. Imp. 5s, 1st	93
Canada So. 2nds	108	Pacific 6s of '95	103
C. & N. P. 1st 5s	113½	Reading 4s	84
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅜	R. G. West 1sts	81¾
D. & R. G. 1sts	106¾	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5	91¾
D. & R. G. 4s	94	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	118
East Tenn. 1sts	106⅝	St. P. Consols	143
Erie Gen. 4s	72	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	117
F. W. & D. 1st, f.	72	St. P. C. & P. 5s	115¾
Gen. Elec. 5s	104¾	Southern Ry. 5s	92¾
G. H. & S. A. 6s	109	S. R. & T. 6s	68
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	103⅜	Tennessee set 3s	80
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	103⅜
H. & T. C. con. 6s	104	Tex. Pac. R. R. 2ds	34⅜
Iowa C. 1sts	107⅜	Union Pacific 1sts	97⅝
La. New Con. 4s	100	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	107⅜
L. & N. Uni. 4s