

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Influences in Pit Enables Wheat to Barely Maintain Its Equilibrium.

CORN NOT UP TO ITS AVERAGE ACTIVITY

Provisions Rule Dull, Speculatively, and Prices Are Barely Steady
—Oats and Corn Decline.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—Opposing influences maintained wheat prices almost in equilibrium today. September closed 1½¢-3¢ lower and December lost 3¢. Corn gained 1½¢. Oats declined 1-80¢. Pork left off unchanged, lard 5¢ down and ribs receded 5¢.

Although Liverpool quoted 3d decline in wheat futures, the market here started slightly higher than in closed Saturday. It was raining in Chicago, and although it was dry in the spring wheat territory, where harvesting is in progress, the appearance of umbrellas and raincoats on the streets damped the bearish spirit that was so pronounced Saturday. The market remained firm during the greater part of the forenoon notwithstanding indications of an increase in receipts for the new futures. Chicago receipts were 204 cars, against 138 cars on the previous Monday and 35 the corresponding day of the year before. The aggregate of grain receipts western market was \$66,600 bu., compared with 71,000 bu. the same day last year. The price decreased 1,357,000 bu., leaving only 6,900 bu. per bushel. That remarkable small total and the receipts continuing much under those of last year held the market from advancing. The market may increase soon. The most bullish feature of the news received was a drop in the price of cash wheat at Minneapolis of 5¢ per bushel to its lowest point. The Italian crop was officially estimated at 9,000,000 bu., above the average of the last ten years.

Brewhouse clearances of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports were equal to 365. The dullness of trade, expectation of heavy receipts and general improvement in the wheat market, an accession of wheat near the end. September opened 1-80¢ 3d higher than 6-5d-6½d touched 66¢ for a moment, declined gradually to 65¢ 6½d-7d advanced from the 65¢ to 65¢ 7d. PEACHES—California, \$1.20-1.50. PEARLS—Firm, \$2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12¢; medium size, 10¢; small size, 8¢; cashew nuts, per lb., 15¢; pistachio, per lb., 10¢; 10¢-11¢; pecans, polished, medium, 10¢; peanuts, shelled, 10¢; walnuts, per lb., 10¢; 11¢; 12¢; hazelnuts, per lb., 10¢-11¢.

FRUITS.

BLUEBERRIES—Per hot. case, \$1.75. WATERMELONS—Crated, 16½-18¢; loose, 12½-15¢.

CANTALOUPE—Home grown, crated, per lb., 10¢-12¢; per basket, 60¢-80¢.

PEACHES—Californian, 20-lb. case, \$1.00.

MISSOURI PEACHES—Per four-basket crate, \$1.10.

PINEAPPLE—California, \$1.20-1.50.

PLUMS—California, \$1.25.

PEARS—Firm, \$2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ORANGES—Seeds, 42½-56½-75; Valencia, per box, \$3.00; Mediterranean sweets, 40¢-50¢.

LEMONS—California, 15-50¢-60¢; fancy 60¢-65¢.

BANANAS—Large, loose, half stock, per bunch, \$2.00-2.25; medium, sized bunches, \$1.50-2.00.

FRUIT JUICE—Fruit, 100-125¢.

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