

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

All Grains and Provisions Experience a Sharp Slump.

WHEAT HAS A TEMPORARY ADVANCE

Beijing of Early Purchases, Lack of Outside Buying and General Ho-

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Numerous bullish conditions, abetted by liberal selling, after a firm opening, brought a sharp slump in all grain markets when the close of trading found May corn 1/8c lower and May oats 1/4c lower. Provisions closed 2 1/2c down.

At the outset nearly every bit of news favored a decline. The market was also weak and both local and northwestern were small and promised to continue so, because of the cold weather, many shorts were buying. The trade was not large, but the general tone was bearish. The market was opening, May started a shade to be up to 1/8c to 1/4c and rapidly advanced to 1/2c. When the light brought early buyers to come out for profits they also developed several factors that at once checked the advance.

Reports of a disturbed state of affairs in the Minneapolis flour market and the consequent retarding of the sea board, also troubled bulls. Outside were doing practically no buying, and the market was prevailing against the early advance.

May started on the slide downward and touched 1/2c, closing weak, 1/4c lower, at 7 1/2c. Local receipts were only 14,000 bushels, and the market was dull and flat. Receipts were 515 cars, making a total for the three points of 530 cars, against 520 cars last week. The market was steady, with a few receipts of 500 cars, compared with 450 cars last week. Receipts were 515 cars, making a total for the three points of 530 cars, against 520 cars last week.

Corn was active for a short time after the situation, but the market was weak and the stock shortage by reason of the weather had not yet been relieved. The market started an early firmness. But when wheat began to slump, corn followed and was allowed. The cash situation was not good and the general Christmas dullness did the rest to depress the market. The market was steady, with a few receipts of 500 cars, compared with 450 cars last week.

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Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 10 cars; oats, 5 cars; hogs, 4,000 head. The leading futures ranged as follows: Article Open High Low Close Year's

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OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light; fresh stock, 21c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 25c; turkeys, 30c; chickens, 15c; ducks, 12c; geese, 18c; spring chickens, per lb.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, 10c; onions, 12c; carrots, 15c; cabbages, 18c; lettuce, 20c; tomatoes, 25c; beans, 30c; peas, 35c; corn, 40c; squash, 45c; pumpkins, 50c.

FRUITS—Apples, 10c; oranges, 12c; lemons, 15c; limes, 18c; grapes, 20c; pears, 25c; plums, 30c; cherries, 35c; strawberries, 40c; raspberries, 45c; blueberries, 50c.

MEATS—Pork, 15c; beef, 18c; mutton, 20c; veal, 22c; lamb, 25c; ham, 30c; bacon, 35c; sausage, 40c; ribs, 45c; chops, 50c; steaks, 55c; roasts, 60c; shoulders, 65c; hocks, 70c; feet, 75c; bones, 80c.

GRAIN—Wheat, 1.20; corn, 1.10; oats, 1.00; barley, 1.15; rye, 1.25; clover, 1.30; timothy, 1.40; alfalfa, 1.50; hay, 1.60; straw, 1.70; chaff, 1.80; bran, 1.90; middlings, 2.00; shorts, 2.10; screenings, 2.20; dust, 2.30; screenings, 2.40; screenings, 2.50; screenings, 2.60; screenings, 2.70; screenings, 2.80; screenings, 2.90; screenings, 3.00.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Good Cattle Held About Steady, but Others Blew and Walk.

HOG MARKET DULL AND LOWER

Sheep Receipts Were Not Heavy Today, but Trade Slow and Tendency of Prices Was Downward on Both Sheep and Lambs.

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