

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Snows and Weak Cables Have a Depressing Effect on Wheat.

CORN HOLDS ITS OWN FAIRLY WELL.

Provisions Rule Firm in Spite of Weakness in Grains—Main Support Comes from Industrial Packer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Mild weather, accompanied by some needed snow, heavy receipts and the weakness of cables had a depressing effect on the wheat market today. May closing at under Saturday's close and now at \$2.62 per bushel.

It was a dull day in the wheat pit, and a comfort one for the bulls. May opened 34 down at \$2.62 1/2. Northwest receipts were heavy; the weather was mild and it was reported that snow, needed to protect the winter crop, had fallen in portions of the belt where it has long wanted.

Liverpool closed off after an interval of 25¢, extra, to \$2.62 1/2. Western equal to per bushel. These conditions were the dominant influences of the day. There was a steady stream of sales, but little change in price, either for future or cash. For a time following the opening the market made a little struggle to hold. May failed to gain, but the struggle was soon given up. On the strength was soon given up. On the decrease in the visible, which was a bit more than expected, and held only a moment. The market sold off from that point to 63¢ and closed weak. May 34 under Saturday at 67¢ 1/2.

Receipts were 62,000 bu., compared with 82,000 bu., a year ago. Minnesota and Duluth reported 100,000 bu. each.

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