

SOME WEAKNESS IN WHEAT

PROSPECT OF RAIN IN SOUTHWEST HELPS BEARS.

MAY OPTION SUFFERS LOSS

Market Strong at Opening on Green Bug Reports, But Later Weakens—Both Corn and Oats Lower.

CHICAGO, April 3.—The prospect of rain in the southwest caused moderate weakness today in the local wheat market, the May delivery closing at a net loss of 1/4c. Corn was down 1/4c. Oats were off 1/4c. Provisions were 1/4c@1/2c lower.

The market at the opening was strong because of higher prices at Liverpool and reports that the green bug was gradually spreading into Missouri. It was also reported from Ohio and Indiana that the growing crop is commencing to show the effects of winter killing. The latter dispatches were partially corroborated by the Ohio state report which placed the condition of winter wheat on April 1 at 87 compared with 98 in December. Toward the end of the first hour, however, sentiment changed and prices eased because of an official forecast of wet weather in the southwest. The market continued weak for the remainder of the day, the weakness of corn and oats having a depressing effect on wheat. The close was easy. May wheat opened 1/4c to 1/2c higher at 76 1/2c to 77c and then declined to 76c. Final quotations were at 76 1/2c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 448,400 bushels. Primary receipts were 1,300,000 bushels against 749,000 bushels for the same day a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 952 cars against 73 cars last week and 623 cars a year ago.

The feature of trading in corn was the liquidation of the May option due chiefly to a decline of 1/4c in the price of cash grain. With the exception of trading in May business was in small volume. The market closed weak. May corn opened unchanged to 1/4c higher at 45 1/2c to 46c, sold off to 45c, and closed at 45c. Local receipts were 486 cars, with four cars of contract grade.

Active selling in the May delivery which was based upon expectation that receipts will soon increase caused weakness in the oats market. Favorable weather for seeding operations also induced selling. The market closed weak. May opened 1/4c to 1/2c higher at 42c to 42 1/2c, sold off to 41c and closed at 41c. Local receipts were 354 cars.

Provisions opened steady but later weakened on general selling, a large part of which was said to be for the account of local packers. At the close May pork was off 1/4c at \$16.30. Lard was down 1/4c at \$8.95. Hides were 1/4c lower at \$8.70. Estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 11 cars; corn, 461 cars; oats, 239 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 80 1/2c; No. 3, 79 1/2c; No. 2 red, 75 1/2c. Corn—No. 2, 44 1/4c; No. 2 yellow, 44 1/4c. Oats—No. 2, 41c; No. 2 white, 42 1/4c; No. 3 white, 39 1/2c. Rye—No. 2, 65c. Barley—Fair to choice malting, 61 1/2c. Flax seed—No. 1, \$1.12 1/2; No. 1 northwestern, \$1.19 1/2. Timothy seed—Prime, \$1.30. Clover—Contract grades, \$15.50. Short ribs, sides (loose), \$8.60@8.62 1/2. Pork—Mess, per barrel, \$16.37 1/2@16.50. Lard—Per 100 pounds, \$8.87 1/2. Short clear sides (boxed), \$8.87 1/2@8.92 1/2. Whisky—\$1.29.

Table with 2 columns: Receipts, Shipments. Rows include Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley.

On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 22 1/2c; dairies, 20 1/2c. Eggs—Weak; at mark cases included, 15c; firsts, 15 1/2c; prime firsts, 15c. Cheese—Easy, 12 1/2c@15 1/2c. Poultry—Live, steady; turkeys, 12c; chickens, 13c; springs, 13 1/2c.

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LIVERPOOL, April 3.—Wheat—Spot, No. 2 red western, steady, 6 1/2d; No. 1 California, quiet, 6 1/2d. Futures, quiet; May, 6 1/2d; July, 6 1/2d. Corn—Spot, American mixed new, quiet,

4s 1 1/2d; ditto, old, quiet, 4s 7 1/2d. Futures, steady; May, 4s 6d; July, 4s 5 1/2d; September, 4s 5d.

New York Produce Market.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Flour—Receipts, 26,480 barrels; exports, 19,150 barrels; market steady with a fair inquiry.

Rye flour and cornmeal—Steady. Wheat—Receipts, 21,000 bushels; exports, 78,216 bushels; spot, easy; No. 2 red, 83 1/2c, elevator, and 83 1/2c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 89 1/2c, opening navigation; No. 2 hard winter, 87 1/2c, opening navigation. New crop options in wheat were fairly well sustained by bull crop news today but May developed weakness under liquidation by traders who bought July. Near the close everything weakened a little under rumors of rain in the southwest and final prices showed 1/4c net loss. May opened at 85 1/4c to 85 1/2c and closed at 85 1/4c; July opened at 87 1/2c to 88c and closed at 88c; September opened at 86 1/2c to 87c and closed at 86 1/2c.

Corn—Receipts, 98,900 bushels; exports, 126,079 bushels; spot, steady; No. 2, 56c, elevator, and 53 1/2c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 white, 54c; No. 2 yellow, 52c, f. o. b. afloat. The option market was without transactions, closing 1/4c higher to 1/2c lower as follows: May, 53 1/2c; July, 54c. Oats—Receipts, 63,000 bushels; exports, 8,450 bushels; spot, steady; mixed oats, 28 to 32 pounds, 42c; natural white, 30 to 33 pounds, 47 1/2c; clipped white, 35 to 40 pounds, 48 1/2c.

Lard—Dull; western prime, \$9.20@9.30; refined, steady. Pork—Firm; family, \$19.00; short clear, \$17.75@19.25; mess, \$17.50@18.25. Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 1/2c; centrifugal 96 test, 3 1/2-16c; molasses sugar, 2 1/2c; refined, steady.

Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 7c; No. 4 Santos, 8c. Butter—Steady; street price extra creamery, 20 1/2c@21c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 22 1/2c@23c; state, dairy, common to finest, 21 1/2c@22c; renovated, common to extra, 16 1/2c@17c; western factory, common to firsts, 19 1/2c@21 1/2c; western imitation creamery, extras, 16 1/2c@17c; firsts, 23 1/2c@24c.

Cheese—Firm; state, full cream, colored and white, small, September, fancy, 15c; October, best, 14 1/2c@14 3/4c; good to prime, 14 1/4c@14 1/2c; winter made, average best, 12 1/2c; October, best, 14 1/4c@14 1/2c; good to prime, 12 1/4c@12 1/2c; inferior, 11 1/4c@11 1/2c.

Eggs—Irregular; state, Pennsylvania & Poultry—Alive, firm; western chickens, 10 1/2c; fowls, 16c; turkeys, 13c. Dressed, firm; western chickens, 9 1/2c@10c; turkeys, 10 1/2c; fowls, 10 1/4c.

St. Louis Grain Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Wheat—Futures, lower; cash, firm; on track No. 2 red cash 78 1/4c@77 1/2c; No. 2 hard, 74 1/2c@75c; May, 75 1/2c; July, 76 1/2c.

Corn—Lower; on track No. 2 cash, 43c; No. 2 white, 44 1/4c@45c; May, 43 1/2c; July, 44 1/2c.

Lead—Dull, \$5.95. Spelter—Dull, \$6.72 1/2. Poultry—Firm; chickens, 12c; springs, 12 1/2c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 12c; geese, 7c.

Butter—Steady; creamery, 32 1/2c@33 1/2c; dairy, 18 1/2c. Eggs—Firm, 13 1/2c, case count.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; April, 9.20c bid; May, 9.38c; July, 9.44c; August, 9.47-50c; September, 9.53-55c; October, 9.76c; November, 9.77c; December, 9.81-82c; January, 9.99c.

Spot closed quiet, 5 points higher; middling uplands, 10.56c; middling gulf, 11.20c. There were no sales.

Futures closed firm; April, 9.37c; March, 9.52c; June, 9.55c; July, 9.59c; August, 9.62c; September, 9.66c; October, 9.85c; November, 9.88c; December, 9.93c; January, 10.10c; February, 10.14c.

Kansas City Grain Market.

KANSAS CITY, April 3.—Wheat—May, 69 1/2c; July, 70c; September, 73c. Cash No. 2 hard, 70 1/2c; No. 3, 67 1/2c; No. 2 red, 74 1/2c; No. 3, 67 1/2c.

Corn—May, 40 1/2c; July, 41 1/2c; September, 42 1/2c. Cash No. 2 mixed, 39 1/2c; No. 3, 37 1/2c; No. 2 white, 41c; No. 3, 40 1/2c. Oats—No. 2 white, 42 1/4c; No. 2 mixed, 41 1/4c.

Butter—Creamery, 29c; packing, 18c. Eggs—Steady, 14 1/2c. Receipts—Wheat, 70 cars.

New York Copper Market.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Copper was apparently demoralized in the London market under supposed liquidation by speculative holders and second hands. Spot closed at 291 lbs, or 25 5/8 lower and futures declined 25 1/8 to 293 1/8. Locally the market was unsettled and nominally lower with hulk quoted at \$24.50@25.00; electrolytic at \$24.00@24.50; casting, \$23.00@23.50.

Omaha Grain Market.

OMAHA, Neb., April 3.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, 82 1/2c; No. 3 hard, 84 1/2c; No. 1 spring, 85 1/2c.

Corn—No. 3, 36 1/2c; No. 4, 35 1/2c; no grade, 30 1/2c; No. 3 yellow, 35 1/2c@37 1/4c; No. 3 white, 36 1/2c@38c.

Oats—No. 3 mixed, 33c; No. 4 white, 33 1/2c@34c. Rye—No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 55c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 3.—Wheat—May, 78 1/2c@79c; July, 80 1/2c@81c; No. 1 hard, 81 1/2c@82c; No. 1 northern, 80 1/2c@81c; No. 2 northern, 78 1/2c@79c; No. 3 northern, 75 1/2c@76c.

Flour—First patents, \$15 1/4@15.50; second patents, \$4.00@4.10; first clears, \$3.00@3.20; second clears, \$2.40@2.50.

St. Louis Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Wool—Steady. Territory and western medium, 33 1/2c; fine medium, 35 1/2c; fine, 44 1/2c.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CATTLE REMAIN STEADY TO A SHADE STRONGER.

Hogs Also Hold Their Own—Prices for Sheep and Lambs Are Good.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., April 3.—Receipts of live stock were:

Table with 3 columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Rows include Official Monday, Official Tuesday, Official Wednesday.

Three days this week, 12,897 12,583 53,606. Same days last week, 12,041 18,377 29,782. Same 2 weeks ago, 17,442 30,929 43,580. Same 3 weeks ago, 18,468 26,769 27,488. Same 4 weeks ago, 14,109 20,481 26,647. Same days last year, 11,705 33,338 24,382.

Good to choice corn-fed steers, \$6.25@6.75. Fair to good corn-fed steers, 4.65@5.25. Common to fair steers, 4.00@4.65.

Good to choice fed cows, 3.85@4.65. Fair to good cows and heifers, 3.00@3.25. Fair to choice stockers & feeders, 4.40@5.00. Fair to good stockers and feeders, 3.80@4.40. Common to fair stockers, 3.00@3.80.

Bulls, stags, etc., 2.75@4.40. Veal calves, 4.00@5.50. The following table shows the average price of hogs at South Omaha for the last several days, with comparisons:

Table with 7 columns: Date, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901. Rows include Mar. 19, Mar. 20, Mar. 21, Mar. 22, Mar. 23, Mar. 24, Mar. 25, Mar. 26, Mar. 27, Mar. 28, Mar. 29, Mar. 30, Mar. 31, April 1, April 2, April 3.

\*Sunday. RANGE OF PRICES. Omaha, \$2.00@2.50. Chicago, 1.80@2.75. Kansas City, 2.75@6.50. St. Louis, 1.90@6.60. Sioux City, 3.00@5.75.

There was another very fair run of cattle this morning, 300 cars being reported in. Of this number there was quite a sprinkling of feeders.

The market on fat steers opened a little bit slow, but when it warmed up there was some show of strength in spots at least. Salesmen as a rule were quoting the market anywhere from steady to a little stronger, according as they happened to have something that buyers really wanted.

Cows and heifers in most cases commanded steady prices, the market not showing any great change in any direction. The most of the offerings changed hands in fair season in the morning.

Considerable interest centered around the trade in feeders. The receipts of that kind of cattle were quite liberal. Being included among the arrivals was quite a bunch of hay-fed Montanas. These cattle sold to the feeder buyers very readily, some of them going as high as \$6.10. In other words, the feeder market was active and strong.

Hogs. There was no great change in the hog market today, prices for the most part being on a par with yesterday, or, possibly, a little stronger. Good light hogs sold largely at \$6.47 and up to \$6.50, the same as they did yesterday. The proportion of sales, however, at \$6.47 was somewhat below \$6.45, as was the case yesterday. The big bulk of all the hogs sold at \$6.45 and better, whereas, yesterday, it will be remembered, that nearly one-fourth of the receipts sold below \$6.45.

Sheep. It looks as if the whole week's run came in Monday, as very little stuff arrived since that day, the receipts having been light yesterday and still lighter today. In fact, there were hardly enough sheep or lambs on sale today to really make a test of the market.

It was very apparent, however, that the demand for desirable killers was good, as packers were out early looking for supplies. As a result everything desirable changed hands in good season at prices that looked a little stronger than yesterday. Thus two double-decks of good Colorado lambs sold straight to a packer at \$3.00. Good heavy lambs sold as high as \$7.65. Good ewes brought \$6.80. These and all the other sales of desirable killers looked strong, to say the least.

Quotations on killers: Good to choice lambs, \$7.65@8.00; fair to good lambs, \$7.35@7.65; good to choice yearlings, lamb weights, \$6.50@7.00; fair to good yearlings, lamb weights, \$6.15@6.65; good to choice yearlings, heavyweights, \$6.35@6.80; fair to good old wethers, \$6.00@6.35; fair to choice ewes, \$5.50@6.80; fair to good ewes, \$5.00@5.50.

KANSAS CITY Live Stock Market. KANSAS CITY, April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000 head; market steady to 10c higher. Choice export and dressed beef steers, \$5.00@6.50; fair to good, \$4.50@5.50; western fed steers, \$4.25@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@5.00; native cows, \$3.00@4.00; native heifers, \$2.95@4.00; bulls, \$1.50@4.25; calves, \$4.00@7.75. Hogs—Receipts, 11,000 head; market

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Steady to 5c lower. Top, \$6.00; bulk of sales, \$5.45@5.52 1/2; heavy, \$4.45@5.50; packers, \$5.42 1/2@5.50; pigs and lights, \$5.25@6.00. Sheep—Receipts, 5,500 head; market strong to 10c higher. Lambs, \$7.40@7.75; ewes and yearlings, \$6.25@6.00.

St. Louis Live Stock Market. ST. LOUIS, April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; market higher; native shipping and export steers, \$5.50@6.50; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.50@5.15; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@5.25; cows and heifers, \$2.65@3.25; canners, \$1.90@2.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000 head; market 5c higher. Pigs and lights, \$4.25@6.75; packers, \$6.40@7.75; butchers and best heavy, \$6.70@6.80. Sheep—Receipts, 500 head; market steady. Native muttons, \$3.25@5.65; lambs, \$4.00@7.75; culls and bucks, \$2.75@4.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market. Sheep—Receipts, 13,000 head; market, 10c@15c higher. Sheep, \$4.25@6.50; yearlings, \$5.25@7.25; lambs, \$5.00@8.15.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,689 head; market steady. Natives, \$4.25@6.25; cows and heifers, \$3.25@4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@4.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,786 head; market 2 1/2c higher. Top, \$6.00; bulk of sales, \$5.52 1/2@5.77 1/2. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000 head; market, 10c higher. Lambs, \$7.50@8.00; yearlings, \$6.50@7.00.

Chicago Live Stock Market. CHICAGO, April 3.—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000 head; market for best, strong to 10c higher. Others, steady; good to prime steers, \$4.00@7.00; cows, \$3.25@5.00; heifers, \$3.00@5.25; bulls, \$3.40@4.60; calves, \$2.75@7.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 23,000 head; market strong to 5c@10c higher. Choice heavy shipping, \$6.80@7.85; light butchers, \$6.80@6.85; choice light, \$6.90@6.85; packing, \$6.25@6.50; bulk of sales, \$6.75@6.80.

Treasury Balances. WASHINGTON, April 3.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve, shows: Available cash balance, \$252,206,114. Gold coin and bullion, \$110,807,328. Gold certificates, \$5,957,000.

Evangelists might run out of work if so much of it didn't have to be done over so often. Something new in automobiles is to be put on the market: a six-wheel touring car. If the trouble it is possible for them to give increases with the number of wheels, the motorists will require an occasional ocean voyage to rest up.

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Notice of Petition. Estate No. 234 of Margaret Merriman, deceased, in County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate, take notice, that a petition has been filed for the appointment of John J. Ledwith as administrator of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein, on May 3, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated April 2, 1907. FRANK R. WATERS, County Judge. By WALTER A. LERSE, Clerk.

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