

## A DAY OF DISAPPOINTMENT

The Expected Solution of the May Wheat Deal Fails to Materialize.

## THE CLIQUE OUT OF THE PIT.

**Predictions That Corn Will Improve With the Opening of Navigation — Ribs and Lard Weak — Market Quotations.**

## CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

**CHICAGO, April 19.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—CATTLE.—Long before the opening this morning there was a feeling abroad in the offices, on the sidewalk and fairly in the air, that this was to be a day in which a great many open questions around the wheat pit were to be decided. It was, for instance, generally believed before the opening it the brokers for the clique were found to be in the pit selling again to-day on a very liberal scale, that the price would be pretty certain to collapse. This expectation of something occurring which would be decisive was not indulged in alone by the "pottball" operators. Good, substantial people looked at the prospect in the same way. They were also of the opinion that before night it would be settled whether the clique propose to take the cash wheat on May 1. Everybody, indeed, thought the sounds of the whole match-vaulted May deal was to be tested. The opening of the market was not exactly as the pit would like to have seen it. It was a sort of uncertain beginning that decided not and cleared up the doubts of none. May began at \$24.00, dropped at once to \$23.85, then advanced to \$23.90. But the clique brokers were nowhere around. If they had been buyers, they might have settled something; if they had been sellers, that would have borne out the general expectation. It was everybody was disappointed. The opening signified nothing. As the day advanced wheat, instead of going to pieces, firm'd up. The clearances at the seaboard improved. The wheat in New York went up. New York, flat-out, had the best wheat. Only 346 bushels out of Philadelphia, at Detroit the opening of navigation there started out 620,000 bushels to-day, with 1,000,000 bushels more to follow tomorrow. The principal gains in the wheat stampede were on the May deal. The clique brokers not only did not appear to sell wheat, but while they were out of the pit, the market took on a strong phase of its own. Cables came in, good according to New York dispatches, a good expectation of May's opening. Two hundred boat loads were reported taken up to 1 o'clock. In corn the price is suffering from the surrendering of May longs. Good authority says this train is moving on shipping to western market, but has been some by the late opening of navigation, but another week will probably certainly see the fleet moving out here with 2,000,000 bushels of Chicago stock. If the receipts there continue as they are now, then majorly on arrival, come an improvement in price. Ribs and lard were both weak under pressure to unload "long" May contracts and to get into further options.**

The markets on the afternoon board were quiet, except for a slight dip after corn was out, short ribs were lower, last 2½¢ lower. Wheat for May sold at \$24.00-\$24.10; June at \$23.90-\$24.10; July at \$24.00-\$24.10; September at \$24.00-\$24.10; December at \$24.00-\$24.10; January at \$24.00-\$24.10; February at \$24.00-\$24.10; March at \$24.00-\$24.10; April at \$24.00-\$24.10; May at \$24.00-\$24.10; June at \$24.00-\$24.10; July at \$24.00-\$24.10; August at \$24.00-\$24.10; September at \$24.00-\$24.10; October at \$24.00-\$24.10; November at \$24.00-\$24.10; December at \$24.00-\$24.10; January at \$24.00-\$24.10; February at \$24.00-\$24.10; March at \$24.00-\$24.10; April at \$24.00-\$24.10; May at \$24.00-\$24.10; June at \$24.00-\$24.10; July at \$24.00-\$24.10; August at \$24.00-\$24.10; September at \$24.00-\$24.10; October at \$24.00-\$24.10; November at \$24.00-\$24.10; December at \$24.00-\$24.10; January at \$24.00-\$24.10; February at \$24.00-\$24.10; March at \$24.00-\$24.10; April at \$24.00-\$24.10; May at \$24.00-\$24.10; June at \$24.00-\$24.10; July at \$24.00-\$24.10; August at \$24.00-\$24.10; 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