

SWITCHING OVER MAY MARKET

Large Deliveries of Which the Cattle Houses Get Their Share.

THE MARKET FIRM AND HIGHER.

Considerable Strength in Corn at Better Prices—Oats Moderately Active—Provisions Lower and Easter—Market Quotations.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 2.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—The deliveries of wheat on May contracts were large to-day, the elevator companies and carriers notified with these firms setting a large proportion of the property, Kershaw & Co. did not deliver a pound of wheat during the forenoon and they took in a very heavy line. Rosenfeld got more than 1,000,000 bushels, part of which was delivered this afternoon and a lot more taken in.

Irwin, Green & Co. had about as much going as they had coming. George Walker & Co. got considerably, and so did Bensen Bros. Armour & Co. delivered a big lot, most of which is understood to have found its way back to the starting point, arrangements having been centered into Saturday, it is understood, for the carrying of property through May on a basis of 2 3/4. A good deal more wheat than the crowd had expected to see in the open market, and the greater portion of it stayed there. That the vast bulk of property will eventually go to the regular carriers is the popular impression, arrangements to that end having been made during the closing days of last week by a great many people, 2 3/4 for the month being the price at which most of the switching over was done. To-day the difference widened to 2 1/2 straight, and the pressure of May at that discount was sufficient to weigh down the whole list of futures, though the market was very firm and 3/8 higher for the first hour, on the belief that the eluge had taken and paid for wheat in store here. That the eluge has taken and paid for wheat in store here, and that it has paid regular carriers and others for carrying a lot more, is generally accepted as being an established fact. A statement of the actual situation, the total cost for the month being somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. The eluge houses were moderate buyers of June wheat, nearly everybody on the floor has wheat in greater or less quantities sold to them for future delivery, it is assumed that their interest in that option is a heavy one and that the principals are strong enough to protect themselves. However much they might have wanted themselves embarrassed in the carrying out of their plans, with regard to May by the switching over to June, they would have the visible supply increased, the weekly export figures cut out of a figure. Corn held up well and the speculative business passing was fairly brisk, but the market was a smaller decline in the visible than was expected (a little over half a million) caused a temporary weakness, but the main line of the market was one of firmness and the nearby months closed a small fraction higher than on Saturday. Deliveries on maturing May contracts were 1,000,000 bushels, together with the strength shown in the eastern and foreign markets, caused the locals to feel very comfortable in their position. The change in the market was marked by July narrowed to 1 1/2 difference, and later to 1 3/4. Instead of everybody wanting to get rid of their May Corn—Some demanded at 3 1/2. June opened at 3 1/2 and immediately at 3 1/2. The market was active, though the trading was rather quiet, and was closed at 3 1/2. The market was active, though the trading was rather quiet, and was closed at 3 1/2.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, May 2.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—CATTLE.—Trade was slow and prices 15c lower than on Friday on the ordinary run of fat cattle. There were about twelve loads of Texas among the arrivals, but the bulls were the only lot sold and they made 2 1/2. Native butchers' stock was more plentiful than last week. There was literally nothing doing in steers and heifers. Shipping steers, 1200 to 1500 lbs, \$4.70 to \$5.00; 1200 lbs, \$4.00 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows, \$2.00 to \$2.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$2.00; pigs, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 2.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—STOCKS.—The stock market was very narrow to-day, only 75,000 shares being traded in up to noon. One reason was the holiday in London and the consequent lack of arbitrage business. The market was on the whole, weak, although a few of the specialties, like Fort Worth & Denver and Rock Island, made fractional gains. New England was again quite active, but the pressure was all on the selling side. It dropped from 57 1/2 at the opening to 56 1/2. Union Pacific was also in the list of the specialties which succeeded in breaking it down a percent. The rest of the list was generally lower than on Saturday. A good many bear points were out on Western Union. One point, which it was alleged came from the best of sources, was that the stock would be let down to about 50, around which figure another bull deal it would be started. It was claimed that no one was buying stocks except professional traders, and that on all rallies the bull cliques sold all that the market would take. Cammack stated that he felt very bearish and believed that almost anything could be sold for a profit. There was nothing of significance in the dealing in stocks after noon, and very little change in prices occurred. Some of the fancy stock broke off a fraction, but there was no sensational drop. Altogether the market closed ragged and weak at the lowest prices of the day. The total sales were about 140,000 shares.

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