

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat in a State of Dullness and Uncertainty.

CORN BUSINESS VERY WEAK.

ONTS TAKE A DOWN TURN—A Strong Feeling Developed in Provisions—Cattle Unsatisfactory—Hogs Active and Stronger.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, April 26.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market was in a state of dullness and uncertainty to-day. Caribou traders broke the price yesterday afternoon $\frac{1}{2}\%$ lower than the board adjourned.

The opening this morning was soft at a loss of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ from yesterday's closing range.

The first quotations were 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for May, 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for June, and 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for July.

The crop month got very little lower, but July worked off to 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, the first eeling to 78¢.

On the break the market looked sick, and there was free dumping of the stuff around the bottom, some sales being made at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

The outside markets did not sympathize with the weakness here to any great extent, New York being especially firm. It was noticed, also, that wheat buyers were actively picking up all slack property they could gather in at advantageous terms. Holders of receipts found no difficulty in disposing of their goods at a premium over May, special lots being in special request. It is noted, too, that a good share of this quiet business is being done on private terms, which is taken as evidence that wheat is wanted on selling orders and not for speculative purposes.

Yesterdays' "Year Book" issued reports that 100,000 bushels of wheat were being loaded into vessels here, and that the grain will be moved out of port before to-morrow night.

There is a great deal of indefiniteness to the consip that is floating around as to the operations in the spot wheat market as to the quantities bought and prices paid, but it is evident that the market is in the end of the wheat market is plainly distinguishable. Through it all cables were generally firm and higher, and Beersom quoted a 4¢ advance with active demand for wagons and cars.

DRIVES—Dull; corn, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; oats, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; wheat, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; May, 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; June, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Rye—May, 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Barley—Nothing doing.

Prime Timothy—\$1.31 at 32.

Wheat—\$1.02.

Pork—Steady; May, \$1.60; July, \$1.75.

Lard—Steady; May, \$0.87; July, \$0.95.

Flour—Dull and unchanged.

Salt—Dry Salt Mounts—Shoulders, \$5.25 at 5.50; short ribs, \$5.95.

Butter—Quiet; creamery, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; dairy, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Cheese—Dull; full cream cheddars and 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; fancy Young Americans, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Hides—Unchanged; hairy and light green salted; 4¢; salted dull, 4¢; green salted dried, 5¢; tanned, 7¢; dry salted, 7¢; dc'd, calf, 5¢; deerskins, 5¢ each.

Tallow—Unchanged; No. 1 solid packed, 4¢; No. 2, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; cake, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Receipts. Shipments.

Flour—8,000.

Wheat—10,000.

Corn—150,000.

Oats—84,000.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Wheat—Receipts, 13,000; exports, 17,000; spot, quiet and steady; No. 2 red, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 3 red, 37¢; options, 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; aforesaid.

Corn—Receipts, 74,000; exports, 41,000; spot, stronger; No. 2, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 2 white, 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; ungraded mixed, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 45¢; options, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Oats—Receipts, 96,000; exports, 55,000; spot, dull and weak; options, active and lower; April, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 30¢; May, 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; June, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 2 white, 33¢ to 35¢; mixed western, 41¢ to 43¢.

Coffee—Options, steady at last night's prices; sales, 18,000 bags; April, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; May, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; spot, 10,000 bushels in about fifteen minutes. Nearly every market except Chicago closed higher than yesterday. May wheat ranged at 80¢ and closed at 80¢; June ranged at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ and closed at 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

The corn market was very weak. The decline in wheat at the opening and the brilliant weather were the ostensible causes for the low prices, but were soon after the opening prevailing in the corn market. The chief cause of the depression, however, was the number of orders on the market to sell out May contracts before their maturity necessitated the acceptance of the property. Much headroom receipts for yesterday's estimate were likewise an additional cause of the heaviness, which was increased by the estimated receipts for to-morrow of 46,000 cars.

The foreign market made a sudden turn, however, and the market began to turn vicinity and fractionally under. The closing was on the soft order at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ or about 3¢ under yesterday's close. DRIVES & LINDNER were called in by buyers late in the session. Hutchinson made a sudden turn, too, and the market began to turn vicinity and fractionally under. The closing was on the soft order at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ or about 3¢ under yesterday's close. DRIVES & LINDNER were called in by buyers late in the session. Hutchinson made a sudden turn, too, and the market began to turn vicinity and fractionally under. The closing was on the soft order at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ or about 3¢ under yesterday's close. DRIVES & LINDNER were called in by buyers late in the session. Hutchinson made a sudden turn, too, and the market began to turn vicinity and fractionally under. The closing was on the soft order at 78 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ or about 3¢ under yesterday's close. 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