

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Hutchinson Keeps the Wheat Trade in a State of Expectancy.

A DULL DAY IN THE CORN PIT.

Little Star in Oats Early—Provisions Scarcely Get Out of the Cut—A Firm Feeling in Cattle—Quotations.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, March 28.—(Special Telegram to The Bee)—Business in wheat today was at no time up to 1 o'clock heavy or important. The trade was kept on the alert, however, by the expectation that Hutchinson would attempt a stroke of some sort before the close. The price of May was all day between 75¢ and 75½¢. July was at the same time between 75½¢ and 75½¢. There was no very decisive firm underdone considering the offerings. Liverpool cables were steady. St. Louis and New York both had buying orders in this market, which were felt at bottom prices. Hutchinson sold wheat early and there was selling traced to Cudahy. Opinions differed on the present storm. Many regarded it as short and hard on the fields and others saw positive good in the snowfall. Altogether the local trade was bearish early, but when the market failed to decline scalpers bought their wheat back. Wheat closed weak at the bottom, prices of May and July being 75¢ and 75½¢. Prices of wheat for May, Hutchinson took any quantity of wheat on his lists sold last night at around 75½¢. The crown, who had been buying expectation of the market being forced to call the price, quickly sold out and left the market. June 75¢, May and July 75¢ and July 75½¢ were the last and bottom prices.

Traders in corn called this the dullest day of the month in the pit. Hutchinson sold moderately. Shorts were fair buyers on stomachs. March opened downward at \$1.50. May sold at 75¢ for July, opening at the 75¢ mark. Other closing prices were April, 26c; June, 30c; 30c for July, 31c; Aug., 31c; August, 31c; September, 33c.

There was little stir in oats early and prices started up somewhat on buying by Hutchinson. The market opened upward. Cudahy to sell a lot of oats. He sold Hutchinson 500,000 bushels at 23½¢ and worked off as much more in smaller blocks. May sold at 22½¢ early, up to 23½¢. Prices changed at 24c for all day.

Provisions scarcely got out of the rat to day. The only new feature in the trade was the selling of pork by Baxter, who was prodded with having a big order to execute. All the products opened shade higher this morning. Other prices were light receipts at the stock yards more portland at \$10 for May; May, off \$1.00 and closed at \$10.55. July pork sold at \$10.75 and off to \$10.67. Lard sold off \$1.05 to \$10 for May and \$6.25 to \$6.75 for July, opening at the best figures. Hams started at \$8.10 for May and \$8.25 for July, closing slightly with other products. Lard and ribs closed at exactly yesterday's prices.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 28.—(Special Telegram to The Bee)—CATTLE.—The market today was slow early owing to the light offerings, the severe storm derailing trains, and not more than half a day's arrivals were yesterdays up to noon. The feeling was one of more or less firmness and sales indicate strong yesterday's figures. The implement weather also had a tendency to keep buyers whose orders were not urgent under cover. Good butchers' stock continued scarce and everything in this line was quickly picked up at better prices than yesterday, although the market generally would not justify any notable advance. The supply of Texas cattle up to noon was about the same as yesterday—seventeen cars. Stocked and graded were in short supply, buyers were rather slow. Choice to extra, however, \$4.50 to \$5.00; medium to good steers, 1.50 to 1.50c; 1.50 to 1.50c; 1.50 to 1.50c. Stockers and feeders \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows, bulls and steers \$2.00 to \$2.50; calves, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Texas fed steers \$2.00 to \$2.50.

HOGS.—Early arrivals were not more than about one-third of the day's estimate and the supply on sale did not offer sufficient stock for the competitive demands of shippers and packers, so that the latter were more or less generally out of the market, save in cases of those who were obliged to have hogs for market and they were "in" buying in competition with the shippers. Prices were still moving upward, however, and the market was rather hard and strong from the opening to the close of the market. The few feeders in were soon picked up. Quite a number of bulls were in, some of them were good, costing heavily; all grades, \$4.00 to \$4.25.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,500; market strong; beavers, \$1.80 to \$5.00; steers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows, bulls and mixed \$1.50 to \$2.00. Hog—Receipts, 18,000; market strong, 50c higher; about \$1.00 for July, opening at the best figures. Hams started at \$8.10 for May and \$8.25 for July, closing slightly with other products. Lard and ribs closed at exactly yesterday's prices.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Friday, March 28.—Estimated receipts of cattle, 1,100, compared with 1,841 yesterday and 2,431 last Friday. The market opened active and the market continued active throughout the day, cool eagerly sought after. Before noon, nearly everything had changed hands on a strong, active market, the best grades of steers and cows at prices ranging from \$4.00 to \$5.00, and the poorer quality selling at good strong prices. One bunch of 17 steers averaging 1430 pounds sold at \$4.30, and 15 averaging 1452 pounds, sold at \$4.40, the top of the market. While three cows averaging 1420 pounds sold at \$3.50, the highest price paid for cows was \$3.80. New arrivals were more or less limited, even small in proportion to the gross receipts and as a consequence the market was split into two sections, one rather hard and strong from the opening to the close of the market. The few feeders in were soon picked up. Quite a number of bulls were in, some of them were good, costing heavily; all grades, \$4.00 to \$4.25. Two sales of cattle 210 to 240 lbs. sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50.

FINANCIAL.

New York, March 28.—(Special Telegram to The Bee)—STOCKS.—Each day appears to add to the indifference of the public regarding the stock market, and the long continued dullness has created much the same spirit among the trade. Commission houses are idle and transactions from day to day have a dull character. When business was resumed today stocks generally opened 3½c down on reports of a storm in the west. Louisville & Nashville was down 5c and Louisville New Albany & Chicago, 4½ per cent. Later the market rallied and became dull and steady at about the opening figures. Rock Island sold ex dividend at 32½c, with a little budge to 32c. During the hour to noon there was further depression. New England went off to 46, St. Paul to 48, Rock Island to 42½c, and Union Pacific to 62½c. Tennessee Coal was weak and dropped to 51c. Chicago Gas was weak and dropped to 51c. Sugar trust, after a dip to 46, recovered 4½. The market was a very tame affair. The business of the day in stocks was less than 100,000 shares and the market closed without any feature of importance. Such changes as were made in prices were in the shape of declines owing to dullness. Tennessee coal dropped down to 50c and Lackawanna lost 4%, while Readfield held about steady. New England, Erie, and Northern Pacific showed losses. Declines in granger and other western shares were as follows: Burlington and Missouri Pacific each 4c; Northwestern and St. Paul each 3c, and Rock Island 5c per cent. The total sales were 90,000 shares.

The following table shows the range of prices paid for hogs:

Light and medium hogs, \$4.10 to \$4.12½; Good to choice mixed hogs, 4.05 to 4.08; Good to choice heavy hogs, 4.05 to 4.09.

RANGE OF PRICES—HOGS.

The following table shows the range of prices paid for sheep:

Prime fat sheep, \$4.10 to \$5.50; Good fat sheep, 3.50 to 4.00; do preferred, 4.00; U.S. fat coupons, 3.00; N. Y. fat sheep, 4.00; Central Pacific, 3½; P. & R., 3½; Chicago & Alton, 3½; Rock Island, 2½; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 3½; A. T. & S., 3½; Illinois Central, 3½; St. Paul & Omaha, 3½; Illinois Central, 3½; do preferred, 3½; Kansas & Texas, 3½; W. L. & P., 3½; Lake Shore, 3½; do preferred, 3½; Western Union, 3½; Mississippi River, 3½.

PRIME—Easy at 3½c to 3½c per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, strong; sixty day bills, \$4.24; demand, \$4.37.

Mining Stocks.

New York, March 28.—(Special Telegram to The Bee)—The following are the mining-stock quotations:

A. T. & S. regular, 32½; Northern Pacific, 30; E. & S. regular, 10½; C. & N. W., 10½; E. & S. irregular, 10½; do preferred, 10½; U. S. & G. C. 10½; N. Y. & N. W., 10½; Central Pacific, 3½; P. & R., 3½; Chicago & Alton, 3½; Rock Island, 2½; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 3½; A. T. & S., 3½; Illinois Central, 3½; St. Paul & Omaha, 3½; Illinois Central, 3½; do preferred, 3½; Kansas & Texas, 3½; W. L. & P., 3½; Lake Shore, 3½; do preferred, 3½; Western Union, 3½; Mississippi River, 3½.

CHEESE—Easy at 3½c to 3½c per cent.

PRIME MERCHANTILE PAPER—5½c to 6½c per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, strong; sixty day bills, \$4.24; demand, \$4.37.

Comparative Tables.

The following tables show the ranges in prices on hogs during this and last week:

Days This week Last week

Average Price of Hogs.

Showing the average price paid for hogs.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, March 28.—1:15 p. m. close—Flour—Steady and unchanged; winter wheat, \$1.00 to \$1.05; spring wheat, \$1.10 to \$1.15; rye, \$2.00 to \$2.10; oats, \$1.00 to \$1.05; barley, \$1.00 to \$1.05; short rye, March, \$1.15; butter—Easy—Easy; creamery, 16c to 22c; dairy, full cream cheddars, 10c to 11c; hats, 10c to 11c; Young Americans, 11c to 12c; Eggs—Steady; fresh, 18c to 14c; Hides—Steady; heavy and light green saited, 45c to 50c; salted bull, 35c; green saited calf, 50c; dry flint, 60c; dry saited hides, 60c; dry calf, 50c; deacons, 20c; tallow—Unchanged; No. 1 solid packed, 32c; No. 2, 32½c; case, 34c.

HIGHEST AND LOWEST SALES OF HOGS.

TODAY.—Highest, \$4.12½; Lowest, \$3.92½.

STOCK RECEIPTS.

Official Yesterday—Estimated Today.

Cattle, 30 cars; 1,541 Cattle, 34 cars, 1,190 Hogs, 67 cars, 2,303; Sheep, 36 cars, 1,300 Sheep, 2 cars, 212.

DISPOSITION OF STOCK.

Showings the number of cattle, hogs and sheep bought by the packers and leading buyers on to-day's market:

CATTLE.

No. Buyers Swift & Co., 339; George H. Hammond & Co., 323; L. H. Rothchild, 111; Henton & Underwood, 338; Shippers and feeders, 136; Becker & Egan, 136; Crane & Vanant, 55.

RECEIPTS.

Official Yesterday—Estimated Today.

Cattle, 30 cars; 1,541 Cattle, 34 cars, 1,190 Hogs, 67 cars, 2,303; Sheep, 36 cars, 1,300 Sheep, 2 cars, 212.

GROCERIES.

Official Yesterday—Estimated Today.

Cattle, 30 cars; 1,541 Cattle, 34 cars, 1,190 Hogs, 67 cars, 2,303; Sheep, 36 cars, 1,300 Sheep, 2 cars, 212.

CORN RECEIPTS.

Official Yesterday—Estimated Today.

Cattle, 30 cars; 1,541 Cattle, 34 cars, 1,190 Hogs, 67 cars, 2,303; Sheep, 36 cars, 1,300 Sheep, 2 cars, 212.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

Official Yesterday—Estimated Today.

Cattle, 30 cars; 1,541 Cattle, 34 cars, 1,190 Hogs, 67 cars, 2,303; Sheep, 36 cars, 1,300 Sheep, 2 cars, 212.

CLOTHES RECEIPTS.

Official Yesterday—Estimated Today.

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