

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

There Was a Surprise Yesterday in the Visible Supply Report.

LATE FIGURES FOR WHEAT WERE ALARMING
Remarkable Decrease in That Cereal Noted
—Corn Left Off at a Decline and Provisions Wound Up Firm—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25.—There was a surprise today in the visible supply report. The late figures for wheat gave a remarkable decrease of 11,636,360 bu. On this there was temporary fluctuations which put prices up to 75¢ per bushel for May and July, but left them off again. Corn, too, was firm, and an advance of 4¢ for July. Provisions wound up firm at the improvement over Saturday's closing price for pork, and a gain of 5¢ each in lamb and ribs. In wheat the opening was at low market ruled strong, advancing an additional 5¢, eased off 4¢, closed steady. The early strength was influenced by the backwardness of the season being made so apparent by the crop reports.

The visible supply statement remained a matter of uncertainty until late in the session and trading, while waiting for its appearance, was extremely light. Some operators professed to see a bullish card in the dispatches from Washington. A census of the house showed that the Hatch bill could not pass. Pardise, it is the opinion of the market, will be voted down; May closed at 5¢.

ST. LOUIS MARKETS.
St. Louis, Mo., April 25.—Flour—More doing but prices unchanged; family, \$1,093-\$1,101 choice, \$1,200-\$1,205; fancy, \$1,600-\$1,605 extra flour.

WHEAT.—Sold up early, then decline; 5¢/45¢ advanced again later and closed 5¢/45¢. Close No. 2 cash, 5¢/45¢; May closed at 5¢.

CORN.—Was higher but tame, and little was done; No. 2 cash, 38¢/42¢; May closed at 42¢.

BAGGAGE.—Nominal.

HAY.—Firm and active for best grades; prime, \$10-\$11; timothy, \$11,000-\$11,500.

EAD.—\$4.10 asked; steered, \$4.50-\$4.60.

FLAX SEED.—Quot at 95¢.

MEAT.—Quiet; creamery, 102¢/22¢; dairy, 15¢.

Eggs.—Lower at 1¢.

CORN MEAL.—Firm at 10¢/10.20.

BAGGING.—Quot at 6¢/6.20.

IRON COTTON THES.—Lower at \$1.15/2.20.

PORK.—Standard.

LARD.—\$0.75.

HY. SALT.—MEAT.—Loose shoulders, \$1.50; loins, \$1.25; ribs, \$3.00; short, \$0.75; boxed lots, 15¢ more.

BACONS.—Shoulders, \$1.50; loins and ribs, \$1.25; bacon, \$3.00; sugar bacon, 20¢/20.50.

RECEIPTS.—Flour, 55,000 lbs.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 500 bu.; oats, 32,000 bu.; ry, 6,500 bu.

SHIPMENTS.—Flour, 50,000 lbs.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 45,000 bu.; oats, 32,000 bu.; barley, 1,500 bu.

RUM.—Lower at 1¢.

COKE.—Firm at 10¢/10.20.

WHEAT.—Quot at 11¢/11.20.

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KANSAS CITY MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 25.—FLOUR—Under way.

WHEAT.—Demand was better, but prices were not quite higher; No. 2 choice red, 95¢.

OATS.—Very hard to sell; No. 2 mixed, 90¢.

BRAN.—Steady; sacked, 59¢.

EGGS.—Firm and active for best grades; prime, \$1.00-\$1.05; steered, \$1.45-\$1.50.

FLAX SEED.—Quot at 95¢.

MEAT.—Quiet; creamery, 102¢/22¢; dairy, 15¢.

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