

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Surprising Feature of Business Was the Lively Break in Prices.

NOT MUCH LIFE IN WHEAT DEALINGS

Corn, Unlike Wheat, When Influenced by the Rain, Which It Was Thought Might Cut Off Receipts, Opened Stronger and Higher.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 18.—A sharp surprise was sprung in provisions today, resulting in a lively break in prices. With every hand in the market, the Commodity Exchange combination failed to realize some of their profits. Their numerous brokers began letting pork and lard go freely. The shorts were quickly supplied and the general trade took great quantities without much decline. Still the selling continued. The market was seen under the pressure until pork broke nearly 30c, lard 10c, and ribs 10c on January contracts. The manipulators had a partial recovery, while others with closing prices yesterday, 30c up, lard and corn unchanged. Oats were weak and lost from 4c to 5c.

There was not much life in the wheat market and the feeling was weak. With general rains, receipts again heavy and the export demand slack, there was not much apparently to warrant the full sentiment.

The only thing that induced the market was the fact that the crop was considerably below last year at this time of the year. But this was not by the claim that the situation was hardly ever so bearish, that stocks are unprecedented and the current receipts are on a scale that has never been equalled while prices abroad show an indifference discouraging to American exporters. The market was seen opening strong and higher. The decided strength at the close yesterday brought on a good many buying orders.

Receipts were a little off, but there was considerable firmness for a time.

But the advance brought out free offerings and the market closed quiet and steady at last night's figures.

Oats were best sellers and shorts principally. Corn sales were at the highest and the closing at the lowest price for the day. Trade was materially increased.

TALLOW.—Steady; quiet; common to good.

TOBACCO.—Quiet; steady; \$0.00 per lb.

CHEESE.—American fine white and colored, 50c per lb.; for September make.

American live cattle, steers, the offal, 51c per lb.

KANSAS CITY MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 18.—**WHEAT.**—Was 45¢ lower No. 2 hard, 39¢/49¢ No. 2 red, 62¢/65¢ No. 3 hard, 59¢/61¢ No. 3 red.

CORN.—Very weak; No. 2 mixed, 34¢/35¢; No. 3—Wheat; No. 2 mixed, 35¢/36¢.

BUTTER.—Unchanged; timothy, \$0.00 per lb.; prairie, \$0.00 per lb.

BUTTER.—First; creamy, 22¢/25¢; dairy, 16¢/20¢.

EGGS.—Fifteen 75¢.

RECEIPTS.—Wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 45,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHEARMENTS.—Wheat, 55,000 bu.; corn, 9,000 bu.; oats, none.

ON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—**COTTON SEED OIL.**—Quiet, steady.

TALLOW.—Steady; quiet; \$0.00 per lbs.

ROBIN.—Steady; strained, common to good.

TEMPERANCE.—Quiet; steady; 30¢/32¢.

PETROLEUM.—Oct. 18.—**PETROLEUM.**—15¢ per lb.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—**CALCUTTA LINSEED.**—35¢ per quart.

OMAHA FRUIT MARKET.

GRAPES.—New York Concord, 35¢ per 10-lb.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES.—Per crate, \$1.50 each.

PEACHES.—Per box, \$1.50.

APPLES.—Per lb., \$0.10; fancy, \$0.10; five lbs.

QUINCES.—Per box, 25¢.

COFFEE MARKET.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—**COFFEE.**—Medium, 9c; low grade, 7c; good ordinary, 9c; 9-9c; net receipts, 14,693 bushels; 15,975 bushels; sales, 25,350 bushels; stock, 18,950 bushels.

POULTRY.—Chickens, 8¢; ducks, 8c; geese, 12c; turkeys, 25c; pigeons, 10c; game, 16c/22c.

NEW YORK DRUG MARKET.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The dry goods market continued to display increasing animation with a fair business.

TRADERS' TAble.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 18.—**Commission & Day to Cook Bros.**—Commission company; grain market showed very little animation throughout the day.

SHIPPERS.—Not in the market and receivers were glad to find buyers among such shippers who were willing to take the risk and take chances on remitting their bills as favorably next week. Wheat was unhampered in our ports the bears expecting heavy imports to cover the market now when navigation closes. If not before, and holders apparently unconcerned about the future, will probably meet the inevitable demand for the wheat surplus during the crop year. Corn and oats advanced a fraction on the demand from shorts who anticipated a good deal of difficulty in remitting receipts and grading. The advances were met by free selling on the part of local dealers, who were evidently not worried about the market when navigation closes.

FEARLESS.—No. 1, 10c.

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