

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Started in the New Year with Quite a Boom.

OTHER GRAINS WERE NOT FAR BEHIND

Higher Cables and a Decrease in the Quantity of Wheat and Flour on Ocean Passage Drove Shorts to Cover.

CITRUS, Ill., Jan. 3.—Wheat started the new year with a boom of over 1c. Other grains followed. They tamed down after the first hour, and although closing slightly lower, still showed a good deal of strength. Prices were up in all directions, but the market was in a mixed position. Wheat is upward to 4c; corn 13-16c, and Friday's closing price for oats was bid in the hands of dealers. The market shows advance averaging from 25c to 30c.

POTATOES.—The market was pretty well cleaned up after the holidays and the fresh offerings were light. Choicer grades were up 1c to 1c 1/2. Brights are quoted at \$2.25 for single case lots and \$3.00 for five to ten case lots. Russets are 25c cheaper.

PEAS.—The market is quiet. The sale of small lots from stores. Western Nebraska stock is quoted at 80c and Utah and Colorado at 70c.

SWEET POTATOES.—The supply is very light and they are held at \$4.25.

FROZEN VEGETABLES.—Local growers are trying to get rid of their surplus of greenhouse growth. New onions 20c/25c per dozen bunches; lettuce, 40c/45c; carrots, 50c.

KIRCHBAUM & CO.—The market is quiet, which represents an average of four days, were not large as compared with preceding days, being only 1,873 cars, and had some effect on the market. The market was steady, though lighter in the day was due to rather free selling, offerings being larger, and some realizations were recorded. The market is quiet. Friday's closing figures of Friday and advanced 4c; the market declined 4c, rallied 4c and closed steady.

The early initial trades were as advance over the final figures of Friday, the action of wheat being responsible in a measure for the strength shown, and receipts being too much for the longs and on selling by receivers, the prices went off. The increase in the market was due to the market being lighter. The market then became steady and closed a shade better than Friday.

RAISINS.—The market was with only a moderate volume of trading. Prices had a 1c ring.

The provision market was strong and active upon opening. It retained its strength, but soon lost the activity. There was some realization on realization, but closing prices were near the estimated receipts for tomorrow: wheat, 200 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 55,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPENING.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT NO. 2	77c	78c	77c	77c
January	79	79	78	78
May	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
COTTON NO. 2	407c	408c	406c	405c
December	405c	405c	405c	405c
January	405c	405c	405c	405c
OATS NO. 2	304c/305c	304c	304c	304c
January	311c	312c	311c	311c
May	312c	312c	312c	312c
MILK POWDER	16	16	16	16
January	16	16	16	16
May	16	16	16	16
LIMA BEANS	10	10	10	10
January	10	10	10	10
May	10	10	10	10
BUTTER	87c	87c	87c	87c
January	87c	87c	87c	87c
May	87c	87c	87c	87c

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLAX SEED—No. 2, 72c; No. 3, 89c; 61

COFFEE—No. 2, 42c; No. 3, cash, 36c;

YARNS—No. 2, 36c; No. 2 white f. o. b.

43c; No. 3 white, f. o. b. 31c;

BALDREY—No. 2, 52c;

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 10c;

SHIRT STOCK—\$2.03;

PORK—Mess, per lb., \$1.50; lard, 100

lb.; bacon, ribs, sides, lard, \$8.80c;

COOKIES—Steady at 72c; No. 3 cash, 61c;

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