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Wheat Closed Lower for May Than it Has Ever Finished.

CORN WAS DULL IN THE MAIN ALL DAY

Provisions Opened a Shade Firmer on Hog Receipts Under the Estimate and Closed a Trifle Higher All Around.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Wheat closed at from 57⅝c to 57¾c today, the lowest it has ever finished for May, showing a loss of ⅝c since Saturday. A smaller decrease in the visible supply than was expected, lower cables, good crop prospects and an increase in the quantity of wheat and flour on passage were responsible for the decline. The working of 240,000 bu. of exports steadied the market at the close, but May finished near the bottom. May corn closed unchanged, May oats ⅛c lower, and provisions a trifle higher all around.

The warm rains throughout the northwest caused some selling of wheat and an easier feeling at the opening. The amount of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 2,224,000 bu. during the last week, which was an additional motive for putting out a few "fives" and "tens." Minneapolis reported 240 cars and Duluth 45 cars, against 273 and 202 respectively a year ago. Liverpool was quoted dull and rather easier at unchanged prices. New York advised some selling by foreigners at the opening there. Minneapolis, which closed ⅜c higher than Chicago on Saturday, came down to a level with prices here soon after the opening. There was nothing particularly encouraging in the above items for the bulls, and there was an evident fading of hope for their side in the increasing premium the holders of May contracts paid for changing them into July. From 2c to a shade less was paid about the middle of the session to turn May into July. The market opened at from 58c to 58¼c, and for an hour or so the fluctuations were in the main confined to that small range. As the figures of the visible supply statement came slowly to hand the market became heavier, as the hope of more than 1,250,000 bu. decrease began to fade. When the actual quantity of the decrease was fairly established, the price of May fell to from 57c to 57⅞c, and of July to from 59½c to 59⅝c. The visible supply decreased 1,248,000 bu., which is about 250,000 bu. smaller falling off than was looked for. The total in the visible supply now is 73,259,000 bu., against 79,020,000 bu. at the similar period a year ago. The Saturday's clearances from the four principal Atlantic ports were equal to about 390,000 bu. in wheat and flour together. The closing cables brought lower quotations from all the principal foreign exchanges. Without a shade of encouragement from any quarter, heaviness continued to rule here. The working here of some of the wheat for export gave the market some support toward the close. A. C. Buehl & Co. sold 80,000 bu., W. H. Harper, 50,000 bu., and Norton Worthington, 50,000 bu., all No. 2 spring. The trading as the market closed was at from 57⅝c to 57¾c. There was a fair inquiry for vessel room at 2c for wheat to Buffalo.

Corn was dull in the main and at times extremely so, though the fluctuations were narrow with such change as there was in the price in favor of those who were short. There was an increase for the week in the amount afloat for Europe amounting to 264,000 bu. The visible supply there increased 600,000 bu. Export clearances were small. Bartlett-Frazier bought in some short corn, but the general tone was bearish, influenced apparently by the low receipts and the heaviness in wheat. May opened at from 36¾c to 36⅞c, sold at 38⅞c and then alternated for a long time between 36¾c for buyers and the same price for sellers. It dropped to 36⅝c for a moment when the probable visible supply and the estimated receipts were reported. The market was firm in the last half hour of the session and wound up at the highest point of the day's range.

The oats market was dull. Little stuff was offered for sale, and there was even less wanted. There was a slightly increasing trade in sympathy with corn.

Provisions opened a shade firmer on hog receipts under the estimate and firm prices at the yards, and after some slight modifications of the first impression it wound up in substantial agreement therewith. Fowler-Sterling and Baldwin were among the early buyers of lard. The Anglo-American Packing company was also a moderate buyer. Hog receipts were 24,000 head, and the estimate for tomorrow is 21,000 head. The closing quotations show 5c improvement in pork, 7½c in lard and 5c in ribs.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 75 cars; corn, 550 cars; oats, 350 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
March.....	56⅜	56⅜	55⅝	55⅝@56¾
May.....	58	58¼	57⅜	57⅝@58
July.....	59⅝@60	60	59½	59⅝
Corn No. 2				
March.....	35	35⅝	34⅛	34⅛
May.....	36¾@37⅛	36⅞	36⅝	36⅞
July.....	37⅜	37¾	37½	37¾
Oats No. 2				
March.....	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛
May.....	30	30⅛	29⅞	30
July.....	27⅜	27⅝@27¾	27½	27⅝@27¾
Pork per bbl				
May.....	10 82½	10 85	10 75	10 80
July.....	10 87½	10 90	10 80	10 85
Lard, 100 lbs				
March.....	6 52½	6 52½	6 50	6 52½
May.....	6 42½	6 47½	6 42½	6 47½
July.....	6 40	6 45	6 40	6 45
Short Ribs				
May.....	5 62½	5 62½	5 57½	5 62½
July.....	5 62½	5 62½	5 57½	5 62½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 55⅝@55¾c; No. 3 spring, 54c; No. 2 red, 55⅝@55¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 35¾c; No. 3 yellow, 35c.

OATS—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 white, 31¾@32½c; No. 3 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 47c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 49@57c; No. 4, 48@50c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.37½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.20.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.80@10.82½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.62½@6.65. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.60@5.62½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $6.00@6.25; short clear sides, boxed, $6.00@6.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	15,000	12,000
Wheat, bu.....	23,000	12,000
Corn, bu.....	27,000	119,000
Oats, bu.....	314,000	238,000
Rye, bu.....	8,000	8,000
Barley, bu.....	38,000	8,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 15@21½c; dairy, 13@18c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 11@11½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,000 bbls.; exports, 23,000 bbls.; sales, 4,000 barrels; neglected and nominal, owing to weakness in wheat. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour, nominal.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull.

CORN MEAL—Steady.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 64c; two-rowed, 64@66c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 65@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 2,000 bu.; exports, 121,000 bu.; sales, 2,925,000 bu. futures and 16,000 bu. spot. Spot dull and weak; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 61¼c; afloat, 62¾c; f. o. b. 62½c; No. 1 northern, 67⅝c delivered; No. 1 hard, 72¾c delivered. Options broke all previous records today by nearly 1½c. The opening was weak and lower under weak cables, trans west and a big increase in passage. Subsequently, on a disappointing visible supply statement, long wheat came out freely and prices dropped rapidly. A good export business was expected, but failed to materialize, and the close was heavy; 5@6c net decline. No. 2 red, March, closed at 59¾c; May, 61¾@61⅞c, closed at 61¾c; July, 63½@64c, closed at 63½c; August closed at 64½c; September closed at 65¼c; December, 68⅝@69¼c, closed at 68¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 4,000 bu.; exports, 12,000 bu.; sales, 460,000 bu. futures and 40,000 bu. spot. Spot firmly held; No. 2, 44½c in elevator, 45½c afloat; steamer mixed, 44c. Options weak all day, with a fair business on the weakness in wheat, expectations of a larger movement and the increase in the visible supply, closing at ⅛c net decline. March closed at 43¼c; April closed at 42⅜c; May, 42¾@42⅝c, closed at 42¾c; July, 43¼@43⅜c, closed at 43⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 200,000 bu.; exports, 300 bu.; sales, 90,000 bu. futures and 57,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull and lower; No. 2, 34½@34¾c; No. 2 delivered, 35¼@35½c; No. 3, 33½c; No. 2 white, 37¼c; No. 3 white, 36c; track mixed western, 35@36½c; track white western, 38@41½c; options weak today, owing to the high receipts and favorable crop news, closing at ⅛@¼c net decline; March, 34¼c, closed at 34¼c; April closed at 34c; May, 34@34¼c; July closed at 33¾c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 70@85c.

HIDES—Quiet and steady; wet salted, New Orleans selected, 35 to 65 lbs., 4½@4¾c; Texas selected, 25 to 50 lbs., 46@5c; Buenos Ayres, 14 to 20 lbs., 15c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 6c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 15@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 6¼@6¾c; pickled shoulders, 5½@5¾c. Lard, steadier; western steam closed at 7c asked; sales, 250 tierces at $6.55; May, nominal; refined, steadier; continent, $7.40; S. A., $7.80; compound, $6.25. Pork, fairly active; new mess, $12.25@12.75; extra prime, $12.00@12.25; family, $12.50@15.00; short clear, $13.00@15.00.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 15@15c; western creamery, 15@22½c; western factory, 10@11c; Elgins, 22½c; state dairy, 14@21c; state creamery, 14@21c; oils.

CHEESE—Quiet; large, 9@12c; part skims, 3½@10c; full skims, 2@5c.

EGGS—Weak; state and Pennsylvania, 13c; western fresh, 12½@13c; southern, 11½@12c; receipts, 13,872 pkgs.

TALLOW—Dull, city (32 per pkg.), 4¼c; country (pkgs. free), 5c.

PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed at 82¼c bbl. ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.10@1.15.

TURPENTINE—Market steady at 34½@35¾c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 5¾c.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 27@36c.

PIG IRON—Steady; American, $11.50@15.00.

COPPER—Quiet; lake, 9¾c.

LEAD—Firm; domestic, $3.25.

TIN—Firmer; straits, $19.10 asked; plates, firm.

SPELTER—Steady; domestic, $3.60 bid.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive and almost nominal, with sales confined to smallest parcels and bids on round lots; prime crude, in bbls., 25½26c; prime crude, loose, 21@23c; off crude, 21@22c; butter grades, 33@33½c; prime summer yellow, 29@31c; off summer yellow, 30c; prime summer white, 33@34c.

SUGAR—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 2¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¼c; sales rumored, Muscovado, 89 test, 2¾c; refined, 5 1-16c lower for Nos. 13 and 14, and ⅛c lower for other grades; No. 6, 3 11-16@3⅝c; No. 7, 3⅝@3 13-16c; No. 8, 3¾@3 11-16c; No. 9, 3 7-16@3¾c; No. 10, 3⅝@3 9-16c; No. 11, 3 5-16@3⅜c; No. 12, 3¼@3 7-16c; No. 13, 3c; off A, 4 1-16c; mould A, 4 9-16c; standard A, 4@4 1-16c; confectioners' A, 4@4 3-16c; cut loaf, 4⅝@5 1-16c; crushed, 4⅝@5 1-16c; powdered, 4⅝@4 9-16c; granulated, 4⅛@4⅜c asked; cut loaf, 5 11-16c.

Local Produce Market.

BUTTER—The receipts are fairly liberal and the market is weak, with an unusual range in prices on the best grades. Choice country, 13@16c; packing stock, 8@9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—There is but little trade, most of the business running to live stock. Chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 6½@8c; geese and ducks, 8@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—The supply is liberal and a more active demand is noticeable. Good stock is quotable at 4½@6c.

VEAL—There is a fair supply available and a fairly active trade at steady prices. Good, fat veals, 6@7c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

EGGS—Fresh eggs are lower than they have been for years, and the continued weakness of the market in New York indicates that they will go lower rather than recover. Some dealers freely predict that the market will touch 8c before the week ends. Strictly fresh eggs, 10c.

HONEY—Choice white clover, 15c; California, 16c; dark honey, 12½@13c.

OYSTERS—Medium I X L, 16c; horseshoes, 18c; extra standard, 20c; selects, 21c; extra selects, 23c; company selects, 25c; counts, 30c.

NUTS—Chestnuts, Italian, 15c; Italian chestnuts, 12@13c; almonds, 16@17c; English walnuts, 12@14c; filberts, 12c; pecans, large, 13@14c; pecans, medium, 10c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5.00@5.50; half bbl., $2.00@3.25; Oregon, per bbl., $4.50; half bbl., $2.75; clarified cider, per bbl., $4.50; half bbl., $2.75.

SAUERKRAUT—Per bbl., $4.50@5.00; half bbl., $2.75.

VEGETABLES.

BEANS—California hand-picked navy, $1.90@2.00; western navy, $1.75@1.80; common white beans, $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Onions are quoted on orders at 80c; onions, in bbls., $2.75.

POTATOES—Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 75c; some in car lots, 65@70c; Colorado, from store, 90c; Colorado late, 72½@75c; seed potatoes, Early Ohio, $1.00@1.10; Early Rose, 90c@$1.00.

CABBAGE—The first shipments of Florida cabbage arrived this morning in excellent marketable condition. Florida cabbage, per crate, $2.50; California cabbage, per lb., 2¼@2½c.

CELERY—Extra fancy California, 60c@$1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, per bbl., $3.50.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $2.25@2.50; salsify, 20@35c per doz.; radishes, per doz., $1.25@1.50; lettuce, per doz., 25@45c; cucumbers, $1.50@1.75; tomatoes, per crate of 20 lbs., 60c@$1.25; onions, per doz., 25@40c; cauliflower, per doz., parsley, per doz., 20@35c; egg plant, per doz., $2.25; asparagus, per doz., 85@90c; turnips, per doz., 75@85c; carrots, per doz., 75c; beets, per doz., 80c; water cress, per doz., $1.75@2.00; Florida tomatoes, per 4-basket crate, $6.50@7.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—There are but few apples on the market and the trade is largely going to oranges. Fancy westerns, $2.25 per box.

CRANBERRIES—The cranberry season is nearly over and most of the stock is too soft to ship. There is still some demand, however, for good stock, and prices are ruling higher. Cape Cod, per bbl., $7; bell and bugle, $7; Jersey, $7.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—The stock is arriving in good condition and the trade is increasing. Riverside seedlings, regular sizes, $2.25; small sizes, $2; Riverside Washington navels, $2.50@2.75; Redland seedlings, regular sizes, $2.50@2.75; Redland navels, $3@3.50; Riverside seconds, sizes 250 to 300, 1.50@2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—The trade is constantly increasing and the market is well supplied. Per bunch, large, $2.00@2.25; small to medium, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—Messina, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.25@3.50; good, $2.75@3.00.

ORANGES—Fancy Floridas, $3; choice Floridas, $2.75.

TANGERINES—Per box, $2.75.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $4.

FURS.

BEAR—No. 1 black, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $15; small, $8.00@10.00; black yearlings, large, $12.00@15.00; medium, $10; small, $7; black cubs, large, $6.00@8.00; medium, $5.00@6.00; small, $4; black Montana and Rocky mountain, large, $18.00@22.00; medium, $14; small, $10; black Montana yearlings, large, $12; medium, $8; small, $5; black Montana cubs, large, $6.50; medium, $4.50; small, $3; silver tip, large, $20; medium, $12; small, $8; silver tip yearlings, large, $11; medium, $8; small, $5; silver tip cubs, large, $6; medium, $4.50; small, $3; brown, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $16; small, $12; yearlings, large, $10.00@12.00; medium, $8; small, $6; cubs, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $3; badger—No. 1, large, $1.00@1.50; medium, 60c; small, 50c; fisher—No. 1, large, $8; medium, $6; small, $4; fox, silver, as to color, according to beauty—No. 1, large, $10@; medium, $60; small, $40; silver, pale, according to beauty, large, $50; medium, $30; small, $20; cross, large, $7; medium, $3; small, $2; red, large, $1.50; medium, $1.25; small, $1; gray, large, $1.50; medium, 75c; small, 40c; kit, large, 50c; medium, 40c; small, 30c; lynx, No. 1, large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; marten, No. 1, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, 75; mink, No. 1, large, 80c@$1.00; medium, 75c; small, 65c; minx, dark, No. 1, large, $1; medium, 75c; small, 50c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1, large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, 25@50c; otter, No. 1, large, $8; medium, $6.00@7.00; small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $4; raccoon, No. 1, large, 80c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, 70c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, No. 1 large, $1.25; medium, 75c; small, 50c; short striped, large, $1; medium, 70c; small, 45c; narrow striped, large, 60c; medium, 40c; small, 25c; broad striped, large, 20@25c; wolverine, No. 1, large, $4; medium, $3; small, $2; wolf—mountain, No. 1 large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; prairie, large, 70@75c; medium, 50c; small, 30c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; medium, $4.50; small, $2; kits, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, 75c; muskrats—winter, No. 1 large, 10@11c; medium, 9c; small, 7c; fall, large, 8@9c; medium, 7c; small, 6c; kits, large, 2@3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 2½@3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 1½@2c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 6½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short-wooled early skins), each, 50@15c; dry shearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short-wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@8c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@7c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4¼@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3¾@4c; grease, white A, 4c; grease, white B, 3¾c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@18c; rough tallow, 2@2½c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—FLOUR—Quiet, weak; prices unchanged.

WHEAT—Opened weak, closing ⅝@¾c lower; easier, rallied ½@¾c, sloped off again and closed ⅝c below Saturday's final prices, the weather and shorts being the principal influence; No. 2 red, cash, 53c; March, 52¾c; May, 54½c; July, 56¼c.

CORN—Was dull, showing practically no change; No. 2 mixed, cash and March, 33¾c; May, 34½c; July, 36c.

OATS—Weaker, generally unchanged; No. 2, cash and May, 31½c; May, 30¼c; July, 26c.

RYE—No. 2, offered, 50c; regular, 47c bid.

BARLEY—Nothing doing.

BRAN—Irregular; 65@67c east track.

FLAX SEED—Higher at $1.34.

HAY—In fair demand, unchanged; prime to choice timothy, $8.50@10.50.

BUTTER—Slow, unchanged; separator creamery, 20c; good to choice dairy, 15@17c.

EGGS—Lower at 8¾c.

LEAD—Firm at $3.25. Spelter, firm at $3.65.

CORN MEAL—$10.65@10.95.

WHISKY—Owing to the local disturbances in the high wine market it dropped sharply to $1.08.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged at 95c@$1.00.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 5½@6c.

PROVISIONS—Very dull and weak. Pork, standard mess, $11.25@11.37½. Lard, prime steam, $6.50@6.60. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $5.50; longs and ribs, $5.70; shorts, $5.85. Bacon packed shoulders, $6.25; longs, $6.37½; ribs, $6.50; shorts, $6.50@6.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls., wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 194,000 bu.; oats, 47,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 1,000 bu.; corn, 42,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 19.—Wheat receipts today were 240 cars; shipments, 38 cars. The market opened weak at 58¾c for May and 59¾c for July. Later it sold about ½c lower, with about the average amount of trading and some outside business. Subsequently it improved materially. There was local strength as compared with other markets. Country stocks decreased 194,000 bu. Private elevator stocks in the city increased 40,000 bu., public elevator stocks decreased about 50,000 bu. The demand was good for the cash wheat that was offered on track, and all sold out early. About 50 cars additional were sold to arrive that will be coming in some time during the week. Farmers are marketing steadily at about the same rate as last week, which promises another decrease in country elevator supplies. The sales of No. 1 northern on track ranged mainly at about 60@60½c, the sales mostly being made before the lower prices obtained in futures. No. 1 hard sold mostly at from 62 to 62¾c, with a few sales made at 62c for particularly choice lots. No. 2 northern went at about 59c. Mills were running steadily at about 26,000 bbls. capacity. The flour market is extremely dull, and less than the day's production was sold. Quotations of flour are easier at $3.25@4.25 for patents; $1.65@1.85 mainly for bakers, with some held at $2.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 19.—COFFEE—Options opened irregular and generally weak under disappointing cables, unsatisfactory action of spot coffee market and absence of speculative support; closed dull at net 5 points advance to 10 points decline; sales, 3,500 bags, including: March at 16.55; April, 16.30; May, 15.85@16.00; July, 15.25; August, 15.15, and December, $14.20. Spot coffee, Rio, dull and heavy; No. 7, 17.50@17.62½; mild, dull and unchanged; Cordova, 19@25; sales, late Saturday, 2,000 bags Rio flat lean, spot at 17.62½; 600 bags Maracaibo and 400 bags Central American at 16. Stock in New York today, 145,858 bags; stock in United States, 182,327 bags; afloat for United States, 254,000 bags; total visible available for the United States, 437,327 bags, against last year, 522,542 bags.

HAVRE, March 19.—Market steady; sales, 17,000 bags; prices unchanged to ¼f higher.

LONDON, March 19.—Market quiet, but firm; prices 3@6d higher.

HAMBURG, March 19.—Market steady; stock, 6,60 bags; prices uniformly ¼ pfg. higher.

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 19.—Market quiet; No. 7, 15.62; receipts, 16,000 bags; stock, 262,000 bags.

SANTOS, March 19.—Market quiet; good average Santos, nominal; no quotations; receipts, 22,000 bags; stock, 39,000 bags; cleared, 20,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, March 19.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 hard, 49c; No. 2 red, 56c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 31½@31½c; No. 2 white, 32@32½c.

OATS—½c higher; No. 2 mixed, 29½@30½c; No. 2 white, 30@31c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 48c.

FLAX SEED—Firm; $1.22@1.23.

BRAN—Firm; 61@66c.

HAY—Firmer; timothy, $8.00@9.50; prairie, $5.00@6.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 19@20c; dairy, 15@16c.

EGGS—Very weak; 8@8½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 12,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, none.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, March 19.—WHEAT—Demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 6s 1d@6s 2d; red western winter, 4s 10½@5s.

CORN—Steady; demand fair; new mixed, 3s 10½d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, 86s 6d. Pork, prime mess, 80s 6d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 32s; long clear, 45 lbs., 32s 6d. Lard, prime western, 37s.

BUTTER—Finest, 80s.

CHEESE—American, fine, 56s 6d.

TALLOW—26s 6d.

TURPENTINE—22s.

LINSEED OIL—21s 6d.

PETROLEUM—Spring patents, 6s 9d.

ROSIN—5s 7½d.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 1s.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The dry goods market opened at a very good demand of buyers, yet the local and nearby dealers did not respond as expected, because of the stormy weather. With commission houses there was a very great interest by the local trade and the representatives of the out of town houses. Most of the demand, however, was through the mail orders. They covered good qualities of printed fabrics, domestic dress goods and an increased demand for ticking, colored duck or other styles of card cotton. Printed cloths firm at 2¾c bid for April, with no orders. There was a moderate business done in woolens, and dress goods were in better request.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 19.—COTTON—Spot, steady; sales, spot, 500 bales; to arrive, 1,500 bales; receipts, 4,800 bales; exports, —Great Britain, 5,500 bales; stock, 231,616 bales. Futures, quiet and steady; sales, 1,300 bales; March, $7.07@7.08; April, $7.05@7.07; May, $7.13@7.14; June, $7.21@7.22; July, $7.27@7.28; August, $7.33@7.34; September, $7.29@7.31; October, $7.23@7.25; November, $7.37@7.39; December, $7.42@7.44.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7¼c; sales, 200 bales; receipts, 1,200 bales; shipments, 1,000 bales; stock, 62,190 bales.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., March 19.—National Transit certificates opened at 82¾; highest, 82¾; lowest, 82¾; closed, 82¾. Clearances, 5,000 bbls.; shipments, 158,525 bbls.; runs, 93,500 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 19.—National Transit certificates opened at 82¾; closed at 82¾; highest, 82¾; lowest, 82¾. No sales.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, March 17, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 73,259,000 bu., decrease, 1,249,000 bu.; corn, 19,734,000 bu., decrease, 291,000 bu.; oats, 9,797,000 bu., increase, 20,000 bu.; rye, 449,000 bu., decrease, 71,000 bu.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, March 19.—CORN—Market quiet, easier; No. 2, 43c; No. 3, 33¼c.

OATS—Market irregular, lower; No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c; No. 3 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—Scarce; nominal.

WHISKY—Market firm; high wine basis, $1.15.

London Sugar Market.

LONDON, March 19.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; centrifugal Java, 15s 6d; Muscovado Java, fair refining, 12s 3d.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—WOOL—In fair demand, steady at the recent change in prices.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Week Opened with a Firm Tone to the Speculation.

NEW YORK, March 19.—On the Stock exchange today the week opened with a firm tone to the speculation and generally higher prices, Chicago Gas, which was 1 per cent down, being the only notable exception. Sugar showed more strength and activity, the first sale being at an advance of 1 per cent. In the early dealings a further improvement of 1½ per cent was made, followed by a reaction of ¾ per cent. Washington advices coming forward to the effect that the refiners would be given increased protection induced purchases of the shares, and rumors were circulated that the recent bull pools in Sugar were again acquiring stock for the purpose of another upward movement. The result was an advance of 2¼ per cent, at which figure there was some profit taking, which caused a reaction of 1⅛ per cent, but at the late dealings there was a recovery of ⅜ per cent, leaving a gain on the day of 2¼ per cent. St. Paul was fairly well held in the morning and was bought in small lots for the London account, but the stock fluctuated within a margin of ¾ per cent, making a decline of ⅜ per cent.

The other grangers also kept inside a 1 per cent limit on moderate transactions and shows an improvement of ¼ to ⅜ per cent. National Lead made a spurt during the morning of 2½ per cent, but lost ⅛ per cent of the improvement in the late dealings. The preferred rose ⅝ per cent. In Distilling the speculation was restricted by reason of the unsettled condition of affairs between the distributing and the distilling companies, representatives of which are still in conference on the western issue. There is hope that at a meeting to be held on Wednesday an agreement may be reached. After an advance of ¾ per cent, the shares receded ⅝ per cent and rallied ⅜ per cent. Missouri Pacific lost ¼ per cent, then rose 1⅛ per cent, closing at a reaction of ⅛ per cent. In the rest of the list the transactions were on a small scale, but some of the specialties made material gains on the day. A fairly steady tone characterized the market at the close. The bond market was strong all day. The leading changes are all below 2 per cent.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison.....	15¼	Northern Pacific.	5⅞
Adams Express...	150	No. Pac. pfd.....	20⅛
Alton, T. H.....	22½	U. P. D. & G.....	5¾
do pfd.....	120	Northwestern.....	106⅝
Am. Express.....	114	do pfd.....	140
Baltimore & Ohio	77⅛	N. Y. Central.....	100¼
Canada Pacific....	67⅜	N. Y. & N. Eng....	40¾
Canada Southern.	50⅛	Ontario & W.....	16⅜
Central Pacific...	14⅝	Oregon Imp.....	14
Ches. & Ohio.....	18	Oregon Nav.....	20
Chicago Alton....	136	O. S. L. & U. N....	8¾
C., B. & Q.....	81½	Pacific Mail.....	17
Chicago Gas.....	61	P. D. & E.....	5
Consolidated Gas.	128	*Pittsburg.....	150
C. C. C. & St. L....	41	Pullman Palace..	170
Colo. Coal & Iron	10	Reading.....	22¼
Cotton Oil Cert...	22⅜	Rockyand Terms..	4
Del. Hudson.....	138	do pfd.....	17⅜
Del. Lack. & W...	166¼	R. G. W.....	14⅜
D. & R. G. pfd.....	30⅜	do pfd.....	42
D. & G. E. Co.....	26⅝	Rock Island.....	70¾
East Tenn.....	4	St. Paul.....	63⅜
Erie	17⅜	do pfd.....	122
do pfd.....	37¼	St. P. & Omaha...	38⅝
*Fort Wayne.....	151	do pfd.....	113
G. Northern pfd..	93	Southern Pac.....	24¼
C. & E. I. pfd.....	93	Sugar Refinery...	93
Hocking Valley...	20	Tenn. Coal & Iron	18⅝
Ill. Central.....	92	Texas Pacific....	8⅜
Ind. B. & Iowa....	24	Union Pacific....	60
K. & T. pfd.....	24⅜	Union Pacific....	18⅜
Lake Erie & W....	15⅜	U. S. Express.....	52
do pfd.....	68	W. St. L. & P.....	15
Lake Shore.....	127⅜	do pfd.....	42
Lead Trust.....	35	Wells Fargo Ex..	120
Louisville & N....	49⅛	Western Union...	86
Louisville & N. A.	8⅝	W. & L. E.....	12⅜
Manhattan Con....	123⅜	do pfd.....	47⅜
Memphis & C.....	50	Mex. Cent. Ltd....	9⅛
Michigan Cent....	98	D. & R. G.....	9⅜
Mo. Pacific.....	26⅞	G. E.....	42
Mobile & Ohio.....	17	N. Linseed.....	19
Nashville Chat....	72	C. F. & I.....	25
National Cordage.	19	do pfd.....	63
do pfd.....	38	H. & T. C.....	2
N. J. Central.....	116¾	T. A. A. & N. M....	10
N. & W. pfd.....	20⅜	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
North Am. Co.....	4⅜	do pfd.....	7

*bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 172,100 shares, including: Atchison, 2,900; American Sugar, 51,800; Burlington, 8,100; Chicago Gas, 10,800; Distilling & Cattlefeeding, 7,400; General Electric, 7,700; National Lead, 9,500; National Cordage, 3,300; New York & New England, 4,100; Northwestern, 7,100; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,200; Reading, 4,500; Rock Island, 7,700; St. Paul, 12,100; Western Union, 24,500.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 19.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1 per cent last loan, and closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.89 for demand and $4.87⅝@4.87¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.88@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86¾@4.86½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—58¾@59c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firmer. State bonds, inactive.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 5s reg.....	117½	S. L. & S. F. Gen. M	90
U. S. 5s coup.....	117¾	St. P. Consols.....	128
U. S. 4s reg.....	112¾	St. P. C. & P. 1sts.	109¼
U. S. 4s coup.....	114¼	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	78⅝
U. S. 4½s reg.....	96	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	22⅝
Pacific 6s of '95..	102½	Union Pac. 1sts..	104½
Louisiana stpd 4s.	94¾	West Shore.....	104
Missouri 6s.....	100	R. G. W. 1sts.....	69¼
Tenn. new set 6s.	102	Atchison 4s.....	74⅝
Tenn. new set 5s.	101	Atchison 2½s A...	96
Tenn. new set 3s.	76	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	95
Canada So. 2nds..	103	*do 7s.....	95
Cen. Pac. 1sts.....	104	H. & T. C. 5s.....	104
D. & R. G. 1sts....	113	do 6s.....	102
D. & R. G. 4s.....	74½	*N. C. 6s.....	124½
Erie 2nds.....	85	do 4s.....	99
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	44¾	Tenn. old 6s.....	60
M. K. & T. Gen 5s	81	Va. Centuries.....	59
Mutual Union 6s..	110	do deferred.....	6⅜
N. J. C. Int. Cert..	113	S. C. non. fund....	1
No. Pac. 1sts.....	113	Ala. Class A.....	98⅞
No. Pac. 2nds.....	86¼