

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Uncertainty Concerning the Cold Wave Made Many Wheat Sellers.

LITTLE LIFE IN THE CORN MARKET

There Were Liberal Offerings and a Good Demand for Shorts in Oats—Provisions Developed Considerable Strength During the Day.

CHICAGO, March 22.—In anticipation of tomorrow's holiday and with uncertainty regarding the effect of the approaching cold waves, there were more sellers than buyers of wheat, and the price, compared with yesterday's closing quotation, is 1/4c lower. Corn is 1/2c lower and oats unchanged. Provisions were strong, closing prices showing a gain of 10c in pork, 7 1/2c in lard and 5c in ribs.

The opening in wheat was quiet, without change in price since the previous afternoon. The cold wave was mainly slowly over the winter wheat belt and had already spread over Nebraska, Kansas and down into Texas. Its course was still eastward, but the degree of cold was not sufficient to raise a doubt and make it debatable whether any actual damage to the wheat plant would result from it.

The receipts at Chicago were lighter. But there was very little life in the corn market and not enough doing to lift or depress values to a greater extent than 1/4c. Export clearances were very small, but there was a good demand for the offerings here in the sample market at about 1/2c over yesterday's prices. May contracts at 1 3/4c declined to 1 1/2c, and October from 37 3/4c to 37 1/2c, but under the influence of the easy feeling in wheat toward the close of yesterday's trading, all left off with sellers at May at 37 1/4c.

While the slight firmness in corn influenced a similar feeling in oats, business in the latter was hardly active. There were liberal offerings and a good demand for shorts. The cash market for oats was very active and firm, closing at 1 1/2c, slightly under yesterday's price, at a bid of 30 3/4c, and sold up to 31 1/4c. Toward the close the market declined a shade with wheat and corn, but closed with sales at 30 3/4c to 30 1/2c and 30 3/4c.

The provision market again developed considerable strength. The extra firmness was at first the result of the high price of hogs, but was added to later by the reported volume of the cash trade. The closing prices were for: lard, 12 3/4c; corn, 10 1/2c; pork, 12 1/2c; ribs, 10 1/2c; short ribs, 11 1/2c. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 165 cars; oats, 175 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

No Hoard of Trade since tomorrow—Good Friday.

Table with columns: Article, Open, High, Low, Close. Includes Wheat No. 2, Corn No. 2, Oats No. 2, Lard, Pork, Ribs, Short ribs, etc.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

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New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 22.—FLOUR—Receipts 3,500 bags; exports, 3,400 bags; sales, 25,000 bags. Best patent, 37c; fair, 36c; extra, 35c. Corn meal, 18c.

NEW YORK, March 22.—WHEAT—Receipts 3,500 bushels; exports, 3,400 bushels; sales, 25,000 bushels. No. 2 hard, 95c; No. 3, 93c.

NEW YORK, March 22.—COTTON—Spot, 10c; exports, 100 bales; sales, 1,000 bales. No. 11, 10c; No. 12, 9 1/2c.

NEW YORK, March 22.—SUGAR—Cane, 11c; molasses, 10c. Coffee, 20c; cocoa, 15c.

NEW YORK, March 22.—CATTLE—Receipts 1,000 head; exports, 800 head; sales, 1,500 head. Heavy, 60c; light, 55c.

NEW YORK, March 22.—PORK—Receipts 500 barrels; exports, 400 barrels; sales, 1,000 barrels. Standard, 12 1/2c; extra, 13 1/2c.

Local Produce Market.

Butter: There is a strong demand for the really good butter, and but very little of it on the market. Receipts are mainly to the inferior grades. Cheese: Good quality, 12c.

LIVE POULTRY: There is a fairly active trade in live poultry in this city. Good stock is available at 40c. Turkey: 10c.

FRUIT: Apples: 10c. Peaches: 15c. Berries: 20c. Raspberries: 18c.

EGG: 20c. Butter: 25c. Lard: 12c. Corn: 10c. Oats: 8c.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET: Cotton: 10c. Wool: 15c. Silk: 20c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET: Flour: 37c. Corn: 30c. Pork: 12c.

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Coffee Market.

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