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CORN IMPROVED EARLY WITH WHEAT

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CHICAGO, March 30.—Wheat advanced 1c per bushel today on a very moderate amount of buying. It closed with a net gain of from ⅝c to ¾c. There is now no doubt of considerable injury having been done to wheat in many sections. There was much testimony to that effect and the result was a firm market. Corn and oats were fairly firm, but very dull. Provisions were strong and quite active in spots, with higher prices in the end.

Although the cold had greatly moderated and wheat opened firm and ⅛c higher than it closed yesterday, the numerous dispatches which had come to hand before the session opened reported frost damage in more positive terms than before. This was the cause of the opening firmness and continued to be the governing influence during the remainder of the session. Liverpool responded to the decline here yesterday by sending quotations ¼d lower. The receipts here were 28 cars. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 22 cars. Clearances from the seaboard were light, amounting from the four chief Atlantis ports to only 230,000 bu. Business was fairly active and the shorts, after hesitating for about fifteen minutes, became free buyers. The general tone among the longs was one of confident firmness, and the price had an upward tendency after the first quarter of an hour. May opened at 60¼c, worked off to 59⅝c, and then gradually rose to 60⅞c. It reacted to 60½c, advanced to 61c, and held firmly around 60⅝c and 60¾c, with an apparent reluctance on the part of the sellers to part with much. It became firmer again and half an hour from the close was back up to 61c.

The closing cables were lower. Berlin quoted a decline of ½ mark and Paris a decline of 25 centimes in flour futures and from 5 to 15 centimes in wheat. There were no reports of fresh cash business here or at New York. The market here was quoted at from 60⅝c to 60¾c at the close.

Corn was dull but firm and the firmness was in the main ascribed to the improvement in wheat. The opening price for May was 37½c; it rose by small steps to 37¾c, and during the greater part of the session it was alternately 37½c to 37⅝c for buyers and the same for sellers. The price rested at 37½c for May, which shows no change for the day, and 38¼c for July, which is an improvement of ⅛c.

Trading in oats was very light. There was but little disposition to sell and less to buy. The cash market was lower. During the entire session the sales on all futures were higher. May started steady at 31¼c, sold up to 31½c, back to 31⅜c and closed at that price bid.

There was a firm feeling in the provision market after a preliminary decline. The packers appeared anxious for a break at the start, but when they had secured the decline there were brokers from commission houses prepared to take all that was offered. The small stock—estimated at 72,000 bbls. of pork, 2,500 tierces of lard and 10,000,000 lbs. of ribs—was a factor and probably the principal motive behind buying orders. Compared with last night May pork is 32½c higher, May lard 5c higher and May ribs 10c higher.

Estimated receipts: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 240 cars; oats, 170 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
March.....	58⅝	59½	58⅝	59⅛@⅜
May.....	60⅝@⅝	61	59⅝@⅝	60⅝@¾
July.....	62	62¾	61⅛	62⅛
Corn No. 2..				
March.....	36⅝	36⅝	36⅜	36⅜
May.....	37⅛	37⅜	37⅛@⅜	37⅜
July.....	38	38⅜	38	38⅛
Oats No. 2...				
May.....	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛	31⅜
June.....	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
July.....	27⅞	28¼	27⅞	28⅛
Pork per bbl				
May.....	11 42½	11 97½	11 42½	11 82½
July.....	11 45	11 90	11 45	11 77½
Lard, 100 lbs				
March.....	7 25	7 25	7 20	7 20
May.....	6 92½	7 10	6 90	7 05
July.....	6 80	6 87½	6 77½	6 82½
Short Ribs—				
May.....	5 82½	6 05	5 80	6 00
July.....	5 80	6 00	5 80	5 99

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 59¼@59¾c; No. 3 spring, 59c; No. 2 red, 59⅛@59¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 36⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 3 white, 32½@33½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 52@59c; No. 4, 49@54c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.35.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.50@11.82½; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.32½@7.35; short ribs, sides (loose), $5.97½@6.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5.87½@6.12½; short clear sides (boxed), $6.37½@6.62½.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	13,000	29,000
Wheat, bu.....	18,000	13,000
Corn, bu.....	128,000	103,000
Oats, bu.....	169,000	156,000
Rye, bu.....	8,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	29,000	13,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was quiet and unchanged; creamery, 14@21c; dairy, 13@18c. Eggs, quiet and unchanged; fresh, 10c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, March 30.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,300 bbls.; exports, 16,600 bbls.; sales, 8,330 pkgs. Market quiet but steady. The business in the few days has about satisfied the demand. Exporters are 10c below the market and refuse to advance bids. Rye flour, steady. Buckwheat, steady. Buckwheat, flour, nominal.

BUCKWHEAT—Very dull; Canada, ex-bond, 65@67c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 65@75c; Canadian, 85@96c; six-rowed, 80c.

CORN MEAL—Dull.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Weak; No. 2, Milwaukee, 64½@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, none; exports, 64,000 bu.; sales, 2,050,000 bu. futures; spot, inactive; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 62⅝c, nominal; afloat, 63⅝c, nominal; No. 1 northern, 69½c; delivered, nominal; No. 1 hard, 74½c; delivered, nominal. Options advanced a little at the start, but this was soon lost owing to weak cables, good weather and better crop news. Then came a crop scare similar to yesterday's, frightening the shorts until the pit was full of buying orders, and prices shot up ⅜@⅞c to 62⅝c for May. The market continued this way all the afternoon. The close was firm at ⅛@⅜c net advance over yesterday. Cash wheat was again very dull. March closed at 62¾c; May, 63@64c, closed at 63⅝c; July, 65¼@66¼c, closed at 65⅞c; August closed at 67c; September, 66 15-16@68c, closed at 68c; December, 71⅛@71¼c, closed at 71c.

CORN—Receipts, 17,000 bu.; exports, 7,700 bu.; sales, 120,000 bu. futures and 37,000 bu. spot. Spot, easier; No. 2, 46c in elevator; 47c afloat; steamer mixed, 44½c in elevator; 47½c delivered. Options were stupidly dull all day, interest seemingly being absorbed by wheat. A sale of March was made at ⅛c under yesterday's price, showing that shorts were pretty well protected. The close was dull; March closed at 46c; April closed at 43⅝c; May, 42⅞@43⅛c, closed at 42⅞c; July, 44@44½c, closed at 44c.

OATS—Receipts, 40,000 bu.; exports, 1,000 bu.; sales, 15,000 bu. futures and 55,000 bu. spot. Spot, quiet and steady; No. 2, 26c; No. 2 delivered, 27c; No. 3, 25c; No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 28½c; track mixed western, 26@27c; track white western, 28½@42c; track white state, 28½@42c. Options, dull early, but became more active and firm later, closing ⅛@¼c net advance; March closed at 26c; April closed at 25⅝c; May, 25⅝@25¾c, closed at 25½c; July, 24⅞@25c, closed at 25c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 9@19c; Pacific coast, 13@19c.

HIDES—Slow and nominally unchanged; wet salted, New Orleans selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5½c; Texas selected, 35 to 50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 10½@11c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 6c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 15c.

HAY—Choice, firm; low grades, dull and heavy.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 19@24c; pulled, 20@28c; Texas, 10@15c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 6⅝@7¼c; pickled shoulders, 6c; pickled hams, 9½@9¾c. Lard, quiet but firm; western steam closed at $7.65; March closed at $7.65, nominal; May, $7.65, nominal; July, $7.75, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $8.05; South America, $8.40; compound, 5.75@6.00. Pork, firmer; new mess, $13.00@13.50; extra prime, $12.25@13.50; family, $12.50@14.00; short clear, $13.00@15.25.

BUTTER—Firm; western dairy, 11@14c; western creamery, 15@21c; western factory, 8@12c; Elgins, 21c; state dairy, 14@2-c; state creamery, 13@18c, old.

CHEESE—Quiet; state large, 9@12c; small, 9@13c; part skims, 3@10c; full skims, 1@2½c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11½@12c; western fresh, 11½@12c; southern, 10½@11½c.

ROSIN—Firm; strained to good, $1.12½@1.17½.

TURPENTINE—Dull; about steady; 51½@56c.

TALLOW—Dull, easy; city ($2 per pkg.), 4⅛@4 15-16c; country (pkgs. free), 4⅛@4 15-16c, as to quality.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to good, 5⅝@6c; Japan, 4⅞@4¾c.

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

PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed at 81½c.

PIG IRON—Dull; American, $12.00@12.50.

COPPER—Quiet; lake, $9.50.

LEAD—Easier; domestic, $3.30.

TIN—Firmer; straits, $19.35; plates, dull.

SPELTER—Easier; domestic, $3.55 asked.

COTTONSEED OIL—A steadier feeling is noted in the market, and business has picked up considerably; offerings are limited; prime crude, bbl., 27c; prime crude, loose, 21@23c; off crude, 24@25c; prime summer yellow, 27@28c; off summer yellow, 31c; prime summer white, 34c.

SUGAR—Raw, dull; refined, quiet.

Local Produce Market.

BUTTER—The scarcity of choice butter has made the market firmer all around. Extra choice roll butter, 17@19c; choice country, 14@15c; packing stock, 7@9c.

EGGS—Although the receipts have fallen off of late there is no improvement in prices. Strictly fresh eggs, 8@8½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—There is but little good stock on the market, but what few sales are made show a slight advance in prices. Chickens, 8@10c; turkeys, 9@10c; geese and ducks, 8@10c. Inferior stock would sell below the above figures.

LIVE POULTRY—There is a fair demand and the market is firmer on some grades; hens, 7½@8c; spring chickens, 6@6½c; turkeys, 6@7c; young roosters, 6@6½c; staggy stock, 4@5c; old roosters, 3c.

VEAL—Good stock is becoming scarce and commands better prices; good, fat veals, 6@8c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

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

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs and cans, per doz., $12.50; half gallons, $6.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 10c.

GAME—There is a plentiful supply, but the market is rather quiet. Mallards, $2.00@2.25; redheads, $2.00@2.25; bluewing teal, $1.25@1.50; greenwing teal, $1.00@1.25; mixed ducks, 75@90c; geese, $4.00@4.50.

OYSTERS—Medium I X L, 16c; horseshoe, 18c; extra standard, 20c; selects, 21c; extra selects, 22c; company selects, 25c; counts, 30c.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 12c per lb.; Italian chestnuts, 12@13c; almonds, 16c; English walnuts, 12c; filberts, 12c; pecans, large, 13@14c; pecans, medium, 10c; Brazil nuts, 11c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $6; half bbl., $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; half bbl., $2.25.

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—Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 75c; same in car lots, 65@68c; Nebraska and Iowa, from store, 65c; Colorado, from store, 80c; Colorado lots, 72@75c; seed potatoes, Early Ohio, $1.00@1.10; Early Rose, 90c.

CABBAGE—The first shipments of Florida cabbage have arrived in excellent marketable condition. Florida cabbage, per crate, $2.25; California cabbage, per lb., 2½c.

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

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, per bbl., $3.50@3.65; seed potatoes, $3.25.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $2.00@2.25; salsify, 30@35c per doz.; radishes, per doz., 25c; lettuce, per doz., 35@45c; cucumbers, $1.50@1.75; tomatoes, per crate of 20 lbs., $1.50; parsley, per doz., 30@35c; egg plant, per doz., $2.25; onions, per doz., 25@30c; cauliflower, per doz., $1.25@1.50; asparagus, per doz., 90c; turnips, per doz., 75@85c; carrots, per doz., 75c; beets, per doz., 90c@$1.00; water cress, per doz., $1.75@2.00; Florida tomatoes, per 6-lb. crate, $4.50.

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 ORANGES—The market has advanced all around and another advance is expected in April. Riverside seedlings, $2.50; Riverside Washington navels, $2.75@3.00; Redland seedlings, $2.50@2.75; Redland navals, $3.00@3.25; Pasadenas and excelsiors, navals, $2.50@2.75; seedlings, $.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—The banana trade is increasing, but there is no quotable change in prices. Per bunch, large, $2.00@2.50; small to medium, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, fancy, $4; choice, $3.50.

ORANGES—Fancy Floridas, $3.25; choice Floridas, $2.75@3.00.

GRAPES—There are a few Malagas still on the market. Per keg, $6.50.

FIGS—Fancy, per lb., 15c.

DATES—Halowees, 65 to 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c.

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, $30; 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, $100; 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, 75c; medium, 50c; 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, $1; mink, No. 1, large, 80c@$1.00; medium, 75c; small, 65c; mink, dark, No. 1, large, $1; medium, 75c; small, 50c; moutain 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, 50c@$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, 60c; small, 50c; 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. or less, 6½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; 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@50c; green salted shearlings (short-wooled early skins), each, 5@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.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 30.—Receipts of wheat today were 170 cars; shipments, 85 cars. The mills are grinding at the rate of 120,000 bu. in twenty-four hours, which makes the day's consumption, including wheat shipped out, about 35,000 to 40,000 bu. more than the receipts. The demand for cash wheat on track was strong. The prices paid for it were about 2c a bu. above the price of May at the same time. About 100 cars of wheat were sold to arrive, and it is possible that the receipts may be larger in the next week or ten days in consequence. The bulk of the cash wheat sold this morning before the large advance in futures, with the result that the average price paid for track wheat today was about ¼c lower than the average paid yesterday. The cause of it was that sales made yesterday were in the morning before the decline, and this morning before the rise, while the closing prices today were about ⅝c higher than the closing prices yesterday.

There were a good many telegrams here today from the southern portion of the winter wheat country, and most of them reported serious damage to the winter wheat crop in their sections. It was the effect of these telegrams mainly that stimulated larger buying and the consequent final rise in values. The market closed about ⅝c higher than yesterday for futures, as well as for track wheat. March, 60½c; May, 61¼@61¼c; July, 61½c; September, 61¼c. During the early part of the day trading was very active, with a large volume of business transacted in futures, with more dullness at the close. The flour market was dull and active, with sales at about the same prices as the average sales yesterday, ranging from $3.40 to $3.60 for patents and from $1.85 to $2.10 for bakers, with a few sales reported above and below these prices.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—FLOUR—Quiet and steady.

WHEAT—Was bullish today, the market running up on advances of injury to winter wheat crop, and closing with a gain of ⅜@1⅛c; No. 2 red, cash, 56¼c; March, 56c; May, 57½c; July, 59½c.

CORN—Firm, but trading light, closing ¼@¾c up; No. 2 mixed, cash and March, 34⅝c; May, 34⅝@34¾c; July, 35½c.

OATS—Lower for cash, higher for options; No. 2 cash and March, 31½c; May, 31½c; July, 26¼c.

RYE—No. 2, east track, 51c bid.

BARLEY—Nothing doing.

BRAN—62c east track.

FLAX SEED—Nominal at 43c.

CLOVER SEED—Higher; $7.50@8.70 for fair to prime timothy; unchanged.

HAY—Quiet, unchanged; prime to choice, $8.50@9.50.

BUTTER—Steady, unchanged at recent decline.

EGGS—Steady at 8½c.

LEAD—Easier at $3.17½; spelter, $3.57½.

CORN MEAL—Steady.

WHISKY—$1.08@1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 5½@6c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Higher but easier toward close. Pork, standard mess, $12.37½. Lard, prime steam, $7.00@7.10; choice, $7.25. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $5.62½; longs and ribs, $6.05; shorts, $6.20. Bacon, packed shoulders, $6.75; longs, $6.62½; ribs, $6.75; shorts, $6.75@6.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 150,000 bu.; oats, 53,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, none; corn, 69,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, March 30.—COFFEE—Options opened dull, with bids unchanged to 15 points lower. First actual sales showed 5 points advance over last night, closed firm at unchanged to 20 points net advance. Sales, 5,000 bags, including: May, $16.05@16.10; July, $15.85; September, $15; November, $14.60; December, $14.35@14.40; spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, 17.87½; mild, quiet; Cordova, $19.25@19.50; sales, 2,000 bags of Rio. No. 7 flat bean at 17.87½; 500 bags Rio at 17.12½, for the United States; 200 pkgs. Central American, $18; warehouse deliveries yesterday, 7,440 bags; New York stock today, 208,957 bags; United States stock, 227,948 bags; afloat for the United States, 292,000 bags; total visible supply available for the United States, 529,948 bags, against 540,858 bags last year.

LONDON, March 30.—Market quiet; prices unchanged to 3d higher.

HAMBURG, March 30.—Market steady; sales, 4,000 bags; prices ⅛@¼ pfg. higher.

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 30.—Market firm; No. 7, $16.20; exchange, 9 11-16d; receipts, 6,000 bags; stock, 151,000 bags; cleared yesterday, 39,000 bags.

SANTOS, March 30.—Market quiet; good average Santos, quiet, steady; no quotations; receipts, 2,000 bags; stock, 48,000 bags.

HAVRE, March 30.—Market steady; sales, 19,000 bags; prices generally ¼f lower.

COTTON MARKET.

New Orleans Weekly Report of the Product's Movement.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton report shows a falling off compared with the two past years. The decrease from the seven days ending March 30, last year, being 7,733 bales and from the same days year before last, 16,962 bales. For the thirty days of March that have elapsed an excess of 8,203 bales have been brought into sight over last year, but the aggregate is 126,095 bales under the same days in March, 1892. The total brought into sight during the past seven days, including corrections, is 59,996 bales, against 56,639 bales last year. The total marketed from September 1 to date is 6,837,177 bales, against 6,948,831 bales and 8,876,440 bales for last year and the year before, respectively. From this time on last year the amount of cotton brought into sight was 651,534 bales and the year before last 668,939 bales. Northern mill takings for the past seven days shows an increase of 14,599 bales as compared with the corresponding period last year, but the total takings since September 1 have decreased 291,423 bales. The total takings of American mills, north and south and Canada, thus far for the season have been 1,733,762 bales, against 2,029,965 bales last year. These include 1,176,232 bales used by northern spinners, against 1,467,775 bales last year.

GALVESTON, March 30.—COTTON—Receipts, 475 bales; sales, 475 bales; stock, 46,961 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—COTTON—Firm; spot, 4,500 bales; to arrive, 700 bales; low ordinary, 5⅝c; ordinary, 6⅝c; good ordinary, 6⅞c; low middling, 7c; middling, 7¼c; good middling, 7½c; fair middling, 8c; fair, 9 1-16c. Receipts, net, 1,790 bales; gross, 2,625 bales; exports to Great Britain, 5,000 bales; exastwise, 2,035 bales; stock, 227,687 bales. Futures, steady; sales, 26,000 bales. April, $7.19@7.21; May, $7.25@7.26; June, $7.32@7.33; July, $7.40@7.41; August, $7.45@7.47; September, $7.41@7.43; October, $7.44@7.46; November, $7.49@7.50; December, $7.53@7.55.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—COTTON—Firmer, 1-16c higher; middling, 7 5-32c; sales, 300 bales; receipts, 100 bales; shipments, 100 bales; stock, 59,500 bales.

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—Following are the weekly cotton statistics: Sales of the week, 31,000 bales; American, 27,000 bales; forwarded from ships side to spinners, 43,000 bales; actual export, 5,000 bales; total import, 67,000 bales; American, 5,000 bales; total stock, 1,839,000 bales; American, 1,575,000 bales; total afloat, 125,000 bales; American, 105,000 bales; speculators took 1,000 bales and exporters took 1,000 bales.

Liverpool Markets

LIVERPOOL, March 30.—WHEAT—Demand moderate; holders offer moderately; No 1 California, 5s@5s 1d; red western, winter, 4s 9d@5s 1½d.

CORN—Firm; demand moderate; new mixed, 4s 4½d.

FLOUR—Spring patents, 6s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, 88s. Pork, prime mess, 67s 6d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 32s 6d; long clear, 45 lbs., 33s 6d. Lard, prime western, 38s.

BUTTER—Finest, 85s; good, 65s.

CHEESE—American, 56s 6d.

TALLOW—26s.

TURPENTINE—28 1d.

LINSEED OIL—21s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, 3s 7½d.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 4½d.

Receipts of wheat for the past three days, 405,000 centals, including 168,000 American. The receipts of corn for the past three days were 135,200 centals American. The weather is clear and cold.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, March 30.—There was considerable more life in the dry goods market today and the sales reached a large total. More important buyers are present and more trade is in sight. Agents have advanced Farmer's choice bleached cottons ¼c. Printing cloths are in good demand at Fall River. Kid finished cambrics are being inquired about more freely. Colored cottons are in steady request. Woolens are in more request. Brown cottons in good delivery on old orders. There is more doing in wide sheeting. Printed fabrics are moving very well on former purchases and new business of good proportions. The tone of the market is better.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, March 30.—Clearings, $19,820,640; balances, $1,294,982.

BALTIMORE, March 30.—Clearings, $1,551,353; balances, $194,920.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Clearings, $48,986,508; balances, $4,840,400.

PARIS, March 30.—Three per cent rentes, 99f 30c for the account.

CINCINNATI, March 30.—Clearings, $1,503,650. Money, 2½@6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—Clearings, $7,644,202; balances, $1,229,458.

MEMPHIS, March 30.—Clearings, $165,076; balances, $44,671. New York exchange, $1 premium.

LONDON, March 30.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balances today, (68,000).

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—Drafts, sight, 15c; telegraphic, 20c; silver bars, 59⅞@60c; Mexican dollars, 48½@49½c.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—Clearings, $1,172,600. New York exchange, commercial, $1 premium; bank, $1.50 premium.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—Clearings, $2,851,155; balances, $326,966. Money, dull at 5@6 per cent. Exchange on New York, 85c premium.

CHICAGO, March 30.—Clearings, $12,071,000. New York exchange, 75@80c premium. Sterling exchange, quiet; actual rates, $4.87@4.88½. Money, 4@6 per cent.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., March 30.—National Transit certificates opened at 87¼c; highest, 87¼; lowest, 87¼c; closed at 87½c; sales, 3,000 bbls.; clearances, 13,000 bbls.; shipments, 67,068 bbls.; runs, 82,212 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—National Transit certificates opened at 87¼; closed at 87¼; highest, 87½; lowest, 87¼; no sales.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, March 30.—Close—WHEAT—Higher; No. 1 hard, cash, 62c; March 59⅝c; May, 62⅝c; July, 64¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 60¾c; March, 58c; May, 61⅝c; July, 63c; September, 63⅛c; No. 2 northern, cash, 57½c; May, 59⅝c; rejected, 45½c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 61⅜c. Receipts, 44,000 bu.; shipments, none.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSA CITY, March 30.—RYE—Firm; No. 1, 48c.

FLAX SEED—Firm at $1.25@1.26.

BRAN—Easy at 64@65c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $8.00@8.50; prairie, $5.00@6.50.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 30.—WOOL—Quiet, unchanged. The first lot of new wool of the season came on today from Fayette, Mo., classing heavy fine, short staple, and selling at 19c.

Manchester Textile Market.

MANCHESTER, March 30.—Cloth manufacturers are unable to obtain better prices. Yarns depressed and inanimate.

London Sugar Market.

LONDON, March 30.—SUGAR—Cane, steady; Muscovado cane, fair refining, 13s 3d; centrifugal Java, 15s 3d.

'Frisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—WHEAT—Inactive; May, $1.10½; December, $1.11½.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

During the First Hour of Business Trading Was Very Light.

NEW YORK, March 30.—During the first hour of business the trading was very light. The market sagged off at once on selling by the bears. Before noon it was developed that London was again in the market as a buyer and that offerings of stocks were readily accepted. By degrees the pressure to sell was removed and in the afternoon the early sellers became buyers, resulting in an advance which continued until the close, the final sales being made at prices ¼c to 1¼c higher than the closing sales of yesterday. The upward movement was on heavy purchases, said to be for the account of a new bull pool organized by insiders. Reports were also current that the attorney general of Illinois had reached a conclusion against the Chicago Gas company, instituting quo warranto proceedings. Cotton Oil, common and preferred, rose 1 and 2 per cent respectfully on favorable trade prospects. Lead preferred gained 1¾ per cent and the common 1⅛ per cent on buying for a bull pool. Sugar, which receded ⅝ per cent in the early dealings, became strong during the afternoon and advanced ⅛ per cent, closing within ⅛ per cent of the highest point touched. Sugar preferred advanced ⅞ per cent. The grangers recorded an improvement of ⅝ and 1 per cent, the latter in St. Paul, in which foreign buying was heaviest. Burlington & Quincy opened ⅛ per cent up, and then on Boston selling broke ⅞ per cent, rallying during the afternoon on strong buying, touching 82⅝, an advance of ¼ per cent from the low point of the morning, of which ⅛ per cent was lost at the close. Omaha advanced 1 per cent on purchases based on reports to the effect that the net earnings for the current year up to date show gains on the same period last year. Atchison opened ¼ per cent higher and then declined ½ per cent on Boston selling. London bought liberally of the shares and room traders followed suit, causing a recovery of ⅝ per cent. The bond market was steady in the morning and strong in the afternoon.

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

Atchison.....	13⅝	Northern Pacific.	6
Adams Express..	115	do. Pac. pfd.....	24
Alton, T. H.....	24	St. P. D. & G.....	6⅝
do pfd.....	150	Northwestern	108⅝
Am. Express....	114½	do pfd.....	141½
Baltimore & Ohio	73⅝	N. Y. Central.....	101⅜
Canada Pacific..	69⅝	N. Y. & N. Eng...	10⅝
Canada Southern.	52⅝	Ontario & W.....	16⅛
Central Pacific...	17⅛	Oregon Imp.....	16⅝
Ches. & Orio.....	18⅝	Oregon Nav	25
Chicago Alton...	140	St. S. L. & U. N...	10⅛
C., B. & Q.....	82⅝	Pacific Mail.....	16
Chicago Gas.....	64⅝	P. D. & E.....	5⅝
Consolidated Gas.	136⅛	Pittsburg.....	151
C. C. C. & St. L...	40⅛	Pullman Palace..	171
Colo. Coal & Iron	10	Reading.....	21⅝
Cotton Oil Cert...	32⅝	Richmond Term..	6⅝
Del. Hudson.....	126	do pfd.....	16⅛
Del. Lack. & W...	166⅛	R. G. W.....	14⅛
D. & R. G. pfd....	32¼	R. G. W. pfd.....	42
D. & C. F. Co.....	27	Rock Island.....	76⅝
East Tenn	2⅝	St. Paul.....	64¼
Erie	18⅝	do pfd.....	120⅛
do pfd.....	37⅛	St. P. & Omaha...	39⅝
*Fort Wayne....	152	do pfd.....	115⅝
G. Northern pfd..	103	Southern Pac.....	24
C. & E. I. pfd....	96	Sugar Refinery...	96⅝
Hocking Valley..	20⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	19⅝
Ill. Central.....	94	Texas Pacific....	9⅝
St. P. & Duluth...	25	T. & O. Cent. pfd.	70
K. & T. pfd.....	25⅛	Union Pacific....	21⅝
Lake Erie & W...	16⅝	U. S. Express.....	51
do pfd.....	68⅛	W. St. L. & P.....	7⅝
Lake Shore.....	130	do pfd.....	16⅛
Lead Trust.....	38⅝	Wells Fargo Ex..	122
Louisville & N....	51⅛	Western Union...	84⅛
Louisville & N. A.	9	W. & L. E.....	12⅝
Manhattan Con...	124	do pfd.....	48⅛
Memphis & C....	10	M. & St. L.....	12⅝
Michigan Cent....	90¼	D. & R. G.....	11⅛
Mo. Pacific	28	G. E.....	42⅝
Mobile & Ohio....	17⅛	N. Linseed.....	20
Nashville Chat...	74	C. F. & I.....	24⅝
National Cordage	20⅛	do pfd.....	63
do pfd.....	39	H. & T. C.....	2
N. J. Central....	115⅛	T. A. A. & N. M...	9⅝
N. & W. pfd.....	24⅛	T. St. L. & K. C...	1
North Am. Co.....	5⅛	do pfd.....	7

*bid.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 5s reg.....	117⅝	S. L. & S. F. Gen. M	95⅛
U. S. 5s coup.....	117⅝	†St. P Consols....	129
U. S. 4s reg.....	113⅛	St. P. C. & P. 1sts.	110⅛
U. S. 4s coup.....	114⅛	T. P. L.