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GENERAL FROSTS CAUSED THE STRENGTH

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CHICAGO, May 21.—Wheat went up and down with bewildering alacrity today, closing with a ¾c gain, after an advance of 1½c and an equal decline. Frosts at home and abroad caused the strength and freezing was responsible for the temporary reactions. July corn closed unchanged, oats unchanged and provisions finished slightly higher.

In wheat there was a heavy trade and broad market, with prices very irregular. Opening trades were at from ⅜c to 1c advance, and after selling down ⅜c rallied 1⅛c, broke 1½c, rallied ⅜c, changed some and closed firm. The early strength came from the frost scare in the west. The stronger tone was considerably helped by private advices from abroad, reporting damage there by black frost. The decrease in the visible supply of 1,466,000 bu. also acted as a strengthening factor. A good many local longs sold out on the early rally and many went short. Pardridge was again a prominent seller during all the early morning, but these offerings were very readily absorbed by anxious buyers. Free realizing was responsible for the sharp break later, but more buying firmed up the market at the close.

Corn experienced a lively trade during the first hour, but was quiet later, prices for the day covering but from ⅝c to ¾c range. The general tone was firmer, the strength coming from the weather. Opening trades were at from ⅜c to ½c advance, sold up from ¼c to ⅝c, reacted from ⅜c to ⅞c, ruled firmer, changed some and closed as stated.

The interest in oats centered in September, which was bought freely early, and prices advanced from ¼c to ⅜c. An increase in the offerings and the decline in other grains created weakness and prices receded from ½c to ⅝c. A small reaction followed the bulge and the market closed quiet.

Lower prices at the yards and hog receipts largely in excess of the estimates caused a slight decline in values at the opening in provisions. The market soon firmed up to near Saturday's closing figures on the boom in wheat and corn. It was extremely dull later on, with weakness in response to the break in wheat. The market was very narrow. Just before the close there was some buying, values advancing to the outside figures of the day, with the closing strong for pork and lard and firm for ribs. Compared with Saturday night July pork is 5c higher, July lard unchanged and July ribs 2½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
May.....	55⅝@56	56⅛	55	55⅝
July.....	57⅝@⅝	58¾	56¾	57½
Sept.....	58⅝@59	59⅝	58⅛	58⅝@¾
Corn No. 2..				
May.....	37⅜	37⅜	37⅛	37
July.....	38⅛@⅜	38⅛@⅜	37⅝@⅞	37¾
Sept.....	38⅛@39	39⅜	38⅜@⅝	38¾
Oats No. 2...				
May.....	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜	33⅛
June.....	33⅜	33⅜	33⅜	33⅜
July.....	30¾	30⅞@31	30½	30⅝
Sept.....	26⅝	26¾	26⅛	26⅜
Pork per bbl				
May.....	11 82½	11 82½	11 82½	11 82½
July.....	11 75	11 90	11 75	11 90
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	7 15	7 15	7 12½	7 12½
July.....	6 85	6 87½	6 82½	6 87½
Sept.....	6 87½	6 90	6 85	6 90
Short Ribs—				
May.....	6 12½	6 15	6 12½	6 15
July.....	6 07½	6 15	6 07½	6 15
Sept.....	6 10	6 15	6 10	6 15

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged.

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

CORN—No. 2, 37½c; No. 3 yellow, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2, 33½c; No. 2 white, 36½c; No. 3 white, 35¼@36½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 52@55c; No. 4, 50@53c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.34.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.00@4.10.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.80@11.82½; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.12½@7.15; short ribs sides (loose), $6.20@6.22½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.75@6.00; short clear sides (boxed), $6.62½@7.12½.

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

SUGAR—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	6,000	7,000
Wheat, bu.....	25,000	89,000
Corn, bu.....	397,000	274,000
Oats, bu.....	313,000	171,000
Rye, bu.....	2,000	3,000
Barley, bu.....	12,000	3,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and unchanged; creamery, 12@16c; dairy, 8@13c. Eggs, fairly active, unchanged; strictly fresh, 9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, May 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,300 bbls.; exports, 13,300 bbls.; sales, 6,0 0 pkgs. Market steady, but dull and buyers held off waiting for further developments in wheat. Southern flour, dull; common to fair extras, $2.00@2.80; good to choice extras, $2.50@3.50. Rye flour, firm; sales, 500 bbls.; fancy, $2.15@3.10. Buckwheat flour, nominal.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—Steady; sales, 500 bbls.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Nominal.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 160,000 bu.; export, 55,700 bu.; sales, 4,040,000 bu. futures, 45,000 bu. spot. Spot market firmer; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 58⅝c; f. o. b., 58½@58⅝c. Options opened strong and higher on reports that wheat had been injured by frost, early buying by local shorts and continental houses, prices subsequently reacted on the small visible decrease; May closed at 58⅝c; June, 58⅝@59¼c, closed at 58⅝c; July, 59⅛@59⅝c, closed at 59⅝c; August, 60⅝@61⅝c, closed at 61c; September, 61⅝@62⅛c, closed at 62c; December, 64 1-16@65⅛c, closed at 65⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 17,000 bu.; exports, 20,000 bu.; sales, 245,000 bu. futures and 126,000 bu. spot. Spot market weaker; No. 2, 43½c in elevator, 42⅝c; afloat, 43¼c; steamer mixed, 42¼c. Option market firm, but dull early on unfavorable crop reports, later reacted and closed dull at ⅛c decline; May, closed at 43c; July, 43@43½c, closed at 43½c; September, 41¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 43,800 bu.; exports, 2,300 bu.; sales, 85,000 bu. futures and 87,000 bu. spot. Spot market 1c higher; No. 2, 39½c; No. 2, delivered, 40⅛c; No. 3, 38½c; No. 3 white, 40c; No. 2 white, 42⅝c; track, mixed western, 40@41c; track, white western, 42@46⅝c; track, white state, 42@46⅝c. Option market firmer, and especially on May, on which there was a squeeze. May closed ⅜c higher, May, 39@39½c; June, closed at 38½c; July, 38@38½c; closed at 38c.

HAY—Firm, but weak.

HOPS—Quiet.

HIDES—Dull.

LEATHER—Inactive.

WOOL—Quiet.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.50@12.50; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $18.00; city, extra India mess, $18.00@20.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 6¼@6⅜c; pickled shoulders, 5⅜c; pickled hams, 10¼@10½c. Lard, western steam closed at 7.50; May closed at 7.45, nominal; July, 7.50, easy; refined, quiet; continent, $8.75; S. A., $7.25. Pork, steady.

BUTTER—Steady.

CHEESE—Weak; state, large, 9@10¼c; small, 9¼@10½c; part skims, 3½@8½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Weak; state and Pennsylvania, 12½c; western fresh, 11@12c; receipts, 11,000 pkgs.

TALLOW—Easy.

PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed at 86c bid.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.25@1.35.

TURPENTINE—Firm.

RICE—Steady.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@36c.

PIG IRON—Dull.

COPPER—Quiet.

LEAD—Quiet.

TIN—Firm; straits, $19.85 bid; plates, firm.

SPELTER—Easy; domestic, $3.50 asked; sales on 'change, none.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet; prime crude, 29c; off crude, 26@28c; yellow, butter grades, 35@36c; prime yellow, 33c; yellow, off grades, 31½@32c; prime white, 36@37c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 21.—The feature of the wheat market today was the advance in prices due to weather conditions. There are more reports of damage by frosts in today than in either of the other days since the frosts appeared in the winter wheat country, still the reports are very conflicting, and on that account there was much difference of opinion as to the probable effects of the late cold weather, resulting in an active and steady market during the day. The advance above Saturday's closing price was 1c per bu., with a little decline later, the final closing being ¾c higher than Saturday. The strength was not due altogether to weather conditions in this country, as reports came in of frosts in Germany, and both French and German markets were higher. Some of the edge was removed from the market, however, on reports of easier Liverpool quotations at the closing of that market. The effect of late frosts upon the wheat just heading in the winter wheat section is a new problem to the people, and they hardly know how to consider it. The growing crop in the northwest seems to be all right, this cool weather being called good for it. The closing prices were: May and July, 58¾c; September, 59¾c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67½c; No. 1 northern, 60¼c; No. 2 northern, 58¾c.

Receipts for the day were 219,160 bu.; shipments, 25,920 bu. The Market Record reports an increase of 28,000 bu. in stocks of wheat in private elevators in Minneapolis and a decrease of 319,400 bu., including both public and private elevators, in this city. There was 194,000 bu. total decrease of supplies in country elevators in the northwest, which includes both the larger and smaller lines of houses. The total receipts of wheat in Minneapolis last week were 719,400 bu., and 89,419 bu. went to Duluth. The estimated movement in the country from farm granaries was 830,000 bu. for the week, averaging 166,000 bu. daily. About the same rate of country movement is expected for this week if the weather continues fair. The flour market was firmer and held about 5c per bbl. higher all around at $2.30@3.35 for patents and $2.05@2.25 for bakers. Mills were running steadily at about 46,000 bbls. per day. Shipments of flour, 81,119 bbls. for the past 24 hours and 183,335 bbls. for the past week.

Local Produce Market.

BUTTER—The arrivals of butter are not so very heavy, but still there is a great plenty to supply the demand. The best country butter brings 12@14c. The packers are paying 6c for butter on track in the country and some are only offering the same price here. There is quite a difference, however, between packing stock in the city and country. Packing stock bought in this market has all been sorted over and select packages removed, so that it is not worth as much as butter bought on track in the country. Commission men are trying to keep up the price of packing stock to ice in this market and are quoting out that price to their shippers. Separator creamery, solid packed, 17@18c.

EGGS—The receipts of eggs are large, but between the local retailers and the cold storage people the demand is fair. The bulk of the sales are reported at 9c, with seconds at 7½@8c.

LIVE POULTRY—The receipts of chickens are increasing and the market is not quite so firm as it was a day or two ago. Old hens, 7c; old roosters, 3@5c; and young ones, 6c. The demand for other kinds of poultry is rather light, though a limited quantity is salable. Ducks, 7@8c; hen turkeys, 9@9c; gobblers, 6c; geese, 6c.

GAME—The season is so far advanced that game is no longer wanted.

VEAL—There is a good demand for choice veal calves, and arrivals of such meet with very ready sale. Good fat veals, 7@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

PIGEONS—There is a demand for old pigeons, but young birds that are not strong on the wing are not wanted. Old birds, per doz., $1.50@1.60.

OLD BEANS—The market is firming up all over the country. Neither the demand nor supply is very heavy at this point. California hand-picked navy, $2.15@2.25; western navy, $1.90@2.00; common white beans, $1.60@1.85.

ONIONS—Northern yellow onions are quoted at $4 per bbl. Bermudas, $2.75 per box. Top onions are plenty at 15@25c on orders.

POTATOES—The supply is coming mostly from Utah and Colorado, which stock is quoted at 90@$1.00 per bu. There are new southern potatoes in the market, which are quoted at $4.25@4.50 per bbl.

CABBAGE—Choice shipping stock, per lb., 2¼c.

CELERY—None in the market.

ASPARAGUS—Good home grown stock, 35@40c per doz. on orders.

PIE PLANT—Home grown pie plant, 2½c on orders.

TOMATOES—Shipping stock of good color is scarce at $3.75 per crate of six baskets.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $1.75@2.00; radishes, per doz., 20@25c; lettuce, per doz., 35@40c; cucumbers, $1.25@1.50; parsley, per doz., 20@35c; beets, per doz., 60c; watercress, per case, 16 boxes, $1.50@1.75.

NEW BEANS—Wax beans, per bu. box, $2.75; ½ bu. box, $1.10@1.25; string, ½ bu. $1.00.

PEAS—Green peas are commencing to arrive from Missouri. Good shipping stock, per ½ bu. box, $1.

FRUITS.

APPLES—There are no apples on the market suitable for shipping purposes.

CHERRIES—A few California cherries are arriving and selling at $2 per box. The fruit is in good condition, but rather small in size.

GOOSEBERRIES—Green, per 24-qt. case, $3.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Per bunch, $2.00@2.50.

LEMONS—Fancy lemons, 300 size, $4; fancy lemons, 360 size, $3.75; choice lemons, 300 size, $3.50.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50; California seedlings, $3.25.

FIGS—Fancy, per lb., 12½@15c.

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

PINEAPPLES—Choice, per doz., $2; small, $1.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—California, 15c; dark honey, 12½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon cans, per doz., $12.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@17c; English walnuts, 10@12c; filberts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $6; half bbl., $3.25.

APPLE BUTTER—Per 20-lb. pails, .1; half bbls., 3½c per lb.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3@3½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2@2¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 4c; 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@60c; 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@3⅞c; grease, white A, 4¼c; grease, white B, 4c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; gold butter, 20@25c; beeswax, prime, 15@18c; rough tallow, 2@2½c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—FLOUR—Firm, higher; patents, $2.80@2.95; extra fancy, $2.50@2.60; fancy, $2.20@2.30; choice, $1.90@2.00.

WHEAT—Between a frost scare and nervous shorts made a net gain today of ⅝@¾c; No. 2 red, cash, 51⅝c; May, 52½c; July, 53½@53⅝c; August, 53⅝c.

CORN—Started up on a frost alarm, but slipped back, closing practically unchanged; No. 2 mixed, cash, 37½c; May, 36½c; June, 35⅝c; July, 36c; September, 36⅝c.

OATS—Higher on the crop scare; No. 2 cash, 36½c; May, 35¾c; July, 29c; August, 24c.

RYE—No trading.

BARLEY—No trading.

BRAN—63c east track.

FLAX SEED—$1.27, nominal.

CLOVER SEED—Unchanged.

TIMOTHY SEED—Unchanged; $3.50@4.00; clover, $6.50@7.50.

HAY—Easier; prime to choice timothy, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Weak, unchanged; strictly fancy creamery, 18c; choice dairy, 13@14c.

EGGS—8c.

LEAD—Firm at $3.15.

SPELTER—Dull at $3.20.

CORN MEAL—$1.95@2.00.

WHISKY—$1.08@1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 5½@6c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged at 95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Steady, quiet. Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $12.37½. Lard, prime steam, $6.87½; choice, $7.02½. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $5.87½; longs and ribs, $6.25; shorts, $6.40. Bacon, packed shoulders, $6.75; longs, $7; ribs, $7.12½; shorts, $7.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, none; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 164,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, none; wheat, none; corn, 99,000 bu.; oats, none.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, May 21.—WHEAT—Active; No. 2, cash and May, 55c; July, 56⅝c; August, 57⅝c; September, 58c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2, cash and May, 39½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 36c; No. 2 white, 37½c.

RYE—Dull; cash, 50c.

CLOVER SEED—Steady, dull; prime, cash, $5.60; March, $4.70.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 500 bbls.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; rye, 500 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 1,500 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 21.—COTTON—Quiet and firm; sales, 750 bales; receipts, 2,638 bales; exports, coastwise, 30 bales; stock, 115,855 bales. Futures, steady; sales, 31,300 bales; May, 36.77, nominal; July, 36.72@36.73; July, 36.75@36.76; August, 36.75@36.76; September, 36.70@36.75; October, 36.74@36.75.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 36c; sales, 200 bales; receipts, 600 bales; shipments, 1,200 bales; stock, 41,030 bales.

GALVESTON, May 21.—COTTON—Receipts, 330 bales; exports, none; stock, 25,609 bales; sales, 642 bales; middling, 6⅝c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, May 21.—FLOUR—Higher.

WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 spring, 55c; No. 1 northern, 60c; July, 55⅝c.

CORN—Steady; No. 3, 38c.

OATS—Active; No. 2 white, 36⅝c; No. 3 white, 36@37c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 55½c; sample, 52@54c.

RYE—Less active; No. 1, 50c.

PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, $11.70; lard, $7.15.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 58,700 bu.; barley, 9,800 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 1,400 bbls.; wheat, 1,300 bu.; barley, 900 bu.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, May 21.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 1 hard, cash, 60¼c; May, 60½c; July, 60⅝c; No 1 northern, cash, 59c; May, 59¼c; July, 59⅝c; September, 58¼c; No. 2 northern, cash, 56½c; No. 3, 50½c; rejected, 44½c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 61c.

RYE—45c.

FLAX SEED—$1.30.

OATS—No. 2, 34½c; No. 3 white, 34c.

Car inspection today—Wheat, 1 car.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 1,627 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 105,407 bu.; corn, 40 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 21.—WHEAT—Steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 4s 5½d@4s 9½d; red western winter, 4s 5⅝@4s 6½d.

CORN—Firm; demand moderate; new mixed, spot, 3s 6¾d.

PROVISIONS — Beef, extra India mess, 85s. Pork, prime mess, 71s 3d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 32s 6d; long clear, 45 lbs., 33s 6d. Lard, prime western, 32s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest, 75s; good, 59s.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, May 21.—CORN—Market inactive, steady; No. 2, 36¾c; No. 3, 36c.

OATS—Market quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 35¾@36c; No. 2 white, 35@35¼c.

RYE—Nominal.

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

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 21.—There was no life to the dry goods market, yet there was considerable order business for bleached cottons, delaines, light weight underwear and woolen goods. There was some more development of an undertone and some business was done in autumn ginghams, cotton flannels and blankets. Print cloths dull and very steady at 2¾c for 64 squares.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 21.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady, unchanged to 10 points decline under disappointment. Cables reacted sharply on better Havre news, closed steady, unchanged to 10 points higher; sales, 16,500 bags, including June, $13.20; July, $13.90; August, $14.50@14.60; September, $14.15@14.25; October, $12.95; December, $12.50@12.60. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, $16.25, selected; mild, quiet; Cordova, 19@19½c; sales, 200 bags; Maracaibo, 6½c.

SANTOS, May 21.—Quiet; receipts, 1,000 bags; stock, 26,000 bags.

HAMBURG, May 21.—Steady; sales, 1,000 bags; prices ¼@¼ pfg. lower.

HAVRE, May 21.—Market, steady; opened 1@¼f lower; declined ¼@¼f further and reacted at 30f, prices having a net advance of ½@¾f; closed ¼f off from Saturday.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 21.—Coffee market dull; No. 7, 18.50; exchange 9⅞c; receipts, 5,000 bags; stocks, 150,000 bags.

Warehouse deliveries Saturday, 7,835 bags; stocks, 208,320 bags; United States stock, 285,801 bags; afloat for the United States, 59,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 344,801 bags, against 358,464 bags last year.

Weekly report: quiet; good average, per 10 kilos, $17; receipts during the week, 6,000 bags; shipments, 4,000 bags; stock, 26,000 bags.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, May 21.—WHEAT—One cent higher; No. 2 hard, 49@50c; No. 2 red, 51@52c; No. 3 red, 48@49c; rejected, 46c.

CORN—½@¾c lower; No. 2 mixed, 35@35½c; No. 2 white, 37½c.

OATS—Fraction higher; No. 2 mixed, 36½@37c; No. 2 white, 37@37½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 50c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 14@15c; dairy, 12@14c.

EGGS—Quiet and steady; 7@7½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 500 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, 15,000 bu.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 21.—SUGAR—Raw, dull; fair refining, 2½c; centrifugal, 96 test, 2⅞c; sales, none. Refined market, dull; No. 6, 3 11-16@3⅞c; No. 7, 3 9-16@3¾c; No. 8, 3⅝@3 11-16c; No. 9, 3⅝@3 7-16c.

LONDON, May 21.—SUGAR—Cane, weak and inactive; centrifugal Java, 14s; Muscovado, fair refining, 12s.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., May 21.—National Transit certificates opened at 86⅝; highest, 86⅝; lowest, 86; closed, 86; sales, 2,000 bbls.; shipments, 17,573 bbls.; runs, 97,625 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 21.—National Transit certificates opened at 86⅝; closed at 86⅛; highest, 86⅝; lowest, 86⅛; sales, none.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, May 19, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, follows: Wheat, 62,044,000 bu., decrease, 1,467,000 bu.; corn, 8,274,000, decrease, 646,000; oats, 2,424,000, decrease, 80,000; rye, 315,000, decrease, 23,000; barley, 150,000, decrease, 57,000.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., May 21.—BUTTER—Steady; sales, 5,900 lbs. at 17c; 16,000 lbs. at 17c f. o. b.

'Frisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—WHEAT—Strong; December, $1.06⅝.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—WOOL—Steady, without change.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Trading Was Active in Securities on the Exchange Yesterday.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The trading was active on the Stock exchange today from the opening till the closing of business, and the aggregate transactions were larger than on any day for months past and more widely distributed. A strong tone characterized the opening dealings, which was due to purchases for the foreign account as well as to the firmness of American securities on the London Stock exchange. There was good buying in all the arbitrage stocks during the morning, but during the afternoon a large percentage of these purchases were resold, which helped swell the volume of the selling movement, which the short interest manipulated.

The first sign of weakness was shown in Sugar, which, after an advance of ⅜ per cent, broke 2⅞ per cent on liquidating sales for the account of a belated bull whom the recent decline had forced to sell stock which he was holding for a rise. The general list sympathized with the depression in Sugar and declined ¼ to ½ per cent, the latter in Susquehanna & Western preferred, the other industrials and grangers also participating in the reaction. A quick rally followed in which most of the losses were recovered. Sugar sold up 1⅛ per cent, receded ⅝ per cent and recovered 1⅝ per cent. The market became somewhat irregular about 11 o'clock, and shortly thereafter took another downward turn under the leadership of Northern Pacific preferred, which was heavily sold on a report that the plan of reorganization likely to be adopted would include a heavy assessment on the preferred stock. An advance of ½ per cent had been made in the shares in the opening on London buying, and the break from the top was 4 per cent. Western selling of Chicago Gas resulted in a decline of 2⅛ per cent from the best price of this morning, which was 1½ per cent above Saturday's closing. The grangers broke ¾ to 1⅜ per cent, the latter in Burlington, and Union Pacific and Reading 1¼ per cent, Sugar 1⅛ per cent, and the rest of them ⅛ to 1 per cent. Before noon Northern Pacific preferred had rallied 1⅛, and the other shares which had receded made a fractional recovery. After midday prices advanced for nearly an hour, the improvement ranging to 1½ per cent. About 1 o'clock the upward movement was checked, and a decline of ¼ to 2¼ per cent was established. Before 2 o'clock a fractional rally took place, which was of brief duration, and under renewed selling prices again sought a lower level. After delivery hour an improved tone was noticeable. Some few of the specialties were weak in the final trading, but the general market, although lower than Saturday, closed firm.

The Evening Post says: Perhaps the most important factor in determining the course of today's market was the foreign brokers' attitude. These houses did not, as they were apt to do, emphasize Saturday's final break in prices here by a weak and feverish movement. On the contrary London quotations for American stocks ruled today before the opening 1½ points or more above the New York level. This recovery was doubtless largely due to orders from this side, possibly from shorts who wished to cover.

The railway and miscellaneous bond market was weak throughout the greater portion of the day, but some of the leading securities recovered sharply in the final dealings.

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

Atchison.....	9¾	Northern Pacific.	3⅞
Adams Express..	148	No. Pac. pfd.....	13⅝
Alton, T. H.....	30	U. P. D. & G.....	4⅛
do pfd.....	150	Northwestern....	107
Am. Express.....	111	do pfd.....	140
Baltimore & Ohio.	69	N. Y. Central....	97½
Canada Pacific...	65	N. Y. & N. Eng...	38⅝
Canada Southern.	49	Ontario & W....	14⅝
Central Pacific...	53	Oregon Imp.....	12
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅛	Oregon Nav.....	15
Chicago Alton....	139	O. S. L. & U. N..	7⅛
C., B. & Q.....	76¼	Pacific Mail.....	14
Chicago Gas.....	67⅝	Pittsburg.....	153
Consolidated Gas.	135	Pullman Palace..	162
C. C. C. & St. L...	35¼	Reading.....	15⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron	8	Richmond Term..	55⅝
Cotton Oil Cert...	27⅛	do pfd.....	16
Del. Hudson.....	139	R. G. W.....	14⅛
Del. Lack. & W...	158⅜	R. G. W. pfd	42
D. & R. G. pfd....	29	Rock Island.....	68⅝
D. & F. Co.....	22⅝	St. Paul.....	57⅞
East Tenn	3⅝	St. Paul pfd.....	117
Erie	13	St. P. & Omaha...	35⅛
do pfd	26	do pfd.....	113
G. Northern pfd..	100	Southern Pac....	18
G. & M. T. pfd...	93	Sugar Refinery...	96⅛
Hocking Valley..	16	Tenn. Coal & Iron	16¼
Ill. Central.....	90¾	Texas Pacific....	7⅛
St. P. & Duluth...	23	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	70
N. & T. pfd	22	Union Pacific....	15⅛
Lake Erie & W...	15	U. S. Express....	50
do pfd.....	66¼	W. St. L. & P.....	7
Lake Shore.....	129⅛	do pfd.....	14⅛
Lead Trust.....	36⅝	Wells Fargo Ex..	123
Louisville & N...	44⅛	Western Union...	81⅝
Louisville & N. A.	7⅛	W. & L. E.....	9⅝
Manhattan Con...	115⅛	do pfd	41⅛
Memphis & C....	5	M & St. L.....	10
Michigan Cent....	95⅛	D. & R. G.....	9⅝
Mo. Pacific.....	24⅝	G. F.....	35⅝
Mobile & Ohio....	17⅝	N. L.....	19
Nashville Chat...	50	C. F. & I.....	23
National Cordage.	20¼	do pfd.....	67
do pfd.....	39	H. & T. C.....	2⅛
N. J. Central....	108	T. A. A. & N. M..	6
N. & W. pfd.....	20	T. St. L. & K. C...	1
North Am. Co.....	3⅛	do pfd	7

The total sales of stocks today were 315,041 shares, including: Atchison, 5,200; American Sugar, 11,800; Burlington, 18,700; Distilling & Cattlefeeding, 13,700; General Electric, 6,000; Louisville & Nashville, 11,400; Manhattan consolidated, 3,300; Missouri Pacific, 8,300; National Lead, 3,100; Northern Pacific preferred, 18,500; Reading, 22,300; Rock Island, 11,900; St. Paul, 41,200; Union Pacific, 3,900; Western Union, 19,700.

St. Louis Mining Stock Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, May 21.—Mining stocks dull and unchanged. Quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Adams....$	.30	$ .60	Elizabeth.$	.15	$ .20
Am. Nos....	.21¼	.27¾	Harcourver	.15	.17¾
Binnetallic 3.00		....	Hope.....	3.50	....
Granite M. 1.50		2.00	S. Hopes..	.70	....

On the London Market.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The Evening Post's London cable says: The markets were idle and depressed today. Americans were firmer and advanced till the forenoon, when there was a general relapse, led by a sharp fall in Northern Pacific on assessment rumors. The closing was flat and nearly at the worst. Atchison shares and bonds were exceptionally firm and gilt-edged stocks were broken on cheap money and the prospect of further influx of $1,000,000 in gold during the next ten days.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 21.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1 per cent; last loan and closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83⅝@4.89 for demand and at $4.87¼@4.87½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.86½@4.86⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61@65c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds, inactive.

The closing quotations on bonds.

U. S. 2s reg.....	117⅝	S. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s.	75
U. S. 2s coup.....	117⅝	S. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	94
U. S. 4s reg.....	113⅝	St. P. Consols.....	128
U. S. 4s coup.....	113⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts.	111¼
U. S. 4½s reg.....	96	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	83⅛
Pacific 6s of '95...	103	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	22¼
Louisiana stpd 4s..	96	Union Pac. 1sts..	105⅛
Missouri 6s.....	100	West Shore.....	104⅝
Tenn. new set 6s.	102	R. G. W. 1sts.....	65½
Tenn. new set 5s.	101	Atchison 4s.....	93¾
Tenn. new set 3s.	101¼	Atchison 2⅝s A..	92
Canada So. 2nds...	104	*G. H. & S. A. 6s..	102
Cen. Pac. 1sts	104	*do 7s.....	98
D. & R. G. 1sts...	110⅛	H. & T. C. 5s.....	104⅛
D. & R. G. 4s.....	73⅛	do 6s.....	108
Erie 2nds.....	70	*N. C. 6s.....	122
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	43	do 4s.....	90⅛
M. K. & T. Gen 5s	82	Tenn. old 6s.....	60
Mutual Union 6s..	115	Va. Centuries.....	50⅝
N. J. C. Int. Cert..	115⅛	do deferred.....	8
No. Pac. 1sts.....	107	Ala. Class A.....	101
Nc. Pac. 2nds.....	77	Ala. Class B.....	103
N. W. Consols.....	140	Currencies.....	90
N. W. Deb. 5s.....	104		

* offered. † bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 21.—Call loans 1⅝@2 per cent; time loans, 2⅛@3½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	9⅝	Westingh. Electric	34⅛
Am. Sugar.....	94⅛	W. Elec. pfd.....	57⅛
Am. Sugar pfd.....	89¾	Wis. Central.....	4⅛
Bay State Gas.....	7	Atchison 2ds.....	52¾
Bell Telephone....	190	Atchison 4s.....	73⅝
Boston & Albany..	208	Gen. Electric 5s...	57
Boston & Maine....	148	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	53⅛
do pfd.....	150	Allouez Mining Co.	10
C., B. & Q.....	76	Atlantic.....	7⅝
Gen. Electric.....	35¾	Boston & Montana	24¾
Ill. Steel.....