

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Opened a Shade Firmer and Rapidly Accumulated Strength.

CUTSIDE ORDERS INCREASED IN U.S. BEER

Corn Added One Cent to the Price of May and One and One-Half to December
—New Corn Arriving East in Bad Shape.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—The Board of Trade markets varied the monotony with a varied advance. Corn led with 3½¢ for May and wheat followed with ½¢ for December. May sats closed ½¢ higher and provisions, though dull, ended with gains.

Wheat opened a shade firmer and kept moving upward more courage as the season progressed. Cables reported firm market and there was an inquiry for cash wheat and at better prices than previously offered. Decemb., which closed yesterday at 52½¢, opened at that figure, and rose steadily to 52½¢. May, from 50¢, rose to 52½¢. There was quite an accession of business during the day with a number of the firms on the outside while the inquiry for cash wheat materialized during the day into sales for shipment here of 200,000 bu. of No. 2 spring, and 60,000 bu. of No. 2 red winter. The spring brought from 3½¢ to 4¢ over the December price and the red winter was sold on an even basis with December. Baltimore advised of twelve boatloads taken there at an even price per bushel and arrived from Minneapolis that farmers' deliveries were likely to lighter those entering the northwestern in the near future. Cables reported 180 cars, Chicago receipts were 180 cars, Minneapolis reported 320 carloads and Duluth 150, or 325 at 52½¢. The grain market was 52½¢, after selling a high of 53¢.

There were few features of interest to the oil market and busness was only fair with a few samples being taken in sympathy with the firmness in corn. Trading continued almost entirely of local orders. Wheat was up ½¢ and corn 1½¢. Farmers have bought quite freely of May. May started from 32½¢ to 33½¢, sold down to 32½¢ and up to 32½¢, where it closed.

Provisions—Firm. Some quotations were confined to a narrow range. Firmness was an accompaniment of the business, due to the small amount of movement in corn and wheat. Compared with yesterday's closing price January pork and lard are to be had, hot sour and in general bad shape. May, which closed yesterday at 50¢, closed to 51¢; June, after selling a high of 51¢.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES. Price. High. Low. Close.

ARTICLES.	PRICE.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT NO. 2	\$51 5	\$51 5	\$51 5	\$51 5
Dec.	52 5	52 5	52 5	52 5
May.	52 5	52 5	52 5	52 5
CORN NO. 2	51 5	51 5	51 5	51 5
Oct.	52 5	52 5	52 5	52 5
Nov.	52 5	52 5	52 5	52 5
Dec.	52 5	52 5	52 5	52 5
MAY 1904	52 5	52 5	52 5	52 5
CORN NO. 2	27 5	27 5	27 5	27 5
Nov.	28 5	28 5	28 5	28 5
Dec.	28 5	28 5	28 5	28 5
MAY 1904	28 5	28 5	28 5	28 5
CORN NO. 2	11 65	11 65	11 65	11 65
LAD. 100 lbs.	6 875	6 875	6 875	6 875
Dec.	6 70	6 70	6 70	6 825
SHR. RIBS.	6 35	6 35	6 30	6 30
Dec.	5 875	5 95	5 875	5 95

Cash quotations were as follows:

WHEAT—Steady, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, \$51 50; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, \$52 50; No. 2 yellow, \$52 50; No. 2 white, \$51 50; No. 3 white, \$50 50.

BALTIMORE—No. 2 red, \$52 50; No. 3 white, \$51 50.

PROVISIONS—No. 1, 40¢/lb.; No. 2, 35¢/lb.

POTTINGTHORPE—Meat, pork, per lb., \$12 00; bacon, 25¢/lb.; ham, short ribs, sides, 35¢/lb.; ham, short ribs, sides, 35¢/lb.; ham, 35¢/lb.; short clear sides (bacon), \$12 50/lb.

RUM—\$1 25/lb.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments to date:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
FLOUR, bbls.	9,000	11,000
Wheat, bbls.	5,000	6,000
CORN, bbls.	139,000	66,000
Rye, bbls.	189,000	208,000
Barley, bbls.	4,000	5,000
	72,000	164,000

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

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

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,000 bbls.; exports, 34,000 bbls.; sales, 19,750 pugs.; market steady, with a fair demand. Southern flour, Rye flour, quiet; sales, 500 bbls.

Buckwheat, 10¢/bbl., at \$0.90/lb.

BUCKWHEAT—10¢/bbl.

CORN MEAL—Yeast, 50¢/bbl.

COFFEE—Parched, 10¢/bbl.

COFFEE—Nominal; ear lots, \$20.00/bbl.; boat, loads.

BALTIMORE—Steady; No. 2, Milwaukee, etc.

WHEAT—Receipts, 11,500 bbls.; sales, 6,700 bbls.; sales, 6,000 bbls.; future, 22,000 bbls.

OATS—Receipts, 18,000 bbls.; future, 22,000 bbls.

WHEAT—Receipts, 11,500 bbls.; future, 22,000 bbls.

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