

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Corn Took the Other Grain Markets in Hand Yesterday.

**WHEAT OPENED UNUSUALLY QUIET**

About Noon, in Sympathy with the Bulge in Corn, Wheat Rose, but Declined on Bradstreet's Report of Small Visible Supply Decrease.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Corn took the grain markets in hand and exerted its influence, both up and down, with a loss for the day of 4c, while corn is from 4c to 8c higher. Today's receipts of hogs numbered only 29,000 head, and prices of pork are higher by 10c for barreled, and from 2c to 5c for ribs.

Wheat opened very quiet and from 53c to 53c for May, as against 53c on the close of the market on Monday. To a considerable extent the market was quiet, but between those who have already bought the visible supply for May delivery to retain possession of their purchases, and an attempt of some others to decay its value and make them drop it. The price declined to 53c early in the day, but about noon rose to 53c, in sympathy with a bulge in corn at the time, but on Bradstreet's report of decreasing visible supply for May, was renewed and a decline to 52c took place. Weakness was due in some measure to the reports from the seaboard of lack of demand from the exporters.

Corn was very irregular and worked up and down over a range of 1c per bushel. It was weak at the opening, then strong, from which it was quiet, finally working up firm at 4c to 4c 1/2 for May, compared with 4c on Monday afternoon. The opening price was from 4c to 4c 1/2, and it is rather unusual until it was reported that 12,000 head of hogs were received at St. Louis for June. Corn to go east by rail, on which report it rose quickly and rather excitedly to 4c 1/2. Some inquiry was reported, but no market was formed, and carloads were sold to go there. Eastern advices were to the effect that their recent advance in corn was due to the fact they expect to have to draw from Chicago for long. Bradstreet's reported the visible supply reduced 200,000 bushels as compared with 1,000,000 in the previous week, included in the official visible supply report.

The oats market was active during the greater part of the session, and quite a good business was transacted. In the early part of the day the feeling was easy. Later, however, the demand improved, and, with the exception of a slight dip, it continued to rise. In corn, prices rallied and closed a shade firmer. May sold from 23c to 23c 1/2 and up to 23c, closing at from 23c to 23c 1/2. Bradstreet's reported a decrease of 200,000 bushels in oats and that, with a decrease of 7,000 bush. in the stocks of contract oats in storage, he had the following market. Provisions rose in consequence of the good demand for hogs and the better prices at the yards. Such confidence and demand for the market, notwithstanding extreme fluctuations, gave the market for its products a firm tone. The strength in corn, however, did not encourage the buying. The results for tomorrow are estimated: Wheat, 71 cars; corn, 25 cars; oats, 209 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open	High	Low	Clos.
Wheat, No. 2	53	53	52	53
barrels	53	53	52	53
bags	53	53	52	53
May	53	53	52	53
July	54	54	53	54
Cot. No. 2	42	42	41	42
42c	42	42	41	42
43c	42	42	41	42
Oats No. 2	27	27	26	27
27c	27	27	26	27
28c	27	27	26	27
Pork per bbl.	10.25	10.32	10.25	10.25
Short Ribs	6.67	6.67	6.65	6.65
Lambs	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65
May	5.32	5.35	5.30	5.32

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged. PRIMATES—No spring, \$24.00/cwt.; No 3 spring, \$24.50/cwt. No. 2 fall, \$24.50/cwt. CORN—No. 2, 42c; No. 3, yellow, 40c/cwt.; No. 4, 38c/cwt. NO. 2 white, 30c/cwt.

RYE—No. 2, 52c/cwt.

HARLEY—No. 2, 56c; No. 3, f. o. b., \$3.65/cwt.

FILE SEED—No. 1, 41c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prize, 15c.

GRASS—No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 10c; No. 3, 10c.

LARD—per lb., \$1.00/lb.; 50 lbs., \$50/lb.

SOFTENERS—No. 1, 10c/lb.; No. 2, 10c/lb.

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BRANDYWINE—22c, sal. 22c.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 50c; boat loads, 55c.

HARLEY—Nominal; Milwaukee, 44c/cwt.; two-rowed, 60c/cwt.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., 52c.

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