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After a Wild Spurt at the Opening Wheat Fluctuated All Day.

CORN SHORTS WERE FACTORS IN THE PIT

Brokers Purchased Oats Freely and Were Anxiously Watching the Market — That Cereal Was Panicky Late in the Day.

CHICAGO, April 22.—After a wild spurt at the opening and a slump in the middle of the session wheat closed 1⅝c higher for May. Heavy buying, largely by shorts, caused the advance. May corn closed ⅜c higher, May oats ⅛c lower and provisions at a slight advance.

Wheat started up with a wild rush, opening trades being at 1⅛c advance. Every one wanted to get May at 61½c and July at 62½c, and sellers at such tempting advance over Saturday's prices were few. Almost instantly 62c was being bid for May and 63c for July, and it was only then that it was found possible by the greater number of the brokers having buying orders to find plenty of sellers. The on rush to buy had obtained such an impetus, however, that 62⅝c for May and 63½c for May and July respectively were paid before the trading got into a regular swing. The last named prices proved the culmination point of the advance and it took only five minutes from the start to reach it. The excitement gradually subsided and having done so the crowd began to look around for the cause of their alarm. Liverpool sent quotations of an advance there of from 1½d to 2d per cental. Showers had visited a large area of the winter wheat country since Saturday; the northwestern receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth numbered 417 car loads, compared with only 178 cars a week ago, and 145 cars on the corresponding day of the year before. The total of today's primary market receipts was 215,000 bu., against 237,000 bu. on the corresponding day of last week. Export clearances were 306,000 bu. in wheat and flour together from Atlantic ports. The visible supply decreased 1,861,000 bu., against a decrease of 792,000 bu. in the corresponding time of the year before. The English visible supply decreased 1,250,000 bu. for the week; the amount on ocean passage increased 1,920,000 bu. Argentine shipments for the week were 1,840,000 bu., compared with 2,616,000 bu. on the week before.

On the increase on ocean passage and the visible supply decrease of about 700,000 bu. less than had been looked for, the price of May slumped to 60⅝c in an irregular and unwilling style, but buying on a large scale set in again and carried the price back and up to 61⅝c, which was the price it closed at, a July closing at from 62⅝c to 62½c. Many million bushels of long wheat, perhaps as much as 30,000,000 bu., must have been sold today.

Shorts, where their presence was comparatively unsuspected, have developed themselves in the corn pit in large numbers. The demand for that long-time neglected cereal was surprisingly brisk when the market opened, as an advance of 1c in May and July at the start will indicate. The first prices were 48⅝c and 48¾c respectively, compared with 47½c for May and 47¾c for July at the close on Saturday. Those prices were quickly raised to 48⅞c for May and 49½c for July, and they proved to be the highest points of the day's range. Subsequently there was a decline in May to 47½c and in July to 48c sellers, but in the end May had recovered again to 48c and July to 48⅜c, both prices being bid as the session was closing.

Oats started very firm and active. Shorts were still anxious and bought freely. The advance in wheat and corn also figured conspicuously in creating higher prices early in the day. May started at 29⅝c and sold at 29¾c. Elevator people took advantage of the higher prices and disposed of their holdings almost regardless. The price dropped and during the decline at the lower prices buying was resumed and increased. A wild and panicky session was passed from that time on, slacking up slightly at intervals, but resuming again with greater activity. May sold off to 28⅝c, rallied to 29c and closed at that price. July delivery attracted the greater part of the attention. At the opening sales were made at from 29c to 29¼. The decline took the price to 28⅜c, the rally to 28⅝c, where it rested, but under Saturday's last quotation. The visible supply showed an increase in oats of 515,000 bu., which was quite influential in aiding the late weakness. The provision operators had not a very active day, but under the stimulus of the big business done in wheat and corn a moderate demand sprang up.

Hog receipts were 25,000 head instead of 20,000 head estimated, but for tomorrow's run only 15,000 head is expected. Opening prices for pork, lard and ribs showed advances of 15c in pork and 7½c each in lard and ribs. The first sales brought about the best prices of the day. At the close pork had established an advance for the day of 5c in May and 10c in July, lard 10c, and ribs from 7½c in May to 5c in July.

Estimated for tomorrow: Wheat, 48 cars; corn, 326 cars; oats, 234 cars; hogs, 15,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
April	61⅜	62	60	61⅛
May	61⅛@⅜	62⅛	60¾	61⅝
July	62⅝@⅝	63¼	61⅝	62⅝@⅝
Sept	63⅛@⅜	64⅛	62¼	63⅛
Corn, No. 2				
April	48¼@⅜	48¾	47¼	48
May	48⅝@¾	49	47⅞	48¾
July	48⅝@¾	49⅛	47⅝@¾	48⅞
Sept	49½	50	48⅝	49⅝
Oats No. 2				
May	29⅝@¾	29¾	28⅝	29
June	29⅝@¾	30	29⅛	29⅝
July	29¼@¾	29¾	28⅝	28⅞
Pork per bbl				
May	12 47½	12 47½	12 27½	12 37½
July	12 70	12 70	12 52½	12 65
Lard, 100 lbs				
May	6 97½	7 00	6 95	7 00
July	7 07½	7 15	7 07½	7 15
Sept	7 27½	7 27½	7 22	7 27½
Short Ribs				
May	6 37½	6 37½	6 32½	6 37½
July	6 50	6 52½	6 45	6 50
Sept	6 62½	6 65	6 60	6 62½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Winter patents, $2.60@3.00; winter straights, $2.50@2.75; spring patents, $3.20@3.65; spring straights, $2.25@3.00; bakers, $1.85@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 65⅝@67⅝c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 61⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 46@48½c; No. 3 yellow, 47@47½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29c; No. 2 white, 32⅝@32¾c; No. 3 white, 32¼@32⅜c.

RYE—No. 2, 64@66c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 53@53½c; No. 3, 52@53c; No. 4, nominal.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.41½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.20.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.37½@12.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.95@6.97½. Short ribs sides, loose, $6.37½@6.40. Dry salted shoulders boxed, 5¾@5½c; short clear sides, boxed, $6.55@6.60.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.20.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	16,000	9,000
Wheat, bu	11,000	506,000
Corn, bu	89,000	411,000
Oats, bu	207,000	158,000
Rye, bu	2,000	1,000
Barley, bu	24,000	125,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@20c; dairy, 8@18c. Eggs, firm; 11¾@12½c. Cheese, creams, 9½@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, April 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 12,600 bbls.; exports, 21,500 bbls.; sales, 26,700 pkgs. Strong, with a fair early business that was later checked by higher asking prices, following the sharp rise in wheat; city mill patents, $4.00@4.15; winter patents, $2.75@3.25; city mill clears, $3.25@3.40; winter straights, $3.00@3.10; Minnesota patents, $3.20@3.60; winter extras, $2.10@2.50; Minnesota bakers, $2.10@2.50; winter low grades, $1.70@2.20; spring low grades, $1.75@2.00; spring extras, $2.00@2.40. Rye flour, quiet but firm; sales, 800 bbls.; superfine, $2.95@3.20; fancy, $3.20@3.40. Buckwheat flour, nominal.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal at 49@55c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; sales, 200 bbls., 2,000 sacks; yellow western, $1.00@1.12; Brandywine, $2.70.

WHEAT—Receipts, 9,800 bu.; exports, 173,500 bu.; sales, 52,985,000 bu. futures and 64,000 bu. spot. Spot excited; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 61⅝c; afloat, 67⅝c; f. o. b., 67⅝c; ungraded No. 1 hard, 73⅝c, delivered. Options opened excited and 3⅛c higher, with a stampede of the shorts and good speculative buying for outside and European account. A quick reaction followed, helped at noon by a disappointing reduction in the visible and heavy selling of long wheat, but a gradual return of strength in the afternoon sent prices back again to the highest point, and the close was strong at 2@2¼c net advance on reports of bad crop news from Germany and strong late cables. No. 2 red, May, 64 11-16@65⅝c, closed at 65⅝c; June, 65⅝@65⅞c, closed at 66¼c; July, 65 11-16@66⅞c, closed at 66⅝c; August, 66@66⅞c, closed at 66⅞c; September, 66 7-16@67⅝c, closed at 67¼c; December, 68⅝@69⅝c, closed at 69⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 12,400 bu.; exports, 2,000 bu.; sales, 930,000 bu. futures and 21,000 bu. spot. Spot stronger; steamer mixed, 52⅝@52¾c; No. 2, 53½c. Options opened excited and higher on reports of heavy rain and delayed planting and sympathy with wheat, sold off at noon under heavy realizing, but again advanced later with wheat, closing strong at 1⅝@2c net gain; May, 52⅛@53⅜c, closed at 53⅜c; July, 52⅛@53⅝c, closed at 53¼c; September, 53⅛@54¼c, closed at 54c.

OATS—Receipts, 56,700 bu.; exports, none; sales 215,000 bu. futures and 42,000 bu. spot. Spot stronger; No. 2, 32⅝@33c; No. 2, delivered, 33c; No. 3, 32¼c; No. 2 white, 36¼@37c; No. 3 white, 35¾@36¼c; track, mixed western, 34½@36c; track, white western, 32@41c. Options advanced early with active trading, but afterward declined and failed to recover, closing unchanged to ⅛c lower; April closed at 32⅝c; May, 32⅝@32c, closed at 32⅝c; July, 33⅛@32⅞c, closed at 33⅛c.

HAY—Heavy; shipping, $5.00@5.50; good to choice, $6.00@7.50.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, old, 26@7c; 1894, 14@15c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; 1894, 6@10c.

HIDES—Strong; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 6½c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 19@12½c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 8c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 17@18c.

WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, 16@20c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@11.50; extra mess, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $19.50@20.00; city extra India mess, $17.00@18.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 5¾@6.87½; pickled shoulders, 6c; pickled hams, $9.00@12.00. Lard, higher; western steam closed at $7.35, nominal; sales, 250 tierces at $7.35; city, 6.6½; option sales, 250 tierces May, p. t., and 250 tierces May, $7.30; April closed $7.20, nominal; May, $7.35; July, $7.45, nominal. Pork, active; new mess, $13.75@14.00; family, $12.50@14.00; short clear, $13.50@15.50.

BUTTER—Dull; western dairy, 8@13½c; western creamery, 15@20c; western factory, 8@11c; Elgins, 28c; Imitation creamery, 9@15c; state dairy, 10@18c; state creamery, 20c.

CHEESE—Weak; large, 6@11½c; small, 7@11½c; part skims, 2@7c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 11½@11¾c; western fresh, 12¼@12½c; southern, 12@12c; receipts, 12,461 pkgs.

TALLOW—Firm; city ($2 per pkg.), 4⅝c; country (pkgs free), 5c.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed at $1.07 asked; Washington, bbls., nominal; in bulk, nominal; refined New York, $10.75; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $9.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $4.80.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.50@1.52½.

TURPENTINE—Firm, 31½@32c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4⅝@6¾c; Japan, 4@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@35c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; Scotch, $19.00@20.00; American, $9.50@12.00. Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $9.75; exchange price, $9.55. Lead, quiet; brokers' price, $2.95; exchange price, $2.87½. Tin, steady; Straits, $13.80@13.90; plates, dull. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.20. Sales on 'change, 25 tons August tin, $13.70.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet; sales include 200 bbls. prime summer yellow at 27c and 200 bbls. off summer yellow at 26c; prime crude, 23@24c; off crude, 22@23½c; butter grades, 28c; prime summer white, 31c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Per doz., 11c.

Butter—The receipts are fairly liberal, but choice stock is scarce. The demand continues good, and there is no quotable change in prices. Packing stock, 6@7c; common to fair, 7@8c; fair to good country, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 13@15c; gathered creamery, 16c; separator creamery, 17@18c.

LIVE POULTRY—Poultry is not plentiful, and there is a stronger market. Hens, 9c; mixed, 10@8c; ducks, 8½@9c; turkeys, 10c; heavy toms, 9c; geese, 7½@8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Dull; prime turkeys, 10c; heavy toms, 9c; geese, 8@8½c.

GAME—Blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@3.00.

VEGETABLES—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7½c; large and coarse, 2@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young Americans, 12½@12c; twins, 12c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9.50; midland, $9.00; lowland, $8.50; rye straw, $5.50; color makes the price on hay. Light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Per doz., $1.00@1.20.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 60@70c; small lots, 75c; Early Rose seed potatoes, 50c; Early Ohio seed, $1.10; Northern Early Ohio seed, $1.25.

OLD BEANS—Hand picked, navy, $2.20; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, yellow, per bu., $1.15; red, $1.20.

CABBAGE—On orders, 2½@3c.

CELERY—California, 80c@$1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, $2; seed, $2.25.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate of a doz and a half or two doz., $2.25.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 6@7c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $1.75.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.75.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $2.50; bu. boxes, $1.

WATERCRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.60@1.75.

RADISHES—Per doz bunches, 35c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 30@35c.

ASPARAGUS, Good stock on orders, 50@60c per doz. bunches.

PIE PLANT—Per lb., 4c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-qt. case, $6.00@7.00; scarce.

APPLES—Choice stock, $5.50; box apples, $2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Fancy Washington navels, per box, $3.25@3.50; fancy Washington seedlings, per box, 96 and 112 size, $3.00; choice Washington navels, regular size, $3.25; choice Washington navels, 96 and 112 size, $3.00; fancy seedlings, per box, $2.75; choice seedlings, per box, $2.50@2.60; choice seedlings, per box, 250 size, $2.25@2.35.

LEMONS—Extra fancy lemons, 300 size, $4.50; strictly choice lemons, 300 size, $3.75; extra fancy lemons, 360 size, $4.00; strictly choice lemons, 360 size, $3.75.

BANANAS—Choice shipping stock, per bunch, $1.75@2.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

FIGS—Fancy, 15c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 16c; dark, 14c; California, 15½@16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz., $12.00; Bixby, 5-gal. cans, $3.00.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9@10c.

NUTS—Almonds, 14c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 11c; filberts, 9c; Brazil nuts, 8c; pecans, 10@12c.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in quarter bbls., per lb., 5½c; 10-gal. kegs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.50.

DATES—In 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c per lb.; fard dates, 7c per lb.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $5.50; per half bbl., $3.00.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5.00; half bbl., $3.00.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8@9c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 7c; part cured hides, ½c per pound less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; each 50@75c; 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 green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), pound, actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per pound, actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per pound, actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per pound, actual weight, 4@6c. Have feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—No. 1 tallow, 4½@4½c; No. 2 tallow, 3½@4c; grease, white A, 4@4½c; grease, white B, 3½c; grease, yellow, 2¾@3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; scraps, prime, 2½@2½c; rough tallow, 2c.

WOOL, UNWASHED—Fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 6@7c; cotted and broken, fine, 8@9c.

WOOL, WASHED—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1, large, $20.00@25.00; bear, brown, No. 1, large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1, medium, $16.00; No. 1, small, $12.00; bear, brown, yearlings, No. 1, large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8.00; No. 1, small, $6.00; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1, large, $7.00; No. 1, medium, $5.00; No. 1, small, $3.00; badger, No. 1, medium, $15.00; No. 1, small, $8.00@10.00; bear, black, yearlings, No. 1, large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1, medium, $10.00; No. 1, small, $7.00; bear, black, cubs, No. 1, large, $6.00@8.00; No. 1, medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1, small, $4.00; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1, large, $18.00@20.00; No. 1, medium, $14.00; No. 1, small, $10.00; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1, large, $12.00; No. 1, medium, $8.00; No. 1, small, $5.00; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1, large, $6.50; No. 1, medium, $4.50; No. 1, small, $3.00; bear, silver tip, No. 1, large, $20.00; No. 1, medium, $12.00; No. 1, small, $8.00; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1, large, $11.00; No. 1, medium, $8.00; No. 1, small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $4.00@4.50; No. 1, medium, 60c; No. 1, small, 50c; fisher, No. 1, large, $8.00; No. 1, medium, $6.00; No. 1, small, $4.00; fox, silver, as to color, according to beauty, No. 1, large, $100.00; No. 1, medium, $60.00; No. 1, small, $50.00; fox, silver, sale, according to beauty, No. 1, large, $50.00; No. 1, medium, $30.00; No. 1, small, $20.00; fox, cross, No. 1, large, $7.00; No. 1, medium, $3.00; No. 1, small, $2.00; fox, red, No. 1, large, $1.50; No. 1, medium, $1.25; No. 1, small, $1.00; fox, gray, No. 1, large, 75c; No. 1, medium, 50c; No. 1, small, 40c; fox kits, No. 1, large, 50c; No. 1, medium, 40c; No. 1, small, 30c; lynx, No. 1, large, $3.00; No. 1, medium, $2.00; No. 1, small, $1.50; marten, No. 1, large, $2.00; No. 1, medium, $1.50; No. 1, small, $1.00; mink, No. 1, large, 60@65c; No. 1, medium, 40c; No. 1, small, 25c; mink, dark, No. 1, large, 65c; No. 1, medium, 40c; No. 1, small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1, large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, $6.00@7.00; No. 1, small, $5.00; otter, pale, No. 1, large, $7.00; No. 1, medium, $5.00; No. 1, small, $4.00; raccoon, No. 1, large, 60@70c; No. 1, medium, 50c; No. 1, large, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, narrow striped, No. 1, large, 50c; No. 1, medium, 40c; No. 1, small, 25c; broad striped, No. 1, large, 20@25c; wolverine, N. c., No. 1, large, $4.00; No. 1, medium, $3.00; No. 1, small, $2.00; wolf, mountain, No. 1, large, $3.00; No. 1, medium, $2.00; No. 1, small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1, large, 60@70c; No. 1, medium, 60c; No. 1, small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1, large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1, medium, $4.50; No. 1, small, $2.00; beaver kits, No. 1, large, $2.00; No. 1, medium, $1.50; No. 1, small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1, large, 8@10c; No. 1, medium, 8c; No. 1, small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1, large, 4@6c; No. 1, medium, 7c; No. 1, small, 6c; muskrat kits, 2@3c.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 22.—FLOUR—Strong; western super, $2.10@2.35; extra, $2.50@2.75; family, $2.85@3.10; winter wheat patent, $3.15@3.40; spring wheat patent, $3.60@3.75; spring wheat straights, $3.35@3.50; receipts, 12,115 bbls.; shipments, 2,365 bbls.; sales, 1,520 bbls.

WHEAT—Unsettled; spot and month, 65¼@65⅝c; May, 65@65¼c; July, 64⅝c asked; steamer No. 2 red, 62⅝@63c; receipts, 2,450 bu.; stock, 143,276 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 65@67c; southern wheat on grade, 63@66c.

CORN—Firmer; spot and month, 51¼@51½c; May, 51¼@51⅜c; July, 51½c bid; steamer mixed, 50@50¼c; receipts, 28,360 bu.; stock, 393,499 bu.; sales, 94,000 bu.; southern white corn, 51@53c; southern yellow corn, 52@52½c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white western, 37@37½c; No. 2 mixed, 33½@34c; receipts, 7,745 bu.; stock, 141,954 bu.

RYE—Strong; No. 2, 65c; stock, 1,922 bu.

HAY—Steady; demand good; good to choice timothy, $13.00@14.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Dull; steamer to Liverpool, per bu., 1⅝d to 1¾d April; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 2½d April.

SUGAR—Firm; granulated, $4.20 per 100 lbs.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 21c; fancy imitation, 16@17c; fancy ladle, 12@14c; good ladle, 11@12c; store packed, 8@10c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 12½c.

CHEESE—Quiet; fancy New York, 60 size, 11⅜c; fancy New York, 35 size, 12¼c; fancy New York, 20 to 25 size, 12⅝c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Security Market Taken as a Whole Was Quite Strong.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The stock market today, taken as a whole, was strong, and the volume of business was quite large. At the opening of business prices moved irregularly within a narrow range, but speculation soon became strong and an upward movement was inaugurated which continued in force until about 11 o'clock, when the market again became unsettled and rather quiet. The coal shares were notably strong and active, the buying therein being due to reports that a basis of agreement was nearly reached between the leading carrying roads and that today's meeting of operators was likely to reach a settlement. The advance in the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago stocks was continued today, nobody in the pit preferred, which sold up 2½ per cent to 28¾, closing at 27½, and the common rose 1 per cent to 8½, reacting ½ per cent. After midday the general market continued active and buoyant and some material advances were recorded, Sugar about 1 o'clock closed off a fraction and the dealings became quiet. The market continued in this tone until the final trading, when the speculation became steady. The late losses were only partial and a majority of the list is up on the day, notably Pullman, 3 per cent; Oregon Short Line and Iowa Central preferred, 2½ per cent; Louisville, New Albany & Chicago preferred, 1⅜ per cent; Leather preferred, 1⅜ per cent, and Lead preferred, 1 per cent. The losses are fractional, except for Cordage guaranteed, which is down 1 per cent. The market closed fairly steady.

The bond trading during the day was strong and the total sales were $3,661,000, which is the heaviest business done in any one day for more than a year past. The transactions in Atchison were $666,000, and in Reading of 1 per cent was made on the day. The buying of the bonds was induced largely by the action of the English bondholders' meeting today in announcing the reorganization.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: The markets today generally opened bullish on German selling, following an influential article in the Cologne Gazette expressing German disliike to the Japanese acquisitions in that territory. Recovery followed. Americans were in good demand. The continued rise in prices of various articles of produce is beginning to induce more general buying of Americans. At the Atchison meeting of bondholders today the reorganization scheme was unanimously adopted. Atchisons were strong after the meeting, as were Ontarios. Prices at the finish were under the best, mines becoming firmer. There was a net gain of £270,000 in gold received at the Bank of England today, (190,000 was described as from New York. The Chinese loan to be raised in Germany, mentioned in the foreign telegrams, is a small provincial loan to pay for arms purchased there. Nothing is yet known about a larger loan.

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

Atchison	5⅛	Northwestern	96⅞		
Adams Express	143	N. W. pfd	148		
Alton, T. H	38	N. Y. Central	98¾		
Am. Express	112	N. Y. & N. E	40		
Baltimore & Ohio	5⅜	Norfolk & W	17		
Canada Pacific	44¼	Oregon Imp	10		
Canada Southern	52	Oregon Nav	17		
Central Pacific	17¼	O. S. L. & U. N	8		
Ches. & Ohio	18⅝	Pacific Mail	23⅝		
Chicago Alton	147	P. D. & E	4¼		
C., B. & Q	74	Pittsburg	157		
Chicago Gas	73¼	Pullman Palace	165¼		
Consolidated Gas	153	Reading	15⅞		
C., C. C. & St. L	40⅞	R. G. W	16¾		
Colo. Coal & Iron	6¾	R. G. W. pfd	43		
Cotton Oil Cert	27½	Rock Island	66⅝		
Delaware & Hud	129¼	St. Paul	70¾		
Del., Lack. & W	161½	do pfd	127		
D. & R. G. pfd	40⅞	St. P. & Omaha	34⅝		
D. & C. F. Co	16	do pfd	108		
Erie	14¼	Southern Pacific	17		
do pfd	24	Sugar Refinery	105⅞		
Fort Wayne	157	Tenn. Coal & Iron	22⅝		
G. Northern pfd	103	Texas Pacific	10¼		
C. & E. I. pfd	97¼	T. & O Cent. pfd	77¼		
Hocking Valley	26	Union Pacific	12⅝		
Illinois Central	91	U. S. Express	41		
St. P. & Duluth	27	W. St. L. & P	6¾		
K. & T. pfd	31¾	do pfd	16		
Lake Erie & West	26⅝	Wells Fargo Ex	103		
do pfd	77⅞	Western Union	88¾		
Lake Shore	141	Wheeling & L. E	12⅝		
Lead Trust	33⅞	do pfd	43		
Louisville & N	54¾	M. & St. L	2⅝		
L. & N. M.	8	C. B. & Q	13¾		
Manhattan Con	117¾	G. E	33⅛		
*Memphis & C	10	N. L	23⅛		
Michigan Cent	90¾	C. F. & I	24		
Missouri Pacific	24⅝	Tamarack	62		
Mobile & Ohio	18	H. & T. C	1⅛		
*Nashville Chat	70	T. A. A. & N. M	2		
National Cordage	5¾	T. St. L. & K. C	2		
do pfd	9¾	do pfd	5		
N. J. Central	96⅝	S. R. R	11⅛		
N. & W. pfd	15½	do pfd	34⅝		
North Am. Co	5¾	Am. Tob. Co	98¾		
Northern Pacific	4¼	do pfd	108		
No. Pac. pfd	19⅝	St. P., M. & M	106		
U. P., D. & G	5¾				

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 285,984 shares, including: American Sugar, 25,400; Atchison, 5,700; Baltimore & Ohio, 5,600; Burlington, 5,200; C. & G. T., 2,500; Chicago Gas, 21,900; Delaware & Hudson, 3,300; Cleveland, Columbus, Chicago & St. Louis, 3,700; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 4,600; Distilling certificates, second assessment paid, 4,100; Distilling certificates, third assessment paid, 7,100; Kansas & Texas preferred, 3,000; Louisville & Nashville, 4,100; L. N. A. & C., 4,700; L. N. A. & C. preferred, 3,100; National Lead, 4,700; New Jersey Central, 3,900; New York & New England, 1,900; Assessment paid, 14,700; Northwestern, 8,000; Reading, 48,400; Rock Island, 4,600; St. Paul, 11,100; Southern railroad, 4,600; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,200; United States Leather preferred, 3,600; Wabash preferred, 3,500; Western Union, 4,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 22.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83⅝@4.89½ for demand and at $4.83⅜@4.83½ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89½ and $4.90@4.90½; commercial bills, $4.87½@4.87¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—67⅝@68½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong. State bonds, dull. Railroad bonds, strong.

PETROLEUM—Options strong; May closed at $2.10 bid.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new	120	*D. & R. G. 7s	115⅝
U. S. 4s coup. new	121	D. & R. G. 4s	84
U. S. 5s, reg	114⅞	Erie 2ds	62½
U. S. 5s, coup	116	G. H. & S. A. 6s	95
U. S. 4s, reg	111⅝	G. H. & S. A. 7s	98
U. S. 4s, coup	112¾	H. & T. C. 5s	107
*U. S. 2s, reg	96	do 6s	98
*Pacific 6s of '95	100	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	84¼
*Ala. Class A	108	do 2d 4s	59
*Ala. Class B	106	Mutual Union 6s	115
*Ala. Class C	95	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	112¼
*Ala. Currency	95	No. Pac. 1sts	117¾
La. New Cons. 4s	94	do 2ds	92¾
*Missouri 6s	100	N. W. Consols	138½
*N. C. 6s	124	do S. F. Deb. 5s	109½
*N. C. 4s	100	R. G. West. 1sts	70¾
S. C. nonfund	2¾	St. P. Consols 7s	129¾
*Tenn. new set 6s	84	do C. & P. W 5s	112¾
*Tenn. new set 5s	100	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	76¾
*Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	106½
*Va. Centuries	50¾	Tex. Pac. 1sts	69
do deferred	6	do 2ds	27
Atchison 4s	72¼	U. P. 1sts of '96	104¼
Atchison 2d A	23½	West Shore 4s	105¼
Canada So. 2ds	103½	So. R. R	89⅝
*C. P. 1sts of '95	101¾		

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 22.—Call loans, 3@4½ per cent; time loans, 3@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F	5⅝	W. Elec. pfd	51¾
Am. Sugar	105⅝	Wis. Central	4⅝
Am. Sugar pfd	86⅛	Edison Elec	124
Bay State Gas	8⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd	63
Bell Telephone	180⅛	Atchis'n 2ds	22¾
Boston & Alany	208	Atchison 4s	72¼
Boston & Maine	165	New England 6s	108⅝
C. B. & Q	74	Gen. Electric 5s	87⅛
Fitchburg	89	Wis. Cent. 1sts	52⅛
Gen. Electric	33⅛	Atlantic	10¼
Mexican Central	9	Boston & Montana	30¼
N. Y. & N. E	40	Butte & Boston	11⅝
Old Colony	179	Calumet & Hecla	282
Ore. Short Line	18	Centennial	50
Rubber	39¾	Franklin	13¾
San Diego	6	Kearsarge	9⅛
Union Pacific	12⅝	Osceola	22⅛
West End	64¾	Quincy	106
West End pfd	88	Tamarack	130
Westingh. Elec.	34⅛	Wolverine	4¼

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	11	Hale & Norcross	110
Andes	22	Justice	9
Belcher	63	Mexican	78
Best & Belcher	75	Mount Diablo	15
Bodie Con	115	Occidental Con	19
Bullion	13	Ophir	155
Bulwer Con	10	Overman	8
Challenge Con	43	Potosi	45
Choliar	45	Savage	27
Con. Cal & Va	285	Sierra Nevada	77
Con. Imperial	1	Silver King	10