COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Coarse Grain and Provisions Occupy the Attention of the Traders.

SOME NEW HIGH FIGURES ARE RECORDED

All the Markets Close at Considerable Advance After the Two Days of Idleness Due to Holidays.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Coarse grain and provision markets occupied most of the attention of 'change today and new high figures in these markets were recorded. Wheat, though dull, was strong on the foreign situation, and closed with ⅝c added to its previous May prices. Corn advanced ¾c, oats ½@⅝c and provisions closed from 10c to 25c higher.

At the opening, and for about half an hour thereafter, wheat was inclined to weakness. Heavy receipts were reported as the result of accumulations since Friday. Minneapolis and Duluth reporting 843 cars, against 569 cars last week and 255 a year ago. Chicago received 111 cars, 13 of which were contract. In addition early Liverpool advices showed ⅜@¼d decline in futures, though cash prices were ½@2d higher. That part of the foreign market was, however, overlooked by local traders for the time being. The French crop outlook was reported as being very favorable. Initial sales of May, which closed Friday at 97⅝@97⅞c, were made today at 97⅝@97½c, and for some time the market fluctuated between those fractions. Offerings were not at all heavy, but there was an almost total absence of buying orders. Gradually the market took on strength. Figures on the Liverpool stocks explained the strong cash situation there, and also drew more attention to the advances in the cash market. Liverpool stocks showed a decrease of 337,000 bu. for the week, leaving but 1,312,000 bu., against 3,480,000 bu. a year ago. English country markets were quoted from 6d to 1s per quarter higher than on Friday. Covering by shorts and a little general buying was started when later cables were received showing ¾d recovery in the March delivery at Liverpool, and the May price was slowly forced up to 98⅛c. Here a reaction occurred under realizing sales, May dropping to 97¾c, where it was stopped by reports of poor threshing returns from the Argentine crop and statements that the figures on the exportable surplus of that country would not probably be materially reduced. This caused renewed buying and a recovery to 98c. Then for two hours the market was exceedingly dull. Acting on the belief that the Leiter party has control of the wheat market many of the professionals went over to the other pits to do their trading, and so dull was the market for a time in consequence that brokers reported difficulty in doing business in even moderate sized lots. Some nervousness was shown at times. Prices fluctuated rapidly over a narrow range. The visible supply showed a disappointingly small decrease, 358,000 bu., notwithstanding the recent large shipments, and encouraged short selling, which resulted in a decline to 97⅝c. Late in the day the market became strong again on reports of good export engagements and higher prices advanced to the highest point of the day. Clearances from Atlantic and gulf ports were but 1,240,000 bu. in wheat and flour. May advanced to 98¼c, and closed strong at 98⅛@98¼c.

Corn was very active throughout. Heavy receipts, 845 cars, and the opening wheat decline caused selling by smaller holders at the start and the market was weak for a time. Active speculative buying followed, the market becoming very firm as wheat and provisions advanced and a marked increase in outside trade was noted. There was moderate realizing on the advance but the general tone was firm to the close. May opened from 30⅝c to 29⅞@29⅞c, and closed ¼c higher at 30¼@30⅜c.

There was an active, stronger and higher market for oats. Following the opening declines in other grains the start was easy, but strength which developed in those markets caused good general buying and gradual advance. There was free realizing under 26c. A good export business was reported, which was a factor. May ranged from 25⅝c to 25⅞c, and closed ⅛@⅜c higher at 25¾c.

Business in provisions was the largest for sometime. The market was very strong throughout and new high levels were reached. Heavy weekly exports and a strong hog market were bullish influences. Opening prices were at moderate advances and under a general demand in which outside buying was prominent prices advanced steadily. May pork closed 25c higher at $10.05, May lard 10c higher at $5.20 and May ribs 12½c higher at $5.32½.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 850 cars; oats, 400 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Fri'y.
*Wheat—					
Feb.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
May.....	97⅝	98¼	97⅝	98 @¼	97¾@⅞
July.....	85⅝@⅞	85⅞	85¼	85¼	85¾
*Corn—					
Feb.....	28¾	28¾	28¼	28¾	28⅜
May.....	29⅞	30⅜	29¾@¾	29¾@⅞	30 @⅛
July.....	31⅜	31⅜	31	31⅜	31⅜@¼
*Oats—					
May.....	25¾@⅞	26⅜	25⅝	26¼	25⅝@26
July.....	23⅝@¾	24¼	23⅝@¾	24	23⅝
Lard—					
May.....	10 75	10 92½	10 75	10 85	10 70
July.....	10 85	10 97½	10 87½	10 97½	10 72½
Short Ribs—					
May.....	5 20	5 32½	5 20	5 32½	5 20
July.....	5 27½	5 40	5 27½	5 40	5 25

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Strong; winter patents, $4.30@4.90; straights, $4.20@4.30; spring specials, $5.35@5.45; spring patents, $4.50@4.60; higher grades, $4.50@4.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 92c@95c; No. 3 spring, 88c@94c; No. 2 red, 98½@99c.

CORN—No. 2, 28⅞@29c.

OATS—No. 2, 26c, 6-c. b.; No. 2 white, 27½@28c; No. 3 white, 27¼@28c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½@49c.

BARLEY—F. o. b., No. 2, 30@41c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.24@1.27.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.80@2.82½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.00@10.02. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.15. Short ribs, sides (loose), $5.12½@5.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.12½@5.30.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.21.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.01; granulated, $5.51.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	28,000	30,000
Wheat, bu.....	70,000	24,000
Corn, bu.....	971,000	330,000
Oats, bu.....	602,000	291,000
Rye, bu.....	15,000	1,000
Barley, bu.....	70,000	41,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@19c; dairies, 11@13c. Cheese, quiet, 8@8½c. Live poultry, firm; turkeys, 8@11c; chickens, 7@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 41,228 bbls.; exports, 34,793 bbls.; steady but quiet; city mill patents, $5.00@5.90; clear, $5.40@5.55; Minnesota patents, $5.10@5.40; Minnesota bakers', $4.25@4.50; winter straights, $4.65@4.65; winter extras, $3.60@4.00; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, steady; $3.65@3.15. Buckwheat flour, steady; $1.50@1.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Firm at 57½c.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 70c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western 56½@57c; car lots, 56@57½c.

BARLEY—Firm; feeding, 39c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 57½@67c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 71,225 bu.; exports, 39,824 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2 red, $1.03¼@1.04¼. Options opened easy at ⅛c decline, following cables, and advanced sharply on covering inspired by large clearances and bullish Argentine news. Later there was an irregular decline based on disappointing export demand, with a final slight rally on a scare of shorts. Closing unsettled at ¼c net advance; No. 2 red, February, closed $1.03¾; May, 97⅝@98⅝c, closed, 98⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 225,275 bu.; exports, 150,509 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 corn, 31¼@31⅝c. Options opened ⅛c lower with wheat, but quickly rallied and was strong all day, supported by shorts, big clearances and decrease in the visible; and amount on passage. February closed ¼c net higher; May, 30 11-16@30 3-16c, closed 30⅜c; July closed, 30c.

OATS—Receipts, 210,000 bu.; exports, 50,105 bu.; spot, stronger; No. 2, 27½c. Options quiet, but firm on strong developments in cash property; closing unchanged; May closed, 26⅝c.

FEED—Firm; bran, 70@77½c; middling, 75c@75½c. Rye, 65c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 35@45c; good to choice, 65@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 12@16c. Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; 1897 crop, 12@16c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas, dry, 12c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, 19@20c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 20@40c; Texas, 15@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.25@11.75; extra mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $21.00@21.50; packet, $9.00@10.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 5-2½@6.25; pickled shoulders, 4@4½; pickled hams, $7.50. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $5.20; refined, firm. Pork, strong; mess, $10.75@11.00; short clear, $10.50@12.50; family, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, steady; city, 3 7-16@3⅝c; country, 3¼@3⅜c.

SALTPETER, steady; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.65. Turpentine, firm; 34½@34¾c. Cottonseed, firmer on the strength in lard products; fair business at the advance; prime crude, 18c; prime summer yellow, 22½@23c; off summer yellow, 22c; butter oil, 25@27c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,893 pkgs.; steady; large, white, Septembers, 8½c; small, white, September, 8¾@9¼c; large, colored, September, 8¾c; small, colored, September, 8¾@9c; large, October, 8¾@8¾c; small, October, 8¾@9¼c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4@5½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,475 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 15c; western, 14½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¾@5¼c; Japan, 5@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@32c.

METALS—Nearly all departments show a healthier undertone and an advancing tendency. At the close the Metal exchange calls pig iron warrants dull at $6.50 bid and $6.70 asked; lake copper, firm at $11.12 bid and $11.37 asked; tin, firm at $14.00 bid and $14.10 asked; spelter, firm at $4.10 bid and $4.15 asked, and lead strong at $3.87½ bid and $3.87½ asked. The firm that fixes the settling price for miners and smelters calls lead strong at $3.90.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,062 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14½@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 11@14c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 14@15c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 13@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 8@10c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 7@8c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 75c; large, $1.25; squirrels, 50@60c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.00.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.35@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50; fancy Muscatine, 10-peck bbls., $1.25.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home growth, 50@55c; western stock, 70c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00@7.25; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50@7.75; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $6.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $2.75@3.00; California navels, $3.00@3.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3.00.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 9@10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

EGGS—Impacted, fancy, 3 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@12c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25@2.35.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, 20 to a case, fancy cans, $3.50.

DATES—Halloui, 50-lb. boxes, 4c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbl., $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 7c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 5½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 12½c; beef livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 10c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 8c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 8c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6c; rump butts, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 3c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 13c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 7½c; short loins, market style, 3-bone, 14c; short loins, butcher style, 2-bone, 12c; above loins; cow loin, ends, 8c; steer loin, ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 8½c per lb.; lambs, 7½c; sheep, 6½c; market racks, long, 8½c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 8½c; saddles, 9c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each, 2c; forequarters, 5c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, short, 6½c; loins, 6½c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; tongues, each, 1½c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 9c; No. 2 green salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 2@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 2@4c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@8.00; skunk (No. 1), 25@50c; muskrat, 5c; fox, 10@75c; raccoon, 15@65c; red fox, 25@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—FLOUR—Very quiet and higher in sympathy with wheat; patents, $4.70@4.90; straights, $4.20@4.30; clear, $4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing ⅛@⅜c for May and ⅝c for July below Friday; May opened ½@⅝c lower, declined ¼c more, advanced ⅝c, declined and lost that, advanced ⅜c, fell back ⅜c and closed with buyers ⅛c below the top spot, lower; No. 2 red, cash, 95c; track, 97@98c; February, 95½c; May, 98⅝c bid; July, 82¼c; No. 2 hard, cash, 90@91c.

CORN—Futures were strong, with the close ⅜@⅝c below the top and ⅜c above Friday with buyers; spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 27½c; February, 27½c; May, 27⅝@27¾c; July, 29@29⅛c.

OATS—Futures were strong, May selling ⅝c higher; spot, higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 25½c; track, 26c; February, 25½c; May, 26½c; July, 24½c; No. 2 white, 27c.

RYE—Firm at 48½c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, lower at $1.19½; prime timothy seed, scarce and firm at $2.70@2.75.

CORNMEAL—Firm at $1.65@1.50.

BRAN—Strong and in demand; sacked, east track, 58c bid.

HAY—Scarce and firm for choice grades; prairie, $4.35@8.50; timothy, $6.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 14@19½c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Higher at 12c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.19.

METALS—Lead, higher at $3.60; spelter, higher at $3.82½@3.85.

COTTON TIES—50c.

BAGGING—5½@6c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $10.95. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.90; choice, $5.00. Bacon, boxed lots, extra short clear, $5.87½@6.12½; ribs, $6.00@6.25; shorts, $6.12½@6.37½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5.00@5.25; extra short clear, $5.37½@5.62½; ribs, $5.50@5.75; shorts, $5.62½@5.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 322,000 bu.; oats, 90,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 109,000 bu.; corn, 88,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 14.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.80@3.20; western extra, $3.45@4.10; western family, $4.00@4.70; winter wheat patents, $4.80@5.10; spring wheat patents, $5.10@5.30; spring wheat straights, $4.80@5.00; receipts, 12,016 bbls.; exports, 38,143 bbls.

WHEAT—Steady, spot and month, $1.00@1.00⅝; March, $1.00@1.00⅝; May, 98⅝@99⅛; steamer No. 2 red, 92⅝@92⅞c; receipts, 22,805 bu.; exports, 167,038 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 96@$1.01; southern wheat, on grade, 96@$1.00½.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 34⅝@34¾c; March, 34⅝@34⅝c; April, 34⅝@34½c; steamer mixed, 33⅝@33½c; receipts, 76,097 bu.; exports, 72,721 bu.; southern white corn, 34@35c; southern yellow, 33½@34½c.

OATS—Strong and higher; No. 2 white western, 31½@32c; No. 2 mixed western, 29½@30c; receipts, 92,934 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 51@51½c; receipts, 55,529 bu.; exports, 8,573 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Rather dull; steamers quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 2½d. March, nominal. BUTTER—Quiet; fancy creamery, 21c; fancy imitation, 15@16c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 12@14c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 14c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy large, 9½@10c; fancy medium, 10@10¼c; fancy small, 10¼@10½c.

New Orleans Market

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 14.—HOG PRODUCTS—Firm. Pork, standard mess, $10.75. Lard, refined tierce, $5.87½@6.00; pure lard, $5.12½@5.25. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.87½@5.00; sides, $5.45. Bacon, clear rib sides, $6.37½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.00@9.50.

COFFEE—Firm; Rio, ordinary to fair, 7¼@8c. RICE—Firm, ordinary to good, 3¾@4¼c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $4.60@4.70; patents, $4.90@4.95.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—90c.

HAY—Prime, $12.00@13.50; choice, $14.00@14.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked white, 37@37½c; mixed, 36@36½c; yellow, 36½@37c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 30½@31c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Feb. 14.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, 28½c. OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 26½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.18.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14.—WHEAT—Active, steady; No. 1 hard, 90c; No. 2, 87½@90½c; No. 3, 85@89½c; No. 4 red, 83@84c; No. 2 red, 93@95c; No. 3, 88@90c; No. 2 spring, 89@90c; No. 3, 85c.

CORN—¼@½c higher, active; No. 2 mixed, 25¾@26c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 28½@28c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 white, 43½@44c.

HAY—Active, rather weak; choice timothy, $7.50@8.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.25.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@17c; dairy, 12@15c.

EGGS—Steady; 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 16,200 bu.; corn, 121,600 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 4,400 bu.; corn, 49,500 bu.; oats, 1,600 bu.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Feb. 14.—The wheat situation before the opening this morning looked weaker. Liverpool cables were ¾d lower and other foreign advices seemed equally weak. The market opened about ¼c below Friday's close but quickly recovered the decline and remained from that time narrow, but firm, on the strong spot wheat demand, both at home and abroad. The visible supply statement shows a small decrease of 358,000 bu. Stocks at Chicago and afloat in hulls have not changed materially.

We can see no reason to change our opinion of the situation and believe it is a better purchase than sale.

Cash wheat closed at $1.00, May wheat at 98⅛c to 98⅛c and July at 85⅛c.

Corn held firm and although large receipts were shown it did not show the weakness shown by wheat at the opening. Some good men are taking hold of corn and in good chunks. The visible supply statement shows very close to another 1,000,000 bu. decrease and stocks at Chicago and afloat are only increased by about 500,000 bu. May corn closed at 30⅛c to 30⅜c and July at 31½c.

Oats was strong and although the Leiter interest were sold in few oats lately, there have been plenty of good traders waiting to take them, and with the visible supply statement showing a decrease of 734,000 bu. and stocks in Chicago decreased by 60,000 bu., they should be good property, if they do appear high. May oats closed at 26¼c and July at 24c. Altogether the grain situation is firm and should advance.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 14.—WHEAT—Spot, strong; No. 1 red northern, spring, 8s 2d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 9½d; American mixed, old, 3s 4½d; futures were steady; February, 3s 4d; March, 3s 3d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm at 9s 9d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm at £4 15s@£5 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 9d; prime mess, 56s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 51s 3d; medium western, 48s 9d. Hams, firm at 52s 6d. Bacon, firm; Cumberland cut, 26s; short ribs, 31s; long clear middles, light, 28s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 30s; clear belly, 34s; short clear backs, 28s 6d; shoulders, square, 36s 6d. Lard, prime western, steady at 24s 3d.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, steady at 41s.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm at 19s.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 24s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, steady at 4s 11½d.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—FLOUR—Firm; fancy, $4.70@4.75; family, $3.60@3.85.

WHEAT—Imported, 2 red, 96@97c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 30c.

OATS—Firm, higher; No. 2 mixed, 29@29½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 51c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm, higher, $4.97½. Bulk meats, $5.15. Bacon, firm, stronger, $5.90.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.10.

BUTTER—Unchanged; Elgin creamery, 21c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10c.

SUGAR—Firm; unchanged, $4.22@5.97.

EGGS—Firm, higher; 11c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 8½@9c.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The statement of the visible supply of grain, in store and afloat, Saturday, February 12, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

WHEAT—25,634,000 bu.; decrease, 358,000 bu.

CORN—38,572,000 bu.; decrease, 938,000 bu.

OATS—146,120 bu.; decrease, 753,000 bu.

RYE—3,948,000 bu.; increase, 352,000 bu.

BARLEY—2,668,000 bu.; decrease, 5,000 bu.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, three days, 792 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, 38 cars. CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Receipts today: Wheat, 111 cars; corn, 845 cars; oats, 462 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, two days, 267 cars.

DULUTH, Feb. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, 51 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 14.—WHEAT—Easy; cash, 95½c; May, 96½c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 49½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active; prime cash, $3.10 bid.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Some of the Highly Speculative Features Break Severely.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The weakness of stocks was pronounced today and permeated every department of the market. The decline was quite uniform in the general list and a few of the highly speculative specialties broke severely. There was little to report in the way of buying orders at any point and prices went off easily and rapidly. The market steadied at intervals and rallied rather feebly, but pronounced bullishness was the very symptom of recovery. Few of the active stocks have escaped a loss of a point or more and many prominent securities are over 2 points lower. The higher prices at the opening were caused by the confidence with which prices of Americans had been sustained on the London exchange during Saturday's holiday in New York. This confidence was still in evidence in London before the opening here and the international stocks showed sharp advance in sympathy, reaching nearly a point in the case of Union Pacific. These advances were almost the sole ephemeral character, some of them being almost wiped out in the running sales at the opening. This was particularly the case with Union Pacific stocks, in which the reorganization committee's agreement with the government over the Kansas Pacific sales seemed to bring realizing. The day's movement in Metropolitan Street Railway covered a range of 1½ points, the slump from the high point being followed by a rally almost and very violent, the prices giving way several points at a time. There was a quick rally of ⅝, but the stock fluctuated widely and closed with a net loss of over 5 points. Tobacco advanced one time 6¾ points above last Friday's close, and though it reacted sharply in sympathy with Metropolitan Street railway, it retained a substantial gain. Much talk was heard of the Cuban question during the day, but there was no specific development that offered a new motive for selling. The bears took advantage of the overbought condition of the market and the under long established efforts to support prices to make an aggressive raid. The stock dislodged by uncovered margins induced quite a heavy liquidation. The bears had no difficulty in overriding the feeble efforts to support prices. Special weakness was shown by Northwest, Kansas & Texas preferred, New York Central and Pullman. The Rubber stocks and Third Avenue were practically the only prominent securities in the list to resist the weakness.

The reactionary tendency in stocks affected the bond list throughout for the first time since the recent advance was checked. Prices of bonds did not yield at once, some issues showing fractional advances in the early part of the day, but declines were pronounced at the close. Dealings continued on a very heavy scale. Total sales, $4,540,000. United States new 4s, coupon, were ⅛ lower bid and United States 4s, registered, and the old 4s, registered, were ⅛ lower bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were quiet and easier today, but with no absence of business. Americans opened lower and especially Louisville & Nashville and Union Pacific, but then gave way on New York selling and finally closed flat on reports of an ultimatum from the United States to Spain. This was not generally believed and barring any such political news I must report a very favorable disposition in financial quarters here toward Americans. Many, indeed, are buying for a rise. There is a general tendency to buy Louisville & Nashville was led by a firm watch recently secured large rooms in trust operations in America. Spanish stocks were further affected by fallen sharply to 77a 9½d. The feeling grows that the Chinese loan negotiations are still on, but discretion prompts secrecy and to a certain extent restrains the press.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison.....	12⅝	Hawaiian Com Co..	34⅝
do pfd.....	31¼	St. P. & Om.....	70½
Baltimore & Ohio..	17	do pfd.....	150
Canada Pacific....	81	St. P. M. & M.....	134
Canada Southern..	54⅝	So. Pacific.....	20
Central Pacific....	13⅝	So. Railway.....	9⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	23¼	do pfd.....	32⅝
Chicago & Alton...	158	Texas & Pacific...	13
C., B. & Q.....	101	Union Pacific.....	33⅝
C. & E. I.....	58	U. P. D. & G.....	8
C. C. C. & St. L...	35¼	Wabash.....	7
do pfd.....	76	do pfd.....	18⅝
Del. & Hudson....	111	Wheel. & L. E.....	2⅝
Del. L. & W.....	136¼	Wheel. & L. E. pfd.	12⅝
Den. & Rio G.....	13	Adams Ex.....	160
do pfd.....	34¼	American Ex.....	127
Erie (new).....	15	United States Ex...	43
Erie 1st pfd.....	41⅝	Wells Fargo Ex....	117
Ft. Wayne.....	170	A. Cot. Oil.....	20⅝
Great Northern pfd.	154	do pfd.....	74
Hocking Valley....	14	Am. Spirits.....	8⅝
Illinois Central...	105	Am. Spirits pfd...	20⅝
Lake Erie & W....	17	Am. Tobacco.....	93⅝
do pfd.....	72⅝	do pfd.....	117
Lake Shore.....	192	People's Gas.....	97⅝
Louisville & Nash.	59	Cons. Gas.....	188
Manhattan L.....	115⅝	Com. Cable Co.....	183
Met. St. Ry.....	164⅝	Col. F. & Iron.....	23⅝
Metropolitan Trust.	112⅝	do pfd.....	70
Minn. & St. L.....	2⅞	Gen. Electric.....	30⅝
do 1st pfd.....	85⅝	Illinois Steel.....	52
Mo. Pacific.....	32⅝	La Clede Gas.....	43⅝
Mobile & Ohio.....	31⅝	do pfd.....	91⅝
Mo. K. & T.....	12⅝	do pfd.....	108⅝
do pfd.....	36⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil.....	18
Chi., Ind. & L.....	9	Oregon Imp. Co....	23
do pfd.....	34⅝	Pacific Mail.....	31⅝
N. J. Central.....	94⅝	Pullman Pal.....	184
N. Y. Central.....	117	Silver Certificates..	50⅝
N. Y. Chi. & St. L..	4	Stand. Rope & T....	4
do 1st pfd.....	73	Sugar.....	138⅝
do 2d pfd.....	55⅝	do pfd.....	112⅝
Norfolk & Western	16⅝	T. C. & Iron.....	24⅝
No. Amer. Co.....	8⅝	U. S. Leather.....	7⅝
No. Pacific.....	24⅝	do pfd.....	67⅝
do pfd.....	65⅝	U. S. Rubber.....	29⅝
Ontario & W.....	16⅝	do pfd.....	73
Ore. R. & Nav.....	59⅝	Western Union....	91⅝
Ore. Short Line....	19	Northwestern.....	127⅝
Pittsburg.....	169	do pfd.....	171
Reading.....	21	Rio Grande West..	23
Rock Island.....	99⅝	do pfd.....	35⅝
St. L. & S. F.....	4	Chicago Great W..	14
do 1st pfd.....	56⅝	St. L. & S. W.....	4
St. Paul.....	94⅝	do pfd.....	9⅝
do pfd.....	147⅝	Reading 1st pfd....	50⅝

Total sales of stocks today, 344,203 shares, including Atchison preferred, 1,300; Chesapeake & Ohio, 1,400; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 10,200; Lake Shore, 1,700; Louisville & Nashville, 15,100; Manhattan, 15,000; Metropolitan, 10,600; Michigan Central, 3,200; Reading 1st preferred, 4,000; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 3,000; Missouri Pacific, 8,600; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 5,900; New York Central, 27,800; Northern Pacific, 4,300; Northern Pacific preferred, 11,200; Rock Island, 11,000; St. Paul, 23,400; Southern preferred, 5,900; Texas & Pacific, 3,600; Union Pacific, 1,000; Tobacco, 6,300; People's Gas, 12,800; General Electric, 1,000; Sugar, 12,600; Leather preferred, 37,400; Rubber, 8,100; Rubber preferred, 5,100; Western Union, 2,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—MONEY—On call nominally 1@1½ per cent.

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