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Enormous Receipts and Improved Weather Weaken Wheat.

JULY AND SEPTEMBER ARE BOTH LOWER

Fall in Wheat Has a Sympathetic Influence on the Other Markets and Corn, Oats and Provisions Each Show Declines.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Enormous receipts and improved weather weakened wheat today. Compared with yesterday's close the final quotations today showed a loss of 1¼c for July and 2c for September. Corn lost 7-8c, oats ½c, pork 22½c, lard 17½c and ribs 20c.

After a rather wide fluctuation wheat closed weak. Peace rumors had some influence, but there were apparently clear evidences that Leiter brokers were disposed to sell all the July the market would take. Early Liverpool cables were ½@3d higher for July. The heaviness of the domestic receipts overshadowed, in the minds of the traders, the Liverpool advance. Chicago receipts were 206 cars above estimate, amounting to 734 cars, of which 469 cars were of contract grade. In the northwest 896 cars were received, against 411 cars on the same day last week and 622 cars a year ago. The weather map indicated higher temperature throughout the west. Late rains in the northwest fell where most needed. The California crop has freshened up wonderfully since yesterday. Reports from Russia say that the condition of the winter wheat in that country is generally satisfactory, only a few of the central districts having suffered. July opened unchanged at $1.00¼, ranged from $1.00 to $1.10, declined to $1.07 and rallied to $1.08 bid at the close. September opened ¼c lower at 91½c, sold up to 92c, reacted to 89⅝c and closed at 89¾c bid. May closed at $1.49½ asked.

Corn was depressed by more favorable weather conditions. Country orders were large and the cash demand poor. Clearances were 739,000 bushels. Receipts, 1,191 cars. July opened 1-8@¼c lower at 36 5-8@36 7-8c and sold off to 36c bid at the close.

Oats trade was inconsequential, operators having deserted to the corn crowd, where speculation is broader. A feature was the large clearances, 773,000 bushels. Receipts were 463 cars. July opened 1-8c lower at 26⅜c, sold off ⅛c, closing at 26⅛@26 3-8c.

Provisions made two turns today, weak at the opening, strong later, showing an advance of 20c over yesterday's final quotation, caused by good buying, and closed weak. The feature was free selling by Cudahy of lard, which he was supposed to have bought back later on. July pork opened 15c lower at $12.25@12.35, firmed to $12.27, dropped back to $12.12½ and closed at $12.17½. July lard began 12½c lower at $6.70½c, sold up to $6.82, reacted to $6.62½ at the close. July ribs started 10c lower at $6.45, advanced to $6.62 and closed at $6.35.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 340 cars; corn, 450 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

Leading futures range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y
Wheat—					
May	1 45	1 50	1 45	1 49⅝	1 50
July	109@10	1 10	1 07	1 08	1 09¼
Sept	91⅛@⅜	92	89⅝	89⅝	91⅜
Dec	80¾@⅞	80⅞	85⅝	85⅞	87
*Corn—					
May	36⅝	36⅝	35⅞	35⅞	36⅝
July	36⅝@⅞	36⅞	36	36	36⅞@37
Sept	37⅛@⅜	37⅜@⅝	36⅞	36⅞@ 7	37⅞
*Oats—					
May	30	30	29½	29⅝@⅜	30
July	26⅝	26⅝	26⅛@⅜	26⅛@⅜	26⅝@⅞
Sept	24⅝	24½	23⅝	23⅝@¾	24⅝
Pork—					
May	.....	.....	.....	11 20	.....
July	12 25	12 70	12 12½	12 27½	.....
Sept	12 37½	12 60	12 30	12 30	12 45
Lard—					
May	.....	.....	.....	6 62½	6 80
July	6 67½	6 85	6 60	6 62½	6 80
Sept	6 80	6 95	6 70	6 70	6 90
Sh'rib's					
May	.....	.....	.....	6 35	6 55
July	6 45	6 62½	6 32½	6 35	6 55
Sept	6 55	6 70	6 42½	6 42½	6 62½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Weak; winter patents, $6.60@6.80; straights, $6.20@6.40; clears, $6.00@6.20; bakers, $4.75@6.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.15@1.20; No. 3 spring, $1.10@1.30; No. 2 red, $1.47@1.48.

CORN—No. 2, 36 3-8@36⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 30@30¼c; No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 3 white, 32½@33c.

RYE—No. 2, 68¼@68½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@53c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.37½@1.38.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60@2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.00@12.10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.62½@6.65. Short ribs, sides (loose), $6.25@6.60. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.25@7.37½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.25; standard A, $5.25.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	400
Wheat, bu	272,000	410,000
Corn, bu	596,000	501,000
Oats, bu	404,000	373,500
Rye, bu	9,900	.....
Barley, bu	51,000	8,500

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 12@14½c; dairy, 11@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 9½c. Live poultry, in fair demand; receipts, light; spring chickens, 8½c; ducks, 6@6½c; turkeys, 6@7c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,700 bbls.; exports, 23,500 bbls.; quiet and weaker; winter patents, $6.75@7.25; winter mill clears, nominal; winter straights, $6.25@6.50; Minnesota patents, $7.00@7.40; winter extra, $4.50@5.25; Minnesota bakers', $5.50@6.00; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, $3.85@4.20.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 79c; city, 81c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 72c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 42c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 58@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 365,375 bu.; exports, 871,374 bu.; spot market steady; No. 2 red, $1.56 f. o. b. afloat to arrive. Options opened steady and had a good advance on the strength of cables, fair local and foreign buying of July and light offerings. They subsequently turned weak with corn, however, and under realizing closed 1@1 3-8c net lower on all months but May, which resisted selling exports and closed 1½c net higher; No. 2 red May, $1.56@1.56⅛; closed, $1.57½; July, $1.10½@1.18⅜; closed, $1.16¼.

CORN—Receipts, 454,350 bu.; exports, 421,862 bu.; spot weak; No. 2, 42¼c. Options weak all day in consequence of big western receipts and local unloading and closed 2¼@1c net lower; May closed, 40½c; July, 41 1-8@41⅜c; closed, 41 1-8c.

OATS—Receipts, 121,200 bu.; exports, 588,524 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 35½c; No. 2 white, 38c. Options nominally ¼c net higher, but dull all day; May closed, 34 3-8c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 77½@90c; middlings, 90c@$1.00; rye feed, 80@85c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 35@40c; good to choice, 55@75c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 30@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 13@15c. Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 13@15c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15½c; Texas dry, 13c; California, 17½@18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 16@22c; Texas, 12@14c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $12.50@13.00; extra mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $23; packet, $11.50@12.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $6.62½@7.25; pickled shoulders, $4.75@5.00; pickled hams, $7.75@8.00. Lard, steady; western steam, closed at $7.00; refined, steady. Pork, firm; mess, $11.75@12.25; short clear, $12.00@14.00; family, $13.50@14.00. Tallow, strong; city, 4c; country, 3¾@4 1-8c, as to quality.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, steady at 29½@30c. Cottonseed, market firmly held; prime crude, 20½@21c nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 16@17½c; prime summer yellow, 25½@26c; off summer yellow, 24½c; butter oil, 27½@28½c; prime winter yellow, 29@30c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 5 1-8@7¼c; Japan, 5 7-8@6c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@33c.

FREIGHTS—Dull; cotton by steam, 3d nominal; grain by steam, 5d.

METALS—The metal market continues generally steady, but very quiet. At the close today pig iron warrants were called steady, with $6.75 bid and $7.00 asked; lake copper quiet and unchanged, with $12.00 bid and $12.15 asked; tin quiet, with $14.50 bid and $14.60 asked; spelter steady, with $4.15 bid and $4.25 asked; lead dull and unchanged, with $3.62½ bid and $3.67½ asked. The firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters continues to quote lead at $3.50.

CHEESE—Receipts, 5,499 packages; dull; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 5@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 1,292 pkgs.; steady; western, 10½c; southern, 9@10c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 1,617 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 11@15½c; Elgins, 15½c; factory, 12@13c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator, 17c; gathered creamery, 14@15c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 7½@7½; old roosters, 3½@5½c; young roosters, 6@6½c; spring chickens, 20@22c.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.15@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $7.00; midland, $6.00; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1; new southern, per lb., 2½c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $1.50; seed sweet potatoes, $2.00.

CABBAGE—New, Florida, per crate, $2.25; Mississippi, per crate, $2.50.

POTATOES—Home grown, 70@55c; Colorado stock, 70c; northern fancy early Ohio seed potatoes, 85c; new potatoes, per bbl., $4.50@5.00.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $3.00@3.25.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 45@50c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 30@35c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 12@15c.

WATERCRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.60.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

WAX BEANS—1-3 bu. box, 75c.

PEAS—Per bu., fancy Mississippi, $1.25.

SPINACH—Per basket, 35c.

PIEPLANT—Home grown, per lb., 2c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Arkansas, 24-qt. case, good shipping stock, $2.00; peddlers' stock, per crate, 50c@$1.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; seedlings, $2.25.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.00; choice, $2.50@2.75; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

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, 11@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 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; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; per half bbl., $2.25.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3; bbl., $5.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c.

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

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings, (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 2c, 3c, 7c; raccoon, 15@60c; fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@10c; silver fox, $5.00@75.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7½c; good forequarters steers, 6c; good hindquarters steers, 9c; western steers, 7c; native heifers, 6½c; good forequarters heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters heifers, 8¾c; native cows, 6¾c; western cows, 6½c; cow forequarters, 8½c; cow hindquarters, 8½c; backhalves, cow, 6½c; steer, 7c; triangles, cow, 4¾c; steer, 5½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, fresh, 18c; frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 11c; strip loins, fresh, 9c; frozen, 7½c; rolls, boneless, fresh, 11c; rolls, Spencer cuts, fresh, 11c; sirloin butts, boneless, fresh, 11c; shoulder clods, boneless 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 6c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 5½c; ends, 5¾c; good hindquarters heifers, 8¾c; fresh, 5½c; cow plates, 4½c; steer plates, 4¾c; flank steak, 8c; loins, No. 1, frozen, 12c; fresh 14¼c; loins, No. 2, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12¼c; loins, No. 3, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10¼c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin ends, 8½c; steer loin ends, 9½c; hanging tenderloins, 4¾c; ribs, No. 1, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12¼c; ribs, No. 2, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10¼c; ribs, No. 3, frozen, 6c; fresh, 8¼c; No. 1 rounds, 7½c; No. 2 rounds, 7¼c; No. 3 rounds, 7c; beef rounds, shank off, ¾c additional; beef rounds, shank and rump off, 1½c additional; trimmings, 4¾c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; oxtails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 3c; tongues, per lb., 12c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 10½c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Spring lambs, 10c; regular lambs, 9c; shoulders, 8c; market racks (lamb) 9c; hotel racks (short), 11c; loins, 9½c; saddles, 10c; legs, 10½c; lamb legs, 12c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 6c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5¾c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, small, 7½c; large, 7¼c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 9c; Boston Butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 5¾c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snouts and ears, 3c; fresh hams, 16 to 18 lbs., 7½c; fresh short clears, 5¾c; cheek meat, 4c; neckbones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 5c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 30c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—FLOUR—Steady; patents, $6.40@6.60; straights, $5.90@6.10; clear, $5.00@5.50; medium, $4.25@4.85.

WHEAT—Lower, closing weak and at the bottom, 15c for May, 2½c for July, 2¼c for September and 1c for December below yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, $1.23½; track, $1.24½@1.25; May, $1.23 bid; July, 97½c; September, 87¼c asked; December, 85½c; No. 2 hard cash, $1.22@1.23.

CORN—Futures, lower, closing at the bottom, with May and September fractions lower and July 1c off from yesterday. Spot, easier; No. 2 cash, 34½c; May, 34¼c; July, 34¼c; September, 35½c asked.

OATS—Futures, quiet, firm, but irregular in price. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 31¼c; track, 31½c; May, 31⅜c asked; July, 26¼c bid; September, 23 5-8@23¾c asked; No. 2 white, 35@35½c.

RYE—Higher, 66c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominal, $1.35. Prime timothy seed, $2.60@2.65.

CORNMEAL—Strong, $1.80@1.85.

BRAN—Steady, salable; east track, sacked, 64c.

HAY—Firm and in demand; prairie, $8.00@9.50; timothy, $9.00@12.50.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 14@16c; dairy, 10@14c.

EGGS—Higher, 9¼c.

WHISKY—Quiet, $1.23.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—5 7-8@6 3-8c.

METALS—Lead, quiet, $3.52½. Spelter, higher, $4.07½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $12.15. Lard, lower; prime steam, $6.35; choice, $6.45. Bacon, dried shoulders, $6; extra short clear, $7.12½; ribs, $7.25; shorts, $7.37½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5.50; extra short clear, $6.62½; ribs, $6.75; shorts, $6.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 49,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 149,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—HOG PRODUCTS—Strong and higher. Pork, standard mess, $11.00@13.75. Lard, refined tierce, $4.50; pure lard, $7. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $5.75@5.87½; sides, $7.00@7.12½. Bacon, clear ribs sides, $7.50@7.62½. Hams, choice sugar cured, $9.25@10.50.

COFFEE—Steady; Rio, ordinary to fair, 8 1-8@8 5-8c.

RICE—Quiet; ordinary to good, 4 5-8@5½c.

FLOUR—Firm; extra fancy, 6¼c; patents, 6½c.

CORNMEAL—Firmer, $2.10@2.15.

BRAN—Steady, 80c.

HAY—Firm; prime, 15@16c; choice, 17@18c.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, easier; mixed, 45@46c; white and yellow, 46@47c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 38c.

Bradstreet's Visible Statement.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies last Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, decrease 1,293,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, increase 400,000 bu.; world's supply, net decrease, 893,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, decrease 7,770,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, decrease 701,000 bu.

Among the more prominent reductions are the decreases of 539,000 bu. at Manitoba and Ontario storage points, 105,000 bu. at Cleveland, 100,000 bu. at Northwestern interior elevators and 50,000 bu. at Minneapolis private elevators. The only important gain is the increase of 108,000 bu. at New Orleans. The stock of wheat held at Portland, Ore., Tacoma and Seattle shows an increase of 30,000 bu. for the week.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, May 17.—FLOUR—Quiet; western superfine $3.75@4.00; western extra, $4.00@5.25; western family, $5.85@6.35; winter wheat patent, $6.50@6.85; spring wheat patent, $6.75@7.00; spring wheat straights, $6.50@6.75; receipts, 5,102 bbls.; exports, none.

WHEAT—Firm; spot and month, $1.37½@1.37¾; July, $1.14 asked; steamer, No. 2 red, $1.33; receipts, 48,507 bu.; exports, 180,962 bu.; southern wheat by sample, $1.33@1.38¼; southern wheat on grade, $1.34@1.38.

CORN—Dull and easy; spot, 41@41 1-8c; month and June, 40¾@40 7-8c; July, 41@41¼c; steamer mixed, 40@40 1-8c; receipts, 206,265 bu.; exports, 145,000 bu.; southern white corn, 42½c; southern yellow, 42@42½c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 38@38½c; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35c; receipts, 8,289 bu.; exports, 47,143 bu.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 nearby, 69½@70c; No. 2 western, 71½c; receipts, 11,450 bu.; exports, 8,571 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.00 bid.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very little doing and demand slow; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4½d, June; Cork for orders, per quarter, 4s, June.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 17c; fancy imitation, 15c; fancy ladle, 15c; good ladle, 14c; store packed, 12@13c.

EGGS—Weak; fresh, 10c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 10@10¼c; fancy New York, small, 10½@11c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 17.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western winter, stocks exhausted; No. 1 red northern spring, dull at 11s; futures, May, 11s 3d; July, 10s 11d; September, 8s 2 3-8d; December, 7s 5d.

CORN—Spot easy; American mixed, new, 3s 10½d; futures, quiet; May and September, 3s 10d; July, 3s 9½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull at 14s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull at £2@4.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; prime mess, 68s 9d. Pork, steady; prime mess, fair western, 58 5d; medium, 52s 6d. Hams, short cut, steady at 37s. Bacon, firm at 35s 6d; short ribs, long clear middles, light, 36s; long clear middles, heavy, 35s 3d; short clear backs, 35s; bellies, 36s. Shoulders, square, firm at 27s 6d. Lard, prime western, dull at 33s.

CHEESE—Dull; American finest white, 40s; finest colored, 43s.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, steady at 10s 9d. Turpentine spirits, steady at 26s 9d. Rosin, common, firm at 5s 5d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool during the week: From Atlantic ports, 79,000 quarters; from other ports, none; from other ports, 38,000 quarters. Imports of corn from Atlantic ports during the week, 32,500 quarters.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 17.—WHEAT—Hard, active, higher; soft, easy; No. 1 hard, $1.20@121; No. 2, $117½@121; No. 3, $1.15@1.17; No. 1 red, $1.20@1.21; No. 2, $1.17@1.20; No. 3, $1.13@1.16½; No. 2 spring, $1.15@1.17; one car white, $1.05; No. 3, $1.15.

CORN—Steady to lower; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c; No. 2 white, 35¾@36½c; No. 3, 35¼@35½c.

OATS—Active, lower; No. 2 white, 32@32½c.

RYE—Weak; No. 2, 62@63c.

HAY—Prairie, higher, choice, $10.00; choice timothy, $11.00.

BUTTER—Weak; creamery, 12½@14c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 85,200 bu.; corn, 67,600 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 31,200 bu.; corn, 4,300 bu.; oats, 32,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, May 17.—FLOUR—Firm and higher; fancy, $5.50@5.25.

WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, $1.25.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 37½@38c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 33½c.

RYE—Easier; No. 2, 65c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, easier at $6.45. Bulk meats, quiet at $6.50. Bacon, firm at $7.25.

WHISKY—Firm at $1.23.

BUTTER—Dull; fancy Elgin creamery, 17c; Ohio, 12@15c; dairy, 10@10½c.

SUGAR—Easy; hard refined, $4.47@6.10.

EGGS—Quiet at 9c.

CHEESE—Dull; good to prime Ohio flat, 8@8½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 17.—Receipts: Wheat, 158 cars.

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—Receipts: Wheat, 39 cars.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Receipts today: Wheat, 374 cars; corn, 1,191 cars; oats, 463 cars. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 340; corn, 350; oats, 185.

DULUTH, May 17.—Receipts: Wheat, 638 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, May 17.—WHEAT—Active and weak; No. 2 cash, $1.49; May, $1.48.

CORN—Dull and weak; No. 2 mixed, 38½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 30½c.

RYE—Dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 68c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and steady; prime cash, $3.05.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, May 17.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, $1.27; No. 2 red cash and May, $1.39.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 39½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 36c.

RYE—No. 2, 65c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 17.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, 36½@37c.

OATS—Irregular; No. 3 white, 30@31c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.22½.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—BUTTER—Dull; fancy western creamery, 17c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh western, 11c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.64 5-8.

BARLEY—Steady; December, $1.36½.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Professional Operators Renew the Upward Course of Prices.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Today's advances in the prices of stocks were the result of a movement among professional operators to renew the upward course of prices. These operators argued that the market had undergone a fair degree of reaction during yesterday, and the latter part of last week. The reaction had invited a fair short interest and had wiped out the weak holders on the long side of speculation. This represented an improvement in the technical conditions of the market. The day's trading started off with the advantage of an improvement in London, where prices of American securities were advanced a sharp fraction all around. There was also some buying for London at the opening here, but London afterward turned seller when prices had risen. There are a number of stocks which enjoy the special support of friends and inside interests, and these imparted firmness by sympathy to the rest of the market. The combination of these circumstances made bulls feel warranted in pushing up the prices of their favorites without waiting for more definite developments of the naval situation in West Indian waters. There was no evidence of any large outside interest and any slackening of the professional demand precipitated dullness. The absence of outside demand was indicated clearly also by the way in which prices fell away in the realizing movement in the final hour. The day's extreme advances were curtailed from ½ to ¾ by this movement, but net advances of between 1 and 2 points for all the principal stocks still remained. Tobacco led the list in point of activity, and vibrated feverishly all day over a range of nearly 5 points. Enormous single blocks of this stock figured in the dealings, both in the downward movement and on the recovery. The stock shows a net gain of 2¼. The bull campaign was accompanied by the usual crop of rumors, one of which reported Spain as suing for peace. The rates for time money went lower to 3 per cent for sixty days, 3½ per cent for ninety days and 4 per cent for four months. The abundant supply of money in the country and a prospect of a trade balance for the year in our favor of over $600,000,000 are taken much account of by those who study the speculative outlook. A plethora of money seeking employment and continued foreign demand for our products means an era of higher prices and of speculative and industrial activity. The week's exports of general merchandise from New York were $11,382,193, compared with $6,876,873 last week. In view of these figures, coupled with some buying of stocks for London account, it is not surprising that the price of demand sterling bills should have lost ½c of yesterday's gain. The bond market was quiet, but prices are higher all round. Total sales, $1,650,000. United States new 4s fell ⅛ and the 5s ¼ in the bid price. There was a sale of the new 4s, registered, at an advance of 3½ over the last sale, which was several weeks since.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here opened a trifle better today in the absence of further disquieting speeches, but closed dull, except for Americans, where the pressure to sell has abated, and which closed good on New York support. The New York power of absorption excites surprise. It is believed yesterday's sale to brokers was as much as 40,000 shares. The ease in money is due to release of more Japanese money and the operation of the Bank of England's policy in making advances free of interest, repayable in gold bullion.

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

Atchison	12	Hawaii C. C.	17⅝
do pfd	30⅝	St. P. & Om	70
Baltimore & Ohio	18	do pfd	150
Canada Pacific	83⅝	St. P. M & M	192
Canada Southern	50⅝	So. Pacific	15
Central Pacific	12⅝	So. Railway	8⅝
Ches. & Ohio	21⅝	So. Railway pfd	28⅝
Chicago & Alton	159	Texas & Pacific	10⅝
C., B. & Q	100⅝	Union Pacific	58⅝
C. & E. I	50	U. P. D. & G	7⅝
C. C. C. & St. L	34	Wabash	7⅝
do pfd	80	Wabash pfd	19⅝
Del. & Hudson	108	Wheel. & L. E.	2⅝
Del. L. & W	150	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	11⅝
Den. & Rio G	11	Adams Ex	100
do pfd	35	American Ex	125
Erie (new)	12⅝	United States Ex	40
Erie 1st pfd	35	Wells Fargo Ex	115
Ft. Wayne	168	Am. Cot. Oil	22⅝
Great Northern pfd	159	A. Cot. Oil pfd	72⅝
Hocking Valley	6	Am. Spirits	3⅝
Illinois Central	103	Am. Spirits pfd	28⅝
Lake Erie & W	15	Am. Tobacco	110⅝
do pfd	71⅝	do pfd	147
Lake Shore	180	People's Gas	96⅝
Louisville & Nash	58⅝	Cons. Gas	190⅝
Manhattan L	102⅝	Com. Cable Co	160
Met. St. Ry	180	Col. F. & Iron	21⅝
Michigan Central	103⅝	do pref	90
Minn. & St. L	26	Gen. Electric	36⅝
do 1st pfd	84	Illinois Steel	50
Mo. Pacific	33⅝	La Clede Gas	46
Mobile & Ohio	27⅝	Lead	34⅝
Mo. K. & T	10⅝	do pfd	105⅝
Mo. K. & T pfd	34⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	19⅝
Chi., Ind. & L	9	Oregon Imp. Co	28
do pfd	27	Pacific Mail	27⅝
N. J. Central	94	Pullman Pal	181
N. Y. Central	114⅝	Silver Certificates	57⅝
N. Y. Chi. & St. L	13	Stand. Rope & T	4⅝
do 1st pfd	65	Sugar	115⅝
do 2d pfd	31⅝	do pfd	114
Norfolk & Western	13⅝	T. C. & Iron	25⅝
No. Amer. Co	25⅝	U. S. Leather	7
No. Pacific	64⅝	do pfd	73⅝
do pfd	15	U. S. Rubber	19⅝
Ontario & W	48	do pfd	74
Oregon Nav	30	Western Union	89⅝
Ore. Short Line	16	Northwestern	124⅝
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	168
Reading	18⅝	R. G. & W	22
Rock Island	109⅝	R. G. & W. pfd	55
S. L. & S. F	22	Chi. Gt. West	14⅝
do 1st pfd	61⅝	Reading 1st pfd	43⅝
St. Paul	95⅝	St. L. & S. W	4⅝
do pfd	145	do. pfd	10⅝

The total sales of stocks today were 438,000 shares, including 3,485 Atchison, 14,279 Atchison preferred, 5,691 Cheapeake & Ohio, 27,770 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 11,835 Louisville & Nashville, 11,275 Manhattan, 3,836 Metropolitan, 6,530 Missouri Pacific, 7,401 Northern Pacific preferred, 32,925 Rock Island, 32,745 St. Paul, 3,260 Southern preferred, 21,602 Union Pacific preferred, 133,837 Tobacco, 6,220 People's Gas, 54,046 Sugar, 3,038 Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,673 Leather preferred, 3,810 Rubber, 5,571 Rubber preferred.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 17.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally 2@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, with business in bankers' bills at $4.86 for demand and at $4.82¾ for sixty days; posted rates $4.83½@4.87, commercial bills $4.81½@4.82.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—56¼@57¼c.

FAR SILVER—57¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Easier; new 4s, registered, 122¼; coupon, 122½; 4s registered, 108⅛; coupon, 109⅛; 2s, 96; 5s, registered and coupon, 110⅜; Pacifics 6s of '99, 103.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	122	N. C. 6s	122
U. S. new 4s cou	122	N. C. 4s	105
U. S. 4s, reg	108⅛	No. Pacific 1sts	116
U. S. 4s, coup	109⅛	No. Pacific 3