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Wheat Stronger on Material Decrease in Visible Supply.

CORN AND OATS SHOW GOOD INCREASE

Free Selling by Packers and Lower Prices at the Yards Weaken Provisions and May Pork Closes 7 1-2c Lower.

CHICAGO, April 24.—A larger decrease in the visible supply than was expected, together with a fair export demand, strengthened wheat today. May closed with a gain of 3/@7/8c and July 5/8c. Corn advanced 1/@5/8c and oats 1/@1/4c. Pork declined 12½c, lard 50@7½c and ribs 2½@5c.

Wheat started rather firm, but offerings were freer than could be absorbed at the opening prices and the tendency became downward. The weakness did not last long, however, and a reaction set in that put short sellers to rout and sent prices up with considerable energy.

The rainfall was reported insufficient in the dry belt and crop reports were generally unfavorable, especially so from Michigan. The announcement of a decrease of 1,323,000 bushels in the visible supply, instead of only about 500,000 bushels reduction, as had been expected, furnished the bulls with plenty of ammunition. There was also a good export demand, thirty-eight boatloads being disposed of at the seaboard. May opened a shade lower at 72⅛@72¼c, sold off to 72c, advanced to 73⅛c and closed at 73@73⅛c. There was a better demand for May than July, July closing at 72⅞@73c.

Chicago received 81 cars, 22 of which were graded contract, Minneapolis and Duluth got 503 cars, against 428 the same day last year. Primary western market receipts amounted to 581,000 bushels, compared with 618,000 bushels a year ago. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equalled 300,000 bushels.

Corn was strengthened by a decrease in the visible supply of 1,607,000 bushels and the probable opening of lake navigation tomorrow. Shorts covered freely. Country offerings were light. Receipts, 224 cars. May opened a shade higher at 34@34⅛c, sold sparingly at 34c, advanced to 34⅛c and closed with buyers at 34⅛@34⅜c.

Oats followed wheat and corn. Shippers bought heavily against cash sales. Country longs liquated freely, but offerings were readily absorbed and the improvement was maintained. The visible supply decreased 634,000 bushels. Receipts, 203 cars. May started a shade higher at 25⅝@25¾c, declined to 25⅛@25¼c, then rose to 26⅝c and closed at 26⅛@26⅜c.

Heavy hog receipts and lower prices at the yards weakened provisions. Packers sold freely. Shipments of meats were fair at 2,989,000 pounds. May pork opened 7½c lower at $9.05, declined to $8.97½ and closed at $9.00. The range in lard and ribs was narrow.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 85 cars; corn, 380 cars; oats, 340 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'd'y.
*Wheat.					
May	72⅛@⅜	73¼	72	73⅜¼	72¼
July	73⅛@⅜	74⅜⅛	72⅞	73⅞-74	73⅛@⅜
Sept	72⅛@⅜	73¼	72⅛	73⅛@¼	72⅛
*Corn.					
May	34@34⅛	34⅛	34	34⅛@⅜	34
July	34⅝@⅞	35⅝	34⅝@⅞	35⅝	34⅝@⅞
Sept	35⅝@⅞	36	35⅝	35⅞	35⅝@⅞
*Oats.					
May	26⅜@⅝	26⅝	26⅛@⅜	26⅛@⅜	26⅜
July	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛@¼	24⅛@¼	24⅝
Sept	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22¼
Pork.					
May	9 05	9 05	8 97½	9 00	9 12½
July	9 20	9 22½	9 15	9 17½	9 30
Sept	9 37½	9 37½	9 32½	9 32½	9 45
Lard.					
May	5 20	5 20	5 15	5 17½	5 22½
July	5 32½	5 32½	5 25	5 30	5 35
Sept	5 45	5 45	5 40	5 42½	5 47½
Ribs.					
May	4 72½	4 72½	4 70	4 70	4 75
July	4 82½	4 85	4 82½	4 82½	4 87½
Sept	4 95	5 00	4 95	4 97½	5 00

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; straights, $3.30@3.40; clears, $3.10@3.20; spring specials, $4.25; patents, $3.30@3.75; straights, $2.80@3.10; bakers, $2.20@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 71½@72½c; No. 3 spring, 67@71½c; No. 2 red, 75@77c.

CORN—No. 2, 34½c; No. 2 yellow, 34⅝@35c.

OATS—No. 2, 27½@27¾c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29¼@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½@52⅝c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 37½@47½c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.15; northwest, $1.19. Prime timothy seed, $2.30@2.32½; clover, contract grade, $6.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.00@9.05; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.15@5.20; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.45@4.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.62½; short clear sides (boxed), $5.00@5.10.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.96; granulated, $5.45. Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	13,000	7,000
Wheat, bu	59,000	17,000
Corn, bu	182,000	609,000
Oats, bu	249,000	427,000
Rye, bu	25,000	.....
Barley, bu	17,000	8,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easy; creameries, 13@17c; dairies, 11@15c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12½c. Cheese, weak; creams, 11½@12½c.

STATEMENT OF VISIBLE SUPPLY.

Large Decreases Are Reported in All the Grains.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, April 22, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 29,179,000 bu.; decrease, 1,323,000 bu. Corn, 28,178,000 bu.; decrease, 1,620,000 bu. Oats, 10,489,000 bu.; decrease, 647,000 bu. Rye, 1,143,000 bu.; decrease, 42,000 bu. Barley, 1,747,000 bu.; decrease, 189,000 bu.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,229 bbls.; exports, 9,269 bbls.; market easy on spring patents, but steady for winter wheat brands; winter patents, $3.75@4.20; winter straights, $3.60@3.75; winter extras, $2.60@3.00; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.20; rye, quiet; good to fair, $3.00@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Firm; western, 85@86c; city, 86@87c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 67c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 65c, c. i. f. New York car lots.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 43½@44c; malting, 45@52½c, both c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 55,000 bu.; exports, 80,900 bu.; spot strong; No. 2 red, 82⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; options opened easy on rain news from the west, but developed subsequent strength on an unexpectedly large visible supply decrease. By reason of a big shrinkage in local stocks the May option was especially firm all day. The late market was helped by covering and higher French quotations; closed strong at ¼@½c advance; April, 78⅝@81c, closed, 80⅝c; May, 77⅝@78½c, closed, 78⅝c; July, 77@78⅛c, closed, 78⅛c; September, 75⅝@77⅛c, closed, 77⅛c; December, 77⅞@78½c, closed, 78½c.

CORN—Receipts, 13,600 bu.; spot strong; No. 2, 42@43⅝c, f. o. b., afloat, new and old. Options opened steady and advanced on the visible supply decrease and a good export trade, closed strong at ¼@½c net advance; May, 39⅝@40⅛c, closed, 40⅛c; July, 39⅝@40c, closed, 40c.

OATS—Receipts, 119,000 bu.; exports, 10,000 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 32@32¼c; No. 3, 31½c; No. 3 white, 34½c; track white, 35@38½c; options steady but dull.

HAY—Steady.

HOPS—Steady; common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½@17c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12½@13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18@18½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef firm; family, $9.50@11.00; extra mess, $9.00; beef hams, $19.00@19.50; packet, $9.50@10.00; city, extra India mess, $14.00@15.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.75; pickled shoulders, $4.50; pickled hams, 7¼@7½c. Lard, weak; western, steamed, $5.47½; refined easy; continent, $5.75; South American, $6.25; compound, 4⅝c. Pork, quiet; mess, $8.75@9.50; clear, $10.25@10.75; family, $10.50@11.00.

BUTTER—Steady; western creamery, 15@18c; western factory, 13@14½c; imitation creamery, 14@16½c; state dairy, 14@15c; state creamery, 15@18c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 848 pkgs.; old, quiet; large white, 12@12¼c; small white, 12⅜@13c; large colored, 12@12¼c; small colored, 12⅜@13c; new, slow; large, 10c; small, 10@10½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,146 pkgs.; firm; western, 13⅝@14c; southern, 13@13½c.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 4⅛c; country, 4⅛@4⅜c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Easy; prime crude, 22@23c; prime yellow, 26½@27c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; refined New York, $6.85. Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.60; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $4.40; rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.25@1.40.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 6⅛@7c; Japan, 5⅞@⅝c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 33@40c.

METALS—At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants firm at $11.00. Lake copper, firm with $19.00 bid and $19.25 asked. Tin, firm with $25.00 bid and $25.25 asked. Lead, very quiet with $4.30 bid and $4.32½ asked. Spelter strong and higher with $6.75 bid and $7.00 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.10 and for copper $19.25.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; demand good; market firm at 12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice, 12@14c; separator, 18@19c; gathered creamery, 16@17c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 8½@9c; dressed, 10c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@7c; dressed, 5@7c; ducks and geese, live, 7½@8c; dressed, 10c; turkeys, live, 9@10c; dressed, lightweight, 12½@13c; heavyweight, 11@12c.

PIGEONS—Live, per dozen, 75@90c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 50c.

FRESH WATER FISH—Catfish, per lb., 12c; buffalo, per lb., dressed, 7c; white fish, 11c; lake trout, 11c; yellow pike, 11c; silver herring, 5c; perch, 4c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, 18c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 9c; Columbia river salmon, 15c; halibut, 11c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 15c; extra large mackerel, each, 30c; roe shad, each, 50c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per crate, $5.50@6.00; pints, $3.00.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $5.00; Gentons, $4.75; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $5.50; western boxed, $2.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.50.

VEGETABLES.

STRING BEANS—One-third bu., $1.00@1.25.

PIEPLANT—Per 30 to 35-lb. box, $1.35@1.50; per 50-lb. box, $1.75.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $1.75.

RADISHES—Per bu. box, $1.25@1.50.

TOMATOES—None in market.

SPINACH—Per basket, $1.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per dozen bunches, 40@75c.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 16@18c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, according to size, 15@25c.

WATERCRESS—In qt. cases, $1.00.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 3½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1.00.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.50@1.60.

POTATOES—Choice Iowa, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 85@90c; Colorado, $1.00; early Ohio seed potatoes, $1.00@1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., seed, $2.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $2.25@3.50; Messina, fancy, $3.75@4.00.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.75; seedlings, $2.75; Med. sweets, $3.00.

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 6c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12½@13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 8@10c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½@7c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.00@2.25.

HONEY—Choice white, 12½@13c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Mink, 100@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@75c; muskrat, 3@10c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@75c; wolf (timber), 25@$2.50; wolf, (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 6c; 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, 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.

Kansas City Grain Market.

KANSAS CITY, April 24.—WHEAT—Strong and higher; May opened at 65¾c, closed at 66½c; July opened at 66¼c, sold between 67c and 67⅛c, closing at 67c; cash slow; hard about steady; No. 2, 67½@69c; soft firm; No. 2 red, 84½c; No. 2 spring, 66@68c.

CORN—Futures strong and higher; May opened at 31½c, closed at 31⅞c; July opened at 32½c, closed at 32⅞c; cash in fair demand; mixed steady to ½c lower; No. 2, 32⅜@33¼c; white ½@¾c lower; No. 2, 34@34½c.

OATS—Active and about steady; cash, No. 2 mixed, 23½c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c.

RYE—No. 2, 55½c.

HAY—Steady; moderate receipts; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $7.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@19c; dairy, 13c.

EGGS—Demand light; weaker feeling prevailed today, though prices remained unchanged; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, in new cases, cases included, 12c; cases returned, 11½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 61,800 bu.; corn, 33,100 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 20,400 bu.; corn, 14,900 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; pork, standard mess, $9.25. Lard, refined tierce, $5.62½; pure lard, $5.75. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.40; sides, $5.12½. Bacon, clear rib sides, $5.75. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Quiet; Rio, ordinary to fair, 56.37½@7.62½.

FLOUR, GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFFS—Steady. Flour, extra fancy, $3.65@3.70; patents, $4.00@4.20.

CORNMEAL—Firm; western, 85@86c; city, 86@87c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 67c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 65c, c. i. f. New York car lots.

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HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½@17c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12½@13c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18@18½c.

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COTTONSEED OIL—Easy; prime crude, 22@23c; prime yellow, 26½@27c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; refined New York, $6.85. Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.60; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $4.40; rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.25@1.40.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 6⅛@7c; Japan, 5⅞@⅝c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 33@40c.

METALS—At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants firm at $11.00. Lake copper, firm with $19.00 bid and $19.25 asked. Tin, firm with $25.00 bid and $25.25 asked. Lead, very quiet with $4.30 bid and $4.32½ asked. Spelter strong and higher with $6.75 bid and $7.00 asked. The brokers' price for lead is $4.10 and for copper $19.25.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 24.—WHEAT—In store, No. 1 northern, April, 71⅞c; May, 71⅛c; July, 72½c; September, 70⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 72⅞c; No. 1 northern, 71⅞c; No. 2 northern, 70⅝c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.75@3.85; second patents, $3.55@3.65; first clear, $2.75@2.85.

BRAN—In bulk, $10.25@10.50.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—BUTTER—Dull; prints 1c lower; fancy creamery, 15c; fancy prints, 17c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, nearby 13c; fresh western, 13@13½c; fresh southwestern, 13@13½c; fresh southern, 12½c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 24.—WHEAT—Higher but quiet; No. 2 cash, 75⅝c asked; May, 75⅝c.

CORN—Dull but firm; No. 2 mixed, 34⅝c.

OATS—Dull but higher; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

RYE—Unchanged; No. 2 cash, 58c.

CLOVER SEED—Dull but higher; prime cash, old, $3.65; new, cash and April, $3.85.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 24.—CORN—Market easy, new No. 3, 34c.

OATS—Market quiet; No. 2 white, 29¼@29½c.

WHISKY—Market firm on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 24.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 73½c; No. 2 northern, 72@72½c.

RYE—No. 1, 58@58½c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, 45c; sample, 40@46½c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 24.—PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, firm, 38s. Bacon, short clear backs, firm, 29s. Shoulders, square, steady, 23s 6d.

WHEAT—Spot No. 2 red western winter, steady, 6s 9d. No. 1 red northern, Dullish, steady, 6s 4d; futures lower; May and July, 5s 7½d.

CORN—Spot American mixed, new, quiet, 3s 3½d; American mixed, old, quiet, 3s 6½d; futures steady; May, 3s 5¼d; July, 3s 5½d.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—FLOUR—Steady; patents, $3.75@3.85; straights, $3.40@3.50; clears, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—Strong and higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 76c; track, 77c; May, 78¼c bid; May, 87⅞ bid; No. 2 hard, 70@71c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 34½c; track, 35½c; May 33⅝@33½c; July, 33⅝@33⅞c bid; September 34⅝c bid.

OATS—Higher for options, nominal for cash; No. 2 cash, 28½c; track, 29½c; May, 28c asked; July, 24½c bid; September, 23@23½c. No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—Firm; 56c bid.

FLAXSEED—Nominally $1.12.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$2.25.

CORNMEAL—$1.85@1.90.

BRAN—Quiet and steady; sacked, east track, 62c.

HAY—Better; timothy, $9.00@11.50; prairie, $6.25@8.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 13@17c.

EGGS—Lower, 11c.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.26.

COTTON—Ties, 29c.

BAGGING—6½@6¾c.

LEAD—Dull and easy; $4.15.

SPELTER—Strong and higher; $6.50@6.55.

PORK—Easier; standard mess, jobbing, $9.12½.

PROVISIONS—Easier; prime steam, $5.00; choice, $5.07½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.25; extra short clears, $4.87½; ribs, $5.07½. Dry salt meats, boxed, shoulders, $3.80; extra shorts, $3.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 69,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 27,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 24.—FLOUR—Quiet; western extra, $2.50@3.10; western family, $3.35@3.60; winter wheat patent, $3.75@3.90; spring wheat patent, $3.90@4.10; spring wheat straights, $3.65@3.85; receipts, 23,000 bbls.; exports, 8,839 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, 77⅛@77¼c; May, 77@77⅛c; steamer No. 2 red, 72@72¼c; southern wheat, by sample, 71@77¼c; southern, on grade, 72½@77⅛c.

CORN—Firm; spot, 40@40⅛c; month, 39½@39¾c; May, 38⅝@38⅞c; June, 38½c; steamer mixed, 38@40c; receipts, 148,130 bu.; exports, 129,117 bu.; southern white corn, 42c; southern, on grade, 41@42c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 32½@33c; receipts, 10,066 bu.

BUTTER—Quiet; fancy creamery, 20@21c; good creamery, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 14@15c; good ladle, 12@13c; store packed, 11@12c; rolls, 14@15c.

EGGS—Firm at 13c.

CHEESE—Quiet; large, 60 lbs., 11¼@12½c; medium, 37 lbs., 12½@12¾c; small, 23 lbs., 12¾@13c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 24.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 74⅝c; April, 74⅝c; May, 75½c; July, 75⅞c; No. 1 northern, cash, 71½c; No. 2 northern, 66½c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Droop Except for a Spurt in the Early Dealings.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Trading was of a listless sort today and except for an early spurt in the specialties prices drooped to the end, when the tone was weak. Smart recessions appeared in many stocks, while most of the active list was lower. No very serious considerations seemed to be given to the protest of the German ambassador against the utterances of a naval officer just returned from Manila. The strength of sterling exchange attracted some attention, considering it done in spite of comparative easiness of money, which ranged from 3 to 4 per cent for call loans. The favorable bank statement of Saturday failed to arouse a noticeable increase in outside interest in the market and the bears accordingly reasoned that it was opportune to try some short ventures.

Anaconda mining was very strong, rising 8 points, only 1 point of which it lost before the close. The advance in Anaconda was associated with reports of some deal in connection with a copper combination. Moreover, copper advanced abroad. London was a seller of some 30,000 shares of stock and selling came from New England and the west as well as from some large traders who recently had been heavy purchasers.

Commission business was very light. Crop uncertainties may account for the hesitancy in the market and private crop advices were said to have been received which were not altogether favorable. This received some credence because of the firmness of the wheat market. The market was altogether uninteresting and almost featureless.

Irregularity cropped out today in the bond market, but the changes generally were narrow and there was a consistent demand for the newer issues at improved prices. Total sales, $3,905,000. United States new 4s, coupon, and the 5s, coupon, advanced ¼ per cent in the bid price, and the 4s, registered, ⅛ per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were idle today except for mines and coppers. The tendency was to dullness. The Philippine news caused realizing sales by recent American bulls and prices steadily sagged, closing heavy at the bottom. Exceptions were Norfolk & Western and Denver & Rio Grande preferred, which were both bought here and by New York. Coppers were the feature. New York sent quotations on Anacondas at 11⅝ and they closed near 12, principally on American buying in the afternoon. Tintos were 46⅝. Spanish 4s were 59. Fifty-four thousand pounds gold in bars were bought by the bank. Bullion dealers expect silver to be twisted up soon on the smelters' combination.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	20⅝	do pfd	77⅝
do pfd	69	St. Louis & S. F.	11½
do 4s	100⅝	do pfd	37
American Sugar	168	do 4s	75
do pfd	118	do 2d pfd	39
Bell Telephone	265	St. L. & S. W.	13⅛
Boston & Albany	255	do pfd	34⅛
Boston & Maine	180	St. Paul	127⅝
C. B. & Q.	142⅝	do pfd	175
Chicago & E. I.	121½	St. P. & O.	35
Gen. Electric	119	do pfd	165
Federal Steel	67¼	So. Pacific	33½
do pfd	85⅝	So. Railway	12⅝
Old Colony	211	Texas & Pacific	22½
Rubber	37	Union Pacific	46⅝
Union Pacific	46¼	do pfd	75
West End	95	Wabash	8
do pfd	115	do pfd	23½
West. Electric	48½	W. & L. E.	12⅝
Wis. Central	18⅝	do pfd	34½
Mex. Central	14⅝	Adams Ex.	112
		American Ex.	140
		United States	52
		Vis Fargo	127
		A. Cot. Oil	37½
		do pfd	83⅝
		American Spirits	14⅝
		do pfd	31⅝
		Amer. Tobacco	125
		do pfd	143
		Cons. Gas	150
		Com. Cable Co.	150
		Colorado F. & I.	39¼
		do pfd	110
		Gen. Electric	119
		Haw. Comm'l Co.	102
		Brk. Rap. Tr.	19⅝
		Int'n'l Paper	53
		do pfd	85⅝
		La Clede Gas	34½
		Lead	34⅝
		do pfd	118
		Nat. Lin. Oil	4⅝
		Pacific Mail	51⅝
		People's Gas	135½
		Pullman Palace	160
		Sugar	167⅝
		do pfd	116⅝
		Tennessee C. & I.	42
		U. S. Leather	16½
		do pfd	75
		U. S. Rubber	52⅝
		do pfd	105
		Western Union	93
		S. S. & W.	66⅝
		do pfd	98
		Federal Steel	67⅝
		do pfd	85⅝
		Col. Southern	7⅝
		do 1st pfd	50
		do 2d pfd	20

The total sales of stocks today amounted to 579,492 shares, including: American Smelting and Refining, 6,800; American Steel and Wire, 28,400; American Sugar, 59,300; American Tin Plate, 3,600; Anaconda, 46,500; Atchison preferred, 18,200; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 29,700; Brooklyn Rapid Transit rights, 7,900; Burlington, 11,700; Chicago Great Western, 11,600; Colorado Fuel and Iron, 4,800; Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, 7,300; Consolidated Gas, 3,400; Continental Tobacco, 35,600; Continental Tobacco preferred, 5,800; Denver & Rio Grande, 5,900; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 8,100; Federal Steel, 19,900; Federal Steel preferred, 3,500; Glucose Sugar Refinery, 3,900; Louisville & Nashville, 12,500; Manhattan Consolidated, 12,400; Mexican Central, 14,400; Mexican Central, 1,400; Missouri Pacific, 10,600; National Steel, 20,400; Norfolk & Western, 13,800; Norfolk & Western preferred, 3,600; North American, 3,700; Pacific Mail, 5,300; People's Gas and Coke, 5,200; Reading first preferred, 4,100; Rock Island, 7,300; St. Louis & Southwestern preferred, 3,900; St. Paul, 9,900; Southern Railway preferred, 14,600; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 6,500; Union Pacific preferred, 3,900; Western Union, 7,800; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 5,500.

Financial Notes.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Clearings, $19,717,877; balances, $1,616,906. New York exchange, 15c premium. Sterling exchange, posted, $4.85½@4.88; actual, $4.85@4.87; sixty days, $4.84@4.86. Stocks active and strong. Quotations: Alley L, 78⅝; Diamond Match, 139¼; North Chicago, 25; West Chicago, 108; Strawboard, 29; Biscuit common, 66¼; Biscuit preferred, 101.

NEW ORLEANS, April 24.—Clearings, $682,926. New York exchange, bank, $1.00 per $1,000 premium; commercial, 90c per $1,000 discount.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Clearings, $100,521,265; balances, $11,177,020.

BOSTON, April 24.—Clearings, $15,878,092; balances, $1,482,573.

BALTIMORE, April 24.—Clearings, $3,439,452; balances, $1,031,047.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Clearings, $16,354,613; balances, $1,707,107.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Clearings, $5,272,109; balances $789,819. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, par bid, 15c premium asked.

CINCINNATI, April 24.—Money, 3½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 15@25c discount. Clearings, $2,927,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 24.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady at 3@4 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and at $4.85@4.85¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.86 and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69⅝@69⅞c.

BAR SILVER—59⅞c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅝c.

BONDS—Government bonds, strong; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, irregular.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. 2s, reg	100	M. K. & T. 4s	94⅝
U. S. 3s, reg	108	N. Y. C. 1st s	110
U. S. 3s, coup	108⅝	N. J. C. 5s	119⅝
U. S. new 4s, reg	129	N. C. 6s	127
U. S. 4s, coup	130⅝	N. C. 4s	102
U. S. old 4s, reg	112⅝	No. Pacific 1sts	120
U. S. 5s, coup	113⅝	No. Pacific 3s	68⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	111⅝	No. Pacific 4s	105⅝
U. S. 2s, coup	113⅝	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	105⅝
District 3.65s	117	N. & W. con. 4s	94⅝
Ala., class A	110	N. & W. gen. 6s	130
Ala., class B	110	Nor. N