

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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THERE IS LITTLE LIFE IN THE PIT

May Closes Weak and Under Wednesday-Corn and Oats a Shade Up While Provisions Are Some Higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—A disposition to take profits offset the firmness of cables in the wheat market today, May closing weak at \$1.40^c under yesterday. Corn and oats closed a shade up and provisions were higher. There was little life in the wheat pit. The news was not startling, however, the session began predictions that the weather would become a little less rigorous and received some consideration. May opened 14^c down at 88³³⁴ and went forward to 88³³⁴. The advance at Paris touched 67³³⁴, which carried the market to 68³³⁴, but the advance did not hold later rumors of a better cash market lifted the price again. This position held until strength was abandoned under a fire from profit-takers and the market closed weak. The export demand was tardy. New York reporting only ten days earlier, New York reporting only ten days taken, Atlantic port exports in wheat and flour were equal to 100,000 bushels, against 90,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 341 cars compared with 229 last week and 461 a year ago. Receipts of grain cars, none of which graded contracts.Corn, after a brief period of restlessness, was firm, principally because it was early in the country acceptance over night showed a falling off. Trade was rather quiet, although there was some activity buying in St. Louis and local importers. Receipts here were 345 cars; May sold off from 32³³⁴ to 32³³⁴ and closed a shade up at 32³³⁴. With the new bunches, 60c.

SPINACH—Per box, 4 lb., green bunches, 60c.

NEW BEETS—Per box, bunches, 40c.

RADISHES—Per box, bunches, 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Per box, bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce per box, 60c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per lb., Illinois, Jersey, 15c; large, 18c; small, 12c.

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES—Per box, 30c.

CARROTS—Per box, 30c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 5c; red, 80c.⁴

Olive oil per bbl., 82c.

CELERI—Per doz., 25c.³⁰ California.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 14c; Canadian, 14c; per bbl., 42c.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb., box, 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 60c.

FRUITS—Apples—Choice western shipping stock, New York stock, \$1.15⁴⁰.GRAPE—Malaga grapes, per bbl., \$7.00⁴⁰.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per bbl., \$0.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges—Mexican, per box, 42c; California naval, per box, \$1.25⁴⁰; California seedlings, per box, \$2.50⁴⁰.

LEMONS—California fancy, 35c; choice California, 35c.

MISCELLANEOUS—HONEY—Per 32-ounce case, 32.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per box, 12.25c.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, \$1.10.

Imported figs, per lb., 13c.

HONEY—LILLY, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1, green hides, 8c; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, 85c.

No. 2 salted hides, 8c; No. 1 veal calf, 8c to 10c.

No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 14 lbs., 8c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—WHEAT—Lower, No. 2, 40c; clear, 39c; No. 3, 38c; No. 4, 37c.

FLOUR—No. 2, May 10, 40c; No. 3, 39c.

IRON COTTONTONES—\$1.20.

BRAINS—\$1.00 per bbl., 42^{1/2} oz.WHEAT—No. 2 red, 40c⁴⁰.BUTTER—Steely, 25c⁴⁰.

HEMP TWINE—2c.

METALS—Lead, firm at \$4.62⁴⁰/4.65. Spec. do pfd.

POULTRY—Steely, chickens, 65c; turkeys, 5c; ducks, 8c; geese, 5c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salted boxed meats, extra short, 65c; clear ribs, 65c; clear sides, 65c; Pork, quiet; bidding, old, 20c; new, 31c; prime, 32c; steady; prime steam, 35c.

SHIPEMENTS—Deli., 65c; ham, 65c; wheat, 31.00 bu.; corn, 21.00 bu.; oats, 21.00 bu.

SEEDS—Timothy, \$2.00⁴⁰/2.30. Flaxseed.

HIDES—No. 1, green, hides, 8c; No. 2 green, hides, 7c; No. 1 salted, hides, 85c.

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