COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Prices Tend Upward on the Chicago Board of Trade.

VOLUME OF BUSINESS IS LIMITED

Wheat is Quiet, but is Held Strong on Account of Bullish News—Provisions Well Supported After Weak Opening.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Trading was moderate in both grain and provision pits today, but prices had an upward tendency. July wheat closing ¼c higher, July corn ¼c higher, oats up ⅜@¼c and provisions from a shade to 7½c higher.

Wheat ruled quiet, but bullish news, both local and foreign, caused a strong tone to pervade the pit throughout the entire session. Firm cables and reports of damage by frosts started shorts to cover at the opening and prices were slightly higher at the start, July being a shade to ⅛@¼c up to 73@73⅛c. There was a small recession on profit-taking, but the loss was soon regained, and after selling at 72⅞c, July firmed up to 73¼c, the strength of outside markets and the bullish crop advices from Europe being influential factors in the situation. With a good commission house demand the market continued steady the remainder of the day. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 504,000 bu. Primary receipts were 263,800 bu., against 333,400 bu. a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 154 cars, which, with local receipts of 27 cars, none of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 181 cars, against 280 cars last week and 281 cars a year ago.

Corn opened firm on strong cables and smaller receipts than estimated, and the early strength was well maintained throughout the day. Cold weather, a good shipping demand for No. 2 and an indicated heavy decrease in local stocks, were the features that appealed to traders. Trading was quiet and the volume of business was little. After selling between 41¼@41¼c and 45¼c, July closed with a gain of ⅛@¼c to ⅝c. Local receipts were 140 cars, 6 of contract grade.

Oats exhibited a decidedly bullish tendency, with leading operators taking an active part on that side of the market. Predictions of frosts for the west over Sunday and unfavorable crop advices were strengthening influences. Commission houses took considerable May and there was a good scattered demand for the other months. The close was firm, with July ⅜@¼c higher at 32¼c, after ranging between 31⅞@31⅞c and 32⅜c. Local receipts were 111 cars.

Provisions started weak under the leadership of lard, which was still on sale in liberal quantities, mostly by longs. The market was well supported, however, at the decline by packers and the whole list gradually became stronger. Local prices for hogs were depressing influences early in the session. July pork closed 7½c higher at $17.07½. July lard was a shade higher at $9.25, and ribs were up 5c at $9.45.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 225 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
May	78¾	79	78⅝	78⅞	77⅛
July	72¾-¾	73¼	72⅞	73¼@⅜	72⅞@73
Sept.	70⅝@⅞	71	70⅝	70⅝@71	70¼@⅝
*Corn—					
May	44¼@⅜	44½@⅝	44¼@¼	44⅜	44⅜
July	45¼@⅜	45¾	45¼	45½@⅝	45¼@⅜
Sept.	44½	44⅞	44⅜	44⅜	44½@⅝
*Oats—					
May	33½@⅝	33⅜	33⅜	33⅜	33⅛
July	31⅞	32⅜	31⅞@⅞	32¼	31⅝@⅞
Sept.	29¼	29⅜	29¼	29½@⅝	29¼@⅜
Pork—					
May	18 00	18 50	18 00	18 25	17 95
July	16 97½	17 12½	16 97½	17 07½	17 00
Sept.	16 55	16 72½	16 55	16 70	16 65
Lard—					
May	9 07½	9 15	9 05	9 15	9 15
July	9 17½	9 27½	9 17½	9 25	9 25
Sept.	9 20	9 30	9 20	9 30	9 27½
Ribs—					
May	9 35	9 47½	9 35	9 47½	9 40
July	9 35	9 45	9 35	9 45	9 40
Sept.	9 40	9 40	9 30	9 37½	9 42½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and steady; winter patents, $3.60@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.40; spring patents, $3.35@3.90; straights, $3.10@3.40; bakers, $2.30@2.85.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 78@79c; No. 3, 72@78c; No. 2 red, 78¾@79c.

CORN—No. 2, 44@44c; No. 2 yellow, 45¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 33¾c; No. 3 white, 33¼@34½c.

RYE—No. 2, 50½c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 48@55c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.09; No. 1 northwestern, $1.12; prime timothy, $3.55; clover, contract grade, $12.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $17.37½@17.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.10@9.15. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.35@9.45. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.50@8.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.75@9.87½.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain yesterday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	18,400	15,600
Wheat, bu	40,800	181,800
Corn, bu	151,400	132,700
Oats, bu	177,800	229,700
Rye, bu	14,300	......
Barley, bu	22,000	7,700

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 1@22c; dairies, 15@19c. Eggs, firmer, at mark, cases included, 13@14½c. Cheese, new, firm, 13@13¼c to 13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 2.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,685 bu.; exports, 17,203 bu.; there was a firm trade at full late prices; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; winter straights, $3.60@3.65; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.30; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.40; winter low grades, $2.60@2.90. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $2.80@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.25@3.45.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, $1.06; city, $1.04; Brandywine, $3.40@3.55.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 59½c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 56@60c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 51c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 53c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 70,200 bu.; exports, 228,945 bu.; sales, 975,000 bu. futures, 40,000 bu. spot. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 84½c, elevator, and 85¼c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 88¾c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 hard Manitoba, 88½c, f. o. b., afloat. On fears of crop damage as a result of the cold wave and because of higher cables, local bears covered freely, advancing wheat prices about ⅝c except May, which on light stocks was even stronger. The close was steady with prices ⅛@⅝c higher; May, 82⅝@83¾c, closed at 82⅝c; July, 77⅝@77⅞c, closed at 77⅝c; September, 75⅛@75⅜c, closed at 75⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 12,850 bu.; exports, 51,287 bu.; sales, 75,000 bu. futures and 32,000 bu. spot. Spot, firm; No. 2, 55c, elevator, and 53½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54c; No. 2 white, 54c. Options were also affected by the possibility of unfavorable crop news, coupled with higher cables and the wheat advance. The market closed firm and ½@⅝c net higher; May, 54¼@54⅝c, closed at 54⅝c; July, 51⅝@51⅝c, closed at 51⅝c; September, 50@50⅝c, closed at 50⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 75,000 bu.; exports, 29,000 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 38c; standard white, 40c; No. 3, 37c; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 3 white, 38½c; track mixed western, nominal; track white, 39@45c. Options quiet but steady held.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, $1.00@1.05.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1902, 17@24c; 1901, 15@19c; olds, 6@10c; Pacific coast, 1902, 18@22½c; 1901, 15@17c; olds, 6@10c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 24@26c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@7c; Japan, nominal.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $11.50@12.50; beef hams, $20.00@21.50; packet, $10.50@11.00; city extra India mess, $18.00@20.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 9½@10⅛c; pickled shoulders, 9c; pickled hams, 11½@12c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $9.60; refined, quiet; continent, $9.90; South American, $10.75; compound, 7⅞@8c. Pork, dull; family, $19.00; short clear, $18.50@20.25; mess, $18.25@18.75.

BUTTER—Steady; extra creamery, 22c; extra factory, 15@15½c; common to choice, 17@21½c; imitation creamery, 15@19c; state dairy, 17@21c; renovated, 12½c.

CHEESE—Old, steady; new, weak; state full cream, fancy olds, colored, 15c; new, 12¾@12½c; old, small white, 14¾c; new, 12¾@12½c; colored, 14¼@14⅝c; new, 12½@12½c; old, large, white, 14¼@14½c; new, 12⅝c.

EGGS—Firmer; state and Pennsylvania, 16c; southern, 15c; Kentucky, 15½c; western storage, packed, 16½c; western firsts, 15½@16c.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 5¼c; country, 5½@6c.

METALS—Not much change has occurred in the general metal situation since yesterday and demand is moderate and supplied in most cases at quotations ruling Friday. Tin, firm; spot quoted at $30.00@30.05. Copper, quiet and nominal; lake, electrolytic and casting, $14.50@14.75. Lead, steady; spot, $4.37½. Spelter, quiet; spot, $5.75. Iron, quiet and easy, unchanged.

WEARE GRAIN COMPANY.

Omaha Branch 110-111 Board of Trade Building.

CHICAGO, May 2.—WHEAT—The first setback to the 1903 crop has been recorded this week, caused by a freezing spell extending as far south as Missouri, and some reports say even through Oklahoma. The plant in most sections is not far enough along to sustain serious injury, and as the cold lasted only part of one night we incline to the opinion that the damage has not been material. It is important, however, if only as an indication of what the speculator may look for in the way of scares before the crop is harvested.

The present outlook is beyond quest on all that one can ask, but harvest is a long time off and it is well to be on the lookout for just such contingencies as this cold snap.

Daily clearances have averaged large and there has been a normal domestic consumption in spite of the threats of the northwestern millers to close down.

Stocks abroad are low and even the "hand to mouth" method of filling immediate requirements is forcing them to come to the American counter for wheat in considerable lots.

Toward the close of the week there has been an increased movement from the northwest, with the evident view of having it here in case of a repetition of last September's operations by the party in control of the May option. There is no other inducement to move it to this market while the mills there are using wheat on such a large scale.

The price of September wheat looks high in view of the almost perfect outlook of the new crop, and we think it a safe sale above 70 cents.

CORN—The east has come to the front this week and bought large quantities of corn. This is the first business of any proportions since the failure of the crop of 1900, and now that corn has started through its old channels again there is some likelihood of the drain on local stocks that has been predicted so often.

With the improvement in the cash situation and with a continuance of the shipments out of store here, we expect to see a thorough cleaning up of local stocks, and then an inducement in the shape of an improved price to invite the holders of the reserves to replenish the supply.

OATS—If the action of the near futures of this grain has been a severe disappointment to the bulls they have not evinced their disappointment by loosening up.

While the interest in May oats may not be a large one at the same time it is in proportion to the stocks, and with proper handling may prove successful.

The cash situation shows no change. Attention aside from the May operations seems centered in the new crop outlook.

Our advices on this are to the effect that while operations are some later than usual and the area possibly smaller that the outlook is fair.

Oats are not high-priced and nothing short of a record-breaking crop would seem to us to warrant any special bearishness.

PROVISIONS—Hogs increased in receipts and the result was quite a lose in prices.

Provisions followed suit and the decline was helped by the foreign speculators, who are bearish to a man.

The situation is unsettled, although after such a remarkable drop in lard and ribs prices ought to improve. Still the feeling is that prices will not be very high for some time. Buying on sharp declines and selling on sharp advances is the safest way to operate. Packing last week, 195,000 head hogs, against 335,000 last year. Estimates of stocks in store as compared with last week and week before: April 30—Pork, 19,500 bbls.; lard, 16,500 tierces; ribs, 10,00,000 lbs. April 23—Pork, 20,150 bbls.; lard, 12,000 tierces; ribs, 9,200,000 lbs. March 31—Pork, 24,560 bbls.; lard, 9,800 tierces; ribs, 9,300,000 lbs. WEARE GRAIN COMPANY.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh stock, 13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 11c; roosters, according to age, 5@6c; turkeys, 13@16c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 9@10c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 18@21c; separator, 22@23c.

FRESH FISH—Fresh caught trout, 9@10c; pickerel, 6½c; pike, 11c; perch, 6c; buffalo, 7c; bluefish, 11c; whitefish, 13c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 27c; lobsters, green, per lb., 25c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 17c; halibut, 11c; shad roe, 35c each; roe shad, 75c each.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.00.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $8.00; No. 2, $7.50; medium, $7.00; coarse, $6.50. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair and receipts lights.

CORN—40c.

OATS—35c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Per bu., 25@30c.

NEW CARROTS—Per dozen bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per dozen bunches, 45c.

BEETS—New southern, per dozen bunches, 45c; old, per bu., 40c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 30c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.50.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c; home grown, 12½@15c.

RADISHES—Southern, per dozen bunches, 75c; home grown, 30@40c.

TURNIPS—Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; new southern, per dozen bunches, 50c.

ONIONS—Red Wisconsins, per lb., 1c; white, per lb., 1¼c.

SPINACH—Home grown, per bu. basket, 75@80c.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.50.

BEANS—Wax, per bu. box, $4.00; string, per bu. box, $3.00@3.50.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 2½@3c; new California, per lb., 2¾@3c.

TOMATOES—New Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.00@4.50.

RHUBARB—Per lb., 1c.

ASPARAGUS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—New York stock, $3.00.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas and Arkansas, per 24-qt. case, $3.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb cartons, 90c; Turkish, per 30-lb. box, 14@18c.

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, for 176 and smaller sizes, $3.00@3.25; for 150 and larger sizes, $3.25; choice, $3.00@3.50; Mediterranean sweets, $3; sweet Java, $3.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.25.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

PINEAPPLES—Cuban, $4.25@3.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6½c; No. 2 green, 5½c; No. 1 salted, 7½c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs, 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry salted hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horsehides, $1.50@2.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; Brazils, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 60c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1.00; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $5.00.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpirn quotes the following prices: Iron, country mixed, per ton, $11.00; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8.00; copper, per lb., 8½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 8½c; brass, light, per lb., 6½c; lead, per lb., 3c; zinc, per lb., 2½c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, firm at 6s 4½d; No. 1 northern, spring, firm at 6s 8½d; No. 1 California, steady at 6s 8½d. Futures, steady; May, 6s 4¾d; July, 6s 4⅜d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 4s 8½d; old, steady at 5s 3½d. Futures, inactive; May, 4s 6½d; June, 4s 4⅜d; July, 4s 4½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, quiet at 8s 3d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, steady at £5 12s@£6 0s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, easy; extra India mess, 82s 5d. Pork, firm; prime mess western, 87s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 54s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 50s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 54s; long clear middles, light, 24 to 34 lbs., 52s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 52s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 52s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 52s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., quiet, 4s 6d. Lard, dull; prime western, in tierces, 48s; American refined, in pails, 4s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, steady, 75s.

CHEESE—Quiet; American finest white and colored, 63s.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 27s.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 2.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Show an improved demand for the better sorts and are firmly held, with prime slightly higher in some instances. Common are quoted at 3½@4¾c; prime, 5@5½c; choice, 5¾@6c; fancy, 6½@7¼c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Spot prunes rule about steady at prices ranging from 3c to 6¾c for all grades. Apricots are firm under a fair demand, with choice still quoted at 7½@8¼c and fancy at 9¼@10½c. Peaches quiet and rather easy in tone at 7½@8c for choice and 8½@9c for fancy.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—COFFEE—Spot, Rio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, 5⅛c; mild, steady; Cordova, 7½c. The market for futures opened quiet at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points on May as a result of covering. The market displayed little feature, closing quiet and steady on the opening basis. Sales were 5,750 bags, including May at 3.70c; July, 3.90c, and September, 4.15c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—COTTON—The market opened steady, with prices 1@3 points lower. The weakness was the result of adverse cables and better crop reports. Later business increased the decline to 6 points on the old crop positions and 1@2 on the new crop, with covering steadying the market to a partial reaction later in the day.

NEW ORLEANS, May 2.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 200 bales; ordinary, 8¼c; good ordinary, 8⅝c; low middling, 9 7-16c; middling, 10 3-16c; good middling, 10⅝c; middling fair, 11 5-16c; receipts, 1,559 bales; stock 102,119 bales. Futures, dull; May, 10.29@10.29c; June, 10.29c; July, 10.31@10.32c; August, 9.78@9.79c; September, 8.76@8.80c; October, 8.49@8.50c; November, 8.37@8.39c; December, 8.32@8.35c.

LIVERPOOL, May 2.—COTTON—Spot, quiet; prices unchanged; American middling, 5.66d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 4,600 American. Receipts, 2,500 bales, all American. Futures opened quiet and steady and closed easy; American middling g. o. c.: May, 5.34d; May and June, 5.34d; June and July, 5.33@5.34d; July and August, 5.32d; August and September, 5.22@5.23d; September and October, 4.86@4.87d; October and November, 4.73@4.68d; November and December, 4.60@4.61d; December and January, 4.58@4.59d; January and February, 4.58d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—WHEAT—May, 67¼c; July, 63⅞@63⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68@69c; No. 3, 66@67½c; No. 4, 62@64½c; rejected, 59@62c; No. 2 red, 69@69½c; No. 3, 66@68c; receipts, 88 cars.

CORN—May, 36⅝@36⅞c; July, 36⅝@36⅞c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 37⅝@38¼c; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3, 37⅝@38c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33¼@34½c; No. 2 mixed, 32@33c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

HAY—Timothy, $12.50@13.00; prairie, $9.25@9.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 17@20c; dairy, 17c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 12½c doz., cases returned; No. 2 new, whitewood cases included, 13¼c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	70,400	56,800
Corn, bu	48,800	40,000
Oats, bu	8,000	46,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—BUTTER—½c lower; extra western creamery, 22½c; extra nearby prints, 23c.

EGGS—Firm, good demand; fresh nearby, 16c at the mark; western, 16@16½c at the mark; southwestern, 16c at the mark.

CHEESE—Quiet, but firm; New York full creams, choice, small, 14¾@15c; fair to good, 14@14½c; choice, large, 14⅝c; fair to good, 14½c; new choice, 13¼c; new fair, fair to good, 12¾@12⅞c.

Wool Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, 28@32c.

LONDON, May 2.—WOOL—Trading in wool has been quiet with prices firm, pending the opening of the third series of auction sales on May 5, when an advance is generally expected. The arrivals of wool for the fourth series of sales amount to 23,001 bales, including 13 forwarded direct to spinners.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 2.—WHEAT—Cash, 74c; May, 75⅛@75¼c; July, 75⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 78c; No. 1 northern, 77c.

FLOUR—Higher; first patents, $4.10@4.20; second patents, $4.00@4.10; first clears, $3.00@3.10; second clears, $2.45@2.50.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, May 2.—WHEAT—Dull, firm; cash and May, 75⅜c; July, 72⅞c.

CORN—Dull, steady; May, 44c; July, 44⅝c.

OATS—Dull; May, 23⅝c; July, 3:¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

SEED—Clover, inactive, unchanged; cash, $7.70; October, $5.40; prime timothy, $1.50.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, May 2.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 northern, 80½@81c; No. 2 northern, 78¾@79c; July, 73¼c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 52¼@53c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 58@63c; sample, 40@55c.

CORN—July, 45¼@45⅝c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, May 2.—WHEAT—To arrive, No. 1 hard, 80c; No. 1 northern, 78c; No. 2 northern, 76½c; May, No. 1 hard, 79⅝c; July, 77¼c.

OATS—May, 33¼c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, May 2.—CORN—Firmer; No. 3, 40¾c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 32½c.

WHISKY—$1.30.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market is Lifeless, Everyone Still Showing Indifference.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The almost lifeless condition of today's stock market reflected the continued indifference of all classes. The demand for the public utilities seemed due to covering of short contracts by bears, who hoped for a decline as a result of the establishment of the franchise tax. The renewed rise in the silver market started the National Railroad of Mexico stocks upward again and smelting stocks were slightly benefited from the same cause. Pennsylvania's net earnings for March were a disappointment, the gain in the gross for the lines east of Pittsburg and Erie being practically wiped out by the operating expenses, while for the lines west of Pittsburg a substantial net decrease was shown. Official expressions of a hope that future statements would make a better showing induced some buying of the stock. The improved weather conditions served to relieve apprehension over the effect on the crops, although the news from the west was of considerable damage by frost. Some profit-taking was in evidence before the appearance of the bank statement and the level of prices fell below last night all around, when the statement was published. The expectedly large loan expansion kept even pace with the increase in the resources by reason of cash receipts, so that the change in the surplus reserve item was merely nominal. The large demand for loans is believed to be due to the week's payment of the excise taxes in New York and to a transfer of loan obligations from foreign lenders to the local market. The selling movement was not pursued and the market steadied before the close, which was, however, nearly stagnant.

United States new is advanced ⅛ per cent, as compared with the closing call of last week.

The following are the quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	82⅜	Texas & Pacific	34
do pfd	97⅛	T., St. L. & W.	25½
Baltimore & Ohio	92⅝	do pfd	42⅜
do pfd	92	Union Pacific	90⅝
Canadian Pacific	132	do pfd	91
Canada Southern	71¼	Wabash	27⅛
Ches. & Ohio	44¾	do pfd	47¾
Chicago & Alton	31	W. & L. E.	23
do pfd	70	do 2d pfd	32
Chicago & Gt. W.	23¼	Wis. Central	24⅝
do 1st pfd	74	do pfd	47⅝
do 2d pfd	37	Adams Express	225
Chicago & N. W.	179½	Amer. Express	202
Chicago T. & T.	16⅛	U. S. Express	122
do pfd	29	Wells-Fargo Ex.	202
C. C. C. & St. L.	89	Amal. Copper	65⅛
Colo. Southern	23⅝	Amer. C. & F.	40⅜
do 1st pfd	65	do pfd	91
do 2d pfd	34⅝	Amer. Lin. Oil	15
Dela. & Hudson	172	do pfd	38
Dela., L. & W.	253	Amer. S. & R.	48
Denver & R. G.	35⅜	do pfd	94⅛
do pfd	86	Ana. Min. Co.	103
Erie	34⅛	Brk. Rap. Tr.	66
do 1st pfd	67⅛	Colo. F. & I.	64⅛
do 2d pfd	53⅛	Con. Gas	211
Gt. Nor. pfd	185	Con. Tob. pfd	114½
Hocking Valley	95	General Electric	185⅝
do pfd	91⅛	Hocking Coal	20
Illinois Central	134⅛	Int'n'l Paper	16⅛
Iowa Central	34⅝	do pfd	70
do pfd	59	Int'n'l Power	44⅛
L. E. & W.	40	Laclede Gas	87
do pfd	105	National Biscuit	46⅜
Louis. & Nash	117½	National Lead	24
Manhattan L.	141⅜	No. American	97
Met. St. Ry.	133⅝	Pacific Coast	66
Mex. Central	27⅝	Pacific Mail	33
Mex. National	22⅛	People's Gas	104⅜
Minn. & St. L.	96	Pressed Steel Car	60⅜
Missouri Pacific	110⅛	do pfd	92
M., K. & T.	25⅜	Pullman Pal. Car	215
do pfd	54	Republic Steel	18⅜
N. J. Central	172½	do pfd	77⅝
N. Y. Central	130⅛	Sugar	123⅝
Nor. & West.	71	Tenn. C. & I.	64⅛
do pfd	88⅜	U. S. & P. Co.	10⅛
Ontario & W.	29⅜	do pfd	75
Pennsylvania	137	U. S. Leather	13⅛
Reading	55	do pfd	94⅛
do 1st pfd	83	U. S. Rubber	15
do 2d pfd	66⅛	do pfd	49
St. L. & S. F.	78	U. S. Steel	35⅛
do 1st pfd	80	do pfd	84⅝
do 2d pfd	71	Western Union	85
St. L. S. W.	22⅛	Am. Locomotive	26⅝
do pfd	54	do pfd	93⅜
St. Paul	160⅜	K. C. Southern	25⅛
do pfd	182⅞	do pfd	51
So. Pacific	53⅜	Rock Island	42⅛
So. Railway	31⅛	do pfd	78
do pfd	92⅛		

LONDON, May 2.—Money was fairly plentiful in the market today. The demand slackened slightly and rates were easier. Discounts were steady. Business on the Stock exchange was stagnant and fractionally irregular. Consols were fairly cheerful on the easy state of money. Americans opened dull and inactive, the movements were trifling and stocks closed quiet. Grand Trunk was offered. There was a sharp advance in silver, owing to considerable purchases for American requirements in the Philippines. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £645,000. Gold premium at Madrid, 36.25. American eagles, 76s 4⅝d.

PARIS, May 2.—Trading on the bourse today opened quiet. Rentes were liberally offered and Turks were stronger on optimistic eastern advices. Industrials were inactive. Rio tintos were firm and went up 9f. The general tone was heavy. The private rate of discount was 2⅝. Three per cent rentes, 97f 82½c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 16c for checks.

BERLIN, May 2.—Prices on the bourse today opened weak in all departments on American iron market, representing the production to have overtaken the consumption. This continued to have a depressing effect on iron shares. Industrials and foreign and government securities, Chinese excepted, were weak. Money on call was quoted at 3⅜ per cent. The private rate of discount was 2⅝. Exchange on London, 20m 49½pfg for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 3⅜ per cent; three months' bills, 2⅞ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—MONEY—Time, easy; sixty days, 4 per cent; ninety days, 4@4¼ per cent; six months, 4½ per cent; on call, nominal; no loans today; prime mercantile paper, 5¼@5¾ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8780 for demand and at $4.8460@4.8465 for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.85 and $4.88@4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84@4.84½.

SILVER—Bar, 54⅞c; Mexican dollars 42½c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, steady.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	108	L. & N. uni. 4s	100⅝
do coupon	108	Mex. Central 4s	78½
do 3s, reg	107¼	do 1st inc	26½
do coupon	107¼	*M. & St. L. 4s	100½
do new 4s, reg	136	M., K. & T. 4s	99⅛
do coupon	136	do 2s	82¼
do old 4s, reg	110⅝	**N. Y. C. g. 3½s	102½
do coupon	111⅝	*N. J. C. g. 5s	130¼
do 5s, reg	102⅝	No. Pacific 4s	102⅛
do coupon	102½	do 3s	71½
Atchison gen. 4s	100⅛	N. & W. con. 4s	98½
*do adj. 4s	90½	Reading gen. 4s	97⅝
Bal. & Ohio 4s	101	St L & I M c. 5s	112½
do 3½s	94¼	St. L. & S. F. 4s	94½
*do conv. 4s	103	St. L. & S. W. 1s	93⅞
*Canada So. 2s	105⅝	do 2s	82
Central of Ga. 5s	105½	S. A. & A. P. 4s	80½
do 1st inc	77	So. Pacific 4s	90½
C. & O. 4½s	104¼	So. Railway 5s	116⅜
Chicago & A. 3½s	76½	*T. & P. 1s	117
C. B. & Q. n. 4s	94	T., St. L. & W. 4s	75
*C. M. & S. P. g. 4s	108⅝	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
*C. & N. W. c. 7s	130½	do conv. 4s	100½
*C., R. I. & P. 4s	105½	Wabash 1s	115
*CCC. & S. L. g. 4s	98½	do 2s	107½
Chicago Ter. 4s	84½	do deb. B	75¼
Colorado So. 4s	90	*West Shore 4s	110
Denver & F. G. 4s	99½	W. & L. E. 4s	91⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	98½	Wis. Central 4s	91
do general 4s	86	Con. Tob. 4s	62⅞
F. W. & D. C. 1s	109½	Colo. Fuel con. 5s	85
**Hock. Valley 4½s	107½	Man. Con. mg. g. 4s	101¼
Penn. Con	26½	Rock Island 4s	84⅝

*Bid. **Offered.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, May 2.—Closing quotations:

Consols, money	91 13-16	New York Central	134½
do account	91 15-16	Norfolk & Western	72⅝
Anaconda	5⅝	do pfd	91
Atchison	82	Ontario & Western	30¼
do pfd	99⅝	Pennsylvania	70¼
Baltimore & Ohio	94	Rand Mines	11
Canadian Pacific	135½	Reading	28⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	45½	do 1st pfd	42½
Chicago G. W.	23	do 2d pfd	34
C., M. & St. P	165¼	Southern Railway	31⅝
DeBeers	21⅝	do pfd	95
Denver & R. G.	37⅝	Southern Pacific	57¼
do pfd	89	Union Pacific	93¼
Erie	35⅞	do pfd	94½
do 1st pfd	69⅜	United States Steel	36⅛
do 2d pfd	58¼	do pfd	87¼
Illinois Central	139¼	Wabash	28¼
Louisville & Nash	121	do pfd	48⅝
Missouri, K. & T.	26¼		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 25⅛d per ounce.

MONEY—3@3½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅜@3 7-16 per cent and for three months' bills is 3 7-16@3⅜ per cent.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, May 2.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Official closing prices on stocks and bonds:

Atchison	82¼	Bingham	30¼
do pfd	97¼	Calumet & Hecla	635
Boston & Albany	254	Centennial	24½
Boston Elevated	146	Copper Range	63⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	200⅝	Dominion Coal	108
Fitchburg pfd	140½	Franklin	10½
Union Pacific	90⅝	Isle Royale	11
Mex. Central	27½	Mohawk	51
American Sugar	125⅞	Old Dominion	17⅝
do pfd	120¼	Osceola	65½
Amer. T. & T.	155	Parrot	27
Dom. I. & S.	29⅞	Quincy	112
Gen. Electric	193	Santa Fe Copper	2
Mass. Electric	31	Tamarack	140
do pfd	88	Trimountain	94¼
United Fruit	106	Trinity	7
U. S. Steel	35⅛	United States	24½
do pfd	84⅝	Utah	29
West. Common	92	Victoria	5⅞
Adventure	9	Winona	11⅛
Allouez	6½	Wolverine	71
Amalgamated	64	Daly West	47

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The following are the quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

Adams Con	30	Little Chief	7
Alice	24	Ontario	630
Breece	20	Ophir	160
Brunswick Con	5½	*Phoenix	5
Comstock Tunnel	6	Potosi	30
Con. Cal. & Va.	110	Savage	20
Horn Silver	100	Sierra Nevada	40
Iron Silver	135	Small Hopes	30
Leadville Con	2	Standard	300

*Asked.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

The range in weight of the jewels in watches is from one one-hundred-and-fifty-thousandth to one two-hundred-and-fifty-six-thousandth of a pound.

Harrison Simrall, secretary of the Board of Education of Lexington, Ky., is in possession of a beautiful box of five razors that formerly belonged to Henry Clay.

George G. Rockwood of New York has just passed half a century as a photographer. He has made potraits of many prominent men and has posed every president since Van Buren.

It is stated with authority that New York state raises more onions than any other state. It was impossible to detect the fact before, because the legislature is still in session at Albany.

In addition to his other honors King Edward is the titular and hereditary preacher at St. David's cathedral in Wales. He is allowed a salary of $5 a year and a pew in the cathedral is reserved for his use.

Through the neglect of the legislature of Louisiana to make an appropriation for such purposes, Governor Heard is unable to make any offers of reward for the apprehension of accused murders in that state.

King Victor Emmanuel, whose great hobby is coin collecting, is just putting the finishing touches to his magnificent work on the coins of Italy, the cost of which will be $30,000. The king's collection of coins consists of 60,000 specimens.

Haydon, the English artist, in his diary relates how he once went late to a sitting given him by the duke of Wellington and the old duke tore his white hair and cried that he had "sat to 400 — painters and sculptors and none of them was ever punctual."

The most wonderful of aboriginal American monuments is the famous Aztec calendar now in the Mexican National Museum. It is a zodiac, eleven feet in diameter, and carved from solid rock. The monks of Cortez buried it in a marsh, and it was lost for 232 years.

The offer of rewards by a newspaper in Salem, Mass., for the collection of nests of the brown-tail moths was so effective that within two weeks 140,215 nests were brought in. One lad collected 19,314 nests and won the first prize, $25. The next largest number was 18,344, for which the second prize, $15, was paid.

There are in New York three life insurance institutions, two of them mutual associations and one an incorporated organization, whose financial operations practically match those of the United States treasury. They possess resources in the way of cash or quick assets almost equal to those upon which the secretary of the treasury may rely.

R. W. Scott, the Canadian secretary of state, has just celebrated his 78th birthday. He is the Nestor of Canadian liberalism and the patriarch of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government. His call to the Canadian bar dates from 1848 and in 1852 he was mayor of Ottawa. Five years later he entered Parliament and he has been there ever since.

One of the most beautiful sights ever seen in California, according to the papers of that state, was observed at Corona this month, when a vast cloud of butterflies passed over the place. They flew about five feet from the earth, and the mass was half a mile wide and several miles long. No one knows how high in the air the flock of brilliantly colored insects extended or where they went or came from.

Governor Pennypacker of Pennsylvania has signed a law providing for the expenditure of $6,000,000 during the next six years for the improvement of the public roads of the state. The expenditures for the next two years are limited to $1,000,000. A state highway commission, to be appointed by the governor and have a salary of $3,500 a year, and an assistant with $2,000 salary, are provided for by the bill.

The difficulty in damaging a war balloon in midair was recently shown by tests made in Austria. The experimenters anchored a balloon at a height of 7,000 feet and had gunners who had not been given the distance try to disable it. It required twenty-two shots to find the range, even approximately, and not until the sixty-fourth round was the balloon hit. It then sustained but a slight tear, which caused it to descend slowly.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Beef Cattle About Steady for the Week, but Feeders Sold Lower.

HOGS AT LOW POINT SINCE FEBRUARY

Demand for Better Grades of Sheep and Lambs Active and Prices 25 to 50 Cents Higher, Common Kinds Only About Steady.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 2.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	4,312	5,639	2,086
Official Tuesday	7,175	10,806	7,074
Official Wednesday	4,146	9,585	1,581
Official Thursday	2,218	5,667	2,199
Official Friday	2,411	6,443	1,974
Official Saturday	100	7,500	700
Total this week	19,762	45,640	16,594
Week ending April 25	18,763	50,279	24,411
Week ending April 18	22,320	43,655	28,328
Week ending April 11	18,914	39,967	28,525
Week ending April 4	18,432	37,634	25,049
Same week last year	11,920	51,087	12,976

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year to date, and comparisons with last year:

	1903.	1902.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	325,924	268,580	56,344	......
Hogs	763,598	882,654	......	119,056
Sheep	459,562	317,326	142,236	......

Average price paid for hogs at South Omaha for the last several days with comparisons:

Date.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
April 15..	7 16⅝	6 95	6 61	*	3 72	3 61	3 81
April 16..	7 07½	6 91	5 93	5 45	*	3 61	3 87
April 17..	7 18	6 96	5 82	5 55	3 72	*	3 91
April 18..	7 14	6 99	5 82	5 49	3 68	3 60	*
April 19..	*	6 96	5 89	5 46	3 71	3 61	3 91
April 20..	7 10	*	5 85	5 45	3 75	3 63	3 84
April 21..	7 10⅝	6 85	*	5 42	3 77	3 73	3 83
April 22..	7 06¼	6 86	5 81	*	3 72	3 84	3 84
April 23..	7 01½	6 86	5 80	5 36	*	3 74	3 82
April 24..	7 06¾	6 97	5 79	5 32	3 67	*	3 83
April 25..	7 04¼	7 04	5 77	5 36	3 65	3 71	*
April 26..	*	6 98	5 77	5 39	3 65	3 84	3 81
April 27..	6 92⅝	*	5 72	5 34	3 67	3 79	3 77
April 28..	6 83	7 07	*	5 37	3 69	3 77	3 75
April 29..	6 77⅝	7 08	5 65	*	3 69	3 79	3 74
April 30..	6 84⅛	6 95	5 64	5 32	*	3 83	3 80
May 1....	6 83	6 90	5 64	5 26	3 61	*	3 79
May 2....	6 75	7 01	5 71	5 18	3 55	3 90	*

* Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	H'ses.
C., M. & St. P. Ry	..	21	..	1
Wabash	..	2	..	..
Union Pacific system	2	17	..	..
C. & N. W. Ry	1	6	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	..	38	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry	..	11	..	1
B. & M. Ry	..	15	2	..
C., B. & Q. Ry	..	2	..	..
K. C. & St. J.	..	1	1	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	1	5	..	..
Illinois Central	1	1	..	..
Total receipts	5	118	3	2

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	....	783	253
Swift and Company	38	1,847	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	....	2,448	255
Swift and Co., K. C.	....	....	248
Armour & Co., Sioux City	18	1,706	....
Armour & Co., country	5	2,435	....
L. F. Husz	3	....	....
Dennis & Co.	2	....	....
Other buyers	18	....	....
Totals	84	9,219	756

CATTLE—There were only a few cattle in the yards this morning, so a test of the market was not made. Receipts for the week, however, have been very liberal, as there is an increase over last week amounting to 1,000, and as compared with the same week of last year the gain amounts to about 8,000 head. The demand, though, has been brisk most all the week, and prices have held up in a very satisfactory manner.

Beef steers made up the bulk of the receipts and the quality was good. Comparatively few short fed cattle arrived, nearly all of them being well fattened cattle. Owing to liberal receipts packers pounded the market on Tuesday in rather bad shape, but since that time the general tendency has been upward, so the loss of Tuesday has been just about regained, leaving prices in the same notches they were on Monday. There has been some uneveness to the trade and yesterday it was noticed that packers did not take hold of the heavy cattle as freely as they did of the medium weights, and some salesmen are calling heavy cattle just a little lower than Monday. The bulk of the cattle coming forward are selling from $4.50 to $4.85, with the better grades selling largely from $4.90 to $5.10. A strictly prime bunch, though, would undoubtedly bring considerably more than that.

The cow market has followed much the same course as the prices on steers. Tuesday there was a sharp decline, but the loss has since been regained and the demand for the better grades seems to be in very satisfactory condition. Canners and cutters have been more or less neglected for some time past. Canners and common cutters are selling largely from $2.25 to $3.25; fair to good cows, $3.25 to $3.90, and the better grades from $4.00 to $4.40.

Good handy weight bulls have been selling freely all the week at strong prices, but the heavy weights have sold rather unevenly. The fair to good bulls sell largely from $3.00 to $3.75, and the better grades from $3.75 to $4.10. Veal calves have been in brisk demand and best grades sell as high as $6.75.

The stocker and feeder market has not been in as good shape this week as it was last. The country demand slackened, and as a result prices had to suffer. The general decline can safely be put at 15@25c, the less desirable grades suffering the most. Common cattle are selling largely from $3.25 to $4.00, fair to good, $4.00 to $4.40, and choice from $4.40 to $4.90.

HOGS—There was a fair run of hogs here this morning for a Saturday, and as other points were quoted lower the decline here amounted to about 5@10c. Trading was fairly active at the decline so the bulk of the offerings was disposed of in good season. There was not much change in the market from start to finish, but still the last end seemed to be a little slow with the feeling weaker. The bulk of the sales went from $6.72½ to $6.77½, while the good heavies sold mostly at $6.80. The light weights went from $6.72 down. It is to be noticed that the range of prices is much narrower than it was a short time ago.

The supply of hogs for the week has been rather light, as there is a decrease as compared with last week amounting to about 5,000 head, and as compared with the corresponding week of last year the falling off amounts to about 6,000 head. Prices fluctuated back and forth quite rapidly during the week, but the tendency has been decidedly downward. The total loss for the week amounts to about 25@30c. This decline carries the market to the lowest point reached since February 12.

Representative sales:

No.	Sh.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Sh.	Av.	Pr.
69	209	...	6 70	64	238	40	6 75
77	187	40	6 70	75	236	120	6 75
62	221	160	6 70	57	256	80	6 75
61	227	120	6 70	69	239	80	6 75
58	221	...	6 70	55	245	80	6 75
71	209	120	6 70	73	238	80	6 75
74	224	40	6 70	52	289	120	6 75
67	221	160	6 70	82	217	80	6 75
67	274	240	6 70	77	213	...	6 75
67	230	40	6 72½	75	244	160	6 75
70	253	160	6 72½	72	236	80	6 75
74	248	160	6 72½	63	239	80	6 75
66	244	120	6 72½	66	243	120	6 75
69	253	120	6 72½	77	254	80	6 75
60	259	40	6 72½	59	262	...	6 75
61	249	120	6 72½	70	254	...	6 75
59	257	80	6 72½	62	254	...	6 77½
69	225	...	6 72½	64	256	...	6 77½
75	253	120	6 72½	54	264	80	6 77½
55	207	...	6 72½	62	260	80	6 77½
69	235	240	6 72½	69	249	40	6 77½
66	227	80	6 72½	57	272	40	6 77½
69	235	...	6 72½	77	272	80	6 77½
62	221	120	6 72½	76	265	...	6 77½
67	213	80	6 72½	66	251	80	6 77½
74	214	160	6 75	70	243	...	6 77½
65	226	80	6 75	63	263	160	6 77½
73	246	80	6 75	67	265	160	6 77½
67	253	80	6 75	73	243	...	6 77½
60	235	40	6 75	77	241	120	6 77½
61	251	80	6 75	71	245	...	6 77½
67	259	200	6 75	58	264	...	6 77½
72	241	...	6 75	69	257	80	6 77½
127	254	...	6 75	65	271	160	6 77½
63	244	...	6 75	56	245	80	6 77½
77	241	120	6 75	78	246	120	6 77½
67	252	200	6 75	56	268	...	6 77½
78	229	...	6 75	65	271	80	6 80
65	242	...	6 75	63	291	120	6 80
70	250	80	6 75	66	267	...	6 80
77	232	40	6 75	66	266	...	6 80
40	245	...	6 75	70	282	...	6 80
66	240	...	6 75	69	255	40	6 80
64	260	40	6 75	69	266	...	6 80
68	283	...	6 75	63	277	80	6 80

SHEEP—There were not enough sheep and lambs here to tell much about the market today, but it coud safely be quoted steady. The supply for the week has fallen short of the receipts for last week, the decrease amounting to about 8,000 head, but as compared with the same week of last year, there is an increase of about 3,000 head.

The general tone to the market this week has been much better than it was last week, and while there has been much improvement in the part fat kinds the good stuff has advanced sharply. As a general thing traders are calling good stuff 25@50c higher than it was a week ago. There has been very little good stuff offered here this week, but the few bunches that have arrived in the last few days have been picked up in a hurry at higher prices.

The feeder market is still very quiet and no improvement in either the demand or prices has been noted.

Quotations for clipped stock: Choice western lambs, $6.00@6.50; fair to good lambs, $5.00@6.00; choice western wooled lambs, $6.50@7.15; fair to good wooled lambs, $6.00@6.50; choice lightweight yearlings, $5.50@5.75; fair to good yearlings, $4.50@5.25; choice wethers, $5.00@5.25; fair to good wethers, $4.25@4.65; choice ewes, $4.50@4.65; fair to good ewes, $3.50@4.25; feeder lambs, $3.50@4.50; feeder yearlings, $3.50@4.00; feeder wethers, $3.50@4.00; feeder ewes, $2.25@3.50.

Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
104 clipped bucks		115	2 75
103 clipped bucks		115	2 75
26 clipped buck lambs		70	4 00
27 clipped buck lambs		60	4 00
126 clipped lambs		69	5 25
125 clipped lambs		60	5 25

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Hogs Weak to a Nickel Lower—Sheep and Lambs Steady.

CHICAGO, May 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100; good to prime steers, nominal, $5.00@5.50; poor to medium, $4.25@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.10; cows, $1.45@5.45; canners, $1.50@2.80; bulls, $2.50@4.50. Calves, $2.50@6.00; Texas-fed steers, $4.00@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts today, 8,000; estimated Monday, 30,000; left over, 3,500; weak to 5c lower. Mixed and butchers, $6.80@7.05; good to choice, heavy, $7.00@7.10; heavy, $6.80@6.95; light, $6.60@6.90; bulk of sales, $6.85@7.05.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,000; sheep, steady; lambs, steady. Good to choice wethers, $4.75@5.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.75@4.75; western sheep, $4.60@5.80; western lambs, $4.50@6.90.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Cattle	1,954	3,329
Hogs	15,076	2,210
Sheep	2,390	177

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, May 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 200; market unchanged. Choice and export dressed beef steers, $4.60@5.25; fair to good, $3.90@4.60; stockers and feeders, $3.20@5.00; western-fed steers, $3.00@5.10; Texas and Indians, $3.40@4.40; Texas cows, $2.25@4.00; native cows, $2.20@4.50; native heifers, $3.25@4.90; canners, $1.50@2.75; bulls, $2.75@4.25; calves, $2.00@6.80. Receipts for the week: Cattle, 30,300; calves, 1,100.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,000; market, weak to 5c lower; top, $6.95; bulk of sales, $6.70@6.90; heavy, $6.70@6.95; mixed packers, $6.70@6.87½; light, $6.50@6.75; yorkers, $6.70@6.75; pigs, $4.25@6.60. Receipts for the week, 50,100.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 500; market strong; native lambs, $4.25@7.00; western lambs, $4.00@6.90; fed ewes, $3.90@5.25; native wethers, $4.00@5.85; Texas clipped sheep, $4.65@6.00; stockers and feeders, $3.70@4.25. Receipts for the week, 24,300.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 750, including 400 Texans; market steady; native shipping and export steers, $4.65@5.40, with strictly fancy quoted up to $5.75; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@5.25; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, $3.40@4.70; cows and heifers, $2.25@5.00; canners, $2.25@3.00; bulls, $2.50@3.50; calves, $5.00@6.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.85@5.00; cows and heifers, $2.40@3.90.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,500; market steady to strong; pigs and lights, $6.65@6.75; packers, $6.65@6.85; butchers and best heavy, $6.80@7.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 700; market steady to strong; native muttons, $4.00@5.75; lambs, $5.00@7.50; culls and bucks, $2.00@4.50; stockers, $2.00@3.00; Texans, $3.75@4.75.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 12 head, all direct; no trading today; exports, 1,562 head cattle and 3,600 quarters of beef.

CALVES—No receipts and no trading.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,387 head; no sales reported.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,900 head; sheep, slow to a shade lower; lambs, steady but quiet; a bunch of clipped sheep at $4.62½; unshorn lambs, $7.50; clipped lambs, $5.50@7.15; clipped culls, $4.50; spring lambs, $7.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, May 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 20 head; market steady; natives, $3.75@5.25; cows and heifers, $2.40@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.50@5.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,589; market, 5@10c lower; light and light mixed, $6.70@6.85; medium and heavy, $6.75@6.95; bulk, $6.77½@6.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 100 head; market steady.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, May 2.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 600, mostly killers; steady; beeves, $4.00@5.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $2.00@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.60; calves and yearlings, $3.00@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,600; big, 5c lower, selling at $6.55@6.90; bulk, $6.65@6.75.

Stock in Sight.

Following were the receipts of live stock at the six principal western cities yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	100	7,500	700
Chicago	100	8,000	1,000
Kansas City	200	3,000	500
St. Louis	750	1,500	700
St. Joseph	20	4,589	100
Sioux City	600	4,600	....
Totals	1,770	29,189	3,000

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The statement of the averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans, $914,670,000, increase $13,453,900; deposits, $906,760,200, increase $18,156,900; circulation, $43,586,600, increase $45,900; legal tenders, $72,182,600, increase $1,470,500; specie, $140,483,300, increase $4,162,200; reserve, $257,621,900, increase $4,735,600; reserve required, $226,440,050, increase $4,539,225; surplus, $11,181,850, increase $196,375; ex-United States deposits, $20,498,950, increase $196,275.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, May 2.—Clearings, $32,649,917; balances, $3,112,978. New York exchange, 25c premium; foreign exchange, unchanged; sterling posted at $4.85½ for 60 days and $4.88½ for demand.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Exchanges, $319,447,268; balances, $20,764,429.

BOSTON, May 2.—Exchanges, $27,274,850; balances, $1,930,356.

CINCINNATI, May 2.—Clearings, $2,985,800. Money, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, par.

PHILADELPHIA, May 2.—Clearings, $22,607,314; balances, $3,089,717. Money, 5 per cent.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—Clearings, $4,712,480; balances, $675,296. Money, 5@6 per cent.

Exports and Imports at New York.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The total imports of merchandise and dry goods at the port of New York for this week were valued at $1,976,931.

Total imports of specie at the port of New York for the week were $38,871 silver and $219,538 gold. Exports of specie were $534,060 gold and $409,391 silver.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, May 2.—DRY GOODS—The week closed quietly, with trading restricted at both first and second hands. With cotton in its present condition there is little likelihood of manufacturers weakening until it is absolutely necessary to run their machinery. Offers at low figures have been made and refused and buyers seem to take the situation philosophically and are not worried about the future.

Hepburn's Son-in-Law Gets Job.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Warren F. Thummel of New York was today appointed a member of the board of general appraisers at New York. Mr. Thummel is a son-in-law of Representative Hepburn of Iowa.

Sullivan's Famous Red Letter

May wheat is cornered. The most important question before the speculative and investment public today is whether the high point on May wheat will be $1.40 or whether my famous $2.00 prediction of August 11th will be fulfilled. July wheat will sell above $1.00 and September will sell in the 90s. Monday's issue of the RED LETTER will contain beyond question the most profitable forecast ever published. It will go into detail, explaining fully why the present wheat deal will prove the most gigantic and sensational in the history of the pit. The reverse side of the letter will also contain an article on the great inducements offered to those who invest in Wall Street and the coming bear deal in Cotton Futures.

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