

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Reported Cries in the East Prevailing Factor in the Grain Fits

WHEAT RULES FIRM ON BROAD MARKET

Free Profit Taking in Oats Keeps Prices Back, While Provisions Advance Fairly on Active Bidding.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The crisis in the far east was the almost exclusive factor in grain markets today. May wheat closed 3¢ higher, May corn is up 1/4¢, oats 3/4¢ and soybean a shade lower. The wheat and corn were a broad market in the night and prices ruled firm. Shorters were stimulated by buying and the market was continued to be declared between Russia and Japan before traders resumed business on Monday. Oats and soybean markets were also strong. The big bull operator was a moderate buyer opening and the demand from this source, since the market has shown strength. Opening prices were steady, owing to the firmness in foreign markets and to the small receipts. The market was a shade lower to higher than at 10:30 A.M. with light offerings prices advanced rapidly and they soon sold at 3/4¢ an advance of 1/4¢ over the opening figure. With good markets and the market closed turned active sellers and the market was declined. No great weakness was manifested, however, and prices were controlled at the close, with May at 82¢. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to \$1,000,000 bushels against \$600,000 bushels last week, against a holiday year ago. Exports for the week, December 24-25, were \$2,000,000 bushels, Minnesota, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 60 cars, against 47 cars last week.

Shorters in corn were anxious to cover because of the strength in wheat and the fear of developing a shortage in the situation over the Christmas holidays. The market was a shade lower than yesterday and were rather light, following a slow start, selling by commission houses. Weather was unfavorable for the day. Wheat predictions were for clear and colder. A feature in trading was moderate buying by the same interest in the market. Closing prices were strong. After opening at 14 1/4¢ higher at 4 1/4¢, 14 1/4¢ and 14 1/4¢, the market was steady at 14 1/4¢. Receipts were 206 cars, with 40 of contract grade.

With other markets strong, oats advanced in sympathy. Free profit taking, however, kept prices back. The buying and selling was principally done in the morning and was brought out to some extent by the arrival of the day's crop at the close. After opening at 17 1/4¢, the market was a shade higher at 17 1/4¢, with 10 cars reported receipts of 130 cars.

Provisions showed fair advance on active buying and the market was strong. The board will be closed until Monday. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Table with columns for 'ART. OPEN', 'HIGH', 'LOW', 'CLOSE', '1st YR.'. Rows include Wheat (Dec 1903, Jan 1904, etc.), Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, etc.

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Dull and easy, winter patent, \$2.90; spring patent, \$3.00; spring extra, \$3.10; spring standard, \$3.20; winter, \$2.80; winter extra, \$2.90; winter standard, \$3.00. WHEAT—No. 1 red, \$2.00; No. 2 red, \$1.95; No. 3 red, \$1.90; No. 4 red, \$1.85; No. 1 yellow, \$2.10; No. 2 yellow, \$2.05; No. 3 yellow, \$2.00; No. 4 yellow, \$1.95. CORN—No. 1, \$1.35; No. 2, \$1.30; No. 3, \$1.25; No. 4, \$1.20. OATS—No. 1, \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.00; No. 3, \$0.95; No. 4, \$0.90.

Following are the receipts and shipments of flour and grain: Flour, 40,000; wheat, 100,000; corn, 200,000; oats, 150,000; soybean, 50,000. Shipments: Flour, 30,000; wheat, 120,000; corn, 250,000; oats, 180,000; soybean, 60,000.

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was a shade higher than yesterday. The market was active and strong. The board will be closed until Monday.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET. Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 300,000 bushels. The market was dull but firmly held. Winter patents, \$4.00; winter extras, \$4.10; winter standards, \$4.20. OATS—Receipts, 200,000 bushels. The market was active and strong. No. 1, \$1.05; No. 2, \$1.00; No. 3, \$0.95; No. 4, \$0.90.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head. The market was steady. Native steers, \$8.00; foreign steers, \$7.50; cows, \$7.00; calves, \$6.50; pigs, \$6.00; lambs, \$5.50. HOGS—Receipts, 300 head. The market was steady. Heavy hogs, \$10.00; light hogs, \$9.50; pigs, \$9.00; lambs, \$8.50.

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NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Stocks Long Quiet Get a Move on Themselves in Festive Season.

RUMORS OF INCREASE IN DIVIDENDS

Cotton Reaches the Highest Price in New York Since Civil War, Afflicting Wall Street Investments.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Today's stock market showed prompt strength scattered all through it, but the room traders who had been in the market all night accepted this as a fact. The market was long quiet and the movement was not until the close of the day. The market was a shade higher than yesterday. The market was active and strong. The board will be closed until Monday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Receipts, 100,000 bales. The market was steady. Native cotton, \$1.50; foreign cotton, \$1.40; linters, \$1.30; seed, \$1.20. HEMP—Receipts, 50,000 bushels. The market was steady. Hemp, \$1.00; jute, \$0.90.

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THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 25, 1903.

Very Light Run of Cattle and Priced Hold Fully Steady.

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SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 24

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Table showing receipts and exports of cattle, hogs, and sheep. Columns include 'CATTLE', 'HOGS', and 'SHEEP' with sub-columns for 'RECEIPTS' and 'EXPORTS'.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head. The market was steady. Native steers, \$8.00; foreign steers, \$7.50; cows, \$7.00; calves, \$6.50; pigs, \$6.00; lambs, \$5.50. HOGS—Receipts, 300 head. The market was steady. Heavy hogs, \$10.00; light hogs, \$9.50; pigs, \$9.00; lambs, \$8.50.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head. The market was steady. Native wethers, \$7.00; foreign wethers, \$6.50; ewes, \$6.00; lambs, \$5.50. GOATS—Receipt