

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Export Buying of Wheat Keeps Up Prices at the Close.

CORN IN NEED OF MORE RAIN

County Tributary to Chicago is Getting Dry—Bottom Prices for the Year Are Reached on Oats.

Even with some staggering crop figures there was a half-cent good rally at the close because of export business done through Chicago amounting to nearly 1,000,000 bushels.

There is not much rain over the western part of the United States and the forecast is it is too cool for best results of the corn crop over the big states tributary to Chicago.

Cash prices for the new year were made in oats futures on Friday.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 83¢; No. 3 hard, 82¢; No. 4 hard, 81¢.

CORN—No. 2 white, 75¢; No. 3 white, 74¢; No. 4 white, 73¢.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33¢; No. 3 white, 32¢; No. 4 white, 31¢.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—Statements that the edge of foreign demand was dulled had a weakening effect today on the price of wheat.

Although prospects were for much lighter world's shipments than a year ago, no response to the fact that the crop in answer to American offers to export wheat.

WHEAT—Firm; September, 82¢; December, 83¢.

CORN—Firm; September, 71¢; December, 72¢.

OATS—Firm; September, 31¢; December, 32¢.

Provisions dragged at the close; pork and lard were 5¢ to 10¢ off, but bacon held unchanged.

Closing quotations on futures were: Article Open High Low Close Yearly.

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KNIGHTS OF DOUBLE CROSS

An Expose of Vast Device in Common Use for Fleecing the Unwary.

It all happened in the back room of a popular cafe, and as back rooms are not popular in New York six days out of the week, it is perhaps unnecessary to add that it happened on a warm Sabbath afternoon.

I had just ordered a beer—setzler and lemon and was feeling in my pocket for the money to pay for it when the first man entered and took a seat at the table.

The newcomer was red-headed and stout. He was in the middle of his second rickey, when he suddenly turned around in his chair and surveyed the occupants of the room.

"Gentlemen," he began, in a low, persuasive tone, "I came in here this afternoon, not only for a couple of cool drinks, but also for a piece of change."

"There's no deception about this, my friends," he went on, "the dice was passed from hand to hand."

After one of the "gents" had accommodated him, the man with the Auburn hair came in with the explanation, simultaneously producing a short straw from an upper pocket.

"It's animal magnetism," he declared, as he waved the straw. "I make one stab with this straw through the little hole in the top of the dice box."

"If you don't want to lose your money, keep out of it," he was frank enough to say. "At the same time, if you've got aitchin' for quick action, I'm bettin' anywhere from one to a hundred dollars that this little dice is now restin' on the coin with the six spots up instead of the ace."

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Three years ago he had 180,000 acres of winter wheat that averaged eight bushels an acre, and sowed 15,000 acres of wheat last year that he had put into it.

He did not have enough wheat to get a prospect at this time.

Gambling on the weather has been Pike's method of chasing the festive dollar for years.

He was once a Kansas railroad commissioner, elected during the populist days. He has bet more than \$20,000 in the last ten years that rain would fall at the proper time, and he never lost entirely until last year.

He had a bumper crop on 2,000 acres in 1910, and a crop that earned him \$20,000 in 1911. Since that year he has not had less than 8,000 acres in wheat in any year.

But last year, after the most disastrous season he had ever experienced, Pike was forced to cut down his wheat acreage just half that of the former year.

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