GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Bulls and Bears Issuing Two Varieties of Reports.

KANSAS CITY PIT IS FLOODED

Missouri Market Fairly Swamped with Requests from Southwest for Bids on Wheat from June Harvest.

OMAHA, May 15, 1914.

The news of the southwestern wheat crop prospects is placed in circulation by the bulls and bears where it is most likely to help their respective sides. It is only necessary to call attention to the fact that there were two messages from Carrolton, Mo., yesterday which were in a measure opposite to each other. The fact that both the experts who sent the items are considered reliable in every respect, misled the trade on the whole.

Wheat closed at advances of ¼@½c yesterday on buying by shorts and scattered investors. The question was asked late in the day as to who furnished the wheat taken off the market. Some believe the grain was furnished by longs in order to secure profits while others believe the wheat was put out in the way of hedges against purchases in the country. At this particular season it is a difficult matter to keep in close touch with the actual purchases of wheat in the country, as well as sales to go abroad.

The situation abroad is doubtless stronger on wheat than the average speculator is aware. Wheat is strengthened in the importing countries by the fact that exporters do not come forth with quantities which prove to be in excess of their wants.

Kansas City cash grain men say they are flooded with requests from the southwest for bids on wheat for June shipment and that the purchases from day to day are more liberal than reported.

Shorts in May corn discovered it would be impossible for them to secure any of that month unless they bid up for it, and they were free buyers late in the day and the price advanced 1c from the bottom, or opening price. The close was ¾c higher and the deferred months were up ½@⅝c. The country was a freer seller of the cash article, while at the same time the cash sales here were small at 110,000 bushels.

Oats were up ⅝@1c, with the strength in the May delivery the leading help. Cash trade was slow.

Provisions ruled strong and higher on buying by one of the larger packers, as well as a fair demand on commission house account. Stock yards speculators were also buyers. The selling was at times general and was mixed in character. There was a little better trade in cash meats, while the hog movement was light.

Cash wheat was ¾@1c higher.
Cash corn was ¼@1c higher.
Cash oats were ½c higher.

Clearances were 102,000 bushels of corn, 26,000 bushels of oats and wheat and flour equal to 555,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed ⅝d higher on corn and 1¼@2½d higher on corn.

Primary wheat receipts were 372,000 bushels and shipments were 696,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 534,000 bushels and shipments of 540,000 bushels.

Primary corn receipts were 248,000 bushels and shipments were 455,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 314,000 bushels and shipments of 336,000 bushels.

Primary oats receipts were 434,000 bushels and shipments were 579,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 476,000 bushels and shipments of 521,000 bushels.

CARLOT RECEIPTS.

	Wheat	Corn	Oats.
Chicago	111	13	66
Minneapolis	82	...	...
Duluth	67	...	...
Omaha	15	53	36
Kansas City	20	29	8
St. Louis	21	34	49
Winnipeg	118	...	...

These sales were reported: Wheat, No. 2 hard winter, 1 car 89c, 1 car 88½c; No. 3 hard winter, 1 car 89c, 3 cars 88½c, 1-3 car 88c; No. 3 mixed, 1 car 88c; No. 3 durum, 2-3 car 87c. Oats: No. 3 white, 1 car 38½c, 12 cars 38¼c; No. 4 white, 5 cars 38c. Corn: No. 2 white, 1 car 70½c; No. 3 white, 2 cars 70¼c, 1 car 70c; No. 2 yellow, 2 cars 70¼c, 4 cars 70c; No. 3 yellow, 7 cars 69½c, 4 cars 69¼c; No. 2 mixed, 4 cars 69½c; No. 3 mixed, 2 cars 69½c, 6 cars 69¼c; No. 4 mixed, 3 cars 68c; no grade, 1 car (hot) 43c.

Omaha Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 hard, 88½@90c; No. 3 hard, 88@89c; No. 4 hard, 83@88c; No. 3 spring, 87½@90c; No. 4 spring, 86@88c; No. 2 durum, 87@88c; No. 3 durum, 86@87c. Corn: No. 2 white, 70½@70¾c; No. 3 white, 70@70¼c; No. 4 white, 67½@69c; No. 2 yellow, 69¾@70¼c; No. 3 yellow, 69½@69¾c; No. 4 yellow, 68@69c; No. 2, 69½@69¾c; No. 4, 67½@68c. Oats: No. 2 white, 39@39½c; standard, 38½c; No. 3 white, 38¼@38½c; No. 4 white, 37¾@38c. Barley: Malting, 50@57c; No. 1 feed, 44@49c. Rye: No. 2, 58@58½c; No. 3, 57½@58c.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, May 15.—Estimates that the Argentine exportable surplus of corn had been cut down perhaps 125,000,000 bushels, owing to incessant damage by storms made the corn market here jump today into chief interest on 'change. There was a decided bulge in prices, but heavy sales to realize profits left the close merely steady at a gain of ¼c to ½@¾c net. Wheat wound up a shade to ¾c above last night, oats ⅛c off to ⅛@¼c advance and provisions unchanged to a rise of 12½c.

Decreasing stocks of corn in Chicago and the scantiness of receipts here and in the west attracted particular attention. Optimists, however, were predicting an enlargement of arrivals next week, it being said the country today sold freely to arrive.

Wheat strengthened with corn and as a result of better verified reports of serious damage from hessian fly in Missouri and Illinois.

Oats had some independent power to climb, as crop prospects in Oklahoma and Illinois were not so alluring as of late. However, the disposition to grab profits took the edge off the market.

Provisions averaged higher, helped by the grain bulge. Moreover, packers bought and firmness ruled at the yards.

Chicago future prices:

Article	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat					
May.	95¼	96¼	95¼	96	96¼
July.	87⅛	87⅝	87	87	86⅝
Corn					
May.	68½	69¼	68½	68½	68
July.	67¼	67¾	67¼	67⅛	66⅝
Oats					
July.	38⅝	38⅝	38⅛	38⅛	38
Sept.	36⅛	36⅛	35¾	35¾	36⅛
Pork					
July.	20 02	20 02	19 95	19 97	19 75
Sept.	20 07	20 10	20 00	20 05	20 02½
Lard					
July.	10 20	10 20	10 15	10 17	10 15
Sept.	10 35	10 35	10 32	10 32	10 30
Ribs					
July.	11 32	11 35	11 27	11 30	11 22½
Sept.	11 40	11 45	11 40	11 40	11 35

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, 97@97½c; No. 2 hard, 96¾@97¼c; No. 2 northern, 97½@98½c; No. 2 spring, 98@98½c. Corn: No. 2 yellow, 72½@73c; No. 3 yellow, 72@72½c. Oats: No. 3 white, 40¼@40¾c; standard, 40½@41½c. Rye: No. 2, 64@65c. Barley 49@63c. Timothy, $2.75@4.30. Clover, $8.00@12.75. Pork, $19.75. Lard, $10.07½. Ribs, $11.00@11.50.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 18c to 25@25½c.

POTATOES—Lower; receipts, 38 cars; mixed, 50@65c; Michigan and Wisconsin, red, 55@65c; whites, 60@65c; Minnesota, whites, 55@60c.

POULTRY—Alive, lower; fowls, 15½c.

EGGS—Higher; receipts, 18,386 cases; at mark, cases included, 17½@18½c; ordinary firsts, 17½@18½c; firsts, 18½@18¾c.

CHEESE—Irregular; daisies, 14¾@15c; twins, 14½@14¾c; Americas, 15½@15¾c; longhorns, 15@15¼c.

Kansas City General Market.

KANSAS CITY, May 15.—WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 88@91c; No. 2 red, 89@90c; May, 87⅝@87¾c; July, 80¾c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 76c; No. 3, 73½@74c; No. 2 white, 76c; No. 3, 73½@75c; May, 71½@72c; July, 69½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 40½@41½c; No. 2 mixed, 40c; May, 38½c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 22c; firsts, 21c; seconds, 18c; packing stock, 15½c.

EGGS—Firsts, 18c; seconds, 15c.

POULTRY—Hens, 14c; springs, 15c.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; molasses, 2.55c; centrifugal, 3.29c. Refined steady; cut loaf, 5.05c; crushed, 4.95c; mould "A," 4.60c; cubes, 4.25c; XXXX powdered, 4.10c; powdered, 4.05c; fine granulated, 3.90c; diamond "A," 3.85c; confectioners' "A," 3.85c; No. 1, 3.70c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 15.—WHEAT—May, 90⅝c; July, 91⅝c; No. 1 hard, 90⅝c; No. 1 northern, 89⅝@90⅝c; No. 2 northern, 91⅝@92⅝c.

FLOUR—Unchanged.

BARLEY—44@65c.

RYE—58⅝@60⅝c.

BRAN—Unchanged.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 67@67½c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 38@38½c.

SEED—Flax, $1.53⅝@1.56⅝c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

BUTTER—No. 1, 1-lb. cartons, 27c; No. 1, 60-lb. tubs, 27c.

CHEESE—Imported Swiss, 28c; American Swiss, 24c; block Swiss, 23c; twins, 18½c; daisies, 18½c; triplets, 18½c; Young Americas, 19c; blue label brick, 17½c; limburger, 2-lb., 20c; New York white, 20c.

FISH—White, 18c; trout, 15c; large crappies, 13c; Spanish mackerel, 16c; shad roe, per pair, 60c; salmon, 21c; halibut, 11c; buffalo, 9½c; channel catfish, 15c; pike, 13c; pickerel, 9c.

POULTRY—Broilers, 30c; hens, 13c; cocks, 10c; ducks, 12c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 17c; pigeons, per dozen, 90c; ducks, full feathered, 13c; geese, full feathered, 10c; squabs, No. 1, $1.50; No. 2, 50c.

FRUITS—Oranges: Extra fancy Sunkist navel, $3.00 per box; 100s, $2.75 per box; 150s, $3.25 per box; 176s, 200s, 216s, 250s, $3.50 per box; Med. sweet, 176s, 200s, 216s, 250s, 288s, 324s, $3.25 per box. Lemons: Extra fancy Golden Bowl, 300s, 360s, $5.50 per box; fancy Silver Cord, 300s and 360s, $4.50 per box; extra fancy Sunkist Trail, 300s and 360s, $5.00 per box. Grape Fruit: Extra fancy, 54s, $4.25 per box; extra fancy, 46s, $4.00 per box; extra fancy, 36s, $3.50 per box; Indian River, 64s and 80s, $5.00 per box. Apples: Ben Davis, $2.24 per box; Ben Davis, $6.50 per bbl. California cherries, $2.25 per box. Strawberries, Louisiana, extra fancy, 24-pint case, $2.50 per crate. Pineapples: Cuban, 34 size, $2.50 per crate; 30 size, $2.75 per crate; 36 size, $2.00 per crate. Bananas: $1.75@3.50 per bunch.

Corn and Wheat Region Bulletin.

Corn and wheat region bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture, weather bureau, at Omaha, for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m., 75th meridian time, Friday, May 15:

OMAHA DISTRICT.

Stations.	Temp. High.	Temp. Low.	Rainfall.	Sky.
Ashland, Neb.	71	40	.00	Clear
Auburn, Neb.	72	38	.00	Clear
B'ken Bow, Nb	66	43	.00	Pt. cloudy
Columbus, Neb.	70	37	.00	Clear
Culbertson, Nb.	59	37	.00	Cloudy
Fairbury, Neb.	72	36	.00	Pt. cloudy
Fairmont, Neb.	68	35	.00	Pt. cloudy
Gd. Island, Nb.	70	43	.00	Cloudy
Hartingt'n, Nb	71	40	.00	Clear
Hastings, Neb.	70	44	.00	Cloudy
Holdrege, Neb.	68	44	.00	Cloudy
Lincoln, Neb.	68	38	.00	Clear
*No. Platte, Nb	64	44	.00	Pt. cloudy
Oakdale, Neb.	68	36	.00	Pt. cloudy
Omaha, Neb.	69	47	.00	Clear
Tekamah, Neb.	72	38	.00	Clear
*Valentine, Nb	66	44	.00	Clear
Alta, Ia.	52	38	.00	Clear
Carroll, Ia.	69	39	.00	Clear
Clarinda, Ia.	73	39	.00	Clear
Sibley, Ia.	66	36	.00	Clear
*Sioux City, Ia.	68	44	.00	Clear

*Minimum temperature for twelve-hour period ending at 8 a. m.

DISTRICT AVERAGES.

District.	No. of Stations.	Temp. High.	Temp. Low.	Rainfall.
Columbus, O.	18	64	40	.00
Columbus, O.	18	64	40	.00
Louisville, Ky.	22	68	44	.00
India'polis, Ind.	13	68	42	.00
Chicago, Ill.	24	66	38	.00
St. Louis, Mo.	18	70	42	.00
Des Moines, Ia.	24	68	38	.00
Minneapolis	52	64	36	.00
Kan. City, Mo.	32	68	44	.10
Omaha, Neb.	17	68	40	.00

The weather is slightly warmer in the central and western portions of the corn and wheat region. Light frosts were quite general in the lake region and freezing temperatures and heavy frosts occurred in the upper Mississippi valley.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecaster, Weather Bureau.

New York General Market.

BUTTER—Creamery extras 24@25½c; firsts, 24@25½c; seconds, 22@23½c; process extras, 20½@21c.

CHEESE—State whole milk, fresh, white or colored specials, 13¾@14c; average fancy, 13½c; state and Wisconsin whole milk, held, 13½@18¾c; skims, 1½@11½c.

EGGS—State, Pennsylvania, nearby hennery whites, fine to fancy, 23@24c; gathered whites, 23c; fresh gathered storage, packed, firsts, 21@22c; firsts, 20¼@20½c, seconds, 19½@20c.

POULTRY—Live steady; western fowls, 18c; turkeys, 14@15c; dressed, firm; western chickens, frozen, 17@20c; fowls, 14@19c; turkeys, 25@26c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 15.—WHEAT—Spot firm; No. 2 red western, 7s 5½d; No. 1 Manitoba, 7s 6¾d; No. 2, 7s 5¾d. Futures firm; July, 7s 4½d; October, 7s 1¼d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, 6s 9d. La Plata futures firm; July, 5s 2½d. September, 4s 10d.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, May 15.—WHEAT—No. 2 red, 96½@96½c; No. 2 hard, 94@96c; May, 94c; July, 83c.

CORN—No. 2, 73c; No. 2 white, 74c; May, 71½c; July, 69½@69¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 40c; No. 2 white, 42c; May, 38⅝c; July, 38½c.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 15.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Quiet.

DRIED FRUITS—Prunes steady. Apricots firm. Peaches quiet. Raisins dull.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—MONEY—Call steady at 1¾@2 per cent; ruling rate 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1¾@2 per cent. Time loans stronger; sixty and ninety days, 2½ per cent; six months, 3@3¼ per cent.

MERCANTILE PAPER—3¾@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm; sixty days, $4.850; demand, $4.8830; commercial bills, $4.84⅞.

SILVER—Bar, 58⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45¾c.

BONDS—Government, weak; railroad, irregular.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Following are the closing prices on bonds on Wall street today:

Closing quotations on bonds today were as follows:

U. S. reg. 2s	96	K. C. S. ref. 5s	95½
do coupon	96½	L. S. deb. 4s, 1931	92¾
U. S. 3s reg	101	Liggett & Myers 5s	101⅝
do coupon	101	Lorillard 5s	109⅝
U. S. 4s, reg	109	L. & N. un. 4s	90
do coupon	109½	*M. K. & T. 1st 4s	87½
Panama 3s, coupon	106	Mo. Pac. cv. 5s	95
Amer. Ag. 5s	99½	N. Y. C. deb. 4s	92
*Amer. Cotton Oil 5s	93½	do 4½s, 1963	107
A. T. & T. cv. 4½s	99½	N. Y. S. 4½s	109
*Am. Smelting 6s	104	N. Y. R. adj. 5s	86⅝
*Am. Tobacco 6s	123½	*N. Y., N. H. & H.	
Armour & Co 4½s	95⅝	cv. 4½s	110
Atchison gen 4s	96	N. & W. cv. 4½s	103⅝
do cv. 4s, 1960	96⅝	No. Pac. 4s	95
A. C. L. clt. 4s	91	*do 3s	67
Bal. & Ohio 4s	94½	O. S. L. ref. 4s	91¼
do cv. 4½s	92⅝	Pac. T. & T. 5s	97½
*Beth. Steel ref. 5s	88⅝	Penn. cv. 3½s, 1915	98⅝
Brook. Tran. cv. 4s	94⅝	do con. 4s	102
*Cen. of Ga. 5s	105½	Ray Con. 6s	114½
Cen. Leather 5s	99½	Reading gen. 4s	95¼
*Ches. & Ohio 4½s	92	*Rep. Steel 5s, 1940	93⅝
do cv. 4½s	91½	S. L. & S. F. r. 4s	78¼
C. B. & Q. j. 4s	97¼	*S. L., S. con. 4s	70
do gen. 4s	93⅝	S. A. L. adj. 5s	94½
C. G. W. 4s	73½	So. Pac. cv. 4s	86½
C. M. & S. P. cv 4½s	102¼	do ref. 4s	93½
*do gen. 4½s	103⅝	*So. Railway 5s	103½
C. R. I. & P. clt. 4s	54⅝	do gen. 4s	73⅝
do ref. 4s	75½	Texas Co. cv. 6s	103½
C. & N. 3½s	82½	**Tex. & Pacific 1st	101½
C. & S. ref. 4½s	89½	Third Av. adj. 5s	79¼
**D. & R. G. ref. 4s	62	Union Pacific 4s	97
Dis. Securities 5s	59½	*do cv. 4s	91⅝
Erie, cv 4s (B)	73	U. S. Rubber 5s	103
do gen. 4s	73½	U. S. Steel 5s	102⅝
Gen. Electric 5s	106½	Va. Car chem. 5s	96½
*G. N. 1st 4½s	100⅝	Wabash 1st 5s	103½
*Ill. Cen. ref. 4s	92⅝	West. Union 4½s	91½
Inter-Met 4½s	77½	West. Elec. cv. 5s	94⅝

*Bid. **Asked.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, May 15.—American securities opened steady and a fraction higher today. The list advanced under the lead of Canadian Pacific during the first hour and at noon prices were ⅛@1⅛ above parity.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—COTTON—Futures closed steady; May, 12.92c; July, 12.44c; August, 11.23c; October, 11.86c; December, 11.85c; January, 11.76c. Spot market, steady; middling, 12.40c; gulf, 12.65c.

Wool Market.

LONDON, May 15.—WOOL—There was a brisk demand for the 8,300 bales at the wool sales today. American purchases to date are estimated at 24,000 bales. The auctions will close tomorrow.

Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Values of Cattle About Twenty-Five Cents Below Week Ago.

HOG RECEIPTS ARE MODERATE

Prices Are About a Nickel Higher Than Thursday's Average—Sheep and Lambs Are Steady and Active.

SOUTH OMAHA, May 15, 1914.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	3,694	7,180	7,781
Official Tuesday	8,844	16,069	10,139
Official Wednesday	2,941	8,387	6,801
Official Thursday	2,337	7,222	6,740
Estimate Friday	150	4,800	2,500
Five days this week	12,166	35,688	32,961
Same days last week	15,079	38,974	38,740
Same days 2 wks. ago	17,600	38,153	32,032
Same days 3 wks. ago	17,815	37,503	34,283
Same days 4 wks. ago	14,280	38,789	40,111
Same days last year	11,648	30,297	28,681

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the South Omaha live stock market for the year to date, as compared with last year:

	1914.	1913.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	319,329	336,467	.....	16,638
Hogs	1,031,353	1,089,096	.....	57,743
Sheep	950,810	830,566	120,244	.....

The following table shows the range of prices for hogs at the South Omaha live stock market for the last few days, with comparisons:

Date.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.	1910.	1909.	1908.
April 29	8 17	8 19	7 65	6 74	9 12	7 01	5 24
April 30	8 16⅝	8 26	7 60	*	9 14	6 98	5 45
May 1	8 17½	8 31	7 63	5 61	*	6 95	5 41
May 2	8 19½	8 28	7 53	5 74	9 01	*	5 34
May 3	*	8 30	7 46	5 63	8 94	7 01	*
May 4	8 24⅝	*	7 52	5 63	9 00	7 04	5 35
May 5	8 27½	8 25	*	5 61	9 19	7 00	5 38
May 6	8 21½	8 21	7 44	5 66	9 27	6 94	5 37
May 7	8 26⅝	8 14	7 49	*	9 18	6 85	5 34
May 8	8 27½	8 19	7 56	5 76	*	6 97	5 34
May 9	8 28½	8 20	7 59	5 77	9 18	*	5 29
May 10	*	8 24	7 56	5 79	9 26	6 99	*
May 11	8 15	*	7 46	5 82	9 28	6 97	5 41
May 12	8 19½	8 14	*	5 85	9 23	7 01	5 42
May 13	8 18	8 15	7 44	5 97	9 30	7 04	5 35
May 14	8 19	8 22	7 55	*	9 39	7 09	5 24
May 15	.....	8 22	7 59	5 96	*	7 11	5 22

*Sunday.

CATTLE—As usual on Friday there was a very insignificant run of cattle here, less than 200 head, and these included scarcely any desirable in the way of beef. It is probable that the short supply today was partly due to the bad action of the market the first half of the week. Values are now generally 15@20c lower than a week ago for the general run of cornfed steers, and although supplies have been comparatively light at all points, the demand lacks urgency and the undertone to the trade is rather weak than otherwise. Strictly choice cattle are still quotable up around $9.00, and the bulk of the fair to 1,050 to 1,400-pound beeves sell at a spread of $8.15@8.50, with the warmed up, short fed and grassy kinds anywhere from $7.50 to $8.00.

What few cows and heifers were included in the receipts today found a ready sale at good, strong prices, and closing quotations for the week are fully as good as they were a week ago. Demand has been very keen for butcher stock all week and prices are right around the high point of the season for anything at all useful in this line. Best heifers are quoted as high as $8.50 and common canners as low as $3.50, the fair to good beef butchers and best kinds selling around $6.50@7.50. Veal calves have been in keen demand and strong all week and bulls and stags have found a free outlet at steady figures.

Volume of business in stock cattle for feeder steers continues in very moderate proportion, with no particular change in prices one way or another. Desirable stockers are much sought after and are selling at very high prices, while the bulk of the fleshy and rough stock is going to the killers at better prices than the feeder buyers are willing to pay. Stock cows and heifers as well as stock calves have been in very limited supply this week and prices have been well sustained throughout.

Quotations on cattle: Good to prime yearlings, $8.50@9.00; good to choice beef steers, $8.40@9.00; fair to good beef steers, $8.00@8.40; common to fair beef steers, $7.40@8.00; good to choice cornfed heifers, $7.90@8.50; good to choice cornfed cows, $6.80@7.40; fair to good grades, $6.00@6.75; common to fair grades, $4.50@6.00; good to choice stockers and feeders, $7.50@8.35; fair to good, $7.40@7.75; common to fair stockers and feeders, $7.00@7.40; stock cows and heifers, $6.00@8.00; stock calves, $6.50@8.50; veal calves, $8.00@11.00; bulls, stags, etc., $5.75@7.75.

HOGS—Receipts were very moderate again this morning, something like seventy cars, or 4,900 head being received. The supply for the week to date foots up 35,688 head, being 3,000 head smaller than last week, andmost 15,000 head lighted than the corresponding period a year ago.

First bids this morning were just strong with yesterday's average, and hardly as good as the good time on the close. Sellers asked a nickel advance, and as both buyers and salesmen refused to trade on any other than their own terms nothing was done till along towards 10 o'clock. Shippers and speculators were out in the yards all morning picking up a load now and then, and as the supply was so light packers were finally forced to come to time, so that in the end the bulk of the offerings moved at figures that were anywhere from a shade to as much as 5c higher than yesterday's average. In other words the market is mostly a nickel higher than Thursday's average, and is just strong with yesterday's close. The big end of the sales was made at $8.22½@8.25, with a sprinkling ranging either way. Tops reached $8.30, just a nickel better than yesterday's highest figure.

The market has been in slumpy shape on most days of the week, and in spite of the extreme moderate supplies values are close to a nickel lower than at the close of last week.

SHEEP—Fully steady and active was the way a very fair supply of clipped lambs for a Friday sold this morning. Some 2,500 head were the receipts and excepting a little better than a deck of fed western wooled lambs which were picked up early at $8, practically everything were clipped lambs. The market was slow in getting a start, which was due to sellers wanting some improvement over yesterday's prices, but when it became apparent that the packers were not going to allow any more advance for the week the offerings began to change hands with a very fair degree of activity. Trade was all over for the day by 10:30 o'clock.

The range of clipped lambs was identical wtih yesterday, though possibly somewhat narrower because of the smaller supply, being at $7.90@8.00.

While the receipts have been of normal proportions for the week as compared with one and two weeks ago and the same week last year, prices have jumped to a position anywhere from 40c to 60c higher than the close of last week. Aged sheep have been scarce and what have been here consisted for the most part of shorn ewes, which are quotably 15@25c better than a week ago. A healthy feeling seems to have prevailed in the general trade all the week, as evidenced by the fact that toward the close of the week the heavy, handy and medium light lambs sold almost in the same notches. Last week there was apparently a preference for the handy and medium light lambs over the heavy grades, but that all disappeared this week. It looks like light supplies for the next couple of weeks at least and prospects for good trade are encouraging, so dealers say.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Wooled stock: Lambs, Mexican, $8.60@9.10; lambs, good to choice westerns, $8.50@8.75; lambs, fair to good westerns, $8.25@8.50. Shorn stock: Lambs, good to choice, $7.50@8.00; lambs, fair to good, $7.25@7.50; yearlings, good to choice, $7.00@7.25; yearlings, fair to good, $6.75@7.00; wethers, good to choice, $6.75@7.00; wethers, fair to good, $6.50@6.75; ewes, good to choice, $6.25@6.50; ewes, fair to good, $5.00@5.25.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market

ST. JOSEPH, May 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; steers, $7.50@9.15; cows and heifers, $4.25@8.50; calves, $7.00@10.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,500 head; market steady; top, $8.40; bulk of sales, $8.22½@8.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market 5@10c higher; lambs, $7.25@9.30.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, May 15.—METALS—Lead, quiet, $3.95@3.95; London, £18 10s. Spelter, steady, $5.10@5.20; London, £21 7s 6d. Copper, firm; spot and July, $13.50@14.00; electrolytic, $14.25; lake, nominal; castings, $13.00@13.12½. London, dull; spot, £63 5s 9d; futures, £63 15s 3d. Tin, firm; spot, $34.35@34.50; July, 34.40@34.62½; London, strong; spot, £156 10s; futures, £158. Iron, quiet, unchanged; London, Cleveland warrants, 51s 7½d. Antimony, firm; Cookson's, $7.25@7.35½.

ST. LOUIS—May 15.—METALS—Lead, quiet, $3.82½@3.85. Spelter, quiet, $5.00.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, May 15.—Bank clearings for Omaha today were $2,573,674.82 and for the corresponding day last year, $2,816,796.92.

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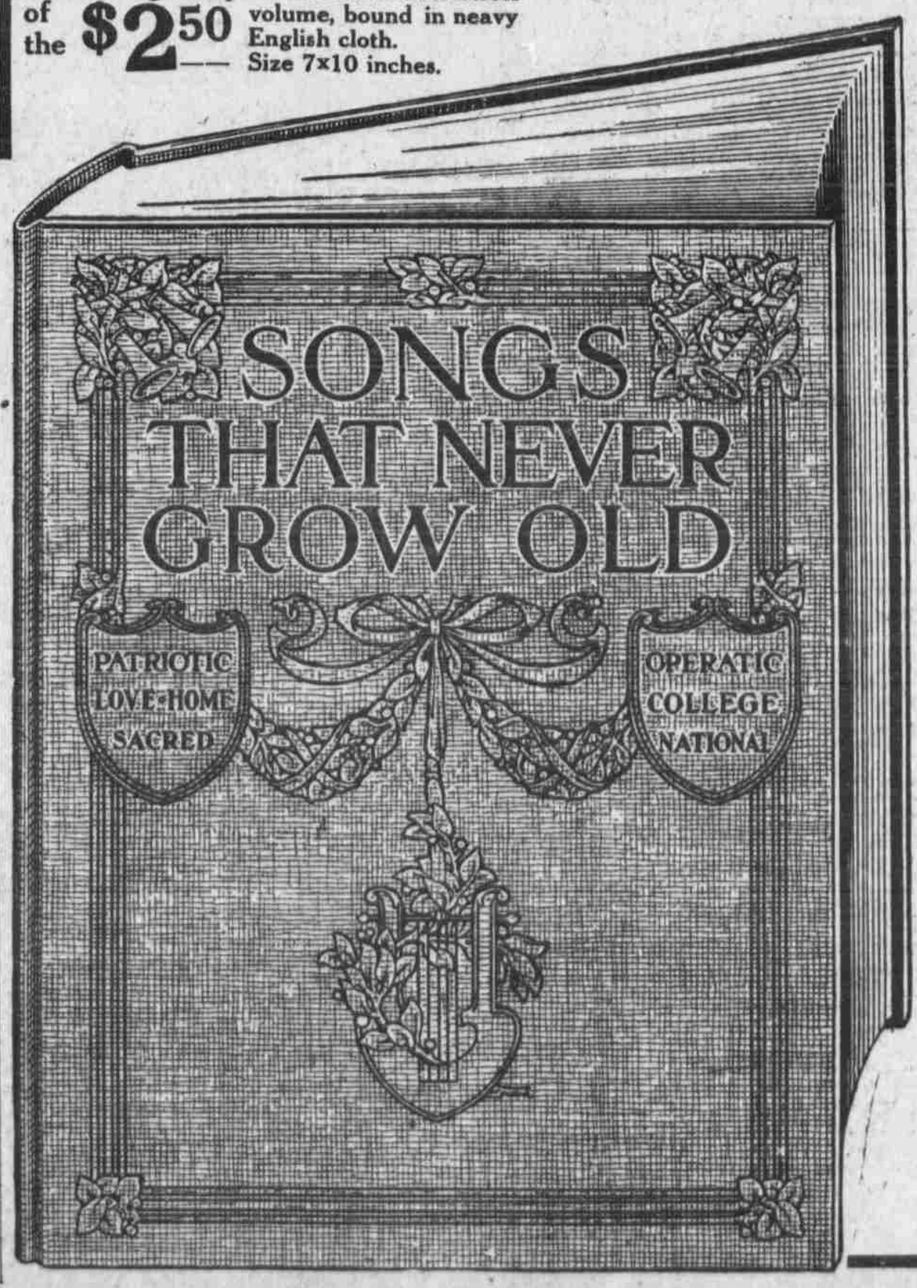

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