LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Score Big Advance for for Week—Lambs Break All Records—Hogs Forty Up for the Week.

Omaha, May 12, 1917.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	4,819	8,577	5,522
Official Tuesday	8,971	12,065	4,148
Official Wednesday	6,166	9,687	2,228
Official Thursday	5,95	9,022	9,132
Official Friday	2,571	7,853	1,816
Estimate Saturday	175	4,400	270
Six days this week	28,682	52,609	26,116
Same days last week	28,311	52,247	21,955
Same two wks. ago	19,825	34,244	19,842
Same three wks. ago	28,686	64,708	46,106
Same four wks. ago	28,244	52,517	38,895
Same days last year	18,942	48,170	26,570

Cattle—The market as usual on Saturday was practically bare of fresh supplies of cattle, there being nothing of any consequence on sale. For the week receipts have been very moderate, in fact the lightest with one exception for a number of weeks back. On the other hand the receipts for the month to date are the largest that they have been for over five years. The market with lighter offerings has been steadily working upward until at the close of the week prices are around 50@75c higher. The advance has been largely on the medium weight cattle and on yearlings, while choice heavy steers have not shown as much improvement. As compared with the extreme low point some ten days ago yearlings are as much as $1.00@1.25 higher and in some cases more than that.

Cows and heifers have been gradually working up and are around 50 cents higher for the week.

Stockers and feeders have been in light supply and good demand all the week and have sold very freely with the result that the market at the close is a little stronger.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice beeves, $12.00@12.60; fair to good beeves, $11.00@12.00; common to fair beeves, $9.50@11.00; good to choice heifers, $10.00@11.00; good to choice cows, $9.75@10.75; fair to good cows, $8.75@9.75; common to fair cows, $6.50@8.75; prime feeding steers, $9.75@10.90; good to choice feeders, $9.00@10.00; fair to good feeders, $8.50@9.00; common to fair feeders, $6.75@8.50; good to choice stockers, $9.50@10.50; stock heifers, $8.25@10.25; stock cows, $7.00@10.00; stock calves $8.00@10.50; veal calves, $9.00@12.25; beef bulls, stags, etc., $8.00@10.00.

Hogs—In addition to the fresh receipts offerings included ten or so loads that were held over from yesterday, and as shipper outlet was only moderate packers had all the hogs at their disposal that they could use. The result was that while Chicago opened strong and 10c higher the local market, which has been high compared with the Windy City trade, was slow in opening, and once started was not ever 5c higher as a general thing.

There was a great deal of unevenness in values, some sales being called right at 10c higher, while others were no more than strong to a shade up. Late rounds were slow and weak, and many of the later sales when finally made were little if any better than steady. It was pretty well along in the day before a decent clearance was finally made. The general quality today was hardly as good as yesterday, a big proportion of the offerings consisting of mixed hogs, and as packers were not overly eager at any stage of the game, plain mixed kinds were slow sale, some of them in fact never getting so much as an offer until late in the day.

The bulk of the offerings sold at $15.70@16.00, with the best kinds on up to $16.15, which comes within a nickel of equaling the record made last month. There was also quite a sprinkling on down below the bulk. The week opened with a sharp break, but values reacted the following day, and markets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were the best seen here in several years. The advance continued Friday and Saturday, but the undertone was sluggish and closing rounds were weaker both days. Today's values are 40@50c higher than the close of last week and are a big half dollar above Monday, the low day of the week.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
83	184	400	15 50	73	198	80	15 65
40	196	40	15 70	84	188	120	15 75
88	195	...	15 80	84	208	200	15 85
80	224	240	15 90	83	211	120	15 90
82	217	80	15 95	79	220	240	16 00
73	275	280	16 05	44	448	80	16 15

Sheep—Wooled lambs, in the course of another phenomenal week, just about duplicated the upturn scored a week ago. There is really no way to describe the market except to say that the top at this week's close, $19.00, is an even $1.20 higher than the best price paid last Friday. This would indicate that the market is close to $1.25 up for the week. The supply has been light all week, several days only three or four cars of good wooled lambs being offered, and under the influence of good packing outlet prices have simply advanced by leaps and bounds. Of the western markets Omaha led the procession all week, local prices being actually higher than Chicago figures on several occasions. New records were established every day and have become as common as dirt. The current high mark is $2.10 higher than three weeks ago, and is $6.65 higher than was ever before paid in May.

The market for clippers has not advanced quite so rapidly as wooled prices, but at that it shows an upturn of between 75c and $1.00. Lambs weighing eighty-four pounds, very well finished, of course, sold to $15.25 on the close, as against a quotable top of $14.50 a week ago. Old sheep in the shorn class, while not up as much as lambs, are sharply higher, the advance amounting to 50@75c. Ewes sold as high as $12.25, and on the close can safely be quoted to $12.50. A week ago a very choice kind was selling at $11.85. Quite a few plain to medium ewes have been included in the offerings, these selling at $11.00@11.75.

Since midweek there have been no spring lambs of real good quality here. Tuesday prime natives sold up to $17.75, and at present a top of $18.00 is being quoted.

Wooled sheep seem to be a thing of the past for this season. Small lots were here, coming in with shipments of lambs, but there was nothing on which quotations could be based.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, Mexican, $18.50@19.00; lambs, fed westerns, $17.75@18.50; lambs, shorn, $14.50@15.40; spring lambs, $15.50@18.00; yearlings, shorn, $14.00@15.50; wethers, shorn, $11.00@12.00; ewes, good to choice, $14.00@14.75; ewes, fair to good, $12.50@13.75; ewes, plain to culls, $8.50@12.25; ewes, shorn, $10.75@12.50.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

St. Louis, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 750 head; market steady; native beef steers, $7.50@13.00; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@12.00; cows, $6.00@11.00; stockers and feeders, $6.00@10.00; prime southern beef steers, $8.00@11.50; beef cows and heifers, $4.25@9.00; prime yearling steers and heifers, $7.50@10.00; native calves, $6.00@14.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,500 head; market: light, $15.60@16.10; pigs, $9.75@14.25; mixed and butchers $15.45@16.25; good heavy, $16.20@16.40; bulk of sales, $15.75@16.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, none; market nominally steady; lambs, $15.00@18.00; $9.50@13.00; yearlings, $12.75@14.75; clipped lambs, $13.50@14.85.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 300 head; market steady; prime fed steers, $12.25@13.00; dressed beef steers, $9.50@12.00; western steers, $9.00@12.50; cows, $6.50@10.75; heifers, $9.00@11.50; stockers and feeders, $8.25@11.00; bulls, $8.00@10.25; calves, $8.00@13.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000 head; market higher; bulk of sales, $15.75@16.25; heavy, $16.20@16.55; packers and butchers, $16.00@16.25; light, $15.50@16.00; pigs, $12.50@14.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; lambs, $14.50@19.00; yearlings, $13.00@16.50; wethers, $12.00@15.00; ewes, $11.00@14.50.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 300 head; market steady; steers, $8.00@12.75; cows and heifers, $6.50@11.85; calves, $8.00@12.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,500 head; market 10c higher; top, $16.35; bulk of sales, $15.75@16.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 300 head; market steady; lambs, $17.00@19.00.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 700 head; market steady; native beef cattle, $9.40@13.70; stockers and feeders, $7.50@10.25; cows and heifers, $6.65@11.50; calves, $9.50@14.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000 head; market strong and 10c above yesterday's average; bulk of sales, $16.00@16.35; light, $15.20@16.20; mixed, $15.75@16.40; heavy, $15.70@16.45; rough, $15.70@15.90; pigs, $10.50@14.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; wethers, $12.00@14.75; lambs, $14.00@19.00.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, May 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; beef steers, $10.50@12.50; butchers, $9.00@10.50; fat cows and heifers, $7.50@11.00; canners, $5.50@7.25; stockers and feeders, $7.50@10.50; calves, $8.50@12.50; bulls, stags etc., $7.50@10.00; feeding cows and heifers, $7.00@10.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000 head; market 10c higher; light, $15.50@15.70; mixed, $15.75@16.00; heavy, $15.95@16.20; pigs, $12.50@12.50; bulk of sales, $15.70@16.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; yearlings, $14.50@15.50; wethers, $14.00@15.00; ewes, $13.00@14.25; lambs, $17.00@18.15.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Pressure of Strong Demand and Advancing Market Makes Wheat Trade Lively in Omaha.

Omaha, May 12, 1917.

The trade in wheat was excellent today and under pressure of a strong demand and an advancing future market the cash article ruled from 9c to 14c higher, establishing new high levels on all grades of wheat. Receipts of wheat were pretty good, but sellers had no difficulty whatever in disposing of their offerings and almost all the samples were sold before noon.

No. 2 hard brought the top of the market at $3.45, but prices on this grade ruled generally from $3.40 to $3.44.

No. 3 hard wheat sold generally from $3.40 to $3.42, while No. 4 hard sold around $3.33 to $3.37 and the sample grade brought from $3.30 to $3.40.

During the early part of the cash session the trade in corn was rather slow, but the traders began to get together shortly before the close and quite a number of sales were reported at prices ruling from steady to 1c higher.

White corn sold pretty close around yesterday's market, but the yellow and mixed grades advanced about 1c the commercial grades of yellow selling at $1.60@1.61, while the better grades of mixed brought from $1.59½ to $1.61.

The trade in oats was active, with the market quoted from a fourth to three-fourths cent higher and the demand for this cereal was moderately active.

Rye was in excellent demand at an 8@9c advance, but barley was quiet at nominally unchanged prices.

Clearances were: Wheat and flour equal to 313,000 bushels; corn 610,000 bushels; oats, 465,000 bushels.

Primary wheat receipts were 751,000 bu. and shipments of 1,066,000 bu., against receipts of 1,091,000 bu. and shipments of 261,000 bu. last year.

Primary corn receipts were 761,000 bu. and shipments of 385,000 bu., against receipts of 720,000 bu. and shipments of 548,000 bu. last year.

Primary oats receipts were 702,000 bu. and shipments of 788,000 bu. against receipts of 1,181,000 bu. and shipments of 894,000 bu. last year.

CARLOT RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	56	121	127
Minneapolis	181	...	...
Duluth	87	...	...
Omaha	43	92	35
Kansas City	57	48	20
St. Louis	79	71	31
Winnipeg	733	...	...

These sales were reported today:

Wheat—No. 2 hard winter: 2 cars, $3.45; 1 car, $3.44; 3 cars, $3.43; 1 car, $3.42; 5 cars, $3.41; 3 cars, $3.40. No. 3 hard winter: 1 car, $3.42; 2 cars, $3.41; 2 2-5 cars, $3.40. No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, $3.38; 1 car, $3.37; 1 car, $3.33. Sample hard winter: 1 car (corn mixed), $3.40; 1 car, $3.32; 1 car, $3.21½; 3-5 car, $3.30. No. 2 spring: 3 cars, $3.35. No. 4 spring: 2 cars, $3.15. No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $3.40. No. 3 mixed: ½ car, $3.42. No. 4 mixed: 1 car, $3.30; 2 cars, $3.15.

Rye—No. 2: 2-5 car, $2.25.

Barley—No. 4: 3-5 car, $1.50; 1 car, $1.41.

Corn—No. 1 white: 1 car, $1.65¼. No. 3 white: 11 cars, $1.65. No. 3 white: 6 cars, $1.65; 1 car, $1.64¾. No. 6 white: 1 car, $1.62½. No. 2 yellow: 1 car, $1.61¼; 7 2-5 cars, $1.61; 1 car, $1.60. No. 3 yellow: 8 cars, $1.61. No. 4 yellow: 1 car, $1.60½; 1 car, $1.59½. No. 6 yellow: 2 cars, $1.59½. No. 3 mixed: 1 car (near white), $1.62½; 1 1-5 cars (near white), $1.62; 2 cars, $1.61; 2 cars, $1.60½; 1 car, $1.60. No. 3 mixed: 1 car, (near white), $1.62; 4 cars, $1.60½; 1 car, $1.60. No. 4 mixed: 1 car (near white), $1.61; 1 car, $1.59½.

Oats—Standard: 1 car, 72½c. No. 3 white: 8 cars, 72¼c. No. 4 white: 7 cars, 71¾c. Sample white: 5 cars, 70½c; 3 cars, 70c.

Omaha Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 hard, $3.39@3.45; No. 3 hard, $3.38@3.42; No. 4 hard, $3.34@3.38. Corn: No. 2 white, $1.64¾@1.65; No. 3 white, $1.64½@1.65; No. 4 white, $1.64@1.64½; No. 5 white, $1.63@1.64; No. 6 white, $1.62@1.62½; No. 2 yellow, $1.60@1.61¼; No. 3 yellow, $1.60@1.61; No. 4 yellow, $1.59½@1.60; No. 5 yellow, $1.59@1.59; No. 6 yellow, $1.59@1.59½; No. 3 mixed, $1.60@1.61; No. 3 mixed, $1.59½@1.60½; No. 4 mixed, $1.59@1.59½; No. 5 mixed, $1.58½@1.59; No. 6 mixed, $1.58@1.59. Oats: No. 2 white, 72½@72¾c; standard, 72¼@72½c; No. 3 white, 72@72½c; No. 4 white, 71½@71¾c. Barley: Malting, $1.38@1.53; No. 1 feed, $1.28@1.38. Rye: No. 2, $2.23@2.25; No. 3, $2.22@2.24.

Local range of options:

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
May	$ 3 18@25	3 35	318	3 35	322
July	2 53	2 82½	253	2 82½	255
Sept.	2 16	2 36	215	2 36	216¼
Corn					
May	1 55½	1 60	159½	1 60	159⅛
July	1 46⅝	1 49	146½	1 49	147
Sept.	1 39	1 40¼	139	1 40¼	139
Oats					
May	71¼	72⅝	71¼	72⅝	71¼
July	62⅝	65½	62⅝	65½	64⅛
Sept.	53¼	54⅝	53⅛	54⅝	53⅝

Chicago closing prices, furnished The Bee by Logan & Bryan, stock and grain brokers, 315 South Sixteenth street, Omaha:

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
May	.....	.....	.....	.....	318
July	2 49½	2 76	246	2 27	250¼
Sep.	2 16	2 45	214	2 45	218
Corn.					
May	1 57	1 62	157	1 61½	157⅞
July	1 47	1 50¼	146⅝	1 49⅝	147⅝
Sep.	1 38⅝	1 42¼	138	1 42	139⅝
Oats.					
May	70	73½	70	73½	71
July	65⅝	67⅝	65¼	67½	66¼
Sep.	56¼	57⅝	55⅝	58	56½
Pork.					
May	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 75
July	39 00	39 10	38 87	39 00	39 00
Lard.					
May	22 25	22 37½	22 25	22 37½	22 30
July	22 50	22 50	22 40	22 50	22 40
Ribs.					
May	20 60	20 65	20 60	20 65	20 55
July	20 77½	20 82½	20 55	20 82½	20 70

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Extraordinary Jump in July Wheat Features Opening.

Chicago, May 12.—Stoppage of trading in the May delivery of wheat did not long delay fresh advances in the price of other options. Although the market at first showed material declines on account of lack of support buying was soon resumed in sufficient quantities to make quotations jump in the same extraordinary fashion that has of late kept the wheat pit in a turmoil. July delivery leaped up 13c to $2.59, as against $2.46@2.49½ at the opening and compared with $2.40¾@2.50¼ at yesterday's finish. Meanwhile September soared to $2.27, a rise of 9@10c over night.

The immediate reason for the big new advance was the issuance of an official statement by the board, which was construed in some quarters as indicating that the supply and demand situation was even more bullish than had been generally assumed.

It was said the entente allies were large holders of July and September contracts, and presumably, as in regard to May, would insist on delivery of the wheat that the contracts called for. Lack of offerings and continued demand characterized the rapid bulge in values. In the late dealings July went to $2.75, a rise of 29c from opening figures. September ascended 32c to $2.46. The close was excited, 22¼@28c net higher, with July at $2.75 and September at $2.46.

Corn followed the same course as wheat. Trade was very light. After opening ⅛@1⅜c lower the market rallied sharply and scored decided gains over yesterday.

Further advances were scored in the last part of the session. The close was unsettled at gains of 1⅜@3⅜c net.

Traders in oats took their cue wholly from the action of other cereals. Buying power, though, was not greatly in evidence.

Strength of hogs and grain caused provisions to average higher. Firmness was most apparent in pork and ribs.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: Nos. 2 and 3 red and Nos. 2 and 3 hard, nominal. Corn: No. 2 yellow, $1.67@1.68; No. 3 yellow, $1.65½@1.67; No. 4 yellow, $1.64½. Oats: No. 2 white, 72½@72½c; standard, 72¼@74¼c. Rye, nominal. Barley, $1.35@1.61. Seeds Timothy, $5.00@7.50; clover, $12.00@17.00. Provisions: Pork, $38.80; lard, $22.37½@22.47½; ribs, $20.52½@24.00.

Butter—Unsettled; creamery, 32@37c.

Eggs—Higher; receipts, 21,737 cases; firsts, 32½@32½c; ordinary firsts, 30@31c; at mark, cases included, 20@32c.

Potatoes—Receipts, 15 cars; unchanged.

Poultry—Alive, unchanged.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Sugar Futures Are Easier Under Continued Selling.

New York, May 12.—The market for sugar futures was easier today under continued selling, which seemed to come from Wall street and Cuban interests, prompted by the liberal offerings in the spot market. Closing prices were 7 to 11 points net lower; May, 5.10c; July, 5.21c; September, 5.28c; December, 4.95c. Raw sugar, easy; molasses, 5.33c; centrifugal, 6.21c. Refined, steady; fine granulated, 7.50@8.50c.

Butter—Weak; receipts, 5,850 tubs; creamery higher than extras, 39@39½c; creamery extras, (92 score), 38@38½c; firsts, 36½@37½c; seconds, 35@36c.

Eggs—Irregular; receipts, 22,764 cases; fresh gathered extras, 31c; fresh gathered storage packed firsts, 30½@30½c; fresh gathered firsts, 34@35½c.

Cheese—Firm; receipts, 4,189 boxes; state fresh specials, 26½c; do average run, 26½c.

Poultry—Live, firm; broilers, 35@43c; fowls, 26c; turkeys, 16@18c; dressed, quiet; prices unchanged.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Wholesale prices of beef cuts: No. 1 ribs, 23½c; No. 2 ribs, 22½c; No. 3 ribs, 16½c. No. 1 loins, 28c; No. 2 loins, 26½c; No. 3 loins, 20½c. No. 1 chucks, 17c; No. 2 chucks, 16½c. No. 3 chucks, 15½c. No. 1 rounds, 18½c; No. 2 rounds, 18½c; No. 3 rounds, 17½c. No. 1 plates, 15c; No. 2 plates, 14½c; No. 3 plates, 14c.

Cheese—No. 1 fancy, domestic, 45c; No. 1 domestic, 40c; Block Swiss, 35c; twins, 27c; triplets, 27½c; daisies, 27½c; young American, 27½c; New York white, 29c; Blue Lake, brick, 26c; Limburger, 30c; French Roquefort, 55c.

Eggs—Fresh, delivered in Omaha by express, cases returned, per case, $8.80.

Butter—Delivered, Omaha, refrigerator, freight or express, fresh, up to 2,000 lbs., per lb., 31c.

Poultry—Live, delivered in Omaha: Springs, smooth legs, 22c; hens, 16c; stags, under 5 lbs. each, 14c; old cocks and heavy stags, 12c; turkeys, fat, 22c; turkeys, old toms, 20c.

Guineas—Each, any size, 25c.

Squabs—Homers, 14 oz. each, per doz., $4.00; Homers, 12 oz. each, per doz., $2.00.

Pigeons—Per doz., $1.20.

FRUITS—Oranges: 150s, 288s, 324s, $2.75 box; 168s, 216s, $3.25 box; 100s, 126s, 150s, 176s, $3.50 box. Lemons: Fancy 300s, 360s, $5.50 box; choice 300s, 360s, $5.00 box. Grapefruit: 36s, $4.50 box; 46s, $4.75 box; 54s, $5.00 box; 64s, 80s, 96s, $5.50 box. Apples: Wine Saps, $2.50 box; Y. N. Pippins, $1.75 box; Ben Davis, $6.00 bbl. Bananas, 5c lb. Pineapples, $4.00 crate. Honey, 24s, $3.25 case.

Vegetables—Potatoes, eating, $2.00 bu.; new, No. 1, $4.00 hamp. Sweet potatoes, $2.75 hamp. Carrots, 4c lb. Cabbage, crate lots, 9c lb. Asparagus, home grown, $1.25 doz. Lettuce, head, $1.10 doz. Cucumbers, extra fancy, $1.50 doz.; fancy, $1.25 doz. Tomatoes, extra fancy, $4.50 crate; choice, $4.00 crate. Onions, Texas, $2.50 crate; wax, $2.75 crate.

Peanuts—No. 1, raw, 10c lb.; No. 1, roasted, 11c lb.; Jumbo, raw, 12c lb.; Jumbo, roasted, 13c lb.

Honey—$3.25 per case.

Fish—Fresh halibut, per lb., 14½c; fresh catfish, 20c and 19c; black cod-sable fish, 11c; fresh salmon, pink, 17c; fresh trout, 17c; fresh yellow pike, 20c; fresh blue pike, if any, 14c; fresh buffalo, 12c; fresh ling cod, 10c; salmon, dressed falls, 14c; round, 11c; salmon, dressed red silvers, 17c; smelts, 16c; fresh whitefish, 22c; fresh Spanish mackerel, 16c; fresh red snapper western, 11c; fresh carp, dressed, 11c; fresh roe shad, 65c; fresh buck shad, 40c; frozen catfish, 16c; black bass, 15c; barracuda, 14c; frozen bluefish, 14c; tilefish, fresh or frozen, 12c; smoked whiting, 10-lb. baskets, per lb., 16c; kippered codfish or grayfish, 10-lb. baskets, per lb., 18c; pickerel, frozen, dressed, 11c; round, 9c; pickerel, skinned, 20-lb. baskets, ready for pan, $3.20.

Berries—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, $2.00 pts. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, $6.50 quarts.

Omaha Hay Market.

Receipts continue light on both prairie hay and alfalfa and the market is higher on all grades and demand good.

Hay—Choice upland prairie, $23.00@24.00; No. 1, $22.00@23.00; No. 2, $19.00@20.00; No. 3, $13.00@15.00; No. 1 midland, $22.00@23.00; No. 2, $16.00@19.00; No. 1 lowland, $16.00@17.00; No. 2, $12.00@13.00; No. 3, $8.00@9.00.

Alfalfa—Choice, $26.00@27.00; No. 1, $25.00@26.00; standard, $22.00@23.00; No. 2, $19.00@20.00; No. 3, $14.00@16.00.

Straw—Oat, $7.00@7.50; wheat, $6.00@6.50.

Metal Market.

New York, May 12.—Metals—While business has been somewhat less active, a fair demand has been reported in the copper market during the last week and prices have been firmly maintained. Quotations for spot and nearby delivery of electrolytic were practically nominal today, ranging from $31.00 to $33.00, while July also was reported scarce, with quotations for the third quarter ranging from about $29.00 to $30.00. Later deliveries were quoted around $28.00 on the average. Iron was unchanged.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

Minneapolis, May 12.—Flour—Fancy patents 40c higher, quoted at $17.10; first clears 50c higher, quoted at $14.90; other grades unchanged.

Barley—$1.17@1.57.

Rye—$2.20@2.35.

Bran—$34.50@35.50.

Wheat—May, $3.30; July, $2.94. Cash: No. 1 hard, $3.43@3.54; No. 1 northern, $3.34@3.39; No. 2 northern, $3.24@3.34.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.58¾@1.59¾.

Oats—No. 3 white, 75¼@76¼c.

Flaxseed—$3.48¼@3.52¼.

Cotton Market.

New York, May 12.—Cotton—Futures opened steady; May, 19.75c; July, 19.68c; October, 18.93c; December, 19.04c; January, 19.08c.

Cotton futures closed steady, May, 19.85c; July, 19.71c; October, 19.03c; December, 19.19c; January, 19.26c.

Spot, quiet; middling, 20.15c.

New York Money Market.

New York, May 12.—Mercantile Paper—4¾@5 per cent.

Sterling Exchange—Sixty day bills, $4.71¼; commercial sixty-day bills, $4.71¼; demand, $4.75½; cables, $4.76¼.

Silver—Bar, 74⅝c; Mexican dollars, 58c.

Bonds—Government and railroad, steady and heavy.

Kansas City General Market.

Kansas City, May 12.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, $3.34@3.42; No. 2 red, $3.36; May, $3.27; July, $2.71.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, $1.59½@1.60½; No. 2 white, $1.69@1.69½; No. 2 yellow, $1.59½; May, $1.58½; July, 1.49.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, May 12.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $3.40@3.41; No. 2 hard, $3.40@3.50; May, $3.38; July, $2.68¼.

Corn—No. 2, $1.66½; No. 2 white, $1.72@1.72½; May, $1.63½; July, $1.51⅝.

Oats—No. 2, 71½; No. 2 white, nominal.

Bank Clearings.

Omaha, May 12.—Bank clearings for Omaha today were $5,194,866.35 and for the corresponding day last year $3,381,965.34. The total clearings for the week were $35,140,558.05 and for the corresponding day last year $22,849,890.14.

Elgin Butter Market.

Elgin, Ill., May 12.—Receipts, 50 tubs at 37c.

Omaha War News

Judge Madden is assisting Uncle Sam by using the police court as a sub-recruiting station to get men to work on the farms. Four men, three negroes and one Mexican, arrested on charges of vagrancy, were admonished to go to the country.

"I don't know nothing about farms," said the Mexican.

"You don't need to know anything about it—all you have to do is to work."

"Well, I'll consider it."

He was given until this afternoon to consider it and be on his way.

One noisily dressed negro mopped his face with a silk handkerchief and promised:

"I'll sure accept a position on a fa'm if I has the opportunity, judge."

Judge Madden, who recently instigated a court of domestic relations, says that since the state has gone dry he has had practically no cases in the new court.

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WHEAT SOARS HERE; OUT OF MAY OPTION

Cash Advances Ten to Fourteen Cents Per Bushel on Millers' Demand; Chicago Ban Anticipated.

Prices on cash wheat on the Omaha Grain exchange went soaring yesterday. The price advanced 10 to 14 cents a bushel.

Receipts were forty-three carloads and the offerings brought $3.33 to $3.45 a bushel, with the demand exceeding the supply. Nearly everything was taken by millers in Omaha trade territory.

There was a greater advance in the July option than in the cash. Friday night it closed at $2.55 and Saturday it opened at $2.53. It soon sold up to $2.79, the high point of the day.

The Chicago July option Friday night closed at $2.49¼, opened this morning at $2.49½ and sold up to $2.71.

The fact of Omaha prices on July being 8 to 9 cents over Chicago is said to be due primarily to the heavy demand by millers.

Corn failed to share the advance with wheat, though it sold up a cent, going to $1.60 to $1.65 a bushel, with ninety-two carloads on the market.

Oats were up ¼ to ¾ cents a bushel and sold at 71¼ to 72½ cents, with the receipts thirty-five carloads.

Omaha Traders Clear.

The fact of the Chicago Board of Trade fixing $3.18 a bushel as the basis for the settlement of trades in May wheat did not cause a ripple of excitement on the floor of the Omaha Grain exchange.

Ten days ago members of the Omaha exchange anticipated a wide fluctuation in May, and at that time ceased trading in the option. Terms of settlement were agreed upon and all trades were closed at and around $3 a bushel.

As a result, yesterday when in Chicago there was a scramble of the shorts to cover, Omaha grain traders were in the clear. Barton Millard, president of the Omaha Grain exchange, said:

"The action of the Chicago Board of Trade has had no effect here. Few, if any, of our traders have been caught short. We anticipated the situation and the prospect of high prices and I am of the opinion that every trade in May wheat was closed fully ten days ago. Two weeks ago most of our people quit trading in the May option and ten days ago all of the deals were closed. I think everybody is in the clear.

"There was no hunch given to anyone, but, on the other hand, we concluded that the option was high enough and got out."

Scandinavian Nations Will Continue Their Neutral Policy

Stockholm (Via London), May 12.—An official announcement in regard to the result of a three days' conference by Swedish, Danish and Norwegian ministers says that the conferees determined unanimously that the three countries should maintain a policy of impartial neutrality. The announcement says:

"As before, the ministers abandoned the idea of taking the initiative themselves, or in consort iwth other neutrals, with a view to mediation between the belligerents or other measures to the same end.

"The conference opined that collaboration should be established with other neutrals to safeguard common interests to the end of the war, or after, including the interests that neutrals will have in the work which presumably will be undertaken in establishing principles of international law for the future."

Hans Kolehmainen Wins The Modified Marathon

New York, May 12.—Hans Kolehmainen, unattached of New York, won the Evening Mail's seventh annual modified marathon race today. His time was 1:7:11.8 for the distance of twelve and three-fourths miles.

British Destroyer Sunk, Says Berlin War Office

Berlin, May 12.—(Via London.)—The admiralty announces that a British destroyer was sunk in the engagement on May 10 between light forces and British cruisers and destroyers.

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FRANCE COURTS UNCLE SAM'S TRADE

Minister of Commerce Believes Closer Business Relations Will Follow War.

TARIFF BUILDS BARRIERS

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 21.—Etienne Clementel, minister of commerce, is giving consideration to the expansion of trade with the United States after the war.

"The interests of America and France," said he to a correspondent of the Associated Press, "have grown so much closer during the war that I am sure they will continue to develop when peace comes. The trade policies of both your country and of mine before the war made exchanges difficult. Our financial relations with the United States during the war make it desirable, from our standpoint, to increase our exports to the United States, and you, on your side, have been showing a great interest in expanding your foreign trade. These motives ought, I conceive, to bring about a new working arrangement, in which both countries shall treat on a reciprocal basis. From such information as I have, I believe that the goverments of both countries will be disposed to take up this question at the proper time."

M. Clementel considers that the trade barriers between France and the United States are as much the creation of the American government as of the French. "The obstacles raised by the French tariff against free importations from America," said he, "are largely the consequence of the American tariff policy. French manufacturers and exporters do not complain against high rates of duty as much as against the uncertainty of the interpretation of your tariff laws by customs officials and the inquisitorial practice of investigating the selling prices in Europe and the cost of the manufacturer in assessing the ad valorem duties.

What Yankees Pay.

The American Chamber of Commerce, in a bulletin issued January 18, gives the subjoined table of important classes of goods on which importers from the United States are obliged to pay higher rates of duties than those imposed on similar articles of European origin:

Class of Goods.	Percent Extra Duty on American Articles.
Portable and semi-portable steam engines	50
Hydraulic engines, pumps and ventilators	150
Weaving, knitting and spinning machinery	50
Presses and machinery for printing	50
Machinery and accessories for printing trade	50
Sewing machines	42
Dynamo-electric machinery	50
Electric and electro-technical apparatus, average	75
General machinery, milling, hoisting, etc.	50
Complete apparatus, not specified	50
Boilers	50
Refrigerating apparatus, average	100
Cotton knit goods	50
Woolen knit goods	50
Silk knit goods, average	25
Glass and crystal ware	50
Rubber goods, average	50
Ham and salted meats, average	50
Cheese	122
Canned fish	100
Slates for writing or drawing	50
Special steels, average	50
Chemical products, average	50
Pencils	50
All yarns, except manila, hemp and New Zealand flax	50
Fabrics, embroideries and clothing of all materials, average	50
Shoes, average (or one franc per pair)	50
Leather gloves	100
Transmission belting	50
Imitation jewelry	50
Watches and chronometers	100 to 800

The State department appears to have had under consideration in the winter of 1913-14, the revision of the commercial treaty between France and United States. Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador then, sent extensive reports on the whole subject to the State department in preparation for negotiations. William G. Sharp, the present ambassador, has, it is understood, also taken certain tentative steps in this direction.

The declarations of M. Clementel indicate that the French government is prepared, when the time comes, to go into the subject afresh with the object of putting on a permanent and more liberal basis the commercial relations between France and the United States.

Russian Thieves Have Mass Meet to Reform; Bystander Loses Purse

Petrograd, May 12.—(Via London), May 11.—A mass meeting of thieves was recently held at Rostoff on the Don to demand a share in the new freedom and a chance to turn over a new leaf.

The chief of the local militia and the president and several members of the council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies were present on invitation.

Practically all branches of the profession of thievery were represented and several of the most accomplished members made speeches, in which they outlined the difficulties confronting them and declared that it was impossible to return to honest pursuits without help and support of the community.

The speakers complained that recently the population had risen against them, and in some instances went so far as to lynch some of their brothers.

Chief of Militia Ralmikoff asked for help and support by the people in aiding the efforts of the thieves at reformation.

One of the bystanders complained that he had been relieved of his purse containing six rubles.

The thieves roundly protested that it was not the work of a professional and took up a collection to reimburse the victim.

Eighty High School Students Hold First Volunteer Drill

A squad of more than eighty Central High school juniors and seniors took part in the first volunteer drill Friday afternoon.

The officers of the company are Paul Nicholson, captain; William