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FUTURES CLOSED STRONG AFTER EARLY DECLINES.

TRADERS EXPECT A BULL MOVEMENT.

General Conditions at Opening Are Bearish, but Later Buying Strengthens the Market.

Grain prices were sharply higher at the close of Saturday's market. At the opening there was some weakness caused by lower cables and lack of outside buying interest, but there were so many symptoms of another bull movement by local and Chicago manipulators that prices quickly rallied. Few traders cared to go short over Sunday, and those who already were short rushed to cover. Armour was said to be the moving force behind the advance in Chicago, and a local operator was said to be looking after the bull campaign here.

Corn opened easy, but later had fairly good support and closed higher in line with wheat.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—By sample, del.: No. 2 red at 81.05½; local and $1.06@1.06¾, destination; No. 3 red nominally $1@1.04; No. 4 85@96c, selling at 90c; No. 2 hard at 89@90c for choice to fancy, and ordinary quotable 88c; No. 3 hard at 83@88c; No. 4 hard at 72@81c.

CORN—Stronger and selling well; local at 45½c for No. 2, No. 3 yellow and No. 3 white, del. elevator, and 45c for No. 2; destination at 42½@43c for No. 3, 35½@41c for No. 4, 37c for no grade, 42½@43½c for No. 2 yellow and 42½@44c for No. 3 white.

OATS—By sample, on trk.: No. 2 at 42c; No. 3 at 40c; No. 4 at 39@39½c; No. 2 white at 45c; No. 3 do. at 42½@44½c; No. 4 do. at 40@41c to elevator and 42½c local.

RYE—Nominally 61c for No. 2 and 65c for No. 3.

FLAXSEED—Spot $1.05.

FLOUR—Red winter: Patent $4.85@5; straight $4.70@4.80; extra fancy $4.55@4.65; clear at $3.90@4.10, foregoing in wood; low to medium grades at $2.75@3.25 in jute. Hard flour in jute sks.: Patent $3.90@4.15; straight $3.80@3.90; clear $3.15@3.40; extra low grades at $2.65@2.75. Spring patent $4.50@4.65 bulk. Foregoing prices for lots in wood from first hands, trk. or depot this side. Orders higher.

RYE FLOUR—Pure, jobbing way, at $3.60 in jute sks. and $3.80 in wood; mixed and inferior lots.

CORNMEAL, ETC.—F. o. b.: City meal $2.50; grits, hominy and pearl meal $2.80.

BRAN—No bids or offers. Mill bran sells at 95c and shipsuff at $1.05@1.10.

HAY—Market basis E. trk.: Timothy—Choice $17; No. 1 $11.50@12.50; No. 2 $9@11; No. 3 $6@8. Clover—No. 1 $10; No. 2 $8@9; clover, mixed, $10@10.50 for light and $8.50@9.50 for heavy mixed; choice No. 1 $9@9.50; No. 2 $8@8.50.

STRAW—Wheat and oats on trk., $7.

LEAD AND SPELTER—Lead at $4.42½. SPELTER—$4.80.

WHISKY—On basis of $1.23½ for highwines.

St. Louis Future Prices.

	Closed Friday.	Ranged Saturday.	Closed Saturday.
Wheat—May	85¾	88 @92	92
July	86¾ b	87¾@87¾	87½
Sept.	—@—	—@—	84¾ b
Corn—May	45¾ a	45¾@46¼	46¼@46¾ a
July	47¾ b	47¾@48¾	48¾
Oats—May	40¾ b	—@—	40¾ b

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Saturday.	Friday.	Last Yr.
Wheat	4,551,681	4,614,885	2,020,012
Corn	668,228	670,673	272,885
Oats	83,534	86,778	116,609
Rye	10,018	9,780	35,606
Barley	16,342	16,388	7,250
No. 2 red wheat	2,834,249	3,397,402	1,067,139
No. 3 hard wheat	319,101	319,887	44,127
No. 3 mixed corn	249,622	249,518	64,580
No. 2 white corn	32,585	19,227	22,760
No. 2 yellow corn	1,000	1,000	1,445
No. 2 mixed oats	21,722	21,722	44,022
No. 2 rye	4,984	4,984	16,621

Produce.

Butter—Higher for best grades. Creamery—Extra 26@27c; firsts 21@24½c; seconds 19c. Ladle—Extra, fancy, 18c; firsts 15c. Dairy—packed—Fancy 19@20c; poor to fair 15c. Country roll—Choice 13c; packed and ordinary 11½c; grease stock 9@5c.

Eggs—Received, 2,606 pkgs. local and 2,425 pkgs. through; shipped 2,606 pkgs.; market 15¼c case counts.

Cheese—Northern, on orders: Twins at 11c; singles 11¼c; daisies 11½c; Young Americas 11½c; long horns 11¼c; New York twin 11¼c; limburger 11@12c; brick 12@13c; Swiss 15c for choice, No. 2 at 10@12c; brick 12@12½c.

Provisions.

Pork, f. o. b.—Now standard mess in jobbing way closed nominally at $14.25.

Lard—Choice steam on E. side closed nominally at 8.85c; kettle-rendered 9.10c.

Green Hams, Etc.—Car lots held f. o. b. E. side thus: Hams—10-av. at 9¾c; 12s at 9¾c; 14s and 16s at 9¾c; 18s at 9½c; 20s at 10¼c. Skinned Hams—16s and 18@20s 9¾c; 22@24s at 10¼c; Californias 8½@8¾c. Boneless Hams (100@12-av.) at 6¾c. From the block, del.: Hams at 9c to 9¼c for run of house; bellies at 8c to 9¼c, as in average; Californias at 6c; New York shoulders at 6c.

D. S. Meats—To arrive, loose cured c'ribs closed nominally: 40@45-av. at 7.30c and 50-av. 7.25c, c. a. f. Bxd. lots in jobbing way ranged: Extra shorts at 7¾c, c'ribs 7¾c, short clear at 7¾c, bellies at 8c to 9c, plates at 6c, fat backs at 8¼c, standard backs at 7¾c. Orders charged higher.

Bacon—Bxd. s. c. meats in a jobbing way ranged: Breakfast bacon at from 10c for heavy to 14¼c for choice light; hams at 11c to 12c; Californias at 7¼@7½c; New York shoulders at 7½c. Plain smoked bxd. lots in a jobbing way ranged: Extra shorts at 8¼c; c'ribs at 8¼c; short clear at 8¼c; bellies at 9¼c to 10¼c; plates at 7¾c; fat backs at 7¾c; standard Choice, hand-picked pea offered at $1.95@1.96 per bu.; machine-picked at $1.35@1.87, and prime at $1.70@1.75. From store: White beans at $1.96 to $2.00 for choice hand-picked pea; lower grades less; Lima at 4@4¼c per lb.; lentils at 4@4½c; California pink at 3¾c; blackeyes at $1.65@1.70; split peas at $2, and Scotch at $1.25 per bu.

CASTOR BEANS—$1.40 per bu. for prime in car lots; from store $1.25 for small quantities.

DRIED FRUITS—Sun-dried quarters at 3¼@4c; evaporated at 4c to 5c; cores and peelings at 1¾c to 1¾c; chops at 1¾c to 1¾c. Peaches at 3½c to 5¾c.

PEARTREES—Prime white live geese in small sks. 8c and in large sks. 56c; prime gray do. 4lc in small and 4c in large sks.; old white 40@44c; X 30@36c; XX 22@28c; XXX 14@16c; XXXX 5c; tare 10 per cent on small sks. and 5c on large sks. Duck—White 42c; dark 36c. Turkey—Tall 26c; wing 8c; pointers 5c; wing and tail and pointers 8c; body (dry), 5c.

ROOTS—Per lb.: Ginseng at $4.50 to $5; stemmy, weedy, etc., less; lady slipper 8c; seneca 6c; ginger, 10 to 20 pounds, 3c; black cohosh 3c; apple 5c; snake 25c; white snake worth 2½c; angelica 5@6c; wahoo, bark of root, 8c; bark of tree 2½c; blood 6c; blue flag 3c; sassafras—bark of root 3c; stone root, ginger 2c.

SHEEP PELTS—Full; wool pelts 75c@$1; shearing 10c to 35c; lambs at 30c to 50c; dry, fallen, etc., 10@lle per lb.

BEESWAX—Unchanged at 28c per lb. for prime.

LINSEED OIL—Quotable at 40c per gal. for raw and 41c for boiled; 1c per gal. less on car lots.

HOP CORN—100 lbs., on cob, white—Rice $1 @1.10; mixed at 75c.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron 45c, heavy cast 40c, malleable steel and breakable 40c; stove 35c; light brass $5; heavy brass $9; copper $9; zinc $2; lead $2.50. Copper $12.

SALT—E. side medium at $1; granulated 95c per bbl.; 5c more per bbl. this side.

BROOM CORN—Quoted at $65 to $100 per ton; no sale.

PAINTS—BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline $1.05; vinegar 70c; black oil 50c; linseed, light and varnish 80c; machine 80c; sugar 15c; whisky 80c; do. half bbls 60c; wine $1; sauerkraut 30@40c; pickle 40@50c; flour 15c; molasses 50c; lard 10c; 25c off for each broken head; 24c each hoop missing.

RAGS, ETC.—Per 100 lbs.: Country rags at 75c. Old rope—No. 1 manila at $1.25; No. 2 at 90c. Rubbers at 1½@0.30.

PEANUTS—Planters' stock, per lb.: Red 1½ @2c; white at 2¼@2½c.

CHESTNUTS—Italian at 4c per lb.; Virginia at 12c.

PECANS—Western at 8½c; Texas at 8½c.

DRIED FRUITS—Quote nominally: Apples—Sun-dried quarters at 3c to 3½c; evaporated at 4c to 5c; waste at 1¾c to 1¾c. Peaches at 3½ @3¾c.

APPLE SUGAR—Quote at 8c to 10c per lb.

HONEY—Comb at 10c to 12c; choice Colorado at 14c; strained and extracted at 4@4½c in bbls. and 5c in cans.

COOPERAGE—Quote on orders for prompt delivery: Lard tcs, $1.50 for wood-bound, $1.42½ for 5-hoop iron-bound and $1.47½ for 8-hoop do.; oak pork bbls., $1.50 for wood and $1.20 for iron bound; ash pork bbls., $1.30 for wood-bound; elec. tcs., $1.50 for 8-hoop; kraut bbls., $1; do. half bbls. 60c; cut-nail kegs 16.30c; nail bbls., $1.45; slack-work bbls.—8-hoop flour 42c; 6-hoop do. 40c; round-hoop do. 43c; 8-hoop sugar 48c; 6-hoop do. 45c; mill-run apple 25c; No. 2 do. 20c; meal 21c; 6-hoop lime 28c; 4-hoop do. 25c.

LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

Native Supply Light—Beef Cattle Steady—Sheep Close Firm.

NATIVE CATTLE—The bulk of the cattle in the native division was through consignments representing about 3 loads of stock cattle and 9 loads of export cattle consigned to an Eastern port. The number left on sale was very small, and comprised less than 50 head and of a mixed lot. Buyers had their wants filled earlier during the week, and, as the quality and flesh of the few offered was not good, no inducement could be offered to packers. Consequently but few sales were made. The supply being light and it being the last day of the week, conditions did not warrant other than a steady market.

Following is a list of quotations based upon sales during the week:

SHIPPING AND EXPORT STEERS.

Best native beef steers, strictly fancy, 1,300@1,700 lbs	$5.25@5.50
Choice export steers, 1,300@1,600 lbs	5.00@5.25
Good shipping and export steers, 1,300@1,600 lbs	4.60@5.00
Fair to medium shipping steers, 1,300@1,450 lbs	4.25@4.60

DRESSED BEEF AND BUTCHER STEERS.

Steers, 1,200@1,280 lbs., rough to best	$4.75@5.60
Steers, 1,000@1,200 lbs	4.75@5.25
Steers less than 1,000 lbs	3.50@5.25

Top quotations on light-weight cattle apply to fancy grades.

COWS AND HEIFERS.

Fancy corn-fed heifers, 700@775 lbs	$4.25@4.50
Fancy corn-fed heifers, 900@1,100 lbs	3.75@4.25
Good to choice heifers	3.40@4.25
Medium to good heifers	3.00@3.65
Fair to medium heifers	2.75@3.00
Best corn-fed heavy cows	3.00@4.00
Good fat cows	2.25@3.50
Medium fat cows	2.15@3.25
Cutters	1.90@2.15
Fair to good canners	1.25@1.75
Common and shelly cows	1.00@2.00

BULLS.

Choice corn-fed bulls	$3.75@4.00
Good fat bulls	3.00@3.50
Heavy-weight, half-fat bulls	2.75@3.00
Sausage bulls	2.40@2.75
Good qualified dehorned bulls for feeding	2.65@3.00

VEALS AND HERETICS.

Choice veals, 110@120 lbs	$6.50@7.00
Heavy fat veals, 200 lbs. and under	4.50@6.00
Good heretics	4.00@4.50
Thin heretics	2.50@3.00
Heavy killing calves	2.00@4.00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

Choice feeders, 1,000@1,150 lbs	$3.75@4.00
Medium to good feeders, 800@1,000 lbs	3.40@3.75
Fair to medium feeders, 700@800 lbs	3.15@3.45
Choice qualified stockers, 600@750 lbs	3.40@3.75
Fair qualified steers, 600@750 lbs	3.00@3.25
Common steers	2.50@3.00
Choice to fancy stock heifers	2.75@3.25
Medium to good stock heifers	2.50@2.90
Common stock heifers	2.00@2.50
Choice quality steer calves	3.50@4.00
Choice quality heifer calves	3.25@3.75

Dehorned and unbranded stockers and feeders always sell a fraction better than others.

MILCH COWS.

Fancy quality large young cows with good calves	$40.00@50.00
Good milkers	30.00@40.00
Medium milkers	25.00@30.00
Common milkers	15.00@20.00

Strictly fancy milkers sell above $50.

SOUTHERN CATTLE—There were not enough cattle in the Southern alleys to constitute a market; however, 21 head, which was all that was available, sold about steady. The supply this week has been rather good, totalling 414 cars against 306 cars last week and 444 cars two weeks ago, while during the same time last year 321 cars were recorded.

The following quotations represent the condition of the market on various classes of quarantine cattle, based on sales during the week:

Strictly choice steers	$4.40@4.45
Choice fed steers	4.25@4.40
Good fed steers	3.75@4.25
Medium steers	3.25@3.65
Good to choice heifers	3.25@3.50
Medium to good heifers	2.75@3.25
Good to choice cows	2.50@3.25
Fair to good cows	2.25@2.50
Fair canners	2.00@2.25
Common canners	1.75@2.00
Fair to good bulls	2.75@3.25
Common bulls	2.50@2.75
Good to choice veal calves, per cwt.	5.00@6.00
Good to choice heavy calves, per head	12.00@14.00
Fair to good heavy calves, per head	9.00@12.00
Common calves, per head	8.50 down

HOGS—A good, liberal run of hogs arrived for Saturday, and while the quality was fair, real good, heavy hogs, the kind selling at the top of the market, were scarce. The market opened with a good demand from both city butchers and packers; trading was active and prices showed an advance of 10@15c over the opening on Friday for all good, medium and heavy hogs. Real good lights were also 10@15c higher, but common ones and stills gave were but very little, if any, better than a steady note of Southwestern selling at $3.40@3.75. The late trade was about as good as the opening, and the pens were well cleared before the close.

Good butcher and heavy hogs sold at $5.30@5.65, fair to good medium weights and packers $5.40@5.55, light, above 150 lbs. average, $5.45 @5.50, lights, under 150 lbs. average, $4@5.10, pigs, under 100 lbs. $3.50@4, and roughs and culls at $4@5. The bulk of the hogs weighing 150 lbs. or more sold at $5.25@5.50, against $5.25 @5.50 Friday.

SHEEP—There was no material change to the sheep trade to-day. The receipts consisted of a load of light-weight Texans, which sold full steady. A good demand prevails for all decent mutton stock, both sheep and lambs, but there is a very poor inquiry for half-fat kinds; in fact, they are almost unsalable, especially little, thin Western lambs and yearlings.

So far this week sales included lambs at $4.50 @6, the bulk of them at $5@5.50; native and Southwest mutton sheep at $3.50@4.75, the bulk at $4.25@4.50; stockers sold at $2@3, cull lambs at $3@4.25, and bucks at $2.50@4, principally at $2.75@3.50.

Sales also included Western lambs at $5@ 5.75, Western yearlings at $4.50@4.75, and Western sheep at $3.75@4.

HORSES—The usual Saturday quietness prevailed in the horse market, and there were no features worthy of mention. The result of an active trade during the week was that a thorough clearance was made of all arrivals, and the barns contained only a few head that the dealers held. The record of the week has been a good one. There has been a strong demand from Eastern, Southern and farm sources conjointly, which has furnished an outlet for all classes of horses at satisfactory prices. The best-finished kinds have sold to the greatest advantage.

Horse quotations:

Heavy draft, common to good	$100@150
Heavy draft, choice to extra	175@250
Chunks, fair to good	90@115
Chunks, choice to extra	150@150
Farm chunks	75@110
Southern horses, plain to good	50@ 85
Southern horses, choice to extra	100@150
Southern drivers	125@150
Harness horses	150@400

MULES—Mule receipts were practically nominal, and no incentive was afforded for any activity in the market, especially as it was the last day of the week. The market has been in a quiet way all week, small demands from all sources conspiring to keep down all activity on local account. Prices have not been any worse; neither have they been any better. The demand for small mules is about over.

MULE QUOTATIONS.

14 hands, extreme range	$ 60.00@ 65.00
14 hands, bulk of sales	70.00@ 85.00
14½ hands, extreme range	70.00@120.00
14½ hands, bulk of sales	75.00@110.00
15 hands, extreme range	85.00@130.00
15 hands, bulk of sales	90.00@115.00
15½ hands, extreme range	110.00@150.00
15½ hands, bulk of sales	115.00@125.00
16½ hands, extreme range	120.00@130.00
16½ hands, bulk of sales	125.00@135.00

By Telegraph.

Kansas City, Mo., March 12.—Cattle—Receipts 100; market unchanged; export and dressed-beef steers $4.60@5.25; fair to good $4.80@4.50; Western fed steers $3.90@4.60; stockers and feeders $2.75@4.40; Southern steers $3.00@4.40; Southern cows $2.40@3.25; native cows $2.00@3.50; native heifers $2.40@4.20; culls $2.50@3.60; calves $4@ 6.50; receipts for the week 28,900. Hogs—Receipts 1,500; market 5@10c higher; top $5.42½; bulk of sales $5.15@5.35; heavy $5.30@5.42½; packers $5.30@5.35; pigs and light $4.75@5.30; receipts for the week 28,400. Sheep—Receipts 500; market steady; native lambs $4.75@5.10; Western lambs $4.60@5.40; fed ewes $3.75@4; yearlings $4.60@5; stockers and feeders $3.50@ 4.25; receipts for the week 12,900.

New York, March 12.—Beeves—Receipts 12 cars for the market; no trading; dressed beef unchanged at 8½@8¾c; European cables steady; exports to-day 1,510 cattle and 6,350 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts 21 head; market firm; veals sold at 4@9c; city dressed veals 7½@10c. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 2,269; sheep steady; lambs lower; sheep sold at $3.50@5; lambs $6@ 6.25; dressed muttons slow at 6½@8½c; dressed lambs 9@10½c. Hogs—Receipts were 1,135; feeling nominally unchanged.

Chicago, March 12.—Cattle—Receipts 300; market steady; good to prime steers $5.20@6; poor to medium $3.50@4.85; stockers and feeders $2.50 @4.25; cows $1.60@4.10; heifers $2.25@4.50; canners $1.40@2.50; bulls $2@4; calves $3.50@6.75. Hogs—Receipts to-day 12,000; Monday 20,000; market 5c lower, closed strong; mixed and butchers $5.10@5.45; good to choice heavy $5.35 @5.45. Sheep—Receipts 2,000; market strong; lambs firm; good to choice wethers $4.60@5; fair to choice mixed $4@4.50; Western sheep $3.50@ 5; native lambs $4@5.65; Western lambs $4.50@6.

South St. Joseph, Mo., March 12.—Cattle—Receipts 50; unchanged. Hogs—Receipts 1,512; 5c higher; light $5.15@5.35; medium and heavy $5.30@5.42½. Sheep—Receipts 224; active, steady; cwes $4.20.

St. Louis Cotton Market.

Spot market firm and unchanged. Sales 40 bales. Quote:

Ordinary	14½
Good ordinary	14½
Low middling	15¼
Middling	15¾
Good middling	15¾
Middling fair	16¼

Tinges and stains 1-16@¼c off white.

Galveston—Spot market quiet; middling 15 11-16c.

New Orleans—Spot market quiet; middling 15¾c.

Memphis—Spot market quiet; middling 15½c.

Receipts at principal points:

Galveston, 5,117 bales.
New Orleans, 3,637 bales.
Mobile, 85 bales.
Savannah, 1,322 bales.
Charleston, 197 bales.
Houston, 1,769 bales.
Memphis, 1,224 bales.

St. Louis warehouse statement:

	This Year.	Last Year.
Stocks on hand Sept. 1	1,265	11,715
Net receipts	250	50
Net receipts since Sept. 1	49,550	50,591
Net shipments	250	509
Net shipments since Sept. 1	29,502	28,475
Stocks on hand	21,713	23,831
Gross receipts	4,237	1,628
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	425,610	631,744
Gross shipments	4,237	1,987
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	405,182	629,953

By Telegraph.

New York, March 12.—Cotton—Futures closed firm; March 16.30c; April 16.35c; May 16.51c; June 16.58c; July 16.62c; Aug. 15.98c; Sept. 13.22c; Oct. 12.82c; spot closed dull; middling uplands 16.55c; middling gulf 16.80c; sales 31 bales. The market opened quiet and steady at a decline of 1@3 points on the old-crop months, while the new-crop positions were unchanged to 2 points higher. The declines were the result of liquidation following rather disappointing Liverpool cables and somewhat heavier estimates for the day's receipts, while the late positions came in for considerable demand from commission-houses and Europe. There was, however, little aggressive selling, but the bullish showing of the visible supply statement caused considerable covering among sellers on the higher levels of yesterday. This demand, with the assistance of moderate bull support, rallied the market soon after the call, and at one time the active months were about 6 points net higher. Following this they eased off to about last night's level, after which the market continued more or less irregular and was generally quiet.

Liverpool, March 12.—Spot cotton in fair demand; prices 8 points lower; American middling fair 8.96d; good middling 8.80d; middling 8.52d; low middling 8.60d; good ordinary 8.50d; ordinary 8.30d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,600 American. Receipts 3,000 bales, including 200 American. Futures opened and closed quiet; American middling, g. o. c.: March 4.85d; March and April 4.86d; April and May 8.45d; May and June 8.44d; June and July 8.41d; July and Aug. 8.39d; Aug. and Sept. 8.36d; Sept. and Oct. 7.24d; Oct. and Nov. 6.86d; Nov. and Dec. 6.76d.

New Orleans, La., March 12.—Cotton firm; sales 7,500 bales; ordinary 13 11-16c; good ordinary 15c; low middling 15¾c; middling 16c; good middling 16 5-16c; middling fair 16 11-16c. Receipts 3,637; stock 356,271. Futures firm; March 16.25@16.26; April 16.34@16.35; May 16.43@16.44; June 16.86@16.88c; July 17.11@17.12c; Aug. 16.11@16.13c; Sept. 13.79@13.81c; Oct. 12.84@12.86c; Nov. 12.58@ 12.62c.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, March 12.—Flour—Receipts 36,067; exports 10,324; firmly held, but not quotably higher; Minnesota patents $4.15@5.30; Minnesota bakers $4.20@2.70; winter patents $5.20@ 5.60; winter straights $4.90@5.15; winter extras $3.90@4; winter low grades $3.15@3.80. Rye flour dull; fair to fancy $4.25@4.55; choice to fancy $4.60@4.85. Buckwheat flour nominal. Cornmeal quiet; yellow Western $1.13½; city $1.11; kiln-dried easy; feeding 50c c. i. f., New York; malting 55@56c c. i. f., Buffalo. Wheat—Receipts 49,350; spot No. 2 red $1.01 elevator; No. 2 red $1.05 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth $1.07¾ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Manitoba nominal f. o. b. afloat. Options opened barely steady on disappointing cables and predictions of rains in Kansas, but reversed on local buying by parties who desired to unload some high-priced wheat bought yesterday, and also on good Chicago support. The close was 1c net higher; May 99¼@99⅝c, closed 99¾c; July 96¼@96¾c, closed 96¾c; Sept. 87⅞@88⅜c, closed 88¼c. Options—Receipts 47,200; spot steady; No. 2 nominal 56c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow 57c; No. 2 white 56c; corn was dull and featureless; May closed 55¼c; July closed 56¼c; Sept. closed 55¾c. Oats—Receipts 73,500; exports 11,800; spot steady; No. 2 oats 50¼c; standard white 50¾c; No. 2 white 51¾c; No. 3 white 50¼c. Hay quiet; shipping 65@75c; good to choice 85@90c. Hops firm; State, common to choice, 1903, 30@37c; 1902 24@28c; olds 10@15c; Pacific Coast, 1903, 27@33c; 1902 24@27c; olds 10@15c. Hides firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas, 20 lbs., 24c; Buenos Ayres, 16c; Leather steady; acid 22@23c. Beef steady; family $11.50@12.50; mess $9@9.50; beef hams $20.50@22; packet $10.50 @11.50; city extra India mess $16@19. Cut meats steady; pickled bellies 7¼@8¼c; pickled shoulders 5¼@6½c; pickled hams 10@11c. Lard steady; Western steamed $7.85; refined steady; continent $7.75. S. A. $8.25. Pork steady; family $16@16.50; short clear $15@16.75; mess $15.50@16. Tallow dull; city ($2 per pkg.) 5c; country (pkgs. free) 5@5¼c. Cotton-seed oil quiet; prime crude nominal; do. yellow 27½c. Rice steady; domestic fair to extra 3¼@4¼c; Japan nominal. Molasses firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 21@23c.

Chicago, March 12.—Cash flour quiet; winter patents $4.80@5; straights $4.50@4.70; spring patents $4.50@4.80; straights $4.10@4.25; bakers $3@3.80. Wheat—No. 3 spring 86c; No. 2 red 94@ 98c. Corn—No. 2 51½c; No. 2 yellow 52½c. Oats —No. 2 46@46¼c; No. 3 white 46@46c. Rye—No. 2 68c. Barley—Good feeding 36@38c; fair to choice malting 45@55c. Seeds—Prime timothy $3.10. Clover, contract grade, $11.35. Provisions —Mess pork, per bbl., $14.12½@14.25; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.20@7.22½; short ribs sides (loose) $7 @7.25; short clear sides (boxed) $7.37½@7.50. Whisky, basis of highwines, $1.28.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 12.—Wheat—May 91¾c; July 88¼c; Sept. 84¾c; on trk.: No. 1 hard $1.08¾; No. 1 Northern 98¾@99¼c; No. 2 Northern 96¾c. Flour—First patents $5.25@5.35; second patents $5.10@5.15; first clears $3.60@3.75; second clears $3.50@3.60. Bran in bulk $14.50.

Duluth, Minn., March 12.—Wheat in store, No. 1 hard 98c; No. 1 Northern 97¾c; No. 2 Northern 94¾c. To arrive: No. 1 hard 94c; No. 1 Northern 97¼c; No. 2 Northern 95¼c; May 97¼c; July 88c; Sept. 86¼c. Oats, to arrive and on trk., 28½c.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 12.—Wheat is higher; No. 1 Northern $1.07; No. 2 Northern 98@99c; July 93½c. Rye dull; No. 1 79@79½c. Barley firm; No. 2 63c; sample 30@60c. Corn is higher; No. 3 45@46½c; July 51¾c bid.

Kansas City, March 12.—Wheat—May 85¾c; July 80¾c; cash No. 2 hard 87@88c; No. 3 84 @85c; No. 2 red $1.01. No. 3 89@94c. Corn—May 44¼@44½c; July 44¼@44½c; cash No. 2 mixed 42c; No. 3 do. No. 2 white 42c; No. 3 do. Oats —No. 2 white 42@42½c; No. 3 mixed 41@41½c. Hay—Choice timothy $10; choice prairie $7.50 @8. Rye—No. 2 62c. Receipts—Wheat 79,200; corn 27,200; oats 6,000. Shipments—Wheat 35,800; corn 45,600; oats 6,000.

Liverpool, March 12.—Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 1 California 7s 2d. futures steady; March nominal; May 6s 8¾d; July 6s 8½d. Corn—Spot firm; American mixed new 4s 3d; American mixed old 4s 6½d; futures quiet; March 4s 2½d; May 4s 4d.

Peoria, Ill., March 12.—Corn higher; No. 3 old 46c; No. 3 42c; No. 4 40c. Whisky on basis of $1.24 for finished goods.

Toledo, O., March 12.—Cloverseed—Cash and March $6.32½; April $6.50; prime alsike $5.40; prime timothy $1.45.

Wool.

London, March 12.—The offerings at the wool auction sales to-day numbered 13,641 bales, including a large supply of merinos, which held well at firm prices. Secured caused active competition, France and Germany securing the bulk. Locks and pieces met with a ready sale at hardening rates. Home buyers paid full rates for lambs, greasy pieces. The bidding for crossbreds was animated, owing to increased American demand, and prices advanced 7½ to 10 per cent above the Jan. rates. The withdrawals to date amount to 4,331 bales. Next week 14,330 bales will be offered. Following are to-day's sales in detail: New South Wales, 5,800 bales; scoured is 4½@1s 8½d; greasy 4½@9 1s 1½d. Queensland, 1,400 bales; scoured 1s 2½d @1s 8d; greasy 6½@1s 1d. Victoria, 1,400 bales; scoured 1s 2½@1s 9d; greasy 6½@1s 5d. South Australia, 500 bales; greasy 6½@1s 1d. West Australia, 1,300 bales; greasy 5½@11½d. New Zealand, 3,200 bales; scoured 1s 2½@1s 7d; greasy 5½@ 11½d. The arrivals for the third series of sales amount to 51,789 bales, including 28,500 forwarded direct. Following are the imports of wool this week: New South Wales, 5,240 bales; Queensland 515; Victoria 2,820; South Australia 250; West Australia 478. New Zealand 7,384; Cape of Good Hope and Natal 8,400 bales; Punta Arenas 2,443; elsewhere 838.

Eggs.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 12.—Eggs—Receipts to-day 9,288 cases; for the week 67,37 cases. Receipts as listed were about upon a parity with those of last week, but the actual amount landed was somewhat within the figures, leading to the supposition of heavy amounts banked up behind the recent washouts, of which the sudden arrival would have an immediate and adverse effect upon prices in the prevailing temper of the trade. A very close clearance was effected; quotations unchanged.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Eggs easier, ½c lower; fresh near-by 14½c at mark; fresh Western 13½; fresh Southwestern 13½@13c at mark; fresh Southern 13c at mark.

Kansas City, Mo., March 12.—Eggs lower; Missouri and Kansas, cases returned, 14c; new No. 2, whitewood cases included, 13c.

Chicago, March 12.—Eggs weaker; at mark, cases included, 17@17½c per doz.

Butter and Cheese.

New York, March 12.—Butter steady; fresh creamery 15@21c; State dairy 14@21c. Cheese quiet; State full-cream, fancy, small and large, colored and white, Sept. 12c; do. late-made, 10½c.

Chicago, March 12.—Butter weak; creameries 14@22½c; dairies 13½@21c. Cheese steady; dailies 11c; twins 10½@10¾c; Young Americas 11c.

Philadelphia, March 12.—Butter steady; fair demand; extra Western creamery 21½c; extra near-by prints 22c. Cheese steady; New York full creams, choice to fancy, 11¼@11½c; New York full creams, fair to good, 10½@11c.

Poultry.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 12.—Live Poultry—Receipts for the week were 27 cars Western, 2 cars Southern, 4 Southwestern and fully 3 cars by express, against 21 cars last week. Jobbers carry over about 6 cars unsold, but tone steady; quotations unchanged.

Dressed Poultry—Receipts to-day 504 pkgs.; for the week 6,612 pkgs. Some lots that should have been here a day or two ago are still out. The tone was steady at the close, but a number of small lots went over unsold; quotations unchanged.

Sugar.

New York, March 12.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 7-16@ 3½c; molasses sugar 3 11-16@3¾c. Refined firm; No. 6 4.20c; No. 7 4.15c; No. 8 4.10c; No. 9 4.05c; No. 10 4c; No. 11 3.95c; No. 12 3.90c; No. 13 3.85c; No. 14 3.80c; confectioners' A 4.45c; mold A 4.95c; cut loaf 5.20c; crushed 5.20c; powdered 4.70c; granulated 4.60c; cubes 4.85c.

New Orleans, March 12.—Sugar steady; open kettle 2¾@3 7-16c; open kettle centrifugal 3@ 3¾c; centrifugal whites 4¼c; yellows 3¼@3 15-16c; seconds 2¾@3 1-16c. Molasses nominal; open kettle 20@26c; centrifugal 10@15c. Syrup 20@25c.

Coffee.

New York, March 12.—Coffee—Spot Rio steady. Futures opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 5 points, business in first was inactive, and the opening gains were merely on bids which were raised in sympathy with steady European markets and small Brazilian receipts. Later demand was more active and a trifle further advance in the selling order was reported, so that the market closed steady net 10@15 points higher. Reported sales of about 40,000 bags. These included March at 5.30@5.45c; April 5.40c; May 5.45@5.50c; July 5.80c; Sept. 5.95@6c; Dec. 6.30@6.35c.

Dry Goods.

New York, March 12.—In dry goods the week ends with little interest evinced by buyers, and a disposition to wait until the last moment is necessary for them to purchase for current needs. Buying has been of an extremely conservative character, although there are unmistakable signs, and in many quarters stocks are in a more depleted condition than is being admitted. Although the jobbers' active season is not over, a smaller volume of business is being transacted.

Dried Fruits.

New York, March 12.—The market for evaporated apples continues firm; common are quoted at 4@5¼c, prime 5¾@6c, choice 6@6¼c and fancy 7@7½c. Prunes are meeting with only an indifferent jobbing demand and rule rather easier, with quotations ranging from 3¼@4¼c, according to grade. Apricots firm; choice 9¾@ 10c; extra choice 10¼@10½c, and fancy 12@12c. Peaches also ruled generally firm; choice are held at 7¼@7½c, extra choice 7¾@8¼c and fancy 9@10c.

The Metal Markets.

New York, March 12.—There was a fair inquiry in local metal markets to-day, but the aggregate of actual transactions was small and quotations in nearly every instance were unchanged. Tin continued firm all the time, with spot 28@28.50c and March and April delivery 27.50@ 28.25c. Copper was quiet and more or less nominal; lake 12.50@12.75c; electrolytic and casting 12.12½@12.37½c. Spelter quiet at 5@5.10c. Lead steady at 4.60@4.65c. Iron quiet at yesterday's prices.

Petroleum.

New York, March 12.—Petroleum unsettled; refined, New York $8.65; Philadelphia and Baltimore $8.60; do. in bulk $5.70.

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