

THE MARKETS FIRM.

FRACTIONAL ADVANCE SCORED
IN WHEAT.

Corn Follows Reluctantly and Shows No Change at the Close—Provisions Remain Strong, But the Figures Are Stationary—In Wall Street.

Chicago, March 27.—Wheat operators kept very much unsettled in their opinions because of the character of the news these days. They see heavy receipts at northwestern markets. Today they were 318 cars against 166 a year ago. They see a heavy movement to primary markets on the whole. Today these receipts were 236,000 bu, last year 203,000 bu. The export clearances are not anything like as good as the bulls in the trade expect. Total wheat and flour today 263,000. The early public cable gave English markets flat. Most of this bear news the trade had early and May wheat sold at 55c and 57c at the start. Then New York reported export sales yesterday of 288,000 wheat there and several boat loads at outports. Cincinnati sent bullish dispatches about millers and corn shippers getting no grain in Illinois on mail bids. Minneapolis Market Report reported flour acceptances at higher prices. The scalping element in the trade played for a recovery, and with good success early. From 54c the May went to 55c, and at midday went to 55c, with the pit very active. The bear plungers fought the advance.

Holders of wheat acted timid and many sold out before the close. New York reported but five loads worked for export. Dispatches on crop injury were conflicting. The trade will not change after sensational reports after last year's experience. May wheat dropped back to 55c and closed 55c, 52c, over last night.

Closing prices of wheat and corn at the following named cities were:

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Wheat and Corn.

Wheat—New York—March, 60%; May, 60%; July, 60%; St. Louis—March, 54%; May, 51%; Duluth—Cash, 59%; May, 60%; Minneapolis—Cash, 59%; May, 58%; Baltimore—March, 61%; May, 61%; Toledo—Cash, 56%; May, 57%; Milwaukee—Cash, 56%; May, 57%; Detroit—Cash, 56%; May, 57%.

Corn—New York—May, 51%; July, 51%; St. Louis—March, 42%; May, 43%; Baltimore—March, 50%; May, 50%;

Wall Street.

New York, March 27.—The stock market opened moderately active and as a rule slightly lower. The market at 10:15 a. m. was tending downward, particularly for the granglers. There was no abatement of the selling movement up to 11 o'clock. The granglers showed losses of 1/2@1/2 per cent, the latter in the first income. The market at 12 o'clock was steady at the higher range of values.

Money on call easy at 2 1/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@5% per cent; sterling-exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483/4@489/4 per cent for demand and 483/4@493/4 for sixty days; posted rates, 483/4@493/4 and 490@493/4; commercial bills 473/4@487/4; silver certificates, 64% bld; no sellers; bar silver, 64; Mexican dollars, 50%; government bonds firm.

Closing quotations were:

Atchison	54	Manhattan	114
Aust. Tobac.	134	Missouri Pac.	23
Baltimore & O.	5	Michigan Cent.	1
Can. Pacific	33	North Pacific	1
C. B. & Q.	73	North Pac. of U.	16
C. C. & St. L.	37	N. Y. Central	93
Canton	50	Northwestern	20
Charleston	71	N. Y. N. E.	35
Chester & O.	17	N. American	45
Chi. & H. N.	17	Omaha	31
Chi. & W.	16	Omaha and St.	16
Dist. of Chi. & St. L.	14	Out & West St.	16
Den. & R. G.	70	Pacific Mail	23
Emp.	9	Penn.	1
East. Illinois	12	Rock Island	12
Hocking Valley	26	Richmond	1
Illinoian Central	1	Silver Cent.	1
Jersey Central	96	Sugar Ref.	100
Kan. & Tex. pfd.	25	St. Paul	50
L. & N.	1	St. Paul pfd.	1
L. & N. & C.	51	Texas & Pacific	1
L. & N. & W.	14	Western Union	88
L. E. & W. pfd.	13	Wabash	16
Lake Shore	136	Wisconsin C. t.	1

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Liverpool.

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Peoria.

Peoria, Ill., March 27.—Corn—No. 2	45c	45c
May	47c	47c
July	57	57
Sept.	57c	57c
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March	45c	45c
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May	49c	49c
July	49c	49c
Sept.	49c	49c
Peoria	12.5/4	12.50
July	12.50	12.50
Sept.	12.50	12.50

Liverpool.

Liverpool, March 27.—Wheat—2pds.	53c	53c
May	55c	55c
July	57c	57c
Sept.	57c	57c
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New York.

New York, March 27.—Butter—Receipts, 5,315 pkgs; western dairy, 8d 13c; western creamery, 13d 12c; Elgin 2c. Eggs—Receipts, 16,310 pkgs; western, 12c. Coffee—quiet.	12.50
May	12.50
July	12.50
Sept.	12.50

Toledo.

Toledo, O., March 27.—Wheat—Cash March, 45c 1/2d; May, 45c 1/2d; July, 47c; August, 47c; No. 3 soft, 53c.

Corn—Cash, 45c; May, 46c; July, 47c.

Short Ribs—May, 6.25; 6.10; 6.12c; 6.15.

July, 6.25; 6.25; 6.27c; 6.30.

Sept., 6.25; 6.40; 6.42c; 6.45.

Chicago Produce Market.

The following quotations are for large lots only; small quantities are usually sold at advanced prices:

Vegetables—Cabbage, \$2.75@23 per crate; celery, 10@25 per doz; carrots 5@30c per bbl; egg plant, 50@61 per doz; lettuce, 75@80c per case; onions, 1.50@2 per bbl; yellow, \$1.50@2; string beans, green, 75@82.25 per 1-lb box; wax, 25@30 per bbl; squash, \$1.25@3.50 per bu.

Butter—Creameries, extra, 20c per lb; firsts, 18@19c; seconds, 17@15c; third, 19@21c; dairies, extra, 18c; firsts, 14@15c; seconds, 8@10c; imitation creameries, extra, 15c; 14d; extra, 13c; 13c; firsts, 9@10c; seconds, 6@7c; packing stock, fresh, 6@7c; grease, 3@5c.

Cheese—Young Americans, new, 104@105c; twins, new, 92@104c; cheddars 92@104c; bricks, choice to fine, 104@114c; Limburger, 92@11c; Swiss, new, 104@11c.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, choice, 11@12c per lb; fowl to good, 10@11c; springs, 10c; roasters, 6@7c; ducks, fair to choice, 12@13c; geese, \$8@9c.

Apples—\$1.75@4.00 per brl.

Potatoes—Hebrons, 64@66c per bu; rose, 60@64c; peerless, 66@64c; Bur. Banks, 66@68c. Sweet potatoes, Illinois, \$2@2.50 per bbl.

Eggs—Salable at 104c per doz when cases are returned, 11c cases included.

Live Stock.

Chicago, March 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; calves, 400. The best cattle sold around \$6.25 and \$6.45 was the outside quotation. Common light steers could be had at \$4.15@4.50, and the bulk of the dressed beef and shipping sorts changed owners at \$4.75@6. Good butchers' stock was not more than 10c lower, and canners' stock showed scarcely any change. The calf market was lower than last week, the best grades being quoted at \$5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 29,000. Top sales were \$4 for assorted light and \$5 for prime heavy. The quality was not as good as for yesterday, but was above the recent average. Sales were principally at \$4.80@4.90 for 160 to 200 lb. hogs and largely at \$5.00@5.10 for heavier weights.

Sheep—Receipts, \$1.40@1.45. Choice sheep were quoted at \$1.60@1.75 and choice lambs at \$1.75@1.80 from those brands.

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WILL SUFFER DEATH.

LI HUNG CHANG'S ASSAILANT
DENOUNCED.

The Mikado of Japan Says the Severe Form of Punishment Must Be Inflicted—Interesting Items From Foreign Lands.

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REBELS TAKE TWO PLACES.

Spanish Troops Defeated at Bayano and Manzanillo, Cuba.

New York, March 27.—A special dispatch from Tampa says:

"Havana passengers by the Olivette bring the rumor that the insurgents have taken possession of Bayano and Manzanillo, repulsing Col. Santocildes' troops at Manzanillo with heavy loss. The rumor was current at the Louvre, but the newspapers only announced the fact that Santocildes had met the insurgents at Manzanillo. As the Louvre is the resort of many Spanish officers, from whom the rumor gained circulation in Havana, it is generally credited. No news of the battle can be gained through newspapers."

"Conscription of Cubans for military duty is being advocated by the Spanish officers in Havana, and it is believed that such a move will soon be made. About twenty-five young men have arrived here from Havana, anticipating such a movement. Their parents are anxious to have them escape such unwelcome service. Some of the boys say they hope to make their way into the Cuban lines from this country, but they have no desire to bear arms for Spain. About twenty soldiers are fitting out here, ostensibly for the sponge banks, but it is not believed that this is the destination of all of them."

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