

## SETBACK FOR WHEAT.

## CORN TAKES ITS PLACE AT CHICAGO.

The Latter Sells Nearly 1 Cent Up Early and Has Good Support Late—Provisions Dull—Wall Street Doings and Prices.

Chicago, May 8.—Wheat traders were considerably at sea during the morning. There seemed to be a lack of confidence among both longs and shorts. The early cables were helpful as Liverpool was quoted  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  up. The cable influence was offset by the general rains and the flattening crop conditions. The Washington weekly crop bulletins were the best yet sent out for the crop year. The best support in the market, however, came from the country. North-west cars were about the same as a year ago. Local shipments were encouraging at 310,000 bu. Export clearances were not encouraging at a little more than 300,000 in wheat and flour. Continental cables repeated by New York houses at 11 o'clock gave Berlin wheat 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  marks lower, with Russian offerings liberal and crop prospects excellent. It was reported that another 100,000 bu cash wheat sold here to Toledo. July wheat opened at 62 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 63 $\frac{1}{4}$  and took an early drop to 62 $\frac{1}{4}$ . From this the price climbed to 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ , then on a stronger bulge to 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ , settled back slowly to 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and after midday broke to 62 $\frac{1}{2}$  and became quiet at  $\frac{1}{4}$  under last night.

Wheat closed heavy at 61 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 62 $\frac{1}{2}$  for September. This was  $\frac{1}{4}$  under last night for July and about 1 cent off for September. The cash wheat for Toledo was confirmed at 75, 300 bu. New York reported 8 boatloads for export. Vessel market was taken for 280,000 bu wheat.

After quite a checkered course during the morning the price of July corn held at  $\frac{1}{4}$  better than Tuesday closing figure the last hour to-day. For July the action was 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ at opening, touched 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, went to 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and back to 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. On the bulge May was at 51¢ and September at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. The local receipts were extremely light at 85 cars. The estimate for to-morrow was the same, 85 cars. Local shipments were 210,000 bu. Out inspection here, 319,000 bu. At Western markets receipts were 140,000 bu and shipments, 329,000. Four ports showed 107,000 bu cleared for the day. New Orleans, 30,000. The receivers reported prospect of a better run of receipts following corn planting season and with better roads in Illinois and Indiana. But the belief is quite general that following such receipts may come the scarcity in the country and the possible squeeze in the market. Crop prospects may do for next year, but the trade is in July and September now.

Corn alone closed at a gain for the day at 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ May, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ July, 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ September. Local charters were 75,000. There was some covering by shorts, some outside buying orders to fill, and pork especially got a lift. July sold at \$11.97 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$12.20, September at \$12.15 and \$12.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the close was at \$12.17 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$12.35, over 20¢ up. Lard was slow and closed 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ up at \$6.67 $\frac{1}{2}$  July, \$6.82 $\frac{1}{2}$  September. Ribs gained 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ at \$6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$  and \$6.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Quotations were:

Articles.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—No. 2.			
May	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$
July	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept	63 $\frac{1}{2}$	62 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn—No. 2.			
May	51	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$
July	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oats—No. 2.			
May	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
June	29	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
July	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pork—			
May	12.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.00	12.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
July	12.20	11.97 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept	12.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.15	12.35
Lard—			
May	6.55	6.52 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.55
July	6.70	6.65	6.67 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept	6.85	6.80	6.82 $\frac{1}{2}$
Short Ribs—			
May	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.00	6.02 $\frac{1}{2}$
July	6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.07 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sept	6.27 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.22 $\frac{1}{2}$	6.27 $\frac{1}{2}$

**Chicago Produce Market.**  
The following quotations are for large lots only; small quantities are usually sold at advanced prices:

Vegetables—Cabbage, \$5.50 per crate; celery, 20¢ to 40¢ per doz; carrots, 75¢ to 90¢ per brl; lettuce, 75¢ to 90¢ per case; onions, 75¢ to 82¢ per brl; string beans, green, 1.25¢ to 1.50¢ per 1-bu box; wax, 32¢ to 35¢ per brl; squash, 1.25¢ to 1.50¢ per doz; turnips, 18¢ to 20¢ per bu.

Butter—Creameries, extra, 15¢ per lb; firsts, 14¢ to 15¢; seconds, 15¢; third, 12¢; dairies, extra, 15¢; firsts, 15¢; seconds, 10¢; imitation creameries, extra, 15¢; ladies, extra, 10¢ to 12¢; firsts, 9¢; seconds, 7¢; packing stock, fresh, 7¢; grease, 3¢ to 5¢.

Cheese—Young Americans, new, 8¢ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; bricks, choice to fine, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 12¢; Limburger, 11¢ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Swiss, new, 10¢ to 11¢.

Live Poultry—Turkeys, choice, 10¢ per lb; fair to good, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 9¢; ducks, fair to choice, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 11¢; geese, 33¢ to 34¢ per doz.

Apples—\$1.75 to \$3.50 per brl.

Potatoes—Hebrons, 57¢ to 58¢ per bu; rose, 50¢ to 55¢; peerless, 50¢ to 55¢; Burbanks, 58¢ to 60¢. Sweet potatoes, Illinois, 32¢ to 35¢ per brl.

Eggs—Salable at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 12¢ per doz when cases are returned; 12¢ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ cases included.

**Wheat and Corn.**  
Closing prices of wheat and corn at the following named cities were:  
Wheat—New York—May, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; September, 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. St. Louis—May, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 61 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 61 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Duluth—May, 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Minneapolis—May, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Baltimore—May, 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 66¢. Toledo—Cash, 67¢; June, 67¢. Milwaukee—Cash, 62¢; July, 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Detroit—Cash, 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

Corn—New York—May, 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ bid. St. Louis—May, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Baltimore—May, 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; July, 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

**Wall Street.**  
New York, May 8.—The stock market opened active and generally higher. A drive against Sugar and the granagers stemmed the advancing tendency and Sugar fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent; Burlington,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢; Northwestern,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢; St. Paul,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢, and Rock Island,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Leather broke  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ and the general list a smaller fraction. Values in the main continued to recede un-

til 10:30. Some few stocks, however, were notably strong, of which the most prominent were Panhandle common and Erie preferred, which moved up  $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ and 1 per cent, respectively. Toward noon Distilling came into good demand and rose 1 per cent; Canada Southern made a similar gain. At 12 o'clock the market was steady.

Money on call easy at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange weak and lower, with actual business in bankers' bills at 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for demand and 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ for sixty days. Posted rates, 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; silver certificates, 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 67 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢; no sales; bar silver, 67¢; Mexican dollars, 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Government bonds strong.

Closing quotations were:

Atchafalpa	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Manhattan Con	118 $\frac{1}{2}$
Am. Cotton Oil	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	Missouri Pac	28 $\frac{1}{2}$
Amer. Tobac	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	Michigan Cent	40 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore & O	58 $\frac{1}{2}$	Northern Pac	40 $\frac{1}{2}$
Can. Pac	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Pac pfd	23 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. B. and Q.	77 $\frac{1}{2}$	N. Y. Central	99 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. C. & St. L.	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	Northwestern	97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corning	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	N. Y. & N. E.	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago Gas	73 $\frac{1}{2}$	N. American	35 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chesapeake & O	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	Omaha pfd	30 $\frac{1}{2}$
Del. & Hudson	130	Pacific Mail	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
D. L. & W.	160 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ont. & West'n	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dist. Cat. P. C.	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	Pullman	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Den. & R. G. pfd	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	Reading	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
Erie	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Rock Island	68
East'n Illinois	16	Richmond Ter	68
East Tennessee	16	Silver Car	114 $\frac{1}{2}$
Illinois Central	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	Sugar Refinery	114 $\frac{1}{2}$
Jersey Central	96 $\frac{1}{2}$	St. Paul	64 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kan. & Tex. pfd	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	St. Paul pfd	64 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lead	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	Texas & Pa. cific	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
L. N. & C.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Union Pac	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
L. N. & C.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Western Union	90 $\frac{1}{2}$
Linseed Oil	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wabash	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lake Erie & W.	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wabash pfd	17 $\frac{1}{2}$
L. E. & W. pfd	77 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wiscon'n Cent	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lake Shore	144		

Government bonds stand at the following bid prices:

Registered 2s.	97	Currency 6s.	97.106
Registered 4s.	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	Currency 6s.	98.100
Coupon 4s.	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	Currency 6s.	99.111 $\frac{1}{2}$
Currency 6s.	95.100	Coupon 6s.	100.100
Currency 6s.	96.102 $\frac{1}{2}$	Registered 5s.	100.100

**Live Stock.**

Chicago, May 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; calves, 500. Common to choice native steers weighing from 930 to 1,650 lbs were salable at \$4.25 to \$6, with the bulk of the transactions at \$5 to \$5.65. For butchers and canners' stock there was a brisker demand than for dressed beef cattle, and prices ruled strong, cows and heifers selling at \$1.50 to \$4.75, chiefly at \$2.40 to \$4.35. Bulls sold freely at \$2 to \$4.50, and veal calves were firm, with ready sales at \$3 to \$5 per 100 lbs, an advance within a week of fully 50¢. The stocker and feeder trade was fairly active at considerably higher prices than were paid last week, sales being at an extreme range of \$2.60 to \$4.80. Texas cattle receipts were about 2,000 head, and there was a good demand at firm prices, not many grass cattle being offered. The best sold around \$5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000.—Heavy hogs sold at an extreme range of \$4.25 to \$4.75, light and mixed at \$4.25 to \$4.60 and pigs at \$4 to \$4.25, while culls were picked up at \$2 to \$4. The larger part of the hogs sold at \$4.50 to \$4.65, and one lot brought \$4.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Prices were strong to the higher, with sales of inferior to choice sheep at \$1.60 to \$4.65, the bulk going at \$2.50 to \$4.50. One of the most noteworthy sales was that of a flock of 600 head of western-fed sheep from Rochelle, Ill., to an exporter at \$4.50. There were numerous sales of western sheep at \$4 to \$4.40 and lambs sold actively at \$5 to \$5.55.

**Liverpool.**  
Liverpool, May 8.—Wheat—No. 2 red winter, 5s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; No. 2 red spring, 5s 6d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 6d; No. 1 California, 5s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Futures, 5s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; June, 5s 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; July, 5s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; August, 5s 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; September, 5s 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d; October, 5s 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Corn—Spot—American mixed, new, 4s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Futures, May, 4s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; June, 4s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; July, 4s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; August, 4s 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d; September, 4s 8d; October, 4s 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Flour—St. Louis fancy winter, 6s 6d.

**Peoria.**  
Peoria, May 8.—Corn—No. 2, 50¢; No. 3, 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Oats—No. 2 white, 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; No. 3 white, 31¢ to 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Rye—No. 2, 64¢ to 65¢. Whisky—High proof spirits, \$1.23; finished goods, \$1.22. Receipts—Wheat, 600 bu; corn, 22,100 bu; oats, 58,300 bu; rye, none; barley, 2,100 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 12,000 bu; corn, 11,000 bu; oats, 45,000 bu; rye, none; barley, none.

**New York.**  
New York, May 8.—Butter—Receipts, 5,635 pkgs; western, dairy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; western creamery, 12¢ to 18¢; Eggs—Receipts, 9,369 pkgs; western, 18¢ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. Coffee—No. 7, 16¢.

**Toledo.**  
Toledo, O., May 8.—Wheat—Cash, May and June, 67¢ asked; July, 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ asked; August, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ asked; No. 3 soft, 66¢. Corn—Cash, 51¢. Oats—Cash, 30¢ nominal.

## DISPENSARY LAW INVALID.

Cannot Prevent Importation of Liquor—Registration Act Unconstitutional.

Columbia, S. C., May 8.—Judges Simonton and Goff have decided that the provision of the state dispensary law preventing importations of liquor for private use in the state is contrary to the interstate commerce act and is null and void. An injunction has been issued restraining the seizure of such liquor. The court proceedings against Liquor Commissioner Mixson and Constables Davis and Lafar were dismissed.

Judge Goff also declared the registration law unconstitutional and issued an order restraining Supervisor Green from performing the duties of his office.

## Treaty Is Ratified.

Shanghai, May 8.—It is stated here that the ratifications of the treaty of peace between China and Japan were exchanged today at Chee Foo. It is reported that Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-general of the Chinese customs, has guaranteed the payment of the additional indemnity demanded by Japan as a result of relinquishing her claim to the Liao Tung peninsula, in compliance with the views of Russia, France and Germany. Sir Robert Hart, however, makes his guaranty conditional on the financing of the total indemnity being left in his hands.

## TWO MEN WITH NERVE

## BOLD STAGE ROBBERY IN CALIFORNIA.

Two Bandits Experienced in the Work Relieve Passengers of \$1,300—No Resistance Made and the Robbers Escape.

Calistoga, Cal., May 8.—Two masked robbers overtook a stage containing a number of San Francisco people on their way to the summer resorts of Lake county yesterday and relieved them of their valuables. The robbers secured about \$1,300 from the passengers and looted the Wells-Fargo treasure box, but how much they got from it is not known.

The hold-up was between Calistoga and Clear Lake. The stage left Calistoga at noon and had reached a point one and one-half miles from Mirabel when two masked men stepped from the bushes lining the road and ordered the driver to halt. Keeping their pistols pointed at his head, they made him throw down the express box. While one of the highwaymen kept the driver and the passengers covered the other broke open the box, but found no money. The passengers were stood up and while one of the robbers kept them in order with his weapon the other searched pockets. These highwaymen went about their work like old hands at the business, one in particular being as cool about it as if he were collecting taxes. Twelve hundred dollars reward has been offered for the capture of the robbers.

## VICTIM OF A CONSPIRACY.

Gov. Brown Claims a Plot Was Laid to Kill His Son.

Louisville, Ky., May 8.—The Courier-Journal prints the following: "The sensation attending the Gordon double killing is not over by half. The prosecution will attempt to prove that Arch Dixon Brown's death was due to a plot to assassinate him. Governor Brown has reason to believe that the facts of his son's coming to Louisville on the day of the tragedy and his meeting with Mrs. Gordon were known to a man in Frankfort, who telegraphed to a man in Louisville. This Louisville man, the prosecution claims, notified Gordon that his wife was to meet Brown and 'actively assisted in a foul assassination.' Mr. James A. Scott, the Frankfort attorney employed by Governor Brown to prosecute the case, said:

"I want to say that Governor Brown never authorized any statement that he would not prosecute the case nor did he ever dream of granting a pardon to Gordon; as has been stated. Before deciding on the step Governor Brown took counsel with a number of intimate friends from all over the state. He came to the conclusion that it was due the memory of his son that there should be a full and fair investigation of all the facts. He was convinced that Gordon must have known that his wife was dissipated, reckless and imprudent. Governor Brown and his counsel would shrink from any attack on Mrs. Gordon's character, but would prefer to throw the veil of charity over all her acts, especially as she is dead. The future will determine whether it will be necessary to further blacken the character of Mrs. Gordon in order to show the defendant's thorough knowledge of it. I think the developments will be surprising to some people."

## END OF THE WAR AT HAND.

Report That Cuban Rebels Are Ready to Quit Fighting.

New York, May 8.—A special from Havana to a morning paper says: "The end of the war is at hand. The rumor is confirmed in all well informed circles. The chiefs of the insurgents have abandoned their cause in despair. Capt. Gen. Martinez Campos has ordered that the works on the port of Santiago be begun at once. Railway and telegraph lines are to be built, rebuilt and improved through Manzanillo, Bayamo, Puerto Principe, Santa Cruz, San Luis and Soriano. President Cleveland's cordial interview with Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister, is reported by the newspapers here and causes great enthusiasm among the people. This is discernible, even in the wild applause with which is greeted the announcement that the Spanish government has ordained a diminution of the tax rate on all the industries and railways in Cuba."

## Rebels Oppose Annexation.

New York, May 8.—A special to the Herald from Nassau, N. P., says: "News has been received here from Santiago de Cuba in which it is stated that the revolutionary chiefs in interviews declare their opposition to annexation to the United States. They desire the independence of the island under the protection of the United States and free trade with that republic. General Maximo Gomez thinks the war will last two years."

## Catholic Knights at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—All the supreme officers of the Catholic Knights of America have arrived in Omaha and are now at work completing arrangements for the national convention of the order, which will convene in this city Tuesday. Supreme Secretary O'Rourke stated that the organization, whose chief feature is mutual insurance, is steadily gaining in membership, almost every state and territory now having its branches.

## Faculty Reconsiders Its Action.

Boston, Mass., May 8.—The foot ball question at Harvard is settled at last. The faculty voted at its meeting yesterday not to prohibit any student from playing foot ball. This places the foot ball situation just where it was some months ago, before the faculty voted to put a stop to the game.

## John B. Tait Hopelessly Insane.

New York, May 8.—John B. Tait, who is under indictment for stealing \$15,000 from the Chemical National bank, where he was paying teller, will probably never be tried. Experts have decided that he is insane and has been so for three years.

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