

WHEAT HEADS LOCAL GRADE BOARD

Meeting of Merchants Exchange Association.

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STOCKS SHOW STRONG RAILWAY SHARES SCORE

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BY ALEXANDER DANA NOTES.

(By Chicago Tribune Special Writer.)

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Standard Oil of New York, 42 1/2; Standard Oil of Texas, 42 1/2; Standard Oil of Wisconsin, 42 1/2.

Standard Oil of North Carolina, 42 1/2; Standard Oil of Louisiana, 42 1/2; Standard Oil of Missouri, 42 1/2.

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