

WHEAT DISAPPEARED

Market Responds to Strength Shown at Chicago.

CROP CONDITION IS FACTOR

Ten Thousand Bushels of Bluestem Sold on Local Board as Consequence of Improved Sentiment.

Ten thousand bushels of April bluestem have been offered for sale at the Merchants' Exchange for several days, and yesterday, with market sentiment more cheerful because of the strength shown by the Chicago market, the lot found buyers at \$1.02 and \$1.03. These prices were 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 cents better than the bid of the preceding day, but even at that the wheat was bought cheaper than it could be obtained in the country. The deal had no other significance, as there has been no betterment of market conditions, so far as demand is concerned.

Other wheat bids were higher by from 1 to 2 cents, as compared with Wednesday. Country reports were of more or less stagnant trade. Here and there buyers were out with offers, but farmers were not interested.

There was a firmer feeling in the oats market, and bids were advanced a quarter. It is said there are plenty of oats in the country, but growers are not offering to sell.

The local exchange will be closed today, Good Friday. The Eastern Exchanges will also be closed today and tomorrow.

Antoine wheat quotations this week are estimated at 3,200,000 bushels.

In commenting on the position of the English wheat market, the London correspondent of the Northwest Miller writes: "The position generally is still at the mercy of the freight market, as the shortage of tonnage in many directions remains very acute, and although rates are somewhat easier, the decline is not sufficient to exercise any practical influence upon the wheat market."

"The course of the market is, moreover, rendered more or less problematical by the tendency to limitations in the consumptive demand, the urgent freight question and the equally unwelcome fact that the trade in this country to make provision for requirements two or three months ahead. In some influential quarters it is strongly suggested that the last summer's consideration may involve the possibility of a rise in the price of wheat resulting from a depletion of stocks."

As the freight market conditions are quiet all around, the trade is of the opinion that the shortage of tonnage and the exorbitant rates demanded by neutral shipping compels merchants to withhold orders for early shipments, and that the Government brokers are very reserved. For the June position the outlook is in favor of shippers for Government account in the United States section the interest is limited and freights are barely steady. April is difficult in point of loading, and May tonnage is reported as likely to be sufficient.

Terminal receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows: Wheat Flour Flour Oats Hay Corn...

Portland Thursday, April 20, 1916. 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GERMAN CONSERVES COFFEE STOCKS Steps Taken to Protect Supply Needed by Army.

The fact that the German government has taken over the imports of coffee and the supply of the army for a long time in the future, and that the supply of coffee is still in Germany, says Bensford, Lyon & Co. of New York.

For the first eight months of this crop year the imports of coffee into Germany were 2,200,000 bags, for the same period in 1912-1913, which may be taken as a normal year, they were 3,000,000 bags. It is said to be safe to assume, therefore, that the supply of coffee in Germany is sufficient to meet the requirements of the army for the next year. This amount to 22,000,000 pounds. Thus far the coffee market has not shown any weakness in the future, and it is probable that this trader, which is a very good indication of the strength of this market.

It is very probable that if Germany is not able to secure coffee during the remainder of the war, a heavy shortage will be carried to Brazil by German interests in order that, when the war closes, that country may be able to secure a supply for immediate consumption without being forced to pay the advanced price, which would naturally follow the end of the war.

CUBA BUTTER SELLS AT LOWER PRICE City Creamery Offered at Various Quotations - Eggs Are Firm.

The butter market was weak. Cubes sold at 27 cents yesterday for extras, and firms were offered at 26 cents. City creamery prices were quoted at 30 to 32 1/2 cents. There will be a heavy demand in cheese prices this morning. Flats will be quoted at 18 cents f. o. b. dock, and Young Americas at 19 cents.

The egg market was firm with 22 cents the general selling price. Large buyers are offering from 21 to 21 1/2 cents to shippers. Poultry was firm with hens selling at 17 1/2 cents, according to grade. There is a heavy demand for chickens, which were quoted at 29 cents a pound.

STRAWBERRY SUPPLY IS LARGE Los Angeles Fruit in Good Condition and Sells at Lower Price.

The strawberry supply was large yesterday and the demand was good. Two cars were in from Los Angeles. The quality was fine and prices ranged from \$1.15 to \$1.25 a crate.

About 17 cars of oranges were