POTATO MEN WILL HOLD TO JUNE 1

POTATO COMBINE HOLDS SHIPMENTS

DEALERS DENY THEY ARE VIOLATING THEIR AGREEMENT NOT TO SHIP STOCKS BEFORE JUNE 1—EGGS ARE QUOTED 1 CENT LOWER—TOBACCO UP.

Front Street, May 21.—The principal items of interest in the Portland wholesale markets today are:

Mutton is very weak.
Eggs are going down.
Chickens sell at same prices.
Not enough strawberries coming.
Tobacco advancing again.
Potato men deny charges.

Potato Men Deny Charges.

The members of the potato combine emphatically deny the charges that they are violating their agreement by shipping potatoes into the San Francisco market before the first of the month. By that time they expect all the small holdings to be cleaned up and from that time forth the shipments will just be large enough to keep the market in good shape with a better chance for higher prices. During the past day or two there has been quite heavy receipts of potatoes from eastern Oregon and the Palouse country, but with the exception of perhaps two or three more cars to arrive these shipments are practically at an end. Most of the late shipments were bought some time ago and the dealers who purcased them are only getting them to their destination. Ralph Wolf of Wolf & Sons, the leader of the present movement for higher prices, is authority for the above statements. He says that the plans of the combine were not completed until Tuesday morning, so shipments from the upper country before that time by members of the combine were perfectly legitimate. "There is no doubt in my mind," said Mr. Wolf, "that the market will go higher if the combine can control the shipments, which we are going to try hard to do. All the shipments of potatoes from this city after June 1 will go to our house in 'Frisco, so there will not be much chance for the bears to get hold of the market after that date. I myself do not believe that any of the members of the combine will violate the agreement not to ship before that time. It would be the best thing for the farmers not to ship any goods to the south in the meantime, for all advances in prices will benefit them as well as ourselves. When the market gets higher they can ship their goods, but large shipments now would simply wreck the market."

"I firmly believe," says McKinley Mitchell, "that all of the members of the combine are holding to their agreement not to ship potatoes before June 1. Until that time I have no potatoes to offer at any price—they simply are not for sale."

Are Planning an Excursion.

If the price of potatoes goes to the 2c mark, as is the intention of the combine, the members of the organization have decided to hire a special car and take a week's vacation in the Bay City, the expenses to be paid pro rata, according to the holding of the various dealers.

Mutton Is Very Weak.

The mutton market continues to weaken and the price is going to a lower level. The receipts today were not over large, but the natural tone is bad. Veal is having a fair sale for the better grade stock, but a large per cent of the arrivals are going into cold storage. Large receipts during the coming week would wreck the market. Hogs are fair with prices unchanged.

Chickens Sell at Same Prices.

There is no change in the tone of the chicken market today, but the larger retailers are talking of again putting the prices down. They say that at present chickens cost so much that the general public cannot afford them.

Eggs Are Quoted Lower.

Eggs are in larger receipt and the market price shows a decline of about 1c a dozen today. Most of the arrivals were purchased for cash. The men who have been putting their stocks into cold storage are rather wavering, and large receipts during the coming week would probably mean a cut in values.

Not Enough Strawberries Coming.

The receipts of strawberries from California are rather large, but the warmer weather has created a more spirited demand and today there was not enough berries to go around. Oregon berries have been arriving since last Saturday, but the movement is small and of little consequence in making values.

Tobaccos Are Higher Again.

The constant advices in the prices of leaf tobacco has caused some more higher prices in the tobacco market here. Today the manufacturers of Dipper Navy announced another rise of 3c a pound in the former quotations, and Wine Berry 2c a pound. The new quotation for the former is 36c and the latter 60c a pound.

Merchants' Opinions on Today's Markets.

W. B. Glafke Co.—Oregon berries sold as low as 10c a box yesterday; butter market unchanged.

W. T. Turner & Co.—Poultry all cleaned up; eggs fairly good demand.

Bell & Co.—Car California cabbage arrived today.

Chatterton & Co.—Eggs weaker; chickens in better demand; veal working off; hogs in demand.

Levy & Spiegl.—California steamer arrived with usual supply of fresh greens; car bananas due today; 1,500 crates of California strawberries arrived today on the street, but they were sold even before being unloaded.

G. S. Smith Co.—Very good demand for dairy butter.

Malarkey & Co.—Salmon is more plentiful; receipts of chinook from the Sacramento are large and more salmon is coming from southern Oregon; no change in price; shad very plentiful; no shrimps in market; plenty of razor clams, but demand is light.

D. E. Meikle.—Potatoes are properly busted.

Everding & Farrell.—Weakness in eggs with lower prices; veal in plenty and some stocks are going into cold storage; hogs are fair, but demand is not quite so strong; mutton were down; lambs very dull.

Dryer, O'Malley & Co.—California steamer arrived with fresh vegetables in good supply and condition; strawberries were short and prices were more stiff.

Page & Son.—Market is weak for both eggs and butter.

Toft, Hine & Co.—Receipts of veal very heavy; also mutton and lambs; liberal receipts of chickens with no lower tendency; contrary to reports, eggs are weak.

Wolf & Sons.—Potato market down in 'Frisco is dead; this condition will probably last 10 days.

McKinley Mitchell.—Potato market about the same.

Today's wholesale quotations, as revised, are as follows:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 75c; bluestem, 81@82c; valley, 80@81c.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50; rolled, $24.50; brewing, $23.50@24.00.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $25.00@25.50; gray, $23.00@24.00.

FLOUR — Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.40; straights, $3.65@3.70; valley, $3.95@4.05; graham, ½s, $3.65; 10s, $3.95.

MILLSTUFFS — Bran, $20.00 per ton; middlings, $25.50; shorts, country, $22.50; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Producers' price—Timothy, $18.00; eastern Oregon, $17.50; mixed, $14.00; clover, $11.00; grain, $12.00@12.50; cheat, $12.00@12.50.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—26@26½c for choice; 25@25½c for prime; poor quality, 18@20c; contract, 1904, 16@18c.

WOOL—Valley, coarse to medium, 16@16½c; fine, 16½@17c; eastern Oregon, 10@13c.

MOHAIR—New, 30@34c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 10@20c; short wool, 20@30c; medium wool, 30@50c; long wool, 50c@$1.00 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 lbs and up, 14½c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 12½c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15½c; dry salted, bulls and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 lbs or over, 6@7c; 50 to 60 lbs, 6c; under 50 lbs and cows, 5@6c; stags and bulls, sound, 4½c; kip, 15 to 30 lbs, 6½c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 6½c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8½c; green (unsalted) 1c per lb less; culls, 1c per lb less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—Sweet, 18½c; sour, 16½c.

BUTTER—City creameries, 20c; fancy, 17½c; ordinary, 15c; store, 12@12½c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon, 17@17½c; dirties, 17c; bakers, 17c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, twin, 11¼@12c; Young America, 14¼@15c.

POULTRY — Producers' prices — Chickens, mixed, 14@14½c per lb; hens, 14@15c per lb; roosters, old, 10@11c per lb; broilers, $3.00@3.50 per doz; fryers, $4.00@6.00 doz; ducks, old, 12c per lb; young, 13c per lb; geese, 7½@8c per lb; turkeys, 16@17c per lb; dressed, 18@20c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—$1.40; buyers' prices for fancy $1.10@1.15; ordinary, $1.25 per sack; buying, $1.00@1.10; new, 3@4c per lb.

ONIONS — Nominal; Oregon, $2.25; buying prices, best, $2.00; f. o. b. Portland, $2.00; Australia, $4.50.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, Oregon, $1.75@2.00 per box; oranges, navel, $2.00@2.50 per box; tangerines, $75c@$1.60 per box; bananas, 5¼c per lb; lemons, choice, $1.75@2.25 per box; fancy, $2.75@3.25 per box; limes, Mexican, 65c per 100; pineapples, $3.50; strawberries, $1.30@1.35 per box; cherries, $1.25 per box.

VEGETABLES — Turnips, 75@85c per sack; carrots, 75c per sack; beets, $1.25 per sack; Oregon radishes, 17½c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, (—); California, $2.50@2.25 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 45c per doz; green peppers, 5c per lb; horseradish, 7@8c per lb; celery, $1.00 per doz; tomatoes, California, $1.75@3.00 per crate; Florida, $3.25 per crate; parsnips, 75c@$1.25; cucumbers, $1.75 per doz; butter beans, 10c per lb; sprouts, 6c; cauliflower, $2.00; artichokes, 75c per doz; green peas, 5@6c per lb; asparagus, California, $2.00; Walla Walla, $1.25 per box; Oregon, $1.25 per box; green onions, 15c per doz.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per lb; apricots, 11@13c per lb; sacks, ¼c per lb less; peaches, 6@9c per lb; pears, 8½c per lb; prunes, Italian, 3½@4½c per lb; French, 3¼@4½c per lb; figs, California, blacks, 6@6½c per lb; do whites, 6¼@7c per lb; plums, pitted, 5¾@6c per lb; dates, golden, 6½c per lb; fards, $1.50 per 15-lb box.

RAISINS—Seeded, fancy, 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 9¾c pkg; seeded, 12-oz cartons, 7¾c; loose Muscatels, 50-lb boxes, 7@8¼c per lb; London layers, $1.85@2.00; clusters, $2.50@3.75; ½s, 25c; ¼s, 50c advance over pound cartons.

FIGS—Ten 1-lb cartons, choice brand, $1.00; 10 1-lb cartons, fancy brand, $1.10; 10 1-lb bricks, 2-crown, 90c; 10 1-lb bricks, 3-crown, 95c; 50 ½-lb bricks, per box, $2.25; 4-row layers, per 10-lb box, 90c; loose, 50-lb boxes, per lb, 6@6½c. Calismyrnas—Six-crown, 10-lb cartons, per box, $2.00; 5-crown, 10-lb carton, per box, $1.75; 4-crown, 20 1-lb cartons, per box, $1.75.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR — "Sack basis"—Cube, $6.10; powdered, $6.05; dry granulated, $5.85; beet granulated, $5.75; extra C, $5.35; golden C, $5.25; bbls, 10c; ½ bbls, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c cwt for cash, 15 days; maple, 14@16c per lb.

HONEY—14½@15c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, 21@23c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 11@13c per lb; package coffee, $12.87.

TEAS — Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; gunpowder, 28@32@35c; English breakfast, different grades, 12½@65c; spiderleg, uncolored Japan, 30@65c; green Japan (very scarce), 30@60c.

SALT—Fine—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $1.20@1.50; table, dairy, 50s, $9.00@11.50; 100s, $8.15@——; imported Liverpool, 50s, $15.00@16.50; 100s, $14.75@16.00; 224s, $14.50@15.50; extra fine, bbls, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, $4.00; bulk, 320 lbs, $3.50; sacks, 50s, 65c.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $5.20@6.50; 50s, per ton, $5.65@7.00; Liverpool lump rock, $15.50@16.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $6.25@6.75; 100s, $5.75@6.25.

(Above prices apply to sales of less than car lots. Car lots at special prices subject to fluctuations).

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, $5.75@6.00 per 100.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5⅝c; No. 2, 4⅝c; New Orleans head, 7@7½c.

BEANS—Small white, 3⅞c; large white, $3.50@3.60; pink, $4.00; bayou, 3¼c; Limas, $4.25.

NUTS—Peanuts, 7¼c; jumbos, 9½c lb; raw, 9@10c per lb for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per doz; walnuts, 14¾@15¾c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 15c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@15c per lb; almonds, 13@15c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present base at $2.85.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 13½c; standard, 12¾c; Sisal, 10½c.

Paints, Coal Oils, Etc.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 22c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 16½c per gal; wooden, —; headlight, 170-deg, cases, 24c per gal; headlight, iron bbls, 17½c per gal.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw in bbls, 52c per gal; cases, 57c per gal; genuine kettle boiled, cases, 59c per gal; bbls, 54c per gal; ground cake, car lots, $25.00 per ton; less than cars, $26.00 per ton.

GASOLINE—86-deg cases, 32c per gal, iron bbls, 26c per gal; stove, cases, 24½c per gal, iron bbls, 18c per gal.

BENZINE—63-deg cases, 22c, iron bbls, 15½c.

PAINT OIL—Raw, bbls, 33c per gal, cases 38c per gal; boiled, cases 40c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 85c per gal; wooden bbls, 81c per gal; iron bbls, 79c per gal; 10-lb case lots, 84c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c per lb.

Meats and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS — Inspected — Beef, prime, 7½@7¾c per lb; cows, 6¼@7c per lb; mutton, dressed 6c per lb; lambs, dressed, 10c per lb.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef, steers, 6@7½c per lb; pork, block 7@7½c per lb; packers, 7@7½c per lb; bulls, 4@4½c per lb; mutton, dressed, 5@5½c per lb; veal, extra 7c, ordinary 6c, poor 4@5c per lb; lambs, with pelts, 6½c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 12½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs, 12½c per lb; 10 to 20 lbs, 12½c per lb; cottage, 9½c per lb; picnic, 9c per lb; breakfast bacon, 11¼@15c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 9¼c per lb; smoked, 10c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 9c per lb; smoked, 10c per lb; Union butts, 10 to 15 lbs, unsmoked, 8c per lb; smoked, 9c per lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 9⅞c per lb; 5s, 10c per lb; 50-lb tins, 9¾c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 8⅞c per lb; 5s, 9c per lb; 50s, 8⅝c per lb; compound tierces, 6¾c per lb; tubs, 7c per lb; 50s, 7c per lb.

CANNED SALMON—Columbia river, 1-lb talls, $1.85; 2-lb talls, $2.45; fancy, 1-lb flats, $1.85; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.25; fancy, 1-lb oval, $2.65; Alaska talls, pink, $80@85c; red, $1.50; nominal 2s, talls, $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 5c per lb; crabs, $1.25 per doz; razor clams, 9c per doz; little-neck clams, 8c; striped bass, 10@12½c per lb; catfish, 8c per lb; salmon, chinook, 8c per lb; steelheads, 8c per lb; herring, 5c per lb; soles, 6c per lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; shad, dressed, 8c per lb; perch, 5c per lb; shad roe, 12½c per lb; roe shad, 5c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $3.75 net; Olympia, per sack, $5.25.

Retail Lumber Prices.

	Com. Per M Ft.	Select Per M Ft.	Clear Per M Ft.
Rough, dimension regular sizes 2x3 to 12x12, 32 ft.	$ 8.50	$16.00	$23.00
Rough, dimension regular sizes to 12x12, 34-40 ft...	9.50	17.00	24.00
Rough, dimension regular sizes to 12x12, 42-48 ft...	11.50	19.00	26.00
Rough, dimension regular sizes to 12x12, 50-56 ft...	15.50	23.00	30.00
For each additional 2 inches in width add	1.00	2.00	2.00
For odd and fractional sizes sawed add not less than	2.00	3.00	4.00
For sawing vertical grain to 4x12 add	3.00	3.00	3.00
Common rough boards, regular sizes to 12 in. wide to 24 ft. inc., assorted lengths	9.50	11.00	

Specified lengths of boards $1.00 per M feet additional.

Board to consist of lumber less than 2 inches in thickness.

CATTLE MARKET IS SLIGHTLY EASIER

Portland Union Stockyards, May 21.—The receipts of livestock today were quite small and consisted of but 66 hogs. The tone of the market remains unchanged. Cattle are not quite so firm, but prices are the same. The sheep market is still wrong. Official ruling prices show:

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.75; best valley steers, $4.00@4.50; medium steers, $3.75@3.90; cows, $3.70@3.90; bulls, $2.00@3.50; stags, $3.50@3.65.

Hogs—Best heavy, $5.50@5.75; block, $5.45@5.50; China fats, $5.00@5.25; stockers and feeders, $5.50@6.00.

Sheep—Prices nominal. Best grain-fed wethers and lambs, $2.50; sheared, $2.00; mixed sheep, $2.00.

EASTERN HOGS LOWER.

Chicago, May 21.—Livestock receipts:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	11,000	300	5,000
Kansas City	3,000	100	250
Omaha	8,000	400	250

Hogs closed 5c lower with 65,000 left over. Receipts a year ago were 11,000. Ruling hog prices: Mixed and butchers, $4.35@4.75; good, $4.65@4.75; rough, $4.35@4.55; light, $4.25@4.65.

Cattle—Steady.
Sheep—Steady.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

Milwaukee, May 21.—Close: Wheat—July, old, 89c bid.

Corn—July, 48¼c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Duluth, May 21.—Close: Wheat—July, 92Zc.

WALL STREET FEELS BETTER, BEARS DON'T

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

New York, May 21.—Logan & Bryan say: There is a better feeling in Wall street, but it is not shared in by the bears. The market is strong and shows a sustaining power. There is no doubt a good deal of the buying is in the way of covering of shorts. The remaining short interest is no doubt large. There is some hopefulness expressed that prices will advance next week.

The market today:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Anaconda Mining Co.				74½
Amal. Copper Co.	49⅝	50	49½	49⅝
Atchison, common	68⅝	69⅛	68⅛	69⅛
do preferred				92
Am. Car & Foundry, c	17	17⅛	17	17
do preferred				70
Am. Sugar, common	125¼	126¼	125¼	126
Am. Smelter, common	49	49¼	49	49
do preferred	95	95⅛	95	95
Baltimore & Ohio, com.	78⅜	78½	78⅛	78⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	45⅝	46⅛	45⅝	46⅝
Canadian Pacific, com.	117⅛	117⅝	117	117⅛
Chicago & Alton, com.	37⅝	37⅞	37¼	37½
do preferred				80½
C. & G. W., common	15	15	14⅞	14⅞
Chi. Mil. & St. Paul	139⅝	140¼	139⅝	140⅝
C. & N. W., common				169
Chesapeake & Ohio	30	30⅛	30	30
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com				28⅛
Colo. Southern, common				15
do second preferred	21	21⅛	20⅝	20⅝
Delaware & Hudson				155¼
Dela., Lack. & West.				267
D. & R. G., common				19⅛
do preferred				65⅝
Erie, common	23⅛	24⅛	23⅛	24
do second preferred	35	35⅛	35	35
do first preferred	59	59⅝	59	59⅝
Illinois Central				129
Louisville & Nashville	107¼	108	107¼	107¼
Met. Traction Co.	110⅝	111	110⅝	110⅝
Manhattan Elevated	143¼	143¼	142⅝	143½
Mexican Central Ry.	7¼	7⅜	7¼	7⅛
Minn., St. P. & Ste. M.				62½
do preferred				118⅝
Missouri Pacific	90½	90½	90¼	90
M. K. & T., common	15⅝	15⅝	15½	15½
do preferred	35½	35½	35	35⅝
New York Central	114½	114½	114⅝	114⅝
Norfolk & Western, c				56½
do preferred				85
North American				80
N. Y., Ont. & Western	21	21½	21	21⅛
Pennsylvania Ry.	113⅝	114½	113⅝	114¼
P. G. L. & C. Co.				95
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	26	26¼	26	26¼
Reading, common	42	44	41⅞	43¼
do second preferred				61
do first preferred				78¼
Rep. Iron & Steel, com	6¼	6¼	6¼	6½
Rock Island, common	20½	21⅛	20⅛	21⅛
do preferred	65	65	64⅝	64½
Southern Ry., common	20⅜	20⅝	20⅜	20½
do preferred	82⅝	82⅝	82½	82½
Southern Pacific	46	46⅝	45⅞	46⅛
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.				44⅝
do first preferred				60
St. Louis & S.W., com				12⅛
do preferred				32½
Texas & Pacific				20⅜
Tennessee Coal & Iron	33⅛	34⅜	33⅛	33⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W., com				24
do preferred				37⅛
Union Pacific, common	83⅝	83⅝	83⅜	83⅛
do preferred				91¼
U. S. Leather, common				6⅝
do preferred				79
U. S. Rubber, common	16⅛	16⅜	16⅜	16⅝
do preferred				66½
U. S. Steel Co., common	9⅛	9⅛	9	9⅛
do preferred	53	54⅝	53	54⅛
Wheel. & Lake Erie, com				15
do first preferred				42
Wisconsin Central, com	17	17	17	17
do preferred	39	39	38¾	38½
W. U. Telegraph	86½	87¼	86½	87½
Wabash, common				17
do preferred	33⅝	34⅛	33¾	34⅛

Total sales for day, 148,300 shares.

BOSTON STOCK MARKET.

Boston, May 21.—Stocks close:

	Bid.	Ask.
Zinc	9¼	10
Arcadian	40	50
Atlantic	7½	8
Bingham	10⅝	11¼
Calumet	455	460
Centennial	19⅛	20
Copper Range	42⅜	43
Daly West	22½	23
Dominion Coal	63	65
Michigan	4¼	4½
Mohawk	40	40½
Old Colony Mining	75	75½
Osceola	56	57
Parrot	24	24½
Santa Fe	127	127½
Shannon	7	7⅛
Victoria	2¾	3
Wolverine	70	72½
Old Dominion	11⅝	12½
United States	19⅝	20

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.

New York, May 21.—The bank statement issued today shows:

	Decrease.
Reserve	*$ 177,025
Reserve other than U. S.	1,340,825
Loans	22,375,100
Legals	* 1,046,400
Specie	8,131,700
Deposits	29,049,300
Circulation	476,700

*Increase.

CHICAGO LOCAL STOCKS.

Chicago, May 21.—Close:

	Bid.	Ask.
National Biscuit	44	44½
do preferred	105	106
American Box	1¼	1½
do preferred	12⅝	...
American Can Co.	3⅛	4½
do preferred	34⅝	35½
National Carbon	20	30
do preferred	102	103
South Side Ry.	91	92
Diamond Match	130	130¼
Chicago City Ry.	155	157

TODAY'S CLEARING REPORT.

Clearings $544,078.53
Balances 26,037.60

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

New York, May 21.—The cotton market today was about 3 points higher. The ranges were:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	$10.78	$10.83	$10.71	$10.83@84
May	12.61	12.65	12.45	12.65@68
June	12.65	12.71	12.60	12.71@73
July	12.74	12.85	12.54	12.83@85
August	12.35	12.42	12.25	12.40@41
September	11.19	11.25	11.05	11.26@27
October	10.85	10.87	10.78	10.87@88
November	10.74	10.85	10.70	10.78@80
December	10.76	10.79	10.65	10.78@79

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET.

New York, May 21.—Close: Coffee today was 10 points lower. Today's market:

	Bid.	Ask.
May	$5.50	$5.60
June	5.55	5.65
July	5.70	5.75
August	5.80	5.85
September	5.90	5.95
October	6.00	6.05
November	6.10	6.15
December	6.20	6.25
January	6.25	6.35

FOREIGN CROP REPORT.

Washington, May 21.—The foreign crop report of the department of agriculture gives the following resume of conditions in various parts of the world.

Russia—The crop situation in Russia has been decidedly unfavorable, but more hopeful views are held in some commercial quarters. The military demands on the railroads undoubtedly have contributed largely to holding back the crop supplies.

Germany—The three principal cereals are all rated materially higher than a year ago.

Austria—The fall sown crops in most provinces wintered well and with rare exceptions their condition affords grounds for the best hopes.

Hungary—The official reports are generally favorable.

Roumania—Crop reports are generally favorable.

Bulgaria—The latest reports are favorable as to spring crops, and winter crops generally are doing well.

Turkey—The latest available report indicates that the grain crops in eastern Turkey were not injured by the cold wave there, and in the Smyrna portion of Asiatic Turkey crops are in good condition.

Italy—Crop reports are favorable and crops are growing rapidly.

Spain—Crops generally satisfactory.

France—Cereal crops are said to be progressing as well as could be desired. The situation appears highly satisfactory. Fruit prospects are good.

Belgium—Fall sown crops generally satisfactory.

Great Britain—Winter wheat has improved, but is still far from satisfactory. Spring wheat already up is generally good. Arable crops are generally backward.

MAY WHEAT TODAY THREE QUARTERS UP

CLOSING IN CHICAGO PIT WAS AT 99¾ CENTS, A RISE OF ¾ CENT—PRICES IN CORN ARE PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED—SHORTS ARE DRIVEN IN OATS.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, May 21.—Logan & Bryan say: In wheat the tone was again strong. There is an absence of selling pressure from long wheat and the bear interest seems thoroughly cowed. The whole situation is an unusual one. There is a strong bullish sentiment on the small stocks of contract wheat. The May wheat is practically cornered, with, we think, a considerable long interest tailing on. The crop prospects are improving. The conditions which govern the market are almost purely speculative. Minneapolis reports large sales of wheat to millers yesterday, but in view of a very poor demand for flour it would seem that millers are providing for future wants more than immediate requirements. The visible on Monday is expected to show about the same decrease as last year. This will include a correction from last week's visible. The conditions are such that a nervous and good scalping market for the time being is likely, but we think it should be kept in mind that prices are pretty high and the movement of the new crop is not far off.

Corn Practically Unchanged.

Corn prices are practically unchanged from yesterday. The market is rather a quiet one, with moderate business. While there is a fair shipping demand in the absence of lake transportation, yet there is nothing in the local situation in this respect to move prices very much. Local speculative feeling is rather bearish on the prospects and outlook for a large acreage going in under favorable conditions and view that the planting done, the movement from first hands will be larger of on the other hand receipts are so far small and prices at interior points and other markets are relatively much better than Chicago. The speculative buying is featureless and small, but the market is not subjected to very much pressure. So far it has no tendency either way.

Driving Shorts in Oats.

The May oats seem to be offered freely and the shorts are being driven in. In other respects the condition is much the same as in corn. Speculative sentiment is rather bearish. The outlook for the crop is fairly good. The demand is good just now. The market is a little nervous and restive with the volume small.

Provisions a Shade Lower.

Provision prices are again a shade lower. It is the same dull market with a dragging tendency. There is nothing like general liquidation, but enough scattered selling by tired holders and enough hedging by the packers to drop the price. They are largely owned by scattered outside speculators and the packers do not seem disposed to acquire holdings or help carry the load. The general sentiment is that receipts will be large through June. The speculative situation is not a strong one.

Today's markets were:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	$ .99	$ .99¾	$ .98¾	$ .99¾
New July	.86⅝	.88	.86⅝	.87⅝
Old July	.87⅞	.89¼	.87⅞	.89⅛
New Sept	.80½	.81⅛	.80⅛	.81
Old Sept.	.81⅜	.82⅜	.81⅝	.81⅝
Corn—				
Sept.	.47⅝	.47⅝	.47⅜	.47½
July	.48	.48½	.48	.48¼
Oats—				
Sept.	.30½	.30⅝	.30⅜	.30½
July	.38½	.38½	.38½	.38⅛
Pork—				
Sept.	11.22	11.27	11.12	11.20
July	10.95	11.00	10.87	10.95
Lard—				
Sept.	6.45	6.45	6.40	6.45
July	6.27	6.30	6.25	6.27
Ribs—				
Sept.	6.52	6.52	6.47	6.52
July	6.35	6.37	6.32	6.35

PRIMARY, SHIPMENTS AND CLEARANCES.

Chicago, May 21.—Primary receipts:

	Today Bush.	Year Ago Bush.
Wheat	145,000	357,000
Corn	341,000	524,000
Shipments were:		
Wheat	412,000	532,000
Corn	443,000	871,000

Clearances were: Wheat and flour, 191,000 bushels; corn, 35,000 bushels; oats, 34,000 bushels.

San Francisco Grain Market.

San Francisco, May 21.—Close: 11:30 a. m.—Wheat—December, $1.29⅝.

Barley—December, 96c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

Minneapolis, May 21.—Close: Wheat—July, 95⅝c.

St. Louis Grain Market.

St. Louis, July 21.—Close: Wheat—July, 85¼c.

Corn—July, 47⅝c.

Kansas City Grain Market.

Kansas City, May 21.—Close: Wheat—July, 76½c.

Corn—May, 48½c.

CUPID AT SEA.

From the Chicago Tribune.

When Jack Cupid goes to sea, with a bishop, a pretty young widow, and a dashing first mate, what's the answer? A wedding? Pshaw, some one must have told you. But this is just what happened when Jack Cupid sailed out of the Golden Gate at San Francisco on March 28 on the good ship—steamer rather—Colon. His fellow passengers were Mrs. Elfrida Vera Erna Sigrid Schmid, a fair young widow of 22, Bishop S. V. Dilley, and First Mate J. L. Wilson. There were others, including an angry captain, but they don't count in the story.

Somebody introduced the pretty widow to the first mate, and the romance began. That was after the Colon was several days out from San Francisco. Mrs. Schmid knew how to play cards, so also did the first mate. They played together as opponents.

Bishop Dilley, bishop of God's Christian church in the Barbados islands—who told the story of the courtship and marriage when he landed—didn't know exactly what the game was, but he was sure it was played with cards.

Anyway, the young widow proved to be superior to the first mate at cards, and beat him badly. First Mate Wilson is proud of spirit. He is, according to the bishop, an athlete, and can't stand defeat. Mrs. Elfrida perceived that the defeat humiliated him. That was on April 7, according to the bishop, who got it straight from the first mate and Mrs. Schmid.

On the next day Mrs. Schmid went to First Mate Wilson and told him how sorry she was at beating him. The apology, in the opinion of the bishop, touched Wilson's heart. His love developed, and was returned in kind. On the morning of the 9th Wilson asked the bishop if he could keep a secret. The bishop thought he could, and the first mate told him he wanted him to tie the knot.

The bishop consented, and the knot was tied. It was a real elopement, for no one on board knew about it until it was all over. The first mate and the widow met Harry G. Stevens and Miss Helen Oafson of New York, who were the witnesses, and the wedding party hid behind the huge smokestack after dark and the ceremony was performed.

To make the story all the better, the steamer struck a rock the day after the wedding and was beached on the Nicaraguan coast in time to save the lives of all on board. They were rescued, taken to Panama, crossed to Colon, and took the steamer City of Washington, and arrived in New York the other day.

Her Standard.

From the New York Sun.

He—Isn't your millinery bill extravagant?

She—I'm sure it's modest. Why, I see in the paper somebody just paid $14,750 for a Gainsborough.

MAKE MONEY BY FEEDING HEIFERS

STOCKMEN FORGET THAT STEERS ARE NOT ALWAYS THE BEST STOCK TO PUT INTO THE FEED LOT—CAN BUY AND SELL HEIFERS AT A PROFIT.

(By George B. Longan.)

Kansas City, May 21.—If more farmers and stockmen would feed heifers they would find that there is more money in them about this time of year than there is in feeding steers. Butcher stuff has found a good market since February, and the same condition confronts the stockmen each year. While beef steers are bobbing around, up one week and down the next, but mostly down when there is enough on the market to create a supply, butcher stuff has been holding right up to the high mark. Heifers have been selling up to $4.00@4.45, while beef steers fed the same length of time didn't do any better.

The point lies in the fact that these same heifers cost only a few months ago $2.50@3.00 as stock stuff, while the steers cost $3.50@4.00. There is a difference of $1 a hundred to start with. The heifers made as much gain as the steers and sold for as much money. On the heifers the feeders made money, and on the steers they lost money.

To Make Money on Heifers.

This is no new condition, and the same thing will be before the feeder again next year or rather late this winter. The best time to lay in stock heifers for this kind of business is in time to get them ready for market anywhere from the late winter to the early spring. The best months are usually February and March.

If more of the Texas cattle were dehorned there would be a much greater demand for them as stockers and feeders in the central west. Several of the big ranchmen of Texas who have been on the stocker and feeder market recently have made it a point of speaking to big feeders about going to Texas for their supplies. Edward D. Crimes, of Raymond, Ill., one of the big feeders of the country, discussing this question, said:

"There are several reasons why we cannot very well go down into Texas and buy direct from the stockmen down there and ship direct to our farms. The most important is that there are too many of the Texas cattle still wearing horns. Over in Illinois we prefer the dehorned cattle, and we can pick up enough on the Kansas City market to meet the demand and save the extra time and money that it would take to go to Texas. The Texas stockers are all right, and are just what the northern buyers want, but they do not want them with horns on them."

Insurance for Stockmen.

The members of the Kansas City livestock exchange have taken up the insurance idea, and it is probable that the life-insurance feature will soon be identified with the exchange here. The idea is to have each member of the exchange pay $7.50 to start the fund with. If 200 join, that would give $1,500 to the family of the member in case of death. The membership in the exchange is worth from $1,200 to $1,500, and that also would be sold for the benefit of the late member's estate.

The livestock exchange here is discussing the solicitor question again, and there seems a chance that the commission firms will again send solicitors into the field. There is agitation also in favor of allowing the commission men to take customers to the noontime meal. This action, it is believed, will be taken, as the customers of the commission men have been greatly incensed ever since the exchange passed a law declaring it against the rules to provide shippers with free meal tickets.

Cattle Prices Changing.

With about the same number of cattle on sale now as a week ago and a year ago, prices on cattle are fluctuating considerably. The movement to the five western markets decreased about 12,000 for the week. Chicago received about the same number as in the preceding week, but lost 6,000 as compared with the corresponding week last year. The movement to the five points aggregated less than 115,000, against 128,625 last week and 153,225 a year ago. Of this number Kansas City received 27,000 and Chicago 52,100.

Dressed beef steers declined 15@20c early last week, closing somewhat firmer, or 10@15c off for the week. The demand was hardly up to expectations, while receipts were liberal on the first few days. The top price of the week was $5.10, although $5.25 was bid for another lot. The top price a year ago was $5.20. Values of heifers declined 25@40c, the medium to common grades suffering most. Prices of this class of cattle were relatively higher than any other class, which attracted liberal supplies. Buyers became overstocked, and the big drop in values checked the receipts to such an extent that the only good load here yesterday, selling at $4.10, was regarded fully 15c above the low level on Wednesday. Veal calves are only in fair demand, and prices ruled weak to a shade lower.

The trade in stockers and feeders has been fairly active for this season of the year. The yards are fairly well cleaned up, and there has been no material change in prices during the week. Trade in minor stock grades has been active to the extent of the receipts at unchanged prices.

The Sheep Market.

Receipts of sheep here for the week aggregate 15,388, against 18,275 last week and 34,875 the same weeks last year. Chicago had 54,000, against 62,000 last week and 64,000 a year ago. Receipts at the five markets aggregate 112,600, against 133,000 last week and 144,375 a year ago.

The bulk of offerings for the last week have been Texans, that brought $4.50@4.70. The quality is only fair. Sales of Texas clipped sheep for the week were: Monday, five loads averaging 77 pounds at $4.60, two loads averaging 80 pounds at $4.65; Tuesday, five loads 79 pounds at $4.50; Wednesday, four loads 83 pounds at $4.65, and Thursday, three loads 83 pounds at $4.70. A few loads of native mixed sheep brought $4.75@5.00.

BENEFITS OF THE CLOSING LAW.

From the Chicago News.

For a period of eight weeks the ordinance requiring the closing of saloons at 1 o'clock in the morning has been generally enforced. Superintendent O'Neill declares that during this period there has been a marked decrease in crime, especially in the way of "holdups." The testimony of other commanding officers and of police magistrates abundantly bears out this assertion. Captain Schuettler says that the closing law has caused a general exodus of thieves from the city. Inspector Lavin says: "There has been less crime in this time than in any other corresponding period I remember." Lieutenant Gallagher, a First precinct officer of 30 years' experience, declares that the effect of enforcing the closing ordinance "has been equal to the placing of 1,000 additional men on the force."

In a word, the enforcement of the ordinance has had just the effect that was to have been foreseen. Highwaymen, thieves and brawlers, deprived of the opportunity to use the all-night saloon as a base of operations and a place of refuge, find that Chicago is no longer a congenial field for lawless practices. As the Daily News has pointed out repeatedly, the elimination of the all-night saloon means not only less vice and harmful disorder, but the suppression of crime and the diminution of the criminal class. As Lieutenant Gallagher well says, it is equivalent in its effect to a large increase in the police force.

On account of the closing of the all-night saloon the people of the city are today better protected than before against crime, and this protection is secured without a dollar of additional outlay. On the contrary, the decrease of crime means a marked decrease in the expenditures for the apprehension and punishment of criminals.

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Secretary.

LIGHT COLORS FOR SUMMER SHOES

From the Shoe Retailer.

Pongee-colored kid is making a strong bid for a favorite leather this season, and in some cities it will take its place with the russets, browns and tans.

White shoes are going to have a good sale with fabric shoes, while buckskin Oxfords, red, gray and even blue slippers are included in the smart class.

The rule of the woman who knows this summer is to match the shoe and stocking, irrespective of whatever the color of the dress may be.

Many of the shoes are showing full lines of champagne and pongee color, also some nut-brown kid Oxfords.

The girls with small feet are taking to the light colors—no matter how bright—while the others are rushing for the darker shades.

Some tan shoes with French heels are for sale, but it does not appear as if they are to have a big run, for the reason that they are not satisfactory for a street Oxford, and that is the real purpose of tan footwear.

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