2 Sides Seen Wheat Market

Prices Advance on Buying For May Deliveries; Down Otherwise

CHICAGO, April 20—(AP)—Divergent trends prevailed in wheat dealings today, with price advances the rule relative to May delivery contracts, whereas the value of new crop deliveries declined.

Scarcity of offerings characterized May wheat transactions, and led at times to upturns of 2½ cents a bushel. On the other hand, July and September, which stand for wheat yet to be harvested, fell in some cases 1¼ cents.

May Buying Heavy

A rush of buying on the part of traders who are short of wheat to fulfill requirements next month accompanied the rise of May quotations. Meanwhile, increased selling pressure developed whenever July and September wheat scored gains. Beneficial moisture in sections of domestic winter crop territory southwest and in spring wheat areas northwest was largely responsible for this increased selling.

At the close, Chicago wheat futures were ⅝ lower to 1⅝ higher compared with yesterday's finish, May $1.34⅞-1.35, July $1.21⅛-¼, Sept. $1.18⅛-¼; corn unchanged to 1⅜ up, May 1.28⅝-⅞, July $1.18⅛-⅜, Sept. $1.09-1.09¼; oats varying from ⅝ setback to an equal advance, May 49⅞-50, and rye ⅝ down to 1⅛ bulge, May $1.11⅝. The provisions outcome was unchanged to 5 cents off.

Advances of May wheat were in the face of cables that said buying of wheat for Germany and Italy had ceased, although expected to be resumed later on.

Corn, rye and oats averaged higher with wheat. As was the case with wheat, May delivery of corn displayed relative bouyancy. It was strongly emphasized that the stock of corn in public elevators here has been reduced to almost zero.

Provisions responded to hog market downturns.

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20—(AP)—Produce Exchange: Butter—Extras 36; standards 32; prime firsts 31½; firsts 30½; butterfat 35½-36.

Eggs—Large extras 21; large standards 19; medium extras 20; medium standards 18.

Cheese—Triplets 18; loaf 19.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20—(AP)—On the Portland futures wheat market with sale of 2,000 bushels May was ⅝ cent higher, July down ⅛ with no trading and September unchanged with sale of 2,000 bushels. On the sample cash market local wheat gained 1½ cent with Montana ½ cent up.

Wheat:	Open	High	Low	Close
May	1.17⅝	1.18½	1.17⅝	1.18½
July	1.11⅝	1.11½	1.11	1.11
Sept.	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08

Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem, hw, 12 pct 1.21½; dark hard winter 18 pct 1.41½; 12 pct 1.33½; 11 pct 1.24½; soft white, western white, hard winter and western red, 1.20½.

Oats, No. 2 white 33.50, gray $2.50.

Barley, No. 2-45 lb. B.W. 40.00. Corn, Argentine 42.00. Millrun standard 31.00.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 14; flour 7; oats 1.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20—(AP)—(USDA)—Hogs: Receipts 350, market fairly active, unevenly steady 15 lower; good-choice 165-215 lb. driveins mostly 10.35, few down 10.25, load lots absent, quotable around 10.50, 220-70 lb. 9.50-85, few light lights 9.50-10.00; packing sows mostly 8.00; few feeder pigs 9.00.

Cattle: Receipts 100, direct 29, calves 10, market about steady on limited supplies, steers scarce; medium-good fed kinds salable 8.75-10.00; few common-medium heifers 6.50-8.00, good fed kings quotable to Monday's top of 9.25; low cutter and cutter cows 4.00-5.25, common-medium 5.50-6.75; good beef cows up 7.50, bulls 5.75-6.50; vealers nominally steady, choice kinds quotable up 10.00 or above.

Sheep: Receipts 350, 2 decks 79 lb. California spring lambs 13.40, odd head trucked springers unsold, held steady or up 14.00, choice wooled lambs salable up 12.00 and above, shorn kinds eligible 10.50, good-choice wooled ewes nominally 5.25-6.25.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20—(AP)—Butter — Prints. A grade, 34c lb. In parchment wrappers, 35c in cartons; B grade parchment wrappers, 33½c lb.; cartons, 34½c lb.

Butterfat—(Portland delivery, buying price)—A grade, delivered at least twice weekly 35½-36½c lb.; B grade, 33½-34½c lb.; C grade at market.

B grade cream for market—Price paid producer: Butterfat basis, 55.3c lb.; milk, 63.7c lb.; surplus 45.9c. Price paid milk board, 67c lb.

Eggs—Buying price by wholesalers: Extras, 21c; standards 18c; medium 17c; medium firsts, 16c; undergrade 16c doz.

Cheese—Oregon triplets, 19c; Oregon loaf, 20c. Brokers will pay ½c below quotations.

Country meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butchers, under 160 lbs., 12-13½c; vealers, 15c; light and thin, 10-12c lb.; heavy, 10-11c; cutter cows 10-11c; canner cows 9c; bulls 10-10½c lb.; lambs, 17-18c lb.; ewes, 5-11c lb.

Live poultry—Portland delivery, buying price: Colored hens, over 4½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; under 4 lbs., 17-18c lb.; Leghorn hens, under 3½ lbs., 12-13c lb.; over 3½ lbs., 13-14c lb.; colored springs over 3½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; 2 to 3½ lbs., 18-19c lb.; roosters 7-8c lb.

Potatoes — Deschutes, $2.75-83; Yakima, No. 1 (—) cental; local $2-2.15; Klamath, No. 1, $2.75-83.

New Potatoes—Hawaiian 80 lbs. $1.75; Texas, $2.75-2.85 50 lbs.

Wool—1937, nominal: Willamette valley medium, 40c lb.; coarse and braids, 40c lb.; eastern Oregon, 32-35c lb.; crossbred, 35-37½c lb.

Mohair—1937 contracts, 55-56c lb.

Hay—Selling price to retailers: Alfalfa, No. 1, $20; oats and vetch, $13; clover, (—) ton, Portland.

Hops—Nominal; 1936, 38-40c lb.

Onions—Oregon, No. 1, $1.50-$2 cental; Yakima, $1.50-1.75. New crop Bermuda $4; 50c lb.

Sugar—Berry or fruit, 100s, $5.80; bales, $5.45; beet, $5.20 cental.

Domestic Flour—Selling price, city delivery, 5 to 25 bbl. lots: Family patents, 98s, $7.65-8.05; baker's hard wheat, $5.95-6.45; baker's bluestem, $5.95-6.45; blended hard, $6.05-7.85; graham, $6.25; whole wheat, $6.80 bbl.

Cascara bark—1937 peel, 10c lb.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, April 20—(AP)—(USDA)—The wool market in Boston was quiet today. Mills showed little interest in most types of domestic wools and demand was moderate on spot foreign wools.

Despite the quietness of the market, quotations were steady on spot wools.

Stocks & Bonds

(Compiled by Associated Press)

April 20

STOCK AVERAGES

(Compiled by the Associated Press)

	30 Indust.	15 Rails	15 Util.	60 Stocks
Today	95.5	46.7	45.7	70.7
Prev. day	94.7	46.2	45.8	70.2
Month ago	95.2	46.5	47.2	70.9
Year ago	81.7	35.2	47.4	61.5
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.8
1937 low	92.8	37.8	45.7	68.7
1936 high	99.3	43.5	53.7	72.8
1936 low	73.4	30.2	43.4	55.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indust.	10 Util.	10 For'gn
Today	94.5	103.0	99.7	71.7
Prev. day	94.4	102.8	99.7	71.6
Month ago	94.8	103.1	99.8	72.2
Year ago	91.6	102.5	101.4	69.7
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	92.9	102.4	99.4	70.8
1936 high	98.2	104.4	103.1	73.0
1936 low	86.9	101.8	99.3	67.6

Stocks Climb; Some Get Hold

Buying Inspiration Comes From Pleasing State Quarter Reports

NEW YORK, April 20—(AP)—Selected stocks scampered up the rallying ladder in today's stock market but many issues were unable to get a foothold.

While gains generally ranged from fractions to around 3 points, a few favorites swung much higher. An assortment of new year's tops was registered during the day, but there were also a number of new lows and losses were plentiful at the finish.

Buying inspiration was attributed by brokers principally to the continued flow of exceptionally pleasing first quarter earnings statements and indications considerable improvement will yet be seen in leading lines before any substantial recession sets in.

No Stir at Message

The president's message to congress requesting $1,500,000,000 for the relief budget created hardly a ripple on the surface of the share list. Details were about what had ben forecast in Wall Street quarters.

U.S. government securities were inclined to give ground following disclosure of a large treasury deficit at the end of the fiscal year, June 30. At the same time, it was pointed out by bond dealers that the hoisting of the public debt has been widely recognized and should have occasioned no surprise. Mr. Roosevelt's appeal for economy was well received. Corporation bonds did better all around.

Transfers totaled 1,127,960 shares compared with 817,320 yesterday. The Associated Press average of 60 issues was up .5 of a point at 70.7.

First Local Asparagus From Wallace Road Farm

First local asparagus reached the Salem markets yesterday and was delivered from the Fiala ranch on the Wallace road. The first local product is of excellent quality and commands 5 cents a pound or $1.10 per dozen bunches.

Salem Market Quotations

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk. Salem basic pool price $2.16 per hundred.

Co-op butterfat at price, F.O.B. Salem, 34½c.

(Milk based on semi-monthly butterfat average.)

Distributor price, $2.84.

A grade butterfat—Delivered, 34½c; B grade, delivered, 33½c.

A grade print, 34½c; B grade 33½c.

Prices paid to growers by Salem buyers. (The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market but are not guaranteed by The Statesman.)

FRUITS
(Buying Prices)

Apples, Newtowns	1.00
Winesaps, bu., extra fancy	2.00
Bananas, lb., on stalk	.06
hands	.06½
Dates, fresh, lb.	.20 to .25
Grapefruit, Florida, box	3.50
Texas Grapefruit	3.75 to 4.25
Lemons, crate	6.00 to 6.50
Oranges—Navels	
Fancy	4.35 to 6.25
Choice	3.35 to 5.25
Strawberries, Le., box, retail	.35

VEGETABLES
(Buying Prices)

Asparagus, lb.	.05
Beets, Calif., doz.	.60
Brussell Sprouts, local, crate	.85
Cabbage, lb.	.02
Cabbage, red, lb.	.03
Carrots, doz.	.35
Cauliflower, Calif., crate	1.15
Celery, crate	2.25 to 2.85
Utah	3.85
Hearts, doz.	1.25
Endive, doz.	.75
Lettuce, Cal., iced, 5 doz.	3.00
Mustard Greens, doz.	.40
Onions, green, doz.	.30
Onions, No. 1, cwt.	1.50
Radishes, doz.	.30
Parsnips, lb.	.01½
Peppers, green, Calif., lb.	.15
Red, lb.	.12
Peas, Calif., 50 lb. sack	4.00
New Potatoes, 31-lb. box	1.65
Potatoes, local, No. 1, cwt.	3.00
No. 2, cwt., bag	1.75 to 1.80
Potatoes, sweet, No. 1	2.50
Rhubarb, local, 30 lb. box	.65
Rutabagas, cwt.,	2.00 to 2.25
Spinach, Seattle, 30 lbs.	.75
Tomatoes, 20-lb. crate	3.25
Turnips, doz.	.60

NUTS

Walnuts, lb.	.11 to .15½
Filberts, 1936 crop, lb.	.16 to .19½

HOPS
(Buying Prices)

Clusters, 1936, lb.	.40
Fuggles,	nominal

WOOL AND MOHAIR
(Buying Prices)

Mohair	.55
Medium wool	.40
Coarse wool	.38

EGGS AND POULTRY
(Buying Price of Andresens)

White extras	.18
Brown extras	.18
Medium extras	.16
Large standards	.16
Medium standards	.14
Pullets	.12
Heavy hens, lb.	.16
Colored mediums, lb.	.15
Medium Leghorns, lb.	.12
Stags, lb.	.05
Old roosters, lb.	.05
Colored springs	.18
White Leghorns, frys	.16

MARION CREAMERY Buying Prices

Butterfat, A grade	.34½
B grade	.33½
Live Poultry, No. 1 stock—	
Colored hens, under 4½ lbs.	.15
Colored hens, over 4½ lbs.	.16
Colored fryers,	.16
Leghorn hens, heavy	.12
Leghorn hens, light	.10
Leghorn broilers	.15
Roosters	.05
Rejects	market value
Stags, lb.	.06
No. 2 grades, 2 cents less.	
Eggs—Candled and graded—	
Large extras	.18
Medium extras	.16
Large standards	.15
Medium standards	.14
Undergrades	.14
Pullets	.13
Dirty extras	.15

LIVESTOCK
(Buying Prices)

1937 spring lambs, lb.	.13
Lambs, lb.	.11
Ewes	4.00 to 5.00
Hogs, top, 150-210 lbs.	10.00 to 10.00
130-150 lbs.	9.25 to 9.50
210-230 lbs.	9.50
Sows	7.00 to 7.50
Dairy type cow	4.50 to 5.50
Beef cows	6.00 to 7.00
Bulls	5.25 to 6.00
Heifers	6.00 to 7.00
Top veal	9.00
Dressed veal, lb.	.13
Dressed hogs, lb.	.13

GRAIN AND HAY

Wheat, white, No. 1	1.01½
Wheat, western red	.99½
Barley, brewing, ton	43.50
Feed, barley, ton	39.50
Oats, milling, ton	28.00
Feed, ton	26.50
Hay buying prices—	
Alfalfa, valley	16.00
Oat and vetch, ton	10.00
Clover, ton	11.50

125 Cars Onions Still in Storage

Cold storage holdings of onions in Oregon are down to an estimated 125 cars, following shipment last week of 39 carloads, according to the department of agricultural bureau of agricultural economics. Growers with common storage stocks are reported as having disposed of all their crop.

A few sales have been reported made by Oregon growers at $1.50 per cwt., net to them, the buyer furnishing the sacks. The movement of new crop onions from Texas has not yet passed the 100 car per day mark, although shipments during the past few days have averaged close to that figure.

According to a report released by the California Crop Reporting board the onion acreage in the Coachella valley has made good growth during the past month and the crop is sizing up well. A few days of hot weather will mature some of the early plantings by the first of May. There are about 1,000 acres of Crystal Wax and Yellow Bermuda onions in Kern county, but due to wet weather the acreage was late getting into the ground. No thrip or disease has been reported.

Cherry Damage Reports Lacking

The cherry crop suffered little if any damage at the hands of the severe rains last week, judging from latest appraisals of the situation.

"It is questionable if any damage developed from the rains," Robert Shinn of the Willamette Cherry Growers association reports, and reports from individual growers are of the same opinion.

Not many orchards were in bloom enough when the rains came to cause trouble, and at the present time the chief worry of cherry growers is frosty nights.

If no frosty nights develop, prospects for the cherry yield look good. With sunshine of the past few days, the bloom is coming along fine.

But even a good bloom doesn't mean a good cherry crop, so at that the best cherry growers are doing now is hoping for a favorable year. Last year, growers recall, an excellent bloom was experienced and a favorable season at this stage, but the crop was a dismal failure.

Revision of Grades For Fruit Nursery Stock Is Topic For Meet on 28th

Revision of grades for fruit tree nursery stock will be discussed at a meeting called by the state agricultural department for April 28 in Portland.

Frank McKennon, head of the plant division, said particular attention would be paid to the calibre and length of the stock within various grades.

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, April 20—(AP)—Receipts of fruits and vegetables were moderate and prices were steady with few changes of importance.

Asparagus was firmer and long green of excellent quality from Hood River sold at $2.50-$3 per crate of 30 pounds.

The cabbage market was stronger.

Florida Bell peppers appeared after an absence of several weeks. Most supplies have been from Mexico.

Spinach was scarce and sold to the trade at 75-85c.

Apples—Washington Delicious, extra fancy $2.50-$3; Winesaps, extra fancy, $2-2.25; Newtowns, extra fancy, $2.25-$2.

Asparagus—California, 5-7c per lb.; crates, $1.75-2.25; Oregon, 7-8c; bunched 10c.

Beans, Calif., green, 19-20c lb.

Beets—Per sack, Oregon, $1.85.

Broccoli—Crate, $2.65-2.75.

Brussells Sprouts — California, one-fourth drums, $2.75.

Cabbage — Oregon, Flat Dutch, crates $1-2. Calif., $2.75-$3; Washington, $3; Texas, $4-4.25.

Carrots—Oregon, $1.25-1.50 cwt; bags, 40c; Calif. bunched $2.50-2.75 crate

Cauliflower—Calif., pony, $1.25-1.45; Roseburg, 65c-$1; Calif., 55-75c.

Celery—Utah type, $3.25-3.50; Calif., 3-3½ doz. $2.85-3.00.

Cucumbers—Oregon and Washington hothouse, $1.20-1.25.

Eggplant—California, lug, $1.50-1.60.

Garlic—Per pound, 10-15c.

Grapes—Emperors, $1.60-1.75.

Lettuce—Arizona, 4 doz. $3-3.25; 8 doz. $3.25.

Mushrooms—One pound cartons, 40-45c.

Onions—50-pound sacks, U. S. No. 1, yellow, $1.10-1.25; yellow boilers, 10-pound sacks, 10-12c.

Onions, green, doz. bunches, 20-25c.

Parsley—Per dozen bunches, 40-45c.

Parsnips—Per lug, 30-35c.

Peas—Calif., $2.35-2.50; 8½-9c lb.

Pears — Oregon, Washington, jumble pack, Taster Buerre, 90c; D'Anjous, extra fancy, $2.50.

Peppers—Mexico, 15-17c l.; Florida, $7-7.50 per crate.

Potatoes—U. S. No. 1, 100-lb. sacks, baker's $2.85-$4; Oregon Deschutes russets $2.75-2.90; Washington russets $2.75-2.90; local, $2.25-2.40; Florida Bliss Triumphs, $2.85-$3; Texas, $2.60-2.65.

Radishes—per doz. bunches, 40-50c.

Rhubarb—Oregon field grown, apple boxes, 45-50c.

Rutabagas—Washington, 100-lb. sacks, $1.75-$2.

Spinach—Local, 75-85c orange box.

Squash—Oregon, per pound, Hubbard, 2¾c, Marblehead, 2¾c.

Tomatoes — Oregon, hothouse, 17 16c per pound; Mexico, $3.35-3.50; Florida, $2.50-2.75.

"RICH CARGOES"

by Henry C. Rowland

CHAPTER I

TO Sandy Crewe the most extraordinary fact about his recent large fortune was the ease with which he had made it, passed in one measured step with no change of stride from the grind of under-paid effort into the plutocrat class. Such change of estate is not so rare, but Sandy found himself also in the quality of public benefactor.

A pretty dinner partner had said to him: "Since you're a creative chemist with visions of lifting humanity from toil, why don't you find a process to put silk stockings in easy range of every woman's purse, instead of their being a costly necessity, like coal?" And partly by accident, partly by a synthetic mixture of hard earned knowledge, pure thought and a dash of inspiration, Sandy had practically done that thing. It had come as easily as the accidental mixing on the stove top of sulphur and balata to make commercial rubber. He had cut the cost of what every woman wants by fifty percent, not of course by making silk cheaper, but by the discovery of a process that gave that textile twice the durability, and this amounted to the same thing.

Being a commercial chemist with the business part of his brain nicely balancing the scientific, Sandy had collected his full share. He was thirty-four and he reasoned wisely that as up to this time he had been a laboratory drudge and the next twenty years of his life ought to be the best, the act of a wise man would be to fill them with as much good as possible. On the breezy deck of a liner from Yokohama to San Francisco he expressed this ambition to a fellow passenger with whom he had made acquaintance the first day out.

"Get a yacht," said this gentleman with prompt decision, as another might have advised: "Get a wife." "With a snug little vessel, say an auxiliary schooner rig, you've got the key to the wide world. It lies just over the horizon."

This shipboard friend was a Colonel Carlton, a majestic personage to whom one would reluctantly have ceded 75 years, with the annotation that he was remarkably upstanding for that age. The Colonel told Sandy casually that the best part of his active life had been spent in the Far East, Indo China principally, where he had functioned as a mining engineer, expert mineralogist, promoter of mining properties, a sort of liaison officer in big commercial deals. It would appear from casual references that he had prospered greatly in these wide fields and was now returning from a final tour of liquidation of his interests and general tying of odd ends to retire permanently from field and office work. He desired, the Colonel said, to spend his remaining years in a tranquil contemplation that should yet possess all the accessories of dignity and comfort, and with this end in view he had two years previously purchased an island in the Bahamas where he planned to live the greater part of every year.

"There is a zone three thousand miles wide, between 25 degrees North and 25 degrees South Latitude, Mr. Crewe," said the Colonel. "This might be called the Old Age Belt, and no person past sixty who can manage ought to get out of it between spring and fall."

"You appear to be a strong recommendation for the tropics at all ages, Colonel," Sandy said.

"I never drank, have always been a light eater and my life has been in the open air. Any climate is healthy for a man like that. I advocate the tropics for those less robust. No neuritis, rheumatism, bronchitis, slush-pneumonia and the curse of superheated houses. Down there old folks stand out of the swing of the reaper's scythe that lays down such broad swaths from New Year's to St. Valentine's day in the higher latitudes. On this account advanced age is accorded more respect in the tropics because it is more vigorous, less of a nuisance about the house. You park 'em under a palm and let 'em ride."

"Aren't you apt to miss the Orient?" Sandy asked.

"Not now. Age reaches toward youth and vigor. These qualities belong to the vigorous Occident. The Orient is old and vitiated. Ancient civilizations that have risen, flourished and waned have exhausted the spiritual atmosphere with which a region is invested. We all feel younger in a young country."

Sandy nodded. "Ponce de Leon was right."

"Of course he was right. Fountains of youth in the Old World were long ago sucked dry. But I shall miss the institutions of Asia. The trained attendance by which a person of consequence is served completely, silently, almost invisibly, as if by jinni. If it takes three generations to make a gentleman, then it takes thirty to make this to keep the seigniorial prestige that ought to go with my purchase. There are two colonies of blacks, one by my reservation, Carlton Close, as I call the compound where I have thrown up a big bungalow of mud and coquina and the other at the far end where a narrow strait cuts off my detached section of the whole big island."

"My mother's grandfather was lord of an island in the Greek Archipelago," Sandy said. "His name was Allesandro Eleutherios, a second cousin to the king."

"Indeed . . ." The Colonel looked at him with interest. "So that's where you get your black hair and indigo eyes and your Hermes of Praxitiles profile. Also, perhaps . . ." his own steel-blue eyes twinkled . . . "your ability to drive a trade even though inventor and man of science."

"Get a yacht," said Colonel Carlton with prompt decision.

sort of clairvoyant servant by which one's needs are anticipated."

"You do not impress me as a man who requires luxury," Sandy said.

"Oh, I can rough it with the hardest, and have. But a master mind should not waste its energies on the petty details of living. What's the good of service if you are bothered more about the servant than about what you may or may not be served with?"

"How about recreation, pleasure?" Sandy asked, amused.

"That should be a part of one's work, a by-product. For instance, I love transportation by elephant. There is a sense of majesty about it, and the sort of power you do not get from a mechanical device, as if the propelling force flowed from yourself with no conscious effort. With a proper animal there is also sympathetic companionship, silent, unobtrusive, tremendous. I love elephants and they love me. Much of my life has been spent in the society of these mysterious relicts of a bygone age. I shall miss my elephant."

"Why not a motor car, Colonel?"

"Bah . . . mere necessities, luxuries of transportation if you like, but no more responsive to your emotional pleasure sense than might be a love-letter dictated on a typewriter. Yes, I shall miss my pad elephant. Especially as horses give me hay-fever. There are no real roads yet on that island of mine, so I bucket round in a phaeton like an English parson, or an elderly paralytic at a *ville d'eaux*. I am wondering how long I shall be able

"Possibly," Sandy admitted. "A dash of Greek is as good as a dash of Jew for the combination of commercial sense with imagination. That's where I got my name of Allesandro, too. At Yale they managed to squeeze 'Sandy' out of it. Not so apt."

"No," said the Colonel, "It's a far cry from the thistle to the pomegranate. Well, I am going from San Francisco by sea to Cuba, and from Cuba to Miami, and from Miami to Nassau, and from Nassau to my island, hard by. Curiously enough, the largest neighboring island has the same name as your maternal grandparent; Eleutheria. It would give us great pleasure to have you visit us this winter."

Sandy did not miss the "us," but gave no importance to the plural because he had several times noticed slightly to his amusement the Colonel's inclination to the regal gesture. Unfortunately, however, Sandy did not realize until too late that the invitation taken in this sense was to be treated as a command if he were not to offend this uncommon personage by whom he had been so much impressed during the voyage. Instead, he answered with American candor:—

"Sorry, Colonel, but it can't be done. From the moment I land in New York I'm apt to be living in a state of intensive big business until I don't know when. Thank you tremendously, all the same."

The Colonel merely nodded, then changed the topic.

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