

week's quotation; round lots of strictly fresh are worth 17c, and 18c in a small way.

#### BUTTER.

The demand for choice dairy is active at firm prices, while the low grades do not seem to be in demand at any price; choice creamery is firm at 28c; good dairy is worth 25 to 27c, and inferior from 12 to 15c.

#### CHEESE.

No stocks of old in the market; receipts of new are fair and prices firm at 16c for prime stock; the business of the past week has been large.

#### BACON.

Dealers report an active trade in this product during the past week; stocks in the city are being rapidly reduced, and it is evident that values will go higher in the near future, in sympathy with outside markets, which are advancing; quotations are: dry salt 13c; smoked, in round lots, 14c; spiced rolls, 15 to 15½c; and English breakfast, 16c to 17c.

#### MESS PORK.

Trade in this product during the past week has been above the average; prices are somewhat higher than our last report; quotations are: \$23 in round lots, and \$23.50 in a small way.

#### HAMS.

The demand for hams during the week is reported as only fair; prices are firm although not quotably higher; round lots, 16½ and small lots 17c.

#### MESS BEEF.

The demand for this product during the week has been very good; prices are unchanged; round lots are still quoted at \$18 per bbl.

#### SEEDS.

Timothy seed per bushel, of 48 lbs, \$4.30. clover, large red, \$18 per bushel of 60 lbs: Alsike, \$18; white Dutch, \$18; Lucerne, \$14.50 per bushel of 28 lbs, and flax seed, \$2.50.

#### MINNEAPOLIS.

Wheat has been strong all the week, with a very good volume of trade. The bulls have had things pretty much their own way and scored a sharp advance to-day, when cash No. 1 hard closed at \$1.02, the highest figure for several weeks. Receipts were large and shipments rather light, though there was a reduction in the amount in store here, owing to the heavy work of the mills. In the absence of any regular system of reports from elevators and mills, such as are furnished in other large markets, it is hard to figure out the exact condition of affairs, but there is nothing to indicate a scarcity of good milling wheat, hence the bull movement must be mainly chargeable to manipulation and is therefore likely to be short lived. Despite the cry of soft wheat, receipts of hard were much larger than the previous week. If, as is claimed the association has secured the bulk of the hard wheat, the future price of No. 1 and 2 hard on change here will have no bearing as indicating its true value.

The following were the highest and lowest prices by grade on change during last week, with Wednesday's closing prices:—

Wheat.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 1 hard.....	\$1.02 ..	99½ ..	1.02
" 2 " .....	96½ ..	93½ ..	96½
" 1 northern ..	93 ..	90½ ..	93
" 2 " .....	87 ..	83 ..	87

There was considerable trading in futures at the close, No. 1 hard, July selling at \$1.06 and No. 2 hard at \$1.00½.

Coarse grains are dull and nominal, No. 2 corn closing at 57c, No. 2 oats at 32c and barley at 35 to 60c, according to grade.

MILLSTUFF. —Has been in very good demand, with bran closing at \$8 to \$9.50 per ton in bulk and shorts at \$10 to \$14 per ton in bulk.

FLOUR. —There is little change to note in the flour market, beyond a continuance of the confident feeling on the part of millers, who seem to have made up their minds that the next change will be in the direction of higher prices. Patents are having the heaviest run, while bakers' come next in favor with buyers. The export demand is very light, and the domestic trade is dull but steady. Quotations at the mills for car or round lots are about as follows:

Patents, \$5.75 to 6.25; straights, \$5.40 to 5.60; first bakers', \$4.60 to 5.00; second bakers', \$4.15 to 4.40; best low grades, \$2.25 to 2.75, in bags; red dog, \$1.75 to 2.00, in bags.

Our mills seem to have settled down to a certain amount of work, and apparently it is hard for them to vary either up or down from that point. About three-quarters of the whole number of mills in the city are kept in operation, but the most of them are running at a comparatively light gait. The other quarter is largely composed of mills which have been run very little or not at all for some time. The flour production last week showed a slight increase and the shipments were unusually large. The week's output amounted 108,000 bbls. —18,000 bbls. daily —against 103,900 bbls. the preceding week. On Tuesday there were fifteen mills running but this number will probably be increased before the close of the week by one of two starting up, and the week's work is not liable to go wide of 100,000.

The following were the receipts at and shipments from this city for the weeks ending on the dates given:

	May 27.	May 20.
Wheat, bush.....	439,500	540,000
Flour, brls.....	750	1,097
Millstuff, tons.....	24	12
	May 27.	May 20.
Wheat, bush.....	32,000	39,000
Flour, brls.....	134,652	98,772
Millstuff, tons.....	3,315	1,746

The wheat in store in Minneapolis elevators (including the transfer) and mills, as well as the stock at St. Paul and Duluth, is shown in the appended table:

	May 28.	May 21.
In elevators, bus. ..	2,160,000	2,184,000
	May 28.	May 21.
In elevators, bus. ..	511,700	559,000
	May 27.	May 20.
In elevators, bus. ..	1,670,000	2,008,491

—Northwestern Miller.

#### CHICAGO.

There was an active business done during the week under review, and prices were quite unsettled, changing frequently and sharply, but at the close cash or May wheat showed quite an improvement over last week's prices, due principally to the more hopeful feeling in Wall street, New York; there was also rumors of serious injury to wheat in the southwest which created a bullish feeling on the board. In corn the trading was active, in sympathy with wheat. Provisions were on the rampage; evidently the market is under the control of strong parties, and in all probability we have seen the end of the great depression. On Monday the wheat market opened weak and sold about ¾ lower under heavy offerings, then reacted sharply, which created a free demand from shorts which helped the bulls to raise values. Quotations toward the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.86½	June, \$0.87½
Corn.....	54½	54½
Oats.....	30½	31½
Pork.....	18.52½	18.55
Lard.....	8.10	8.17½

On Tuesday the market again opened lower, under the determined efforts of the bears to control the situation, but their tactics were futile, as eastern and foreign markets were more encouraging, and the visible supply of wheat showed a further reduction of 1,500,000 bus.; corn, in sympathy, was also strong and higher; receipts during the week were light, and the stock in store is rapidly decreasing; provisions were again active and closed strong and higher. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.87	June, \$0.87½
Corn.....	54½	55½
Oats.....	31	31½
Pork.....	18.75	18.80
Lard.....	8.15	8.20

Wednesday the markets all round were on the up turn, due partly to unfavorable reports of the growing winter wheat, and partly to heavy operators buying large blocks for investment, shorts also helping the advance in their eager efforts to cover their short sales; near the close sellers seemed to be scarce. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.88½	June, \$0.89½
Corn.....	55½	56
Oats.....	31½	31½
Pork.....	19.80	19.85
Lard.....	8.27½	8.35

Thursday the markets opened unsettled and a shade lower; later on in the session it firmed up, and after numerous fluctuations closed lower on all the speculative articles. Quotations towards the close were:

Wheat.....	May, \$0.88½	June, \$0.88½
Corn.....	55	55½
Oats.....	31½	31½
Pork.....	19.10	19.20
Lard.....	8.15	8.17½

There was no Board held on Friday or Saturday, on account of Friday being Decoration Day.

THERE were on the 7th May in the port of San Francisco 76 disengaged vessels, many of them having been tied up there for a long while, waiting better rates than were offered.