

Mining Stocks Quiet and Steady—Dome Mines' Gold Output

Frenzied Speculation in Chicago Wheat Pit

Wild and Furious Trading on Confirmed Reports of Crop Damage—Prices Soared to New Record Prices for the Season.

CHICAGO, April 27.—In the face of predictions of much rain for Kansas and Nebraska, the wheat market advanced today to a point higher than for several years. One reason was a report of a decrease in North Dakota acreage. Prices closed nervous and irregular, but the above last night's close. Corn finished unchanged to 1/4c, oats 1/4c to 1/2c, and provisions dearer by 1/4c to 3/4c.

There was an active general trade in wheat, with commission houses on both sides of the market, and with valuations fluctuating rapidly. September made the greatest gain. It was in this future chiefly that buyers sought to take advantage of the falling off it was to be probable in North Dakota planting. One report said that not more than twenty per cent. of seeding had been done in the north half of the state, and that the plowing was no better shape. Absence of rain in Kansas operated also in favor of the bulls, as heavy crop losses were reported from additional counties. Edwards and Stafford in particular.

Halted at 4 1/2c But Dailed.
When July wheat touched "15," that is, 15 1/2c a bushel, signs for a time seemed to indicate the end of the bull campaign. The ensuing reaction, however, proved to be but temporary. A fresh wave of buying set in, and a number of leading concerns switched to the long side of the market. Ontario stock, which had been wind-up, July, swung from 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c, closing at 11 3/4c, a gain of 1/4c.

The little in from the corn market came from the wheat market's better speculation and shipping demand. Inquiries from the country continued for bids on cash corn.

In the case of wheat there was considerable realizing by longs. Most of them were local speculators, who preferred to secure profits before the reaction. Investment demand received the blame for the rise in the price of provisions. Packers were liberal sellers at the advance. At the close corn had increased in cost 1/4c to 3/4c, hard to 1/4c, and ribs to 1/2c.

Northwest Receipts.
Receipts of wheat at northwest primary points, with usual comparisons, are as follows:

	To-day	Week Ago	Year Ago
Chicago	125	119	132
Minneapolis	125	119	132
Winnipeg	125	119	132
Duluth	125	119	132

European Markets.
The Liverpool market closed today on wheat 1/4c to 1/2c higher than on Friday; corn, unchanged to 1/4c higher.

Oklahoma Crops Are All Right.
Oklahoma crop report by State Board of Agriculture says will be 10,000,000 bushels, not the ten year average of 14,000,000 bushels.

Winnipeg Grain Markets.
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