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CHEESE.

Business in this market continued rather quiet during the past week, there being an absence of any demand. Farmers coming in to market their grain are seeming supplying retail dealers direct with the above produce. Quotations, however, are unchanged. Medium qualities being quoted 9½ to 10c, and prime at 10½ to 11c. There is but little if any imported in the market at present.

BUTTER.

In this market business doing last week was very good, with sales of the higher grades showing an increase, though prices now would seem to be, if anything, a little easier, owing to the supply being heavy, the high prices lately offering having brought out a better supply. For medium and inferior qualities there does not appear to be much call, but receipts are rather light, so that stocks in store here cannot be accumulating to any great extent. The following are the quotations given by dealers: A good quality of gilt edge should bring from 20 to 22c; medium seems to be worth about 15c, and inferior about 8c.

BACON.

The supply of local packing in this market has been good during the week, but there was but a light demand. There is also some eastern product in the market. Local packers are now prepared to fill any large orders, or demand for local packing entrusted to them. The ruling quotations are, for dry salt 7½ to 8½ and 9c, smoked 9 to 9½c, rolls 11½ to 12c, breakfast bacon 11½ to 12c.

HAMS.

The local packers of this city have now a good supply of local cured hams on the market these are being offered and selling freely at 13c. The supply of the eastern product is quoted at 13½ to 14c.

MESS PORK.

In this market business during the week was fairly active. The local packing sold off pretty well of which there is a good supply on hand, but towards the end of the week the demand seemed quieter. Quotations are given at \$15 to \$15.50 per barrel.

MESS BEEF.

This market was rather quiet during the week, there being very little demand. A good supply of both eastern and local packing is now in stock, and these are held at \$15 to \$15.50 per barrel.

LARD.

A fair business was transacted in this market during the week, the principal demand which was quite a steady one, being for the local product which has been selling off at \$2.25, and is said by dealers to be much better in quality, than that imported from the east. Imported is quoted at \$2.40.

DRESSED HOGS.

The receipts being received in this market stated to be quite heavy and increasing. Dealers are offering \$5.

MINNEAPOLIS.

It has been a rather dull week on 'change, though trading was fairly active yesterday and to-day, local millers being credited with heavy purchases. They did not pay much attention to the local market for several days previously, and if they have been buying it was because they needed a little wheat for a short run, which may be made next week to fill pressing orders. Receipts have been very light and shipments very heavy, but owing to dissatisfaction with grading given at Chicago, there is likely to be a

falling off in business with that city. Outside millers have been stocking up quite heavily, but those who have attempted to take advantage of the idleness and push trade have found it up-hill work, so that although they may believe wheat is very cheap, they cannot load up much heavier. The weather has been favorable for hauling in the country, but the decline in prices has checked the free deliveries by farmers noted last week, though wheat is still being sold in considerable quantity. The market closed strong and higher.

The highest and lowest wheat prices by grade on 'change during the week ending to-day, closing prices, and the prices one year ago were:

				Dec. 3.	1884
Wheat:	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.		
No. 1 hard	88	85	86½	70½	
" 1 north'n	83½	80½	82½	68½	
" 2	78	77	78	61	

January 1 hard sold down from 88 to 86c and closed at 87½c; May from 97½ to 93½c and closed at 95. January 1 northern sold down from 83½ to 82c and closed at 83½c. Coarse grains were dull, corn closing at 41 to 42½c, for old and 32 to 35c; No. 2 oats at 28 to 29c; barley, by sample at 45 to 75c, and rye at 49 to 51c.

MILLSTUFF.—The stoppage of the mills has cut off supplies and there is really no trade, with quotations only nominal.

FLOUR.—The decline in wheat has weakened flour quotations, but there is no trade doing, buyers being afraid to take hold, even at the low prices, while millers know that further concessions would create a merely temporary demand, and are satisfied to wait for a change, which they feel cannot be for the worse. A touch of winter would stiffen the market materially, but the weather continues warm all over the country, and the trade is lethargic. The decrease in stocks abroad may stimulate foreign buyers a little before the holidays, but nobody expects a lively demand from them this month.

Quotations for car or round lots at the mills are as follows: Patents, \$4.75 to \$5.00 straights \$4.40 to 4.65; first bakers', \$3.75 to 4.00; second bakers', \$3.15 to 3.50; best low grades, \$2.10 to \$2.25, in bags; red dog, \$1.50 to \$1.60 in bags.

These quotations are on flour in barrels, except as stated. The rule is to discount 30c per bbl for 280 and 140 lb jute bags, 20c for 93lb cotton sacks, 15c for 49lb cotton sacks, 10c for 24lb cotton sacks, and 20c for 49lb paper sacks.

The platform presents a lonely and deserted appearance this week, eighteen of the larger mills being completely idle. The five mills in operation are all small except one, and together they only represent a daily production of about 2,300 bbls. Two of the number, representing 1,300 bbls of the amount, will stop work before the week is out. There is, however, talk of some of the larger mills which are now idle resuming operations next week, and it is possible that this will occur. Any large milling firm cannot fail to receive scattering orders right along, and it will be to fill these that the mills will start. The resumption, however, will undoubtedly be confined to a few mills, they running only for short periods, and taking turn about with their neighbors. The output

last week was 73,870 bbls—averaging 12,311 bbls—against 142,651 bbls the preceding week, and 94,710 bbls for the corresponding time in 1884. The flour market offers no encouragement, prices being lower, with nothing doing.

The exports of flour from Minneapolis for November were unusually light, being 133,800 bbls, against 222,758 bbls for October. To this should be added about 5,000 bbls that went to Canada.

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

RECEIPTS.

	Dec. 1.	24. Nov.	Nov. 17.
Wheat, bus ..	607,040	935,760	1,000,720
Flour, bbls ..	275	875	350
Millstuffs, tons	205	150	174

SHIPMENTS.

	Dec. 1.	Nov. 24.	Nov. 17.
Wheat, bus ..	222,320	185,920	94,080
Flour, bbls ..	28,258	158,237	122,470
Millstuffs, tons ..	1,464	3,574	4,395

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

MINNEAPOLIS.

	Nov. 30.	Nov. 23.
No. 1 hard ..	2,230,016	2,162,634
No. 2 hard ..	7,778	7,078
No. 1 ..	51,935	51,934
No. 1 Northern ..	1,716,366	1,636,138
No. 2 ..	7,436	7,436
No. 2 Northern ..	777,549	789,759
No. 3 ..	5,871	10,603
Rejected ..	78,878	87,438
Special bins ..	1,150,121	1,083,330
Total ..	6,025,250	5,845,349

ST. PAUL.

	Dec. 2.	Nov. 25.	Nov. 18.
in elevators,			
bush ..	1,081,700	1,025,000	892,000

DULUTH.

	Nov. 30.	Nov. 23.	Nov. 16.
In store, bush	1,947,945	2,146,680	2,003,908
—Northwestern Miller.			

CHICAGO.

The speculative wheat market was strong on the first day of this week, though at the opening of the first session prices were a little lower than the closing of the previous week, and at the beginning of business there was a rush of selling orders, owing to some commission houses wishing to realize, but the offerings turned out rather limited, and "shorts" becoming nervous, the market became steadier and under a good demand gradually improved, and prices were bid up, finally obtaining a tone of considerable firmness by the close of the day. On Tuesday the feeling was nervous and prices were held fairly steady, but business was rather limited, owing to the adjournment of the Board of Trade in honor of the funeral obsequies of the Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, late Vice-President of the United States. Bear influences were at work to depress values, but as there was good buying, the substantial decline that many looked for did not take place, though the