

## THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Sentiment in the Chicago Wheat Fit Decidedly Bullish.

### FEELING AIDED BY STRONGER CABLES.

### Smaller Receipts in the Northwest and Fear of Cold Weather Were Also Factors—Stocks and Bonds.

**CHICAGO.** Dec. 4.—At the start this morning the sentiment in the wheat pit seemed to be decidedly bullish; prices were not advanced much but more confidence was expressed in the market than in the previous two or three months. Part of the strength was carried over from yesterday when the market closed firm. The feeling was aided by stronger cables, Liverpool being quoted 4d higher and Berlin better in the public cables, though private advices were less encouraging. The smaller receipts in the northwest, the fear of cold weather following the recent rains and the general firmness of domestic markets were also contributing factors.

**KANSAS CITY.** Mo., Dec. 4.—Flour—Steady and unchanged; good demand; patent, \$2.40 per cwt.; choice, \$2.50-\$2.55; fancy, \$2.60-\$2.75; choice, \$2.60-\$2.75.

**WHEAT.**—Steady; No. 2 cash, 78¢; December, nothing changed; and a shade higher; No. 2 cash, 68¢; 38¢ asked; December, 3¢ bid.

**OATS.**—Steady and higher; No. 2, cash, 39¢; premium, 40¢.

**FLAXSEED.**—Unchanged.

**HAY.**—Unchanged; timothy, \$5.60; prairie hay, \$5.50; choice, \$5.50-\$5.55; low-grade, \$4.00-\$4.50.

**BUTTER.**—Unchanged; creamery, 26¢-\$26.50; dairy, 26¢-\$26.50; store packed, 16¢-\$16.50; rolls, 16¢-\$16.50.

**Eggs.**—Steady at 29¢.

**RECEIPTS.**—Wheat, 10,810 bu.; corn, 38,661 bu.; oilseed, 1,000 bu.

**SHIPMENTS.**—Wheat, 7,190 bu.; corn, 28,399; oats, none.

**OMAHA GRAIN MARKET.**

Prices on delivery at Missouri River points. Nebraska inspection, and ten days shipment unless otherwise stated.

**WHEAT.**—No. 3, white, 3¢ asked; No. 2 mixed, 36¢ bid.

**CORN.**—No. 3 or better, five days' storage, 11¢ bid, 41¢ asked; year, 49¢-\$1.00.

Among the sales reported were: 10,000 bu. No. 2 yellow corn, year shipment, 40¢; per bushel.

**FLAXSEED.**—No. 2, 38¢; unknown, 38¢.

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**BOARD OF TRADE NOTES.**

Messrs. Jaquith and Christian will leave for Minneapolis tonight to look over the grain situation at that point.

**LIVERPOOL MARKETS.**

**WHEAT.**—No. 1, mixed, 48¢; No. 2, 48¢-\$50; No. 3, 48¢-\$50; No. 4, 48¢-\$50.

**CORN.**—Quieter; western, 6d per cent.

**COHNS.**—Quieter; western, 6d per cent.

**PESAS.**—Canadian, 6d per cent.

**BEANS.**—Extra long, 6d per cent.

**BARLEY.**—Primer Western, 3d per cent.

**AMERICAN REFRIGERATOR BEEF.**—Forequarters, 3d; hindquarters, 3d; steaks, 5d per lb.

**LONDON MARKETS.**

London, Dec. 4.—**REFINED PETROLEUM.**—5¢ per gal.

**STEARINE.**—Quieter; 6¢, 6¢ per cent.

**LAUNDRY LIQUID.**—1d per quart.

**SOAP.**—Quieter; 1d per pound.

**AMERICAN LAUNDRY LIQUID.**—1d per quart.

**AMERICAN REFRIGERATOR BEEF.**—Forequarters, 3d; hindquarters, 3d; steaks, 5d per lb.

The advance had to be pretty free, led by Hartnett-Frazier, Custer-Martin and others, and higher still before the close. There were several reasons for the early strength; the prices at Liverpool were higher; many more cars of contract grain came in, estimated all the way from 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 bu., and for a time an attempt was made to turn them in. Partridge pointed out the month-to-month gains, but did not succeed, on the crowd that he was a bear at present prices and proposed to show his similarity by buying freely. The price of 48¢ was not fully appreciated, was soon abandoned and the market turned weak. This encouraged other bears to sell short, and the price fell to 47¢. The downward movement was continued. An attempt was made to start a panic when the month-to-month gains indicated that it was going out faster than it comes in. Hence shorts deemed it prudent to cover. The early bears in who participated in the advance were compelled to compare yesterday's closing prices.

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The official count of the hogs received yesterday showed a decided reduction as did the average price of 3¢ per cwt. The aggregate at 23,000. This caused higher prices for products at the opening. The advance in the price of corn was now evident. The market was taking full advantage of some time lags to unload, and their offerings broke the market. Later on there was a reaction, and the crop was now the top and at a fair advance over yesterday's last price.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

**ARTICLES.** OPEN HIGH LOW CLOSE.

**WHEAT NO. 2.** 99¢ 99¢ 98¢ 99¢

**NO. 3.** 97¢ 97¢ 96¢ 97¢

**NO. 4.** 97¢ 97¢ 96¢ 97¢

**NO. 5.** 97¢ 97¢ 96¢ 97¢

**NO. 6.** 97¢ 97¢ 96¢ 97¢

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