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OFFERINGS WERE SMALLER THAN USUAL

Cables Were Higher and Advices from Nebraska and Missouri Indicate That Considerable Wheat Remains in Those States.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Wheat was active today and nervously strong. The price jumped up 1¼c and closed with a net gain of ¼c. Other grain was stagnant. Provisions were influenced by light receipts of hogs and left off from 15c to 20c higher than the opening.

The features at Minneapolis made an apprehensive feeling among shorts, which caused a general disposition to cover, while the offerings were smaller than usual. Cables were higher, and advices from some points in Nebraska and Missouri were to the effect that there was yet a good deal of wheat in those states.

There was a decrease of 672,000 bu. in the amount of wheat and flour on ocean passage, and the report sent out by Beerbohm Saturday of only 60,000,000 bu. yield in the United Kingdom against 72,000,000 bu. last year was also a very bullish factor. Indian wheat receipts last week were only 140,000 bu. against 200,000 bu. the week previous and 320,000 bu. for the same week last year. Coupled with these conditions was a prospect that the increase in the visible supply would be smaller than expected.

Calls had been sold for today at 79c. There was safety in selling against them at that price by those who had bought these privileges. That was the only class of selling which operators dared to indulge in freely, however, for some time. The increase of 1,514,000 bu. in the visible supply had no immediate effect, but was felt later, as trading slakened and prices relaxed. The opening was about from ⅜c to ½c higher, and, after slight fluctuations, prices were advanced ⅝c more, then receded ⅝c, and closed steady.

Corn was depressed while wheat was soaring. The liberal receipts since the last session—775 cars—with 500 cars predicted for tomorrow, together with an increase of 463,000 bu. in the visible, was not looked upon as favorable for any advance. The weakest feature of the situation was the presence all through of No. 3 corn 30½c, and its being finally sold as low as 30c. With the present, dry, clear, frosty weather, a large portion of what is No. 3 will probably grade No. 2 before long. The continually growing elevator stocks is another weak spot in the armor of the bulls. The market opened a shade under Friday's closing prices and gradually sold off ⅝c, ruled steadier, and closed with from ⅛c to ¾c loss.

In oats there were moderate prices and a steady trade. There was no particular incentive for operators to take either side. Compared with Friday night, prices were ⅝c higher. The very light receipts of hogs—only 29,000 since Friday—and talk of improbability of receipts increasing much for some time, caused a spirited opening to the provision market and at quite an advance over Friday's closing prices. Pork started at an advance of 15c, lard was 10c higher, and ribs started with an advance of 17½c to 20c. The first prices were about the highest of the day, except for May pork, which closed 12½c over the opening quotation. The closing quotations showed the following net gains as compared with the resting prices on Friday: January pork, 15c; May, 5c; January lard, 20c, and May, 2½c; January ribs, 20c, and May 22½c. Helmholz was a free seller of pork early, being credited with the disposal of about 15,000 bbls., which was ascribed to Wright's account. Wright bought ribs to offset his sales of pork.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow, for past seventy-two hours on most roads: Wheat, 552 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 340 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPENING.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT No. 2				
December	8 72¼	72⅝	72⅛	72¼
January	72¼	72⅝	72⅛	72¼
May	78⅛	79⅛	78⅜	78⅝
CORN No. 2—				
December	41	41	40⅝	40⅝
January	41⅜@41½	41⅝@41¾	41	41
May	45⅞	46	45⅝	45⅞
OATS No. 2—				
December	30	30	30	30
January	30⅝	30⅞	30⅛	30⅜
May	34⅛	34⅝	34⅛	34⅝@34⅞
MESS PORK—				
January	15 87 ½	15 72½	15 60	15 67½
May	15 90	15 97½	15 80	15 92½
LARD—				
January	10 25	10 40	10 25	10 40
May	9 75	9 75	9 62½	9 67½
SHORT RIBS				
January	8 27½	8 30	8 25	8 30
May	8 45	8 47½	8 37½	8 40

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steadier, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 72¼c; No. 3 spring, 57@59c; No. 2 red, 72¼c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, 40⅝c; No. 3, cash, 36¾c; No. 3, yellow, 37½@39¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 30¢@30½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 34¾c; No. 3 white, 31¢@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 50½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 65c; No. 3, 44@65c; No. 4, 85@86c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.09.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.03.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $14.55@14.60; lard, per 100 lbs., $10.40; short ribs, sides (loose), $8.35; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.87½@8.00; short clear sides (boxed), $8.60@8.65.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.30.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, 5¾c; granulated, 5c; standard "A," 4¾c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS
Flour, bbls	27.000	22.000
Wheat, bu	586.000	18.000
Corn, bu	325.000	135.000
Oats, bu	417.000	244.000
Rye, bu	4.000	7.000
Barley, bu	81.000	79.000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was strong; creamery, 20@30c; dairy, 19@26c. Eggs, firm; strictly fresh, 25½@26c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 5,000 pkgs.; exports, 14,400 bbls., 14,000 sacks; more active, firmer; 10c advance asked; city mills slower on sales made late Friday; sales, 33,000 bbls. Low extras, $2.00@2.55; winter wheat, low grades, $2.40@2.55; fair to fancy, $3.60@3.75; patents, $3.95@4.15; Minnesota clear, $3.40@3.55; straights, $3.50@4.50; patents, $4.25@4.75; rye mixtures, $2.90@3.50.

CORN MEAL—Quiet, steady; yellow western, $2.75@2.80.

WHEAT—Receipts, 100,750 bu.; exports, 233,400 bu.; sales, 2,000,000 bu. futures; 94,000 bu. spot. Spots moderately active, higher, with options closing firm; No. 2 red, 78¾@79c in store and elevator; 75½@79¾c afloat; 77¼@79¾ f. o. b. No. 3 red 74½@74¾c; ungraded red, 73@80c; No. 1 northern, 81⅛@82c; No. 1 hard, 87½@87¾c; No. 2 northern, 77½@77¾c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 77½@77¾c; No. 2 spring, 71¾c. Options were fairly active, excited and 1¼@1⅝c higher. Opening strong and advanced 1¼@1⅝c on higher cables, bull street and foreign free buying, large shortage in Liverpool stocks, decreased New York stocks and shorts covering, reacted ¼@⅝c on realizing and closing firm. No 2 red, January, 76½@77 9-16c, closing at 77⅝c; March, 79¾@80c, closing at 79⅞c; May, 81½@82¼c, closing at 81⅝c.

RYE—Dull, nominal; western, 54@58c.

Stocks of grain in store and afloat December 24: Wheat, 16,882,659 bu.; corn, 2,407,408 bu.; oats, 2,301,126 bu.; rye, 126,168 bu.; barley, 144,526 bu.; malt, 18,766 bu.; peas, 63,000 bu.

BARLEY—Dull; western, 60@80c; No. 2 Toronto, 84@85c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 70@82c; city made Canada, $1.00@1.05.

CORN—Receipts, 34,400 bu.; exports, 16,400 bu.; sales, 290,000 bu. futures; 112,000 bu. spot. Spots moderately active, firm; No. 2, 48¾@49c in elevator; 49½@50c afloat; ungraded mixed, 49½@50c; No. 3, 48@50c; steamer mixed, 48½@49¾c; options were dull, weak and ⅛@⅜c lower on increase in amount on passage and local realizing; December, 48¾c, closing at 48¾c; January, 48⅝@49c, closing at 48¾c; May, 51¼@51¾c, closing at 51@51⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 76,600 bu.; exports, 53,200; sales, 100,000 bu. futures; 153,000 bu. spot. Spots, fairly active, higher; options dull, steady at 36¾@37c; May, 37⅜c, closing at 37⅜c; No. 2 spot, white, 42½c; mixed western, 36@38c; white western, 40@47c; No. 2 Chicago, 37½c.

HAY—Quiet, easy; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 65@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 20@23c; Pacific coast, 20@23c.

SUGAR—Raw, firmer, active; fair refining, 3c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3 7-16c; sales, 350 hhds. Muscovado, 89 test at 3c, ex-dock and a cargo centrifugals at breakwater to Boston at 3 7-16c; refined, quiet.

MOLASSES—Foreign quiet; New Orleans, quiet, steady; open kettle good to choice, 35@37c.

RICE—Good demand, steady; extra, 4@5¾c; Japan, 4¼@5c.

EGGS—Firmer; light receipts, best, 23c.

HIDES—Steady; Texas selected, 50 to 60 lbs., 56@7c.

WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, 25@32c; pulled, 30@32c; Texas, 15@26c.

CHEESE—Fair demand, firmer; part skims, 8@9½c.

PIG IRON—Dull, steady; American, $12.75@15.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet, firm; old mess, $15.00@15.25; new mess, $16.00@16.50; prime nominal. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 9¼c; pickled shoulders, 8¼c; pickled hams, 11¼@11¾c. Middles, quiet; short clear, $8.75. Lard, quiet, firmer; western steam closed at $10.65. Option sales 250 tierces; December, $10.55; January, $10.55; May, $9.95.

BUTTER—Moderate demand, strong; western dairy, 17@24c; western creamery, 20@32c; western factory, 15@22c; Elgin, 31½@32c.

COPPER—Quiet, steady; lake, $12.20.

LEAD—Firm; domestic, $3.85.

TIN—Firm, quiet; Straits, $19.60.

Omaha Produce Market.

There was very little activity on the market and the amount of business transacted was limited. Prices remain practically unchanged.

APPLES—Good apples are quoted at $3.50@4.00; choice to fancy, $4.00@4.25.

BANANAS—Quotations are: Fair to good shipping stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

BUTTER—The general market is steady. The bulk of the receipts sells at 14@16c, and some select packages at 17@19c.

CRANBERRIES—Quotations are: Bell and cherry, $8.50 per bbl.; bell and bugle, $9.50; late Cape Cod, $10.00. The arrivals on the market are light.

CELERY—Fancy celery is difficult to find. Quotations range all the way from 25c to 40c.

EGGS—Market steady; bulk of the sales of bright stock, 22@24c.

GAME—The market does not show any very material change in values. There was a novelty in the market in the way of a black bear which found a ready purchaser. Quotations are: Pheasants, $5.00@5.50; prairie chickens, $4.00@4.50; grouse, $4.00; quail, $1.00@1.25; snipe, $1.00; jack snipe, $1.25@1.50; plover, $1.00; golden plover, $1.25@1.50; canvas back ducks $8.00@10.00; red head ducks, $4.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; blue wing teal, $2.25; green wing teal, $1.75; mixed ducks, $1.50; Canada geese, $5.00@7.50; jack rabbits, $1.50; small rabbits, $1.25@1.50; squirrels, $1.00@1.25; antelope saddles, 14@15c; deer saddles, 15@16c; antelope carcasses, 9@10c; deer carcasses, 10@12c.

HAY—The market was overstocked and very weak. No. 1, $6.75@7.00; No. 2, $6.00.

HONEY—The market is firm, good white clover honey being scarce at 17c.

LEMONS—Choice, $4.50; fancy, $5.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $9.00.

OYSTERS—Unchanged at 13@35c per can.

ONIONS—Homegrown, 80@85c; Spanish, $1.90 per crate.

ORANGES—Florida, $3.25@3.50.

POTATOES—Quotations are: Homegrown, 65@75c; Colorado and Utah, 85c.

POULTRY—Turkeys, choice, 10c; geese and ducks, 7@8c; chickens, 40@6c.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice Muscatine and Illinois stock, $3.75@4.00 per bbl.

VEAL—Quotations are: Small and fat, 6½@7c; large and heavy, 3@5c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Options opened firm, 20 to 25 points up, closing 20 to 25 up. Sales, 34,750 bags, including December, $16.25; January, $15.95; February, $15.75@15.80; March, $15.65@15.80; April, $15.60; May, $15.40@15.60; June, $15.75; September, $15.40@15.50. Spot Rio, firmer, quiet; No. 7, $16.25.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—Firm; ordinary 12,250 reis per 10 kilos; good seconds, 11,750 reis; receipts during the past week, 69,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 42,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 62,000; stock, 158,000 bags.

SANTOS, Dec. 25.—Good average 11,100 reis per 10 kilos; receipts during the week 92,000 bags; purchases for the United States 22,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 51,000 bags; stock, 319,000 bags.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27. — FLOUR — Unchanged.

WHEAT—Closed ½ to ⅝c above Friday; cash, 62¼c.

CORN—Closed ¼@⅜c under Friday. Cash, 36¾c; January, 36¼c; May, 41¼@41⅝c.

OATS—Cash, firm; 33c asked; May, lower, 34c.

RYE—48½@49c.

BARLEY—Quiet; Minnesota sold 55@56c.

PORK—Steady.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 80,000 bu.; corn, 468,000 bu.; oats, 135,000 bu.; rye, 11,000; barley, 2,000.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 108,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.; rye, 3,000 bu.; barley, 1,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Higher and in fair demand; No. 2, 63½@64½c; No. 2 red, 68@68½c.

CORN—Weak, and mixed corn generally ½c lower; No. 2 mixed, 32½@33c.

OATS—Weak; No. 2 mixed, 28½@29c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2, 50c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 25@28c; dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Firm at 22½@23c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 155,000 bu.; corn, 11,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 139,000 bu.; corn, 13,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

Oil Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—PETROLEUM—Was dull and neglected. Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none. January options sales, none; 53c bid, 53¼c asked. Lima oil sales, none; 18c bid, 20c asked. Total sales, none.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet and steady; crude, 44½c; yellow, 47@47½c.

TALLOW—Quiet and firm; city $2.00 for packages, 5⅝@5¾c.

ROSIN—Dull and firmer; strained, common to good, $1.32½@1.37½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet and steady; 30½@31¼c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Firm; demand poor; holders offer sparingly; red western, spring, 5s 11d@5s 11½d per cental; No. 2 red winter, 5s 7½d@5s 7¾d. Receipts of wheat the past three days were 79,000 centals, including 78,000 American.

CORN—Firm; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 11¼d per cental. Receipts of American corn the past three days, none.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 5d per cental.

Milwaukee Grain Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Higher; May, 70⅝c; No. 2 spring, 66c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 37½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 33½@34½c; No. 3, white, 31½@32½c.

BARLEY—69c.

RYE—56½c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The dry goods market opened very quiet, mail orders were few and buyers on the floor represented no important demands. Converters and cutters were inquiring for goods, but agents were chilly busy with deliveries of goods sold. The condition of the market and its tone were unchanged.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 27.—Futures, quiet and unchanged; sales, 46,000 bales; December, $9.45 bid; January, $9.48@9.50; February, $9.76@9.80; April, $9.71@9.73; May, $9.78@9.80; June, $9.85@9.87; July, $9.91@9.93.

New York Visible Supply.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Visible grain supply—Wheat, 79,835,000 bu.; corn, 11,426,000 bu.; oats, 5,673,000 bu.; rye, 1,197,000 bu.; barley, 2,280,000 bu.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—F. G. Logan & Co. to Duncan, Hollinger & Co.: Wheat, in sympathy with higher prices on the other side of the water, started strong, with big buying orders at about 78¾c for May. It sold as high as 79⅝c and closed at 78½c. The market has no special feature. The heavy selling as a hedge against stocks held elsewhere for the present appears over, and under these circumstances our market should be more steady. The sentiment outside and locally is decidedly more in favor of higher prices. The visible supply continues to increase, which prevents any sudden advance. The price is low and we are now into the season of the year when weather influences will all be on the buying side for moderate profits. The demand for car lots is light and the best buyers of them is the elevator interest. The corn market has been dull and lifeless, fluctuating from 45⅜c to 46c. The closing was 45⅜c bid. The movement is not so large as we looked for, but the cash demand is exceedingly slow and is from ½c to 1c lower. Opinions on the future lean to higher prices and should we get May about 44c we believe it will pay to buy it boldly. In the out market fluctuations have been free. Stocks are small. May closed at 34¼@⅜ 34½c. On light receipts of hogs provisions opened strong on the advance. There were free offerings and it continued so until near the close, when there was some local buying. January lard was in very limited supply.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros. Commission company: Wheat news over the holidays averaged rather bullish. The northwestern receipts, weekly exports, India shipments, amount on passage and visible supply figures were all disappointing to short sellers and they caused a sharp bulge in buying to cover their deals. The advance induced selling by holders and the market closed with a downward tendency but still ¾c higher than the close last Friday. Corn followed in a sluggish way and dragged dull and heavy owing to the slack demand and increasing arrivals. Oats were dull and entirely featureless, with a very small aggregate of business done. Provisions opened with excited covering by shorts and some new buying for outside long account owing to small arrivals of hogs, higher prices at the stock yards and the strength of wheat. Weight was the leading trader; selling probably 15,000 to 20,000 bbls. of May pork, and buying 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 lbs. of May ribs to close a spread. We think the bull crowd is best product and ready to buy for a turn on another material break.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Leading Securities Were Dull but Quite Strong Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The stock market was dull but strong today. In the early trading there was an advance of 2 per cent in Chicago Gas; and 1½ per cent in Jersey Central; 1¼ per cent in Lackawanna; 1½ per cent in Distilling, and ¼ to ½ per cent in the general list. The dealings were quite moderate and in the afternoon a reaction ensued, but near the close some stocks developed marked strength and advanced sharply under a brisk inquiry for both the long and short account. A rise of 5 per cent in Manhattan, 4 per cent in New York & Northern and 3½ in New England induced buying in the general run of stocks during the last hour of business and final quotations were about the highest of the day, save Northern Pacific preferred, which was pressed for sale, and left off at 47½, a net loss of ⅞ per cent. Manhattan went up on reports that the franchise of the proposed underground railway scheme would fall into the hands of capitalists identified with that company, Louisville & Nashville rose over a point to 70¾.

The fact that no gold was engaged for export tomorrow, in connection with the statements credited to Secretary Foster of the Treasury department that there was no occasion for a sale of bonds or any other move calculated to increase the government gold reserve, induced more or less buying of stocks. The comparative ease of money was also a factor. Sterling exchange also had a tendency to strengthen the market. Speculation left off irregular, but in the main strong.

The Post says: Nobody knew last week that gold would be shipped today for Europe, because the holiday would have necessitated the specie withdrawal from the subtreasury three days in advance of the shipment—a losing operation. But it was expected that gold engagements for a very considerable amount would be made today for tomorrow's steamer. Early in this morning's business, however, it was learned the regular market had brought enough commercial bills to fill the demand of the sterling market so that gold could not be sent, and this was practically the news which shaped the course of the day's prices. The market itself had at the start a sleepy and lifeless aspect, and on the whole there was little disposition to do anything. Even after the situation in the day's sterling market had been defined activity was only spasmodic, and did not at any time extend to the stock market.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York Stock exchange today:

Atchison	35⅛	North American Co	10¾
Adams Express	152	Northern Pacific	16
Alton, T. H	32½	Northern Pacific pfd	47⅛
do preferred	150	U. P. Den. & Gulf	8¾
American Express	116	Ontario & Western	17⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	94⅝	Oregon Navigation	81⅝
Canada Pacific	88¼	N. Y. Central	108¾
Canada Southern	58¼	N. Y. & N. E	45⅝
Central Pacific	36⅛	Northwestern	114
Ches. & Ohio	22⅝	Oregon Imp	19
Chicago Alton	140	Oregon Nav	7
C. B. & Q	97⅜	O. S. L. & U. N	20⅝
Chicago Gas	76⅝	Pacific Mail	37
Consolidated Gas	124⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E	16¾
C. C. C. & St. L	57	Pittsburg	157
Colo. Coal & Iron	39¾	Pullman Palace	194
Cotton Oil Cert	40⅝	*Reading	7
Del. Hudson	123⅝	do preferred	21
D. L. & W	149	do preferred	50
D. & R. G. pfd	52⅜	Rio Grande West	22
D. & E. F. & C	63¾	do preferred	61
East Tenn	16¾	Rock Island	78⅝
Erie	23⅜	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	75
do preferred	53⅝	St. Paul	76⅝
Fort Wayne	152	do preferred	120⅜
Ill. Northern pfd	112	St. Paul & Omaha	37
Kansas & Texas	9¾	do preferred	118⅜
Hocking Valley	27⅜	Southern Pacific	33⅝
Illinois Central	98¼	Sugar Refinery	107¾
St. Paul & Duluth	40⅜	Tenn. Coal & Iron	33¾
do preferred	93	Texas Pacific	9¾
Lake Erie & West	21⅞	Tol. & O. Cent. pfd	79
do preferred	74⅛	Union Pacific	38
Lake Shore	128½	U. S. Express	58
Lead Trust	36¾	St. L. & F	11¾
Louis. & Nash	70⅝	do preferred	23⅜
Louis. & New Alb'y	23	Wells Fargo Exp	145
Manhattan Con	147¾	Western Union	93⅝
Memphis & C	43	Wheeling & L. E	21½
Michigan Central	106	do preferred	62⅜
Missouri Pacific	55¾	Minn. & St. L	17
Mobile & Ohio	34	D. & R. G	16
Nashville Chatt	93	General Electric	41¼
National Linseed	13⅞	National Linseed pfd	40⅞
do preferred	112⅛	C. Fuel & Iron	61
N. J. Central	113	do preferred	100
Norfolk & W. pfd	37⅜	Hous. & Tex. Cen	5

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The total sales of stocks today were 216,000 shares, including: Atchison, 3,750; Burlington, 6,000; Chicago Gas, 11,400; Distilling, 15,500; Manhattan, 20,600; New England, 15,300; Northern Pacific preferred, 16,700; Reading, 37,700; St. Paul, 11,800; Sugar, 12,100; Western Union, 7,400.

London Financial Review.

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LONDON, Dec. 27.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Business on the Stock exchange has been quite of a holiday character and the fact of the settlement commencing tomorrow assisted in checking dealings. Funds were firm, consols closing 3-16d higher. Indian rupee paper improved ⅛d. Foreign government securities leave off comparatively steady. International descriptions were in better tone, being reported on continental bourses with a few exceptions. Home railways leave off in tolerably good tone in the majority of cases, an improvement o f ⅛ to ¼ per cent being established. Americans were more or less dull all day. Atchison has given way ⅛ per cent, and nearly all others, to ⅜ per cent. Canadians were equally inactive. Pacific was ⅛ per cent lower, but Grand Trunk preferences guaranteed improved ¼ to ½ per cent. Mexican first preference are ½ per cent better. Argentine lines are dull. Call money was in moderate demand at 1 per cent, three month bills were nominally ¼ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady at 5 per cent; last loan, 5 per cent; closed offered at 5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business at $4.86 for sixty day bankers' bills and $4.87¼ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	112⅝	S. J. C. Int. Cert	111⅜
U. S. 4s coup	113⅜	Northern Pac. lsts	109
U. S. 5s reg	103	Northern Pac. 2ds	112¾
Louisiana st'pd 4s	97½	N. W. Consols	137
Missouri 6s	105	N. W. Deb. 5s	103⅝
Tenn. new set 6s	105	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5s	83¾
Tenn. new set 5s	102	St. L. & San F. 6. M.	102
Tenn. new set 3s	76	St. Paul Consols	131
Can. Pacific 1sts	107½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	117
D. & R. G. 1sts	86½	C. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts.	37⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	65½	C. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	36⅜
Erie 2nds	107⅛	Union Pac. 1sts	107
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	73⅜	West Shore	104
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	43¼	K. C. W	79¼
Mutual Union 6s	112		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec 27.—The following are the closing stock quotations:

Atch. & Topeka	35⅛	*Calumet & Hecla	290
Boston & Albany	207¾	*Franklin	12⅜
C., B. & Q	97⅜	*Kearsarge	11⅜
*Eastern R. R. 6's	120	Osceola	35
Fitchburg R. R	86	*Quincy	140
Mass. Central	18¼	*Tamarack	153
N. Y. & N. England	43¾	Boston Land Co	3⅛
do 7's	119	*San Diego Land Co	11¾
Old Colony	184	West End Land Co	10¾
Rutland com	2½	Bell Telephone	208
Rutland pfd	71	Tamarack Store S	15
*Wis. Cen. com	14	Water Power	2⅛
Wis. Cen. pfd	50	C. M	7⅛
*Allouez M. Co(new)	75	N. E. T	88½
*Atlantic	13¾	B. H. C	98½
Boston & Mont	87	Gen. Elec	112

*bid. ‡ex-div.

San Francisco Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 27.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	2	Mono	15
Bulwer	15	Ophir	155
Belcher	140	Potosi	170
Best & Belcher	19	Savage	90
Bodie Consolidated	15	Sierra Nevada	110
Challar	115	Union Consolidated	160
Con. Cal. & Va	155	Utah	5
Crown Point	50	Yellow Jacket	40
Gould & Curry	75	New Quwen	5
Hale & Norcross	75	Commonwealth	5
Mexican	115		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point	50	Plymouth	105
Con. Cal. and Va	150	Sierra Nevada	45
Deadwood	100	Standard	110
Gould & Curry	70	Union Con	120
Hale & Norcross	75	Yellow Jacket	100
Homestake	1500	Iron Silver	40
Independence	20	Quick Silver	350
Mexican	110	do preferred	1700
Ontario	1300	Bulwer	115

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—Trading very light. Quotations:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.
Bimet	$ 9.25	....	Hope	$ .90	....
Granite	6.00	6.50	Pat M	.03½	.06
Am. Net	.25	.27½	Hopes	4.75	4.85

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec 27.—Clearings, $1,989,403.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Three per cent rentes, 97f for the account.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $93,662,805; balances, $4,705,037.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 27.—Clearings, $2,219,052; balances, $405,620. Money, 6 per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27.—Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, par Clearings, $3,043,350.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—Clearings, $11,027,514; balances, $1,548,805. Money, 5 per cent.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 10,186,000 marks.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 27.—Clearings, $4,636,429; balances, 473,753. Money quiet, 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York par.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 27.—Clearings, $16,934,067; balances, $2,261,183. Money 6 per cent Exchange on New York par to 10c premium.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 27.—Clearings December 26, $811,213; today, $2,821,580; New York exchange, commercial, 75c per $1,000 discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 27.—Clearings, $21,422,096. New York exchange, 70@80c premium. Sterling exchange, quiet at $4.86 for sixty day bills, $4.88½ for demand. Money, strong at 6 per cent.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Cattle Steady and Fairly Active—Hogs Open Strong and Close Weak.

OMAHA, Dec. 27.—The light receipts both yesterday and today make but a poor showing compared with the same two days last week. There has been a decrease of about 1,500 cattle, 8,500 hogs and 300 sheep, this shortage, of course, being due to the fact that Christmas was very generally observed on Monday and business at least partially suspended.

Receipts of cattle were again below expectations but buyers have not yet given up looking for liberal supplies this week and were unwilling to pay higher prices than prevailed Monday for anything unless it was strictly first-class. A very respectable proportion of the offerings were beef steers, and as the shipping demand was more vigorous than for some time past and the local inquiry by no means meager, the movement was tolerably free throughout and prices ruled on an average about 25c higher than Saturday. Good 1100 to 1400 pound steers sold at from $4 up to $4.80; fair to good 1000 to 1200 pound steers at from $3.00 to $4; with poor to fair stuff at from $3.10 to $3.50.

The market was about steady on cows and mixed stuff. There was a good demand, but the liberality of the offerings precluded any higher prices. Fair to good cows and heifers went very largely at from $2 to $2.60 with nothing of any consequence at over $3 or under $1.40. Bulls, oxen and stags were fully steady at from $1.25 to $3.25. Calves were in moderate supply, good demand and firm at from $3.25 to $5.

There was little doing in the stocker and feeder line. Regular dealers bought a good many odds and ends at fully steady prices, but the movement was slow. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	905	$3 10	18	1079	$3 80
3	1486	3 25	39	1068	3 85
2	1065	3 25	41	1021	3 85
8	778	3 35	3	1066	3 90
17	978	3 35	14	1092	3 90
62	1103	3 40	19	1298	4 05
8	987	3 50	21	1120	4 10
1	930	3 50	3	1133	4 15
1	1150	3 50	19	1171	4 20
1	1060	3 50	18	1125	4 25
5	1000	3 60	2	1360	4 25
8	996	3 65	24	1310	4 25
14	1105	3 70	20	1248	4 40
4	1099	3 75	29	1361	4 55
40	1008	3 75	22	1213	4 55
33	1265	3 75	34	1294	4 55
39	964	3 75	4	1092	4 75

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

38	971	3 40	15	1156	4 10
1	1130	3 50	40	1177	4 30
5	918	3 50	60	1162	4 35
1	1330	3 50	19	1210	4 35
3	1033	3 50	26	1350	4 50
30	1117	3 85	17	1292	4 55
18	1135	4 00	77	1294	4 65
3	1133	4 00	18	1387	4 75
10	1047	4 10	20	1325	4 80

MIXED.

4	1062	3 25	20	1096	3 75

COWS.

3	950	1 40	5	1014	2 25
1	960	1 40	2	1145	2 25
1	870	1 50	18	1082	2 25
1	836	1 50	1	1070	2 25
3	956	1 65	20	970	2 30
1	1110	1 65	1	1340	2 40
2	1010	1 75	29	928	2 40
4	1032	1 75	3	793	2 40
1	860	1 75	6	1090	2 40
1	1020	1 75	4	970	2 40
1	940	1 75	20	997	2 40
2	1170	1 75	26	893	2 45
2	1190	1 75	16	991	2 50
2	905	1 75	2	1245	2 50
6	786	1 85	1	1210	2 50
22	898	1 90	20	814	2 50
18	992	2 00	14	1056	2 50
2	1030	2 00	5	980	2 50
1	1010	2 00	16	1083	2 55