

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

**Speculators Were Troubled by a Peculiar Combination Yesterday.**

## WHEAT STARTED WITH FREE SELLING

**Cattle Though a Shade Firmer at the Start Became Weak Early and Closed at the Lowest Point of the Day.**

**CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 28.—**The unnatural difference between the prices of lower and contract grades of wheat and corn was the greatest factor with the speculators today. No. 3 red wheat sold in the cash market at 57¢ to 60¢, and ordinary No. 3 spring wheat from 55¢ to 61¢; No. 3 hard spring bringing about 63¢. When compared with 71½¢ to 72¢ for regular No. 2, and with the further fact that all hand offerings of low grade wheat did not find buyers, it was evident that the market was quiet and lower prices for the speculative grades are not to be wondered at. The market for May wheat is 1¢ lower than it closed yesterday.

It was observed, by somewhat similar conditions, No. 3 from 55¢ to 58¢, is out of all proportion with No. 2 at 40¢. May corn shows a decline for the day of 5¢.

Prices opened high, but closed weak and lower.

Wheat started off, about the closing figure, with a shade firmer at the start, though a shade firmer at the start, soon became weak and closed at the lowest point of the day. Domestic markets were also weak, and there was a general feeling that the market would show a heavy increase in the available supply during the last week. Another depressing factor was a report that Senator Sherman had sent the anti-subsidy bill was to the Senate.

The Wear Company, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Atlanta, and Atlanta & St. Louis were the leading sellers. On the break Walker & Co., Mitchell and Eggleston were good buyers. From the opening, which was made to take advantage of the slight fluctuations, declined 5¢, held steady and the close was easy at the point of the day.

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Ribs—Firm; No. 2, 50¢; ribbed, 52¢; bacon, 45¢.

Eggs—In good demand at 22½¢ to 25¢.

Receipts—Wheat, \$33,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 63,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

**Oil Market.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—**PIERRESON—Quiet; refined, easy; refined New York, \$3.40; Philadelphia, \$3.50; Baltimore, \$3.50; Boston, \$3.50; & St. Louis were the leading sellers.

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Eggs—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 31¢; No. 3, white, 31¢; No. 2 white, 34¢; No. 3, white, 31¢; No. 2 dark, 34¢.

MILWAUKEE GRAIN MARKET.

**MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 28.—**WHEAT—Lower; Mill, 70¢; No. 2 spring, 65¢.

CORN—Firm; mixed spring, 30¢; No. 2, 30¢.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 34¢; No. 3, white, 31¢; No. 2 dark, 34¢.

BAKERY—68¢.

RYE—50¢.

**Minneapolis Wheat Market.**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—**There was not much interest in the market today. The opening was quiet and strong; No. 1 northern went from 63¢ to 65¢, with most at 64¢; No. 2 northern, 60¢; receipts, 58¢; No. 3, 55¢; No. 4, 50¢; No. 5, 45¢; No. 6, 40¢; No. 7, 35¢.

**LONDON, Dec. 28.—**CALCUTTA LINSEED—40¢ per quarter.

**Coffee Market.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—**Optimism opened steadily unchanged at 10 points above closing firm, 10 to 15 points up. Sales, 44,250 bushels, including December, 16,750; January, \$16,065; February, 11,500; March, 4,100; April, 2,100; May, 1,500; June, 1,000; July, 500; September, \$15,935; October, 2,000; November, 1,000; December, 1,000.

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**LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—**New York Herald Cable-Signed in The Times—The financial market, the fortnightly settlement chiefly occupied the attention of the stock exchanges today. New Mexico was greatly restricted, and the good investment orders caused consuls to improve 7½ to 10 per cent; Indian paper companies, 2 to 4 per cent; and the market, which was still in a state of uncertainty, showed a slight improvement, 1 to 2 per cent. The market, however, was quiet at nearly the inside, and at from 1½ to 2½ below yesterday's.

**London, Dec. 28.—**COFFEE—No. 2, 17½¢.

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**Baltimore Grain Market.**

**BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—**WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2, 75¢.

CORN—Firm; mixed spring, 30¢; No. 2, 30¢.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, western, 42¢; 43¢.

**Tobacco Market.**

**NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 28.—**Steady; middling 9¢ to low middling, 9½¢; net receipts, 3,000 lbs.; sales, 2,000 lbs.; exports, 2,400 lbs.; imports, 1,500 lbs.

**CORN—Firm; No. 2, 65¢.**

**FLAX SEED—No. 1, 45¢.**

**PEPPERMINT—Prime, \$24,000-\$26,000.**

**PIMENTO—Prime, \$14,500-\$15,500.**

**INDIANA MEAL—Bull; steady; yellow, 26¢.**

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