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With Free Offerings and Small Export Clearances, Wheat Declined.

TRADING WAS LIGHT THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Provisions Opened Firm and Closed Weak and Slightly Lower—Corn Receipts Were Even Less than the Moderate Estimate.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—With free offerings of long wheat and small export clearances wheat dropped today, May closing ⅝c lower than yesterday, and but ⅛c lower than the price at which it has sold this season. Corn resisted the natural depressing influences in a weak market wonderfully well, but had to yield in the end ¼c, or a little more. Oats also closed from ¼c to ⅝c lower. Provisions opened firm and closed weak and slightly lower.

Wheat opened at yesterday's closing figures with May at 67⅜c. Trading was light, but the feeling was in the main firm for a time. Northwestern receipts were again light. Minneapolis and Duluth received 564 cars, while these points on the corresponding day last year reported 809 cars. Chicago receipts were 108 cars, making a total for Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth of 672, as against 1,054 for the three points last year. On this showing prices advanced a trifle and May reacted to 68⅛c. But here the bull chapter of the day ended and during the remainder of the session the bears were very much in the trading. When New York clearances came in, showing that no wheat had been shipped from there in the last twenty four hours, the decline commenced. The clearances from the principal Atlantic ports in flour and wheat together were under 200,000 bu., and the private cables were discouraging as to the probability of any immediate increase in the demand.

Ed Bangs appeared as a heavy seller, presumably for Linn, Schwartz-Dupee, and Ramsey-Chandler also sold heavily and some of the long wheat which was bought a month ago at about the figures for which it was selling today was laid down and the price went down with it. May opened 67⅝c, sold up ⅛c, lost ¼c, then ⅛c, rallied ¼c, lost ⅛c and rallied ⅛c to the close, at 67⅜c.

Corn receipts were even less than the moderate estimate and the opening was steady with May unchanged at 46⅛c. But there was a distressing absence of buying orders and with Armour & Co. and Bartlett-Frazier selling May freely and the sympathy with wheat the price declined ⅛c, reacted ⅛c to the close, ⅜c lowerthan yesterday, at 39⅝c.

Business in oats was quiet, with prices easier in sympathy with corn. May opened ⅛c lower and after losing ⅜c rallied ⅛c to the close, at 30⅝c, but ⅛c above the bottom figures of the day.

Provisions opened higher, with hog receipts less than estimated, but with free offerings and light demand and prices fell and the market closed with a loss. Compared with last night January pork is 2½c lower, January lard 50c lower and January ribs unchanged.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 140 cars; corn, 335 cars; oats, 174 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.....	61⅛	61⅛	61	61⅛
May.....	67⅞	67⅞@68	67	67@67⅛
CORN—				
Dec.....	35⅝	35⅝	35¼	35⅝
Jan.....	35¾	35¾	35⅝	35⅝
May.....	40⅛	40⅛	39⅝@¾	39⅞
OATS.				
Dec.....	28¼	28¼	27⅞	28
Jan.....	28¾	28¾	28⅜	28⅛
May.....	31	31	30⅝	30¾
MESS PORK—				
Jan.....	12 60	12 60	12 52½	12 52½
May.....	12 80	12 80	12 67½	12 70
LARD—				
Jan.....	7 85	7 85	7 80	7 80
May.....	7 62½	7 65	7 60	7 62½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan.....	6 52½	6 57½	6 52½	6 52½
May.....	6 70	6 70	6 60	6 62½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 61½c; No. 3 spring, 56½@63c; No. 2 red, 61½c.

CORN—No. 2, 35⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 28@28¼c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45½@46½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 40@51c; No. 4, 35@43c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.29.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.10.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $12.70@12.80; lard, per 100 lbs., $8.07½; short ribs sides (loose), $6.50@6.60; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $7.25@7.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5⅝c; granulated, $4.70; standard "A," $4.50.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, bbls.....	12,000	14,000
Wheat, bu.....	73,000	10,000
Corn, bu.....	337,000	88,000
Oats, bu.....	234,000	129,000
Rye, bu.....	84,000	4,000
Barley, bu.....	67,000	28,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm. Creamery, 21@27½; dairy, 19@23c. Eggs, higher; strictly fresh, 23@23½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 30,300 bbls.; exp rts, 16,700 bbls.; sales, 4,500 pkgs.; market dull and weaker to sell; spring patents, nominal; city mills patents, $4.25@$4.50; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; city mills, clear, $3.60@3.65; winter straights, $3.80@3.20; Minnesota patents, $3.70@4.15; winter extras, $2.20@2.70; Minnesota bakers, $2.30@3.70; winter low grades, $1.70@2.25; spring low grades, $1.60@1.90; spring extras, $1.95@2.45; southern flour, dull; common to fair extra, $2.20@2.70; choice extra, $2.70@3.60; rye flour, quiet, superfine, $2.85; fancy, $2.85@2.95; buckwheat flour, dull, $3.10@3.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; Canadian, in bond, 80c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, $2.60@2.70; Brandywine, $2.75.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull; two-rowed state, 62@63c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 61@62c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@80c; Canadian, 90@95c; six-rowed, 80@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 800,000 bu.; sales, 1,015,000 bu, futures, 210,000 bu, spot. Spot market dull at ⅝c decline; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 66⅝c; afloat, 67⅝c; f. o. b., 68½c; No. 1 northern, 71⅝c. Options opened dull, selling on dull cables, reports of another anti-option bill and dull cash trade, closing quiet at ⅝@¾c net decline for the day: No. 2 red, January, 67½@68⅛c, closed at 67⅝c; February, 68⅜@69c, closed at 68⅜c; March, 69⅞@70½c, closed at 69⅞c; May, 72 1-16@72 13-16c, closed at 72¼c; December closed at 66⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 19,200 bu.; exports, 63,700 bu.; sales, 760,000 bu. futures, 61,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2, 44⅝c in elevator, 44⅞c afloat. Option market was weaker early on increasing receipts, rallied at noon, sold off again under liquidations and closed easy at ⅜c decline: January, 43⅞@44 3-16c, closed at 44⅛c; May, 45¾@46c, closed at 45¾c; December, 44½@44⅝c, closed at 44⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 45,200 bu.; exports, 2,400 bu.; sales, 90,000 bu. futures, 35,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull and lower; No. 2, 33⅝@33¾c, No. 2, delivered, 31@31¼c; No. 3, 32c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 white, 33c; track, mixed western, 34@35c; track, white western, 36@40c; track, white, 36@40c. Options were dull but steady, closing easy with corn at ⅛@¼c net decline; January, 33¾@33⅞c, closed at 33⅞c; May, 35⅛@35⅜c, closed at 35⅛c; December, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33⅛c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, good to choice, $6.00@9.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 13@22½c; Pacific coast, 18@22½c.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45@65 lbs., 4½@5¼c; Texas, selected, 85@50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20@24 lbs., 10½@11c; Texas, dry, 24@30 lbs., 6@7c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; beef hams, $15.50. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 7¼@8½c; pickled hams, 9@9¼c. Lard, weaker; western steam closed at $8.50; sales, 425 tierces at $8.47@8.50. Option sales, none; December closed at $8.40, nominal; January, $8.15 asked. Pork, steady, but quiet; short clear, $16.50@19.00.

BUTTER—Dull; western dairy, 18@22c; western creamery, 20@28½c; western factory, 16½@21c; Elgins, 29c; state dairy, 19@26½c; state creamery, 22@27c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 9@11½c; small, 10¼@12½c; part skims, 4@9½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Dull; state and Pennsylvania, 24@27c; ice house, 18½@24c; western fresh, 24½@26c; southern, 24@25c; receipts, 4,154 pkgs.

TALLOW—Quiet; city ($2 per pkg.), 5⅝@5¾c.

PETROLEUM—Strong; United closed at 79c bid.

RICE—Quiet; domestic fair, extra, 3½@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 35@40c.

SUGAR—Raw; market dull and unchanged; fair refining, 2⅝c; centrifugals, 96 test, 2⅞c; sales, none; refined steady, with a general demand.

PIG IRON—Dull; American, $12.00@15.00.

COPPER—Quiet; lake, $10 bid.

LEAD—Easy; domestic, $3.37½; sales on change, none.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady at fair demand for the local account; exporters holding off; southern accounts firm; prime crude, 28c; off grades, 24@27c; yellow butter grades, 30c; choice yellow, 38c; prime yellow, 34c; yellow off grades, 30@34c; prime, 39@40c.

Omaha Produce Market.

BUTTER—The local demand is light and the surplus stock has to be shipped in order to keep the market cleaned up. At the same time dealers complain that the shipping demand is not very active. The market is very weak and the amount of butter that brings 20c is very small; choice country, 18@20c; fresh packing stock, 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Prices are low, and that may tend to stimulate the demand. Chickens, choice, 6@7c; inferior stock, 5c; geese and ducks, 7@8c; turkeys, 9@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Dealers generally are advising against the shipment of live poultry as the demand is very light, the trade generally preferring dressed poultry.

VEAL—The arrivals are not heavy and the market firm at previous quotations. Choice small and fat veals, 7@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

GAME—Rabbits are also becoming very plenty and will not stand such high quotations as in the past. Prairie chickens, $4; grouse, $3.25@3.50; quail, $1.25; jack snipe, $1; golden plover, $1; Canada geese, $6.00@6.50; small geese, $4.00@4.50; brant, $3.00@3.50; mallard ducks, $2.75@3.00; redhead ducks, $3; blue wing teal ducks, $1.75@2.00; green wing teal ducks, $1.50; mixed ducks, $1.25@1.50; canvasback ducks, $5.00@6.00; jack rabbits, $1.50; cottontail rabbits, 75@90c; deer saddles, per lb., 13@15c; deer carcasses, 10c; antelope saddles, 12@13c; antelope carcasses, 8@9c.

EGGS—The receipts of fresh laid eggs are very light and the market steady at 23c. The bulk of the cold storage stock is going at 20@21c.

HONEY—Honey is commencing to move a little more freely, but the demand is still light for it; choice white clover, 15c; California, 16c.

OYSTERS—Medium, 15c; horseshoes, 19c; extra standards, 20c; selects, 21c; extra selects, 23c; company selects, 25c; counts, 30c.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 13@15c per lb.; Italian chestnuts, 13c; almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 12@14c; filberts, 12½c; Brazil nuts, 12@13c; pecans, large, 12@14c; pecans, medium, 10c. The market on black walnuts is low and no one wants to buy.

VEGETABLES.

BEANS—California hand-picked navy, $1.90@2.00; western navy, $1.85@1.90; common white beans, $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Onions are quoted at 50@65c, and on orders at 65@70c; Spanish onions, per crate, $1.50.

WATER CRESS—Put up in berry boxes, per case of 16 qts., $1.50.

POTATOES—Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 65@70c; same in car lots, 60c; Colorado, from store, 75c; Colorado lots, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—Orders for cabbage from the country are filled at 2c per lb.

CELERY ROOTS—According to size, 40@60c per doz.

CELERY—Good stock, 35c; extra fancy California, 60@75c.

SWEET POTATOES—The supply is fair; western stock, per bbl., $3.50.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $2.25; salsify, 30@35c per doz.; radishes, per doz., 20c; endive, per doz., 75c; onions, per doz., 20c; cauliflower, per doz., $2; lettuce, per doz., 50@75c; cucumbers, $2; tomatoes, per lb., 20c.

FRUITS

GRAPES—Eastern Concords, 22c; Catawbas, per 5-lb.basket, 17@18c; Malagas, per 50-lb. bbls., net, $5.50@6.00; Malagas, per 55-lb. bbls., net, $6.50@7.00.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—There is not much left on the market: pears, $2.75; Muscat grapes, single cases, $1.10@1.25; black grapes, $1.25@1.50.

APPLES—The supply is light on this market and prices higher: choice, per bbl., $4.75@5.00; fancy western, $1.75@2.00 per box.

CRANBERRIES—Cranberries are arriving very freely and are in good demand: Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.25@6.50; bell and bugle, $6.50@6.75; Jersey, $6; bell and cherry, $5.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Prices remain about steady; per bunch, large, $2.00@2.50; per bunch, small to medium, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—Good lemons, $5.00@5.50.

ORANGES—Mexicans or Floridas, per box, $2.75; large sizes, $2.50.

TANGERINES—Per box, $2.75.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $5.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 2c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 3c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides; 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 35@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 10@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2 each 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 10@11c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 17@20c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@10c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 7@9c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 6@7c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Was very heavy early and sank ⅝@1c; later it rallied ⅝c, but closed unsettled with sellers at ¾c under yesterday: cash, 58⅝c; December, 58½c bid; January, 59c asked; May, 64¼@64⅝c asked.

CORN—Cash about steady at 33⅝c; options lower and weak; December, 34c; January, 33c asked; May, 35⅝@35⅞c.

OATS—Cash, firmer at 28¼c; options lower to sell: December, 27¾c bid; May, 30½c bid.

RYE—Nothing done.

BARLEY—Very dull; small sales: Iowa, 55c.

BRAN—Higher, 64@65½c, east track.

HAY—Unchanged; timothy, $10.00@12.50; prairie, $7.00@9.00.

LEAD—Active and firm at $3.00.

SPELTER—Salable at $3.50.

FLAX SEED—Higher; $1.22.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 22@26c; dairy, 16@24c.

EGGS—Steady; 21c for fresh.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at $1.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged; 4½@6c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged; 95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Very quiet, with only a job trade at previous quotations: pork, $13.75; lard, $8; loose dry salt shoulders, $6.12½; longs and ribs, $6.62½; shorts, $6.80; boxed lots, 15c more: bacon, shoulders, $7.25; longs and ribs, $7.87½; shorts, $8.12½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 122,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 1,000 bu.; corn, 69,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—COFFEE—Options opened 5 points lower to 15 points higher; ruled generally firm and moderately active; closed steady at unchanged prices to 10 points advance; sales, 11,500 bags, including: December, $17.10; January, $16.80@16.85; February, $16.55; March, $16.25@16.30; May, $15.65@15.70; September, $14.95@15.00. Spot coffee, Rio, firm and active; No. 7, $18.25@18.37½; mild, unchanged; Cordova, $20.00@20.25; sales 9,250 bags Rio at $18.25 for spot, $17.75 to be shipped and $18 to arrive by sail and to go to Baltimore: also 2,000 bags Santos at $18.25@19.00, cost and freight, for No. 6 to 8; 1,000 bags, Jamaica; Santos, steady; good average, $15.00@18.00. Receipts for two days, 14,000 bags; stock, 200,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 14.—Quiet, at ¼ pfg lower to ¼ pfg higher.

HAVRE, Dec. 14.—Quiet and nominally unchanged.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 14.—Quiet; No. 7, $15; receipts for two days, 20,000 bags; stock, 153,000 bags.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Quiet, unchanged to 3d lower.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—WHEAT—1c lower; No. 2 hard, 51½c; No. 2 red, 54c.

CORN—Slow and ⅛c lower; No. 2 mixed, 27@28c; No. 2 white, 28½@29c.

RYE—Very firm; No. 2, 50c bid.

FLAX SEED—Firm at $1.15@1.17.

BRAN—Active and firm at 59@61c.

HAY—Quiet and weak; timothy, $8.50@9.25; prairie, $6.00@6.75.

BUTTER—More active and firmer; creamery, 20@26c; dairy, 18@20c.

EGGS—Quiet and weak at 20c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 24,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 33,000 bu.; corn, 13,000 bu.; oats, none.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—COTTON—Middling, 7 7-16c; low middling, 7 1-16c; good ordinary, 6 11-16c; net receipts, 12,188 bales; gross receipts, 13,380 bales; exports, continent, 350 bales; coastwise, 1,291 bales; sales, 7,000 bales; stock, 310,819 bales. Futures steady; sales, 86,000 bales; December, $7.40 nominal; January, $7.35@7.36; February, $7.47@7.48; March, $7.57@7.58; April, $7.67@7.68; May, $7.44@7.75; June, $7.82@7.83; July, $7.90@7.92.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—COTTON—Quiet; ordinary, 6 8-16c; good ordinary, 6 13-16c; low middling, 7 3-16c; middling, 7 7-16c; good middling, 7 11-16c; middling fair, 8 3-16c.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Dec. 14.—National transit certificates opened at 78¾; highest, 79¼; lowest, 78¾; closed, 79; sales, 17,000 bbls.; clearances, 6,000 bbls.; shipments, 97,179 bbls.; runs, 108,630 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 14.—National transit certificates opened at 78¾; closed at 79; highest, 79¼; lowest, 78¾c; sales, 5,000 bbls.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Reductions in the bleached cottons and some tendency toward better prices for raw cotton is leading to larger activity in bleached cottons, and, through sympathy, white goods are showing rather more interest. Print cloths show no change, with 3c the price for extra. Sellers are inclined to be very confident in their views. Prints and printed fabrics in the way of spring fancies and specialties are receiving more and larger orders from the country. Foreign dry goods show rather better symptoms without quotable changes. The jobbing trade shows no activity at present prices. Auction sales have served to show that they serve to increase general confidence.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—The wheat market opened barely steady this morning, and shortly after the opening developed weakness and the tendency was downward. The trading was very weak and generally confined to a limited scalping. The market later developed exceeding weakness and for a few minutes the pit was filled with an anxious lot of holders to get rid of their property. The pressure to sell put the price of May wheat down to 32c, after which there was a full at the decline. December opened at 59⅛c and closed at 58⅜c; May opened at 62⅛c and closed at 62c. On track: No. 1 hard, 61¼c; No. 1 northern, 60c; No. 2 northern, 59⅜c. The cash market was active; No. 1 northern, 60½@61c. Receipts here, 262 cars; shipments, 33 cars.

The unfavorable conditions in the way of exports of flour and well supplied state of the market country left little for the traders to hope for in the way of a rise, excepting ordinary reactions. Farmers in the northwest are marketing less this week than last. Country elevator receipts are expected to show a decrease.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—WHEAT—Steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately: California, No. 1, 5s 6d@5s 7d; No. 2 red, western spring, 5s 8d@5s 9d; No. 2 red, western winter, 5s 4d.

CORN—Firm; demand moderate; mixed western, 4½d.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 1d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess fine, 85s. Beef, extra India, 112s 6d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 46s. Lard, 48s 6d.

TALLOW—American Liverpool fine, 28s.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 14.—This market was inclined to dullness today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash and December, 61c; May, 65⅛c; No. 1 northern, cash 60c; May, 64⅛c; No. 2 northern, cash, 56½c; No. 3, 52c; rejected, 46c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 60⅛c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation Yesterday in the Security Market Almost Featureless.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—On the Stock exchange today the speculation was almost featureless, the railway list being very much neglected. General Electric was the magnet to which the chief business was attracted. The stock has been bought heavily during the past few days on the announcement that important developments were being made, which, when made known, would serve to appreciate the value of shares, and quite a material advance was recorded on this unknown quantity. Later, however, the stock began to decline, and bears helped to depreciate the shares by a vigorous pounding, but, withal, the decline was not very great, the stock being well supported from the inside, closing at a loss of only ¾ per cent on the day. St. Paul led the railway list in point of activity, but fluctuated within a ¾ per cent limit, closing ¼ per cent for the day. At the opening of business the general market was firmer, at times a fairly steady tone prevailing. During the interval there were periods of mild strength and general depressions, though the transactions were small. Compared with yesterday's close, only three railway stocks show a change of 1 per cent or over as a result of the day's transactions.

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

Atchison.....	19⅞	North'n P. pref'd.	22⅞
Adams Express..	150	U. P., D. & Gulf....	1½
Alton, T. H.....	25	Northwestern.....	103⅝
do pref'd.....	115	do pref'd.....	139¾
American Express	113	New York Central.	101¾
Baltimore & Ohio..	72⅛	N. Y. & N. E.....	28⅝
Canada Pacific....	73¾	Ontario & Western	17⅛
Canada Southern..	53¾	Oregon Imp.....	14
Central Pacific....	19	Oregon Nav.....	28
Ches. & Ohio.....	18⅞	O. S. L. & U. N....	6¾
Chicago & Alton...	128	Pacific Mail.....	14
C., B. & Q.....	78⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E...	6
Chic. Gas.....	68⅛	Pittsburg.....	150
Consolidated Gas..	126⅛	Pullman Palace....	172
C. C. C. & St. L....	38⅝	Reading.....	20¼
Col. Coal & Iron...	9	Richmond Ter.....	23¾
Cotton Oil Cert....	20½	do pref'd.....	14
Del. & Hudson.....	133¼	Rio Grande West..	18
Del. Lack. & West.	164½	do pref'd.....	45
D. & R. G. pref'd..	32½	Rock Island.....	68⅝
Dis. & C. Fdrs. Co...	28⅛	St. Paul.....	63
East Tenn.....	⅛	do pref'd.....	118
Erie.....	15⅛	St. Paul & Omaha.	38
do pref'd.....	32	do pref'd.....	115½
Fort Wayne.....	150	Southern Pacific...	22⅛
Great North'n pf'd.	106	Sugar Refinery....	79¾
Chi. & East. Ill. pf'd	97	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	16⅝
Hocking Valley....	21¼	Texas Pacific.....	8
Illinois Central...	93	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd.	70
St. Paul & Duluth..	25	Union Pacific.....	20⅞
Kan. & Texas pf'd.	24¾	U. S. Express.....	52
Lake Erie & West..	15½	W., St. L. & Pac....	7¼
do pref'd.....	64½	do pref'd.....	19
Lake Shore.....	129⅛	Wells Fargo Exp...	128
Louisville & N....	49⅝	Western Union....	88¼
Louis. & N. A.....	9¾	Wheeling & L. E...	14¾
Manhattan Con	128⅞	do pref'd.....	50
Memphis & C.....	90	M. & St. L.....	12¼
Michigan Central..	100½	D. & R. G.....	6
Missouri Pacific...	24⅝	General Electric..	88¼
Mobile & Ohio.....	18	National Linseed..	26
Nash. & Chatt....	72	C. F. & I.....	20¼
National Cordage..	20¼	C. F. & I. pref'd...	70
do pref'd.....	44⅝	H. & T. C.....	2
N. J. Central.....	116	T. A. A. & N. M....	7¼
Norfolk & W. pf'd..	21¼	T. St. L. & K.C.....	1
North America Co.	4⅛	do pref'd.....	8
Northern Pacific...	6		

The total sales of stocks today were 149,000 shares, including: American Sugar, 8,400; Burlington, 7,600; Chicago Gas, 16,100; Distilling, 16,100; General Electric, 3,800; New York & New England, 18,100; Reading, 9,000; St. Paul, 20,300; Western Union, 3,400.

The range of prices as reported by J. W. Deane & Co., Board of Trade hall, is as follows:

Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes't
Erie.....	15⅝	15⅝	15⅜	15⅝	15⅝
Pacific Mail.....					15½
L. & N.....	50	50	49⅝	49½	50⅛
Northwestern.....	103½	104	103⅝	103⅝	104
Mo. Pacific.....	24⅝	24⅝	24⅛	24¾	25
Illinois Central..	21⅝	21⅝	21	21	21⅛
N Pacific, pf'd....	22¾				21⅞
N. Pacific com....					6⅛
C. B. & Q.....	78⅝	78⅝	78⅛	78⅝	78½
Rock Island.....	68⅛	68⅝	68	68⅝	68¼
St. Paul.....	63⅝	63⅝	62⅝	63⅛	63¼
Western Union....	88¼	88⅝	88	88¼	88⅜
Sugar Trust.....	79⅞	80⅝	79⅞	80	79⅞
New England.....	29⅝	30	27⅞	28⅝	29⅛
Atchison.....	19⅝	19⅝	19¼	19⅝	19¾
Chicago Gas.....	67⅝	68⅛	67⅝	68¼	67⅞
Reading.....	20½	20⅝	19⅞	20⅛	20½
Del. & Hudson.....	133⅝	133¾	133⅛	133¾	133
D. C. F.....	28⅝	29½	28⅝	29⅝	28⅝
E. C. E.....	39	39½	38	38¾	38⅞
Cordage.....	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛	19½

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan, 1 per cent, closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady; actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand, and at $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days. Commercial paper, $4.83½@4.84¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69⅝c bid.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Dull. State bonds, dull.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.....	113¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M	106
U. S. 4s coup.....	114¼	St. Paul Consols...	125½
U. S. 4½s reg.....	95⅛	St. P. C. & P. 1sts..	110
Pacific 6s of 95....	102½	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	75
La. stamped 4s....	96	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	20¼
Missouri 6s	100	Union Pac. 1sts....	104
Tenn. new set 6s..	102	West Shore	103½
Tenn. new set 5s..	100	R. G. W. 1st.....	72¾
Tenn. new set 3s..	74	Atchison 4s.....	71½
Canada So. 2ds.....	103	do 2¾s class A..	38⅝
Central Pac. 1sts..	105	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	92½
D. & R. G. 1sts.....	112¼	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	107
D. & I. G. 4s.....	80½	S. A. & P. G. 1st...	107
Erie 2ds.....	78	do 6s	102
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s.	46½	N. C. 6s.....	108⅛
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	80	do 4s.....	97
Mutual Union 6s..	111	Tenn. old 6s.....	60
N. J. C. Int. Cert..	113⅞	Va. Centuries.....	57⅞
N. Pacific 1sts.....	110¼	Va. Centuries df...	6⅛
N. Pac. 2sts.....	89	Ala. class A.....	99⅛
N. W. Consols.....	138	Ala. class B.....	102
N. W. Deb. 5s.....	108½	Ala. class C.....	95⅝
St. L. & I. M. G. 5s.	78	Va. Currencies.....	92½

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atch. T. & S. F....	19¼	Westingh. Elec....	24½
American Sugar...	79¾	do pref d.....	45⅝
do preferred.....	82	New Eng. 6s.....	108
Bay State Gas.....	7¼	Allouez Mining Co	40
Bell Telephone....	169	Atlantic.....	17½
Boston & Maine....	181	Boston & Montana	27⅝
C., B. & Q.....	78¾	Butte & Boston....	95
Fitchburg.....	77½	Calumet & Hecla...	295
General Elec.....	38⅝	Centennial.....	3¼
Mexican Central...	6¼	Franklin.....	12
N. Y. & N. E.....	28⅛	Kearsarge.....	7⅛
Rubber.....	45½	Tamarack.....	29
San Diego.....	5	Quincy.....	125
Union Pacific.....	21	Tamarack.....	155
West End.....	53½		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	23	Hale & Norcross...	70
Belle Isle.....	5	Mexican.....	100
Belcher.....	80	Mono.....	10
Best & Belcher....	230	Ophir.....	160
Bodie Con.....	25	Potosi.....	75
Bullwer.....	5	Savage.....	55
Challar.....	45	Sierra Nevada.....	130
Con. Cal. & Va.....	345	Union Con.....	95
Crown Point.....	55	Utah.....	5
Gould & Curry.....	95	Yellow Jacket.....	80

On the London Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Evening Post's special London cablegram says: The bank reserve included £385,000 this week, of which £21,000 were in gold from Lisbon. Silver was unchanged today and weak for future delivery. The opinion is still leaning towards a probable import duty, and the Indian debate last night rather depresses the city with the conviction that the program for rupee exchange will be determinedly prosecuted. The stock markets were dull. Americans had a flat tendency.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 14—4 p.m.

Consols, money....	98 7-16	Mexican ordinary.	15
Consols, acc'nt....	98⅛	U. P., D. & Gulf....	6⅛
Canadian Pacific..	76	New York Central.	105
Erie.....	16⅞	Pennsylvania.....	50¼
Erie 2ds.....	90	Reading.....	19⅝
Illinois Central...	96	Mex. Cen. new 4s..	55¾

BAR SILVER—32d per oz.

The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills, 2½ per cent.

Financial Notes.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Three per cent rentes, 99f.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $1,772,729.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $2,103,951; balances, $427,317.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $76,168,033; balances, $4,165,111.

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $823,014; same day last week, $789,472.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $8,987,830; balances, $1,329,967.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 14.—New York exchange, selling at par. Clearings, $239,266; balances, $79,650.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—Money, 3@6 per cent. New York exchange, 30@60c premium. Clearings, $2,161,450.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $3,943,401; balances, $609,201. Money, quiet at 7@8 per cent. Exchange on New York, 80@90c premium.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $13,377,209; balances, $2,037,692. Money, 1@1½ per cent. Exchange on New York, 1@1½ per cent premium.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $14,065,000. New York exchange, 65c premium. Sterling exchange, dull; actual, $4.84