COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Combination of Pearish Influences Yesterday Weakened Wheat Considerably.

CORN WAS FIRMER ON STRONG CABLES

Prospective Increase in the Visible Supply of as Much as on the Previous Week Helped to Discourage the Bulls.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—A combination of bearish influences, prominent among which were lower cables, weakened wheat today, May closing ⅝c lower. May corn gained ¼c, May oats ⅛c and provisions closed slightly lower. The bullish effect of yesterday's purchases of wheat for export at the seaboard was not reported this morning. The rain which fell in the night had some part in obliterating it, but a dispatch from Washington repeating some utterances which Secretary Morton of the agricultural bureau had previously published with regard to the growth of wheat production in the world was said to be the principal cause of a universal desire to sell wheat at the opening, and which resulted in the loss in a moment of all of yesterday's gain. The English markets were a shade easier, Liverpool quoting ¼d decline. The northwestern receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were 716 cars, against 536 a year ago. Primary market receipts were 525,000 bu., and shipments from the same only 27,000 bu., and the aggregate of the shipments of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports was 225,000 bu. The opening transactions in May were at from 60⅝c to 59⅞c, not much at the higher figure. It worked off to 59½c, at which point Partridge became a buyer. During the remainder of the session it fluctuated the greater part of the time between 60c and 59⅝c, dwelling longest at 59¾c to 59⅝c. Among others who threw over long wheat was Rosenkranz. A prospective increase in the visible supply of as much as on the previous week helped to discourage the bulls. Continental markets are quoted firm at the close, but English markets continued their opening weakness. May closed at 59⅞c.

Corn was firmer, notwithstanding the weakness in wheat. This was due to the fact that local receipts were considerably smaller than expected and that cables came firm to higher. There was good buying, both to cover shorts and for the long account, but with moderate offerings. May sold at from 49⅞c to 50¼c, and held the advance up to noon. The market held its own during the last hour, May keeping most of the time at 50⅛c and closing at that price.

The oats market still continued without any particularly interesting feature. A slightly firmer feeling existed in sympathy with corn. May sold from 32⅜c to 32⅝c, back to 32⅜c, and closed at 32⅜c.

Provisions were dull and weak. Hog receipts were not excessive. Prices show a decline of 2½c in pork, lard and ribs. Receipts of hogs, 34,000 head; 18,000 head estimated for tomorrow.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	55¾	55¾	55	55⅛
May.....	59⅞	60⅛	59⅝	59⅝@⅞
July.....	60⅝	60⅝	60¼	60⅛
Corn No. 2..				
Dec.....	47¾	47¾	47¾	47¾
Jan.....	47¾	47¾	47¼	47¼
May.....	50@50⅛	50¼@⅜	49⅝	50⅛
Oats No. 2...				
Dec.....	29¼	29¼	29¼	29¼
May.....	32⅝	32⅝	32⅜	32⅜@⅜
Pork per bbl				
Jan.....	12 00	12 00	11 95	12 00
May.....	12 32½	12 35	12 30	12 35
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan.....	6 95	6 95	6 90	6 92½
May.....	7 12½	7 15	7 12½	7 15
Short Ribs—				
Jan.....	5 97½	6 00	5 93	5 97½
May.....	6 20	6 20	6 17½	6 20

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 59½@61¼c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 55½@55⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 47½c; No. 3 yellow, 43½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 3 white, 31⅝@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 59@64c; No. 3, 47@53c; No. 4, 46@50c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.48.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.60@3.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.00@12.12½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.87½@6.90. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.95@6.00. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $5.12½@5.25; short clear sides, boxed, $6.25@6.37½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.23.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	13,000	3,000
Wheat, bu.....	21,000	3,000
Corn, bu.....	223,000	319,000
Oats, bu.....	177,000	67,000
Rye, bu.....	7,000	4,000
Barley, bu.....	62,000	19,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull; creamery, 14@23½c; dairy, 12@21c. Eggs, steady; 22@23c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,700 bbls.; exports, 18,400 bbls.; sales, 14,100 pkgs. Market weak and buyers withdrawn. Southern flour, dull. Rye flour, dull and easy; sales, 400 bbls. Buckwheat flour, nominal; $1.80@1.90.

CORN MEAL—Easy; sales, 200 bbls., 2,000 sacks; yellow western, $1.18@1.20; Brandywine, $3.00@3.05.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 55@60c.

RYE—Easier; boat loads, 55@57c.

BARLEY—Steady; western, 63@64c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominally steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 71,100 bu.; exports, 85,800 bu.; sales, 3,215,000 bu. futures and 148,000 bu. spot. Spot market easy; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 60⅝c; f. o. b., 62⅝c; December closed at 61⅛c; February, 62@62⅛c, closed at 62⅝c; March, 62⅝@63c, closed at 63c; May, 63⅝@64c, closed at 64⅛c; June closed at 64⅛c; July, 64⅛c; No. 2 closed at 64⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 86,000 bu.; exports, 2,200 bu.; sales, 365,000 bu. futures and 98,000 bu. spot. Spot market steady; No. 2, 57@57⅛c in elevator; steamer mixed, 51½@52c in elevator; 52@52½c delivered; No. 3, 50c in elevator and 51c delivered. Options closed at ⅛c net advance; January, 53⅝@55⅝c, closed at 55⅝c; May, 55⅝@56⅛c, closed at 56⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 10,180 bu.; exports, 100 bu.; sales, 175,000 bu. futures and 88,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 34⅝c; No. 2 delivered, 35⅝c; No. 3, 33⅝c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, 35½c; track, white western, 37@42c; track, white state, 37@42c. Options quiet; No. 1, 35¼@35⅝c, closed at 35½c; February, 35⅛@36c, closed at 36c; May, 36⅛@36⅝c, closed at 36⅝c; December closed at 34⅝c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, old, 3@6c; new, 12@12½c.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 5c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 5½@6c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy weights, 14½@18c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 17@33c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet. Cut meats, quiet. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $7.27 asked; sales, 825 tierces at $7.22½@7.25.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 11@16c; western creamery, 16@23c; fair factory, 10@13c.

PETROLEUM—Nominally firmer; United closed at 88⅝c bid.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, $1.30@1.35½.

TURPENTINE—Steady; 27½@28c.

ORANGES—Weak; fancy, boxes, $1.87; others, $1.12@1.75.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 9@11½c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 3½@9c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 23@24c; ice house, 17@22c; western fresh, 22@23c; southern, 22@24½c; cases, $3.25@3.50; receipts, 1,600 pkgs.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6½c; Japan, 4½@4¾c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅜c; country, 4⅜c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 25@37c.

PIG IRON—Dull; Scotch, $19.00@20.00; American, $10.00@13.00.

TIN—Steady; Straits, $13.65; sales on 'change, 16 tons December tin, $13.70.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet. Quotations: Prime crude, 24@24½c; off crude, 22@24c; prime white, 31@32c, nominal.

SPELTER—Weak; domestic, $3.27½ asked.

LEAD—Steady; brokers' price, $3; exchange price for spot, $3.12½c.

COPPER—Strong; brokers' price, $9.75; exchange price, $9.60 asked.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red, 5s 1d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 3d; No. 1 California, 5s 4½d; futures opened easy and unchanged; business heaviest on middle positions; closed steady; December, 5s; January, 5s; February, 5s ¼d; March, 5s ¾d; April, 5s ¾d; May, 5s ⅞d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 5s ½d; futures opened steady, with near and distant positions 1d higher, but reacted and closed steady at unchanged prices; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 5s ¾d; January, 4s 7d; February, 4s 6d; March, 4s 6d; April, 4s 6d; May, 4s 6d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand moderate; St. Louis, fancy winter, 6d.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 11d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, Cumberland cut, 28@30-lbs., 28s; long clear, light, 28@35-lbs., 28s; long clear, heavy, 35-lbs., 32s; short clear backs, light, 18-lbs., 29s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 35-lbs., 34s; clear bellies, 14@16-lbs., 36s; shoulders, square, 12@13-lbs., 29s; hams, short cut, 14@16-lbs., 41s. Beef, extra India mess, 75s. Pork, prime mess, 128s 9d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 60s; prime mess, medium, 55s 9d. Lard, dull; prime western, 35s 9d; refined, in pails, 38s.

CHEESE—Firm; demand moderate; finest American, white, 50s 6d; finest American, colored, 51s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 56s.

TALLOW—Fine North American, nominal at 23s.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—28s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, 2s 10½d.

COTTON SEED OIL—Liverpool, refined, 18s 6d.

LINSEED OIL—29s 9d.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 5s ⅝d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £2 10s.

The receipts of wheat for the past three days were 195,000 centals, including 17,000 centals American. The receipts of American corn for the past three days were 6,700 centals.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 8c; fair to good country, 10@12c; choice to fancy, 14@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 23c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 21@22c; fresh (cold storage), 16@18c.

LIVE POULTRY—Old hens, 4½c; spring chickens, 5@5½c; ducks, 6@6½c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 4½@5c; choice large, 6c; choice small, 6½@7c; turkeys, fair to good, 6c; choice heavy, 7@8c; choice small, 8@9c; ducks, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@8½c; geese, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@8½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $3.75@4.00; grouse, per doz., $3.25@3.50; blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50@1.75; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@2.75; quail, $1.25@1.35; deer saddles, 12@13c; antelope saddles, 7@10c; small rabbits, 75@80c; jack rabbits, $1.

VEAL—Choice, fat and small veals are quoted at 6c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A, 13c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 14@15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9.50; midland, $9; lowland, $8.50; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Old birds, per doz., 75c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 60@65c; small lots, 65@70c.

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, $2; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, $2.75; Muscatine, $3.

BEETS—Per bbl., $2.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.50@1.75.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 7@8c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per bbl., $2.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb., 3½c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35@40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

FRUITS.

QUINCES—California, per 50-lb. box, $1.25@1.50.

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2.50@2.75; Michigan stock, $3; New York or New England, $3.25.

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, $2; Vicars, $1.75.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 85-lb. bbls., gross, $7.50@8.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, fancy, $10.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, $2.75.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Malaga, $3.75; fancy Florida, sizes 250 and 300, $4.00@4.25.

PINEAPPLES—None.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—IXL, 8c; medium, per can, 15; horse shoes, 12c; extra standards, 15c; extra selects, 17c; company selects, 21c; New York counts, 25c.

NEW PIGS—Fancy, 15c; choice, 13@14c; California, bags, 8c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; California, 16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon cans, per doz., $12.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@18c; English walnuts, 12c; filberts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 8c; eastern chestnuts, no good stock; shellbark hickory nuts, per bu., $2; large hickory nuts, $1.75; fancy raw peanuts, 6c; roasted peanuts, 7½c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $4.50; per half bbl., $2.50.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 6½c; 10-gal. kegs, 7c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.75.

FISH—Fresh caught croppies, perch and sunfish, 3@5c; buffalo, 3@4c; pike and pickerel, 6@8c; catfish, 8@9c; black bass, 12@13c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5.50; half bbl., $3.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3¼c; No. 2 green hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings short wooled early skins, each, 5@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, 5@8c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3½@4c; grease, white A, 4¼@4½c; grease, white B, 3¾c; grease, yellow, 3¼c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@26c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $8.00@10.00; bear, black, yearlings, No. 1 large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1 medium, $10; No. 1 small, $7; bear, black, cubs, No. 1 large, $6.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, $18.00@22.00; No. 1 medium, $14; No. 1 small, $10; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1 large, $12; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1 large, $6.50; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, silver tip, No. 1 large, $20; No. 1 medium, $12; No. 1 small, $8; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1 large, $11; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $6; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, brown, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $16; No. 1 small, $12; bear, brown, yearlings, No. 1 large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $6; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $3; badger, No. 1 large, $1.00@1.50; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 50c; fisher, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6; No. 1 small, $4; fox, silver, as to color according to beauty, No. 1 large, $100; No. 1 medium, $60; No. 1 small, $50; fox, silver, pale, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $50; No. 1 medium, $30; No. 1 small, $20; fox, cross, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $2; fox, red, No. 1 large, $1.50; No. 1 medium, $1.25; No. 1 small, $1; fox, gray, No. 1 large, 75c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 40c; fox, kit, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; marten, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, 80c; No. 1 medium, 60@65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 35c; mink, dark, No. 1 large, 65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1 large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, $5@10; otter, No. 1 large, $8; No. 1 medium, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $4; raccoon, No. 1 large, 60@70c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 35c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, 75@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, No. 1 large, $1.35; No. 1 medium, 75c; No. 1 small, 50c; skunk, short striped, No. 1 large, $1; No. 1 medium, 70c; No. 1 small, 45c; skunk, narrow striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, No. 1 large 30@40c; wolverine, No. 1 large, $4; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; wolf, mountain, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, 65@90c; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@9c; No. 1 medium, 8c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 46@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrats, kits, 2@3c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—FLOUR—Dull, unchanged.

WHEAT—Opened bearish on foreign news and large Argentine receipts, closing ½@¾c below yesterday's close; No. 2 red, cash, 52¾c; December, 53⅛c bid; January, 54c; May, 59⅝c.

CORN—Strong on unfavorable weather, closing ⅛@⅜c up; No. 2 mixed, cash, 46c; December, 46⅛c; January, 45c bid; May, 47⅛c.

OATS—Firm, higher; No. 2, cash, 30⅝c; December, 31c; May, 32⅝c.

RYE—Nothing doing; No. 2 held at 54c.

BARLEY—Unchanged.

BRAN—Sacked, east track, 59c.

FLAX SEED—$1.40.

CLOVER SEED—Steady; good, $8.50@8.82.

TIMOTHY SEED—$4.75@5.30.

HAY—Steady; prime to choice prairie, $9.00@10.00; prime to choice timothy, $10.00@11.00.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Firm; 15c.

LEAD—$2.87½@2.90.

SPELTER—Held at $3.10.

CORN MEAL—$2.05@2.10.

WHISKY—$1.23.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $12.25. Lard, prime steam, $6.70; choice, $6.82½. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $5.25; longs and ribs, $6.12½; shorts, $5.25. Bacon, packed shoulders, $6.25; longs, $6.87½; ribs, $7; shorts, $7.12½. Bacon, clear, $7.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 7,000 bu.; corn, 64,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, none; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says of the wool trade: Nothing is at present manifest in market conditions which is calculated to depress or elate the spirits of the trade or of our manufacturers. Prices are practically unchanged. Considerable wool is selling all the time in moderate quantities at current rates. The demand for domestic wool continues to be about the same in character and quantity as prevailed during November. The aggregate volume of transactions for the week is somewhat diminished by the occurrence of the annual Thanksgiving holiday. The sales of the week amount to 1,794,000 lbs. domestic and 376,000 lbs. foreign, making a total of 2,171,500 lbs., against a total of 2,570,500 lbs. for the previous week and a total of 2,787,000 lbs. for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1, 1894, amount to 135,534,586 lbs., against 146,976,500 lbs. for the year ago. The sales in New York amounted to 235,000 lbs. and in Philadelphia they aggregated 1,631,800 lbs.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—WOOL—Steady and unchanged.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $14,545,587; balances, $1,573,527.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—4 p. m.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 459; Madrid, 120; Lisbon, 230; St. Petersburg, 59; Athens, 77; Rome, 106.90; Vienna, 103.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $2,605,612; balances, $351,428.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $94,995,512; balances, $6,527,045.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $10,428,754; balances, $1,373,379.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Exchange on London, 8 days' sight, 20 marks 39½ pfg.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Lazard Freres will ship $1,250,000 gold by tomorrow's steamer.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $4,239,946; balances, $631,621. Money, dull, 5@7 per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 47½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $469,699; balances, $88,605. New York exchange selling at par.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today is £8,000.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $2,168,000. Money, 2@4 per cent. New York exchange, 25@40c premium.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $2,149,702. New York exchange, par; commercial, $1.25 per $1,000 discount.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $17,304,000. Money, 4@4½ per cent on call; 5@6 per cent on time. New York exchange, 35c premium. Sterling exchange, commercial, $4.85¾@4.86¼.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The October earnings of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific railroad were: Gross, $1,813,813; increase, $103,062; net, $565,852; decrease, $19,087. The steamship Etruria, sailing for Europe tomorrow, will take out 350,000 ounces of silver.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

There Was Increased Activity in the Speculative Securities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—There was increased activity in the speculation on the Stock exchange today, and the market was characterized by a marked degree of strength, with the exception of slight reactions at the opening. Among the most prominent influences was the improved prospect for the passage of the pooling bill. Western Union advanced on a report that the next quarterly statement would show a surplus after deducting the regular dividends.

Sugar again broke the record of individual sales, exceeding 193,000 shares. The promised directors' statement was not forthcoming. The stock fluctuated widely, the final sale being only ⅛ per cent below the best and 4⅞ per cent above yesterday's closing. The preferred gained 2¼ per cent. There was heavy covering in the grangers. St. Paul was sold at the opening by London, but the local buying was active. There was an improvement in the day of 1½ per cent. Northwestern rose 1¼ per cent and lost only ⅛ per cent. Burlington reacted ¼ per cent on the early trading, but on long buying in Boston the stock rose 1¾ per cent, reacting ⅝ per cent at the close. Rock Island advanced steadily, closing at the best and 1 per cent above last night's closing price. The other more important gains on the day are Tobacco, 2 per cent; Cordage preferred, 1⅝ per cent; Cordage common, 1¼ per cent; St. Paul & Omaha, 1¾ per cent; Western Union and Lead, 1½ per cent. The market closed strong. The bond market was firm in the early session and after midday became strong. The total transactions were $1,895,000.

The Post's London cable says: Americans were dull and flat today on the expected gold shipments from America. The Bank of England is said to have reduced the selling price of eagles to ½d per oz. South Americans were weak on the continued rise in Argentine gold premium. The trade returns for November are fairly satisfactory, considering the low values.

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

Atchison.....	5	Northwestern.....	98⅝
Adams Express...	142	do pfd.....	141
Alton, T. H	36	N. Y. Central.....	99½
do pfd.....	198	N. Y. & N. E.....	31¼
Am. Express.....	110	Ontario & W.....	15⅝
Baltimore & Ohio.	67	Oregon Imp.....	10
Canada Pacific...	59¼	Oregon Nav.....	20
Canada Southern..	50⅝	O. S. L. & U. N...	6¾
Central Pacific...	14½	Pacific Mail.....	22⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	10⅝	P. D. & E.....	3¼
Chicago Alton.....	145½	*Pittsburg.....	156
C., B. & Q.....	72⅛	Pullman Palace..	156
Chicago Gas.....	73⅝	Reading.....	15⅛
Consolidated Gas.	126⅝	Richmond Ter....	16¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	88⅝	do pfd.....	90
Colo. Coal & Iron.	8⅛	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Cotton Oil Cert...	27¼	R. G. W. pfd.....	43
Delaware & Hud..	126⅝	Rock Island.....	62⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	161½	St. Paul.....	69½
D., L. & W. pfd....	34⅛	do pfd.....	118⅛
D. & C. F. Co.....	9	St. P. & Omaha...	34¼
Erie.....	12⅛	do pfd.....	112
*do pfd.....	24	Southern Pacific..	19
Fort Wayne.....	157	Sugar Refinery...	91⅝
G. Northern pfd..	100⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	16
C. & E. I. pfd.....	93	Texas Pacific.....	9¾
Hocking Valley...	17¼	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	75
Illinois Central...	89	Union Pacific.....	12⅝
St. P. & Duluth...	22	U. S. Express.....	42
K. & T. pfd.....	22⅛	W. St. L. & P.....	6¼
Lake Erie & West	16½	do pfd.....	14⅛
do pfd.....	70½	Wells Fargo Ex...	105
Lake Shore.....	130	Western Union...	88⅝
Lead Trust.....	40½	Wheeling & L. E..	10⅛
Louisville & N....	54⅛	do pfd.....	39
L. & N. A.....	6¾	M. & St. L.....	28
Manhattan Con...	107⅛	C. & R. G.....	10⅝
*Memphis & C....	10	G. E.....	36¼
Michigan Cent...	98¼	N. L.....	19½
Missouri Pacific..	28⅛	C. F. & I.....	25¼
Mobile & Ohio...	18	do pfd.....	70
Nashville Chat...	65	H. & T. C.....	2⅛
National Cordage.	9⅝	T. A. A. & N. M....	2¾
do pfd.....	16⅞	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
N. J. Central.....	94	do pfd.....	7
N. & W. pfd.....	20¼	S. S. R.....	12
North Am. Co.....	4	do pfd.....	38
Northern Pacific..	4⅛	Am. Tob. Co.....	93¼
No. Pac. pfd.....	17⅝	do pfd.....	107
U. P., D. & G.....	3½		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 375,275 shares, including: American Sugar, 193,022; Burlington, 20,800; Chicago Gas, 13,600; Distilling and Cattle-feeding, 2,300; Louisville & Nashville, 8,800; Manhattan, 6,800; Missouri Pacific, 2,700; New Jersey Central, 2,900; Northwestern, 7,900; Reading, 6,600; Rock Island, 5,500; St. Paul, 59,000; Southern Railroad, preferred, 3,000; Western Union, 9,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan, 1 per cent; closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88@4.88⅛ for demand and at $4.87¼@4.87½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.87½@4.88 and $4.88½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.86¼@4.86⅞.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—61½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; state bonds, quiet; railroad bonds, strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg.....	119	D. & R. G. 4s.....	81½
U. S. 5s, coup.....	119½	Erie 2ds.....	67⅛
U. S. 4s, reg.....	114⅛	*G. H. & S. A. 6s..	96
U. S. 4s, coup.....	114⅛	do 5s.....	99
*U. S. 2s, reg.....	97	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105½
*Pacific 6s of '95..	99¼	do 6s.....	100½
*Ala. Class A.....	103⅝	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	81¼
*Ala. Class B.....	101	do 2ds.....	46⅝
*Ala. Class C.....	92⅛	*Mutual Union 6s.	110
*Ala. Currency.....	92	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	116
*La. New Con. 4s.	95¼	No. Pac. 1sts.....	116
*Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	88
*N. C. 6s.....	124	N. W. Consols.....	142⅝
*N. C. 4s.....	101	*do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
S. C. nonfund.....	1⅛	R. G. West. 1sts..	71
*Tenn. new set 6s	82⅛	St. P. Consols 7s..	130⅝
*Tenn. new set 5s	104¼	do C. & P. W. 5s.	112⅛
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	79
Va. Centuries.....	64	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	101⅛
do deferred.....	4⅝	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	87¼
Atchison 4s.....	65	do 2ds.....	20¼
do 2d A.....	18¼	U. P. 1sts of '96..	103¼
Canada So. 2ds.....	105¼	West Shore 4s.....	101⅛
C. P. 1sts of '95..	103	N. B. R.....	89⅝
*D. & R. G. 7s ...	114		

* bid.

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	20	Hale & Norcross..	100
Alpha*.....	13	Justice.....	22
Andes.....	40	Kentucky Con....	2
Belcher.....	70	Lady Wash. Con..	7
Best & Belcher...	66	Mexican.....	67
Bodie Con.....	50	Mono.....	5
Bullion.....	20	Mount Diablo....	10
Bulwer Con.....	5	Occidental Con...	7
Caledonia.....	10	Ophir.....	185
Challenge Con....	30	Overman.....	12
Chollar.....	54	Potosi.....	44
Confidence.....	95	Savage.....	35
Con. Cal. & Va....	355	Union Con.....	37
Con. Imperial.....	1	Utah Con.....	6
Crown Point.....	63	Yellow Jacket....	48
Gould & Curry....	45		

Silver bars, 61⅛@61⅜c. Mexican dollars, 50⅛@51c. Drafts, sight, 5c; telegraphic, 7½c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Call loans, 2¼@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4⅝	Westingh. Elec....	32
Am. Sugar.....	91⅝	W. Elec. pfd.....	51
Am. Sugar pfd....	93	Atchis n 2ds.....	18
Bay State Gas.....	10¾	Atchison 4s.....	64⅝
Bell Telephone....	198	Gen. Electric 5s...	89¼
Boston & Albany.	209	Boston & Montana	32½
Boston & Maine...	160½	Butte & Boston...	10¼
C. B. & Q.....	72⅝	Calumet & Hecla..	288
Fitchburg