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Wheat Went Down Yesterday Under a Heavy Visible Supply Increase.

MAY CORN AND OATS CLOSED LOWER

There Was a Tendency Toward Decline When Minneapolis Stocks Were Reported Nearly a Million Bushels Heavier Than Expected.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Wheat went down today under a heavy increase in the visible supply, May closing ⅝c lower; May corn closed ⅜c and May oats ¼c lower, but provisions made slight gains. The wheat market at the opening showed a firmer tone than toward the close of Saturday's session. The short sellers appeared to have discounted on Saturday an expected 1,500,000 bu. increase in the visible supply, and the beter feeling among the longs was due to a decided falling off in the northwestern receipts and to encouraging cablegrams from Liverpool. There was a tendency toward a decline shortly after the start, when Minneapolis stocks were reported 815,000 bu. heavier than on Monday last year, or 100,000 bu. more than Saturday's advices from there had led to the expectation of. The slight drop in prices, however, was soon recovered from. The visible supply gave such evidence as induced the expectation of a much heavier increase than had been looked for and that put an extinguisher upon what began to assume the appearance of a very strong market. May, which opened at from 58⅞c to 58¾c had gradually improved until it reached 59c, but as the huge increase which latterly was confirmed began to deepen its shadow on the market, the underlying bullish feeling gradually oozed out and about an hour from the end of the session the price was down to 58½c. The later cable news was rather in favor of the bulls. The day's primary market receipts were also giving encouragement to holders. In the last half hour the effect of a 2,000,000 bu. increase in the visible supply at such a late season of the year was making itself more effectually felt and the buying was overwhelmed by the selling orders; the prices dropped for an instant to 58¼c, and closed with sellers at from 58¼c to 58⅜c.

Corn opened with sellers at a shade under the price which was bid at the close on Saturday, and it gradually sank until it had declined ½c, under the highest price paid at the start. The receipts somewhat overran the estimates; the amount on ocean passage increased 320,000 bu. last week and the visible supply showed an increase of 1,170,000 bu., against 500,000 bu. increase on the year before. May opened at 50⅛c, touched 49⅝c and closed at 49½c.

In oats the sympathy existing with the corn market was great. The elevator concerns were offering quite freely. May started at from 32⅜c to 32½c, sold down to 32¼c, closing at that figure.

Provisions were firm, but the improvement in prices which was established did not produce any activity in the trading. Instead of 47,000 hogs, as estimated on Saturday, only 37,000 head were received. Pork, lard and ribs each started at a good advance and held it very well in the face of weak wheat and corn markets. Estimated receipts of hogs for tomorrow of only 27,000 helped in keeping the market firm. At the close the advances were as follows: In pork, 10c; lard and ribs each, 5c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	54⅛	54⅝	53¾	53⅞@54
May.....	58¾	59	58⅛	58⅛@⅜
July.....	59⅛	59⅛	58¾	58¾@⅞
Corn, No. 2				
Dec.....	47	47	46⅛	46⅛
Jan.....	47⅜	47⅜	47	47
May.....	50⅛	50⅛	49⅛	49⅛@⅝
Oats, No. 2				
Dec.....	29¼	29¼	29	29
May.....	32⅜@¾	32½	32¼	32¼
Pork per bbl				
Jan.....	11 90	11 90	11 85	11 87½
May.....	12 22½	12 25	12 17½	12 20
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan.....	6 90	6 92½	6 87½	6 90
May.....	7 15	7 15	7 12½	7 12½
Short Ribs—				
Jan.....	5 92½	5 92½	5 90	5 92½
May.....	6 15	6 17½	6 12½	6 15

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 58⅛@60⅝c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 54@54⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 46½c; No. 3 yellow, 43¼@43½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29⅜c; No. 2 white, 32@32½c; No. 3 white, 32@32¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 48⅜c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 53@55c; No. 3, 50@53⅜c; No. 4, nominal.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.44.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.52½@5.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $11.87½@12.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.85. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.90@5.95. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, 5@5½c; short clear sides, boxed, 6¼@6⅝c.

WHISKY—$1.23.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	4,000	3,000
Wheat, bu.....	20,000	4,000
Corn, bu.....	120,000	216,000
Oats, bu.....	134,000	83,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	9,000
Barley, bu.....	46,000	23,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 12@23c; dairy, 9@19c. Eggs, steady, 13@21½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,700 bbls.; exports, 29,600 bbls.; sales, 9,600 pkgs.; market heavy and weak; jobbers complaining of a slow demand; city mill patents, $4.00@4.15; winter patents, $2.80@3.15; city mill clears, $3.35; winter straights, $2.35@2.75; Minnesota patents, $3.05@3.70; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.00; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; spring Christmas, $1.85@2.35. Southern flour more active; sales, 500 pkgs.; common to fair extra, $1.80@2.40; good to choice extra, $2.40@2.95. Rye flour, dull; sales, 175 bbls.; superfine, $2.25@2.75; fancy, $2.80@3.00. Buckwheat flour, dull, $1.75@1.85.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 52½@60c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, $1.18@1.20; Brandywine, $3.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55@56c; boat loads, 56@58c.

BARLEY—Inactive; western, 62@63c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 70@73c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 62,000 bu.; exports, 55,000 bu.; sales, 2,370,000 bu. futures and 44,000 bu. spot. Spot market weaker; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 59½c; afloat, 60⅝c; f. o. b., 61⅜c; No. 1 northern, 63½c, delivered; No. 1 hard, 70c, delivered. Options were firmly held during the afternoon on steadier cables and a belief that the long interest was all out, but broke sharply in the afternoon, owing to the big increase in visible supply, a weekly gain in English supplies on small export purchases, closed weak, at ⅝@¾c net decline; No. 2 red, January closed 59⅝c; February closed 60⅝c; March, 61⅛@62c, closed 61½c; May, 62⅛@62 15-16c, closed 62⅛c; June closed 62⅝c; July, 62⅞@63⅛c, closed 62⅞c; December closed 59⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 277,900 bu.; exports, 17,100 bu.; sales, 275,000 bu. futures and 25,000 bu. spot. Spot market, dull; No. 2, 52½c new, 56⅝c old; steamer yellow, 51½c; steamer mixed, 51½c. Options opened lower, under clear and cold weather west and prospects of larger receipts, rallied partially about noon on covering, but declined with wheat, and closed at ⅝@⅞c net decline; January, 52 5-16@52⅝c, closed 52⅝c; February closed 52¼c; May, 53⅜@53⅝c, closed 53⅜c; December, 53c, closed 53c.

OATS—Sales, 94,800 bu. futures, 62,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2, 34½c; No. 2, delivered, 35¼@35½c; No. 3, 33½c; No. 2 white, 38¼@39c; No. 3 white, 37½c; track, white western, 37½@42c; track, white state, 37½@42c. Options, dull and featureless all day, closed at ⅛c decline; January, 34½@34⅝c, closed 34½c; February closed 35⅝c; May, 36@36¼c, closed 36c; December closed 34¼c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 60@77½c.

HOPS—Market heavy; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; new, 9@12c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; new, 8@12c. London market firm.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 50 lbs., 4½@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 11c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 6@6½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weight, 14½@18c.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 17@23c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 6@6½c. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $7.20; sales, 560 tierces at $6.90@7.20; city, 6@6½c; December, $7.20, nominal; January, $7.25, nominal; refined, steady; continent, $7.60; South American, $7.90; compound, 5¼@5½c. Pork, dull.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 10½@16c; western creamery, 15@24½c; western factory, 10@16c; Elgins, 24½c; imitation creamery, 13@19c; state dairy, 12@21c; state creamery, 17@23c.

CHEESE—Quiet; large, 9@11c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 3½@9c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Weak; state and Pennsylvania, 24@25c; ice house, 17@20c; receipts, 5,600 pkgs.; western fresh, 20@23½c; southern, 20@23c; cases, $2.00@4.00.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅜c; country, 4⅜c.

PETROLEUM—Higher; United closed at 92½c; Washington, bbls., 6c, nominal; refined, New York, $5.40, nominal; Philadelphia, $5.40, nominal.

ROSIN—Quiet, strained, common to good $1.35@1.40.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 27½@27¾c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@27c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¼@6⅝c; Japan, 5½@4¾c.

ORANGES—Steady; fancy, $1.75.

PIG IRON—Dull; American, $9.50@13.00.

TIN—Easy; straits, $13.75@13.85; plates dull; sales of tin Saturday as follows: 25 tons, January to February 28, $13.75; 25 tons December, $13; 25 tons a. o., to April 30, $13; 5 tons May, $13.75; 25 tons a. o., January, February, one day's notice, $13.75; 25 tons May, $13.70; 100 tons March, $13.70; 25 tons January, $13.80; 25 tons p. o., to April 30 $13.65; 50 tons January, February, & c., one day's notice, $13.75.

LEAD—Steady; brokers' price, $3; exchange price, $3.10.

COPPER—Market strong; brokers' price, 9⅝c; exchange price, 9.75; sales on 'change, 12 carloads lead, January to December, $18.95; one car per month at $3.12½.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull; prime crude, 24@24½c; off crude, 22@24c; yellow butter grades, 29@31c; choice yellow, 35c, nominal; prime yellow, 32c; yellow grades, 27½c; prime white, 31@32c, nominal.

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, 21@22c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 21@22c; fresh (cold storage), 16@17c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 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., $4; grouse, per doz., $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 5@5½c; 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, 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., 80@90c.

VEGETABLES.

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

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, $1.90@2.00; Lima beans, per lb., 6½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 30@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.

SHELL PEAS—Per lb., 3½c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35@40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

TOMATOES—California, 6 basket crates, $2.75@3.00.

FRUITS.

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

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

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

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2.50@2.75; Michigan stock, $3; eastern stock, $3.25; greenings, $3.50.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $8.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $10.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, 150s, 176s and 200s, $2.50@2.75; 128 size, $2.25@2.40.

TANGERINES—Floridas, per half box, $1.75.

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

LEMONS—Malaga, $3.75; fancy Florida, sizes 250 and 300, $4.00@4.25; new Messinas, sizes 300 and 360, $4.75@5.00.

PINEAPPLES—None.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—1XL, 8c; medium, per can, 7½; horse shoes, 12c; extra standards, 15c; extra selects, 15c; company selects, 20c; New York counts, 25c.

NEW FIGS—Fancy, 15c; choice, 13@14c; California, bags, 6@8c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; California, 16c; strained, 4 to 10-lb. cans, per lb., 10c.

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

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10@12c; filberts, 10@12c; Brazil nuts, 8c; shell bark hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50@2.00; large hickory nuts, $1.25@1.50; 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., 5½c; 10-gal. kegs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.75.

FISH—Scottish and perch, 6c; buffalo, 7c; croppie, 10c; catfish, 12c; black bass, 15c.

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

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 3¼c; 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, 6@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@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $5.00@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; $15 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, $3; 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, 90@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, 25@50c; 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, 50c@$2.00; skunk, black, cased, No. 1 striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, No. 1 large 20@25c; 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, $2; beaver kits, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@10c; No. 1 medium, 9c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 6@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrats, kits, 2@3c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—FLOUR—Dull, unchanged.

WHEAT—Closed ⅝@⅞c off on the heavy increase in the visible supply, principally; No. 2 red, cash and December, 52c; January, 53c; May, 59¼c.

CORN—Closed ¼c lower on both foreign and domestic market news; No. 2 mixed, cash, 46c; December, 45⅝c; January, 44½c; May, 46⅜@46½c; July, 46⅝c.

OATS—Quiet; slightly lower; No. 2, cash, 30¼c; December, 30½c; May, 32c.

RYE—No. 2, offered, east side, 54c.

BARLEY—Steady; sales choice to fancy Minnesota, 57½@58c.

BRAN—Stronger; 61c, sacked, east track.

FLAX SEED—$1.40.

CLOVER SEED—Lower; $8.40@8.55 for good.

TIMOTHY SEED—$4.75@5.25.

HAY—Quiet; unchanged.

BUTTER—Weak, without quotable change.

EGGS—Steady; 16c.

LEAD—Dull; $3.85.

SPELTER—Held at $3.10.

CORN MEAL—$2.05@2.10.

WHISKY—$1.23.

COTTON TIES—60c.

BAGGING—5⅛@6½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $12.25. Lard, prime steam, $6.75; choice, $6.82½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, 5½; longs, $5.87½; ribs, 6; shorts, $6.12½. Bacon, packed shoulders, $6.12½; longs, $6.62½; ribs, $6.75; shorts, $6.87½@7.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 66,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, none; corn, none; oats, 4,100 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—COFFEE—Options opened irregular, unchanged; prices 5 points decline; steadied 5@10 points on European buying, again eased off, closed dull at net unchanged to 10 points decline. Sales, 12,750 bags, including: December, $13.60; January, $13.65@13.15; March, $12.40@12.45; April, $12.35; May, $12.15@12.20; September, $12.00@12.15. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, $15.75; mild, quiet; Cordova, $18.25; sales, 1,000 pkgs. Maracaibo, p. t. warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 7,021 bags; New York stock today, 234,104 bags; United States stock, 266,599 bags; afloat for the United States, 274,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 540,599 bags, against 467,011 bags last year.

HAMBURG, Dec. 17.—Market dull; prices unchanged to ¼ pfg. lower; sales, 23,000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 17.—Opened quiet, unchanged to ¼f higher; closed irregular at ¼f higher to ¼f decline; total sales, 16,000 bags.

SANTOS, Dec. 17.—Market quiet; good average, 13.20; receipts, 22,000 bags; stock, 324,000 bags.

Weekly report: Quiet; good average, per 10 kilos, 13.20; receipts during week, 141,000 bags; shipments to United States, 66,000 bags; stock, 344,000 bags.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 17.—No. 7, Rio, 13.20; exchange, 10 9-16d; receipts, 3,000 bags; cleared for the United States, none; Europe, none; stock, 16,000 bags.

Weekly report: Quiet; exchange, 16 9-16d; receipts during the week, 18,000 bags; shipment to United States, 21,000 bags; stock, 168,000 bags.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Week Opened in Speculative Securities with a Heavy Tone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The week opened on the Stock exchange with a heavy tone to the speculation and stagnant market. Trading continued dull all day and the dealings were irregular throughout, small rallies and inconsequential reactions following each other in quick succession. London was a small seller of St. Paul and some other of the international stocks, but the transactions of the foreign account had little or no effect upon the speculation. Sugar and Gas were the only two stocks which displayed any activity. Sugar, which closed on Saturday at 92, was quoted at the opening at "3,200 shares from 92¼ to 92½." The latter figures were the lowest point touched during the day, and with occasional slight reactions on the way up, the stock reached 93⅝ shortly before noon. Then came a decline to 92½ and a rally to 93, the closing price being 92⅝, a gain of ⅝ per cent on the day. The market buying in the stock was by houses with Washington connections, but there was no news regarding the trust, favorable or unfavorable. A renewal of the rumors touching the Chicago Gas forthcoming dividend depressed the stock of the company. The shares declined 1⅛ per cent in the early trading, recovering ⅝ per cent again, and making a rally of 3⅝ per cent in the final sales, the net loss being ½ per cent. Lake Shore broke 1½ per cent on the sale of 100 shares, and Long Island dropped 2 per cent on the sale of a 200-share lot. The granger shares moved within very narrow limits and were lightly traded in, losing on the day ⅝ for Northwestern and ½ for Burlington and Rock Island, St. Paul gaining ¼ per cent. The other changes were merely fractional. Lead is down ⅞ per cent and Denver & Rio Grande common and preferred ⅝ per cent, while Reading is up ⅝ per cent. A better tone was apparent in the late dealings, and the market closed quiet but firm.

There was a fair amount of trading in the bond market, but, as a rule, the more active issues were quoted lower. St. Louis & San Francisco consol 4s were prominent in the transactions and figured for $10,000. The aggregate sales of the day were $1,334,000.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: This is a holiday market, but the tone was steady today for all securities but Americans, in which there was an average fall of ¼ to ¾ of a dollar. Erie was specially flat, the preferred being 21 to 22. Reading was comparatively steady. Gilt edged securities continue to be absorbed, and mines remain fairly active.

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

Atchison.....	4⅝	U. P., D. & G.....	3¼
Adams Express...	139	Northwestern.....	98¼
Alton, T. H	90	do pfd.....	141
*do pfd.....	198	N. Y. Central.....	100¼
Am. Express.....	110	N. Y. & N. E.....	32¼
Baltimore & Ohio.	63½	Ontario & W.....	15⅝
Canada Pacific....	59⅝	Oregon Imp.....	11
Canada Southern..	50½	Oregon Nav.....	20
Central Pacific....	14⅝	O. S. L. & U. N....	6
Ches. & Ohio.....	18¾	Pacific Mail.....	21⅛
*Chicago Alton....	140	P. D. & E.....	3¾
C., B. & Q.....	79¼	*Pittsburg.....	156
Chicago Gas.....	69⅛	Pullman Palace...	155
Consolidated Gas.	127¼	Reading.....	15⅛
C., C., C. & St. L....	39	Richmond Ter....	16⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron..	8	do pfd.....	20
Cotton Oil Cert...	25	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Delaware & Had...	120½	R. G. W. pfd.....	43
Del., Lack. & W...	160¼	Rock Island.....	63
D. & R. G. pfd.....	34⅛	St. Paul.....	59
D. & C. F. Co.....	9⅝	do pfd.....	119¼
Erie.....	10⅛	St. P. & Omaha....	33¾
do pfd.....	23	do pfd.....	110
*Fort Wayne.....	17	Southern Pacific..	18⅝
G. Northern pfd...	101⅛	Sugar Refinery....	92⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	93½	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	17⅛
Hocking Valley...	17	Texas Pacific.....	9⅝
Illinois Central...	89	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	75
St. P. & Duluth...	21	Union Pacific.....	51
K. & T. pfd.....	22½	U. S. Express.....	42
Lake Erie & West	17	W. St. L. & P.....	6⅛
do pfd.....	72	do pfd.....	14⅛
Lake Shore.....	136	Wells Fargo Ex...	105
Lead Trust.....	38⅝	Western Union...	88⅛
Louisville & N....	54	Wheeling & L. E..	10⅛
L. & N. A.....	7	M. & St. L.....	29
Manhattan Con....	104⅛	D. & R. G.....	11⅛
*Memphis & C....	10	G. E.....	36
Michigan Cent....	97⅛	N. L.....	17⅝
Missouri Pacific..	28⅝	C. B. & L.....	25⅛
Mobile & Ohio....	18	do pfd.....	75
Nashville Chat....	65	H. & T. C.....	24
National Cordage.	8⅛	T. A. A. & N. M..	2⅛
do pfd.....	14⅝	T. St. L. & K. C...	1
N. J. Central.....	94	do pfd.....	5⅛
N. S. & W. pfd....	19⅛	S. R.....	11⅝
North Am. Co.....	3⅝	do pfd.....	37
Northern Pacific..	4	Am. Tob. Co.....	97¼
No. Pac. pfd.....	17⅛	do pfd.....	107

*bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 114,385 shares, including: American Sugar, 40,200; Burlington, 10,200; Chicago Gas, 21,000; Distilling and Cattle Feeding, 2,600; Erie, 3,500; General Electric, 2,400; Northwestern, 2,0; Reading, 7,000; Rock Island, 4,200; St. Paul, 6,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed, 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2⅝@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85⅝@4.88⅝ for demand, and $4.87⅝@4.87⅞ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.88½@4.89, and $4.89½@4.90; commercial, bills, $4.86⅝.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60⅝c bid.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Easier; state bonds, firmer; railroad bonds, weak.

Closing Quotations on Bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg.....	111⅛	Erie 2ds.....	66½
U. S. 5s, coupon...	113⅛	*G. H. & S. A. 6s...	97
U. S. 4s, reg.....	114	do 7s.....	99½
U. S. 4s, coup.....	115	*H. & T. C. 5s.....	106
*U. S. 2s, reg.....	97	*do 6s.....	101
*Pacific 6s of '95..	100	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	81
Ala. Class A.....	103⅛	do 2d 4s.....	45⅝
*Ala. Class B.....	106	Mutual Union 6s..	111
*Ala. Currency...	95	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	116
La. New Consol. 4s..	90	N. Pac. 1sts.....	118⅝
*Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	88⅝
N. C. 6s.....	125	N. W. Consols.....	142
*N. C. 4s.....	101⅛	*do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
Tenn. new set 6s..	70	N. Y. C. West. 1sts..	70
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	St. P. Consols 7s...	132½
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	do C. & P. W. 5s.	114
do deferred.....	2⅛	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	78⅝
Atchison 4s.....	64⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	103⅛
do 2d 4s.....	18⅝	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	87⅛
Canada So. 2ds...	105⅝	do 2ds.....	26
*C. P. 1sts of '95..	103	*do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
D. & R. G. 7s.....	114⅝	West Shore 4s.....	106½
D. & R. G. 4s.....	82	Ill. Cent. 4s.....	90⅛

*bid.

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	20	Gould & Curry.....	40
Alpha Con.....	13	Hale & Norcross...	78
Andes.....	36	Justice.....	20
Belcher.....	65	Kentucky Con.....	6
Belle Isle.....	5	Mexican.....	60
Best & Belcher...	95	Mono.....	8
Bodie Con.....	92	Mount Diablo.....	10
Bullion.....	22	Occidental Con...	7
Bulwer Con.....	5	Ophir.....	155
Caledonia.....	8	Overman.....	20
Challenge Con...	38	Potosi.....	36
Chollar.....	46	Savage.....	30
Confidence.....	80	Union Con.....	31
Con. Cal & Va....	350	Utah Con.....	5
Con Imperial.....	1	Yellow Jacket....	40
Crown Point.....	74		

Silver bars, 60½@60⅝c. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Call loans, 1½@3½ per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4⅝	W. End pfd.....	85
Am. Sugar.....	92⅛	Westingh. Elec....	33
Am. Sugar pfd....	91	Wis. Central.....	3⅛
Bay State Gas.....	10⅛	Atchison 2ds.....	29
Bell Telephone...	200	Atchison 4s.....	64⅛
Boston & Albany..	207½	New England 6s..	110⅛
Boston & Maine...	158	Gen. Electric 5s...	91⅛
C. B. & Q.....	72⅛	Wis. Cent. 1sts...	53⅛
Fitchburg.....	13	Atlantic.....	10⅛
Gen. Electric.....	34⅝	Bdstn & Montana	32½
Illinois Steel.....	45	Butte & Boston...	10⅝
Mexican Central..	6⅝	Calumet & Hecla..	288
N. Y. & N. E.....	15⅝	Centennial.....	50
Old Colony.....	179	Franklin.....	14⅝
Ore. Short Line...	7	Kearsarge.....	7
Rubber.....	42⅛	Osceola.....	21⅛
Union Pacific....	11⅛	Quincy.....	98
West End.....	45	Tamarack.....	152

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific	61	St. Paul com.....	60⅛
Erie.....	10⅛	N. Y. Central.....	101