

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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CORN WAS EASY BUT CLOSED LOWER

Cable Advices Received Near the Close Reporting the Argentine Wheat Harvest Greatly Delayed by Heavy Rains Helped Prices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Wheat was almost stationary in price during the forenoon, but had an upturn in the latter half of the session, which ended in an advance of 1c. New York started the market on its own, and the number of sales were few. Corn was easy and only rallied in sympathy with wheat near the end, closing 1c lower. May oats closed unchanged, and provisions finished lower all around. Wheat was very dull early, with little news of importance to turn prices up or down.

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**OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.**  
Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staples and Fancy Produce.

The continued warm weather has caused shipping to pile in the produce to an extent that is filling up the market. Yesterday, as a result of the accumulation of stocks, the market broke. Corn was easy and only rallied in sympathy with wheat near the end, closing 1c lower. May oats closed unchanged, and provisions finished lower all around. Wheat was very dull early, with little news of importance to turn prices up or down.

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feeling among brokers there. Who are not anxious to see Minneapolis grow into a speculative center.

For a gained stock, No 1, 58 1/2c.

May was at a premium of 1c over Chicago, closed yesterday at 58 1/2c, opened at 58 1/2c, closed at 58 1/2c, and closed at the close price. July closed yesterday at 58 1/2c, opened today at 58 1/2c, and closed at 58 1/2c.

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## OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Increase in Receipts and Decrease in Prices Paid Come Together.

CUTS DE BUYERS DOING NOTHING NOW

Entire Absence of Speculative Interest and Slack Demand from Local Packers Give Buyers a Chance to Pound Price Heavily.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19.

There was a slight improvement in receipts of all kinds today, the total being in the neighborhood of 222 cars. In round numbers there have been received during the past three days 10,000 cattle, 13,700 hogs and 1,700 sheep. Compared with arrivals for the corresponding three days last week this is an increase of about 500 cattle, a decrease of 2,000 hogs and no material change in sheep.

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