COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain Markets Were Heavy Yesterday and Inclined to Weakness.

WHEAT, CORN AND OATS CLOSED DULL

This Was the Result of Easy Cables and a Relic of the Holiday Dullness—Oats Was Purely a Sympathetic Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The grain markets were heavy today and inclined to weakness under easy cables and influenced by holiday dullness. The provision markets wore something of a gladsome look for the bulls, and made an advance of 25c in pork and 10c in each lard and ribs.

Wheat, corn and oats closed in the doleful dumps at respective declines of from ¼c to ½c.

After a struggle of thirty minutes in the wheat pit this morning another ½c was rubbed off the price of that article. The early cables quoted Liverpool a shade lower and steady at the decline. The addition to the crop of the country yesterday was not in today's receipts. Chicago got 44 cars, or rather 22 cars, for 22 of the inspected were transferred from private to public warehouses. The receipts here a year ago were 74 cars. Minneapolis reported 147 cars and Duluth 70, or 217 cars in all, compared with 271 last Friday and 361 a year ago. Clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic ports amounted to 320,000 bu. The closing cables were in line with those received a year ago. Liverpool was from ¼d to ½d lower. Paris quoted 20 centimes decline for December flour, but no change in delivery, and quoted wheat 10c down all around. May wheat, which opened at 57½c, first advanced a trifle to from 57⅝c to 57¾c, and followed that up by a decline to 57⅛c. It afterward bobbed up and down between 57⅛c and 57⅝c to 57½c. The latest trading was at 57⅜c, at which there were, however, more sellers than buyers.

Corn was moderately active, but weak. The demand was again very limited for May corn, but for No. 3 and No. 3 yellow to go in store, there was a rather better inquiry. The range of fluctuations in May was narrow. The opening price was 48⅛c, showing no change since the previous afternoon. It was fairly steady and firm for a short time, but weakened when wheat began to decline. It sold sparingly as high as 48⅜c and declined to 48c, at which price, however, not much could be bought. The latest trading was at from 48⅛c to 48¼c.

Oats was purely a sympathetic market. Prices were considerably lower, but only a fairly active session was passed. May started where it ended yesterday, at 31¾c, sold down to 31⅛c and closed at 31⅝c.

The provision market opened rather tame at a shade less than yesterday's closing prices, although the run of hogs was considerably smaller than had been looked for. The inclination to sell was soon checked when it was discovered that many of the recent sellers were disposed to take the other side of the market. May pork, which yesterday closed at $11.60, opened with sales at from that down to $11.57½, and the latest trading was at $11.85. May lard opened at $6.50 and closed at $7. May ribs started at $5.90 and closed at $6.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closs.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	53¼	53¼	52⅞	53⅛
May.....	57⅛@5⅝	57⅝@¾	57⅛	57⅜
July.....	58⅛	58⅝	57⅞@58	58⅛
Corn No. 2.				
Dec.....	45⅝	45⅞	45⅝@⅞	45⅛
Jan.....	45⅝	45⅞	45⅝@½	45½
May.....	48⅛@¼	48⅜	48	48⅛@¼
Oats No. 2...				
Dec.....	28⅝	28⅞	28⅝	28⅝
May.....	31⅝	31¾	31⅛	31⅛@⅜
Pork per bbl				
Jan.....	11 17½	11 42½	11 17½	11 42½
May.....	11 57½	11 85	11 57½	11 85
Lard 100 lbs				
Jan.....	6 65	6 75	6 65	6 75
May.....	6 90	7 00	6 90	7 00
Short Ribs—				
Jan.....	5 65	5 70	5 65	5 70
May.....	5 90	6 00	6 90	6 00

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy, unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 57⅛@59½c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 53⅛@54c.

CORN—No. 2, 45½c; No. 3 yellow, 41⅝@41½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29c; No. 2 white, 31⅝c; No. 3 white, 31¼@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48@48½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 55c; No. 3, 52½@55c; No. 4, 51⅛@54½c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.39.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.52½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.37@11.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.75. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.70@5.75; dry salted shoulders, boxed, 5@5½c; short clear sides, boxed, 6@6½c.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	7,000	6,000
Wheat, bu.....	30,000	4,000
Corn, bu.....	187,000	16,000
Oats, bu.....	79,000	69,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	6,000
Barley, bu.....	23,000	8,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 12@23c; dairy, 10@19c. Eggs, steady; 12@19c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 12,800 bbls.; exports, 17,300 bbls.; sales, 5,500 pkgs. Market generally nominal. Bakers in small demand and no southern flour. Rye flour, steady; sales, 500 bbls. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.80@1.85.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; sales, 200 bbls., 2,400 sacks.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, none; exports, 31,200 bu.; sales, 1,355,000 bu. futures, 80,000 bu. spot. Spot steady; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 59⅝c; afloat, 61¼c; f. o. b., 61⅝c; No. 1 northern, 64½c, delivered; No. 2 hard, delivered, 59c. Options opened steady, but were soon weakened by lower cables and further liquidation, finally sustaining a partial rally on exports and liberal cable acceptances, the weakest exports and smallest stoppage of 4,000,000 bu. in Roumania's maize crop; closed at ⅜c net decline; No. 2 red, January, 59⅝@59¾c, closed at 59⅝c; February opened at 58⅝c, closed at 60⅛c; March opened at 61⅛@61⅜c, closed at 61⅜c; May, 61⅝@61¾c, closed at 61⅝c; June, 62⅛@62¼c, closed at 62⅛c; July, 62⅝@62⅞c, closed at 62⅞c; December, 59⅝@59⅞c, closed at 59⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 9,000 bu.; exports, 35,100 bu.; sales, 435,000 bu. futures, 84,000 bu. spot. Spot steady; No. 2, 51⅛c in elevator; steamer mixed, 49½c in elevator, 50½c delivered. Options held a firmer opening, but lost in sympathy with wheat and ruled weak all day, closing at ⅛@¼c net advance; January, 51⅛@51⅜c, closed at 51⅛c; February, 51⅛@51⅜c, closed at 51⅛c; May, 51⅝@52c, closed at 52c; December, 51⅝c, closed at 51⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 9,600 bu.; exports, 100 bu.; sales, 14,000 bu. futures, 41,000 bu. spot. Spot, firm; No. 2, 34¼c; No. 2 white, 36½c; No. 3, 33½c; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3, 34c; track, white western, 38@42c; track, white state, 38@46c. Options dull but steady all day; closed steady; January, 34⅛@34⅜c, closed at 34⅛c; February closed at 35⅛c; May, 35½@35⅝c, closed at 35½c; December closed at 34⅛c.

HAY—Dull.

HIDES—Firm.

LEATHER—Dull.

WOOL—Steady.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull. Lard, firm and higher; western steam closed at $7.05 asked; sales, 6,000 tierces at $6.95@7.00; city, 6½@6¾c; sales, 223 tierces; options close: December, $7.05, nominal; January, $7.05, nominal; February, $7.10, nominal; refined, firm; compound, 5½@5⅝c. Pork, easy.

BUTTER—Firm; western dairy, 10@16c; western creamery, 15@21c; western factory, 9@15c; Elgins, 24c; imitation creamery, 12@18c; state dairy, 12@16c; state creamery, 16@22c.

CHEESE—Dull; large, 9½c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 2½@9c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Strong; state and Pennsylvania, $2.50; receipts, 3,070 pkgs; western fresh, 23@24½c; southern, 22½@24c.

TALLOW—Dull but firm.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed nominal.

RICE—Quiet.

MOLASSES—Dull.

PIG IRON—Dull.

TIN—Weak; Straits, $13.60@13.70; plates, dull; sales on 'change, 25 tons tin, S. O., May, $13.40; 25 tons December, $13.35; 25 tons January, $13.50; 50 tons January 31, $13.55@13.60; 25 tons March, $13.45; 25 tons April, $13.45; 50 tons May, $13.45.

SPELTER—Dull.

LEAD—Weak; brokers' price, $3; exchange price, $3.05.

COPPER—Quiet; brokers' price, $9.75; exchange price, $9.90@9.95.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull; prime crude, 24@25c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The wheat market became very dull today and there was a very quiet pit up to the close, with about ¼c loss of prices from those of yesterday. The northwest is decidedly out of line with other markets, but in the present weakness the relative strength is being held. Receipts were 147 cars, against 256 cars a year ago. Close: December, 55¼c; May, 59¼c; July, 60¼c; on track, No. 1 hard, 59¾c; No. 1 northern, 58¾c; No. 2 northern, 57¼c.

The flour market was very dull and little was sold. The production has fallen off considerably and is likely to fall off more if a demand does not spring up. First patents were quoted at $3.10@3.30; second patents, $2.85@3.10; fancy and export bakers', $2.10@2.30; red dog, $1.60@1.70.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Options opened steady at 5 points decline to 5 points advance, ruled fully firm and generally firm on local buying and scarcity of sellers, closed firm at net unchanged to 10 points net advance; sales, 12,750 bags, including: January, $13.45@13.50; February, $13.40; March, $13.35; May, $13.25@13.30; April and September, $12.55@12.65; December, $13.55@13.65. Spot coffee, Rio, dull, mild, quiet; Cordova, 18¼@19c; sales, 1,000 bags Santos Nos. 6 and 7 at 16c; yesterday, 1,000 bags Santos No. 6 at $16.25, and 500 bags Santos No. 5 at $16.87½, also 12,000 bags Maracaibo, 50; Santos, quiet; good average Santos, nominal; receipts, 13,000 bags; stock, 335,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 4,768 bags; New York stock today, 246,323 bags; United States stock, 272,297 bags; afloat for the United States, 257,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 529,297 bags against 460,702 bags last year.

HAMBURG, Dec. 28.—Dull; prices ¼ pfg higher to ¼ pfg. lower; sales, 2,000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 28.—Closed barely steady; December, net, 1¾f lower, and other months, net, ¼f lower; total sales, 21,000 bags.

RIO, Dec. 28.—Nominal; exchange, 11¼d; receipts, 8,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 3,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 211,000 bags.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

BUTTER—Culled stock, 8c; common to fair, 9@10c; fair to good country, 13@12c; choice to fancy, 14@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 23@21c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 18@19c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 4½@5c; choice large, 5½@6c; choice small, 6½@7c; turkeys, fair to good, 7@7½c; choice heavy, 8@8½c; choice small, 8½@9c; ducks, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 9@10c; geese, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@9c.

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, $1.50; deer saddles, 12@13c; antelope saddles, 7@10c; small rabbits, 75c; jack rabbits, $1.25.

VEAL—Choice, fat, 70 to 110 lbs. are quoted at 6@6½c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A, 12c; 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; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; 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., 90c@$1.00.

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., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, $2.75; Muscatine, $3.00@3.25.

BEETS—Per bbl., $2.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $2.75@3.00.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 7@8c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per bbl., $2.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb., 3½c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 25c.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

FRUITS.

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

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

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

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $3; Genitons, $2.75; eastern stock, $3.50; greenings, $3.50@3.75.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $9.00@9.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $10.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

The first carload of oranges from Riverside, Cal., this year was shipped to San Francisco for the holiday trade. The fruit was sold f. o. b. at $2.50 a box. This is later than usual for the first shipments to be made, but it is said there is a desire to hold the fruit until it is riper.

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

TANGERINES—Floridas, per half box, $2.25.

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—IXL, 8c; medium, per can, 10c; horseshoes, 12c; extra standards, 15c; extra selects, 15c; company selects, 20c; New York counts, 25c.

NEW EGGS—Extra fancy, 16c; fancy, 14c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 7c.

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

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

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 9@10c; Brazil nuts, 8c; shellbark hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50@2.00; large hickory nuts, $1.25@1.50; fancy raw peanuts, 6c; roasted peanuts, 7½@8c.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3¼c; 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, 3 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 3 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.

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., $2.50.

FISH—Sunfish and perch, 6c; buffalo, 7c; croppie, 10c; catfish, 12c; black bass, 20c.

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

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, 3@5c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3½@4c; grease, white A, 4½@4½c; grease, white B, 3¾c; grease, yellow, 3¼c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; oil 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, $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, $5; fox, silver, pale, according to beauty, No. 1 large, $30; No. 1 medium, $20; 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, 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, 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, narrow 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, $3; 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, 4@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrats, kits, 2@3c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Yesterday were Less Active Than on the Previous Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The stock market today was less active than on yesterday, sales aggregating less that 86,000 shares. Outside of coal shares and Baltimore & Ohio the trading was unimportant. Immediately after the opening an attack was made on the coalers. New Jersey Central was the main point of attack, being sold freely, with the result of a break of 2⅝ per cent in the stock, 2¼ per cent in Delaware & Hudson, 4 per cent in Delaware & Lackawanna and ⅝ per cent in Reading. There were no fresh rumors unfavorable to any one of the coal carrying roads or to the coal trade in general. At the lower figures there was some buying in the stocks, causing advances of 3 per cent in New Jersey Central, 3¼ per cent in Delaware & Lackawanna, 2¼ per cent in Delaware & Hudson and ⅝ per cent in Reading. In the latter dealings New Jersey Central lost part of the recovery, closing at a loss of 1 per cent on the day.

Delaware & Hudson was offered down to 112, but no sales were made except regular. Baltimore & Ohio was, against a heavy opening, 1½ per cent lower at 61, and making a further decline of 2⅝ per cent on sales of only 600 shares. Disquieting rumors were in circulation touching the company's financial standing, which were officially denied. The depression in the stock is mainly credited to the position taken by the company in the matter of the reorganization of the Schuylkill Navigation Company, a plan of which it is claimed takes from the Baltimore & Ohio a portion of its assets. The stock closed only ⅜ per cent above the lowest point touched.

The general market moved within a narrow range on a very small volume of business. During the morning the speculation was steady to firm, became heavy after midday, and strengthening in the final trading, the market closed in good tone. General Electric after an opening decline of 1 per cent, rose 1¼ per cent on buying credited to an inside interest. A report was current of the entering into an agreement by General Electric with the Westinghouse company to maintain prices so as to admit of a fair profit. In the late dealing General Electric lost ½ per cent of the early improvement.

Sugar moved within a range of 1⅛ per cent, closing at an advance of ¼ per cent on the day. Declines were established of 3⅜ per cent in Illinois Central (on sales of 100 shares), 1 per cent in St. Paul & Omaha, ¾ per cent in Lake Erie & Western, and advances were recorded of 1⅝ per cent in Cordage guaranteed, 1 per cent in American Tobacco and ¾ per cent in Laclede Gas preferred. The grangers were neglected, moving within a range of from ⅛ to ½ per cent, and closing unchanged for Burlington, ¼ per cent down for St. Paul and from ⅛ to ¼ per cent up respectively for Rock Island and Northwestern. There was a moderate increase in the volume of trading today, with the main trend of values toward lower figures. The feature of the dealings was the pronounced weakness in Reading issues. The transactions in these securities reached the large total of $573,000. The first income declined 2 per cent to 22; income seconds, 1¾ per cent to 15; income thirds, 1 per cent to 11, and income general fours, ¾ per cent to 74¼. A sharp rally at the close moved the incomes up from ⅝ to ⅞ per cent. The total transactions were $1,278,500. The principal changes was a decline in Ohio Southern fours of 3 per cent and an advance in Oregon Improvement firsts of 2 per cent.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: The settlement was satisfactorily concluded. The general tone was very good today. Prices finished at the best, with an upward tendency. Americans were mostly steady to firm, but Readings were flat on the adoption of the Olcott scheme. Baltimore & Ohio was down $2 at the close. French exchange on London is tending downward again. A city of Paris loan is anticipated in January. If it comes, a considerable amount of gold will go there from New York or London.

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

Atchison.....	4⅛	Northwestern.....	96¼
Adams Express...	140	do pfd.....	142⅛
Alton, T. H	37	N. Y. Central.....	99
do pfd.....	108	N. Y. & N. E.....	31⅝
Am. Express.....	110	Ontario & W.....	13¼
Baltimore & Ohio.	58⅛	Oregon Imp.....	11
Canada Pacific....	59	Oregon Nav.....	19
Canada Southern..	48¾	O. S. L. & U. N....	6
Central Pacific....	13	Pacific Mail.....	21
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅛	P. D. & E.....	3¼
*Chicago Alton....	140	*Pittsburg.....	157
C., B. & Q.....	71	Pullman Palace..	153½
Chicago Gas.....	73¼	Reading.....	14¼
Consolidated Gas.	131⅛	Richmond Ter....	16
C., C., C. & St. L....	48	do pfd.....	20
Colo. Coal & Iron..	7½	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Cotton Oil Cert....	22½	R. G. W. pfd.....	43
Delaware & Hud..	125¼	Rock Island.....	61¼
Del., Lack. & W....	151¼	St. Paul.....	56⅝
D. & R. G. pfd....	33	do pfd.....	117½
D. & C. F. Co.....	9¾	St. P. & Omaha....	32¼
Erie.....	9¾	*do pfd.....	110
*do pfd.....	21	Southern Pacific..	18⅝
*Fort Wayne.....	157	Sugar Refinery....	89⅛
G. Northern pfd...	101	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	15⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	94½	Texas Pacific.....	9¼
Hocking Valley....	17	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	73
Illinois Central...	83½	Union Pacific.....	11
St. P. & Duluth....	21	U. S. Express.....	42
K. & T. pfd.....	21¾	W. St. L. & P.....	5⅝
Lake Erie & West	16¼	do pfd.....	13⅝
do pfd.....	70½	Wells Fargo Ex...	105
Lake Shore.....	134	Western Union...	86¾
Lead Trust.....	37¼	Wheeling & L. E..	9¼
Louisville & N....	53	do pfd.....	36⅛
L. & N. A.....	6¼	M. & St. L.....	28
Manhattan Con....	104¾	D. & R. G.....	10⅛
*Memphis & C....	10	G. E.....	34½
Michigan Cent....	95	N. L.....	18
Missouri Pacific..	26¾	C. F. & I.....	23
Mobile & Ohio....	17	do pfd.....	70
Nashville Chat....	63	H. & T. C.....	21⅝
National Cordage.	6⅝	T. A. A. & N. M....	2¼
do pfd.....	10¼	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
N. J. Central.....	89⅝	do pfd.....	2
N. & W. pfd.....	17	S. R. R. A.....	10⅛
North Am. Co.....	3⅜	do pfd.....	36½
Northern Pacific..	3⅞	Am. Tob. Co.....	97½
No. Pac. pfd.....	17	do pfd.....	107
U. P., D. & G.....	3		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 85,698 shares, including: American Sugar, 11,300; Chicago Gas, 9,900; Distilling, 10,200; New Jersey Central, 9,100; Reading, 5,700; St. Paul, 7,800; General Electric, 3,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2⅝@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet, but firm; actual business in bankers' bills, $4.88¼@4.88⅝ for demand, and $4.87½@4.87¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.88@4.88½ and $4.89; commercial bills, $4.86¼@4.87.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady, except for 5s, which were weak and ⅛ per cent lower; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, easier.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s. reg.....	117	D. & R. G. 4s.....	82¼
U. S. 5s. coup.....	117	Erie 2ds.....	64
U. S. 4s. reg.....	113¼	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	97
U. S. 4s. coup.....	114⅜	*do 7s.....	100
U. S. 2s. reg.....	97	H. & T. C. 5s.....	103
Pacific 6s of '95..	100	do 6s.....	102⅛
Ala. Class A.....	104	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	80¾
Ala. Class B.....	106	do 2d 4s.....	45¾
Ala. Class C.....	94	*Mutual Union 6s.	105
Ala. Currency.....	94	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	115
N. C. Non Con. 4s..	95⅛	No. Pac. lats	110
*Missouri 6s.....	100	do 4s.....	89
*N. C. 6s.....	124	N. W. Consols.....	143¾
*N. C. 4s.....	101⅛	*do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
S. C. nonfund.....	1¼	R. G. West. lats...	70¼
Tenn. new set 5s.	81	St. P. Consols 7s..	132¼
*Tenn. new set 5s	100	do C. & P. W. 5s.	113
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I.M.Gen. 5.	78⅛
*Va. Centuries....	59⅝	St. L. & S.F. Gen. 6.	103
do deferred.....	12¾	Tex. Pac. lats.....	86
Atchison 4s.....	62⅝	do 2ds.....	25¼
do 2d A.....	16¾	U. P. lats of '96...	104
Canada So. 2ds...	105⅛	West Shore 4s.....	106
*C. P. lats of '95..	103⅛	So. R. R.....	91
*D. & R. G. 7s....	113¾		

* bid.

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	21	Justice.....	20
Alpha Con.....	10	Kentucky Con.....	7
Andes.....	34	Lady Wash Con...	6
Belcher.....	62	Mexican.....	60
Belle Isle.....	5	Mount Diablo.....	10
Best & Belcher...	94	Navajo.....	5
Bodie Con.....	67	Occidental Con...	5
Bullion.....	21	Ophir.....	155
Caledonia.....	9	Overman.....	19
Challenge Con....	34	Potosi.....	31
Chollar.....	40	Savage.....	29
Confidence.....	80	Scorpion.....	5
Con. Cal & Va....	365	Scorpion.....	50
Con. Imperial.....	1	Silver Hill.....	5
Crown Point.....	71	Union Con.....	50
Gould & Curry....	39	Utah Con.....	5
Hale & Norcross..	92	Yellow Jacket.....	38

Silver bars, 59⅝@59¾c. Mexican dollars, 50¼@51c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Call loans, 2½@3½ per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4⅛	Westingh. Elec...	32⅞
Am. Sugar.....	89	W. Elec. pfd.....	49
Am. Sugar pfd....	99½	Wolverine.....	3
Bay State Gas.....	1¼	Atchison 2ds.....	64
Bell Telephone...	194	Atchison 4s.....	62¾
Boston & Albany..	209	New England 6s..	112
Boston & Maine...	159½	Gen. Electric 5s...	92½
do pfd.....	152	Wis. Cent. 1sts...	53¾
C. B. & Q.....	71	Atlantic.....	10¼
Fitchburg.....	87½	Boston & Montana	33¾
Gen. Electric.....	34⅝	Butte & Boston...	11
Illinois Steel.....	45	Calumet & Hecla..	290
Mexican Central..	4⅛	Quincy.....	150
N. Y. & N. E.....	31¾	Fran lin.....	14¾
Ore. Short Line...	6¼	Kearsarge.....	4
Rubber.....	45	Osceola.....	20½
Union Pacific.....	11⅛	Quincy.....	103¼
West End.....	56½	Tamarack.....	153
W. End pfd.....	85		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	4	Ontario.....	900
Cholor.....	35	Ophir.....	140
Crown Point.....	65	Plymouth.....	25
Con. Cal. & Va....	360	Quicksilver.....	150
Deadwood.....	40	do pfd.....	1500
Gould & Curry....	30	Sierra Nevada....	40
Hale & Norcross..	85	Standard.....	200
Homestake.....	1550	Union Con.....	45
Mexican.....	50	Yellow Jacket.....	35

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific.....	60¼	St. Paul con.....	58⅛
Erie.....	19⅛	N. Y. Central.....	101⅛
Erie 2ds.....	65	Pennsylvania.....	52⅛
Ill. Central.....	85½	Reading.....	7⅛
Mexican ordinary.	14¼	Mex. Cen. new 4s..	58¾

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, Clearings, $73,758,639; balances, $6,135,085.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $12,022,986; balances, $1,293,561.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $11,597,908; balances, $2,007,080.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Lazard Freeres will ship $750,000 gold tomorrow.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 39 pfg.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $548,149; balances, $67,132. New York exchange selling par to $1 premium.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—Cl