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NO ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE BULLS

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CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—After selling up ⅛c on the expectation of a decrease in the world's visible, small receipts and fair exports, wheat lost its advance on realizing today; May closed unchanged. May corn and oats also closed unchanged. Provisions finished slightly higher. There was nothing encouraging for the bulls in the early news regarding the wheat situation, and yet the sentiment had turned in favor of the holders. With the English market easier, Liverpool quoted from ¼d to ½d lower, and the northwestern receipts, although light, still slightly in excess of those of last year, the market here was firmer at the opening, and gathered more strength as trading progressed. The total of the receipts at primary markets was 231,000 bu., against 261,000 bu., on this week a year ago; export clearances were 34,000 bu. of wheat, and the equivalent of 172,000 bu. in the shape of flour. The exporting countries of the world, including the United States and Canada, put afloat 7,999,000 bu. last week. Continental markets were quoted firm and somewhat higher at the opening, and were a shade stronger at the close. Liverpool also closed firm and with an upward tendency, according to a private telegram. Some business for export was reported at St. Louis and some little at New York, but the telegrams from the latter city said that spot wheat was hard to get and was bringing ¾c premium over May for No. 2 red, which restricted business. The most favorable item to the bulls was the expectation of a decrease in the world's visible supply.

These constituted the principal items of the day's news upon which the heavy scalpers alternately bought and sold. Business of a sort was brisk. The price of May hung around 58c and 58⅛ for half an hour at the start, gradually improved to 58½c, but by 12:15 o'clock had worked down again to 58⅛c. There was free realizing near the finish, and May sold down to 58c, where it closed.

Corn was very dull, and for the most part worked up or down, according as wheat was strong or weak. It opened a shade under the value it closed at yesterday, at from 47⅝c to 47½c for May, and after declining to 47⅜c for a second or two it improved by about the middle of the session to 47¾c. Later in the day when wheat became weak corn followed the funeral in a mourning coach, and returned to about its starting point. The receipts were 551 cars, but for tomorrow 250 are left that are booked for, and the later expectation prevented the market going quite as far in a bearish direction as wheat encouraged it to go. The closing price for May was 47½c, which was bid.

Oats were only fairly active, and fell off a shade in value, owing to quite free offerings and a continued disposition on the part of buyers to hold back. Later, however, the developing strength in corn was was very forward in causing a similar feeling in oats. The demand improved considerably, with a great many buying orders from the outside. The market remained firm to the close. May started at from 30⅝c to 30⅝c, sold at 30⅝c up to 31c, and closed at 30¾c bid.

Provisions were in the main firm, sustained by good speculative buying. The opening was at slight declines on the liberal hog receipts, and after narrow fluctuations May pork showed a gain at the finish of 7½c. May lard a loss of 2½c, and May ribs closed unchanged.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Jan.....	54	54⅛	53⅞	54
May.....	58	58⅛	57¾@⅞	58
July.....	58⅝	59⅛@⅛	58⅛@⅝	58⅝
Corn No. 2..				
Jan.....	44⅞	45⅛	44⅞	45
May.....	47⅝@¾	47¾	47⅝	47½
July.....	47	47¾	47	47⅜
Oats No. 2...				
Jan.....	28¼	28⅛	28¼	28¼
May.....	30⅝@⅝	31	30⅝	30¾
Pork per bbl				
Jan.....	11 55	11 65	11 55	11 65
May.....	11 80	12 00	11 80	11 92½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan.....	6 92½	6 92½	6 87½	6 87½
May.....	7 02½	7 10	7 02½	7 05
Short Ribs—				
Jan.....	5 85	5 90	5 85	5 85
May.....	6 02½	6 12½	6 02½	6 05

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady and unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 58@60c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 60⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 45c.

OATS—No. 2, 29¼c; No. 2 white, 31@31½c; No. 3 white, 30¾@31c.

RYE—No. 2, 51c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 55c; No. 3, 52@55c; No. 4, 51@54c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.40.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.62½@11.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.87½@6.90. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.85@5.90. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.75@4.87½; short clear sides, boxed, $6.12½@6.25.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	5,000	2,000
Wheat, bu.....	21,000	2,000
Corn, bu.....	24,000	31,000
Oats, bu.....	184,000	117,000
Rye, bu.....	8,000	7,000
Barley, bu.....	64,000	11,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12@25c; dairy, 11@21c. Eggs, firm; 12@19c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,609 bbls.; exports, 11,800 bbls.; sales, 13,400 pkgs. Market steady and fairly active for winter wheats and spring patents. Mills selling later in car lots at $3.55@3.65. Southern flour, dull. Rye flour, fairly active; sales, 500 bbls. Buckwheat flour dull.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, $1.16@1.19; Brandywine, $3; sales, 500 bbls. and 2,000 sacks.

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

BARLEY—Firm; western, 66@67c asked.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 70@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 5,200 bu.; exports, 120,409 bu.; sales, 2,750,000 bu. futures and 152,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 61½c; afloat, 62@62½c, delivered; No. 1 hard, 71⅞c, delivered. Options advanced sharply this morning on the local receipts and predictions of a heavy decrease in the world's stock due tomorrow, and later went up further on stronger closing cables, reported large export purchases in St. Louis, the loading of vessels on the Pacific coast and reported continental buying; finally broke sharply under realizing and closed at only ⅛@¼c net advance; No. 2 red, January, closed at 61½c; February, 61⅝@62⅛c, closed at 61⅝c; March, 62⅛@62⅜c, closed at 62⅛c; May, 62 9-16c, closed at 62⅝c; June closed at 62⅝c; July, 62 1-16@62⅛c, closed at 62c.

CORN—Receipts, 7,100 bu.; exports, 8,000 bu.; sales, 260,000 bu. futures and 51,000 bu. spot. No. 2, 52⅛c in elevator; steamer mixed, 49¼c in elevator; 50¼c delivered; No. 3, 48⅝@49c. Options opened lower on large receipts, advanced with wheat and small car lot estimates, but finally eased off, closing unchanged to ⅛c advance; January, 51@52⅛c, closed at 52⅛c; February, 51⅝@52c, closed at 51⅝c; May, 51⅜c, closed at 51⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 38,900 bu.; exports, none; sales, 95,000 bu. futures and 16,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull; No. 2, 34½c asked; No. 2 delivered, 35¼c; No. 3, 33½c; No. 2 white, 37½c; No. 3 white, 35c; track, white western, 37@41c; track, white state, 37@41c. Options quiet, but steady early, afterwards declining with wheat; closed ⅛c lower; January closed at 34⅝c; May, 34⅝@35 11-16c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 65@70c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, old, 26@7c; new, Pennsylvania, 12c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@6c; new, 6@12c.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 12c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 6½@7c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 14½@15c.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady. Cut meats, dull; pickled hams, 8@8¾c. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $7.20; sales, 150 tierces at $7.20; $7.25; city, $6.62½@6.75; sales, 200 tierces; January closed at $7.25, nominal; May, $7.45, nominal; refined, quiet. Pork, steady.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 10@16c; western creamery, 16@18½c; western factory, 10@15c; Elgins, 26½c; imitation creamery, 12@18c; state dairy, 10@22c; state creamery, 16@24c.

CHEESE—Steady; state large, 9@11½c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 3½@9c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 25c; ice house, 17@21c; western fresh, 24c; southern, 21@23½c; receipts, 6,621 pkgs.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅝c; country, 4½c.

PETROLEUM—Nominal; United closed strong at 93c bid; Washington, bbls., $6.00@6.10; Washington, in bulk, $3.50; refined, New York, $5.80; Philadelphia, $5.75; Philadelphia, in bulk, $4.25.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 27½@28c.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, $1.30@1.40.

RICE—Quiet.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 31@37c.

ORANGES—Irregular; fancy, $3.75@4.00; others, $2.50@3.50.

PIG IRON—Quiet; Scotch, $19.00@21.00; American, $9.50@12.00.

TIN—Steady; straits, $13.40@13.45. Sales on exchange, 10 tons April tin $13.35; 5 tons June, $13.25; 60 tons March, $13.30; 25 tons January, $13.42½; 75 tons January, $13.40.

PLATES—Steady.

SPELTER—Dull; domestic, $3.75.

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

COPPER—Firm; brokers' price, $9.87½; exchange price, $9.85@9.90.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet; prime crude, 24@24½c; off summer yellow, 27@28c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

Stocks of butter and eggs in storage throughout the country are apparently pretty well in hand, says Chicago Produce. About the only difficult problem ahead of the trade to solve is the disposition of the butter in storage at Chicago. These goods, of which there were 25,509 tubs left the 1st of the month, are largely medium and low grades, and are not easy of movement. They have been offered in many instances at low prices, and are difficult to move at any figure. Holders of goods that are really nice, however, are quite confident that they will come out all right, and not be compelled to accept less than 20c for fancy stock. But the low grades must be treated as they have in former years, and be sold for what they will bring.

It will be noticed from the comparison, which accompanies this article, that the reduction has not been heavy in butter the past thirty days, and that in order to clear the storages before the goods have become stale a good deal more active movement will have to be experienced. Fully a third of the amount originally stored is in the coolers today.

In the matter of eggs, however, there has been a great reduction during the past month. The Chicago coolers went into December with 124,000 cases between their walls, and on the first day of the year they had reduced the supply to 56,000 cases. Today there is little more than 40,000 cases left, and they are going out at the rate of 3,000 cases per day, 1,500 cases having gone out Monday. The disposition upon the part of the holders is to crowd the eggs out at a reasonable price and make sure of moving them all at a sure margin.

The table which follows shows the stocks of butter and eggs in storage in Chicago on the 1st day of each month from September to January, inclusive:

	Butter, Tubs.	Eggs, cases.
September 1.....	98,000	322,000
October 1.....	60,000	271,000
November 1.....	57,000	219,000
December 1.....	42,000	124,000
January 1.....	35,500	56,000

BUTTER—Culled stock, 8c; comon to fair, 9@10c; fair to good country, 10@12c; choice to fancy, 14@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 20@22c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 18@19c; cold storage, choice, 14@15c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 6c; choice large, 6½@7c; choice small, 7c; trukeys, fair to good, 7½@8c; choice heavy, 9c; choice small, 10c; ducks, fair to good, 8c; fancy, full dressed, 10c; geese, fair to good, 8c; fancy, full dressed, 10c.

GAME—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; small rabbits, 80c@$1.00; jack rabbits, $1.00@1.50; squirrels, 60c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 110 lbs., are quoted at 6@7c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A, 10c; 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, $9.50; 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., 75c@$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, 70@75c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 45@55c; California, 65@75c.

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

BEETS—Per bbl., $2.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.75@2.00.

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., 35c.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nelis, $2.

APPLES—Genitons, $3; eastern stock, $3.75@4.00.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $9.00@10.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $11.00@11.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, $3.75@4.00.

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

LEMONS—Fancy, Florida, sizes 250 and 300, $4.00@4.25; new Messinas, sizes 300 and 360, $4.75.

PINEAPPLES—Per doz., $3.00@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 21c; extra selects, 25c; company selects, 26c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.20.

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

HONEY—New York, 1c; dark, 14@15c; California, 16c; strained, 4 to 10-lb. cans, per lb., 10c.

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

NUTS—Almonds, 18c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 8@9c; 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, 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.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $5.25, per half bbl., $2.25.

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, 15c.

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, 50@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@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS.

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, $5; No. 1 medium, $4; 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, $2; 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, 8c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 46@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrats, kits, 2@3c.

'Frisco Weekly Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—WHEAT—Dull; December, $1.05½; May, 97½c.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $16,017,507; balances, $1,745,604.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $2,946,772; balances, $345,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $108,070,903; balances, $5,513,332.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $11,329,774; balances, $1,328,049.

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 39 pfg.

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

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 10c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 10c for checks.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $2,303,000. Money, 2½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 50@75c premium.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $411,600; balances, $65,860. New York exchange, selling at par to $1.50 premium.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $16,121,000. Money, 4@4½ per cent on call and 5@6 per cent on time. New York exchange, 70@80c premium; foreign exchange, opened firm; sterling commercial, $4.87@4.88.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—Clearings, $4,619,715; balances, $526,885. Money, dull at 5@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, $1 premium bid.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 267; Madrid, 11.50; Lisbon, 27.25⅛; St. Petersburg, 58; Athens, 77; Rome, 106.50; Vienna, 103.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Very Little of Importance Occurred in Securities Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Very little of importance occurred in the stock market today. Speculation was at a low ebb, and the trading was confined chiefly to the covering of short contracts. A firm tone prevailed at the opening, and the first prices made were generally a fraction higher. Except for a slight reaction about 10:15, the market was a rising one during the forenoon, but the volume of business was very light. Leading in the upward move was Chicago Gas, which rose 1⅛ per cent to 75 on heavy purchases credited to inside interests, which it is claimed, are endeavoring to force the covering of shorts.

Canada Pacific sold up 1¼ per cent; Bay State Gas, 1⅛ per cent; Consolidated Gas, 1½ per cent, and Delaware, Lackawana & Western, 1 per cent. In the rest of the list the gain was merely fractional. Sugar moved within a narrow range during the morning and was unusually dull. After midday the shares became more active and moved erratically, but without any of the old-time vigor which marked the stock. An advance of ⅜ per cent to 88¼ was made in the opening dealings, a reaction to 87¾, a recovery to 88⅝, with the final sale at 88, which is ⅛ per cent up on the day. Its sales today were less than 10,000 shares. The general market during the afternoon was in the main strong, and the prices moved up fractionally for the greater portion, but some of the early gains were lost altogether. Bay State Gas broke 1⅜ per cent, Chicago Gas reacted ½ per cent, but rallied ⅛ per cent, making a net gain of ⅞ per cent. New Jersey Central was in fairly good buying up to 1 o'clock, at which time an advance had been established of 1½ per cent from yesterday's closing figures. The purchases were made by belated shorts, and when they ceased the stock sagged off 1 per cent, leaving only an improvement of ½ per cent. A good tone prevailed in the late transactions, and the market was firm at the close on an advance on the day ranging from ⅛ to ½ per cent, the latter in Consolidated Gas, ¼ per cent in Canada Pacific, 1 per cent in New York Central, Cordage and Cordage guaranteed, ⅞ per cent in Chicago Gas and Lead, ¾ per cent in United States Leather preferred. The grangers are up ⅛ to ⅜ per cent. In exception to the general list, quotabilities were recorded of ⅝ per cent in Manhattan, ½ per cent in Tobacco, and Tobacco and Leather common, and ⅛ per cent in Distilling. There was a moderate increase in the trading in the bond market today. Prices continued to show upward and material advances were recorded in some issues. The total sales of the day were $1,101,500.

The Post's London cablegram says: There was a generally good tone, with increasing interest in all the markets today. American securities closed quiet at the best, but business here is quiet, and the rise was merely a reflection of the spurt in New York. The best houses here still look on, but speculators, who have made large sums in mining shares, are beginning to look at American securities. Bland currency proposals with a reasonable chance of its success would turn the scale. The Brazilian loan of £2,000,000 sterling was placed here today in the form of treasury bills. It is reported a large issue of French treasury bills is forthcoming in Paris. This is important, because they would absorb money there and tend to attract more gold to France.

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

Atchison.....	4⅜	Northwestern.....	95⅞
Adams Express...	140	do pfd.....	143
Alton, T. H	35½	N. Y. Central.....	98½
do pfd.....	120	N. Y. & E.....	32½
Am. Express.....	111	Ontario & W.....	15½
Baltimore & Ohio.	61⅜	Oregon Imp.....	10½
Canada Pacific....	67¾	Oregon Nav.....	19½
Canada Southern.	49½	O. S. L. & U. N....	6
Central Pacific...	14	Pacific Mail.....	21½
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅛	P. D. & E.....	8¾
Chicago Alton....	140	Pittsburg.....	157
C., B. & Q.....	71⅝	Pullman Palace...	153½
Chicago Gas.....	74½	Reading.....	13¾
Consolidated Gas.	129½	Richmond Ter....	15
C., C., C. & St. L....	38¾	do pfd.....	20
Colo. Coal & Iron..	0¼	R. G. W.....	16⅝
Cotton Oil Cert...	23	R. G. W. pfd.....	43
Del., Lack. & W...	160	Rock Island.....	61⅛
D. & R. G. pfd....	34	St. Paul	56⅝
D. & C. F. Co.....	10⅛	do pfd.....	117
Erie.....	10	St. P. & Omaha....	32
do pfd.....	21	do pfd.....	110
Fort Wayne.....	157	Southern Pacific..	18¼
G. Northern pfd...	102	Sugar Refinery....	87⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	91	Penn. Coal & Iron.	14½
Hocking Valley...	16½	Texas Pacific.....	9⅝
Illinois Central...	82	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	73
St. P. & Duluth...	20	Union Pacific....	11⅝
K. & T. pref.	22¼	U. S. Express.....	42
Lake Erie & West	15¾	W. St. L. & P.....	36⅛
do pfd.....	70	do pfd.....	13⅝
Lake Shore.....	136	Wells Fargo Ex...	105
Lead Trust.....	36⅞	Western Union...	87
Louisville & N....	53¾	Wheeling & L. E...	10⅛
L. & N. A.....	6	do pfd.....	40
Manhattan Con....	104⅛	M. & St. L.....	28
Memphis & C.....	10	D. & R. G.....	10⅝
Michigan Cent....	95	N. & W.	14⅛
Missouri Pacific..	23⅜	N. Y.	18⅛
Mobile & Ohio....	16	C. F. & I.....	25
Nashville Chat ...	65	do pfd.....	70
National Cordage.	7¾	H. & T. C.....	21¼
do pfd.....	11¾	T. & A. & N. M....	18
N. J. Central.....	90¼	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
N. & W. pfd.....	18¾	do pfd.....	6
North Am. Co.....	3⅝	S. R. R.....	10⅛
Northern Pacific..	4	do pfd.....	30⅛
No. Pac. pfd.....	17	Am. Tob. Co.....	97⅛
U. P., D. & G.....	3¼	do pfd.....	107

The total sales of stocks today were 86,556 shares, including: American Sugar, 10,800; Burlington, 2,211; Chicago Gas, 19,800; Missouri Pacific, 7,100; New Jersey Central, 6,100; Northwestern, 6,000; St. Paul, 9,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed, 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2¾@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88⅝@4.89⅛ for demand, and $4.87⅝@4.87⅞ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.88½@4.89½; commercial bills, $4.86½@4.86⅝.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60c bid.

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

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s. reg.....	110¾	D. & R. G. 7s.....	115
U. S. 5s, coup.....	110⅞	D. & R. G. 4s.....	80½
U. S. 4s, reg.....	113	Erie 2ds.....	63
U. S. 4s, coup.....	113	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	97
U. S. 2s, reg.....	97	do 7s.....	100
Pacific 6s of '95..	100	H. & T. C. 5s.....	103½
Ala. Class A.....	102	do 6s.....	102½
Ala. Class B.....	104	M. K. & T. 1st 4s..	80½
Ala. Class C.....	92	do 2d 4s.....	47⅝
Ala. Currency....	92	Mutual Union 6s..	109
La. New Con. 4s..	93¼	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	112¼
Missouri 6s.....	100	No. Pac. 1sts	113½
N. C. 6s.....	125	do 2ds.....	89
N. C. 4s.....	99	N. W. Consols.....	143¾
S. C. nonfund.....	½	do S. F. Deb. 5s.	109
Tenn. new set 6s.	81	R. G. West. 1sts...	67
Tenn. new set 5s.	100	St. P. Consols 7s...	126
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	do C. & P. V. 5s.	110¼
Va. Centuries.....	59	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	78⅛
do deferred.....	13¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	102
Atchison 4s.....	64	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	86¼
do 2d A.....	17⅛	do 2ds.....	24⅝
Canada So. 2ds...	106	U. P. 1sts of '96...	104
C. P. 1sts of '95..	100⅛	West Shore 4s.....	104¾

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	49	Justice.....	23
Alpha Con.....	11	Kentucky Con.....	7
Andes	37	Lady Wash Con...	6
Belcher.....	65	Mexican.....	93
Bullion	5	Mono.....	32
Best & Belcher...	95	Mount Diablo....	10
Bodie Con.....	85	Occidental Con...	5
Bullion.....	18	Ophir.....	160
Bulwer Con.....	20	Overman.....	20
Caledonia.....	9	Potosi.....	53
Challenge Con....	38	Savage.....	53
Chollar.....	45	Scorpion.....	4
Confidence.....	81	Sierra Nevada....	63
Con. Cal. & Va....	305	Silver Hill.....	5
Con. Imperial.....	1	Union Con.....	61
Crown Point.....	04	Utah Con.....	5
Gould & Curry....	43	Yellow Jacket....	38
Hale & Norcross..	04		

Silver bars, 50½@50¾c. Mexican dollars, 51@51¾c. Drafts, sight, 10c; telegraphic, 12½c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 8.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 2¾@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	4⅛	Westingh. Elec...	32¾
Am. Sugar.....	85¾	W. Elec. pfd.....	49¾
Am. Sugar pfd....	90¾	Wis. Central.....	4
Bay State Gas.....	11	Atchs n 2ds.....	17⅜
Bell Telephone...	193¼	Atchison 4s.....	64
Boston & Albany..	208⅜	New England 6s..	108
Boston & Maine...	164¾	Gen. Electric 5s...	91⅛
C. B. & Q.....	71⅜	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	51
Fitchburg.....	84	Atlantic.....	10¼
Gen. Electric.....	67	Boston & Montana	35⅜
Illinois Steel.....	45	Butte & Boston...	10⅞
Mexican Central..	6⅝	Calumet & Hecla..	290
N. Y. & N. E.....	32⅜	Centennial.....	50
Old Colony.....	178¾	Franklin.....	14
Ore. Short Line...	64	do scrip.....	6⅛
Rubber.....	48	Osceola.....	21¼
Union Pacific.....	11¼	Quincy.....	102⅜
West End.....	58⅜	Tamarack.....	147

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	6	Ontario.....	850
Choiolr.....	56	Ophir.....	145
Crown Point.....	08	Plymouth.....	25
Con. Cal. & Va....	345	Quicksilver.....	150
Deadwood.....	40	do pfd.....	1500
Gould & Curry....	35	Sierra Nevada....	40
Hale & Norcross..	85	Standard.....	390
Homestake.....	1600	Union Con.....	50
Mexican.....	80	Yellow Jacket.....	40

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific.....	58⅜	St. Paul