COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Buying by the Leiter Crowd Gives Wheat Another Advance.

LIVERPOOL MARKET IS ALSO STRONGER

Oats Follow Wheat with a Material Advance, Corn is a Shade Higher, but Provisions Are Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Speculative markets were all strong today and more generally active that yesterday, though in the end wheat and oats were the only substantial beneficiaries of the improvement. May wheat closed ⅝@¾c higher on buying principally by the Leiter people. The news, however, favored higher prices. Corn closed a shade higher. Oats advanced ⅛@¼c, and provisions closed unchanged to 5c higher.

Apparently the principal reason for the firmness with which wheat opened was the strength shown by Liverpool in the face of the decline here yesterday, which was due, it was claimed, to apprehension over the European political outlook. That market showed ⅝@¾d advance at the opening here. May started at 93⅝@93¾c, as compared with yesterday's closing price of 92⅞@93c. For a moment or two the market hesitated, and a few sales were made at 93⅛@93⅜c. Then a demand set in which, with a decided scarcity of offerings, caused an advance which carried the price up to 93⅝@93¾c in a very short time. It reacted somewhat after that, but by 11 o'clock had again advanced, this time to 94c. During the advance the Leiter buyers were on both sides of the market, but presumably bought considerably more than they sold. Northwest receipts were moderate. The number of carloads reported at Minneapolis and Duluth was 20, against 524 cars last week, and 239 cars the corresponding day of 1896. Chicago received 305 cars by rail, of which 208 cars were contract. Inspected into store from vessel, 34,000 bu. No. 1 northern spring, and from unlicensed elevators 39,500 bu. and 104 carloads of the same grade. The reduced number of cars in the northwest compared with a week ago confirmed the traders in the bullishness with which they started the market. New York soon after the start reported that foreigners were good buyers of December wheat in that market, and the impression prevailed that the beginning had been reached of another lengthened period of export buying such as raised prices in so great a hurry last fall. Further strength was imparted by the report in question. New York later in the day advised the sale for shipment to London of 150,000 bu. of Manitoba wheat at 9¾c per bushel f. o. b. above the New York May price. The shipments of flour and wheat from that city were equal to nearly 400,000 bu., which was taken as another reason for buying May wheat here. The total of the export clearances of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports were 460,000 bu. The continental markets were, as a rule, steady. The December deal was not seriously disturbed by the selling of a few small lots for account of elevator concerns. The monetary depression caused by such selling was soon recovered from. The dealing in May was somewhat more active than it was the day before, and the strength more constant and lasting. During the last hour's trading offerings became more liberal, resulting in a decline in May to 93⅝c. That was the price at the close.

Corn was very active, and at times was strong, especially during the morning. A good deal of the strength came from the firmness of wheat and oats. About the middle of the session the market began to yield to some local selling pressure, and at the end the advance had practically disappeared. Elevator people were the principal sellers. May ranged from 29⅛@29¼c to 29⅜c, and closed a shade higher at 29¼c.

Oats was strong, active and higher throughout, though not all the advance was held. There was quite a flurry during the morning, shorts covering freely, and there being considerable general buying. The continued urgent demand for shipping was a factor. The market eased off a little on realizing. May ranged from 23⅛c to 23⅝@23¾c, and closed ⅛@¼c higher at 23c.

For the greater part of the session provisions were firm and higher, and this notwithstanding the heavy hog receipts and energetic Cudahy selling. This was especially true of pork. Market opened a little easier, but soon improved under a good general demand. The advance in wheat contributed to the strength. Later the market became dull and with increased offerings most of the advance was lost, the market, however closing steady. At the close May pork was 5c higher at $8.87½, May lard, unchanged at $4.72½, and May ribs, unchanged at $4.57½.

Estimated receipts for Friday: Wheat, 360 cars; corn, 305 cars; oats, 260 cars; hogs, 34,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'dy
*Wheat—					
Dec....	98¼	99⅜	97⅞	99⅛	98⅛
Jan....	93⅜	95	93⅜	94⅝	93⅛
May....	93⅝@⅞	94	93½-⅝	93⅝	92⅞-93
*Corn—					
Dec....	26⅛	26⅜	26⅛	26½	26¼
Jan....	26⅝	26⅞	26⅝	26⅞	26½
May....	29⅛	29⅜	29⅛	29¼	29⅛@¼
*Oats—					
Dec....	22	22⅛	22	22½	21⅞-22
May....	22⅞	23⅜	22⅞	23	22⅞
Pork—					
Dec....	.....	.....	.....	7 70	7 65
Jan....	8 67½	8 77½	8 67½	8 72½	8 70
May....	8 87½	9 00	8 87½	8 87½	8 92½
Lard—					
Dec....	.....	.....	.....	4 45	4 45
Jan....	4 55	4 57½	4 55	4 57½	4 57½
May....	4 70	4 75	4 70	4 72½	4 72½
Sh'tribs—					
Dec....	.....	.....	.....	4 40	4 42½
Jan....	4 40	4 45	4 40	4 42½	4 42½
May....	4 55	4 57½	4 52½	4 57½	4 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR—Firm; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring specials, $5.35; spring patents, $4.40@4.80; bakers', $2.50@3.80; winter patents, $4.75@4.90.
WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 88⅞@89¼c; No. 3 spring, 85@89c; No. 2 red, 98½c.
CORN—No. 2, 27c.
OATS—No. 2, 23½c f. o. b.
RYE—No. 2, 46¼c.
BARLEY—No. 2, 27@40c.
FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.18@1.19½.
TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.67½.
PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.70@7.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.37½@4.60. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.45@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.62½@4.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.77½@5.00.
WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.
SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.95; granulated, $5.22.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	22,000	16,000
Wheat, bu.	256,000	5,000
Corn, bu.	110,000	96,000
Oats, bu.	278,000	303,000
Rye, bu.	11,000	000
Barley, bu.	54,000	30,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@22c; dairies, 12@18c. Cheese, quite at 8@8½c. Eggs, fresh, 20c. Dressed poultry, turkeys, weak; others firm; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 6@6½c; ducks, 6@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,671 bbls.; exports, 56,194 bbls.; quiet but firmer; city mill patents, $5.65@5.90; city mill clear, $5.40@5.50; winter patents, $4.80@5.15; winter straights, $4.50@4.65; Minnesota patents, $5.10@5.35; winter extras, $3.40@4.00; Minnesota bakers, $4.20@4.40; winter low grades, $2.80@3.00. Rye flour, dull at $2.80@3.25, latter fancy. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.25@1.40.
BUCKWHEAT—Firm at 36½@39c.
CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 63c.
RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 50c.
BARLEY—Firm; feeding, 28½c.
BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52½@60c.
WHEAT—Receipts, 72,150 bu.; exports, 164,694 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, $1.01¾. Options opened firm on unexpectedly better Liverpool cables and advanced later on war talk from Europe and a good demand from all local sources, closing strong at 1⅛@1⅜c net advance; No. 2 red, May, 94 3-16@95c, closed at 94¾c.
CORN—Receipts, 19,500 bu.; exports, 251,794 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 34⅛c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm with wheat and ruled dull but steady all day, aided by cables, closing ⅛c net higher; May, 34⅛@34¼c, closed at 34⅛c.
OATS—Receipts, 226,800 bu.; exports, 80,222 bu.; spot stronger; No. 2, 27½@28c. Options dull but unusually firm, with the west, closing ⅛@⅜c net higher; May closed at 28c.
FEED—Steady; bran, 62½@67½c; middlings, 75@77½c; rye, feed, 60@65c; city, 70c.
HAY—Quiet; shipping, 40@45c; good to choice, 50@70c.
HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@18c.
HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 15c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 17@18c.
LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20½@23½c.
WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 27@31c; Texas, 13@17c.
PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.50@10.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $9.00@10.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $5.00@6.00; pickled shoulders, $5.00@5.25; pickled hams, $7. Lard, firm; western steam, $4.82½; December, $4.80, nominal; refined, firm. Tallow, steady; city, 3½c bid; country, 3⅝@3¾c.
OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 15@18c; crude yellow, 21½@22c. Petroleum, steady; united closed, 66c bid; Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 65c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, steady, 32@32½c.
RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4½@6¼c; Japan, 5@5½c.
MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 26@32c.
METALS—Pig iron, market easier at $6.65@7.75. Lake copper, $10.85@10.95. Tin, quiet at $13.60@13.70. Spelter, $3.95@4.05. Lead, steady at $3.67½@3.72½; brokers, $3.50.
BUTTER—Receipts, 2,801 pkgs.; market firm; western creamery, 15@23c; Elgins, 23c; factory, 12@15c.
CHEESE—Receipts, 1,408 pkgs.; market steady; large white, September, 9½c; small white, September, 9@9¼c; large colored, September, 9½c; small colored, September, 9@9¼c; large, late made, 7¾@8¼c; small, late made, 8¼@8½c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4½@5½c; full skims, 2@3c.
EGGS—Receipts, 3,307 pkgs.; market firm; state and Pennsylvania, 21@24c; western, 20@24c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 18@19c.
BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 14@17c; separator creamery, 22c; gathered creamery, 20c.
VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.
DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, unsalable at 5c; turkeys, 11@12c; geese, 7c; ducks, 7c.
GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 50c; large, per doz., 75c@1.25; prairie chickens, $5; quail, 80c@$1.00; squirrels, 50@60c.
PIGEONS—Live, 75c; dead pigeons not wanted.
HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5.00; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best, only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per pt., 30c.
QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.
CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.
ONIONS—Per bu., 60@65c.
BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.50.
CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1¼c.
POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; western stock, 70c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.75@3.00; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.
CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00@7.25; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.50.
GRAPES—Catawbas, 5-lb. baskets, 14@15c; Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3.50@3.75; California navels, $3.50@4.00.
LEMONS—Messinas, $3.50@4.00; California, 300, $3.25@3.50; 360, $3.50.
BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12½@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 11c; standards, 9@10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 8@9c; extra large, 10c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; coconuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.
FIGS—Imported fancy, 3 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@25c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.
HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.
KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25@2.50.
MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.
DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.
CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbls., $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6½c; good hindquarters, 8½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6¾c; good heifers, 6½c; good forequarters, heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8c; good cows, 6¼c; fair cows, 5½c.
BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 10c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, Spencer cuts, 9½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9½c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 5c; No. 3 chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 5c; cow plates, 7½c; steer plates, 4½c; flank steaks, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 5c above loins; cow loin ends, 5c; steer loin ends, 5c; hanging tender loins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 12½c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 8c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8½c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3½c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12½c; calf livers, each, 25c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded per set, 75c.
MUTTON—Spring lambs, 8½c; lambs, 8c; sheep, 7c; market racks (long), 9½c; hotel racks (short), 11c; loins, 9c; saddles, 8½c; legs, 9½c; lamb legs, 10½c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 6c.
PORK—Dressed pigs, 5c; dressed hogs, 4½c; tenderloins, 12½c; loins, selected, 6c; regular 5½c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage, butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 4c; backbones, 2½c; slip bones, 2½c; cheek meats, 3½c; neckbones, 2c; pigs' tails, 4c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 3c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.
SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.
HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.25.
TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2¼c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.
FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 30c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@30c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Weaker, with a small decline; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.
WHEAT—Higher, closing ⅝@1c above yesterday for May, with other options irregular; December was ⅛c higher; January ⅛c lower and July 1⅜c higher; May opened ⅛c higher, advanced ⅞c more, fell back ⅜c, recovered ⅛c and closed with buyers ⅛@⅜c below the top. Spot, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 99½c; track, $1; December, 99⅛c; January, 96⅞c; May, 96⅞@97c; July, 82½c; No. 2 hard, cash, 88@89c.
CORN—Futures firm, closing ⅛@¼c below the top, but ⅛@¼c higher than yesterday with buyers. Spot, firm; No. 2, cash, 26¼c; December, 25c bid; January, 25½c; May, 27⅝c.
OATS—Futures, firm and higher; spot, firm; No. 2, cash, 22c; track and elevator, December, 22c; May, 22⅞c; No. 2 white, 24½c.
RYE—Better at 46½c.
FLAXSEED—Lower at $1.12½.
TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.40.
CORNMEAL—$1.35@1.40.
BRAN—Dull; sacked, salable east track at 54c.
HAY—Firm; prairie, $6.00@8.00; timothy, $7.00@10.00.
BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 17@23c; dairy, 9@15c.
EGGS—Quiet at 18c.
WHISKY—$1.19.
COTTONTIES—68c.
BAGGING—6¼@6¾c.
METALS—Lead, scarce and strong, $3.55. Spelter, better, $3.72½@3.75.
PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $8.75. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.42½; choice, $4.47½. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear, $4.87½@5.00; ribs, $5.12½@5.25; shorts, $5.25@5.37½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $4.50@4.62½; ribs and shorts, $4.75@5.00.
RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 bbls.; wheat, 48,000 bu.; corn, 147,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.
SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 106,000 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Quiet; western superfine, $2.70@3.00; western extra, $3.35@4.10; western family, $4.40@4.65; spring wheat patents, $5.00@5.25; spring wheat straights, $4.80@4.95; receipts, 10,852 bbls.; exports, 341 bbls.
WHEAT—Firm; spot and month, 97⅛@98c; steamer, No. 2 red, 93⅞@94c; receipts, 22,344 bu.; exports, none; southern wheat, by sample, 93@99c; southern wheat, on grade, 98½@99½c.
CORN—Steady; spot, 32⅞c; December, new or old, 32⅞@33c; steamer, mixed, 30¾c; receipts, 92,612 bu.; exports, 230,289 bu.; southern white and yellow corn, 29@32c.
OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 29c; receipts, 37,217 bu.; exports, 72,000 bu.
RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 52½c; No. 2 western, 53½@53⅝c; receipts, 18,506 bu.; exports, 25,714 bu.
HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $13.
GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very quiet; no demand for steamers; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4d. December; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 3s 6d. January.
BUTTER—Quiet; fancy creamery, 23c; fancy imitation, 18@19c; fancy ladle, 17c.
EGGS—Steady; fresh, 21c.
CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9¾@10c; fancy New York, medium, 10@10½c; fancy New York, small, 10½@10¾c.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $4.20@4.50; family, $3.25@3.60.
WHEAT—Quiet and nominal; No. 2 red, 94c.
CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 28½@29c.
OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 24½@25c.
RYE—Steady; No. 2, 46½c.
PROVISIONS—Lard, active at $4.50. Bulk meats, quiet at $4.45. Bacon, firm at $5.65.
WHISKY—Steady at $1.19.
BUTTER—Quiet and lower; Elgin creamery, 23c; Ohio, 14@20c; dairy, 11@12c.
CHEESE—Quiet; good to prime Ohio flat, 8½@9c.
EGGS—Firm and higher at 17c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Dull and higher; No. 2 cash and December, 96½c; May, 94¾c.
CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 28c.
OATS—Higher and active; No. 2 mixed, 22½c.
RYE—Unchanged; No. 2, cash, 46½c.
CLOVERSEED—Dull and lower; prime, cash, December and January, $3.20.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 23.—CORN—Market firm and steady; No. 2, 26½c.
OATS—Market firm and steady; No. 2 white, 23½c.
RYE—Market quiet; No. 2, 46c.
WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.18.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Hard about steady, soft neglected; No. 1 hard, 85½@86c; No. 2, 83½@85½c; No. 3, 80@83c; No. 4, 76@82c; No. 1 red, 94c; No. 2, 90c; No. 3, 85@88c; No. 4, 82@85c; No. 2 spring, 78@80c; No. 3, 77@79c; one car white, 85c.
CORN—Fractionally higher and fairly active; No. 2 mixed, 23¾@23⅞c.
OATS—Market about steady and fairly active; No. 2 white, 22@22½c.
RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 43½c.
HAY—Market active and firm; choice timothy, $8.00@8.50; choice prairie, $7.50.
BUTTER—Choice, supply abundant; creamery, 17@20c; dairy, 16@18c.
EGGS—Market active and firm; fresh, 19c; storage, 11@14c.
RECEIPTS—Wheat, 61,800 bu.; corn, 62,400 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.
SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 54,800 bu.; corn, 45,100 bu.; oats, none.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Dec. 23.—The grain market opened stronger this morning, with each kind of grain contributing to the strength. Cables were up ⅝c and continued higher, which was a surprise for the shorts, with the bulls evidently on to their job, and took advantage of the situation and put May wheat as high as 94c, or an advance of 1¼c, which later declined and closed at 93⅝c bid, making a net gain of ⅝c, while December closed at 99½c, ⅛c below the top, making 1¾c net advance.

The situation as given by all the different statisticians is bullish and when we take into consideration the deal of which so much is being said and the interests of the principal operators, with their large amount of wheat, which has been and will be delivered to them, they cannot afford to turn around and bear the May option, or at least until the prospects of harvesting a new crop would warrant it, for which reason we advise taking advantage of any of these little breaks for short or ultimate long profits.

The corn market was steady and stronger on very light local trading, with the advance evidently in sympathy with wheat, and yet corn did not fall with the recent decline of wheat, showing evidence of strength.

Oats were more active than usual, opening as above stated, but closing ⅛c stronger after fluctuating ⅛c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red, western winter, stocks exhausted; No. 1 northern, spring, steady at 7s 9½d.
CORN—Steady; futures were steady; December, 3s 2¾d; January, 3s 2d; February, 3s 1¾d.
FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 9s 3d.
HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), firm at £4 15s@£5 5s.
PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 6s 3d; prime mess, 58s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 33s. Bacon, short ribs, dull at 24s 6d; long clear middles, light, dull at 30s; long clear middles, heavy, dull at 29s; clear bellies, firm at 28s 6d; shoulders, square, firm at 20s. Lard, prime western, steady at 24s. Tallow, prime city, steady at 18s 6d.
CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, dull at 42s 6d.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 63 cars.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 322 cars.
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Receipts today: Wheat, 305 cars; corn, 265 cars; oats, 252 cars. Estimated car lots tomorrow: Wheat, 360; corn, 305; oats, 260.
DULUTH, Dec. 23.—Receipts: Wheat, 84 cars.
PEORIA, Dec. 23.—Receipts: Corn, 71,500 bu.; oats, 22,800 bu.; rye, 100 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 600 bu. Shipments: Corn, 22,200 bu.; oats, 29,150 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 755 bbls.; wheat, 600 bu.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 92c; No. 2 red, 93¼c; May, 93¾c.
CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29¼c.
OATS—No. 2 white, 25c.
RYE—No. 2, 47½c.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 22c.
EGGS—Firm and 1c higher; fresh nearby and western, 23c.
CHEESE—Steady.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Several Factors Combine to Enliven the Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Several factors combined in the last hour of trading on the stock market today to lift it out of the dullness and depression which had been its character all day and to raise prices quite sharply above last night's closing level. One of these factors was the subsidence of apprehension earlier in the day, caused by the closing of the Chestnut Street bank in Philadelphia. Another was that the [illegible] had succeeded in securing measures going to assure the restoration and maintenance of established tariff rates on live stock, provisions and grain from western to eastern ports. Another was the announcement from the Treasury department at Washington that sufficient amounts of the current 6s were being offered for redemption on December 27, in accordance with the government's proffer, to assure relief to the money market from the scarcity of money threatened by the withdrawals of the Union Pacific payments to the government. Still another factor was the news from Albany that the railroad commission had extended by two years the period for equipping freight cars with automatic couplings in New York state. A number of the specialties, which had showed marked strength all day, took on renewed buoyancy at the close, and helped on the rise. The movement in the general list was not important, the trading being in small volume and representing little more than the covering of traders' short contracts. The Vanderbilt roads failed to make any substantial recoveries from yesterday's depression on account of the unfavorable quarterly statements. Canada Southern is 1½ lower and Michigan Central 1¼ lower on the day. Lake Shore was bid down 2 points, but without any transactions. The day's business, however, was largely absorbed by the specialties under the influence of special causes. Third Avenue gained 9 points on top of yesterday's rise of 6 points. Metropolitan Street Railway rose an additional 2 points and Manhattan as much. Brooklyn Transit, Sugar, People's Gas and New Jersey Central are over a point higher. These securities not only show the largest gains, but absorbed the greater part of the day's business.

Call money loaned as high as 4 per cent again and did not yield below 2 per cent. There was a further fall of ¾ in the actual rate for demand sterling, and of ⅛ for cables and long sterling. Demand sterling was at the lowest point touched since the gold import movement in September, namely $4.85¾. Rates for money in London and Berlin are stiffly held, and some apprehension of a squeeze before January 1 is reported from London. This serves to offset the weakness in the exchange rates. The bond market was heavy. Total sales, $1,250,000. United States 4s old and old 4s registered are ¼ lower, and the 5s coupon ⅛ lower bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here were lifeless today. Consols were adversely affected by politics and dear money. A rise in the bank rate next year would not be wholly surprising. There was a further sharp fall today in China and Japan stocks, but Spanish and Turkish stocks were distinctly better. Kaffirs were good, except the chartered companies on rumors of a further million of new capital. Americans were good on New York buying, a feature being the demand for coalers, but the close was under the best. Details of the gold movement for the week show the sale of £12,000 in eagles for Germany, the sale of £26,000 in bar gold, the engagement of £100,000 nominally for South America, but probably for the continent, and the receipt of £152,000 from the Cape.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	12½	do pfd	142
do pfd	30⅛	St. P. & Om	78
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅝	do pfd	148
Canada Pacific	81⅝	St. P. M. & M.	122½
Canada Southern	52	So. Pacific	20⅜
Central Pacific	11¼	So. Railway	8⅝
Ches. & Ohio	21⅜	do pfd	32⅜
Chicago & Alton	162	Texas & Pacific	10⅞
C. B. & Q.	99⅝	*Union Pacific t. r.	26¾
C. & E. I.	52⅝	U. P. D. & G.	6¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	34	Wabash	7
do pfd	80	do pfd	17⅛
Del. & Hudson	112	**Wheel. & L. E.	2
Del. L. & W.	156	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	10
Den. & Rio G.	11⅝	Adams Ex.	158
do pfd	45⅛	American Ex.	115
Erie (new)	14⅝	United States Ex.	38
Erie 1st pfd	38⅝	Wells Fargo Ex.	113
Ft. Wayne	168½	A. Cot. Oil	22⅛
Great Northern pfd	130	do pfd	75⅝
Hocking Valley	3	Am. Spirits	7⅝
Illinois Central	103⅝	Am. Spirits pfd	18⅛
Lake Erie & W.	16	Am. Tobacco	86⅝
do pfd	71⅛	do pfd	112
Lake Shore	170	People's Gas	97⅝
Louisville & Nash	56⅛	Cons. Gas	182
Manhattan L.	108⅛	Com. Cable Co.	175
Met. St. Ry.	129⅝	Col. F. & Iron	23⅛
Michigan Central	101⅛	do pfd	70
Minn. & St. L.	25⅛	Gen. Electric	33⅛
do 1st pfd	88	Illinois Steel	46
Mo. Pacific	34⅛	La Clede Gas	44
Mobile & Ohio	28⅛	Lead	33⅛
Mo. K. & T.	13	do pfd	104⅛
do pfd	36	Nat. Lin. Oil	16⅛
Chicago, Ind. & L.	8⅛	Oregon Imp. Co.	17
do pfd	30	Pacific Mail	29⅝
N. J. Central	96⅛	Pullman Pal.	171⅛
N. Y. Central	107⅛	Silver Certificates	57⅜
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13	Stand. Rope & T.	4
do 1st pfd	67	Sugar	139⅛
do 2d pfd	33	do pfd	112⅛
Norfolk & Western	14⅛	T. C. & Iron	24⅜
No. Amer. Co.	4⅝	U. S. Leather	7
No. Pacific	21⅝	do pfd	62⅛
do pfd	58⅛	U. S. Rubber	15⅛
Ontario & W.	16⅛	do pfd	60⅛
Ore. R. & Nav.	36	Western Union	88⅛
Ore. Short Line	18	Northwestern	121⅛
Pittsburg	168	do pfd	163
Reading	23⅛	Rio Grande West	22
Rock Island	90⅝	do pfd	53⅛
St. Louis & S. F.	7⅛	Chicago, G. W.	13⅛
do pfd	57	S. L. & S. W.	3⅛
St. Paul	95⅛	do pfd	10

**bid. *fourth assessment paid.

Total sales of stocks today, 212,900 shares, including: Baltimore & Ohio, 1,500; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 12,289; Manhattan, 4,545; Metropolitan Street Railway, 1,800; New Jersey Central, 6,314; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,595; Reading, 4,830; Rock Island, 5,270; St. Paul, 9,190; Union Pacific, 5,465; Chicago Great Western, 7,610; People's Gas, 4,300; Sugar, 26,026.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, m'y	112 5-16	St. Paul common	97⅝
Consols, acct	112 7-16	N. Y. Central	110⅛
Can. Pacific	83⅝	Pennsylvania	58⅛
Erie	15	Reading	11⅝
Erie 2ds	39⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	69⅛
Ill. Central	106⅛	Atchison	13⅛
Mexican ordinary	18	L. & N.	58⅛

BAR SILVER—Firm at 26⅝d per oz.
MONEY—2⅛@3 per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2 15-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 2 15-16 per cent.

Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Total reserve, decrease, £1,481,000; circulation, increase, £1,308,000; bullion, decrease, £174,232; other securities, increase, £1,738,000; other deposits, decrease, £1,262,000; public deposits, increase, £1,236,000; notes reserve, decrease, £1,408,000; government securities, increase, £30,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 42.91 per cent, is now 42.87 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 3 per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm at 2@3 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent.
PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@4½ per cent.
STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.86¼ for demand and at $4.83¾@4.84 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and at $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83½.
SILVER CERTIFICATES—57¾c.
BAR SILVER—57⅛@58c.
MEXICAN DOLLARS—45c.
GOVERNMENT BONDS—Weak.
STATE BONDS—Dull.
RAILROAD BONDS—Heavy.
Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg.	128⅝	N. Y. C. 1sts	118⅛
U. S. new 4s coup.	128⅝	N. J. C. 5s	112⅛
U. S. 4s reg.	112⅛	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. 4s coup.	113⅛	N. C. 4s	103
U. S. 2s reg.	114⅛	No. Pacific 1sts	118
U. S. 5s reg.	99⅛	No. Pacific 3s	60⅛
U. S. 5s coup.	114⅛	No. Pacific 4s	93⅛
District 3.65s	114⅛	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	105⅛
Ala., class A	109⅛	N. & W. 6s	124⅛
Ala., class B	108⅛	N. W. Consols	144
Ala., class C	108⅛	N. W. Deb. 5s	117
Ala. Currency	101	Ore. Nav. 1sts	112⅛
Atchison 4s	102	Ore. Nav. 4s	93⅛
Atchison adj. 4s	59⅛	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	128⅛
Canada So. 2nds	57⅛	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	98⅛
C. & N. P. t. r. 5s	107	O. Imp. 1sts, t. r.	101⅛
C. & O. 5s	45⅛	O. Imp. 5s, t. r.	45
C. H. & D. 4½s	113⅛	Pacific 6s of '95	102⅛
D. & R. G. 1sts	104⅛	Reading 4s	80
D. & R. G. 4s	104⅛	R. G. West 1sts	83⅛
East Tenn. 1sts	90	St. L. & I. M. Con. 5s	88⅛
Erie Gen. 4s	111	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	118⅛
F. W. & D. 1s, t. r.	72	St. P. Consols	140
Gen. Elec. 5s	50⅛	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	117⅛
G. H. & S. A. 6s	100⅛	St. P. C. & P. 5s	⅛
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	105	S. C. nonfund	95
H. & T. Cent. 5s	109	Southern Ry. 5s	59⅛
H. & T. C. con 6s	112⅛	S. R. & T. 6s	91⅛
Iowa C. 1sts	107⅛	Tex. Pac. L. G. 1sts	28⅛
K. P. Con., t. r.	99⅛	Tex. Pac. Rg. 2ds	102⅛
K. P. 1sts, t. r.	84	U. P. 1sts	42⅛
La. New Con. 4s	115	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	107
L. & N. Uni. 4s	101⅛	Wab. 1st 5s	80⅛
Missouri 6s	87⅛	Wab. 2ds	111
M. K. & T. 2ds	100	West Shore 4s	69
M. K. & T. 4s	62⅛	Va. deferred	3⅛

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 2@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	12⅛	W. Elec.	29⅛
American Sugar	139⅛	W. Elec. pfd	51
Bay State Gas	2	Ed. Elec. Il.	165
Bell Telephone	264	Gen. Elec. pfd	82
Boston & Albany	216	Atchison pfd	30⅛
Boston & Maine	167	Atchison 4s	88
Boston & M. pfd	157	General Elec. 5s	99⅛
C. B. & Q.	99⅛	Wis. Cent. 1s	34
Fitchburg	99⅛	Wis. Cent. 6s	125⅛
General Electric	33⅛	Allouez Mining Co.	59
Illinois Steel	46	Boston & Montana	144⅛
Mexican Central	5⅛	Butte & Boston	23
N. Y. & N. E.	80	Calumet & Hecla	465
Old Colony	185⅛	Centennial	12⅛
O. S. L.	18⅛	Franklin	16
Rubber	15⅛	Osceola	37⅛
Union Pacific	26	Quincy	116
West End	86⅛	Tamarack	126
West End pfd	103	Wolverine	18

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The official closing quotations on mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	3	Justice	33
Andes	16	Kentucky Con.	5
Belcher	35	Mexican	26
Bullion	6	Occidental Con.	120
Caledonia	22	Ophir	61
Challenge Con.	24	Overman	10
Chollar	32	Potosi	39
Confidence	87	Savage	21
Con. Cal. & Va.	125	Sierra Nevada	63
Con. Imperial	1	Silver Hill	3
Crown Point	26	Union Con.	25
Exchequer	5	Utah Con.	6
Gould & Curry	36	Yellow Jacket	36
Hale & Norcross	149	*Standard	160

*Asked.
Silver bars, 57⅛c. Mexican dollars, 47⅛@48c; drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar	32	Ontario	300
Crown Point	35	Ophir	60
Con. Cal. & Va.	115	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	35	Quicksilver pfd	600
Hale & Norcross	115	Sierra Nevada	68
Homestake	3300	Standard	150
Iron Silver	40	Union Con.	21
Mexican	30	Yellow Jacket	35

Financial Notes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $18,752,020; New York exchange, 50c premium; posted rates, $4.82 and $4.86. Stock market very dull and narrow. Closing: West Chicago, 103⅛; Diamond Match, 137⅛; Lake Street L, 27⅛; New York Biscuit, 62.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $10,311,702; balances, $1,631,690.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $122,550,390; balances, $6,573,116.
BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $16,133,914; balances, $1,982,656.
MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $265,000; balances, $50,192; New York exchange, selling at par.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $4,436,225; balances, $290,056; money, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, par bid, 25c premium asked.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $1,978,497; New York exchange, bank par; commercial, $1.25 per $1,000 discount.
BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Clearings, $3,023,619; balances, $371,925.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—New York exchange, 50@60 per cent; money, 2½@6 per cent; clearings, $2,098,200.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £30,000. On the Stock exchange today Chinese and Japanese securities fell ½ to 1, being a fall of 3 to 3½ during the week. Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 176.50.
CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.—The Bank of Bengal has increased its rate of discount to 8 per cent.
BOMBAY, Dec. 23.—The Bank of Bombay has increased its rate of discount to 8 per cent.
PARIS, Dec. 23.—4 p. m.—Three per cent rentes, 103f 15c for the account.
BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Prices were firm on the bourse here today. Electrical securities were animated on a charter being given to the Great Berlin railroad, which will be worked by electricity. American securities maintained their position.

Bank of France Statement.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: Notes in circulation, increase, 1,350,000 francs; treasury accounts current, decrease, 2,775,000 francs; gold in hand, increase, 725,000 francs; bills discounted, increase, 1,200,000 francs; silver in hand, increase, 2,650,000 francs.

American Securities in London.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The market for American securities was neglected and featureless today. The closing tone was quiet and steady, with no demand.

COTTON MARKETS.

Cables Are Surprisingly Favorable and There is Further Advance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Liverpool cables at hand when the cotton market opened this morning were more favorable than had been expected, and later cables gave a still further lift, showing exceptional spot sales for a holiday market, and finally a net gain of 1½@2 16-34d on the markets. The market closed quiet and steady at a net rise of 2@4 points. The local shorts were anxious to cover their contracts, with a brace of holidays at hand, and in view of a more cheerful feeling on the part of investment buyers following a belief in decreased cotton acreage. Today's business in cotton futures foots up 283,000 bales. Receipts are falling below the larger crop estimates. Spot, steady; middling, 5 15-16c; net receipts, 1,590 bales; gross, 31,219 bales; exports to the continent, 150 bales; forwarded, 6,564 bales; sales, none; stock, 104,267 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 41,898 bales; exports to Great Britain, 14,157 bales; to France, 10,755 bales; to the continent, 12,572 bales; stock, 1,126,342 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 203,909 bales; exports to Great Britain, 97,977 bales; to France, 41,601 bales; to the continent, 20,778 bales. Total since September 1: Receipts, 1,514,225 bales; exports to Great Britain, 1,654,980 bales; to France, 484,141 bales; to the continent, 1,345,810 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Futures, easy; sales, 15,600 bales; December, $5.33 bid; January, $5.37@5.39; February, $5.44@5.45; March, $5.50@5.51; April, $5.55@5.56; May, $5.60@5.62; June, $5.65@5.67; July, $5.71@5.72; August, $5.74@5.76. Cotton steady; sales, 7,000 bales; ordinary, 4⅛c; good ordinary, 4⅝c; low middling, 5 3-16c; middling, 5⅝c; good middling, 5⅞c; middling fair, 6 1-16c; receipts, 12,411 bales; stock, 412,042 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Firm, 1-16c higher; middling, 5⅝c; sales, 217 bales; receipts, 6,292 bales; shipments, 6,289 bales; stock, 62,712 bales.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 5 7-16c; receipts, 4,231 bales; shipments, 2,658 bales; stock, 153,023 bales; sales, 2,250 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 5 7-16c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—COTTON—Spot in fair demand, prices hardening; American middling fair, 3 19-32d; good middling, 3 13-32d; American middling, 3 7-32d; low middling, 3 13-32d; good ordinary, 3 29-32d; ordinary, 2¾d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 11,400 bales American; receipts, 30,600 bales, including 19,700 bales American. Futures opened quiet, with a moderate demand, and closed barely steady; American middling, L. M. C., December, 3 11-64@3 12-64d, buyers; December and January, 3 11-64@3 12-64d, buyers; January and February, 3 11-64@3 12-64d, sellers; February and March, 3 12-64d, sellers; March and April, 3 12-64@3 13-64d, sellers; April and May, 3 13-64@3 14-64d, sellers; May and June, 3 14-64@3 15-64d, buyers; June and July, 3 15-64@3 16-64d, buyers; July and August, 3 17-64d, sellers; August and September, 3 18-64d, sellers; September and October, 3 19-64d, sellers; October and November, 3 20-64d, sellers.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—SUGAR—Open kettle, steady at 2⅛@3⅜c; centrifugal, steady; granulated, 4⅛@4 13-16c; whites, 4⅛@4⅝c; yellows, 3⅞@4⅛c; seconds, 2⅛@3⅝c. Molasses, kettle, steady at 12@20c; centrifugal, easy at 5@12c; syrup, steady at 16@21c.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.10@5.97.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅛c; refined, firm; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5 7-16c; granulated, 5¼c; mould A, 5⅝c; standard A, 5⅛c; confectioners' A, 5⅛c; cut loaf, 5⅞c; cubes, 5 7-16c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Run for the Day Shows the Feeling of Western Shippers.

ONLY THIRTY LOADS OF CATTLE

Shippers Keep Away from Market and Prices Consequently Stay Up—Hogs Go Fast, but a Little Lower.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
December 23	751	10,244	1,238	....
December 22	1,069	11,326	1,150	2
December 21	1,119	9,778	1,561	....
December 20	871	4,235	1,112	86
December 18	698	7,982	1,343	27
December 17	1,871	4,974	2,625	....
December 16	2,270	6,857	1,869	....
December 15	2,488	6,131	1,880	80
December 14	2,467	5,679	2,420	....
December 13	2,991	2,849	2,042	1
December 11	1,031	5,680	805	45
December 10	1,167	6,598	....	....
December 9	1,832	7,237	1,679	....
December 8	2,712	9,142	2,481	2
December 7	2,474	8,294	1,085	....

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	2	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	..	3	..
Union Pacific System	1	27	3
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	7	13	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	12	8	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	7	45	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	1	22	..
K. C. & St. J.	3	9	..
C., R. I. & P., east	1	8	..
C., R. I. & P., west	..	1	..
Total receipts	33	152	3

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	46	1,045	....
G. H. Hammond Co.	128	1,496	....
Swift and Company	102	3,419	25
Cudahy Packing Co.	249	2,124	....
R. Becker & Degan	14	....	....
L. F. Huss	45	....	....
Swift & Co., country	....	....	399
Cudahy, from Sioux City	42	....	....
Cudahy, from K. C.	45	1,257	....
Cudahy, Milwaukee	....	212	....
Chicago Co., Neb. City	....	613	....
Other buyers	66	....	745
Left over	....	100	49
Total	732	10,366	1,257

CATTLE—Only thirty loads of cattle were reported in the yards and not enough of any one kind to make a market. There were about five loads of fat steers, none of them very good, and the balance of the receipts consisted of cow stuff, feeders and odds and ends.

There was a demand for a few cattle and what there was here sold for strong prices. The good prices were due simply to the fact that there was almost nothing here. The demand is so light that anything like a decent run would be almost certain to glut the market and break the prices way down.

The yards will be closed on Saturday and it is hardly to be expected that the demand will be at all active until the holidays are past and the markets cleared of poultry and game. Representative sales:

NATIVES.
BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
12	912	$4 00	14	1232	$4 45	1	1260	$4 45
20	1313	4 50	51	1072	3 15	2	1445	3 15
4	987	3 70	2	980	3 75	17	844	3 80
2	1105	3 90	8	887	3 95	2	880	3 95
1	1230	3 95						

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1070	2 10	1	1290	2 25	3	950	2 25
1	940	2 10	2	1000	2 60	1	940	2 75
1	920	2 75	1	1110	2 25	1	1190	2 75
2	1015	2 00	1	1050	2 25	1	1060	2 15
2	1092	2 25	1	1010	2 25	4	1057	2 75
18	1092	2 95	1	1010	3 00	1	1330	2 00
1	1180	3 00	2	1232	2 20	1	1340	2 25
1	910	2 25	17	1086	2 65	15	1131	3 00
1	1040	2 85	1	780	1 50	1	970	2 00
1	880	2 25	2	1060	2 50	1	950	2 50
2	810	2 50	1	970	2 65	2	1105	2 75
2	1080	2 75	2	926	2 75	1	1020	2 90
1	1050	2 90	1	1170	3 00	1	1290	3 00
8	1206	3 15	1	1020	3 00	1	960	3 15
3	1110	2 15	1	1210	3 25	2	1035	3 50
8	972	2 60						

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	925	1 75	1	670	2 00	1	560	2 25
5	690	2 25	23	876	2 50	1	842	2 70
1	620	2 50	1	550	2 85	1	930	2 10
1	570	2 50	1	895	3 50	2	537	3 55
6	691	3 25	2	486	3 75	19	816	2 00
7	720	3 45	2	495	4 50			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
6	1171	2 20	1	1260	2 15	1	1330	2 60
1	1440	2 65	1	940	2 50	4	1232	2 75
2	1285	2 75	1	1070	2 80	2	1040	2 60
2	1475	2 25	1	1300	3 00	1	950	3 25
1	1130	2 60	1	910	2 25	1	1220	2 62
1	1040	2 20	1	1060	2 90	1	1260	2 85
1	1450	2 20	1	1240	2 85			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	280	2 75	1	100	5 50	2	160	6 00
1	300	3 60	1	150	5 00	2	160	6 00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	700	3 20	1	960	3 30	14	1080	3 50
12	1085	3 80	2	845	3 80	2	790	3 85
2	590	3 85	2	680	4 00	2	800	3 70
1	240	3 25	1	410	4 00	1	660	3 40
1	550	3 50	20	667	3 50	18	495	3 75
6	483	4 00	4	575	4 50			

HOGS—Whatever may be the disposition of packers toward cattle they evidently want the hogs.

This morning, with 152 cars reported in and with the Christmas holiday so near at hand, it seemed reasonable to expect a lower market. Buyers must have acted on that theory, as they opened the day's operations by bidding 5c lower, and a good many of the heavy hogs sold on that basis. The demand, however, was very good and instead of getting worse it showed improvement and the close was stronger. Heavy loads averaging 300 pounds and over sold at $3.15@3.22½, as against $3.20@3.27½ yesterday, but the big bulk sold at $3.17½@3.20 today and at $3.20@3.25 yesterday.

Medium weights and light sold at $3.20@3.40, or at pretty close to yesterday's prices, though the top was 2½c lower. The fact is that light hogs have changed very little in price for the past week or more.

The trade was active at the prices and everything was sold and weighed up at an early hour.

The decline for the two days this week has wiped out almost all of the recent advance and has put the market back to where it was on Monday a week ago.

The average of all the sales was 3c lower than yesterday. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
45	283	240	$3 15	26	442	40	$3 15
55	270	120	3 15	55	254	160	3 15
47	257	200	3 15	53	341	80	3 15
52	340	160	3 15	44	418	160	3 15
48	251	80	3 15	70	258	120	3 17½
52	340	120	3 17½	54	252	80	3 17½
42	346	240	3 17½	59	227	...	3 17½
40	366	40	3 17½	10	406	...	3 17½
55	304	80	3 17½	108	244	240	3 17½
48	363	240	3 17½	57	332	220	3 17½
57	289	160	3 17½	55	363	120	3 17½
54	332	40	3 17½	61	272	...	3 17½
60	299	80	3 17½	49	342	160	3 17½
68	331	160	3 17½	48	404	...	3 17½
47	383	160	3 17½	48	342	80	3 17½
46	237	80	3 17½	65	276	160	3 17½
59	350	160	3 17½	58	330	160	3 17½
56	340	200	3 17½	60	342	80	3 17½
43	328	240	3 20	53	307	...	3 20
29	274	...	3 20	24	366	80	3 20
52	329	80	3 20	47	324	40	3 20
58	297	200	3 20	70	295	40	3 20
56	291*	...	3 20	72	275	160	3 20
62	316	240	3 20	72	307	80	3 20
11	357	...	3 20	57	303	160	3 20
57	297	160	3 20	50	342	40	3 20
59	306	80	3 20	60	292	160	3 20
58	326	120	3 20	51	339	...	3 20
62	239	320	3 20	62	329	120	3 20
50	307	200	3 20	54	329	...	3 20
56	284	...	3 20	66	300	...	3 20
28	299	80	3 20	42	329	...	3 20
55	330	80	3 20	57	297	120	3 20
50	361	160	3 20	57	297	...	3 20
58	342	200	3 20	66	312	310	3 20
57	308	220	3 20	51	327	200	3 20
52	351	40	3 20	51	307	80	3 20
52	298	160	3 20	32	264	...	3 20
60	270	240	3 20	69	261	200	3 20
10	101	...	3 20	65	294	360	3 20
54	331	40	3 20	59	348	240	3 20
50	302	40	3 20	18	291	...	3 20
61	320	40	3 20	67	297	...	3 20
65	316	...	3 20	58	296	120	3 22½
62	266	40	3 22½	58	284	200	3 22½
60	306	120	3 22½	67	276	240	3 22½
59	323	120	3 22½	60	306	80	3 22½
57	277	80	3 22½	62	322	160	3 22½
65	267	...	3 22½	54	313	80	3 22½
56	305	80	3 22½	61	280	160	3 22½
68	271	40	3 22½	73	245	200	3 22½
59	305	160	3 25	58	293	80	3 25
66	305	...	3 25	56	296	...	3 25
48	316	40	3 25	59	266	...	3 25
57	296	...	3 25	69	256	...	3 25
43	350	40	3 25	65	258	120	3 25
75	248	200	3 25	63	244	80	3 27½
63	290	80	3 27½	110	128	...	3 30
46	311	80	3 30	59	265	120	3 30
79	282	80	3 30	70	232	40	3 30
70	250	...	3 30	69	231	40	3 30
86	236	...	3 32½	71	230	...	3 32½
68	248	80	3 32½	82	213	...	3 35
135	145	...	3 35	88	187	40	3 35
77	234	...	3 40				

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
2	345	...	3 15	1	290	...	1 75
2	326	...	3 15	1	320	...	2 00
1	770	...	3 15	1	580	...	2 50
4	237	...	3 15	1	560	80	2 75
6	285	...	3 17½	1	490	...	2 85
2	272	...	3 20	2	295	...	3 10
6	257	...	3 20	1	290	...	3 10
1	160	...	3 30	5	298	...	3 12½
4	175	...	3 30	5	226	...	3 15
4	262	...	3 30	1	220	...	3 22½
6	226	...	3 30	7	147	...	3 25
6	205	...	3 30	1	120	...	3 25

SHEEP—Good sheep sold at firm prices and the demand was very fair. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
2	bucks	120	$3 50
37	native wethers	145	4 25
5	native lambs	96	5 00
114	yearlings	83	4 60
671	western lambs	87	4 85

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head; market strong to 10c higher; Texas steers, $2.90@3.90; Texas cows, $2.40@3.10; native steers, $3.50@5.00; native cows and heifers, $1.50@4.25; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.50; bulls, $2.25@3.50.
HOGS—Receipts, 17,000 head; market weak to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $3.27½@3.30; heavies, $3.25@3.35; packers, $3.27½@3.37½; mixed, $3.20@3.32; lights, $3.27½@3.30; Yorkers, $3.27½@3.30; pigs, $3.00@3.20.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000 head; market firm to 10c higher; lambs, $3.75@5.50; muttons, $3.00@4.40.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Prices of Cattle Advance Again Through Strong Demand.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The general demand for cattle was sufficiently large to absorb the offerings at ruling prices, choice beeves ruling stronger to be higher. Beef steers sold on a basis of from $3.75 to $4 for the poorest to from $4.75 to $5.30 for good to prime shipping and export cattle, the bulk of the sales being at from $4.25 to $5, and fancy beeves were quotable at from $5.40 to $5.50. The stocker and feeder branch of the market was moderately active at from $3.20 to $4.25 and milkers and springers were in fair demand at the recent decline in prices. There was a good inquiry for fat cows and heifers at strong prices and canning lots sold fairly well. Export bulls brought from $3.25 to $4 and bolognas sold at from $2.40 to $3. Calves were active and unchanged. Texas cattle sold readily at from $3.70 to $4.25, the offerings embracing lots straight from the Lone Star state and Texans fed in northern states. Some fancy rather heavy black steers sold at $5.40.

Business in hogs was again brisk, prices ruling from 2½c to 5c lower. Hogs sold largely at from $3.37½ to $3.45, the coarsest packers selling at from $3.25 to $3.30 and the choicest hogs at from $3.45 to $3.50. The late market was bad, buyers withdrawing and sales were slow at 5c below the best time today.

Trade in sheep and lambs was active at steady prices. Sheep were in demand at from $2.80 to $3.50 for inferior to common flocks, up to from $4.60 to $4.75 for prime lots, with sales largely at from $3.75 to $4.25. Exporters were light buyers of heavy sheep around $4 and $4.25. Lambs were in good demand at from $4 to $4.50 for common up to from $5.50 to $5.75 for choice flocks.

Receipts: Cattle, 7,500 head; hogs, 45,000 head; sheep, 10,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,300 head, of which 700 were Texans; shipments, 800 head; market strong and active for natives; Texans 10c higher; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $3.85@5.25; bulk of sales, $4.25@5.00; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.50@5.00; bulk of sales, $4.00@4.75; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.25@4.50; bulk of sales, $3.50@4.25; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.10; bulk of sales, $2.70@3.75; cows and mixed, $2.00@4.70; Texas and Indian steers, $2.65@4.25; bulk of sales, $3.25@4.00; cows and heifers, $2.65@3.50.
HOGS—Receipts, 7,900 head; shipments, 5,800 head; market 5c lower; light, $3.25@3.30; mixed, $3.25@3.35; heavy, $3.25@3.40.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, 5,800 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.75@4.50; culls and bucks, $1.00@3.15; stockers, $2.00@2.75; lambs, $4.50@6.00.

Indianapolis Live Stock.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 250 head; shipments, light; market active; good to prime steers, $4.65@5.30; fair to medium steers, $4.20@4.60; common to good stockers, $2.75@3.50.
HOGS—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market active at a general decline of 2½c; good to choice medium and heavy, $3.45@3.50; mixed and heavy, $3.40@3.45; common lights, $3.40@3.45.
SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, light; market quiet; prices ranged from $2.25 for common sheep to $5.75 for choice lambs.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—BEEVES—Receipts, 12 head; none on sale and no trading. Cables quote American steers at 10½@11c; refrigerator beef, 7½@8½c; exports, 577 beeves.
CALVES—Receipts, 112 head; firm; all sold; veals, $6.00@8.50; grassers, $3.00@3.50; westerns, $3.50.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 4,850 head; slow; lambs, ⅛@¼c lower; sheep, $4.50@4.75.
HOGS—Receipts, 2,810 head; firm at $3.75@4.00.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2 cars of sale stock; about steady at opening prices of the week.
HOGS—Receipts, 30 cars; about steady; Yorkers, good to choice, $3.70; roughs, common to choice, $3.00@3.30; pigs, common to choice, $3.30@3.60.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 10 cars; culls, lambs, $5.30@5.40; sheep, culls to common, $2.50@3.50.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—HOGS—Active at $2.85@3.45.
CATTLE—Steady at $2.75@4.60.
SHEEP—Easy at $2.75@4.00.
LAMBS—Easier at $3.75@5.65.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for December 23:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	751	10,244	1,238
Chicago	7,000	45,000	10,000
Kansas City	2,000	17,000	1,000
St. Louis	2,300	7,900	1,200
Totals	12,051	80,144	13,438

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Following are the quotations for leading descriptions:
Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 27@28c; XX and XX above, 29@29c; delaine, 30c; No. 1 combing, 30c; No. 2 combing, 29@30c; Michigan, Wisconsin, etc., X Michigan, 22@24c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 28@29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 28@29c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 22@24c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 27c; unwashed medium, Kentucky and Indiana, quarter-blood combing, 23@24c; Kentucky and Indiana, 22@25c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 22@23c; Missouri three-eighths-blood combing, 23@24c; braid combing, 21c; Lake and Georgia, 22@23c. Texas wools, spring medium (twelve months), 16@18c; scoured price, 43@45c; spring fine (twelve months), 17@18c; scoured price, 50@52c. Territorial wool, Montana fine medium and fine, 16@18c; scoured price, 48@50c; staple, 52@55c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured price, 48@50c; staple, 52@55c. Australian scoured basis combing, superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c; Queensland combing, 65c.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—WOOL—Quiet and unchanged; medium, 15@20c; heavy fine, 8@14c; light fine, 13@17c; tub washed, 22@30½c.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—COFFEE—Options opened irregular at 10 points advance; ruled generally quiet with firm undertone on better cables than expected and claims of damage to Santos crop; demand mostly from shorts; closed dull with prices 5@15 points net advance; sales, 4,250 bags, including March at $6.15. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, $6.75; No. 7, jobbing, $7.25. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $8.50@15.00; sales, 450 bags Maracaibo and 100 bags Savanilla. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 18,474 bags, including 16,908 bags from New York. New York stock today, 644,306 bags; United States stock today, 746,202 bags; afloat for the United States, 379,070 bags; total visible for the United States, 1,125,202 bags, against 741,675 bags last year and 959,444 bags in 1895.
SANTOS, Dec. 23.—COFFEE—Quiet; good average Santos, 8,000 reis; receipts, 16,000 bags; stock, 914,000 bags.
HAMBURG, Dec. 23.—COFFEE—Opened at ¼@½ pfg. advance; closed at opening prices; sales, 15,000 bags.
RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 23.—COFFEE—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 8,175 reis; exchange, 7⅛d; receipts, 12,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 11,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 9,000 bags; stock, 420,000 bags.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There have been further advances following the movement in Fruit of the Loom and Lonsdale bleached cotton. There have been reductions in unbleached and the market has seen that curious condition where the prices are tending up and down on the same day. Masonville 4-4 bleached was reduced to 4c, while Pepperell brown sheetings were reduced to 4⅝c. Bleached cotton prices were well sustained where advances have not been made. The attitude of sellers has stopped heavy trading in these lines, but in other bleached goods there is a well defined demand. Brown goods are as a rule easy to buy, both in shirting and in the wider grades. Converters are fairly active operators in some quarters. Jobbers in all staple cotton lines are not represented extensively. There is very little buying for export purposes. The market for coarse colored cottons is quiet in nearly all lines. In print cloths there is continued dullness.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 23.—Credit balances, 65c; certificates, no bids for regular options; sales, 6,000 bbls. Cash delivery at 66c; closed offered at 65¾c; shipments, 116,272 bbls.; runs, 105,720 bbls.
CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 23.—OILS—Turpentine, firm, 30c bid, 30½c asked; sales, none. Rosin, firm and unchanged; sales, none.
SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23.—OILS—Turpentine, firm at 30½c; sales, 616 bbls.; receipts, 500 bbls. Rosin, firm; sales, 2,800 bbls.; receipts, 5,707 bbls. Quote A, B, C, D, $1.20; E, F, $1.22; G, $1.25; H, $1.45; I, $1.60; K, $1.75; M, $1.95; N, $2.20; W. G., $2.65; W. W., $3.15.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 23.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, 30@30½c. Rosin, firm at $1.15@1.20. Crude turpentine, steady at $1.40@1.90. Tar, firm at $1.05.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet and steady; evaporated apples, common, 5@7c; prime wire tray, 8½c; wood dried, prime, 8½@9c; choice, 9c; fancy, 9½@10c. Apricots, Royal, 7@9½c; Moor Park, 9@11c. Prunes, 3@8c. Peaches, unpeeled, 7@10c; peeled, 12@20c.

Find the Cook Guilty of Murder.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—"We, the jury, find the prisoner, John Anderson, alias John Andersen, guilty as charged in the indictment." This is the verdict returned by the jury in the case of the Olive Pecker case, the specific charge being the murder of Mate Saunders of the schooner Olive Pecker by the cook. As the case stands Anderson will have to hang. He received the verdict with apparent indifference. His counsel made a motion for a new trial.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says, "My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles.

Stands By His Beliefs.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 23.—Rev. M. H. Houston, who was tried and convicted of heresy, appeared before the Louisville Presbytery today and declined to receive the censure and admonition that had been prepared for him and that before he would give up his beliefs he would give up his calling. Final action was postponed until the spring meeting of the presbytery.

Had Dynamite in His Pocket.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 23.—Amazon Hernandez, a Mexican woodchopper, was in the habit of carrying giant powder cartridges in his pockets, as he frequently used them for blasting tree stumps. Yesterday he tripped and fell, a knife in his pocket struck a cap and nine explosions followed in quick succession. Hernandez was terribly mangled and will die.

Tube Mill to Start Up.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—Preparations are being made to start the tube mill of the Oil Well Supply company, on Second avenue, this city. This plant has been idle for the past four years and its starting means that 1,500 men will be given employment. The resumption will take place in about three weeks.

Launch a Revenue Cutter.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 23.—In a blinding snowstorm, the revenue cutter Onondaga was launched this afternoon at the yard of the Globe Iron Works company. The steamer was christened by Miss Eloise Allen. Many government officials witnessed the launching.

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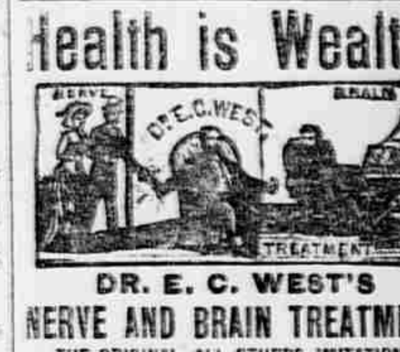

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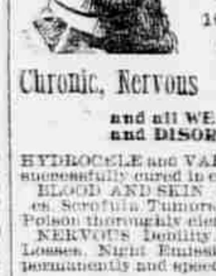

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