

## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Liverpool Decline and Rather Favorable  
Crop News Push Down Wheat

## PIT DULL AND LISTLESS THROUGHOUT

Small Receipts and Light Country Offerings Buoy Up Corn and Oats  
Close a Shady Up-Provisions Dull

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The wheat market today got the effect of the Liverpool decline and rather favorable crop news. May closing 54¢ under yesterday's close, a small crop and light offerings were a factor in the corn market. May closing at a shade gain. Oats closed a shade up and provisions unchanged to 5¢ better.

Wheat weakened over night, opening 4¢  
less under yesterday's close at 54¢ 30¢. In the face of the advance here the previous session at Liverpool showed a loss, the flour business was reported anything but satisfactory and such crop news as was not favorable was not enough the other way to buoy up the bull position. The pit was dull and listless throughout, the price clinicians were quiet, and nothing was particularly encouraged among buying. This, with a little covering by shorts, saw the market from former loss, even adding a shade to initial figures toward the end of the session. May closing 54¢ 10¢ lower, at 54¢ 30¢. New York's gains were taken for export; this business being flat. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 45,000 bushels. Ministry reports were equal to 30,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 279 cars, compared with 300 cars last week and 485 cars the corresponding day last year. Receipts here were 31 cars, 19 of contract grade.

Corn was rather steady, especially for May, the option closing with some indication of firmness. The position was augmented some selling early, 50,000 bu. by one firm. It was rumored, somewhat freely, that the market had been held up by liquidation by longs for time, but this influence was offset by light offerings elsewhere and the small receipts—15 cars here—represented a good value of business.

Trade was very quiet all day and fluctuations were narrow. May sold from 32¢ to 32¢ 30¢ closing a shade up at 32¢ 30¢. June, with a slight dip, recovered and slipped off a trifle, but recovered. The export demand was dead and country offerings required enlarging. Local receipts were very small, 100 bushels. Receipts ranged from 20¢ to 22¢ 30¢ closing a shade up at 22¢ 30¢. May ribs from 45¢ 50¢ to 46¢ 50¢ and with the close 25¢ up at 50¢ 50¢ and May ribs from 50¢ 50¢ to 51¢ 50¢ and closed 52¢.

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