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Wheat Early Shows a Slight Gain, Closing at Unchanged Prices.

STEADIED BY THE LIVERPOOL ADVANCE

Corn Closes a Shade Lower and Oats Unchanged—Light Receipts of Wheat and Corn—Provisions Steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Liverpool advance and light receipts were a steadying influence to a very quiet wheat market today. May closing unchanged from yesterday. Corn closed a shade lower and oats unchanged. At the close provisions were practically unchanged from yesterday.

Animated by a desire to emulate the Liverpool market, which exhibited some strength and with light receipts as a support, wheat at the opening so far shook off the holiday drowsiness as to show a shade gain, May at 69⅜@69⅝c. Having established a pathway ⅛c in width, the market proceeded to keep within that range, occasionally stopping to catch a few moments' sleep. The close was steady, fnchanged from yesterday, May at 69⅝c. The foreign demand was flat and the local but little better. New York reported twelve loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 481,000 bu. Primary receipts were 450,000 bu., compared with 753,400 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 333 cars, against 410 last week and 428 a year ago. Local receipts were 119 cars, 20 of contract grade.

Corn was steady, but notable principally for its dullness. Receipts were light, clearances liberal and country offerings small. Elevator people sold sparingly, their offerings being readily taken by shorts and the bull crowd as well as by shippers. Something of an outside demand developed about the middle of the session. Local receipts were 297 cars. Atlantic port exports for the day were 94,000 bu. May ranged from 32⅜c to 32⅝@33c, closing a shade under yesterday at 32⅝c.

Oats were quiet, within a range of only 1-16c for May. Shorts bought a little, but offerings were small. Local receipts were 127 cars. May closed unchanged from yesterday at 23⅝@23¾c.

Provisions were dull, but not as much so as the grain markets. The tone was steady. Initial figures were the best for the day, but the early gain was lost on moderate selling by longs. The bull crowd was apathetic and generally trade was of an evening up character. The range was therefore narrow. May pork sold from $10.42½ to $10.55 and closed unchanged at $10.47½; May lard from $5.80 to $5.85, closing unchanged at $5.82½, and May ribs from $5.52½ to $5.57½, the close showing a shade gain over yesterday at $5.55.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 65 cars; corn, 290 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	66	66	65½	65½	65⅝
May	69⅝@⅝	69⅝	69⅜	69⅝	69⅝
July	69⅞	69⅞@70	69⅝	69⅝@⅞	69⅝
*Corn—					
Dec.	30⅝	30⅝	30¼	30¼	30¼
Jan.	30⅝	30½	30⅜	30⅜@½	30⅜
May	32⅝@⅞	32⅞@33	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
Dec.	22	22	22	22	22
May	23⅝@¾	23¾	23⅝@¾	23⅝@¾	23⅝@⅞
Pork—					
Jan.	10 17½	10 17½	10 12½	10 12½	10 17½
May	10 55	10 55	10 42½	10 47½	10 47½
Lard—					
Jan.	5 67½	5 67½	5 65	5 67½	5 65
May	5 85	5 85	5 80	5 82½	5 82½
Ribs—					
Jan.	5 35	5 35	5 32½	5 35	5 35
May	5 55	5 57½	5 52½	5 55	5 55

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.00@3.20; clear, $2.90@3.10; spring specials, $3.90@4.00; spring patents, $3.60@3.75; straights, $2.80@3.00; bakers, $1.90@2.55; low grades, $1.35@1.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 67½@68¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 30¾@31c; No. 2 yellow, 31@31¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 22½@22¾c; No. 2 white, 24½@25¼c; No. 3 white, [illegible]

RYE—No. 2, 52¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@43c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.49½; Timothy, $2.35. Clover, contract grade, $8.00@10.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.85@10.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.30@5.67½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.25@5.45. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.37½@5.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.60.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.18.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls	24,000	24,000
Wheat, bu	75,000	2,000
Corn, bu	252,000	79,000
Oats, bu	219,000	132,000
Rye, bu	5,000	11,000
Barley, bu	75,000	43,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market steady; creameries, 16@26c; Cheese, firm at 12@12¾c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 13½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,783 bbls.; exports, 1,849 bbls.; dull but steady; winter patents, $3.55@3.75; winter staights, $3.35@3.45; winter extras, $2.55@2.90; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.80@4.05; Minnesota bakers, $2.80@3.10. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.10@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.50. Buckwheat flour, dull at $2.10@2.25.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 82c; city, 76c; Brandywine, $2.25@2.35.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 69¾c f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 56c c. i. f. New York, carlots.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 43¾c c. i. f. New York; malting, 48@53c c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 62,000 bu.; exports, 8,000 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, spot, 75¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 northern, Duluth, 79¾c f. o. b. afloat (prompt); No. 1 hard, Duluth, 81¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 72¼c, elevator. Options opened firmer on better cables than expected, but ruled dull and featureless all day. Clearances were larger, although the export trade still lacked vigor; closed dull but steady at ⅛@⅜c net advance; March, 75⅛@75⅜c, closed at 75⅜c; May, 74 13-16@74 15-16c, closed at 74⅞c; July, closed at 74¾c; December, 73 3-16@73 7-16c, closed at 73⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 55,500 bu.; exports, 153,913 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 40⅝c, spot, f. o. b. afloat and 39½c elevator. Option market opened steady and was held all day, and an even basis, influenced by higher cables and big clearances; closed steady at ¼c advance; May, 38⅞@39c, closed at 39c; December, 39¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 116,300 bu.; exports, 9,711 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 28½c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 30c; track, mixed western, 29@30½c; track white, 31@34½c. Options quiet.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 65@75c; good to choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1898 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@14c; Pacific coast 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@14c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 29 lbs., 14½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25@28½c; acid, 25@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.50@13.00; mess, $10.50; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; packet, $11.50@12.00; city extra India mess, $21.00@23.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $5.50@7.25; pickled shoulders, $5.75; pickled hams $8.25@9.00. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $5.95; refined, steady; continent, $6.20; South America, $6.50; December, $5.95, nominal; compound, $5.37½@5.50. Pork, firm; sales, 580 bbls.; mess, $10.50@10.75; short clear, $12.00@12.25; family, $11.00@12.00. Tallow, steady; city, 5c; country, 4⅝@5c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4c. 5½c; Japan, 4¾@5c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4¾@5c; other domestic, 3½@4c.

CABBAGE—Steady; Long Island, $4.00@6.00 per 100.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, dull; cotton by steam, 25c; grain by steam, 3d, nominal.

METALS—Tin again displayed leading strength in the local market, but other metals were discouragingly slow as a rule and destitute of interesting feature. Lead held about steady and spelter showed irregularity, while iron was heavy and neglected. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants lower for futures; lake copper, unchanged at $16.50; tin, quiet and firm at $25.25@25.50; lead, steady at $4.70@4.75; spelter, easy at $4.55@4.65. The brokers' price for lead is $4.45 and for copper $16.50.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light, fresh stock, 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY — Choice to fancy turkeys, 8@9½c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 7½@8c; spring chickens, 6@6½c; hens, 6c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5c; spring chickens, 5c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks, 5½c; geese, 6½c; turkeys, 7c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 16@16½c; choice, 18@19c; separator, 26c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Upland, choice, $6.50; midland, choice, $6; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $5.50; No. 2 corn, 27c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13; shorts, per ton, $14.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Illinois, $3; Jerseys, $5; large bbls., Kansas, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Per lb., 1½c; Holland seed, 1¾@2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

CRANBERRIES—Bell & Bugle, per bbl., $6.50; Jerseys, $6.25.

ONIONS—Retail way, yellow, 65c; red, 75@85c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 45c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; Canadian, 1¼@1½c.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $1.50@5.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $3.75@4.00.

GRAPES—California Emperor, $2; Catawbas, per small basket, 18c; Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3; California navels, per box, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $4.00@4.25; choice California, $3.75@4.00; Messina, $4.50@4.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25@3.50.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1; shell barks, $1.25@1.35.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, $1; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9c.

HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of about 60 lbs., $4.50@5.00; per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

MISTLETOE BRANCHES—Per lb., 20c; per 25-lb. box, $3.75; wreathing, 20 yds., 75c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Better; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 69c; track, 72c; December, 69c; May, 71⅛c; July, 68⅜c; No. 2 hard, 64½@66c; receipts, 10,500 bushels.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 31¼@31½c; December, 31c; May, 31½@31⅝c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 cash, 23½c; track, 24@24½c; December, 23½c; May, 24¾c; No. 2 white, 25½@26c.

RYE—Steady at 53c.

FLOUR—Quiet; patents, $3.45@3.15; extra fancy, $3.10@3.15; clear, $2.75@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.35. Flaxseed, nominal, $1.44.

CORNMEAL—$1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 63@65c.

HAY—Steady to firm; timothy, $8.00@12.00; prairie, $7.50@8.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

COTTONTIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, new, $11.00; old, $9.50. Lard, steady; prime steam, $5.32½; choice, $5.35. Dry salt boxed meats, extra shorts, $5.50; clear ribs, $5.62½; clear sides, $5.87½. Bacon, extra shorts, ..; clear ribs, $6.25; clear sides, $6.37.

METALS—Lead, steady at $4.62½. Spelter, quiet at $4.40.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 6c; turkeys, 8½c; ducks, 6½c; geese, 5½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 47,000 bu.; oats, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, 30,000 bu.; oats, 27,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 28c; fancy western prints, 30c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 22c; fresh western, 22c; fresh southeastern, 20c; fresh southern, 20c.

CHEESE—Quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—BUTTER—Receipts, 2,227 pkgs.; strong; western creamery, 23@28c; June creamery, 22@26c; factory, 16@21c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 811 pkgs.; firm; fall made, fancy, small, 12¾@13c; fall made, fancy, large, 12¾@13c; late made, small, 12@12¼c; large, late made, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,681 pkgs.; steady; western, ungraded, at mark, 15@20c; western, 23c, loss off.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 23@26½c; dairy, 19@23c.

EGGS—Steady at 17c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 16@26c; dairies, 16@22c.

EGGS—Firm at 17½c.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—BUTTER—Creamery, 21@24c; dairy, 17c.

EGGS—Heavier receipts caused quiet markets; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 15½c dozen, cases returned; storage, 10@14c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—May, 66⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 64½@65c; No. 3, 59@62½c; No. 2 red, 69@70c; No. 3, 62@68c; receipts, 37 cars.

CORN—May, 29⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 28¾c; No. 2 white, 28¾@29c; No. 3, 28½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24@24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 22,200 bu.; corn, 39,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 19,800 bu.; corn, 37,000 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red, western winter, firm, 5s 10d; futures closed steady; March, 5s 11d; May, 5s 10⅝d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, steady, 3s 5½d; futures, December, nominal; January, steady, 3s 5¼d; February, steady, 3s 5½d.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, steady, 43s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm, 31s; clear bellies, steady, 32s 6d.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, December, 64½c, May, 66⅝c; July, 67⅝c. On track, No. 1 hard, 67c; No. 1 northern, 65½c; No. 2 northern, 63c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.40@3.50; second patents, $3.20@3.30; first clear, $2.20@2.30.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.00@11.25.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Dull; cash, higher; No. 2, cash and December, 69½c; May, 73¼c.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and steady; prime cash, $4.75 bid; December, $5.57½; March, $5.85 asked.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 29.—CORN—Steady; new No. 3, 29½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 23@23½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.23½ for finished goods.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 66½c; No. 2 northern, 64c.

RYE—Lower; No. 1, 52@54c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 45@46c; sample, 36@45½c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 29.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 65⅝c; No. 1 northern, cash, 64⅝c; December, 64½c; May, 65⅛c; July, 69¼c; No. 2 northern, 62⅝c; No. 3 spring, 58⅝c.

Weekly Cotton Statement.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement shows the amount brought in sight, 235,344 bales, against 448,730 for the seven days ending this date last year, 372,346 year before last and 281,264 the same time in 1896. Total movement from September 1 to date, 5,812,311 bales, against 7,560,340 last year, 7,161,590 year before last and 6,721,204 the same time in 1896.

The movement since September shows receipts at all United States ports, 3,914,220 bales, against 5,742,886 last year, 5,496,578 year before last and 4,835,953 the same time in 1896; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to northern mills and Canada, 807,136 bales, against 719,471 last year, 675,390 year before last and 560,- the same time in 1896. Southern mill takings, 564,500 bales, against 516,500 last year, 496,073 year before last and 423,061 same time in 1896. Northern mill takings, 1,464,199 bales, against 1,133,921 last year. Foreign exports for the week have been 111,195 bales, against 205,879 last year, making the total thus far for the season 2,522,163 bales, against 4,075,320 last year, a decrease of 1,553,157 bales. The supply to date is 6,431,212 bales, against 7,827,906 for the same period last year.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Relief Shown by Bidding Up of Prices—Slight Reaction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The New York stock market testified its relief over the practical completion of the yearly settlement by bidding up prices in a striking manner today. There were signs of hesitation and reaction at one time when the money rate flurried to 10 per cent simultaneously with the appearance of the statement of November earnings of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. This statement showed a decrease in the surplus earnings after charges for the month of over $215,000, and coming on top of yesterday's similar exhibit by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, made a natural impression on sentiment as going to show the inevitable effect of the high prices of material upon the operating expenses of railroads. The grangers were most affected, but prices in the railroad list generally ran down to about last night's level. The completion of the period of money pressure, however, overshadowed all other considerations and gave rise to a feeling on the part of security holders closely akin to exultation.

About the time the London Stock exchange closed the most notable movement of the day was inaugurated. The fact that the periodical Stock exchange settlement was completed with no failure of great importance was a gratifying surprise in the financial world. The international stocks in the late buying were the favorites in anticipation of a demand tomorrow from London. Although the call money rate advanced sharply in London discount rates dropped off fully ½ per cent, with a resulting advance in the long sterling rate in New York. The private discount rate in Berlin also showed a further decline, so that the foreign markets in which a crisis had been feared all showed clear skies. In our own market loans made today will carry over until next Tuesday. It was this fact which ran the rate up to 18 per cent.

A favorable bank statement is counted for tomorrow, in spite of the fact that some $6,000,000 of gold exports will figure in the statement. On the regular express movement of money to the interior the principal banks have gained upwards of $2,500,000 and on subtreasury operations they have gained $1,488,000. Besides this there have been very large receipts of money by mail, estimated all the way from $4,000,000 to $7,000,000, so that net gain in cash from all sources is estimated at from $2,000,000 upward. In the late strength of the market the trunk lines were conspicuous, led by the Baltimore & Ohio and Norfolk & Western stocks. A rumor was circulated to the effect that the plan for harmonizing trunk line interests was soon to be announced and that it would include Norfolk & Western, as well as Baltimore & Ohio.

Gains in the specialties were larger than in the railroads, except that Sugar and Metropolitan Street Railway were more or less under pressure. The New York City gas companies, the coalers, General Electric, Pacific Mail and the steel and iron stocks show some striking gains and many of the railroads are a point or more higher.

A notable feature of the day's trading was the number of odd lots dealt in.

Some of the minor bonds showed declines, but the general tendency was upward. Total sales, par value, $2,240,000. United States old 4s and 5s declined ¼ and the 3s ⅛ on the last bid price.

The following are the quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	19⅝	So. Ry. pfd	54
do pfd	61¼	Texas & Pacific	15
Baltimore & O	50¾	Union Pacific	47½
Canadian Pac	92	do pfd	74¾
*Canada So	48¼	Wabash	7⅞
Ches. & Ohio	30⅝	do pfd	21⅝
Chicago Gas	12⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	9⅝
C., B. & Q.	121¼	do 2d pfd	26⅝
Chi., Ind. & L.	15⅝	Wis. Central	18½
do pfd	42	Adams Express	111
Chi. & E. Ill.	87	American Ex	141
Chicago & N. W.	138	U. S. Express	45
C., C., C. & St. P.	104¾	Wells-Fargo Ex.	118
C. C. C. & St. L.	90¾	A. Cot. Oil	33¾
Colorado So	5	do pfd	88
do 1st pfd	41	Amer. Malting	7½
do 2d pfd	15	do pfd	31
Del. & Hudson	113¾	Amer. S. & R.	25½
Del., L. & Western	177	do pfd	86¾
Denver & R. G.	18⅝	Amer. Spirits	3
do pfd	70⅝	do pfd	17
Erie	11	Amer. Steel H.	41¼
do 1st pfd	32¾	do pfd	89
Gt. Nor. pfd	105½	Amer. S. & W.	47⅞
Hocking Coal	15⅝	do pfd	89
Hocking Valley	33½	Amer. Tin Plate	27
Illinois Central	112¼	do pfd	79½
Iowa Central	41¾	Amer. Tobacco	99
do pfd	49	do pfd	135
K., C., P. & G.	3¾	Anaconda Min. Co.	38¾
Lake Erie & W.	20½	Brooklyn R. T.	22¼
do pfd	79½	Colo. Fuel & I.	43½
*Lake Shore	196½	Con. Tobacco	32½
L. & N.	79½	do pfd	83¾
Manhattan L.	97½	Federal Steel	52
Met. St. Ry.	170½	do pfd	73½
Mex. Central	10¼	*Gen. Electric	123⅞
Minn. & St. L.	59½	Glucose Sugar	45
do pfd	96½	do pfd	93
Mis. Pacific	37⅞	Inter. Paper	67
Mobile & Ohio	38	Laclede Gas	85
Mis., K. & T.	13⅝	National Biscuit	35¾
do pfd	32⅝	**do pfd	96⅝
N. J. Central	118½	National Lead	25
*N. Y. Central	139½	do pfd	104
Norfolk & W.	24⅝	National Steel	41½
do pfd	68⅞	do pfd	93
No. Pacific	62¾	N. Y. Air Brake	134
do pfd	73½	No. American	13½
Ontario & W.	22	Pacific Coast	40¼
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1s pfd	82
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	61
Pennsylvania	130⅞	Pacific Mail	44
Reading	18⅝	People's Gas	101
do 1st pfd	51¼	Pressed S. Car	81
do 2d pfd	28	Pullman P. Car	183
Rio G. W.	35	Standard R. & T.	8¼
*do pfd	81	Sugar	128½
St. L. & S. F.	9¾	do pfd	113
do 1st pfd	60	Tenn. Coal & I.	83¼
do 2d pfd	32¾	U. S. Leather	13¾
St. L. Southw.	16	do pfd	77¼
do pfd	24⅝	U. S. Rubber	42
St. Paul	117⅝	do pfd	102
do pfd	171	Western Union	87½
St. P. & Omaha	117	Brooklyn L. & S.	20¼
So. Pacific	37½	do pfd	61¾
So. Railway	11⅞	P. C. C. & St. L.	76¾

*Ex-dividend. **Offered.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—MONEY—On call, firm at 6@18 per cent; closing offered at 20 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87⅛@4.87½ for demand and at $4.83⅝@4.83¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82½@4.83 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.80¼@4.80¾.

SILVER — Certificates, 58½@59½c; bar, 59¼c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Governments weak; states weak; railroads irregular.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg	102¼	N. Y. C. 1s	112¼
do 3s, reg	110¼	L. S. & M. S. gen. 5s	126⅝
do 3s, coupon	110¼	No. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg	133	do 4s	107
do coupon	135	Nor. Pac. 1s	110
do old 4s, reg	114	do 3s	65
do 4s, coupon	115	do 4s	103½
do 5s, reg	113	N. P. & S. L. 4s	104
do 5s, coupon	112¾	N. & W. con. 4s	90½
D. of C. 3 65s	119	do gen. 6s	127½
Atch. gen. 4s	99	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
do adj. 4s	78½	do 4s	101
Can. So. 2s	107	Ore. S. L. 6s	128½
C. & O. 4½s	96	do con. 5s	116
do 5s	115¼	Reading gen. 4s	86½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	140	Rio G. W. 1s	96
do deb. 5s	115	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	110
Chicago Ter. 4s	93	St. L. & S. F. g. 6s	120
D. & R. G. 1s	105¾	St. Paul consols	166
do 4s	98½	St. Paul C. & P. 1s	118¾
C., C., C. & G. 1s	101	do 5s	123
Erie gen. 4s	69	So. Ry. 5s	108¼
F. W. & D. C. 1s	70¾	S. R. & T. 6s	79½
*Gen. Electric 5s	119	Tenn. n. s. 3s	94
G. H. & S. A. 6s	108	Tex. & Pac. 1s	111
do 2s	105	*do 2s	54
H. & T. C. 5s	109¾	Union Pacific 4s	104
H. & T. C. c. 6s	110	Wabash 1s	113
Ia. Central 1s	170	do 2s	93
K. C., P. & G. 1s	65½	West Shore 4s	112¼
La. n. c. 4s	108½	Wis. Central 1s	69
L. & N. uni. 4s	98	Va. Centuries	84
So. Pacific 4s	74⅝	do deferred	5
M., K. & T. 2s	68	Colo. So. 4s	82¾
do 4s	99		

*Ex-dividend.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	18	Ontario	700
Crown Point	12	Ophir	66
Con. Cal. & Va.	140	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	20	do pfd	250
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	38
Homestake	650	Standard	240
Iron Silver	50	Union Con	23
Mexican	24	Yellow Jacket	20

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—American securities opened steady, with prices above parity level and remained generally firm to the close. Operators were rather inactive. The close was firm. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £158,000; gold premium at Buenos Ayres, 123.70.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Prices on the bourse today were firm in response to satisfactory foreign advices. Local securities were harder on bear covering. Private rate of discount, 6 per cent; exchange on London, 20 marks 57½ pfgs. for checks.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Bengal has been advanced from 6 to 7 per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Three per cent rentes, 99f 75c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 31½c for checks; Spanish 4s closed at 66.15.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—Spanish 4s closed today at 66.30; gold was quoted at 27.60.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 29.—The gold quotation today was 127.80.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing quotations of stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	19¾	Westingh. Elec.	39¼
do pfd	61¾	Wis. Central	18½
Amer. Sugar	128	Dom. Coal	42½
do pfd	113½	do pfd	115
Bell Telephone	345	Atchison 4s	97
Boston & Alby.	244½	Adventure	5¾
Boston Elevated	98	Allouez Min. Co.	2¾
Boston & Me.	309	Atlantic	22
C., B. & Q.	121½	Boston & Mont.	260
Ed. Elec. Ill.	205	Butte & Boston	43
Gen. Electric	123¾	Calumet & Hec.	715
do pfd	136½	Centennial	16¼
Federal Steel	52	Franklin	13
do pfd	73¾	Humboldt	4
Mex. Central	10¾	Osceola	67½
*Mich. Tel.	99¼	Parrot	37½
Old Colony	203¾	Quincy	137
Old Dominion	19	Santa Fe Cop.	5
Rubber	42	Tamarack	170
Union Pacific	47¼	Winona	4
Union Land	32¾	Wolverine	37½
West End	92	Utah	29

*Ex-dividend.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	99¼	N. Y. Central	134½
Consols, acc't	99¼	*Pennsylvania	67
Canadian Pac.	91¾	Reading	9⅛
Erie	11¾	No. Pac. pfd	74⅝
do 1st pfd	33¾	Atchison	20⅛
Illinois Central	114	Louisville	80¾
Union Pac. pfd	75½	Grand Trunk	6⅝
St. P. common	120½	Anaconda	8

*Ex-rights.

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27¼d per ounce.

MONEY—3@5½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 6¼@6½ per cent; for three months' bills, 6⅛@6½ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $15,486,759; balances, $1,883,297.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $3,593,761; balances, $589,608.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $7,343,113; balances, $1,295,322; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, par bid, 25c premium asked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $23,775,566; balances, $1,633,627; posted exchange, $4.82½@4.88½; New York exchange, 20c premium.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $187,131,655; balances, $9,355,896.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $297,500,368; gold reserve, $238,919,482.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Futures closed steady: January, $7.33; February, $7.37; March, $7.42; April, $7.46; May, $7.50; June, $7.50; July, $7.53; August, $7.50; September, $7.04; October, $6.94; November, $6.91. Spot, closed quiet; middling uplands, 7 11-16c; middling gulf, 7 15-16c; sales, none.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Firm; sales, 400 bales; ordinary, 6 3-16c; good ordinary, 6 1-16c; low middling, 7 3-16c; middling, 7 7-16c; good middling, 7⅝c; middling fair, 7 15-16c; receipts, 7,115 bales; stock, 401,491 bales. Futures, quiet; closed ¼ January, $7.20@7.21; February, $7.21@7.22; March, $7.24@7.25; April, $7.26@7.28; May, $7.29@7.30; June, $7.31@7.33; July, $7.33@7.35; August, $7.18@7.19; September, $6.78@6.80; October, $6.68@6.73.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Quiet; sales, 200 bales; middling, 7 11-16c; receipts, 5,833 bales; shipments, 6,201 bales; stock, 104,118 bales.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 29.—COTTON—Quiet at 7¼c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Moderate business; prices 1-16d higher; American middling fair, 4¾d; good ordinary, 4 9-16d; middling, 4½d; low middling, 4 11-32d; good ordinary, 4 5-32d; ordinary, 3 31-32d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 7,400 bales American; receipts, 14,000 bales, including 2,800 bales American. Futures opened steady and closed very steady at the advance; American middling l. m. c., January, 4 29-64@4 21-64d, value; January and February, 4 18-64d, sellers; February and March, 4 15-64d, buyers; March and April, 4 13-64d, buyers; April and May, 4 11-64