COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Activity in Provisions the Feature on Chicago Board of Trade.

ARGENTINE SHIPMENTS DEPRESS WHEAT

Decline at Liverpool in Face of Advance on This Side Encourages Selling—Corn Higher, Oats Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The trade in provisions was the feature on the Board of Trade today, light hog receipts and advanced prices at the yards combining to give the market a tone of decided strength. May pork closed 10c, May lard 2½@5c and May ribs 5c over yesterday. Wheat was dull and heavy, weakened by disappointing cables and the heavy Argentine shipments. May closing ⅛@¾c down. Corn closed a shade higher and oats unchanged.

The provisions market was strong all day. Receipts at the yards were under the estimate and prices up. Initial figures showed a gain about equal to that shown at the close. At advanced figures the demand was excellent from all courses; the market was active and broad. The demand from the south retained its recently developed vigor and the outside trade generally was on a large scale. Influential local houses were good buyers, largely of lard and ribs. At no time was there any pressure to sell. Offerings were nearly all from profit-takers. May pork ranged from $11 to $11.12½ and closed 10c over yesterday at $11.05, May lard from $6.07½ to $6.12½, closing 2½@5c up, and May ribs from $5.82½@5.85 to $5.87½@5.90, with the close 5c improved over yesterday's final price at $5.85.

The liberal Argentine shipments and crop conditions in that country were the main factors in depressing wheat, that market barely holding its own, though it had strong corn and provisions market for near neighbors. The decline at Liverpool in the face of the advance here yesterday was a disappointment to the bulls and encouraged selling. At one time a little buying by shorts was caused by stories of a somewhat better cash demand and improved inquiry for export flour. But this did not last. The volume of business was small and the session not active. A sale of 148,000 bushels from here to Hamburg was reported. The seaboard reported 20 loads taken for export. Primary receipts were 598,000 bushels, compared with 671,000 bushels last year. Receipts here were 48 cars, 5 of contract. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 334 cars, against 453 last week and 504 a year ago. Port clearances, wheat and flour, were 440,000 bushels.

Corn was firm. There was a good crowd in the pit and some improvement in the commission business. Aside from a bit of uneasiness felt at the opening in sympathy with wheat the feeling was firm throughout. The main consideration on the buying side was the small country offerings and the poor weather for movement, with the strength of provisions a contributory factor. The volume of trade was not large. There was considerable talk of "feeders going wild over corn" and it was generally reported that the demand from this source was backed with more tempting prices than shippers have been offering. Receipts here were 415 cars. May ranged from 32¼c to 33½c, closing a shade over yesterday at 33⅜c.

Oats market was firm. Cash bids were sharp, relatively ½c better than last week's. Sympathy with the strength of corn was a factor in the firmness, as was Philadelphia report of a demand for American oats to feed British cavalry horses in South Africa. Receipts here were 214 cars. May sold from 24c to 24½c, closing unchanged from yesterday at 24c.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 34 cars; corn, 415 cars; oats, 190 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Jan.	64¼	64¼	64	64	64⅝
May	67⅝	67⅝	67½	67⅝	67⅝@68
July	68⅛	68⅝@½	68⅛	68⅛@¼	68½
*Corn—					
Jan.	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞	30⅞	30¼@⅞
May	33¼	33½	33¼	33⅜	33⅛@⅜
July	34	34⅛@¼	33⅞@34	34	33⅞
*Oats—					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	22¼	22¼
May	24	24⅛	24	24	24
*Pork—					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	10 72½	10 65
May	11 00	11 12½	11 00	11 02½	10 95
Lard—					
Jan.	5 95	5 95	5 92½	5 92½	5 87½
May	.....	.....	.....	6 07½	6 02½
Ribs—					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	5 75	5 70
May	5 85	5 90	5 82½	5 85	5 80

*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, $3.30@3.50; straights, $2.65@3.00; bakers, $1.90@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 62¾@64½c; No. 2 red, 67½@⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 yellow, 31¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 22c; No. 2 white, 25½@26⅝c; No. 3 white, 24¾@25½c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@45c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.50. Prime timothy, $2.35. Clover, contract grade, $8.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.40@10.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.80@5.97½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.65@5.90. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@5.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.85@6.00.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged: cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.18.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls	34,000	31,000
Wheat, bu	58,000	58,000
Corn, bu	394,000	185,000
Oats, bu	314,000	199,000
Rye, bu	9,000	2,000
Barley, bu	78,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 22@28c; dairies, 17@25c. Cheese, firm at 12@12¼c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 17c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,642 bbls.; exports, 2,584 bbls.; slow of sale, but steady at old prices; Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.05; Minnesota bakers, $2.85@3.10; winter patents, $3.60@3.85; winter straights, $3.40@3.45; winter extras, $2.55@2.90; winter low grades, $2.25@3.30. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.15@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.60. Buckwheat flour, weak at $2.00@2.25.

CORNMEAL—Dull; Brandywine, $2.20@2.30.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 60½c. f. o. b., afloat; state, 55@56c, c. i. f., New York, car lots.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 43½@44½c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 49@54c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 12,600 bu.; exports, 161,162 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 75¼c. f. o. b., afloat, prompt; No. 1 northern Duluth, 78¾c, f. o. b., afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80¾c, f. o. b., afloat, prompt; No. 2 red, 73c, elevator. Options opened weak, ¼c decline, owing to heavy Argentine shipments and disappointing Liverpool cables. Later they rallied on improved cash demand and sympathy with corn and provisions, closing about steady at unchanged prices to ⅛c net decline. March, 75@75¼c; closed, 75¼c; May, 73⅝@74c; closed, 73¾c; July, 73⅝@73¾c; closed, 73¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 132,600 bu.; exports, 138,658 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 41½c, f. o. b., afloat, and 40¾c, elevator. Option market opened steady and quickly advanced on prospects of light receipts, the advance in provisions and steadier cables. Closed firm, ½@¾c advance; January closed, 40⅝c; May, 39⅝@39¾c; closed, 39½c.

OATS—Receipts, 131,300 bu.; exports, 4,135 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28½c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 30½c; track white, 31@35c. Options, inactive.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 72½@80c; good to choice, 80@87½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16½c; Texas dry, 20 to 30 lbs., 14½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

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

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 23@25c; acid, 23@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, firm; pickled bellies, 5.67½@6.25; pickled shoulders, 5.75@6.00; pickled hams, $8.50@9.25. Lard, firm; western steam closed, $6.35; January, $6.25, nominal; refined, stronger; continent, $6.55@6.75; South America, $6.70; compound, $5.87½@6.00. Pork, quiet; mess, $10.25@10.75; short clear, $11.25@12.00; family, $12.00@13.50. Tallow, firm; city, 5¼c bid; country, 5¼@5½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4@5½c; Japan, 4⅝@5c.

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

FREIGHTS—Nominal; cotton, by steam, 25c, to Liverpool; grain, 3½@¾d.

METALS—Again today tin exhibited pronounced strength. Buyers were prompted to purchase freely by strong London cables and firm news from primary points here. Sellers were extremely arbitrary and held supplies considerably above the views of most buyers. The other departments were relatively featureless. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants quiet at $17, nominal; lake copper, unchanged, $16.50; tin, firm, with $27.25 bid and $28 asked; lead, steady, with $4.70 bid and $4.75 asked; spelter, quiet, with $4.45 bid and $4.55 asked. 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 weak at 15c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 11c; ducks, 9c; geese, 9c; spring chickens, 7@7½c; hens, 6½@7c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; spring chickens, 6½c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks, 8c; geese, 6½c; turkeys, 8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 17½c; choice, 18@19c; separator, 26c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

GAME—Bucks, 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., $1.50; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.35@2.00; New York counts, per can, 35c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Upland, choice, $6.50; midland, choice, $6; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $5.50; No. 3 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.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.00.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $5.

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 and Bugle, per bbl. $7.00; Jerseys, $6.75.

ONIONS—Retail way, yellow, 70c; red, 85c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 45@75c.

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

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

FRUITS.

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

GRAPES—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; California seedlings, per box, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.75; choice California, $3.50; Messina, $4.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.25; shellbarks, $1.35.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, $1; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10; imported figs, per lb., 13c.

DATES—50-lb. boxes, 5½@6c per lb.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8c; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, 9½c; No. 2 salted hides, 8½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3¾c; rough, 2c; white grease, 2¾@3¼c; yellow and brown grease, 2½@3c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 68⅝c; track, 71½@72c; January, 68⅝c; May, 70⅝c; No. 2 hard, 65@66½c; receipts, 15,435 bushels.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 cash, 30½c; track, 32@32½c; January, 32½c; May, 32⅝c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 24c; track, 24½c; January, 24c; May, 24⅝c; No. 2 white, 26½c.

FLOUR—Dull and easier; patents, $3.40@3.50; extra fancy, $3.10@3.15; clear, $2.75@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.35. Flaxseed, nominal, $1.48.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Strong; sacked, east track, 66@66½c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $9.50@12.00; prairie, $7.00@8.25.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

COTTONTIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt boxed meats, extra shorts, $5.87½; clear ribs, $6; clear sides, $6.12½. Bacon, extra shorts, $6.37½; clear sides, $6.30; clear shorts, $6.62½. Pork, bet ter; standard mess, jobbing, $10.87½ old; $11.25 new. Lard, steady; prime steam, $4.65; choice, $4.70.

METALS—Lead, quiet; $4.65. Spelter, firm; $4.55 bid.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 6½c; turkeys, 7c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 5@6c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 56,000 bu.; oats, 47,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 22,000 bu.; corn, 46,000 bu.; oats, 39,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—BUTTER—Dull and ½c to 1c lower; fancy western creamery, 26@28½c; fancy western prints, 30c.

EGGS—Steady; fair demand; fresh nearby, 19c; fresh western, 18c; fresh southwestern, 18c; fresh southern, 18c.

CHEESE—Firm but quiet.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—BUTTER—Easy; creameries, 22@28c; dairies, 17@25c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 17c.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 25@30c; dairy, 20@25c.

EGGS—Lower at 16c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—BUTTER—Receipts, 1,884 pkgs.; unsettled; June creamery, 23@27c; western creamery, 24@28c; factory, 17@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,131 pkgs.; firm; fall made, fancy, small, 12¾@13c; fall made, fancy, large, 12¾@13c; large, late made, 11¾@12c; small, late made, 12@12¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,289 pkgs.; barely steady; western, 20c, cases off; western ungraded at mark, 14@16c.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—BUTTER—Creamery, 22@24c; dairy, 20c.

EGGS—Lower; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 14½c dozen, cases returned; storage, 9@11c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 northern, spring, dull, 6s; futures closed quiet; March and May, 5s 9d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 3s 5¾d.

PROVISIONS—Lard, American refined, in pails, firm, 32s; prime western, in tierces, firm, 31s 6d. Bacon, clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., firm, 38s.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 5½d.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 378,000 centals, including 234,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 203,000 centals. Weather cloudy and damp.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—May, 64⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 62½c; No. 3, 58@61c; No. 2 red, 69@70c; No. 3, 62@68c; receipts, 17 cars.

CORN—May, 30½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 29⅝@29¾c; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3, 29¾c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

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

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 10,200 bu.; corn, 9,750 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 14,400 bu.; corn, 3,900 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, January, 63c; May, 64⅝@64¾c; July, 66¼@66½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 65¾c; No. 1 northern, 63¾c; No. 2 northern, 60¾c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.30@3.40; second patents, $3.10@3.20; first clear, $2.10@2.20.

BRAN—Unchanged.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 12.—WHEAT—Active and weak; No. 2, cash, 69c; May, 72c bid.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 24½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, cash, 56½c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and unchanged; prime cash, old, $4.80; January, new, $5.65 bid; March, $7.70 bid.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 12.—WHEAT—Firmer; No. 1 northern, 65@65¼c; No. 2 northern, 63¼@64c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 55@55½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 45@46c; sample, 34@44c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Jan. 12.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, 30½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 23½@24c.

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

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 12.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 68c; No. 1 northern, cash, 61½c; May, 67c; July, 69½c; No. 2 northern, 62c; No. 3 spring, 58½c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bears Renew Efforts to Depress Sugar But Without Success.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The opening sales of Sugar afforded convincing evidence that its friends had rallied to its support and were prepared to contest the progress which the bears have made in cutting down its price. Very heavy blocks were thrown upon the market at the opening, but the quotation was lifted from 113 to 114 on rallying sales in the first transactions of the day. The opening price was the lowest. After the stock got above last night's level the bears renewed their efforts to depress it again, but without success. The resistance shown by the stock caused uneasiness in the ranks of the unwieldly short interest and they started to cover. They carried the stock up to 118, near which it closed.

There was no further sign of the acute weakness which was shown yesterday by the local traction stocks and Tobacco, which was said to be due to the closing out of an embarrassed account. These stocks were under pressure during the morning, but they responded to the recovery in Sugar and late general strength in the market and rose vigorously above last night's level. The relaxation of the pressure on Sugar played no small part in the general strength of the market. Railroads advanced at the opening in sympathy with strength abroad, but they were not embarrassed by demoralization in the specialties and so gained strength as the day progressed. All the prominent stocks rose from 1 to 2 points over last night's level and closed strong at the close. Several blocks of Sugar changed more & Ohio were taken on in the late dealings by the circulation of rumors of approaching dividend declarations.

The market broadened out notably in the late dealings on the improvement in the sentiment of the foreign financial circles and expectation of a strong bank statement. The Bank of Germany followed the other European government banks today by reducing its minimum discount rate from 7 to 6 per cent and the rapid downward course of private discount rates in London gave confidence in still further reductions in the bank rates. London also took a sanguine view of the advantages of General Buller's new position on the Tugela river. The buying for London account was sufficient to cause a sharp break in sterling exchange rates all around.

Money was in abundant supply and rates for time loans were shaded to 5 per cent on railroad collateral. Call loans fell to 3 per cent. Subtreasury operations had yielded to the bank's $3,443,000 up to Thursday night. The net gain of the banks on the regular weekly statement with the interior is estimated at about the same amount. This does not take account of receipts by registered mail, which are reported to have been on a large scale. From these amounts must be deducted last Saturday's gold exports, as well as $1,000,000 in gold which went to South America today. The net gain by banks on all accounts is figured at about $4,000,000.

The bond market continued dull, but was strong; total sales, par value, $2,195,000; United States 3s, registered, declined ⅛, but the 3s advanced ⅛ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were exceedingly quiet today. There was no pronounced buying anywhere, but a cheerful tone pervaded all quarters, induced by the reduction of the German bank rate from 7 to 6 per cent and the official announcement that General Buller had seized Potgieter's drift on the Tugela. A rise in consols of ½ point was symtomatic of the general feeling. Americans were assisted further by a remark by a prominent Dutch operator, who had been a heavy bear in mines and Americans, had closed his commitments for the decline and turned bull, presumably on information from Boer sources. New York sales somewhat spoiled the effect of this; but Baltimore & Ohio securities and Louisville & Nashville stock remained in demand. Berlin bought a few Americans and Canadian Pacifics.

The Paris market was firm in tone. The bank bought £65,000 in German coin and another £100,000 was "earmarked" for the Indian current account. The Indian council raised the rate on telegraph transfers, but there is no demand yet in India for bullion. Money remained easy at yesterday's rate, but bills were hard. Foreign exchange rates were quoted as follows: Paris, 25.22; Berlin, 24.40½.

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

Atchison	19½	Texas & Pacific	14¾
do pfd	39⅞	Union Pacific	46½
Baltimore & O.	59¾	do pfd	74½
Canadian Pac.	91¾	Wabash	7⅞
Canada So.	44½	do pfd	20⅝
Ches. & Ohio	29⅞	Wheel. & L. E.	9½
Chicago G. W.	12	do 2d pfd	26⅝
C., B. & Q.	120⅞	Wis. Central	18
Chi., Ind. & L.	14	Adams Ex.	112
do pfd	47	American Ex.	146
Chi. & E. Ill.	85	U. S. Ex.	45
Chicago & N.W.	160	Wells-Fargo Ex.	120
C., R. I. & P.	107⅞	Amer. Cot. Oil	32½
C., C., C. & St. L.	81¼	do pfd	93
Colorado So.	5⅝	Amer. Malting	6¼
do 1st pfd	41	do pfd	28
do 2d pfd	14½	Amer. S. & R.	36½
Del. & Hudson	113⅞	do pfd	87½
Del. L. & W.	171	Amer. Spirits	2
Denver & R. G.	17½	do pfd	11
do pfd	68¼	Amer. Steel H.	41½
Erie	11¼	do pfd	81
do 1st pfd	32½	Amer. S. & W.	48
Gt. Nor. pfd	168	do pfd	89¾
Hocking Coal	15½	Amer. Tin Plate	30
Hocking Valley	31	do pfd	81
Illinois Central	111¼	Amer. Tobacco	98⅝
Iowa Central	11⅝	do pfd	135
do pfd	48½	Anac. Min. Co.	39½
K. C., P. & G.	9	Brooklyn R. T.	68⅝
Lake Erie & W.	27	Colo. Fuel & I.	42⅞
do pfd	83	Con. Tobacco	32¼
Lake Shore	197	do pfd	84½
L. & N.	81	Federal Steel	50⅝
Manhattan L.	94⅝	do pfd	75⅝
Mot. St. Ry.	107	Gen. Electric	123
Mex. Central	11¼	Glucose Sugar	50⅞
Minn. & St. L.	58½	do pfd	97
do pfd	93	Indi. Paper	22⅝
Missouri Pac.	40¼	do pfd	66½
Mobile & Ohio	39¼	Laclede Gas	79
Mis., K. & T.	10	National Biscuit	36¼
do pfd	32⅝	do pfd	89
N. J. Central	117½	National Lead	26¾
N. Y. Central	134¼	do pfd	107¼
Norfo'k & W.	24⅞	National Steel	41½
do pfd	69	do pfd	92
No. Pacific	51¾	N. Y. Air Brake	130
do pfd	73½	No. American	14¾
Ontario & W.	21¾	Pacific Coast	48½
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1st pfd	82
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	69
Pennsylvania	129¾	Pacific Mail	43¾
Reading	27½	People's Gas	103¾
do 1st pfd	51	Pressed S. Car	39
do 2d pfd	26⅝	do pfd	85
Rio G. W.	36½	Pullman P. Car	187
do pfd	89	Standard R. & T.	9½
St. L. & S. F.	9⅝	Sugar	117¾
do 1st pfd	68	do pfd	114
do 2d pfd	32¼	Tenn. Coal & I.	83⅝
St. L. Southw.	10	U. S. Leather	16½
do pfd	25	do pfd	75½
St. Paul	117¼	U. S. Rubber	41¾
do pfd	170	do pfd	103
St. P. & Omaha	112	Western Union	85½
So. Pacific	37¾	Republic I. & S.	20¾
So. Railway	11⅝	do pfd	65½
do pfd	53¾	P. C. C. & St. L.	78

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—MONEY—On call, steady at 3@4½ per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¾@4.87 for demand and at $4.83@4.83¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82½@4.83.

SILVER—Certificates, 58½@59½c; bar, 58⅝c. Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Government, irregular; state, inactive; railroad, strong.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	102½	N. Y. C. 1s	100
do 2s, reg.	109¼	N. J. C. gen. 5s	118
do coupon	110	N. Carolina 6s	127
do 4s, reg.	133¾	do 4s	106
do new 4s, cou.	139¾	Nor. Pac. 1s	110
do old 4s, reg.	113¾	do 3s	65¾
do old 4s, cou.	113¾	do 4s	103¾
do 5s, reg.	112⅞	N.Y.C. & St.L.4s	104
do coupon	112⅞	N. & W. c. 4s	91¼
D. of C. 3 65s	119	do gen. 6s	123½
Atchison gen. 4s	99¼	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
do adj. 4s	79½	do 4s	101½
Canada So. 2s	107½	Ore. S. L. 6s	129¾
Ches. & O. 4½s	96¼	do con. 5s	110
do 5s	115½	Reading gen. 4s	84
C. & N. con. 7s	139	Rio G. W. 1s	95
do S. F. deb. 5s	118⅝	St.L. & I.M. c.5s	109⅞
Chicago Ter. 4s	95	St.L. & S.F. g.6s	120
D. & R. G. 1s	101½	St. Paul con. 7s	140
do 4s	97	St. P., C. & P. 1s	118⅛
*E. T., V. & G. 1s	101¼	do 5s	118¼
Erie gen. 4s	68¼	So. Railway 5s	106⅝
F. W. & D. C. 1s	71½	S. R. & T. 6s	81
*Gen. Elec. 5s	117	Tenn. n. s. 3s	94
G., H. & S. A. 6s	108	Texas & Pac. 1s	91½
do 2s	95	do 2s	54
H. & T. C. 5s	110	Union Pacific 4s	102½
do con. 6s	110	Wabash 1s	113
Ia. Central 1s	110	do 2s	100
K. C., P. & G. 1s	67	West Shore 4s	111⅞
La. n. c. 4s	108	Wis. Central 1s	89
L. & N. uni. 4s	97	Va. Centuries	88
Mis., K. & T. 2s	68	do deferred	5
do 4s	89	Colo. So. 4s	81⅞
So. Pacific 4s	81½		

*Offered.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The market for American securities, after a dull start, was steadier. After a short period of quietness the market again strengthened and closed firm. Business was limited to professional traders. Spanish 4s, 69⅝. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £65,000. The sum of £100,000 gold was transferred to the Indian currency account. Silver bullion was quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 123.69; Madrid, 58; Lisbon, 44.50; Rome, 700. Bar silver closed firmer at 27¼d per ounce.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Three per cent rentes, 102 75c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 22c for checks; Spanish 4s, 67.25. Prices became firm on the bourse today after a hesitating opening, due to the reduction in the German bank rate. Reports of General Buller's advance in South Africa had a beneficial effect, stimulating London buying and hardening prices. International securities, particularly Spanish 4s and Brazilians, were in request. Kaffirs recovered.

BERLIN, Jan. 12.—On the bourse today prices hardened owing to the reduction in the bank rate and the favorable money situation. Subsequently they eased on vague reports in regard to the South African situation, but closed firmer as a result of reports that General Buller had gained a victory. The Imperial Bank of Germany has reduced its rate of discount from 7 to 6 per cent and its rate for advances to 7 per cent.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—Call loans, 5@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing quotations of stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	19½	West. Electric	40
do pfd	39⅞	W's. Central	17¾
Amer. Sugar	117½	Dom. Coal	44
do pfd	111½	do pfd	115
Bell Telephone	332	Atchison 4s	98
Boston & Alb'y	241	Adventure	6
Boston Elevated	95½	Allouez Mng. Co.	3
Boston & Me.	280	Atlantic	25
B., H. & Q.	131	Bostonia Mont.	20
Gen. Electric	122½	Bonte & Boston	45
Gen. elec. pfd	134	Calumet & Hec.	745
Federal Steel	53¼	Centennial	172
do pfd	73	Franklin	14
Mex. Central	10½	Osceola	70
Mich. Telephone	101	Parrot	10¼
Old Colony	203	Quincy	145
Old Dominion	20	Santa Fe Copper	5¾
Rubber	42½	Tamarack	186
Union Pacific	46½	Winona	4½
Union Land	3	Wolverines	40
West End	92	Utah Mining	28½
do pfd	112		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Cholar	23	Ontario	735
Crown Point	7	Ophir	64
Con. Cal. & Va.	135	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Curry	20	do pfd	800
Hale & Norcross	35	Sierra Nevada	41
Homestake	700	Standard	260
Iron Silver	50	Union Con.	22
Mexican	27	Yellow Jacket	18

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	99⅞	*N. Y. Central	138
Consols, acct.	99⅞	Pennsylvania	65¾
Canadian Pac.	91½	Reading	9
Erie	11¾	No. Pacific prfd.	75¼
do 1st pfd	33½	Atchison	20¼
Illinois Central	114½	Louisville	81¾
Union Pac. pfd.	76	Grand Trunk	6⅞
St. P. common	119¾	Anaconda	8⅛

*Ex-dividend.

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27d per ounce.

MONEY—2@2½ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3¼@3¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 3¾@3⅞ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Clearings, $165,292,059; balances, $9,213,689.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—Clearings, $22,372,608; balances, $2,076,187.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Clearings, $22,094,482; balances, $1,545,646; posted exchange, $4.84@4.88½; New York exchange, 40c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—Clearings, $16,387,865; balances, $2,328,441.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—Clearings, $3,298,945; balances, $699,567.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—Clearings, $5,733,190; balances, $473,786; money, 4@8 per cent; New York exchange, 50c premium bid, 75c premium asked.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $252,835,114; gold reserve, $221,083,065.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—COTTON—Futures closed steady: January, $7.34; February, $7.30; March, $7.33; April, $7.36; May, $7.39; June, $7.40; July, $7.42; August, $7.40; September, $6.95; October, $6.82; November, $6.78; December, $6.75. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 7⅝c; middling gulf, 7⅞c; sales, 573 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12.—COTTON—Active; sales, 10,950 bales; ordinary, 6¼c; good ordinary, 6⅝c; low middling, 7⅛c; middling, 7⅝c; good middling, 7 9-16c; middling fair, 7⅞c; receipts, 4,866 bales; stock, 386,600 sales, futures firm; January, $7.18 bid, February, $7