Wheat Sustains Sharpest Break in Many Sessions

Corn Displays Steady Tone, but Loses Ground Later in Sympathy; Oats Close With Fair Losses.

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Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat sustained the sharpest break in many a session today. Heavy selling, largely in the way of pre-holiday profit-taking, swamped the pit immediately after the opening and "stop" orders accelerated the entire time.

Wheat closed 1¾c to 2¾c lower; corn was ⅝c to 1¼c down; oats were ⅝c to ⅞c lower, and rye ruled ⅛c to 4⅝c off.

From selling of wheat futures by a prominent house was variously credited in the trade to one of the staunchest of bulls, as well as to another leading operator. This same house has been selling wheat for the past three sessions and has favored a setback on the ground that the advance has been too rapid.

Export business was of holiday character, the seaboard confirming sales of 300,000 bushels. Liverpool closed ¼d to 1¼d lower, after a session of erratic swings with a narrow range.

Corn displayed a steady tone most of the session, but lost ground in sympathy with wheat. Much of the corn buying was credited to traders who were short against long wheat. The demand for cash corn was fair, with the basis 1c lower at the close. Late selling was influenced by the increase of 2,501,000 bushels in the visible supply for the week.

Oats moved within a narrow range and closed with fair losses. Trade was not active. Much of the selling was in the way of realizing.

Rye sold off with wheat, but showed a relatively steady tone for the deferred months. Trade in December rye was light, and prices dropped sharply.

Provisions were under pressure and closed lower. Lard was 5@10c lower and ribs were 15@27½c down.

Pit Notes.

The United States visible supply for the week decreased 1,256,000 bushels and totals 96,823,000 bushels against 73,577,000 bushels last year. The reduction in the visible apparently was not as large as the majority in the trade had expected. This was due considerably to the fact that much of the wheat that has been in transit from the west showed up at eastern ports. However, the visible swing was in the right direction and its changes reflected smaller movement from the farms.

Demand for cash wheat in most of the domestic markets was fairly aggressive and premiums well held. In Minneapolis wheat of choice milling quality was in excellent demand. The run of wheat from the interior is averaging below last year. This indicates rather conclusively that the American farmer is well sold out on his crop. It is not improbable, however, that the market might hesitate at these levels until demand revives.

There was little news from Europe. Action of the Liverpool market indicated a slowing down of trade in all directions with the holiday at hand. Cash wheat there closed unchanged. There were vague rumors of private settlements heard in the wheat trade, but generally they were discredited.

The supply of wheat and flour on ocean passage for the week decreased 4,092,000 bushels, and totals 17,912,000 bushels against 38,224,000 bushels a year ago. The supply on passage has been steadily decreasing for over a month. This has been due to moderate falling off in world shipments as well as to the continued activity in the consumptive demand in Europe.

Clearances of wheat and flour from North America since last July up to December 1 aggregated around 156,000,000 bushels. This is about 30,000,000 bushels more than we cleared all of last year.

New York Silver.

New York, Dec. 22.—Bar Silver—67¾c; Mexican dollars, 52¼c.

Export of Grain for Week Lower

Record for First 11 Months of 1924 Exceeds That of Same Period in 1923.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Grain exports from the United States last week amounted to 5,283,000 bushels the week before. Commerce department figures today gave the following comparisons between last week's exports and those of the previous week:

Wheat, 3,999,000 bushels against 4,089,000 bushels; corn, 105,000 against 900,000; rye, 372,000 against 197,000; oats, 190,000 against 100,000.

Canadian grain exports from United States ports were 2,363,000 against 1,312,000.

Flour exports were 249,000 barrels against 380,000 barrels the previous week.

For the first 11 months of 1924, the value of grain and grain products exported from the United States amounted to $388,000,000, the department announced, or $97,000,000 more than for the same period in 1923. The gain in quantity and value of the wheat exports accounted for most of the increase since the wheat exports of 1924 to December 1, were valued at $97,488,000, in excess of figures for the same period of 1923.

There were gains in the value of rye, barley and malt exports from the United States during 1924, but the value of corn exports during the 11 months period was $18,731,000 less than in 1923. By quantity, wheat exports during the 11 months ending December 1, were 148,494,000 bushels; barley, 16,989,000 bushels; rye, 34,834,000 bushels; corn, 17,898,000 bushels, and oats, 3,464,000 bushels.

FEDERAL RESERVE MAY ALTER RULES

Washington, Dec. 22.—The first important change in the Federal Reserve board's regulations in several months appeared possible tonight with announcement that it was giving consideration to amending the regulations to prohibit the handling of non-cash collection items by the Federal Reserve banks.

Announcement that the board was studying the question came immediately after it had heard a committee of the American Bankers' association, which appeared to advocate that the reserve banks discontinue handling such items as acceptances and bills of lading for their member banks. The bankers' committee asked and was given permission to file a brief with the board in support of its argument.

MARKET WEEK MEET TUESDAY

Members of the merchants' market week committee of the Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday to decide on dates for their next market week.

During this week several thousand merchants throughout Omaha's trade territory visit the city and purchase many thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise from Omaha wholesalers

Jewel Bandits Get $25,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—Three masked bandits secured $25,000 in jewels this morning, slugging Jacob Manokin, clerk in the A. Diamont Jewelry company's store, and escaped.

Omaha Grain

Omaha, Dec. 22.

Cash wheat sold on the tables today around 2c to 4c lower following the decline in the futures. There was a good demand and tables were cleared of samples early. Receipts were 46 cars.

Corn sold around unchanged prices to 1½c lower with only a moderate demand. Receipts were 64 cars.

Oats sold around ½c lower. Receipts were 44 cars.

Rye was quoted 2c lower and barley nominally lower.

Omaha Carlot Sales.

WHEAT.

No. 2 hard: 3 cars, $1.62; 1 car, $1.64; 2 cars, $1.61½; 2 cars, $1.61; 4-5 car, $1.60.

No. 5 hard: 1¼ cars, $1.60.

Sample hard: 1 car, $1.52; 1-3 car, $1.40.

No. 4 spring: 1 car, $1.69.

No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.60.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car, $1.47.

CORN.

No. 2 white: 1 car, $1.17½.

No. 3 white: 1 car, $1.16; 1 car, $1.15.

No. 3 yellow: 1 car, $1.18½.

No. 4 yellow: 2 cars, $1.13½; 4 cars, $1.17; 1¼ cars, $1.17½.

No. 5 yellow: 2 cars, $1.15.

No. 6 yellow: 1 car, $1.12.

No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.15½.

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, $1.15; 1 car, $1.15½.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car, $1.14.

No. 6 mixed: 2 cars, $1.10.

OATS.

No. 3 white: 4 cars, 56¼c; 4 cars, 57¼c.

No. 4 white: 1 car, 55c.

Sample white: 1 car, 54¼c.

RYE.

No. 2: 3 cars, $1.37.

No. 3: 1 car, $1.36½.

1 car mixed grain, smutty, 15 per cent rye, 85 per cent wheat, $1.57.

1 car mixed grain, 17 per cent wheat, 83 per cent rye, $1.37.

Daily Inspection of Grain Received.

WHEAT.

Hard: 5 cars No. 1, 18 cars No. 2, 6 cars No. 3, 3 cars No. 4, 2 cars No. 5, 2 cars sample.

Mixed: 1 car No. 1, 1 car No. 3.

Total 38 cars.

CORN.

Yellow: 3 cars No. 2, 9 cars No. 3, 9 cars No. 4, 4 cars No. 5.

White: 7 cars No. 2, 1 car No. 6.

Mixed: 8 cars No. 2, 6 cars No. 3, 1 car No. 5.

Total 48 cars.

OATS.

White: 4 cars No. 2, 15 cars No. 3, 8 cars No. 4, 2 cars sample.

Totals, 29 cars.

RYE.

2 cars No. 1, 2 cars No. 2.

Total, 4 cars.

BARLEY.

1 car No. 4.

Total, 1 car.

Total cars 120.

OMAHA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.
(Carlots.)

Receipts—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	46	88	123
Corn	64	97	370
Oats	44	50	82
Rye	8	3	4
Barley	0	2	5
Shipments—	**Today.**	**Week Ago.**	**Year Ago.**
Wheat	40	28	59
Corn	22	200	200
Oats	17	14	58
Rye	0	1	1
Barley	1	2	5

PRIMARY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.
(Bushels.)

Receipts—	Today.	Week. Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	1,236,000	1,808,000	1,371,000
Corn	1,589,000	1,790,000	2,327,000
Oats	1,055,000	1,336,000	1,250,000
Receipts—	**Today.**	**Week Ago.**	**Year Ago.**
Wheat	627,000	1,142,000	480,000
Corn	438,000	715,000	929,000
Oats	475,000	414,000	447,000

EXPORT CLEARANCES.

Bushels—	Today.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat and Flour	523,000	435,000
Corn		17,000
Oats		40,000

CHICAGO RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Year Ago.
Wheat	4	27
Corn	198	440
Oats	48	198

UNITED STATES VISIBLE.

Bushels—	Today.	Wk. Ago.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat	96,823,000	98,075,000	73,577,000
Corn	21,774,000	19,273,000	8,842,000
Oats	10,062,000	68,430,000	19,175,000
Rye	20,170,000	19,180,000	18,879,000
Barley	5,771,000	5,542,000	3,254,000

OMAHA STOCKS.

Bushels—	Today.	Year Ago.
Wheat	3,531,000	3,765,000
Corn	787,000	478,000
Oats	2,298,000	1,744,000
Rye	222,000	294,000
Barley	21,000	119,000

CHICAGO PRICES.

By Updike Grain company, Atlantic 6312.

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat.
Wht.					
Dec.	1.72¼	1.72¼	1.67½	1.68¼	1.72
May	1.76¼	1.76¼	1.71½	1.72	1.75⅝
	1.75⅝	.....	.....	1.72¼	1.75⅝
July	1.50	1.50¼	1.47¼	1.47½	1.49⅞
	1.50¼	.....	.....	1.47½	1.49⅞
Rye					
Dec.	1.48	1.48	1.44	1.44	1.48⅝
May	1.53½	1.53⅝	1.50⅝	1.51	1.53½
	1.53⅝	.....	.....	.....	1.53½
July	1.34⅞	1.34⅞	1.32¼	1.32½	1.34⅞
Corn					
Dec.	1.22¼	1.23¼	1.21⅝	1.22¼	1.22¼
May	1.27⅞	1.28⅛	1.26⅝	1.27⅛	1.28⅛
	1.27½	.....	.....	1.27⅛	1.28⅛
July	1.28½	1.28⅝	1.27½	1.27⅞	1.29
	1.28⅛	.....	.....	.....	1.28⅞
Oats					
Dec.	.58	.58⅝	.58	.58	.58⅝
May	.62⅝	.63⅝	.62⅝	.62⅞	.63⅝
	.63½	.....	.....	.....	.63½
July	.62	.62	.61¼	.61⅝	.62¼
Lard					
May	17.15	17.15	16.90	17.00	17.05
July	17.25	17.25	17.05	17.12	17.20
Ribs					
Jan.	15.15	15.15	15.10	15.10	15.25
May	15.85	15.85	15.65	15.65	15.92

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 23—Cash Wheat—No. 1 northern, $1.65¼@1.69¼; No. 1 dark northern spring, choice to fancy, $1.82¼@1.95¼; good to choice, $1.72¼@1.82¼; ordinary to good, $1.66¼ to $1.72¼; No. 1 hard spring, $1.67¼@1.95¼; No. 1 dark hard Montana on track, $1.68¼@1.87¼; to arrive, $1.68¼@1.85¼. December, $1.62¼; May, $1.68⅝.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.17¼@1.19¼.

Oats—No. 3 white, 54½@54¾c.

Barley—73@90c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.37¼@1.37⅝.

Flax—No. 1, $2.95½@2.99½.

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, $1.64@1.73; No. 2 red, $1.79@1.84. December, $1.61 asked; May, $1.64 bid; July, $1.40⅝ split asked.

Corn—No. 2 white, $1.15¼@1.16; No. 2 yellow, $1.16@1.16¼; No. 3 yellow, $1.15@1.15½; No. mixed, $1.14@1.14½; December, $1.15¼; May, $1.21 bid; July, $1.22 asked.

Hay—Market unchanged; No. 1 prairie, $11.50@12.50; No. 1 timothy, $16.00@17.00; choice alfalfa, $24.00@25.50; clover, mixed, light, $16.00@16.50.

Chicago Cash Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.64; No. 2 hard, $1.71½@1.72½.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, $1.23; No. 2 yellow, $1.25½@1.28.

Oats—No. 2 white, 68c; No. 3 white, 56¾c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.46¼@1.46⅝.

Barley—77@97c.

Seed—Timothy, $6.00@7.15; clover, $25.25@32.50.

Provisions—Lard, $16.55; ribs, $15.00; bellies, $15.87.

Visible Grain Supply.

New York, Dec. 22.—The visible supply of American grain shows the following changes, in bushels:

Wheat, decreased 1,256,000.

Corn, increased 2,501,000.

Oats, increased 1,636,000.

Rye, increased 990,000.

Barley, increased 229,000.

Minneapolis Flour.

Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 22.—Flour, 10c lower to 10c higher; family patents, $9.10@9.45.

Bran—$31.00.

New York Cotton.

Quotations furnished by J. S. Bache & Co., 224 Omaha National Bank building. Phones Jackson 5187, 5188, 5189.

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat.
Jan.	23.90	24.00	23.90	23.90	23.80
Mar.	24.05	24.20	24.03	24.03	23.95
May	24.45	24.62	24.36	24.39	24.38

St. Louis Grain Futures.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—Wheat—No. 3 red, $1.73@1.75; close, December, $1.66⅞; May, $1.71⅝, bid.

Corn—December, $1.20; May, $1.27¼@1.27½.

Oats—December, 58c, nominal; May 62⅝c, nominal.

Chicago Potatoes.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Potatoes—Receipts, 29 cars; total United States shipments, Saturday, 333 cars; Sunday, 19 cars; trading limited account of cold weather; market strong; Wisconsin sacked round whites mostly $1.05@1.15; few $1.00; fancy shade higher; bulk, $1.05@1.10.

New York Poultry.

New York, Dec. 22.—Poultry—Alive: Market irregular; chickens, by freight, 15@25c; turkeys, by express, 55@60c. Dressed: Market irregular; chickens, 23@48c; turkeys, western, 37@46c.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Butter—Unchanged; creamery extras, 40½c; standards, 39c; extra firsts, 39@40c; firsts, 35½@37½c.

Eggs—Unchanged; firsts, 50@56c.

London Silver.

London, Dec. 22.—Bar silver, 34¼d per ounce. Money, 2¾ per cent. Discount rates, short bills, 3¾@4 per cent; three months bills, 3¾ per cent.

Chicago Poultry.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Poultry—Alive, higher; fowls, 16@21½c; turkeys, 27c.

New York Rubber.

New York, Dec. 22.—Rubber smoked ribbed sheets, spot 29¼c.

Omaha Livestock

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
December 22.			
Monday estimate...	6,500	13,500	6,000
Same day last wk...	7,613	18,083	10,978
Same da. 2 wks. ago.	11,743	13,424	3,502
Same day 3 wks. ago	9,129	13,552	7,061
Same day year ago...	2,252	8,000	4,401

Cattle—Receipts, 6,500 head. With moderate receipts of cattle for the opening for the week the market developed considerable activity and strength and bids and sales for both beef steers and cows were anywhere from 10@25c higher than Friday. Best of the handyweight steers on sale brought $11.00@11.50 with short feds at $8.50@9.00. In stockers and feeders the trade was inclined to be quiet but prices were fully as strong as toward the latter part of last week.

Quotations on Cattle—Good to choice yearlings, $9.75@12.00; fair to good yearlings, $7.50@9.50; common to fair yearlings, $5.50@7.25; trashy warmed up yearlings, $4.50@5.50; choice to prime heavy beeves, $9.25@10.25; good to choice heavy beeves, $8.00@9.25; fair to good heavy beeves, $7.00@8.00; common to fair beeves, $5.50@6.75; good to choice fed heifers, $6.75@8.25; fair to good fed heifers, $5.25@6.50; common to fair fed heifers, $4.00@5.25; good to choice fed cows, $4.25@5.00; fair to good fed cows, $3.65@4.15; common to fair fed cows, $3.25@3.65; canners and cutters, $2.25@3.15; good to choice feeders, $6.40@ 7.25; fair to good feeders, $5.25@6.25; common to fair feeders, $4.00@5.00; good to choice stockers, $6.65@7.35; fair to good stockers, $5.50@6.60; common to fair stockers, $4.25@5.50; trashy stockers, $3.00@4.00; stock heifers, $3.00@4.50; stock cows, $2.50@3.00; stock calves, $3.00@6.75; veal calves, $3.00@9.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@6.00.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
22	1161	$ 7 00	18	808	7 25
17	1011	7 50	3	1466	8 00
17	1349	8 25	26	1169	8 35
17	1213	9 65	20	1041	8 75
20	1229	9 00			

BEEF COWS.

9	1023	2 75	14	880	3 00
1	970	3 25	7	1035	3 50
11	1152	4 00	1	1015	4 12
13	924	4 25	15	1005	5 00

HEIFERS.

4	645	4 00	2	645	4 50
1	510	5 00	5	720	5 25
2	765	5 50	6	696	6 00
27	724	6 50	21	856	8 25

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

25	685	4 00	2	480	5 00
58	740	5 40	16	557	6 00

BULLS.

1	1380	2 25	1	1340	3 [illegible]
1	1430	3 25	2	1360	3 40
4	1605	3 50			

CALVES.

1	200	3 00	3	230	4 00
1	120	5 50	2	120	6 00
2	125	8 00	1	240	8 50
1	140	9 00			

Hogs—Receipts, 13,500 head. An active demand was apparent from shippers for the best medium and strongweight butchers and these classes cleared at around 10c higher prices, while the packer market was a slow affair early. Bulk of all sales was at $9.35@10.00, with top, $10.10.

HOGS

76	181	70	9 75	26	211	9 95
67	201	..	10 00	71	248	150	....
77	254	70	10 05	50	232	....	....
66	266	..	10 15				

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6,000 head. A broad demand was in evidence from all quarters this morning and fat lamb prices scored an advance of 25@50c, owing to limited offerings. Feeders were scarce and ruled steady with aged sheep firm.

Quotations on Sheep and Lambs—Lambs, good to choice, $16.00@16.50; lambs, fair to good, $15@15.75; feeding lambs, $14.50@15.50; wethers, $7.00@9.50; yearlings, $9.75@12.00; clipped lambs, fed, $13.00@13.50; fat ewes, $6.25@9.00.

U. S. Bureau of Markets.

Receipts and disposition of livestock at the Union stockyards, Omaha, for the 24 hours ending at noon Monday:

RECEIPTS—CARLOTS.

Road.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Horses & Sh'p.	Mules.
Missouri Pacific	....	1	....	....
C., M. & St. P.	9	8	....	....
Union Pacific	52	21	5	1
C. & N. W., east	4	....	....	....
C. & N. W., west	63	62	11	....
C., St. P., M. & O.	10	11	....	....
C., B. & Q., east	3	....	....	2
C., B. & Q., west	64	35	3	....
C., R. I. & P., east	7	1	....	....
C., R. I. & P., west	2	....	....	....
Illinois Central	4	4	....	....
Chicago G. W.	5	4	....	1
Total receipts	227	160	19	6

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

Buyer.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Armour & Co.	93	499	466
Cudahy Packing Co.	1669	1838	918
Dold Packing Co.	233	2328	....
Morris Packing Co.	274	1666	393
Swift & Co.	1273	2345	2156
Hoffman Bros.	16	....	....
Midwest Packing Co.	11	....	....
Omaha Packing Co.	33	....	....
John Roth & Sons	55	....	....
G. & K.	43	....	....
Murphy J. W.	1526	....	....
Lincoln Pack Co.	99	....	....
Sinclair Pack Co.	55	....	....
K. M.	687	....	....
Cudahy, Denver	58	....	....
Anderson & Son	21	....	....
Bulla J. H.	70	....	....
Dennis & Francis	132	....	....
Ellis & Co.	1	....	....
Harvey John	140	....	....
Kirkpatrick Bros	91	....	....
Longman Bros	16	....	....
Lubergen M. S.	55	....	....
Mo-K C & C Co.	14	....	....
Root J B & Co.	47	....	....
Rosenstock Bros	4	....	....
Sargent & Finnegan	14	....	....
Sullivan Bros	5	....	....
Van Sant W B & Co.	33	....	....
Wertheimer & Degen	2	....	....
Other buyers	414	....	1213
Total	5833	13068	5146

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 20,000 head; fairly active; fed steers, yearlings and fat heifers steady to 25c higher; weighty steers mostly 15 to 25c up; spots more; shipping demand fairly broad; better grades yearlings scarce, sharing weighty steer advance; early top yearlings, $14.00; best matured steers $11.00; big weight, $10.60; bulk fed steers and yearlings, $8.00@10.50; fat cows scaling medium and better, 10 to 15c higher; bulls steady to strong; bulk sausage, $4.10 on bolognas; vealers, active, good to choice handyweight largely, $9.50@10.50; stockers and feeders in fresh receipts, comparatively scarce.

Hogs—Receipts, 72,000 head; unevenly strong to 10c higher; heavy butchers top, $10.40; bulk better, 200@225-pound average, $10.00@10.20; 175 to 190-pound weight mostly $9.50@9.90; heavy packing sows, mostly $9.65@9.90; pigs steady; bulk, $7.50 and up; heavyweight hogs, $10.10@10.40.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 18,000 head; active; fat lambs, 25 to 50c higher; early bulk fat natives and fed westerns, $16.75@17.00; top to outsiders, $17.50; fat sheep 25c higher; handyweight fat ewes, $8.00@8.50; feeding lambs, 15 to 25c higher; top, $16.10.

East St. Louis Livestock.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000 head; beef steers, steady to 25c higher; top steers, $10; bulk, $6.75@9.00; heifers, 15@25c higher, at $5.00@8.00; cows, steady; bulk, $3.75@4.75; canners, 10@15c higher; range, $2.25@2.75; high bologna bulls, strong to 25c higher; top bolognas, $4.25; bulk, $3.75@4.00; good and choice light vealers, 50c@$1.50 higher; few $12.50; bulk, $11.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; opened steady to $16.65; closed, 10@15c lower; bulk good and choice offerings 190 pounds and up, $10.35@10.50; 160 to 190 pounds, $10.00@10.35; 150 to 160 pounds, $9.00@9.75; pigs opened higher, closed 10@15c lower; bulk 130 to 140 pounds, $8.00@8.50; light pigs, $7.50@8.00; packer sows, $7.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,000 head; fat lambs, 25@50c higher; no choice wooled offerings on sale, best on sale, $16.25; medium to good Tennessee lambs, $15.50; culls, largely $13; few, $13.50; good clipped, $13.25; wool yearlings, $13.50; clipped yearlings, $11.50; top killing ewes, $8.12; bulk light weights, $5.

Sioux City Livestock.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,800 head; market active; killers, 15 to 25c higher; stockers strong; long fed yearlings, $11.00@13.25; short feds, $8.50@9.00; fat cows and heifers, $3.50@10.00; canners an cutters, $2.25@3.00; veals, $3.00@8.50; bulls, $2.50@4.00; feeders, $4.50@6.50; stockers, $4.50@6.50; stock yearlings and calves, $5.00@6.50; feeding cows and heifers, $2.85@4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,500 head; market steady; top, $10.10; bulk of sales, $9.00@10.00; lights, $8.50@9.75; butchers, $9.85@10.10; mixed, $9.25@9.90; heavy packers, $9.50@9.90; stags, $7.00@7.50; pigs, $5.00@7.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,500 head; market 10 to 15c higher; lambs, $16.50; ewes, $9.15.

Kansas City Poultry.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—Turkeys, ducks and geese, 1 cent higher; other produce unchanged.

Poultry—Turkeys hens and young toms, 31c; ducks, 17c; geese, 16c; hens, 17c; broilers, 22c; springs, 21c; roosters, 13c.

Butter—Creamery, 41@46c; packing, 32c.

Potatoes—Red river Ohios, $1.25@1.30.

Eggs—Firsts, 49c; selected, 57c.

New York Metals.

New York, Dec. 22.—Copper—Firm; electrolytic spot and nearby, 14⅝c; futures, 14⅝c.

Tin—Firm; spot and nearby, $57.12; futures, $57.25.

Iron—Firm; No. 1 northern, $24.50@25.00; No. 2, northern, $23.00@23.50; No. 2 southern, $20.00@20.50.

Lead—Firm; spot, $9.35@10.25.

Zinc—Firm; East St. Louis spot, $7.37½@7.45; futures, $7.60.

Antimony—Spot, $14.37.

Duluth Flax.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 22.—Flax—Close, December, $2.93; January, $2.94; May $2.93.

General Decline in Stock Market, Upturn Follows

Activity Decreases During Drops and Market Becomes Irregular, Recovering Late in Session.

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New York, Dec. 22.—It looked for a time today as if the stock market was in for the long-expected shakeout. The calling of some loans gave support to the belief that banking interests considered the situation somewhat strained. This led to heavy selling, under which there was a rather general decline, extensive in some instances and moderate in others. But as was the case on several previous occasions, market activity decreased as the decline extended and soon it became irregular. This irregularity continued until well into the afternoon, when there was a sharp upturn which continued almost to the close.

Pool stocks were well supported. At no time was there evidence of important selling.

General Electric had another of its wide movements, closing 9 points up for the day.

While it was not a market to inspire confidence, there was nothing in evidence to occasion alarm. In the judgment of veterans it had evidence of a short interest working hard to bring about a decline, but lacking the ability or the power to press the attack when it would be most effective.

That the market is top-heavy is the belief of not a few. Nearly 200 stocks were at their high for the year last week, and the advance has been so prolonged and so great as to be conducive to technical weakness.

Cotton was dull and the price movement narrow.

Coffee, flighty as ever, was up 10 to 60 points, the extreme advance being in the December option.

Sugar was weak, particularly in the December option, which was at a premium of 80 points over January. At the close prices were down 4 to 30 points.

Call money opened at 3 per cent, went to 4 per cent and closed there.

Foreign exchange was dull and about unchanged.

Grains were heavy throughout the day. Liverpool came about as expected, but there was evidence of buying power sufficient to stimulate the market. American wheat, it was expected, would make more competition from Australia at these levels, and speculators were somewhat shy of extending their purchasing until they had a look at the visible supply figures. One of the big houses of Chicago advised caution in buying except affir a short rally.

Trend of prices throughout the session was downward, the recoveries being few and not long maintained.

New York Quotations

New York Stock Exchange quotations furnished by J. S. Bache & Co., 224 Omaha National bank building:

	High	Low	Close	Sat.
Agricul Chem	....	....	14	14¼
Ajax Rubber	12⅝	12⅛	12⅛	12⅝
Allied Chem	45⅝	43¾	44¼	44¼
Allis-Chalmers	72	69⅝	72	70⅝
Am Beet Sugar	....	....	42⅝	43
Am B S Found	....	....	....	39½
Am Can	158	154⅝	156⅛	158
Am Car & Found	189¼	184	189	184
Am Hide & Leath	....	....	....	13¼
Am H & Leat pfd	....	....	68⅝	68⅝
Am Interna Corp.	23⅝	22⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Am Linseed Oil	26⅝	26	26⅝	26⅝
Am Locomo	99⅛	96⅛	98⅛	97½
Am Radiator	....	....	....	134½
Am S & Com	....	....	13	12⅝
Am Smelting	91	89⅝	90⅛	90⅛
Am Smelt pfd	....	....	....	85⅝
Am Steel Found	44⅝	44	44⅝	44½
Am Sugar	54	51⅝	53½	53⅝
Amer Sumatra	....	....	13	14
Am Tel & Tel	121¼	120½	120⅞	121⅛
Am Tob	88⅞	87	88	88⅝
Am Wa'wks & El	39½	38	38⅝	40
Am Woolen	66	63	66	65⅝
Anaconda	43	42⅛	42⅛	43⅛
Atlantic Gulf Goods	....	....	136	135
Assoc Oil	119	117⅝	118	118¼
Atl Coast Line	152	149½	150⅝	150⅝
Atl Gulf & W I	....	....	20⅛	20⅛
Atl Ref Co	91⅝	91	91	92
Austin-Nichols	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝	30⅝
Baldwin	132	128⅝	131⅛	130⅛
Balt & Ohio	81⅛	78⅝	80	81
Barnsdall "A"	20⅛	19⅝	19⅝	20⅛
Beth Steel	49⅛	48⅝	49	49⅛
Bosch Magneto	32	32	32	33
Brook-Man Ry	37⅛	35⅝	35⅝	37⅛
Brook-Man Ry pfd	....	....	....	73⅛
Brook-Edison Co	....	....	....	121
California Pack	....	....	100	101
Calif Pet	23⅛	22⅛	22⅝	22⅝
Cal & Ariz Mining	....	....	....	9
Can Pac	151⅛	150⅝	150⅝	151⅛
Cent Leather	20	19⅛	20	20
Cent Leath pfd	56⅛	55	56⅛	55⅝
Cerro de Pasco	51⅛	50⅝	50⅝	51⅛
Chandler	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝	36⅝
Ches & Ohio	94⅛	93⅛	93⅝	94⅛
Chicago G W com	....	....	9⅝	10
Chicago G W pfd	27⅛	27	27⅝	28
Chicago & N W	73	72⅛	72⅝	73⅛
C M & St P	14⅛	14	14⅛	14⅛
C M & St P pfd	28⅝	28	28⅛	29⅝
C R I & P	45⅝	44⅝	45⅝	45⅝
C St P M & O Ry	....	....	....	56
Chile Copper	34⅝	34⅛	34⅛	34⅝
Chino	....	....	....	26⅛
Cluett-Peabody	....	....	59⅛	60
Clu.P pf xdv $1.75	....	....	....	103⅛
Coca-Cola	80⅛	80	80	80
Colo F & Iron	43	41⅛	42	43⅛
Columbian Carb	....	....	48⅝	49
Columbia Gas	47	46⅛	46⅝	46⅝
Congoleum	42	41⅛	41⅛	42
Con Cigars	....	....	....	100
Con Gas	76⅛	75⅝	76⅛	77
Cont Can	68⅝	67	67⅝	68⅝
Cont Motors	....	....	8⅛	8⅝
Corn Prod	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝	41
Cosden	26⅛	25⅛	26	26⅛
Crucible	74⅛	73⅛	73	74⅛
Cuba Cane Sug	....	....	....	12⅝
Cuba C Sugar, pfd	57⅛	56⅝	56⅝	57⅛
Cuba-Am. Sugar	29⅝	29	29⅝	29⅛
Cuban-Am. For	33⅛	32⅛	33	33⅛
Daniel Boone	8⅝	8