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Market, Financial and Industrial News of the Day

Omaha Grain

Total receipts at Omaha were 228 cars, the bulk of which being wheat and corn as compared with 53 cars last year. Total shipments were 143 cars against 119 cars a year ago.

Cash demand for wheat on the Omaha market was slow and prices generally 2 to 3 cents lower. Corn was quiet and unchanged to 1 cent lower. Oats were 1 cent lower. Rye was quoted 1 cent lower and barley unchanged.

Continued liquidation of long wheat caused further weakness in that grain today. Coarse grains, while somewhat lower in sympathy, showed a much better tone due to lighter receipts and a better call for export. Long wheat came out freely, being influenced largely by bearish foreign news and the only support accorded this grain was buying on resting orders.

WHEAT.

No. 2 dark hard: 1 car, $1.20; 1 car, $1.18, smutty, special billing; 1 car, $1.17; 1 car, $1.18, shipper's weights; 1 car, $1.17, special billing.

No. 3 dark hard: 1 car $1.16.

No. 2 hard winter: 1 car, $1.17, special billing; 10 cars, $1.19; 1 car, $1.12, live weevil; 1 car, $1.14; 1 car, $1.15.

No. 3 hard winter: 1 car, $1.14; 6 cars, $1.12; 2 cars, $1.12, live weevil; 1 car, $1.13, 0.1 per cent heat damaged.

No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, $1.10, 0.8 per cent heat damaged; 1 car, $1.11, 0.7 per cent heat damaged.

No. 5 hard winter: 1 car, $1.06, 1.5 per cent heat damaged.

Sample hard winter: 1 car, 98c, 6 per cent heat damaged.

No. 2 yellow hard: 1 car, $1.13.

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, $1.16½, special billing; 1 car, $1.07, 42 per cent durum; 1 car, $1.14, 86 per cent spring.

No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.13, 86 per cent hard winter: 1 car, 99¼c, durum.

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, $1.12, smutty.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car, $1.06, durum.

No. 3 durum: 1 car, $1.00.

No. 5 durum: 1 car, $1.00.

CORN.

No. 1 white: 1 car, 65c.

No. 2 white: 2 cars, 65c.

No. 3 white: 3 cars, 64½c.

Sample white: 1 car, 60c (fire burnt).

No. 2 yellow: 1 car, 68c (special billing); 3 cars, 65½c.

No. 3 yellow: 1 car, 66c (special billing); 1 car, 66c (shipper's weights); 2 cars, 65c.

No. mixed: 3 cars, 65c (shipper's weights); 4 cars, 64½c; 1 car, 65c.

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, 66c (special billing); 1 car, 64½c (shipper's weights); 4 cars, 64c.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car, 64c; 1 car, 63c; 1 car, 63½c.

OATS.

No. 2 white: 1 car, 42½c (shipper's weights); 1 car, 42¾c.

No. 3 white: 5 cars, 41½c.

No. 4 white: 1 car, 41¼c.

RYE.

No. 2: 3 cars, 84c.

No. 3 white: 1 car, 83½c.

BARLEY.

No. 4: 1 car, 63c; 1 car, 62c.

OMAHA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

(Carlots.)

Receipts:	Today.	W'k Ago.	Y'r Ago.
Wheat	104	136	8
Corn	93	67	33
Oats	23	20	10
Rye	6	6	2
Barley	2	2	..
Shipments:			
Wheat	45	116	6
Corn	67	34	106
Oats	27	21	5
Rye	2	11	..
Barley	..	1	2

PRIMARY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

(Bushels.)

Receipts:	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	1,812,000	1,707,000	482,000
Corn	1,759,000	1,440,000	729,000
Oats	683,000	638,000	333,000
Shipments:			
Wheat	562,000	697,000	286,000
Corn	761,000	422,000	1,158,000

EXPORT CLEARANCES.

(Bushels.)

	Today.	Year Ago.
Wheat and flour	636,000	687,000
Corn	216,000	236,000
Oats	40,000	.....

CHICAGO RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	58	29	8
Corn	545	467	141
Oats	97	92	61

KANSAS CITY RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	237	..	62
Corn	44	..	23
Oats	14	..	5

ST. LOUIS RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	73	197	44
Corn	81	275	54
Oats	28	34	14

NORTHWESTERN WHEAT RECEIPTS.

Carlots—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Minneapolis	609	529	110
Duluth	96	132	38
Winnipeg	1,187	684	141

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 hard, $1.14@1.20; No. 2 red, $1.27@1.30.

Corn—No. 2 white, 68@68¼c; No. 2 yellow, 69@69¼c.

Hay—Unchanged.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—Wheat—December, $1.01⅝ asked; May, $1.25⅞ bid; July, $1.05⅝ asked.

Corn—December, 68¾c bid; May, 69½c split asked; July, 69¾c.

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—Wheat—Cash, No. 1 northern, $1.19⅜@1.28⅜; December, $1.19⅜; May, $1.20⅞; July, $1.16⅜.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 63¾@64c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 38⅞@40⅝c.

Barley—50@61c.

Rye—No. 2, 82⅜@82⅝c.

Flax—No. 1, $2.37@2.58.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—Wheat—December, $1.22⅛; May, $1.20⅝.

Corn—December, 73c; May, 71⅜c.

Oats—December, 46c; May, 46c.

Minneapolis Flour.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—Flour—Unchanged.

Bran—$26.00.

Turpentine and Rosin.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—Turpentine—Firm, $1.38½; sales, 113 bbls.; receipts, 178 bbls.; shipments, 113 bbls.; stock, 14,967 bbls.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 544 casks; receipts, 1,731 casks; shipments, 4,485 casks; stock, 96,129 casks.

Quote: B, D, E, F, G, H, I, $5.00; K, $5.10; M, $5.40; N, $5.65@5.70; W, G, $5.90; W, W, $6.75.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 29.—(United States Department of Agriculture.)—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; not enough here to test market; market, all classes nominally steady; one load medium to good weighty steers, $8.50; other steers and yearlings around $7.00@7.25; odd head desirable beef cows, $4.50@6.50; veal calves, top, $9.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000 head; market slow; shippers and packers buying a few good butchers, 10@15c lower; $8.15 paid; packing sows weak to 10c lower; mostly $7.35@7.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 800 head; receipts practically all in through billings; nothing sold early.

Chicago Grain

Chicago, Dec. 29.—There was no letup in the pressure on the wheat market, which still showed an overbought condition, and prices drooped sharply to a new low on the present downturn, the inside figure on May being 5c under the high of the previous day, with the finish at a loss of 2½ cents. July was off 2 1-8c, and December 3-4c. Corn showed stubborn resistance to pressure. December acted tight and closed 1c higher and the deferred deliveries 1-8c higher, while oats were 1-2@7-8c lower, and rye 1 3-8c lower.

Political news from abroad is having considerable influence on local sentiment, which has become strongly bearish. Houses with New York connections were persistent sellers of May, and while there was steady buying on resting orders, the decline uncovered stops and the drop was very sharp at times. The trade had an impression that a good part of the selling represented profit-taking for Wall street operators, who were evening up for income tax purposes over the year-end.

Bull Influences Ignored.

A local professional who was credited with having been a good seller of wheat for several days issued a bearish summary on the world's supply and demand situation which had some effect on the market. Bullish influences were ignored, and export sales of over 500,000 bushels with reports of large orders under consideration failed to bring about a rally. There was some buying on the introduction of a $100,000,000 credit bill for Germany into the senate. Rally from the inside figures at the last was due to local short covering. Forecast for rain or snow over the winter wheat belt led to selling of the July. December was up to 4c over May at one time on short covering.

December corn was wanted by shorts and the undertone was strong. Resting orders at 71c for May checked the early break, but there was less pressure than of late and the market gave an excellent account of itself. Part of the buying was to remove hedges against export sales, which aggregated 800,000 bushels. The gulf outbid Chicago materially for cash corn down and cash offerings to arrive were limited. Receipts, 279 cars.

Southern demand for cash oats in central Illinois was much better, with bids as much as 4c higher than Chicago, but this failed to move any offerings of futures, which were weaker and lower with wheat. Receipts, 75 cars.

The northwest and the seaboard were free buyers of rye on scale orders reflecting sales of over 1,000,000 bushels to Germany. Local longs sold freely and numerous stop orders were caught on the way down. The two northwestern markets had 138 cars.

Pit Notes.

Wheat traders were mostly bearish at the close, owing to the break in prices, which aggregated 9c, from the recent high on the week. The bulls also was made that the market has not fully digested the many millions of bushels long and short wheat put on it the past few days and that it may take a few days for it to be absorbed.

The big selling of wheat has been by the eastern and a number of the local longs who have been active for several days. There has also been a lot of selling by a local bear party, which has forced out a number of small holders.

Long corn has been on the market in well absorbed, despite the break in wheat. well absorbed, despite the break in heat. The trade is mixed as to the future. The big primary movement of wheat and corn tends to create bearishness on both grains, but reports from the southwest and west are of lighter country offerings, while in the northwest and in the Canadian provinces the movement continues heavy.

F. S. Lewis, who was in New York, wired that Germany had bought a big lot of rye. The United Kingdom bought Manitoba wheat and that corn business was heavy. Exporters he said were all bullish. A message from a New York trader expressed bullish views on wheat.

There has been 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 bushels of wheat put on this market since last Saturday that appeared to come from the same source, said a Winnipeg message. "Our market has stood the selling remarkably well until the last hour when probably 3,000,000 bushels were sold," said the message. "The buying has been of a pretty good character, which is shown on our market, maintaining its difference with Chicago."

Arthur W. Cutten was out with a long summary of the world's wheat situation in which he took a very bearish view of this supply and demand. He figures that on the basis of the actual world's shipments of the first five months of the present crop year there is a world's surplus of 200,000,000 to 250,000,000 bushels instead of a practical exhaustion at the end of the season as many have been expecting.

CHICAGO CLOSING PRICES.

By Updike Grain Co. DO. 2627. Dec. 29.

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
Dec.	1.26⅜	1.27	1.25½	1.26¼	1.27
May	1.24⅛	1.24⅝	1.21⅜	1.22⅝	1.24⅝
	1.24⅝			1.22¼	1.24⅝
July	1.14	1.14⅛	1.12⅛	1.12⅝	1.14⅜
	1.14⅛			1.12¼	1.14¼
Rye					
Dec.					.90
May	.91⅜	.91⅜	.90¼	.90½	.91⅜
	.91⅝			.90⅝	
Corn					
Dec.	.73	.73⅝	.72⅝	.73⅜	.72⅝
	.73¼			.71⅝	
May	.71½	.71⅝	.71	.71⅝	.71½
	.71¼			.71⅜	
July	.71	.71½	.70¾	.71⅛	.71⅜
	.71¼			.71⅛	.71⅛
Oats					
Dec.	.43	.43¼	.42¼	.42⅜	.43¼
May	.45¼	.45⅝	.44⅝	.44⅝	.45½
	.45⅜			.44⅝	
July	.42⅝	.42⅝	.41¾	.42	.42½
Lard					
Jan.	10.80	10.80	10.65	10.75	10.82
May	11.00	11.05	10.97	11.00	11.07
Ribs					
Jan.	10.80	10.80	10.72	10.72	10.87
May	10.65	10.70	10.62	10.62	10.72

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—(U. S. Department of Agriculture.)—Cattle—Receipts, 13,000 head; beef steers, steady to strong to $6.65@8.10; few better grades, cows, $5.25@6.00; other mostly, $4.00@4.75; few choice heifers, $6.50@8.25; some common kinds, $4.25@4.75; canners and cutters generaly $2.50@3.50; good bologna bulls, $4.00@4.25; few vealers up to $10.00; strictly good 350-pound calves, $7.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000 head; 5c to 15c lower; mostly 10c lower; packers, top, $8.30; shipper top, $8.25; 130 to 160-pound, $8.20@8.25; bulk, desirable 170 to 270-pound, $8.15@8.25; bulk of sales, $8.00@8.25; packing sows steady, $7.50@7.60; stock pigs, strong, $7.50@7.80; few at $8.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,000 head; lambs, slow; heavy natives, $13.00; fat lambs, due to arrive still back; sheep strong; wethers, $8.50; ewes, $7.50.

New York Dried Fruits.

New York, Dec. 29.—Evaporated Apples—Dull.

Prunes—Steady.

Apricots—Firm.

Peaches—Quiet.

Raisins—Easy.

Live Stock

Omaha, Dec. 29.

Receipts were—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Tuesday	7,481	8,680	11,467
Official Wednesday	6,388	13,632	10,185
Official Thursday	4,371	16,862	10,515
Estimate Friday	1,100	12,200	3,500
Five days this week	19,346	51,374	35,667
Same days last week	28,169	63,155	44,948
Same days 2 w's a'o	37,955	61,504	52,304
Same days 3 w's a'o	32,772	53,566	34,252
Same days year ago	12,816	49,788	33,628

Receipts and disposition of livestock at the Union stockyards, Omaha, Neb., for 24 hours ending at 3 p. m., Dec. 29, 1922.

RECEIPTS—CARLOT.

	Horses, Cattle	Hogs	S'p.	Mules
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	4	21	..	..
Mo. Pacific Ry.	1	2	..	..
Union Pacific R. R.	13	49	4	1
C. & N. W. Ry., east	..	1	..	..
C. & N. W. Ry., west	13	71	2	..
C. St. P., M. & O. Ry.	1	13	3	..
C. B. & Q. Ry., east	2	5	..	..
C., B. & Q. Ry., west	3	20	4	..
C. R. I. & P., east	4	..	..	..
C. R. I. & P., west	..	2	..	..
Illinois Central Ry.	2	..	..	..
Total receipts	43	184	13	2

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Armour & Co.	445	3543	1137
Cudahy Packing Co.	221	2178	974
Dold Packing Co.	19	1355	..
Morris Packing Co.	122	2058	251
Swift & Co.	345	3282	1119
J. W. Murphy	..	597	..
Swartz & Co.	..	10	..
Armour, S. D.	..	1418	..
Lincoln Packing Co.	..	9	..
Higgins Packing Co.	17	86	..
Longman Bros.	..	8	..
Lubberger	..	128	..
W. H. Cheek	..	5	..
Dennis & Francis	..	26	..
John Harvey	..	4	..
T. J. Ingbram	..	7	..
Mo.-Kan. C. & C. Co.	..	2	..
J. B. Root & Co.	..	77	..
Other buyers	..	86	..
Totals	1521	14322	3700

Cattle—Receipts, 1,100 head. Though cattle supplies were light trade on both steers and cows was draggy and prices no more than steady. Choice steers brought $10.00, but most of the offerings were grades selling at $7.00@8.50. The week's market is generally 25@50c lower on steers, but cows have advanced 25c or more. Feeders were nominal today at the week's 25c advance.

Quotations on cattle: Choice to prime beeves, $8.75@12.50; good to choice beeves, $8.75@10.50; fair to good beeves, $7.25@8.60; common to fair beeves, $6.00@7.75; choice to prime yearlings, $10.75@12.50; good to choice yearlings, $8.50@10.75; fair to good yearlings, $7.25@8.50; common to fair yearlings, $6.00@7.25; good to choice heifers, $6.75@8.10; fair to good heifers, $4.50@6.75; good to choice cows, $5.25@6.50; fair to good cows, $4.00@5.25; common to fair cows, $2.25@3.50; cows, $3.00@6.40; fair to good cows, $3.75@5.00; common to fair cows, $2.00@3.50; good to choice feeders, $7.00@7.90; fair to good feeders, $5.50@7.00; common to fair feeders, $4.25@5.50; good to choice stockers, $7.00@7.75; fair to good stockers, $5.50@7.00; common to fair stockers, $4.25@5.50; veal stockers, $3.00@4.00; stock cows, $2.50@3.50; stock heifers, $3.50@5.00; stock calves, $3.00@7.50; veal calves, $3.00@7.50; veal calves, $4.50@10.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@4.50.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
26	1074	$ 6 25	9	291	$ 6 50
15	1267	7 25	24	1004	7 50
24	1015	7 75	20	1232	8 25
20	1237	8 60	10	1262	10 00

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
8	640	6 25	12	845	6 30
14	789	6 75	15	816	7 00

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	945	3 30	5	1168	3 50
8	1006	3 75	12	1017	4 00
23	942	4 25	6	983	4 50
14	1020	4 75	6	1201	5 00
5	1252	5 25	14	1023	5 50
17	800	5 75	8	927	6 00

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	700	5 75	8	782	6 10
5	718	7 50			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	592	6 00	6	860	6 30

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1310	3 65	1	1560	3 75
1	1310	4 00	1	1820	4 25
1	1440	4 50			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	240	6 00	5	446	6 00
6	420	6 75	1	190	7 00
1	100	8 25	1	100	9 25

Hogs—Receipts, 12,200 head. There was a fairly liberal run on hand today and with lower reports from other principal markets trading was slow at prices mostly 10@15c lower. Good light hogs and butchers sold largely at $7.90@8.10, the latter top price. Mixed loads sold at $7.40@7.80 and packing grades at $7.00@7.40. Bulk of sales was $7.75@8.10.

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
47	275	...	7 50	65	309	...	7 90
61	250	...	7 75	76	190	...	7 90
56	213	...	7 90	62	214	...	7 95
45	285	...	8 00	74	229	...	8 05

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3,800 head. Fat lambs were in good demand today and the high run moved readily at steady prices. Bulk selling at $14.00@14.40 with a top price of $14.50. Feeders were steady, noe lot going out at $14.50. Sheep were 10@15c higher, good quality ewes selling at $8.00.

Quotations on sheep: Fat lambs, good to choice, $14.00@14.40; fat lambs, fair to good, $12.50@14.00; 2cd clipped lambs, $12.00@12.75; feeder lambs, $13.25@14.50; yearlings, $10.50@12.00; wethers, $7.50@8.50; fat ewes, light, $7.00@8.00; fat ewes, heavy, $5.00@7.00.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; beef steers and yearlings, unevenly weak to 25c lower; plainer kind showing least decline; quality mostly plain; best matured steers, $10.25; weight, 1,330 pounds; canners and cutters, stockers and feeders, steady; bologna bulls, mostly 10c to 15c higher; few weighty kinds, up to $4.90; beef cows, unevenly weak to 10c lower; veal calves, mostly 25c to 50c higher; packers taking best kind up to 1,150 pounds.

Hogs—Receipts, 51,000; market, 15c to 25c lower; closing strong; bulk 200 to 290-pound butchers, $8.25@8.30; few, $8.35, late; 140 to 170-pound averages, strong, mostly $8.35@8.40; few $8.45; bulk packing sows, $7.50@7.75; desirable pigs, mostly $7.50@8.00; plain pigs down to $7.00; estimated holdover, 12,000.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 8,000; fat lambs, slow, fully steady; top to shippers, $15.30; packer top, $15.00; several loads to shippers, $15.10@15.20; less desirable wooled lambs, $14.50@14.75; some heavy, $13.50 down; most clipped lambs, $12.40@12.90; heavy clipped, $11.00; heavy yearlings, weak; several strings, 99 to 104-pound kinds, $11.00; fat sheep, strong to 25c higher; best light few ewes, $8.60; several strings less desirable kind, $8.25; feeders scarce, three decks 55-pound lambs on country account, $14.65.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,300 head; market, strong; short fed steers and yearlings, $8.00@10.00; warmed up steers and yearlings, $5.50@7.50; fat cows and heifers, $4.00@7.50; canners, $2.25@2.50; veals, $4.00@10.00; feeders, $5.00@6.50; calves, $3.50@6.75; feeding cows and heifers, $2.75@4.50; stockers, $4.00@6.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000 head; market 5c lower; butchers, $8.05@8.10; top, $8.10; mixed, $7.75@8.00; packers, $7.25@ market steady; sheep, $14.50; ewes, $7.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,000 head; 7.60; bulk, $7.85@8.10.

Financial

New York, Dec. 29.—The movement on the Stock Exchange today was as active as the day before, but the course of prices was directly opposite. Industrial shares and particularly railway stocks, advanced on the whole more rapidly than they had declined on Thursday. This recovery was possibly more noteworthy from the fact, first that a fairly large number of "cash sales" were made for the obvious purpose of establishing nominal losses in the income tax returns; second, the call money rates went to 6 per cent, the highest since November 8.

But the market undoubtedly reasoned that these belated sales for cash—made in that way in order to close the transaction during 1922, were a reminder that whatever depressing influence has been exerted by this absured machinery was necessarily behind us. Taken as a whole, the day's stock market ended at the day's best prices.

Bond Prices Stronger.

In the bond market, also, there was a distinct upward tendency of prices, a rather striking instance of which was the movement of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul securities. These bonds, after declining in some cases 10 points or more since early autumn, have risen 2 to 4 points in the past two days, under heavy buying.

Whether the reversal of attitude was to be ascribed to the completion of "sales to establish losses" and the usual subsequent repurchases, to the calculation of statement of earnings by the company for November, it attracted natural attention on the market. Liberty bonds moved up gradually along with the rest, but did not reach the recent high figures of its recovery.

In the foreign exchange market, sterling went slightly lower, francs advanced and rates on other European countries moved uncertainly. The delegates to next Tuesday's conference of the European premiers have certainly brought forward a variety of hints and forecasts and conjectures bewildering enough to give no cue whatever to the speculator in exchange.

When, furthermore, the contradictions from Europe are supplemented by the sudden debate at Washington over the entry of the United States into European conferences, it is hardly to be wondered at that the foreign exchange market does not know which way to move.

Wall Street Topics.

The announcement of the details of the plan for the consolidation of the Van Sweringen railroads—the New York, Chicago & St. Louis, Toledo, St. Louis & Western and Lake Erie & Western—practically marked the final step in the merger of these properties. Based on 1922 operations, it was estimated in transportation quarters that these roads would show a combined net revenue, after fixed charges amounting to $6,336,000, which would be 3.72 times the requirements of the new preferred stock to be issued by the consolidated company. After deducting these preferred dividends, it was estimated that earnings would be equal to more than $14 a share on the proposed common stock. The capital stock of the new corporation, to be issued at once, provides for $32,720,000, 6 per cent cumulative preferred stock and $46,247,900 common.

In view of the fact that Thursday was the last day on which a holder of stock could dispose of his securities for tax purposes in the usual way, a large amount of cash transactions were reported on the tape today. This was due to the fact that stocks sold in the regular way would not be cleared until next Tuesday. Such transactions were unusually large and at times during the day almost every other transaction was for cash.

Witnesses before the Interstate Commerce commission on the problem of railway consolidations are admittedly tentative in character, the next hearing on the application of the Burlington, Northern Pacific and Great Northern to merge into one company is creating special interest. This hearing, which is scheduled to be held in Washington January 17, will consider not only the original application of these three Hill carriers to merge, but the petition of the Great Northern to be granted control of the Burlington, in case the first plan is

	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
White Oil	3⅝	2⅝	3¼	2⅝
MOTORS.				
Chandler	66⅞	65⅝	66⅞	66¾
General Motors	14⅞	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Willys-Overland	6¾	6½	6½	6¾
Pierce Arrow	13¼	12½	12½	12⅝
White Motor	48	48	48	48
Studebaker	114⅞	110⅜	114⅜	139½
RUBBER AND TIRES.				
Fisk	13⅛	12⅞	13	12½
Goodrich	35½	34	35½	33⅝
Kelley-Springfield	46½	44½	46½	45
Keystone Tire	9	8½	9	8¾
Ajax	12⅝	11⅞	12⅝	12
U. S. Rubber	55½	53⅛	55⅛	53⅜
INDUSTRIALS.				
At., G. & W. I.	21¼	20¾	20⅞	20½
Am. Int'l Corp.	26½	25	26⅛	26½
Am. Sumatra	7⅜	6⅝	6⅝	7⅛
Am. Telephone	123	122⅝	122⅞	122⅝
American Can	73⅛	72½	73	72⅛
Central Leather	31⅝	30¼	31⅝	30⅝
Cuba Cane	13⅝	13¼	13⅜	13¼
Cuban-Am. Sugar	25⅝	25¼	25⅝	25½
Corn Products	132½	130	132½	131
Famous Players	91⅝	90	91⅝	90¼
General Electric	181	181	181	180
Grt North Ore	31⅜	29⅝	30⅜	29⅞
Inter Harvester	88⅜	87⅞	88⅜	..
Am H & L pfd	..	..	..	62½
U S Ind Alcohol	67¼	67	67¼	66⅞
Inter Paper	51⅜	51	51⅜	51
Inter M M pfd	44⅜	43⅞	43⅞	45
Am Sugar Ref	79⅜	79	79⅜	78⅜
Sears-Roebuck	87⅜	87	87	86½
Stromsburg	64	63⅜	64	65
Tob Products	57⅝	56⅝	57⅜	56⅞
Worthing Pump	..	..	..	29⅞
Wilson Co	26½	25½	26⅛	26
Western Union	111⅝	111	111⅝	111
Westing Elec	59½	59¼	59½	60¼
American Woolen	95	94	94⅝	94
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Amer Cot Oil	17	17	17	16½
Am Agri Chemical	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝	31⅜
Amer Linseed	31	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
Union Bag pfd	67	66⅜	67	66
Bosch Magneto	42	40	40¼	42
Brooklyn R T	16⅛	15	15⅝	14⅝
Continental Can	111	109¼	111	109⅝
Calif Pack	82¼	82½	82½	82⅜
Coast Pet	104⅝	103⅛	104⅛	103
Colum Graph	2⅛	2	2⅛	2
United Drug	..	..	..	78
Nat Enamel	67⅛	65¼	67⅛	..
United Fruit	153	152⅜	153	152
Lorillard Tob	..	..	..	162
Nat Lead	127⅛	125⅜	127⅛	125
Philadelphia Co	..	..	..	50½
Pullman	129⅞	128⅝	129⅝	129¾
Punta Alegre Sug	..	..	..	47
Retail Stores	74⅛	73	74⅛	73¼
Superior Steel	..	..	..	29⅜
Sloss-Sheffield	22	21¾	22	21¾
Va Car Chem	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛

Total sales, 971,700 shares.

	Close.	Thurs. Close.
Money	.04½	.05½
Marks	.000124	..
Francs	.0724	.0722
Sterling	4.63¼	4.63⅜

New York Bonds

New York, Dec. 29.—Prices in today's bond market displayed a decidedly strong tone with the active demand for St Paul and New Haven railroad mortgages as the day's feature. Cash sales were not as extensive as in the stock market, although it was curious to note that the largest volume of these was in the United States government issues, which are selling near their high levels of the year making tax losses in those kinds virtually negligible.

The sharp upturn in St. Paul and New Haven bonds seemed to lend confirmation to the belief that the recent weakness grew out of selling to establish tax losses. St. Paul convertible 5s and New Haven 6s and the so-called French 7s of that road each moved up more than 3 points while St. Paul, Puget Sound 4s and the 4s of 1922, the convertible 4s and the refunding 4s were all 1 to 2 points higher; Denver, Rio Grande & Western bonds also showed marked improvements, the 4s, the consolidated 4s and refunding 5s and the refunding 5s, stamped, each advancing 2 to 3¼ points. Some of the other strong spots in the railroad group were the Baltimore & Ohio refunding 5s, up 3 points; Western Maryland 4s, up 1¾, and Erie consolidated 4s, up 1⅜.

Foreign bonds were virtually neglected although Mexican government 4s and Cuba railroad 5s moved to slightly higher grounds while Colombian 6½s dropped sharply. Except for losses of 8 and 10 cents on $100 respectively in Victory 4¾s and the first 4¼s, all the United States government securities moved to higher ground. Liberty 3½s touched $101 for the first time in two months and closed 18c higher, the second 4¼s advanced 26c; the third, 20c; the fourth, 28c, and the new 2c.

Marland Oil 8s and Chile Copper 7s, each up 2 points, led the advance in active industrial mortgages. Other strong spots in that group were Atlantic Fruit 7s certificates, Republic Steel 5s, U. S. Steel 5s, American Smelting 5s and Liggett and Myers 7½s, all up 1 to 1½ points. Total sales (par value) were $14,662,000.

U. S. Bonds.

	High.	Low.	Close.
$48 Liberty 3½s	101.04	100.80	101.00
96 Liberty 1st 4¼s	98.90	98.88	98.90
1014 Liberty 2d 4¼s	98.90	98.88	98.88
1017 Liberty 3d 4¼s	98.98	98.80	98.98
1841 Liberty 4th 4¼s	98.74	98.48	98.74
250 Victory 4¾s, unc.	100.40	100.32	100.34
1061 New 4s	99.92	99.88	.....

Foreign.

14 Argentine 7s	100½	100½	100½
31 City of Bord 6s	78½	77⅝	....
30 City of Chris 8s	107	106⅝	107
8 City of Cop 5½s	90⅛	90⅛	90½
1 City of Gt Pr 7½s	75	....	....
21 City of Lyons 6s	78½	78¼	78½
22 City of Mar 6s	78½	78	78¾
4 City of R de J 8s	91	....	....
10 City of Tokio 5s	72½	72¼	....
10 Czech Rep 8s cfts	86	85½	85⅝
11 Dept of Seine 7s	86½	....	....
16 D of C 5½ p n '29	101½	101¼	101½
63 Dom Can 5s $52	99	99	99¼
49 Dten E Ind 6s 47	92¾	92½	92¾
62 Dtch E Ind 6s 52	92¾	92½	92¾
46 French R