Price Decline Cut Short With Brisk Advance

Surprising Strength in Liverpool and Sharp Revival in Foreign Demand Responsible.

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Chicago, Dec. 31.—Surprising strength in Liverpool and a sharp revival in foreign demand for North American wheat as the year ended, cut short the declining prices today and led to a brisk advance. The close was at top levels with the December delivery passing out at $1.75⅝ to $1.75¾. The low point on this month was $1.06¾, made early last summer.

Wheat closed 3½ cents to 5 cents higher; corn was 1⅜ to 2¼ cents higher; oats were ⅝ cent to 1¼ cents advanced and rye ruled ⅞ to 4⅝ cents up.

Probably the feature of the day's trade was the heavy short-covering. The market on Tuesday's close looked weak even after a break of over 9 cents from the high point on the crop, but the apparent world-wide need of foodstuffs again came into play, being accentuated by the heavy export sales of wheat, wheat flour, rye and barley.

Active buying of corn futures was on through several commission houses. Local operators also were credited with taking hold. On the advances realizing sales were liberal, but the market closed with a strong undertone. The demand for spot corn was fairly active and the basis was firm at the last. Primary receipts were 905,000 bushels compared with 1,300,000 bushels a year ago.

Oats met with improved buying and moved up with other grains. A livelier shipping demand for this grain helped the upward movement.

Rye was buoyant along with wheat. A big improvement in the export demand for this grain has developed the last few days. Norway and Germany have been the best buyers.

Provisions were up with grains. Lard was 10 to 20 cents higher and ribs were 15 cents lower.

Pit Notes.

Indisputably the inherent strength in the wheat market which is due to the close adjustment of world supplies and demand has prevented futures prices from declining further. Many had been feared the last few days that our prices were going too fast, and they were. The 9¼ cent break corrected the situation materially, however, and the Chicago market today shows a healthier relationship with Liverpool.

The run of wheat from the farms in this country is not likely to increase, as has been pointed out, primary receipts today were 613,000 bushels, while the shipments were larger. Accumulations of stocks have apparently been stopped in all markets of the west and northwest. For four days Minneapolis stocks were ever up. Premiums on wheat locally and at outside points firmed.

Indications that Russia is after wheat flour in this country and confirmation of moderate sales made were influences that attracted fresh speculative buying. Many longs who had sold out on the recent break reinstated. The Winnipeg market was more buoyant than Chicago. The run of wheat in Canada from the farms is dwindling as in the United States.

The world's available supply of wheat and flour for the week decreased 8,996,000 bushels. It totals 237,474,000 bushels, compared with 251,989,000 bushels a year ago. Consumption of wheat in Europe is apparently going on at a rapid rate, regardless of price. Rigid economies have been reported as being practiced in Europe, but it must be due to the lack of the cash grain, rather than price which is certainly low. The pressure of Argentine and Australian wheat will be felt more or less for the next two months, but there is really nothing to indicate that Europe will not absorb all surplus grain.

CHICAGO PRICES.

By Updike Grain company, Atlantic 6312.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
Dec.	1.72⅜	1.75⅛	1.72⅛	1.75⅛	1.70⅜
				1.75⅝	
May	1.75⅛	1.79⅛	1.75⅛	1.78⅝	
	1.75⅝			1.79	1.74⅛
July	1.51	1.54⅛	1.50⅜	1.53⅞	1.50⅛
	1.50⅝			1.54⅛	1.50⅝
Rye					
Dec.	1.45	1.47⅜	1.44⅛	1.44⅛	1.44
May	1.51	1.53⅝	1.50⅜	1.55	1.50⅝
				1.54⅝	
July	1.32⅜	1.36	1.32⅜	1.35⅛	1.32⅜
Corn					
Dec.	1.25⅛	1.28¼	1.25⅛	1.27⅝	1.25⅜
	1.26			1.27⅝	1.25⅝
May	1.28⅛	1.30⅝	1.28⅛	1.30	1.28⅜
	1.28⅞			1.30⅛	1.28⅝
July	1.29⅜	1.31	1.29⅜	1.30⅝	1.29⅜
	1.29⅛			1.30⅝	1.29⅜
Oats					
Dec.	.59	.60	.59	.59⅝	.58⅜
May	.62⅞	.64⅜	.62⅜	.63⅞	.63
	.63⅜			.64	.62⅝
July	.61⅛	.62⅝	.61⅛	.62	.61⅜
	.61⅝				
Lard					
May	17.10	17.35	16.97	17.25	17.13
July	17.27	17.57	17.20	17.57	17.30
Ribs					
Jan.	15.52	15.52	15.52	15.52	15.75
May	15.95	15.95	15.82	15.95	16.10

Chicago Cotton.

Chicago Cotton exchange quotations furnished by J. S. Bache & Co., 224 Omaha National Bank building. Phones Jackson 8187, 6188, 8189:

	Open	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Jan.	24.45	24.59	24.35	24.44	24.37
Mar.	24.65	24.84	24.60	24.72	24.62
May	24.85	25.16	24.81	25.05	24.90

Chicago Egg and Butter Futures.
Quotations furnished by George E. Clark 1527 Woodmen of the World building.

EGGS.

	Cars.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Feb					
Jan.	14	.50¾	.51⅜	.50¼	.51⅛

BUTTER.

	Cars.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	28	.39⅞	.39⅞	.39⅝	.39⅝
Feb.	27	.40⅛	.40⅜	.40⅛	.40⅜

New York Sugar.

New York, Dec. 31.—No sales or changes occurred in the raw sugar market today. Cuban being quoted at 4.59c, duty paid.

Raw sugar futures advanced 2 to 4 points early on covering and buying by houses with Cuban and European connections, inspired by increased buying in Cuba by the United Kingdom. The upturn met considerable realizing, however, and prices reacted, closing net 2 points higher to 2 lower. January closed at 2.80c; March, 2.85c; May, 2.96c; July, 3.08c.

The market for refined sugar was unchanged at 6.75c to 7.10c for fine granulated, prompt refiners with refiner listing at 6.25c, January 12 to 17 shipment. Trading was light.

Refined futures were nominal.

New York General.

New York, Dec. 31.—Rye Flour—Firmer; fair to good, $7.50@8.00; choice to fancy, $8.05@8.50.

Rye Strong; No. 2 western, $1.56⅝, f. o. b. New York, and $1.55, c. i. f. export.

Wheat—Spot, strong; No. 1 dark northern spring, c. i. f. New York, lake and rail, $2.09⅞; No. 2 hard winter, f. o. b. lake and rail, $1.90⅝; No. 2 mixed durum, do, $1.88⅝; No. 1 Manitoba, do, in bond, $2.09.

Corn—Spot, firm; No. 2 yellow, c. i. f. track New York, all rail, $1.44⅛; No. 2 mixed, do, $1.44⅛.

Oats—Spot, firm; No. 2 white, 63½c.

Lard—Firm; middle west, $17.39@17.40.

Chicago Butter.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Liberal offerings of 92 score butter early in the day caused a ¼c decline on that grade and the butter market ruled steady at the decline. Trading, for the most part, was quiet, with offerings limited as stocks on dealers' floors were light. Undergrades were well cleaned up, especially 87 scores. The centralized car market was firm at unchanged prices. Trading, however, was quiet. Storage centralized cars were firm with better inquiry noted on 89 scores.

Fresh Butter—92 score, 41¾c; 91 score, 41c; 90 score, 39½c; 89 score, 38½c; 88 score, 36½c; 87 score, 35c; 86 score, 32c.

Centralized Carlots—90 score, 40c; 89 score, 38½c; 88 score, 36½c.

New York Dry Goods.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton goods markets closed very steady today with gray goods firm. Cotton blanket lines will be opened late next week, according to present plans. Knit goods were quiet, but a fair fall business is on the books. Outer wear fancy lines were doing well for the spring retailing. Silks were firmer and some mills are contemplating advances. Wool goods were unsettled, awaiting the opening of next fall's lines, when advances are looked for.

Boston Wool.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Seasonal quietness continues on the wool market. Manufacturers and dealers are both awaiting the turn of the year and the opening of some of the foreign sales before taking on any additional stock or attempting to develop new business. Some odd lots among foreign lines and a small offering of domestic wool are still moving at the market prices.

New York Cotton Futures Close.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton futures closed steady: January, 24.34c; March, 24.57@24.69c; May, 24.98@25.02c; July, 25.11@25.14c; October, 24.25c.

New York Coffee.

New York, Dec. 31.—Coffee—Rio No. 7, 23c; Santos No. 4, 28½c; futures steady; January, 21.59c; May, 20.00c.

Omaha Grain

Omaha, Dec. 31, 1924.

Cash wheat sold on the tables today from unchanged prices to 3c to 4c higher, following the rapid recovery in futures from yesterday's decline. There was a good demand and tables were well cleared of samples. Receipts were 28 cars.

Corn was in fairly good demand at prices ranging from 1c to 3c higher. Receipts were 49 cars.

Oats sold at about unchanged prices. Receipts were 20 cars.

No rye or barley was reported in.

Omaha Carlot Sales.

WHEAT.

No. 2 dark hard: 1 car, $1.74½.
No. 2 hard: 1 car, $1.69; 2 cars, $1.68; 2 cars, $1.69½; 1 car, $1.67½.
No. 4 hard: 1 car, $1.67.
Sample hard: 1 car, $1.65.
No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.76.
No. 3 mixed: 1 car, $1.68.

CORN.

No. 2 white: 1 car, $1.17.
No. 4 white: 1 car, $1.15½.
No. 3 yellow: 4 cars, $1.19½; 4 cars, $1.19.
No. 4 yellow: 5 cars, $1.17; 2 cars, $1.16.
No. 5 yellow: 4 cars, $1.14.
Sample yellow: 1 car, 98c.
No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.17.
No. 3 mixed: 2 cars, $1.16½.
No. 4 mixed: 1 car, $1.15½.
No. 5 mixed: 1 car, $1.13.

OATS.

No. 2 white: 1 car, 58½c.
No. 3 white: 2 cars, 57½c; 1 3-5 cars, 58½c.
No. 4 white: 1 car, 56½c.
Sample white: 2 cars, 56c; 1 car, 53c.
Daily Inspection of Grain Received.

WHEAT.

Hard: 4 cars No. 1, 10 cars No. 2, 1 car No. 3.
Durum: 1 car No. 1.
Total, 17 cars.

CORN.

Yellow: 3 cars No. 2, 13 cars No. 4, 6 cars No. 5, 1 car No. 6, 1 car sample.
White: 1 car No. 2, 2 cars No. 3, 2 cars, No. 4.
Mixed: 2 cars No. 3, 1 car No. 4.
Total, 33 cars.

OATS.

White: 7 cars No. 3, 1 car sample.
Total, 8 cars.
Grand total all grains, 58 cars.

OMAHA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.
(Carlots.)

Receipts—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	28	24	37
Corn	49	55	132
Oats	20	19	19
Rye		2	
Barley		9	

Shipments—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	31	48	52
Corn	25	28	47
Oats	50	13	26
Barley		2	2

WORLD'S VISIBLE.

Bushels—	Today.	Week Ago.	Year Ago.
Wheat	237,474,000	246,470,000	251,989,000
Corn	11,701,000	15,040,000	3,709,000
Oats	103,964,000	101,842,000	42,934,000

CHICAGO RECEIPTS.

Carlots:	Today.	Wk Ago.	Yr Ago.
Wheat	59	42	28
Corn	253	221	293
Oats	149	72	112

KANSAS CITY RECEIPTS.

Wheat	60		
Corn	58		
Oats	8		

ST. LOUIS RECEIPTS.

Wheat	84		89
Corn	46		276
Oats	48		49

NORTHWESTERN WHEAT RECEIPTS.

Minneapolis	85	183	163
Duluth	19	71	49
Winnipeg	208		Holiday

Minneapolis Cash Grain.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—Wheat—Cash No. 1 northern, $1.72@1.76; No. 1 dark northern spring; choice to fancy, $1.95@2.07; good to choice, $1.83@1.95; ordinary to good, $1.73@1.82; No. 1 hard spring, $1.74@2.07; No. 1 dark hard Montana on track, $1.75@1.95; to arrive, $1.75@1.95; old December, $1.74⅞; new December, $1.71; May, $1.75.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, $1.23@1.24½.
Oats—No. 3 white, 55⅝@55¾.
Barley—76@92c.
Rye—No. 2, $1.42@1.44.
Flax—No. 1, $3.08@3.11.

Kansas City Cash Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Wheat, No. 2 hard, $1.70@1.86; No. 2 red, $1.85@1.90; December, $1.66½; May, $1.70¾; July, $1.51@1.52.

Corn—No. 3 white, $1.19; No. 2 yellow, $1.20; No. 3 yellow, $1.19; No. 2 mixed, $1.16@1.17; December, $1.19¾; May, $1.23¾; July, $1.22¾.

Hay—Unchanged to $1.00 higher; No. 1 prairie, $11.50@12.50; choice alfalfa, $25.50@27.00; No. 1 timothy, $16.50; clover, mixed light, $16.50@17.00.

Chicago Cash Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.84¾; No. 4 hard, $1.71.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, $1.24¾@1.25½; No. 3 yellow, $1.24¾.

Oats—No. 2 white, 61¼@62c; No. 3 white, 58@59¼c.

Rye—No. 1, 21.47¾.

Barley—95@97c.

Seed—Timothy, $6.00@7.12½; clover, $25.75@33.00.

Provisions—Lard, $16.70; ribs, $15.62½; bellies, $16.50.

Chicago Spot Market.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Butter—Receipts, 4,373 tubs; last year, 14,942 tubs; 5 old cars, 2 new cars; extras, 41¾c; standards, 40c; firsts, 39½@41c; firsts, 36½@38½c; seconds, 34@35c.

Egg—Receipts, 3,013 cases; last year, 1,744 cases; 1 old car, 1 new car; firsts, 56@56½c; ordinary firsts, 54@55c; refrigerator extras, 41@41½c; refrigerator firsts, 39@40c.

Chicago Livestock.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Hogs—Receipts, 45,000 head; uneven; generally 10@20c lower; spots off more on light light pigs and mixed loads; weighty butchers show least decline; desirable 200 to 290-pound butchers, $10.25@10.85 mostly; early top, $10.90; 170 to 190-pound kind, $10.60@10.85; 140 to 160-pound averages, $9.65@9.90; bulk strong weight slaughter pigs, $8.50@9.00; demand for these narrow; heavyweight hogs, $10.60@10.80; medium, $10.60@10.85; light, $9.60@10.45; light light, $8.10@10.10; packing hogs, smooth, $10.10@10.50; packing hogs, rough, $9.65@10.10; slaughter pigs, $8.00@9.85.

Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 head; fed steers, strong to 25c higher; mostly 15@25c up; matured kind showing most advance; killing quality medium to good; shipping demand fairly active; local interests competing; best weighty steers early at $10.85; some held higher; yearlings, $12.50; numerous loads short fed to well conditioned steers, $7.50@10.10; many sales looking sharply higher than Monday's low time; she stock fully steady; spots higher; bulls, 10@15c up; weighty bologna bulls, $5.25@5.35; some held higher; vealers very uneven; few selected offerings upward to $14.00 to outsiders; most shipping calves, $12.50 downward; packers taking medium to good light calves at $10.00@11.00; stockers and feeders showing upturn on fat steers; bulk on country account, $5.25@6.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 20,000 head; dull; no early sales fat lambs; few bid, $16.50@17.00; looks 75c@$1 lower; best bid early at $17.25 for fat sheep steady; good to choice ewes early at $9.50; feeding lambs, 25c higher; early sales, $16.00@16.25.

East St. Louis Livestock.

East St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 31.—Hogs—Receipts, 23,000 head; opened slow and weak; later tone active with prices generally steady to 15c lower; top, $10.90; bulk, $10.15@10.50; 190 pounds and up, $10.50@10.75; few heaviest loads, $10.80; light lights and pigs strong; bulk 140 to 150 pounds, $9.50@10.00; good 110 to 130-pound pigs, $8.50@9.00; packer sows, $9.50@9.60.

Cattle—Receipts, 3,000 head; beef steers steady to strong; canners shade lower; light vealers, $12.00; other classes active; one load heavy steers, $10.00; bulk steers, $6.50@7.80; light mixed yearlings, $8.75; most cows, $3.75@4.75; bulk canners, $2.00@2.25; bologna bulls, largely $4.35@5.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,500 head; fat lambs, mostly 50c lower; top, $16.75; bulk sales, $16.00@16.50; culls, largely $12.00; aged sheep, steady; fat light ewes, $8.00@9.00; medium weights and heavies kinds, $7.00@8.00.

New York Coffee Futures.

New York, Dec. 31.—Coffee futures opened today at a decline of 20 to 35 points under further liquidation by recent buyers, who were probably influenced by reports of easier Rio exchange rates and lower Brazilian markets. May sold off to 19.77, or 48 points net lower, but recovered part of the loss in covering and closed at 20.00c. The general market closed steady at net declines of 15 to 35 points. Sales were estimated at 73,000 bags.

Closing quotations: January, 21.50c; March, 21.02c; May, 20.00c; July, 19.30c; September, 18.45c; December, 17.90c.

Spot coffee, firm; Rio 7s, 24c; Santos 4s, 28½c to 29c.

Duluth Flax.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 31.—Close: Flax—December, 3.03¼; January, $3.03½; May, $2.07¼.

Chicago Potatoes.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Potatoes—No market; receipts, 28 cars; total United States shipments, 874 cars; on track, 119 cars.

Chicago Poultry.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Poultry—Alive, lower; fowls, 15@24c; springs, 26c; roosters, 16c; turkeys, 30c; ducks, 26c; geese, 20c.

New York Silver.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bar Silver—66¼c. Mexican dollars, 51⅝c.

New York Rubber.

New York, Dec. 31.—Rubber—Smoked ribbed sheets, spots, 40c.

Kansas City Produce.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—Potatoes—5c higher; Red River Ohios, $1.35@1.40.

New York Spot Cotton.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton—Spot, quiet, middling, 24.85c.

Omaha Livestock

Omaha, Dec. 31, 1924.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	8,457	12,952	13,460
Official Tuesday	10,369	28,010	17,142
Estimate Wednesday	4,500	23,000	9,000
Three days this wk.	23,326	61,962	39,602
Same days last week	13,280	58,545	26,390
Same two w'ks ago	17,260	56,274	32,392
Same three w'ks ago	29,131	40,188	24,117
Same days year ago	16,488	18,162	28,306

Receipts and dispositions of livestock at the Union stockyards, Omaha, Neb., for 24 hours, ending at 3 p. m., December 31, 1924.

RECEIPTS—CARLOT.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. M. & S. P. Ry.	6	16	3
Wabash R R	5		
Mo. Pac. Ry.	1	2	
U P R R	23	74	11
C & N W east	2	7	
C & N W west	51	79	3
C St P M & O	11	18	
C B & Q west	17	41	6
C R I & P east	4	3	1
C. R. I. & P., west	2	3	
I C R R	1	7	
C G W R R		3	
Total receipts	136	260	27

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Armour & Co	1182	5707	1323
Cudahy Pack Co	1249	4671	2445
Dod Pack Co	565	1834	....
Morris Pack Co	816	2672	767
Swift & Co	1613	4563	1316
Kenneth & Murray		977	....
Hoffman Bros	1		....
Mayerowich & Vall	24		....
Midwest Packing Co	6		....
Omaha Pack Co	8		....
S Omaha Pack Co	50		....
Murphy J W		1382	....
Lincoln Pack Co	11		....
Nagle Pack Co	2		....
Sinclair Pack Co	1		....
Wilson Pack Co	92		....
Anderson & Son	25		....
Hollis J H	59		....
Cheek, W. H.	2		....
Dennis & Francis	42		....
Ellis & Co	15		....
Harvey John	300		....
Kirkpatrick Bros	6		....
Krebbs & Co	35		....
Longman Bros	115		....
Luberger H S	63		....
Root J B & Co	133		....
Sargent & Finnegan	55		....
Werlheimer & Degen	8		....
Other buyers	498		976
Total	6927	24107	6829

Cattle—Receipts, 4,500 head. The fat cattle trade had a slightly better undertone today, steers selling stronger than at the worst time yesterday, or about steady at yesterday's average declines. Top here here brought $9.50. Cows closed about steady and stockers and feeders were nominally unchanged.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice yearlings, $10.25@11.25; fair to good yearlings, $8.00@10.25; common to fair yearlings, $6.00@8.00; good to choice steers, $9.00@10.35; fair to good steers, $7.75@9.00; common to fair steers, $6.50@7.75; trashy warmed up cattle, $5.00@6.00; good to choice fed heifers, $7.00@8.50; fair to good fed heifers, $5.75@7.00; common to fair fed heifers, $4.75@5.75; good to choice fed cows, $4.75@5.50; fair to good fed cows, $3.75@4.60; common to fair fed cows, $2.60@3.40; good to choice feeders, $6.40@7.00; 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, $3.50@4.50; stock calves, $2.50@4.00; stock calves, $3.00@6.75; veal calves, $3.00@10.00; bulls, stags, etc., $3.25@5.50.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
25	952	$6 00	26	882	$6 25
14	971	7 40	3	826	7 50
6	1200	7 75	20	1127	8 00
2	1230	9 50	16	1053	9 50

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

16	684	6 00	15	800	6 50

COWS.

12	865	3 50	10	896	3 85
12	940	4 00	7	1114	4 50
1	1120	4 50	2	1125	5 50
4	1256	5 50			

HEIFERS.

10	808	5 00	4	607	5 50
13	816	7 75			

BULLS.

1	1430	4 25	1	1600	4 50
1	1610	4 85	1	1570	5 25

CALVES.

2	230	5 00	3	460	6 25
3	170	8 00	1	250	9 50

Hogs—Receipts, 23,000 head. Shippers were out in fairly good season after a few of the best inedium and strong weight butcher grades; prices steady with Tuesday's early trade. The packer market was slow at steady to unevenly lower levels. Bulk of all sales was at $9.50@10.35, with early top $10.45.

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
81	158		$9 70	90	209		$10 00
61	218		10 25	17	223		10 30
41	248		10 40				

Sheep—Receipts, 9,000 head. Fairly moderate supplies again resulted in moderate losses in fat lamb prices, movement being on a basis 25@50c lower than Tuesday's averages. Undertone around steady, with aged sheep weak.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, $16.25@16.90; lambs, fair to good, $15.75@16.25; feeding lambs, $15.25@16.00; wethers, $8.00@10.50; yearlings, $12.50@15.00; clipped lambs, fed, $12.75@14.50; fat ewes, $7.25@9.50.

FEEDER LAMBS.

183 fed	67

FAT LAMBS.

102 fed	80
210 fed	88

Kansas City Livestock.

Kansas City, Dec. 31.—(United States Department of Agriculture).—Cattle—Receipts, 6,500 head; calves, 1,000 head; largely of steer run; fat steers and fat she stock fully steady with Tuesday's dull close; top long yearlings, $10.25; bulk fed steers, $7.00@9.75; bulk butcher cows and heifers, $5.50@6.50; canners and cutters steady, mostly $2.50@3.25; bulls firm; bulk bolognas, $4.00@5.00; beef bulls upward to $5.00; calves weak to 50c lower; practical top veals, $9.50; few up to $10.00; bulk vealers, $4.00@6.50; stockers and feeders steady to strong; bulk, $5.00@6.75; stockers upward to $7.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; market active, strong to 10c higher; spots, 15@25c higher; early top, $10.60; bulk, $10.15@10.50; bulk of sales, $10.15@10.50; bulk desirable 200 to 250-pound butchers and heavy mixed, $10.35@10.50; good and choice, 175 to 200-pound butchers, $10.15@10.50; underweights and pigs quiet; desirable 140 to 175-pound averages, $9.25@9.50; 100 to 120-pound pigs mostly $7.75@8.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000 head; lambs around 25c higher than yesterday's close; best wooled skins offered $16.65; others, $15.50@16.60; clippers, $13.25; sheep steady to 25c higher; full shorn, $9.50; top ewes, $9.85.

Sioux City Livestock.

Sioux City, Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; market fairly active; killers strong, stockers steady; fat steers and yearlings, $6.00@12.50; bulk, $6.50@8.00; fat cows and heifers, $4.00@10.00; canners and cutters, $2.50@3.25; veals, $4.00@9.00; bulls, $3.50@7.00; feeders, $5.50@7.50; stock steers, $4.00@6.50; stock yearlings and calves, $3.50@6.50; feeding cows and heifers, $2.50@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000 head; market steady, 10c lower; top, $10.50; bulk of sales, $9.75@10.40; lights, $8.75@10.20; butchers, $10.25@10.50; mixed, $9.85@10.35; packers, $9.90@10.35; stags, $7.00@7.50; pigs, $8.00@8.90.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,000 head; market lambs, 75c lower; ewes, steady; lambs, $16.75; ewes, $9.25.

St. Joseph Livestock.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; 10 to 15c higher; bulk of steers, $7.25@9.50; top, $10.50; cows and heifers, $3.25@7.00; calves, $4.00@6.50; stockers and feeders, $3.50@6.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 5,000 head; slow; lambs, $16.25@17.25; ewes, $7.50@9.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,000 head; steady to strong; top, $10.50; bulk, $9.90@10.50.

New York Poultry.

New York, Dec. 31.—Poultry—Live, irregular; broilers, by express, 45@50c; fowls, by freight, 20@35c; by express, 35@47c; turkeys, by freight, 40c.

Dressed—Steady; prices unchanged.

Industrials to Highest Average in Stock History

Rarely in Exchange Annals Has There Been Such An Advance in Prices; Volume Not Large.

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New York, Dec. 31.—The stock market of December 31, 1924, will be a memorable one in stock exchange annals. Rarely has there been such a great advance in prices. The highest average in history was made in the industrial shares. The number of issues of various kinds and characters in which advances of from 2 to 23 points was scored was large. Business was not on a big scale, total transactions being 1,000,000 shares under those of a recent very active session. Nor was there any bullish excitement. Prices simply climbed and climbed, and the performance was accepted as something to be expected.

General Electric was the leading actor. The market operators, upon study of the segregation plan of the great corporation saw its great bullish import and hastened to take advantage of the opportunity presented to the person who on January 15 is lucky enough to be a General Electric stockholder. General Electric opened at 308, which was 11 points up from Tuesday's close, went off to 304, and then went climbing until it reached 322. It closed at 320, which was 23 points up.

Speculators had to put up a margin of perhaps 50 to 75 points to toy with it.

Great activity in any stock was in Radio Corporation of America, which is a step-child of General Electric and ultimately connected on the money side to the United Fruit company. Transactions approximated 10,000 shares.

A few of the rails, but only a few, were in good demand. Some of the merchandisers, Sears Roebuck in particular, had stiff advances. Equipments were active.

Some of the motors did nicely. So did some of the oils, but in neither instance did the strength prevail throughout the whole group.

One of the features of the day was the reported small amount of selling to establish losses.

Altogether, Wednesday, December 31, 1924, was remarkable.

Call money easier, opening at 5 per cent and closing at 4½.

Foreign exchange firm, generally higher.

Common was only moderately active. Market news was slightly bearish and the later news fairly bullish.

There was a complete reversal in the grain markets from the extreme weakness displayed Tuesday. Overnight developments were favorable. Inquiries from Europe for a fair amount of wheat and rye were supplemented by a large order from Russia for American flour. 5,500 barrels changed hands and kept rumbling all day. Winnipeg was strong and the stock market was on a bull rampage.

New York Quotations

New York, Dec. 31.—Spectacular advances in special stocks featured the closing stock market session of the year, which displayed a strong undertone. General Electric was the sensational performer, soaring 23 points, while Radio corporation added 8 points to its recent remarkable advance. Sales approximated 1,500,000 shares.

The New York Stock exchange quotations furnished by J. S. Bache & Co., 224 Omaha National Bank building.

	High	Low	Close	Close
				Tues.
Agriculture Chem	15	14⅜	15	15
Ajax Rubber	12⅝	12	12⅛	12⅛
Allied Chemical	84⅜	83½	83⅝	83⅜
Allis - Chalmers	71⅞	70¼	71⅜	71
Am Beet Sugar	40⅝	40¼	40⅜	41
Am Bk Sh Fd	99	97⅞	99	97⅝
Am Can	161⅛	156	160	156
Am C & Fd	206¼	193	197	194
Am Hide & L				12⅜
Am H & L pfd	68⅝	68⅛	68⅝	68⅜
Am In Corp	41⅞	40⅝	41⅜	41
Am Linseed Oil	28⅜	28½	27¾	28⅝
Am Locomotive	109¾	105¾	108⅝	106
Am Radiator			132	134
Am S & Com	12	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Am Smelting	97⅜	97¼	97⅝	96⅞
Am Smelting pfd				106⅛
Am Steel Fdries	48	47	47⅝	47⅜
Am Sugar	52⅝	51¾	52	51⅞
Am Sumatra			33	33
Am Tel & Tel	130¾	130	130¾	130⅜
Am Tobacco	87⅜	85¾	87⅛	87⅜
Am W W & E	40¾	38⅝	39	39
Am Woolen	65	63½	64½	65
Anaconda	47⅞	46⅝	47¼	47⅛
Assoc Dry G				11⅜
Assoc Oil	61⅜	60¾	61⅛	61⅛
At Gulf & W I	22	20½	21⅝	21⅝
Atl Refin Co	92⅝	94	90⅝	96
Austin Nichols	30½	30	30½	29⅝
Baldwin	133⅞	129⅜	130	130⅛
Balti & O	79⅜	78⅝	79⅛	78⅝
Barnsdall A	25⅝	25⅜	25⅝	25⅜
Bethlehem Steel	50⅝	49⅝	50⅜	50⅛
Bosch Magneto	33¼	32	32⅝	32½
Brook-Man Ry	38	36⅜	36⅝	36⅜
Brook-M pfd				93
Brook-E Co	121	120⅜	120⅞	120⅜
Calif Pack	105	104	104½	105
Calif Pet	23⅝	23¼	23⅜	23⅜
Cal & Ariz M				37⅝
Can Pac	148⅜	148	148	148⅜
Central Leath	18⅝	18⅛	18⅝	18⅝
Central Leath pfd	56⅜	55	56⅛	55⅝
Cerro de Pasco	54⅜	53⅝	54⅛	54⅝
Chandler Motors	36⅜	36	36	35⅝
Chesapeake & O	93	92	93	93
Chi Gt W com	9	8⅝	9	8⅝
Chi Gt W pfd	26⅜	25⅝	26	26
Chicago & N W	70⅝	69¾	70	69⅝
C M & St P	10⅝	10⅜	10⅝	10⅜
C M & St P pfd	26⅝	26⅛	26⅝	26⅜
C R I & P	45⅜	44¼	44⅝	44⅜
C St P M & O Ry				37
Chile Copper	37	36⅝	37	36⅝
Chino	30	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
Chrysler Corp				20⅝
Cluett-Peabody pfd				103½
Coca-Cola	80	80½	80	80
Colo P & I	43⅜	42⅜	43	43
Columbian Car	47⅞	47	47⅝