

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Ranges From Steady to Firm With Many Fluctuations.

CORN GETS A GOOD START.

Oats Practically Firm—The Provision Market Comparatively Interesting—January and May Were the Favorite Months.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The wheat market ranged from steady to firm today and the average of prices was a shade better than yesterday. May opened at 85 1/2, advanced to 85 3/4, and closed at 85 1/2. The market was generally quiet, with a few scattered transactions. The demand for wheat was not very active, and the supply was ample. The price of wheat was steady, with a slight advance in the futures market. The market for corn was also steady, with a slight advance in the futures market. The price of corn was steady, with a slight advance in the futures market. The market for oats was also steady, with a slight advance in the futures market. The price of oats was steady, with a slight advance in the futures market. The market for provisions was also steady, with a slight advance in the futures market. The price of provisions was steady, with a slight advance in the futures market.

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