# THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS

Little Outside Business as the Result of Poor Wires.

CORN TRADING WAS QUITE SPASMODIC

That Cereal Opened About the Closing Quotations of Monday and Immediately Advanced to Decline Later —Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—The fog smothering the telegraph wires choked off nearly all business from the outside today. There were heavy stocks and receipts of wheat, with corn and oats sympathizing. The manipulators appeared to be relaxing their hold on provisions. Following are the declines compared with yesterday's resting prices: May wheat ¼c, May corn and oats ⅝c, January pork 15c, lard 12½c and ribs 10c.

WHEAT—Receipts in the northwest were very heavy—1,145 cars. Cables were generally easy. The amount of wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 240,000 bu. and the English visible supply made a gain of 840,000 bu. during the last week. The amount of contract wheat in store here increased nearly 400,000 bu. during the same week.

In the face of these factors the market held up wonderfully well. This was due almost entirely to the chief parties absorbing wheat about as quick as it was offered. This made sellers cautious and caused a good many to cover. Later in the day it was rumored that Cudahy was selling out. Partridge also sold freely, and the feeling turned weak with plenty of wheat for sale. The opening was the same as yesterday's closing to a shade better, held fairly steady for a while, and then became weak and prices declined ½c with the closing.

Corn trading was on the spasmodic order. The market opened at about the closing quotations of yesterday and sold up from ½c to ⅝c due in a measure to unfavorable weather but the advance did not hold, a good deal of corn coming out afterwards influenced by the decline of wheat and oats. The weakness in the low grades of corn also cut little figure in the speculative market. The market afterwards rallied slightly, ruled steady and closed with December and January ½@⅝c lower and May off full one half cent.

Oats opened firm, but weakened with corn, the close being finally made from ⅛c to ⅝c under yesterday's figures. A brisk business was conducted during the greater part of the session. Consuming trade was quiet enough, while Baxter also disposed of a fair quantity. The buying was of a general good nature.

Hog products started higher on smaller receipts of hogs than expected, but on the advance there was liberal realizing sales, with the Cudahy-Wright clique in the lead, and a rapid decline ensued, and there was some reaction, but the general feeling was weak.

The estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 176 cars; corn, 260 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| ARTICLES. | OPENING. | HIGH. | LOW. | CLOSE. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHEAT No. 2— | | | | |
| December... | 8 71¾ | 71¾ | 71¼ | 71¼ |
| January..... | 73⅛ | 73⅝ | 72⅝@⅞ | 72⅝@¾ |
| May..... | 78⅜ | 78¾ | 78¼ | 78⅜ |
| CORN No. 2— | | | | |
| December... | 41¾ | 42 | 41⅜ | 41⅝@⅝ |
| January..... | 42¼ | 43⅛ | 42⅛ | 42⅜ |
| May..... | 47⅛ | 47¼@⅜ | 46⅝@⅝ | 46⅝@¾ |
| OATS No. 2— | | | | |
| December.... | 30 | 30¼ | 30 | 30 |
| January..... | 31⅛ | 31⅛ | 30⅝@⅝ | 31 |
| May..... | 35⅜ | 35⅝ | 34¾ | 34¾@35 |
| MESS PORK— | | | | |
| January..... | 16 17½ | 16 20 | 15 75 | 15 83½ |
| May..... | 15 95 | 15 95 | 15 62½ | 15 62½ |
| LARD— | | | | |
| December... | 9 90 | 9 90 | 9 75 | 9 75 |
| May..... | 9 22½ | 9 25 | 9 00 | 9 00 |
| SHORT RIBS— | | | | |
| January.... | 8 70 | 8 70 | 8 20 | 8 22½ |
| May..... | 8 30 | 8 30 | 8 17½ | 8 17½ |

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Slow; unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 71¼c; No. 3 spring, 64½@66½c; No. 2 red, 71¼c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, 41¾c; No. 3 cash, 37¾c; No. 3 yellow, 38@38½c.

OATS—No. 2, 30@30¼c; No. 2 white, 34½@35c f. o. b.; No. 3 white, 32@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 64c; No. 3, f. o. b., 38@60c; No. 4, f. o. b., 34@48c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.08¼.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.03@1.04.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $14.37½@14.50; lard, per 100 lbs., $9.75; short ribs, sides (loose), $8.20@8.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.50@7.75; short clear sides (boxed), $8.60@8.65.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.20.

SUGAR—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5½@5⅝c; granulated, 5c; standard "A," 4⅞c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

| ARTICLES. | RECEIPTS. | SHIPMENTS. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 20,000 | 42,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 128,000 | 40,000 |
| Corn, bu | 200,000 | 60,000 |
| Oats, bu | 378 000 | 181,000 |
| Rye, bu | 8,000 | 2,000 |
| Barley, bu | 154,000 | 45,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 19@30c; dairy, 19@26c. Eggs, firm; strictly fresh, 23½@24c.

### New York Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—FLOUR—Receipts, 49,000 pkgs.; exports, 3,600 bbls., 3,900 sacks; market dull and weak; sales, 9,200 bbls.

CORN MEAL—Steady but dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 196,000 bu.; exports, 98,000 bu.; sales, 950,000 bu. of futures, 1,000 bu. of spot. Spots dull, lower, weak; No. 2 red, 77@77¼c f. o. b. afloat; store and elevator, 77⅜@78c afloat, 78@79c f. o. b.; No. 1 red, 73½@74c; ungraded red, 70@79c; No. 3 northern, 83½@83¾c; No. 2 northern, 79½@79¾c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 75½@75¾c; No. 3 spring, 72½@72¾c. Options were very dull and ⅛@⅜c lower, closing weak. This decline was due to an increase in the amount on passage and in the English visible; No. 2 red, December, 76⅝@76¾c, closing at 76¾c; January, 77 11-16@77⅞c, closing at 77¾c; May, 82⅝@82¾c, closing at 82⅝c.

RYE—Dull but steady.

BARLEY—Quiet.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

CORN—Receipts, 120,000 bu.; exports, 65,000 bu.; sales, 340,000 bu. of futures; 80,000 bu. spot. Spots moderately active and easier; No. 2, 49½@50c in elevator; 50⅝c afloat. Options opened dull at 1⅛@⅜c lower and weak, as following wheat; December, 49⅝@50c, closing 49¾c; January, 50⅛@50⅜c, closing at 50⅝c; May, 52⅜@52¾c, closing at 52⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 48,000 bu.; exports, 2,000 bu.; sales, 900,000 bu. futures, 76,000 bu. spot. Spots dull; whites lower. Options dull and weaker; December, 30⅝@30¾c, closing at 30¼c; January, 37@37⅜c, closing at 37c; May, 39¼@39⅝c, closing at 39½c; spot, No. 2, white, 41½@42c; mixed western, 36@38c; white western, 40@42½; No. 2 Chicago, 34¼@37½c.

HAY—Firm and active.

HOPS—Quiet and easy.

SUGAR—Firm but dull; refined, fairly active and firm.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, quiet and easy.

RICE—Active and steady.

EGGS—Quiet; fancy, steady;

HIDES—Steady but quiet.

WOOL—Quiet but firm; domestic fleece, 25@35c; pulled, 20@32c; Texas, 15@21c.

PORK—Quiet but firm; old mess, $14.25@14.75; new mess, $15.50@16.00; extra prime, $17.00@17.25. Cut meats, dull; middles, quiet; short clear, $8.60. Lard, quiet; western steam closed at $10.15 asked; sales, none; option sales, 1,250 tierces; December, $10.25, closing at $10.10; January, $10.30@10.32½, closing at $10.10.

BUTTER—Quiet but steady; western dairy, 17@24c.

CHEESE—Fairly active; firm.

PIG IRON—Moderate demand; American, $13.00@15.50.

COPPER—Quiet, firm; lake $12.20.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $3.75.

TIN—Weaker; straits, $19.65.

### St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 6.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Sold a fraction up early, then dropped ⅝@⅞c; later there was a partial recovery and the close was ⅛c below yesterday. cash, 68⅛c; December, 67⅝c; January, 69¼c; May, 75⅝c.

CORN—Was a shade better early, but soon broke and closed ⅜c under yesterday; cash, 37⅞c; December, 37¾c; January, 38c; February, 38⅝c; May, 42½c.

OATS—Cash, firm at 31½c; May, lower at 34⅛c.

RYE—Dull at 47c.

BARLEY—Active; Minnesota sold at 54@61c.

BRAN—Lower at 60c, east track.

HAY—Unchanged.

LEAD—Steady at $3.50; spelter, quiet at $4.12½.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Unchanged.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at $1.85.

WHISKY—Higher, $1.20.

BAGGING AND COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Firm.

PORK—Better; jobbing, $14.75. Lard, $9.75. Dry salt meats and bacon unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 76,000 bu.; corn, 146,000 bu.; oats, 38,000 bu.; rye, 9 000 bu.; barley, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,400 bbls.; wheat, 70,000 bu.; corn, 89,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.; rye, 13,000 bu.; barley, none.

### Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 6.—WHEAT—easy; May, 72c; No. 2 spring, 67c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2, 41c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 white, 34½@35c; No. 3, 32½@33½c.

BARLEY—66c.

RYE—50c.

### Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 6.—Cotton futures steady; sales, 98,400 bales; December, $8.99 bid; January, $8.89@9.01; February, $8.92@9.03; March, $8.07@8.08; May, $9.21@9.24; June, $9.30@9.32; July, $9.38@9.40.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 6.—Steady; middling, 9 7-16c; low middling, 8 15-16c; good ordinary, 8 7-16c; receipts, 22,182 bales; gross, 22,630 bales; exports to the continent, 3,230 bales; constwise, 5,687 bales; sales, 5,200 bales; stock, 258,363 bales.

### Omaha Produce Markets.

The market continues rather quiet but the turn to colder weather is more favorable and should it continue dealers look for a more active demand. The receipts are not large, but in most lines fully up to the requirements of the market. Good winter weather is apparently all that is required to put new life into trade.

APPLES—There is no essential change in the market. The movement of stocks is not large, although there is beginning to be some inquiry for the holiday trade. Quotations are: Good stock, $3.50@4.00; choice to fancy, $4.00@4.25.

BANANAS—Quotations are: Fair to good shipping stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

BUTTER—The market is practically unchanged. The bulk of the receipts of country roll sells at 14@16c. Select stock brings 17@19c, and occasionally something is received that is good enough to bring 20c, but such packages are scarce. There is practically no demand for creamery, which is quoted at 26c.

CRANBERRIES—The market is advancing and quotations are higher both here and at other markets. The season is arriving when stocks are considerably reduced and higher prices to be expected. Quotations are: Bell and cherry, $8.50 per bbl.; bell and jingle, $9.50; late Cape Cod, $10.00. The arrivals on the market are light. The early shipments have been disposed of and the holiday shipments have hardly commenced. Good stock is quoted at 30@35c.

EGGS—The receipts of fresh stock are light and the market steady at 23c. There does not appear to be many eggs in the country.

GAME—The change to cooler weather is more favorable for the handling of game. Venison is quoted lower, also quail. Jack rabbits are coming in more freely and will undoubtedly have to sell considerably lower than they have been. Dealers have been holding them at $1.75@$2.25, but they could now be bought on the market as low as $2.00. Quotations are: Prairie chickens, $4.00@4.50; grouse, $4.00; quail, $1.00@1.25; snipe, $1.00; jack snipe, $1.25@1.50; plover, $1.00; golden plover, $1.25@1.50; canvas back ducks, $3.00@10.00; red head ducks, $3.00; mallard ducks, $3.75; blue wing teal, $2.00; green wing teal, $1.50@1.75; mixed ducks, $1.50; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.00@5.00; jack rabbits, $2.00; small rabbits, $1.25@1.50; squirrels, $1.25; antelope saddles, 12@14c; deer saddles, 14@15c; antelope carcasses, 8@9c; deer carcasses, 10@11c.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $5.00.

HONEY—Good white clover is quoted at 17c and firm at that.

HAY—The receipts are light and the demand moderate. The scarcity of cars interferes with shipments. No. 1, $7.50@8.00; No. 2, $6.00@6.50.

LEMONS—The decline anticipated some days ago has materialized in eastern markets owing to large arrivals, and quotations are accordingly lower here. The stock has been rather green heretofore, but the quality is now considerably better. Quotations are: Choice, Messinas $5.00@5.50; fancy, $6.00.

OYSTERS—The market is steady here, though advancing at other points. Taking extra selects as a basis for comparison, Chicago has advanced from 30c to 32c, while Kansas City has put up prices from 33c to 35c, Omaha's price is still 25c, being the lowest western market. New York counts are quoted here at 35c, and other fills as low as at 13c per can.

ONIONS—Homegrown stock is quoted here at 80@85c, and Spanish at $1.90 per crate. Advices from St. Louis are to the effect that onions are not plenty at 90c, and they are looking for higher prices.

ORANGES—Floridas, $3.50.

POULTRY—Not much snap to the market and still there is a good deal of inquiry from buyers. A few days of cold weather would tend to develop a good healthy appetite. Live poultry of all kinds is very slow and is neglected where dressed poultry is to be had. Good dressed chickens brought 8c, but rough and poor sold as low as 6c. Dressed turkeys 10c and geese and ducks 8@9c.

POTATOES—Quotations are: Homegrown, 65@75c; Colorado and Utah, 85c.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice Muscatine and Illinois stock, $3.75 per bbl.

TANGERINES—A few tangerines have arrived on the market and sold at $8.00 per box or $4.50 per half box.

VEAL—Scarce and in good demand. Quotations are: Small and fat, 6½@7c; large and heavy, 3@5c.

### Omaha Hides and Tallow.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 3½c; No. 2 green salted, 4@4½c; No. 2 green salted, 2½c to 3@3½c; No. 1 green salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 4¼c; No. 2 green salted, 25 to 40 lbs., 3¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint, 6c to 7c; No. 2 dry flint, 4c to 5c; No. 1 dry salted, 5c to 6c. Part pound hides one-half cent per pound less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 35c@$1.25; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15@25c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2 each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 14@c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@12c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 11@12c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@10c; dry pieces and buck, actual weight, 7@9c. Have feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3¾c; tallow, No. 2, 3@3½c; grease, white A, 3¾c; grease, white B, 3½c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 16@25c; rough tallow, 1½@2c.

### Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—WHEAT—Active and firm; No. 2 hard, 64½@65½c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 33¼@34½c; No. 2 white, 33½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 29½@30½c; No. 2 white, 31½@32c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 47@47½c.

FLAX SEED—Steady at 94@96c.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, 50@60c.

HAY—Firm; timothy $7.00@8.50; prairie, $6.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 25@29c; dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Weak at 18@19c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 100,000 bu.; corn, 11,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 84,000 bu.; corn, 8,000 bu.; oats, 1,000.

### Oil Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—PETROLEUM—Market opened and closed steady, not a single transaction being reported. The nominal quotation at the close was 53¾c bid, 53½c asked. Pennsylvania oil—spot sales, none; January option sales, none. Lima oil—sales none; 17c bid. Total sales, none.

COTTONSEED OIL—Firmer; crude, 35c bid; yellow, 39@40c.

TALLOW—Dull and weak; city (2.00 for pkgs.), 4½@5c.

ROSIN—Quiet and weaker.

TURPENTINE—Dull and weaker at 31@31¼c.

### Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Options opened barely steady at 10 to 35 points off and closed firm and unchanged to 50c down. Sales, 5,750 bags, including December, $15.85@16.10; January, $15.55@15.70; February, $15.35@15.55; March, $15.25@15.50; May, $15.05@15.25; July, $14.85@15.50; September, $14.90@15.10; October, $14.80. Spot Rio, dull and easy; No. 7, $16.87½@17.00.

### Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6.—WHEAT—Easy, demand firm; holders offer moderately; red western, spring, 6s 1d@6s 2d per cental; No. 2 red winter, 5s 8½d@5s 9d. Receipts of wheat past three days, 252,000 centals, including 134,000 Americans.

CORN—Quiet; receipts of American corn past three days, 75,800; lard, prime western, 48s 6d per cwt.

### Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—F. G. Logan & Co. to Duncan, Hollinger & Co.: The statistical position in wheat is a bear factor, the low price a bull one. The cash demand today outside of the elevating interest has been very light and a good half cent lower. The option trading was dull until after noon, when outside business increased, and what was done was largely selling. May opened at 78¾c, did sell at 78¾c, closing at 78⅜c. This wheat may be sold out on any cent decline. Northwest receipts keep up and until they let up some prices cannot advance much. Foreign advices were steady. Corn closed decidedly weak. May opened selling at 46⅝c and closing at 46⅝@46¾c. The receipts of new are daily on the increase and the demand daily becoming less urgent. Prices are from ½c to 1c lower on car lots. A heavy business was done in oats. The fluctuations have been from 35⅛c to 34¾c. This market will decline in sympathy with corn. Hog product was in the same condition. Receipts are light, and any little buying causes sharp advance.

### STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Were Weak Yesterday in Consequence of Sugar Declining.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The stock market was weak today, chiefly in consequence of a renewed selling movement on a large scale in American Sugar. The stock declined from 107½ to 105⅝ on sales of upwards of 104,000 shares. The exceptional activity and decline, coming at a time when all official and semi-official statements concur in the view that the company's financial condition warrants the payment of larger dividends, has completely mystified the street. A steadier feeling prevailed and there was a recovery of from ¾ to ⅛ per cent. The short interest was materially increased by the day's operations. The sales embraced 274,092 listed and 100,426 unlisted. Railroad bonds were generally firm. The total sales were 1,382,500.

The Post says: Considering the suddenness of the recent rally in prices, the market for railway shares held remarkably well and such decline as there was seemed to be caused wholly by sales of short stocks. Some stress was laid upon the anti-option agitation, but seeming with small results. In fact the breaking down of the bull movements in sugar and whisky, which was not on the whole a bad thing for the general market, divided with silver practically all interest of today.

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

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| Atchison | 35 | Norfolk & W. pfd | 85¾ |
| Adams Express | 151 | North American Co. | 12 |
| Alton, T. H | 35 | Northern Pacific | 17⅝ |
| do preferred | 130 | do preferred | 48⅛ |
| American Express | 121 | O. R. & N. | 75⅝ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 94⅝ | Ontario & Western | 19⅜ |
| Canada Pacific | 80¾ | Oregon Imp | 19 |
| Canada Southern | 55¾ | Oregon Nav | 72 |
| Central Pacific | 28⅝ | Oregon & Trans | 47⅜ |
| Ches. & Ohio | 19¾ | Pacific Mail | 21⅜ |
| Chicago Alton | 141 | Peoria, Dec. & E | 17⅝ |
| C. B. & Q | 99¾ | Pittsburg | 154 |
| Chicago Gas | 92⅞ | Pullman Palace | 197 |
| Consolidated Gas | 120⅜ | Reading | 54⅞ |
| C. C. C. & St. L | 60 | Richmond Ter | 8 |
| Colo. Coal & Iron | 40⅜ | do preferred | 86 |
| Cotton Oil Cert | 42⅝ | Rio Grande West | 38 |
| Del. Hudson | 132⅝ | do preferred | 63 |
| D. L. & W | 142⅜ | Rock Island | 75 |
| D. & R. G. pfd | 51⅛ | St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd | 78⅝ |
| D. & R. G. | 15⅜ | St. Paul | 78⅝ |
| D. & C. F. Co | 67¾ | do preferred | 121 |
| East Tenn | 4 | St. Paul & Omaha | 73 |
| Erie | 20⅛ | St. Paul & Duluth | 17⅜ |
| do preferred | 55 | Southern Pacific | 24 |
| Fort Wayne | 130⅜ | Sugar Refinery | 105 |
| Gt. Northern pfd | 126 | Tenn. Coal & Iron | 30⅜ |
| C. & E. I. pfd | 10⅜ | Texas Pacific | 9¾ |
| Hocking Valley | 27⅜ | Tol. & O. Cent pfd | 75 |
| Illinois Central | 99⅝ | Union Pacific | 46⅜ |
| St. Paul & Duluth | 40⅜ | U. S. Express | 60 |
| Kan. & Tex. pfd | 24⅜ | Wells-Fargo Exp | 144 |
| Lake Erie & West | 17¾ | Western Union | 85⅝ |
| do preferred | 74¾ | Wheeling & L. E | 20¾ |
| Lake Shore | 129¾ | do preferred | 62⅝ |
| Lead Trust | 40⅞ | Minn. & St. L | 15 |
| Louisville & Nash | 70¾ | D. & R. G | 16 |
| Louis. & New Alb'y | 24 | General Electric | 113⅜ |
| Manhattan Con | 130⅜ | National Linseed | 29 |
| Memphis & C | 150 | | |
| Michigan Central | 105 | | |
| Missouri Pacific | 59⅜ | | |
| Mobile & Ohio | 24⅜ | | |
| Nashville Chatt | 85 | | |
| National Cordage | 13⅜ | | |
| do preferred | 35¾ | | |
| N. J. Central | 155⅛ | | |

The total sales of stocks today were 384,060 shares, including: Chicago Gas, 20,540; Erie, 2,800; Northern Pacific, preferred, 8,569; New England, 8,550; Reading, 26,945; St. Paul, 7,450; Union Pacific, 3,710; Western Union, 4,861.

### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy, at from 3 per cent to 4 per cent; last loan at 3 per cent, closing offered at 3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in banker's bills at $4.85¼@4.85½ for sixty days and $4.87½@4.88 for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

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| U. S. 4s reg | 114 | Mutual Union 6s | 111½ |
| U. S. 4s comp | 114 | N. J. C. Int. cert | 111 |
| U. S. 4s coup | 114 | Northern Pac. 1sts | 116½ |
| Pacific 6s of '95 | 105 | Northern Pac. 2nds | 112¾ |
| Louisiana st'pd 4s | 95¾ | N. W. Consols | 137 |
| Missouri 6s | 103½ | N. W. Deb. 5s | 105 |
| Tenn. new set 6s | 102 | St. L. & I. M. Gen 5s | 81¼ |
| Tenn new set 5s | 102 | St. L. & S. F. Gen. M 6s | 109 |
| Tenn. new set 3s | 76 | St. Paul Consols | 130⅝ |
| Canada So. 2nds | 101¾ | St. P. C. & P. 1sts | 117 |
| Cen. Pacific 1sts | 108 | T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts | 77¾ |
| D. & R. G. 1sts | 116 | T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts | 23¾ |
| D. & R. G. 4s | 85½ | Union Pac. 1sts | 108 |
| Erie 2nds | 102⅝ | West Shore | 104 |
| M. K. & T. Gen. 6s | 79⅜ | R. G. W | 79 |
| M. K. & T. Gen. 5s | 47¾ | | |

### Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 6.—The following are the closing stock quotations:

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| Atch. & Topeka | 35 | Calumet & Hecla | 200 |
| Boston & Albany | 253½ | Franklin | 139½ |
| Boston & Maine | 153 | Kearsarge | 5½ |
| C. B. & Q | 99⅝ | Osceola | 36¾ |
| Fitchburg R. R | 85⅝ | Quincy | 145 |
| Flint & Pere M. pfd | 31½ | Santa Fe Copper | 5 |
| L. R. & Ft. S. R | 8 | Tamarack | 160 |
| Mass. Central | 16 | Anniston Land Co | 25 |
| Mex. Cen. com | 10⅛ | Boston Land Co | 3¾ |
| N. Y. & N. England | 42¾ | West End Land Co | 17⅝ |
| Old Colony | 141 | Bell Telephone | 207 |
| Wis. Cen. com | 15⅜ | Edison Stor. Bat. | 15 |
| Allouez M.Co. (new) | 100 | C. M | 7⅞ |
| Atlantic | 10 | B. & B | 11½ |
| Boston & Mont | 253¾ | | |

### New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

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|---|---|---|---|
| Crown Point | 10 | Plymouth | 75 |
| Con. Cal. & Va | 250 | Sierra Nevada | 110 |
| Deadwood | 110 | Standard | 1.00 |
| Gould & Curry | 70 | Union Con | 115 |
| Hale & Norcross | 150 | Yellow Jacket | 80 |
| Homestake | 1.00 | Iron Silver | 40 |
| Mexican | 153 | Quick Silver | 2.50 |
| North Star | 650 | do pref'd | 10.00 |
| Ontario | 195 | *Bulwer | 25 |
| Ophir | 200 | | |

* asked.

### Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $4,730,633.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $1,965,020.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Three per cent rentes, 99f 90c for the account.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Clearings, $160,311,650; balances, $8,177,336.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $3,386,488; balances, $452,011. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $12,837,321; balances, $2,199,479. Money, 5 per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balances today, £32,000.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $21,147,903; balances, $2,169,019. Money, 6 per cent. Exchange on New York 8 to 8½c discount.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $5,195,658; balances, $517,378. Money quiet, 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 6.—Clearings, $20,040,830; New York exchange, 25c to 40c premium; sterling exchange firm; sixty day bills, $4.85½; sight drafts, $4.88¾. Money firm at 6 per cent.

## LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Steady to Strong—Hogs Reach Over the Six Dollar Mark.

OMAHA, Dec. 6.—Receipts for the past two days foot up 5,721 cattle, 10,739 hogs, and 1,112 sheep, against 8,812 cattle, 11,969 hogs and 934 sheep for Monday and Tuesday of the preceding week.

The supply of beef steers fell considerably short of the run yesterday, but included several loads of fair to good corn stuff, and of good fat beeves, the latter selling for $5.25. The tone of the trade was strong at prices from a shade to 10c higher on handy killing and active and firmer on the inferior offerings. The market was active, everything selling in good season.

There was a very fair inquiry for cows, heifers, etc., and prices on these ruled stronger in sympathy with the steer market. Desirable cows sold about a dime higher than yesterday and prices ruled from that down to steady and strong figures on common grades.

The demand for stockers showed improvement in the feeder trade, owing chiefly to the limited number of fresh arrivals. The inquiry from outside was also better and as a result good feeding steers sold stronger. Light, thin stuff was in no better demand than heretofore and was slow sale and barely steady prices. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 960 | $3 00 | 39 | 992 | $3 65 |
| 1 | 1060 | 3 00 | 20 | 1240 | 3 65 |
| 20 | 932 | 3 15 | 18 | 1327 | 4 70 |
| 1 | 1210 | 3 25 | 11 | 1090 | 3 75 |
| 17 | 858 | 3 30 | 36 | 1220 | 3 90 |
| 1 | 990 | 3 30 | 2 | 1235 | 3 90 |
| 7 | 818 | 3 30 | 21 | 1259 | 4 00 |
| 2 | 730 | 3 30 | 7 | 1013 | 4 00 |
| 12 | 993 | 3 35 | 40 | 1184 | 4 15 |
| 15 | 1044 | 3 40 | 25 | 1226 | 4 15 |
| 20 | 1045 | 3 40 | 18 | 1322 | 4 35 |
| 7 | 1070 | 3 40 | 20 | 1248 | 4 50 |
| 8 | 1160 | 3 50 | 3 | 1293 | 4 60 |
| 18 | 1150 | 3 65 | 17 | 1438 | 4 60 |
| 1 | 980 | 3 65 | 54 | 1455 | 5 25 |
| 19 | 1108 | 3 65 | | | |

COWS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1025 | $1 35 | 20 | 937 | $2 00 |
| 1 | 970 | 1 40 | 20 | 940 | 2 00 |
| 61 | 976 | 1 40 | 7 | 1121 | 2 00 |
| 1 | 1050 | 1 40 | 1 | 1040 | 2 00 |
| 1 | 1040 | 1 50 | 1 | 1140 | 2 00 |
| 1 | 1100 | 1 50 | 1 | 600 | 2 00 |
| 6 | 996 | 1 50 | 1 | 1160 | 2 15 |
| 1 | 850 | 1 50 | 2 | 1100 | 2 15 |
| 1 | 940 | 1 50 | 21 | 1028 | 2 20 |
| 7 | 942 | 1 50 | 21 | 1028 | 2 20 |
| 1 | 720 | 1 85 | 17 | 850 | 2 25 |
| 14 | 937 | 1 85 | 1 | 1200 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 880 | 1 90 | 8 | 991 | 2 35 |
| 6 | 933 | 1 90 | | | |
| 1 | 1160 | 1 90 | 14 | 965 | 2 05 |
| 24 | 987 | 2 35 | 6 | 795 | 1 55 |
| 62 | 961 | 2 10 | 13 | 993 | 2 35 |
| 1 | 520 | 1 60 | 19 | 807 | 2 10 |
| 1 | 1180 | 2 40 | 2 | 880 | 1 65 |
| 42 | 784 | 2 10 | 8 | 920 | 2 40 |
| 7 | 971 | 1 65 | 14 | 918 | 2 10 |
| 15 | 1085 | 2 45 | 2 | 950 | 1 65 |
| 1 | 1450 | 2 10 | 21 | 1083 | 2 45 |
| 20 | 823 | 1 75 | 1 | 1450 | 2 10 |
| 1 | 1040 | 1 65 | 20 | 1058 | 2 45 |
| 20 | 1109 | 2 60 | 17 | 711 | 1 75 |
| 6 | 1040 | 2 10 | 4 | 1232 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 1000 | 1 75 | 1 | 1060 | 2 15 |
| 2 | 1090 | 2 65 | 1 | 880 | 1 75 |
| 22 | 903 | 2 15 | 2 | 1305 | 2 70 |
| 1 | 1010 | 1 75 | 4 | 1082 | 2 15 |
| 1 | 1640 | 3 50 | 11 | 842 | 1 75 |
| 7 | 921 | 2 15 | 21 | 859 | 2 15 |

HEIFERS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 775 | 2 10 | 13 | 846 | 2 40 |

CALVES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 470 | 1 25 | 2 | 100 | 4 00 |
| 1 | 300 | 1 75 | 1 | 100 | 4 25 |
| 1 | 450 | 2 00 | 1 | 220 | 4 50 |
| 48 | 269 | 2 85 | 4 | 140 | 4 50 |

BULLS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1010 | 1 55 | 1 | 1890 | 1 75 |
| 1 | 1230 | 2 00 | 1 | 1140 | 1 60 |
| 3 | 1183 | 1 75 | 1 | 1260 | 2 00 |
| 1 | 1150 | 1 85 | 1 | 1230 | 2 00 |
| 2 | 910 | 2 10 | 1 | 1120 | 1 65 |
| 1 | 1140 | 1 80 | 1 | 1010 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 1130 | 1 70 | 1 | 1070 | 1 85 |
| 1 | 1250 | 2 35 | 1 | 1220 | 1 75 |
| 1 | 1080 | 1 85 | 1 | 1170 | 2 35 |
| 1 | 1310 | 1 75 | 1 | 1430 | 1 85 |
| 1 | 1680 | 2 00 | | | |

OXEN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1550 | 2 00 | |

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

| No. | Pr. | No. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 cow and calf | $27 00 | 1 cow and calf | $25 00 |

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 740 | $2 30 | 5 | 642 | $2 50 |
| 1 | 850 | 2 40 | 5 | 430 | 2 50 |
| 19 | 790 | 2 40 | 3 | 723 | 2 50 |
| 12 | 778 | 2 45 | 7 | 764 | 2 60 |
| 12 | 686 | 2 65 | 14 | 1045 | 2 75 |
| 7 | 918 | 2 85 | | | |

COLORADO CATTLE.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 cows | 1134 | $2 55 | 10 cows | 978 | $1 65 |
| 69 cows | 992 | 2 25 | 4 str. tlg | 1130 | 2 25 |
| 50 steers | 955 | 3 00 | 30 steers | 1129 | 3 25 |
| 13 steers | 1270 | 4 50 | | | |

WYOMING CATTLE.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 str. tlg | 1452 | 2 25 | 6 steers | 1226 | 3 70 |
| 23 steers | 1393 | 3 70 | 40 steers | 1283 | 3 75 |
| 1 cow | 1420 | 3 00 | | | |

HOGS—The receipts were hardly up to expectations and the two days show a decrease of about 1,000 as compared with the run the first two days of last week. The trade was decidedly lively from the start and closed active and strong at an advance of fully 10c over prices yesterday. Competition was brisk and the receipts soon changed hands at prices ranging from $5.90 on common light to $6.15 on choice heavy grades with the popular price $6.05. Representative sales:

| No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 300 | — | $5 80 | 56 | 269 | 200 | $6 05 |
| 4 | 315 | 80 | 5 90 | 61 | 282 | 200 | 6 05 |
| 67 | 214 | 360 | 5 90 | 5 | 236 | — | 6 05 |
| 15 | 199 | 40 | 5 90 | 65 | 249 | 280 | 6 05 |
| 61 | 175 | 40 | 5 92½ | 66 | 294 | 320 | 6 05 |
| 67 | 236 | 200 | 5 95 | 53 | 300 | 160 | 6 05 |