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Wheat Opened Weak and Lower, But Recovered Later.

FEELING WAS A LITTLE UNSETTLED

Business in Wheat Was Chiefly in the Way of Evening Up—Good Buying by Leading Operators Checked the Decline.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Wheat today dropped ⅛c, but recovered the loss and left off at the same price as on Saturday. Corn and oats were each a trifle lower. Corn is off ¼c and oats about 1 1-16c. Provisions were erratic but closed from 7½c to 10c lower. Lard is from 7½c to 30c higher. Trading was not large in any of the pits.

Business in wheat was chiefly in the way of evening up. The feeling was a little unsettled, the market opening up weak and ⅛c lower, followed by ¼c advance, and declined ⅝c, recovered the decline and ruled steady, and the closing was about the same for May as Saturday; ½c lower for other deliveries. The other declines are attributed to lower cables, a larger increase in the visible supply than was generally expected, and rather moderate export clearances from the seaboard Saturday. There was, however, good buying at the decline by good houses, which checked the decline and caused a reaction and better feeling. The receipts in the northwest falling off 409 cars, compared with a week ago, afforded some encouragement.

Corn was controlled largely by the course of wheat and trade was light. Fluctuations were limited to from ⅜c to ½c range.

Oats seemed featureless. Quotations did not vary over ⅛c and there were long pauses between trades.

There were 43,000 hogs at the yards this morning. This was the first report giving indication of a better movement, and it had the effect of sending prices lower in the provision pit at the opening. Pork started on a break of about 15c. Lard was off 10c and ribs 10c. On the break brokers for Armour and Cudahy were discovered to be good buyers. This started a little scare with the general trade and a little flurry carried prices up from 20c to 40c from the low point. During the latter part of the session the feeling was not so strong, prices settled back and the market closed rather quiet.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 400 cars; corn, 515 cars; oats, 310 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPENING.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT No. 2—				
December	$ 70	70	69⅞	69⅞
January	70⅞	70⅞	70⅛@69⅞	70⅜
May	70⅞@70½	70⅞	70	70½
CORN No. 2—				
December	41⅝	41⅝	41⅛	41⅛@41⅜
January	42⅝	42⅝	42⅜	42⅜
May	46⅞	46⅞@47	46⅝	46⅝@46⅞
OATS No. 2—				
December	30	30	30	30
January	30⅞	30⅞	30⅜	30⅜
May	34⅝	34⅝@34⅞	34⅝	34⅝
MESS PORK—				
January	15 75	16 07½	15 75	15 82½
May	16 05	16 40	16 05	16 22½
LARD—				
January	9 95	10 10	9 92½	10 10
May	9 65	9 97½	9 65	9 95
SHORT RIBS—				
January	8 22½	8 37½	8 22½	8 22½
May	8 32½	8 50	8 32½	8 42½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Nominal, depressed; winter patents, $3.50@3.90; winter straights, $3.20@3.40; spring patents, $3.70@4.10; spring straights, $2.75@3.00; bakers, $2.00@2.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69½@69¾c; No. 3 spring, 64@65c; No. 2 red, 69½@69¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 30@30½c; No. 2 white, no sales; No. 3 white, 31@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 47½@47¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 64c; No. 3, f. o. b., 40@68c; No. 4, f. o. b., 34@48c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.08½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.00.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $14.75@14.87½; lard, per 100 lbs., $10.10; short ribs, sides (loose), $8.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.87½@8.00; short clear sides (boxed), $8.80@8.85.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.30.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS
Flour, bbls	18,000	20,000
Wheat, bu	141,000	18,000
Corn, bu	154,000	61,000
Oats, bu	239,000	120,000
Rye, bu	5,000	2,000
Barley, bu	76,000	65,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull: creamery, 20@29c; dairy, 19@26c. Eggs, firm; strictly fresh, 23@25c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,400 pkgs.; exports, 1,700 bbls., 1,400 sacks; steady, dull, lower to sell; sales, 10,500 bbls.; low extras, $2.00@2.55; winter extras, $2.00@2.55; fair to fancy, $2.60@3.75; patents, $3.85@4.15; Minnesota, clear, $2.50@3.50; Straits, $3.50@4.10; patents, $4.25@4.75; rye mixtures, $2.90@3.50.

CORN MEAL—Steady, dull; yellow western, $2.75@2.80.

WHEAT—Receipts, 115,200 bu.; exports, 46,000 bu.; sales, 1,055,000 bu. futures; 8,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, steady; No. 2 red, 76⅝@76⅞c in store and elevator; 76⅝@76¾c afloat; 75⅛@77¾c f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 72½@77½c; ungraded red, 70c@78c; No. 1 northern, 79½@80c; No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 2 northern, 84@84½c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 73½@74c; No. 3 spring 69¾@70c. Options were dull, irregular and ⅛@¼c higher, closing steady. The opening was steady at ⅛@¼c advance on steady cables and moderate foreign buying, resting ¼@⅜c on small clearances, fair receipts west, increased visible and stocks and heavy receipts expected tomorrow, with local realizing, reacted ½@¾c on covering. No. 2 December, 74½@74⅝c; January, 75⅝@75¾c, closing at 75½c; March, 77½@77⅞c, closing at 77¾c; May, 79 9-16@80c, closing at 79⅞c.

RYE—Dull, nominal; western, 54@58c.

Stocks of grain in store and afloat December 17: Wheat 17,391,979 bu; corn 2,455,621 bu; oats 2,488,233 bu; rye 125,002 bu; barley 124,007 bu; malt 17,754.

BARLEY—Dull; western, 60@80c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull.

CORN—Receipts, 3,200 bu.; exports, 42,000 bu.; sales, 390,000 bu. futures; 24,000 bu. spot. Spots dull, low and weak, 56c; No. 2, in elevator 50⅝@51⅛c afloat; steamer mixed 50@51; options lower on easy cables increased visible, local realizing, closing steady; December, 50c; January, 50⅛@¾c; closing 50⅜c; May, 52⅛@52⅜c closing 52¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 15,700 bu.; exports, none; sales, 135,000 bu. futures; 127,000 bu. spot. Spots, fairly active; whites, stronger. Options dull, easier; January, 36¾@36⅞c, closing at 36⅞c; May, 39@39⅛c, closing at 39⅛c; spot, No. 2 white, 42c; mixed western, 36½@36¾c; white western, 37@40c; No. 2 Chicago, 37½c.

HAY—Quiet, firm; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 75@80c.

HOPS—Dull, steady; state, good to choice, 18@23c; Pacific coast, 18@23c.

SUGAR—Raw, dull, firm; fair refining, 3c; centrifugals, 96 test, 3⅜c; refined, quiet and steady. Off A, 4⅛@4 9-16c; mold A, 4 15-16c; standard A, 4 11-16@4⅝c; confectioners A, 4 9-16@4¾c; cut loaf, 5 5-16@5½; crushed, 5 5-16@5½c; powdered, 4 13-16@5c; granulated, 4 11-16@5c; cubes, 4 13-16@5c.

MOLASSES—Foreign, nominal; New Orleans, quiet, steady; open kettle, new, good to choice, 25@37c.

RICE—Steady, fairly active; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@5¼c; Japan, 4⅛@5c.

EGGS—Quiet; fancy, steady; western, best, 27½@28c. Receipts, 1,687 pkgs.

HIDES—Dull, steady; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 and 60 lbs., 5@7c; Texas selected, 50 and 60 lbs., 5@7c.

PORK—Firm; active; old mess, $15.00@15.25; new mess, $16.00@16.50; extra prime, nominal. Cut meats, active; pickled bellies, 9@9½c; middles firm. Lard, easier, quiet; dressed steam closed at $10.30@10.45. Options, sales none; December, $10.35; January, $10.40.

BUTTER—Quiet; steady.

CHEESE—Firm; moderate demand.

PIG IRON—Dull; steady; American, $13.00@16.50.

COPPER—Firm; lake, $15.62½.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $3.85.

TIN—Weaker; Straits, $19.45.

Omaha Produce Market.

There were the usual light receipts and quiet market on Monday. The question which commission men are asking themselves is "what are we to do with the chickens?" A large amount of chickens were carried over from last week, while the fresh receipts continue liberal. In the face of this the demand is very light, and promises to be still lighter as the week draws to a close.

APPLES—Good apples are quoted at $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 general market is steady. The bulk of the receipts sells at 14@16c, and some select packages at 17@19c.

CRANBERRIES—Quotations are: Bell and cherry, $8.50 per bbl.; bell and bugle, $9.50; late Cape Cod, $10.00. The arrivals on the market are light.

CELERY—Fancy celery is difficult to find. Quotations range all the way from 25c to 40c.

CHRISTMAS TREES—4 to 6 feet, per doz., $3.00@4.50; 6 to 10 feet, per doz., $6.00@10.00; extra large, for schools and churches, each, $2.00@5.00; holly, per bbl., $2.50; mistletoe per lb., 25@30c.

GAME—The snow is bringing in a good many jack rabbits, and they have taken a sudden drop. Quotations are: Pheasants, $5.00@5.50; prairie chickens, $4.00@4.50; grouse, $4.00; quail, $1.00@1.25; snipe, $3.00; jack snipe, $1.25@1.50; plover, $1.00; golden plover, $1.25@1.50; canvas back ducks, $8.00@10.00; red head ducks, $4.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; blue wing teal, $2.25; green wing teal, $1.75; mixed ducks, $1.50; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; jack rabbits, $1.50; small rabbits, $1.25@1.50; squirrels, $1.00@1.25; antelope saddles, 14@15c; deer saddles, 15@16c; antelope carcasses, 9@10c; deer carcasses, 10@12c.

HAY—A little better prices were obtained than at the close of the week. No. 1, $7.50@8.00; No. 2, $6.50@7.00.

HONEY—The market is firm, good white clover honey being scarce at 17c.

LEMONS—Choice, $4.50; fancy, $5.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $9.00.

OYSTERS—Unchanged at 13@35c per can.

ONIONS—Homegrown, 80@85c; Spanish, $1.90 per crate.

ORANGES—Florida, $3.25@3.50.

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

POULTRY—Chickens are not wanted and slow sale at 5@7c; turkeys in fair demand at 12½@13c; geese and ducks, 9@10c.

EGGS—The market is very well supplied with cold storage eggs, which sell all the way from 22c to 24c. As a rule they go on the market as fresh stock and thus keep down the market on strictly fresh laid eggs. It is hard to say what the market is on strictly fresh eggs. Those who have them try to get more than what other eggs are selling for, but it is hard work, in view of the fact that most everything on the market is called fresh stock.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice Muscatine and Illinois stock, $3.75@4.00 per bbl.

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

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—1-16@⅛c lower than Saturday. Cash, 65¼c; December, 65⅝c; May, 72¼@72½c.

CORN—⅛@¼c below Saturday; cash, 36¼c; January, 37⅜c; May, 42⅜c.

OATS—Dull; cash, 33c asked; May, lower, 43c.

RYE—Firm; 48½c bid.

BARLEY—Quiet; Minnesota, 54@55c.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull, easy; $15.25@15.50. Lard nominally higher; $9.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 60,000 bu.; corn, 256,000 bu.; oats, 67,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 29,000 bu.; corn, 53,000 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.; rye, 5,000 bu.; barley, 2,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Options opened irregular at 5 points up to 30 points down, closed barely steady, unchanged to 20 points down, sales, 40,750 bags, including December, $16.25@16.40; January, $15.80@15.90; February, $15.90; April, $15.30; May, $15.05@15.25; July $14.95@15.00; September, $14.90@15.25. Spot is quiet but steady $16.62½ for No. 7.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 19.—Exports yesterday, 11,600 reis per 10 kilos; good sconts, 12,000 reis; receipts during the past week, 63,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 20,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 53,000; stock, 146,000 bags.

SANTOS, Dec. 19.—Good average 10,700 reis per 10 kilos; receipts during the week 95,000 bags; purchases for the United States 20,000; shipments to the United States none; stock 345,000 bags.

Oil Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—PETROLEUM—Stagnant throughout the day. Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none; January options sales, none; Lima oil, sales, none. Total sales, none. United, no sales.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firmer; crude, 37½c; yellow, 40c bid.

TALLOW—Firmer; city ($2.00 for packages), 5c bid.

ROSIN—Quiet, steady; strained, common to good, $1.27½@1.32½.

TURPENTINE—Dull, weak at 30⅝@31¼c.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—TURPENTINE SPIRITS—22s 1½d per cwt.

CALCUTTA LINSEED—38s 9d per quarter.

British Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: English wheats have advanced 5d during the week, owing to the comparatively good prices offered by London millers. In forty-four out of sixty retail markets prices have favored buyers. Twenty-five shillings was not an unusual price in the west and southwest. American wheats have fallen 6d and a further decline was only checked by the firmness of the New York market. The prices ruling in Mark Lane indicate that only the higher grades of American flour can now be profitably exported. The large Russian shipments continue.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Steady to lower; No. 2 hard, 63@63½c.

CORN—Quiet, unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 33@33½c.

OATS—Weak; No. 2 mixed, 29@30c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 47½@48c.

BUTTER—In fair demand; creamery, 25@28c; dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Firm at 18@22½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 68,000 bu.; corn, 3,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 68,000 bu.; corn, 3,000 bu.; oats, none.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Dull; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 6s 5d@6s 6d per cental; red western spring, 5s 10½d@5s 11d per cental; No. 2 red winter, 5s 6½d@5s 7d per cental.

CORN—Dull, mixed western, 4s 10½d per cental.

TALLOW—Fine American, 26s 6d per cwt.

PEAS—Canada, 5s 6½d per cwt.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 19.—Opened at 64½c and closed at 64¾c. No. 1 northern going principally at 64¼c; No. 2 northern, 59@60c. Receipts, 696 cars. Close: May, 70c; December, 64¾c. On track: No. 1 hard, 65¼c; No. 2 northern, 64¼c; No. 2 northern, 58@60c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Firm; May, 69½c; No. 2 spring, 64c.

CORN—No. 3, 38c.

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

BARLEY—67c.

RYE—54½c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19.—Easier; middling, 9 9-16c; low middling, 9 5-16c; good ordinary, 8 13-16c; net receipts, 19,893 bales; gross, 20,350 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,350 bales; sales, 5,000 bales; stock, 2,236 bales.

Business Briefs.

J. H. Richards in the lumber business at Friend is reported deseased.

Kennard & Vickers of Pawnee City have succeeded Powell & Wickers, boot and shoe dealers, and W. M. Robison, general store.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 red, 67c.

CORN—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 45c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

WHISKY—$1.30.

Baltimore Grain Market.

BALTIMORE, Md. Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Easy; December, 73c.

CORN—Easy; December and year, 47½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white western, 42@44c.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Dull, steadier; No. 2 cash and December, 71½c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 42½c.

OATS—Quiet; cash, 35c bid.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The dry goods market today disclosed no new features.

Traders' Talk.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Counselman & Day to Cockrell Bros. Commission company: Those who have been predicting an 80,000,000 bu. visible supply report and 75c for May wheat were jubilant when the total reached 78,900,000 bu. and the price dropped to 70c again. The feature of the day was the buying by firms through whom the northwest is supposed to be short in this market, which caused a recovery in the face of considerable scattered liquidation by longs who are evening up for the holidays. Corn and oats were firm and a small business resulted from the lack of selling orders. There were liberal buying orders at 34½c for May oats and 46½c for May corn which could not be executed. Provisions opened at a sharp decline on account of hog receipts, and scalpers took the short side of the market, but were stimaped by packers buying. After that there was not much demand except for lard, which ceased at the top on buying led by Armour & Co.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—F. G. Logan & Co. to Duncan, Hollinger & Co.: Today's visible supply was somewhat larger than expected and caused considerable selling. Quite a proportion of it was, we believe, for short account. The feeling that the market will go still lower is now getting popular, too much so considering the fact that the large holders are adding to their holdings. If this steady accumulation of long wheat continues, and any reasonable strong feature comes in, we believe the market will be quite bare of offerings and work higher, irrespective of the seaboard markets, at least until toward the opening of navigation and the time for receiving purchases draws at hand. Corn inclined to weakness. We learn of an increased movement of corn from first hands, especially through Illinois. With the holiday trade, increasing receipts and large stocks we believe prices will pay. Oats were quiet and easy, with the cash demand decreasing. Provisions closed weak, especially pork. There is considerable disposition to realize on the product by large longs. We believe the whole market is being fed on hard spots.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Unusual Activity Characterized the Opening of the Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The week opened with unusual activity and excitement on the Stock exchange. The sales aggregated 662,105 shares, the largest total for a very long time past. The great feature of speculation was a bad break in industrial stock, due to the export movement of gold, which has tightened up the money market and has caused the banks to discriminate against the securities as collateral in loans. The situation was aggravated this morning by the announcement that $3,900,000 gold had been taken for shipment to Europe by tomorrow's steamers. This alarmed small holders and evidently made an impression on some of the larger operators, who proceeded to liquidate immediately. Before they had progressed very far in this direction, however, the members of the shorts took fright and there followed a general scramble to get out. Chicago Gas was the first to reflect the selling of long stock on a large scale.

It broke rapidly from 90¾ to 83 amid intense excitement and was promptly followed by a drop in Distilling and Cattlefeeding from 64 to 57, ex. dividend in National Cordage, common from 1.38¾ to 1.34¾, in National Lead from 44⅝ to 35¾, in National Starch from 32½ to 29¼, in American Sugar from 1.06¼ to 1.04⅛, in General Electric from 1.12½ to 1.09¾, and in National Linseed Oil from 40¾ to 36¾.

A sharp drop naturally brought out a good deal of stock on stop orders. The bearish feeling was intensified by an advance in call loans to 40 per cent. These rates did not rule for any length of time, however, and before the close both local and foreign bankers were liberal lenders and a decline to 6 per cent ensued. After 1 o'clock prices recovered confidence to a certain extent and a rally equal to 4½ to 4¾ per cent followed. In this rally Chicago Gas, Distilling and Cattlefeeding and National Cordage were most prominent. The market ruled comparatively steady until near the close, when a broker, usually employed by the acknowledged bear leader, made a dive at Reading. Under large offerings he succeeded in breaking the stock to 71½, against 54 earlier in the day.

The old rumors about the preference interest were revived, although it had been semi-officially stated that the matter will not be considered until some time next month. The break in Reading had an emphatic effect on the whole market which closed very irregular and in the weak mode. The comparative firmness of the railway list in the face of the break in the industrials was the subject of general remark. As a rule the losses in railway stocks for the day were only ¼@½ per cent, while the industrials show net decrease of 1½@2½ per cent.

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

Atchison	35⅝	North American	5
Adams Express	152	Northern Pacific	13
Alton, T. H.	35½	do preferred	4
do preferred	150	U. P. Den. & Gulf	15½
American express	118	Northwestern	110⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	93	do preferred	140
Canada Pacific	85¼	N. Y. Central	108⅞
Canada Southern	56¼	N. Y. & N. E.	42¼
Central Pacific	34	Ontario & Western	18
Ches. & Ohio	22	Oregon Navigation	19
Chicago Alton	140	*Oregon Nav	70
C. B. & Q.	96⅞	O. S. L. & U. N.	20⅞
Chicago Gas	83⅝	Pacific Mail	23¼
Consolidated Gas	172	Peoria, Dec. & E.	17
C. C. C. & St. L.	54¼	Pittsburg	154
Colo. Coal & Iron	39⅝	Pullman Palace	191
Cotton Oil Cert	39¾	Reading	52⅛
Del. Hudson	128⅝	Richmond Ter	6¾
D. L. & W.	148	do preferred	25
D. & R. G. pfd	50⅝	Rio Grande West	20
D. & C. F. Co	59⅝	do preferred	61
East Tenn	34¼	Rock Island	82⅝
Erie	32⅛	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	85
do preferred	53	St. Paul	75⅝
Fort Wayne	152	do preferred	119¾
Gt. Northern pfd	154	St. Paul & Omaha	46
C. & E. I. pfd	95½	do preferred	117
Hocking Valley	27	Southern Pacific	33¼
Illinois Central	97	Sugar Refinery	105½
St. Paul & Duluth	41	Tenn. Coal & Iron	34⅝
Kan. & Tex. pfd	24⅛	Texas Pacific	9¾
Lake Erie & West	21⅝	Union Pac. Land. pfd	77⅛
do preferred	75⅛	Union Pacific	37⅛
Lake Shore	129	U. S. Express	56
Lead Trust	43	W. St. L. & P.	11
Louis. & Nash	69⅝	do preferred	29¾
Louis. & New Alb'y	23⅛	Wells Fargo Exp	145
*Manhattan Con	132⅛	Western Union	92¾
Memphis & C.	50	Wheeling & L. E.	19¾
Michigan Central	103	do preferred	62
Missouri Pacific	75¾	Minn. & St. L.	16⅛
Mobile & Ohio	33¾	D. & R. G.	15¾
Nashville Chatt	86	General Electric	109¼
National Cordage	158⅝	National Linseed	27
do preferred	112⅝	C. Fuel & Iron	34⅛
N. J. Central	123	do preferred	113
Norfolk & W. pfd	57	Hous. & Tex. Cen	60

*ex-div.

The total sales of stocks today were 622,000 shares, including: Atchison, 47,400; Burlington, 17,000; Chicago Gas, 69,000; Distilling 143,000; Lackawana, 5,600; Erie, 7,600; General Electric, 7,200; Missouri Pacific, 10,900; National Lead, 25,500; National Cordage, 8,900; New England, 12,400; Northern Pacific, 6,000.

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LONDON, Dec. 19.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Business on the Stock exchange has been on a scale quite in keeping with the commencement of Christmas week and the markets presented little features of interest. Funds close steady. Indian rupee paper has given way ¼d. Foreign government securities were favorably influenced by the firmness on continental bourses. Among the South American mines Brazilian advanced ¾ to 1 per cent owing to a rise in exchange rates and Argentine issues were well maintained. Home railways close somewhat irregular, but in the absence of business, prices moved within narrow limits. Americans were not unfavorably inclined at the close, but pending some definite outlook on the silver and gold question, operators abstain from doing anything, so that prices simply followed those of New York and the result is a fall of ¼ per cent. in Northern Pacific preference and Lake Shore, from ¼ to ¼ per cent, in Chicago & Milwaukee, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Pennsylvania and Wabash issues and a rise of ¼ to ¼ per cent in a few others. Canadians met with little attention, but Grand Trunk preferences rose ¼ to ½ per cent better. Mexican ordinary preferences closed dull at a decline of from ¼ to 1 per cent. There was scarcely any inquiry for money; short loans were easily obtained at from ⅞ to 1 per cent. The discount market was quiet. Bills were scarce. Those at two and three months were quoted at 1¾ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—MONEY ON CALL—Active; ranging from 6 to 40 per cent; last loan 6 per cent, closed offered at 6 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak; with actual business at $4.85¾ for sixty day bills and $4.87½@487¾ for demand.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	113	Mutual Union 6s	110
U. S. 4s coup	114	N. J. C. Int. Cert	111¼
U. S. 4½s reg	103	Northern Pac. 1sts	119
U. S. 4½s coup	105	Northern Pac. 2nds	124¾
Louisiana st'pled 4s	97¼	N. W. Consols	137
Missouri 6s	105	N. W. Deb. 5s	104
Tenn. new set 6s	103½	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	84
Tenn. new set 5s	101	St. L. & San F. G. M.	111
Tenn. new set 3s	75½	St. Paul Consols	130
Canada So. 2nds	102	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	117
Cen. Pacific 1sts	107⅛	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts.	77
D. & R. G. 1sts	116	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	26¼
Erie 2nds	101¾	Union Pac. 1sts	109⅛
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	79¾	West Shore	103½
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	47¾	R. G. W.	78¾

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—The following are the closing stock quotations:

Atch. & Topeka	35⅝	Franklin	14¼
Boston & Albany	210½	Kearsarge	11⅝
Boston & Maine	172	Osceola	35
C. B. & Q.	96⅝	Quincy	144
Fitchburg R. R.	84⅝	Tamarack	156¾
First Pere M. pfd	138	Boston Land Co	3¼
L. R. & Ft. S. 7s	92	San Diego Land Co.	11¼
Mass. Central	17⅛	West End Land Co.	17⅛
Mex. Cen. com	10⅞	Bell Telephone	208½
N. Y. & N. England	42¼	Lamson Store S	15¼
do 1st pref	119	Water Power	24¼
Old Colony	184	C. M.	7½
Wis. Cen. com	14⅝	N. E.	58¼
Atlantic	5⅛	B. & B. C.	10
Boston & Mont	353¼	Thompson	109¾
Calumet & Hecla	295		

San Francisco Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	23	Mexican	125
Bulwer	15	Mono	15
Belcher	175	Ophir	155
Best & Belcher	115	Potosi	180
Bodie Consolidated	15	Savage	105
Challar	65	Sierra Nevada	120
Con. Cal. & Va	165	Union Consolidated	110
Crown Point	61	Utah	5
Gould & Curry	50	Yellow Jacket	45
Hale & Norcross	115	Nev. Queen	5

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec., 19.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Crown Point	80	Sierra Nevada	130
Con. Cal. & Va	155	Standard	130
Deadwood Terra	140	Union Con	105
Gould & Curry	60	Yellow Jacket	45
Hale & Norcross	110	Iron Silver	40
Homestake	1300	Quick Silver	350
Mexican	120	do pref'd	1700
*North Star	650	Bulwer	16
Plymouth	53		

* asked.

St. Louis Mining Stock Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—The tone of the mining market was weak to-day; no sales were made on the exchange at the noon gathering, but several sales on the curb were reported. One hundred shares of Hope sold at $4.80 and later was offered at $4.85@5.05 bid. Granite Mountain, $5.25@6.25; Elizabeth, 45@47½c; Bimetallic, $9.75@10.25; Pat Murphy, 4½@6c; American Nettie, 20@27½c; Small Hope, 90c asked.

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec 19.—Clearings, $2,953,454

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Three per cent rentes, 98f, 97½c for the account.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Clearings, $95,294,522; balances, $6,552,261.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 19.—Clearings, $2,627,557; balances, $347,751. Money, 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—Clearings, $5,182,175; balances, $421,681. Money quiet, 6@7 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13.—Clearings, $13,567,430; balances, $1,979,474. Money, 4½ per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balances today, £25,000.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Clearings, $467,615; balances, $68,254. New York exchange selling at par

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—Bank clearings today, $22,093,752. New York exchange par. Sterling exchange—Quiet, sixty day bills $4.84; demand $4.88¾. Money—Steady, 5¼@6 per cent.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 19.—Money, 4@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25c discount. Clearings, $2,915,200.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The statement of the Imperial bank of Germany shows a decrease in specie of 5,800,000 marks.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Treasury department today purchased 475,000 ounces of silver at $0.83⅛@0.8355.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 19.—Clearings, $2,330,451; New York sight commercial 50c discount; bank $1.00 premium.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Exchange was quoted as follows: Chicago, par; St. Louis, 5c discount to par.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—Clearings, $19,982,896; balances, $2,331,638. Money, 5@6 per cent. Exchange on New York, par to 10c discount.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Scarce and of Indifferent Quality—Hogs Ten Cents Lower.

OMAHA, Dec. 19.—As usual on Monday the supply of all kinds of stock was rather limited. There were about 57 cars of cattle received, and of these about a fourth were good enough for the dressed beef men. As there were hardly enough suitable cattle on sale to furnish a full day's killing for one house local buyers were not overly anxious for the stuff, and with practically no outside demand trade was dull throughout as far as beef steers were concerned, although prices were not quotably lower than at the close of last week. The generally inferior quality of the offerings also had a depressing influence on the market and made the sales look very low "on paper." There were absolutely no choice cattle here, and but few that could be called good. Common to pretty good grass and partly finished steers weighing from 1,00 to 1,200 lbs, sold at from $3.00 to $3.60, and a bunch of pretty good westerns brought $3.50. Business was dull and dragging throughout, but a very fair clearance was finally affected.

Cow stuff generally sold a shade stronger than at the close of last week, and the movement was free. Poor to very good fat cows and heifers sold at from $1.00 to $2.75, the bulk of the fair to good stuff selling at from $1.90 to $2.40. Bulls, oxen and stags were firm at from $1.50 to $3.15. Common yearlings to choice veal calves sold as usual at from $1.50 to $5.00.

The stocker and feeder trade was quiet, but prices were quotably strong and the demand good. Trading was largely at from $2.50 to $3.00. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
22	931	$3 00	15	1122	$3 40
8	1166	3 20	1	1080	3 50
17	996	3 25	1	1210	3 50
1	1070	3 35	55	1148	3 40
17	984	3 35	66	1168	3 60
36	1003	3 40			

COWS

1	760	1 00	24	917	2 05
5	908	1 20	1	1060	2 10
1	870	1 25	19	848	2 10
1	970	1 25	10	966	2 10
6	780	1 35	1	1020	2 10
7	828	1 40	31	943	2 10
25	871	1 40	22	895	2 15
1	860	1 45	21	957	2 15
14	789	1 50	5	1134	2 20
2	835	1 50	29	969	2 20
7	938	1 50	3	1083	2 20
1	980	1 60	2	810	2 20
3	833	1 60	1	1160	2 20
1	950	1 65	6	1048	2 25
2	1140	1 65	2	1005	2 25
1	990	1 65	2	865	2 25
7	1000	1 75	1	970	2 25
2	1030	1 75	1	1080	2 25
3	1120	1 75	1	840	2 25
11	979	1 80	3	1070	2 25
41	883	1 85	6	920	2 25
5	1068	1 85	1	1010	2 55
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