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Grain Was Weak and Provisions Quite Strong Yesterday.

WHEAT STARTED A SHADE HIGHER

This Spurt Was the Result of Some Good Buying by Prominent Chicago Operators and the Destruction of Much Wheat at St. Louis.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—The grain markets were weak today and the provisions market strong. Compared with Saturday's closing prices, wheat this evening is off ⅝c per bu., corn from ⅛c to ⅜c, oats and rye each ⅛c, pork and lard each 25c up, and ribs 15c in all departments.

Wheat started a shade higher on some good buying by prominent local operators and the destruction of a St. Louis elevator with 1,000,000 bu. of wheat. It was expected that the St. Louis event would result in a certain decrease in the visible supply, but later it was found that the burnt grain would be included in the stocks not having been destroyed until the statistics had been made up; however, there were other indications that the visible supply would show some increase. It was also reported that the anti-option bill would come to a vote tomorrow and was pretty sure to pass. This helped to cause weakness and resulted in a decline. Schwartz-Dupee and Pardridge led the selling. The opening was about the same as Saturday's closing and prices advanced ⅛c, but then became easy and declined ⅛c and held at the decline and closed within a shade of the bottom.

Corn opened firmer and sold up a fraction, but then turned heavy and weak. Trade was slow. Soft corn was inclined to weakness. The leading houses began to sell until prices had quite a slump. The big receipts expected tomorrow were a depressing factor; for the bulk the chief weakness came from increased supply of railway cars and an expected freer movement on that account from country stations. It was reported that the Chicago division of the Wabash, which previously could spare no cars for eastbound grain, distributed cars to various stations on Saturday and the Santa Fe road notified receivers here to send them no more foreign cars as they now had sufficient of their own.

The oats market was inclined to be firm and remained so until corn commenced to break. It then weakened and declined ⅛c from the high point of the day.

Provisions were remarkably strong on only a moderate amount of business. The receipts of hogs were only 22,000 head, compared with estimates of 27,000, and for tomorrow only 21,000 are looked for. The high prices are very tempting to those who prefer to act upon the short side and thus help to supply the bulls with victims. The offering was exceedingly light and it took very little buying to give the market a boost. N. B. Ream and John Cudahy were credited with being the chief buyers. Captain Taylor bought a good line of ribs and S. E. Dunham was the most prominent among the buyers of lard.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 340 cars; corn, 540 cars; oats, 338 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.	SAT'Y
Wheat No. 2—					
January	73¾	74	73¼	73¼	73¾
May	78⅜@⅞	79	78¼	78¼@⅜	78¾
July	78⅛@⅝	78⅝	77¾	77⅞	78¼
Corn No. 2—					
January	43¼	43¼	42⅝	42⅝	43⅛
February	43⅝	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛	43¼
May	47⅛@⅛	48	47⅛	47⅛@⅛	47⅜@⅜
Oats No. 2—					
January	30⅛	31	30⅛	30⅛	31
February	31⅜	31⅝	31⅛	31¼	31½
May	34⅜	35¼	34¼	34¾	35¼
Mess Pork—					
January	18 75	19 00	18 75	18 95	18 67½
May	19 12½	19 40	19 12½	19 32½	19 07½
Lard—					
January	10 95	11 05	10 95	11 05	10 90
May	11 20	11 12½	10 87½	11 07½	10 82½
Short Ribs—					
January	9 95	10 05	9 92½	10 05	9 90
May	9 67½	10 10	9 90	10 07½	9 95

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull, easier; quotations unchanged; winter patents, $3.90@4.00; winter straits, $3.40@3.50; spring patents, $3.75@4.10; spring straits, $2.75@3.00; bakers, $1.70@2.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73¼c; No. 3 spring, 61½@63c; No. 2 red, 73¼c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, 42½c; No. 3, cash, 39½c; No. 3 yellow, 40¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 30½@30¾c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 35c; No. 3 white, 33@33½c.

RYE—No. 2, 54c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 65c; No. 3, f. o. b., 42@70c; No. 4, f. o. b., 38@45c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.15.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.99.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $18.00@18.12½; lard, per 100 lbs., $11.05; short ribs sides (loose), $10.05@10.10; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 9.87½@10.00; short clear sides (boxed), $10.30@10.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.35.

SUGARS—Unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	18,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	155,000	12,000
Corn, bu	187,000	66,000
Oats, bu	240,000	99,000
Rye, bu	9,000	2,000
Barley, bu	56,000	26,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 22@32c; dairy, 20@26c. Eggs, easy; strictly fresh, 30@30½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,700 pkgs.; exports, 2,950 bbls., 9,200 sacks; sales, 8,500 pkgs.; market dull and generally weak; winter wheat, low grades, $2.10@2.55; winter wheat, fair to fancy, $2.55@2.75; winter wheat, patents, $3.85@4.25; Minnesota clear, $2.50@3.50; Minnesota straights, $2.60@4.00; Minnesota patents, $4.25@5.00; rye mixtures, $2.90@3.90.

CORN MEAL—Quiet but steady; yellow, $2.75@2.80.

BARLEY—Firm; western, 60@80c; No. 2 Toronto, 85c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 70@82c; city made, $1.00@1.05.

WHEAT—Receipts, 37,500 bu.; exports, 7,980 bu.; sales, 980,000 bu. futures, 965,000 bu. spot. Spot market firmer, fairly active; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 79⅛@79¾c; afloat, 80½c; f. o. b., 80@81½c; No. 1 northern, 84c; No. 1 hard, 88½c; No. 2 northern, 82c; No. 2 spring, 83½c. Options opened firm at ⅜c advance as a result of the loss of about 1,000,000 bu. by fire at St. Louis; firmer cables and some foreign buying and on a decrease in the stock here; declined from ½c to 1c on weaker west, increase in the visible supply and freer movement; closing steady at from ¼c to ⅜c under Saturday; No. 2 red, February, 79⅛@79¾c, closing at 79¼c; March, 80⅛@80⅝c, closing at 80¼c; May, 82⅜@83¼c, closing at 82½c; July, 83½@84⅛c, closing at 83½c.

Stocks of grain in store and afloat January 21: Wheat, 14,859,988 bu.; corn, 807,804 bu.; oats, 1,526,883 bu.; rye, 118,751 bu.; barley, 133,604 bu.; malt, 32,222 bu.; peas, 32,179 bu.

CORN—Receipts, 20,200 bu.; exports, 42,000 bu.; sales, 260,000 bu. futures, 30,000 bu. spot. Spots firm, dull; No. 2, 53⅜@54c in elevator; 54⅜@55c afloat; steamer mixed, 53¼c. Options were dull and ¼@⅜c lower on increased receipts; February, 53⅛c, closing at 53⅛c; March, 53½c, closing at 53⅛c; May, 53⅛@53⅜c, closing at 53⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 98,700 bu.; sales, 190,000 bu. futures, 150,000 bu. spot. Spots active, firmer. Options dull, lower; February, 38⅜c, closing at 38⅜c; May, 39⅛@39⅛c, closing at 39⅛c; spot No. 2 white, 43½@43¾c; No. 2 Chicago, 39⅜@40c; No. 3, 38c; No. 3 white, 41⅜@42c; mixed western, 38⅛@40½c; white mixed western, 41@47c.

HAY—Dull, steady.

HOPS—Fair demand; state common to choice, 18@25c; Pacific coast, 21@24c.

HIDES—Steady, fair demand.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet, stronger; old mess, $18.00; new mess, $18.50@19.00. Cut meats, strong, wanted; pickled bellies, 11½c. Middles, quiet, firm; short clear, $10.65. Lard, dull, higher; western steam closed at $11.45 bid; sales, 750 tierces at $11.35@11.45. Options sales, none; January, $11.45 asked; March, $11.30; May, $11.35 bid.

BUTTER—Quiet, firm; factory 17@25c

CHEESE—Fair demand; firmer.

EGGS—Better supply, much lower; western, fresh, 30c; receipts, 2,354 packages.

RICE—Good demand; firm.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, fair demand, firm.

SUGAR—Raw, firmer; dull; centrifugals, 96 test 3½c; refined, steady.

PIG IRON—Dull, about steady; American $12.75@15.50.

COPPER—Easy, quiet; lake, $12.00.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $3.90.

TIN—Easy; Straits, $20.12½.

Omaha Produce Market.

The week opened with the customary light receipts of a Monday. There was about the usual demand, but the movement of produce of all kinds was rather slow. As has been the rule for some time past eggs were the most interesting feature of the market.

APPLES—Stocks are held at $3.50@4.00 for fair to choice stock.

BANANAS—Quoted at $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

BEANS—Choice navy, $2.00@2.15.

BUTTER—The market is firmer than it was, owing to the light receipts. Good country butter sells at 20c and fancy at 21@22c. Strong butter or solid packed would sell below 20c.

CELERY—Per doz., 40c.

CALIFORNIA CABBAGE—Owing to the high prices at which cabbage is being held in southern California the arrivals here are light. Drumhead, 24c.

CRANBERRIES—Advices from eastern points indicate very light stocks and a tendency on the part of prices to advance. Bell and cherry, $8.50@9.00; bell and bugle, $10.00@10.50; Jersey Cape Cod, $9.50@10.00.

EGGS—The continuance of warm weather weakened the market still further. Early in the morning dealers were inclined to hold for 25c, the closing price on Saturday. As reports were received from New York quoting the market demoralized and selling at 20c, a decline of 10c from the close of last week, the market here took another drop. Some dealers who had plenty of eggs on hand cut the price down to 20c, and even at that price the eggs did not move off very freely. Buyers seemed to feel that as the market had dropped 10c in so short a time it might go still lower.

GAME—Small rabbits, 75c; jacks, $1.50.

HAY—There were over sixty cars on track and the market was slow and weak. Good hay sold at $6.00@6.25, with an occasional sale at $6.50.

HIDES—No. 1 salted, 4½c; No. 2, 3½c; flint, 6c.

HONEY—Good white clover, 12@20c.

LEMONS—$4.00@4.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Unchanged at $9.00 per keg.

NUTS—Large hickory nuts, $1.65; black walnuts, $1.25.

ONIONS—Home grown, $1.00 per bushel; Spanish, per crate, $1.90@2.00.

ORANGES—Brights, medium sizes, $3.25 for single case lots, and $3.00 for lots of five to ten cases; russets are 25c per case cheaper. A discount of 25c on the box is also made for extra large or small sizes. California navals, $4.25; Mexican, $3.50.

OYSTERS—Reports from Baltimore do not show any improvement in the oyster situation at that point. A report from there says: Standards are quoted at $2.00 here, and are not to be had even at that price. Selects are unobtainable at any price. A very marked thaw only will solve the question, and it will have to be of a solid week's duration to have any effect. Omaha dealers are still taking care of their customers in part, at least.

POULTRY—The market on chickens is weaker, and good stock sells at 8@9c; geese and ducks, 9@11c; turkeys, 12½c.

POTATOES—Only small lots moving from store. Western Nebraska stock is quoted at 85c; Utah and Colorado, 90c@$1.00; choice native, 75@80c.

SWEET POTATOES—There are a few in the market which are selling at $4.50.

VEAL—The demand is pretty good and arrivals generally are meeting with very ready sale. Choice, 8@10c; large and thin, 3@6c.

PRODUCE POINTERS.

Eggs are going down fully as fast as they went up.

The smaller the concern, the larger the circular, the higher the quotations and the more liberal the promises, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The change to warmer weather is having a brightening effect upon the produce commission business. It is a relief to see the doors of the produce houses thrown open once more and the sidewalk covered with boxes and barrels.

The southern crop of early vegetables is said to have been seriously damaged by the severe cold weather. The cabbage crop, which was nearly full grown, is badly damaged, and while it may be cut and shipped in its present condition, it will not bring much of a price in any market as heating, decay, etc., soon follows when it is packed in that damaged condition.

To the Commercial Editor: I am pleased with the commercial page of THE BEE of late, and especially appreciate last Sunday's issue. But I have been wondering for a week what that produce dealer wanted, that THE BEE spoke of—the fellow that thought the business should be done "as she is did" in other large cities, by an exchange. What do you guess his idea is? I always supposed that in the ordinary transactions fruits and produce were sold at the commission merchant's place of business. It is true that commission men usually occupy one or two streets together in other cities and their transactions are usually said to take place "on the street." What else does he want? B.

In the produce and commission business there appears to be a steady tendency toward specialties, handling only a few articles, and in some instances only one vegetable constitutes the trade of a firm, says the Post-Dispatch. The leading handler and speculator of the country in potatoes makes the spud his specialty and entire business. He is located near the great fields of supply in the northwest and from all accounts has made, and continues to make, a good deal of money—possibly much more than he could were he handling the usual lines of goods. However, cases more pronounced as specialties might be quoted, which go to show that more insignificant articles prove very profitable when exclusively dealt in. There is in New York City an old firm that for years made the handling of cauliflower their entire business, and kept busy at it for nine months in the year. That gave the proprietors a three months' vacation, and the employes had to secure employment elsewhere during that time. However, during the past few years the gap or idle season was gradually reduced, new fields of supply constantly opening, so that at present the firm finds goods to handle and are enabled to fill their orders every month in the year. This firm has made a great success of their specialty. To a close observer, therefore, specialties are proving far more remunerative than the old plan of handling and soliciting everything.

BUSINESS BRIEFS.

S. Williams & Son have sold out their implement business at Exeter.

G. P. Brown has succeeded to the implement business of H. C. Heimkamp at Burwell.

A dispatch to R. G. Dun & Co. announces the failure of Palmer Bros., general merchants at Wausa.

John Rapp, in the hardware and implement business at Ashton, has been succeeded by Janrog & Rapp.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 23.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Closed ⅛@¼c under Saturday; cash, 68⅞c; May, 74⅛c; July, 74⅞c.

CORN—Closed ¼c below Saturday; cash, 38⅜c; May, 42⅜@42⅝@43⅜.

OATS—Lower; sample lots sold at 32¼c; May, 34⅛@34⅜c.

RYE—58½c asked.

BARLEY—Nothing done.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 25@31c; dairy, 18@28c.

EGGS—Sharply lower; 23c.

PORK—$18.00 for old; lard, $11.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 9,000 sacks; wheat, 74,000 bu.; corn, 200,000 bu.; oats, 51,000 bu.; rye, none; barley, none.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 100,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.; rye, 2,000; barley, none.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Options opened barely steady at 5 points up to 10 points down, closed firm, unchanged to 10 points up. Sales, 35,250 bags, including January, $16.70@16.80; February, $16.60; March, $16.40@16.50; April, $16.30; May, $16.25@16.35; June, $16.25; July, $16.25; September, $16.20@16.25; October, $16.20; December, $16.20. Spot Rio firm, more active; No. 7, $17.50.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 23.—First ordinary, 13,200 reis per 10 kilos; good seconds, 12,750 reis. Receipts during the week, 54,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 17,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 19,000 bags; stock 184,000 bags.

SANTOS, Jan. 23.—Good average, 11,700 reis per 10 kilos. Receipts during the week, 52,000 bags; purchases for the United States, none; stock, 255,000 bags.

Oil Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—TALLOW—Stronger; quiet; city, ($2.00 for pkgs.), 6½c bid and asked.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firm; crude, 43c; yellow, 48c.

PETROLEUM—Quiet, steady; United closed at 53½c bid.

ROSIN—Quiet, firm; strained, common to good, $1.35@1.37½.

TURPENTINE—Quiet, steady; 33½@34c.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—CALCUTTA LINSEED—42s per quarter.

LINSEED OIL—19s 6d per cwt.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—23s 10d per cwt.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 23—TALLOW—Fine American, 31s per cwt.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—23s 6d per cwt.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The demand for dry goods was fair as disclosed in the mail and telegraphic orders and in the number of buyers astir in the market, indicating doubtless an improved trade for the week. There were no prominent developments, except that the leading makes of bleached shirtings were more active.

Milwaukee Grain Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Easier; May, 71c; No. 2 spring, 68c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 41c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 34@35c; No. 3, 33@34c.

RYE—62½c.

BARLEY—64c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 23.—WHEAT—Steady, demand, fair; holders offer moderately.

CORN—Firm, demand fair.

LARD—Prime western, 55s per cwt.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 23.—NEW CORN—No. 2, 39½c; No. 3, 39c.

OATS—No. 3 white, through billed, 32c; market weak.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Were Extremely Active at the Opening of Business.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The stock market was again active today and extremely so in the opening hour, when the sales ran trading up into large figures. There was more feverishness today and more pressure of long stocks, especially among the industrials, coalers and grangers. The principal cause of this, however, was found in the unexpected announcement of a further shipment of gold to Europe by a slow steamer tomorrow, which rather upset the calculations of the bulls and dampened the buying spirit which was last week so prominent in the early trading. The apparent strength of the market, however, was sufficiently demonstrated by the stubborn resistance in the general list to both realizations, on a large scale, and bear pressure was wherever soft spots were discovered. The opening was firm to strong, but unusual pressure on the industrials, especially Distillers, the sharp decline in the last named, Manhattan, Consolidated Gas, as well as Rocking Valley coal, unsettled the entire market with the aid of the gold shipments aforesaid.

The sales of Distillers were believed to be for inside account, and it was reported that the Keene-White interest was entirely out of the stock, but considerable distrust was caused by the starting of opposition distilleries in other parts of the country, and when a reported disagreement among the pool in the west was said to be patched up the recovery was only partial, and even this was entirely lost, the stock closing at 50½ with a net loss of 5⅝. Manhattan was sold down in the early dealings and was evidently without support. It declined from 170 to 165¼, closing 1 per cent higher than the lowest, with a net loss of 3½ per cent. The movements in Consolidated gas were of the same nature, and, although it rallied 2 per cent from its lowest price, its net loss was 2⅛ per cent. The failure to bring the bituminous coal companies of Ohio together has induced heavy realizations on the late rise in Hocking Valley coal, and today it declined from 22 to 18, but another attempt will be made to get the companies together and a call will soon be issued for a meeting of the association to be held either in New York or Cleveland and the knowledge of this fact led to a complete recovery in Hocking Valley coal stocks. The coalers were without special feature today, although it is said another attempt is to be made through legislation at Albany to regulate the price of coal in this state. Lackawanna was the only coaler to show any material loss, 1½ per cent being taken from its price.

The general list displayed a firm temper throughout the early part of the day, despite the losses occasioned by the realizations and pressure brought to bear in different spots. St. Paul was specially active and closed unchanged after fluctuations extending over a range of 1¼ per cent. The rest of the market pursued about the same course and the final changes are generally insignificant. The committee of the board of directors of the Monon, who have been working on a plan to classify that stock into preferred or common will soon make their report. It is understood that they will recommend a division of the present capital stock on the basis of 25 per cent of 6 per cent preferred and 75 per cent common stock. As soon as they report their plan it will be submitted to the stockholders for approval.

The Post says: The small amount of gold announced today for export tomorrow goes to Austria. The $4,300,000 shipped Saturday went to the Bank of France. Although the sales of sterling exchange do not favor the export of gold, yet there is some apprehension that more of that metal will be bought as a commodity by the Bank of France. The situation of that great bank is peculiar. Its note issues were fairly up to its old-time limit of 3,250,000,000 francs. The matter of gold supply in the Bank of France is of great importance to France and to the French government, and hence, to enable the bank to go on accumulating the metal, the limit of the note issue of the bank was recently raised 500,000,000 francs, the object apparently being to give to the bank the opportunity of buying more gold by means of its extended note issue. To what extent this will be done, how much premium (in the way of interest) the bank will be willing to pay for the gold exchange is not favorable, are matters of conjecture. The Bank of France, unlike the Bank of England, is not hampered by the issue of its notes by any necessity of receiving an equal amount of gold, but, on the contrary, often buys its gold with its notes. The gold question in France is not the question of supporting the currency so much as the necessity of having a large stock of that metal as a war reserve.

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

Atchison	36	Northern Pacific	11⅛
Adams Express	155	do preferred	49¾
Alton, T. H.	33	U. P. Den. & Gulf	17
do preferred	120	Northwestern	111¾
American Express	118	do preferred	145⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	97⅝	N. Y. Central	111
Canada Pacific	87	N. Y. & N. E.	47½
Canada Southern	56¾	Ontario & Western	19⅝
Central Pacific	29	Oregon Imp.	18
Ches. & Ohio	23⅝	Oregon Nav.	83
Chicago Alton	141	Ore. S. L. & U. N.	22¼
C. B. & Q.	102¾	Pacific Mail	27
Chicago Gas	63⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E.	18
Consolidated Gas	139	Pittsburg	156
C. C. C. & St. L.	58¾	Pullman Palace	199
Cotton Oil Cert.	46	Reading	52½
Del. Hudson	134	Richmond Terminal	9⅛
D. L. & W.	151½	do preferred	36
D. & R. G. pfd.	50⅝	Rio Grande W.	23
D. & C. F. Co.	50½	do preferred	61
East Tenn.	4⅝	Rock Island	88½
Erie	26⅝	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	75
do preferred	57¼	St. Paul	82⅝
Fort Wayne	104	dopreferred	155½
Gt. Northern pfd	130	St. Paul & Omaha	51½
C. & E. I. pfd.	94¾	do preferred	119⅛
Hocking Valley	31¼	Southern Pacific	26⅝
Illinois Central	102¾	Sugar Refinery	124¾
St. Paul & Duluth	46	Tenn. Coal & Iron	35⅛
Kan. & Tex. pfd	27⅝	Texas Pacific	10⅝
Lake Erie & West	19½	Tol. A. & O. Cent. 1st	78¾
do preferred	81	Union Pacific	41
Lake Shore	131	U. S. Express	63
Lead Trust	40¾	W. St. L. & P.	12
Louis. & Nash.	77⅛	do preferred	26¾
Louis. & New Alb'y	25⅛	Wells Fargo Exp.	140
Manhattan Con.	165½	Western Union	99⅝
Memphis & C.	50	Wheeling & L. E.	22⅛
Michigan Central	106¼	do prefered	69⅛
Mission P. Pacific	39	Wis. C. Cons.	17⅛
Mobile & Ohio	34	D. & R. G.	18
Nashville Chatt.	85	General Electric	112¾
National Cordage	140⅞	National Linseed	38⅛
do preferred	116¾	C. Fuel & Iron	60¾
N. J. Central	130½	do pre.erred	105
Norfolk & W. pfd	20¼	Hous. & Tex. Cen.	6
North American Co	11½		

*ex-div.

The total sales of stocks today were 496,000 shares, including: Atchison, 7,100; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 4,400; Chicago Gas, 24,500; Chicago & Eastern Illinois, 3,200; Distilling, 27,800; Erie, 800; Louisville & Nashville, 6,700; Manhattan, 7,000; Missouri Pacific, 4,700; National Lead, 7,800; National Cordage, 3,100; New England, 7,600; Northern Pacific preferred, 9,400; Reading, 25,200; Rock Island, 5,900; St. Paul, 55,200; Sugar, 25,000; Union Pacific, 6,700; Western Union, 13,300.

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LONDON, Jan. 23.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Business was tolerably brisk on the Stock exchange today. The markets presented several features of interest. Consols are ⅛ per cent easier and Indian rupee paper ¼ per cent. Foreign government securities were firmer after being dull the greater part of the day, a better tone being reported on continental bourses. Home railways met with moderate attention, but with few exceptions close rather dull. A large business was done in Americans. Occasionally there has been a good deal of excitement. Considerable firmness prevailed throughout the day, but just at the close prices in some instances eased off slightly from their best on realizations. The tone at the last, however, was still decidedly good, nearly a general advance being established, including ¼ per cent in Norfolk & Western preference, ¾ per cent in Wabash preference, ⅝ in Erie and ⅛ to ⅛ per cent in most others. Union Pacific was ⅜ per cent lower, Louisville & Nashville ⅝ per cent. Canadians were neglected, and beyond a decline of ¼ per cent in Canadian Pacific are unchanged. Mexican closed firm, ordinary preferences showing an advance of ¾ to 1 per cent. Argentine lines were flat. Buenos Ayres, Great Southern and Central Argentine have given way 2 per cent. There was scarcely any inquiry for money. Short loans were obtained at ½ to ¾ per cent. The discount market continued very quiet, two and three months' bills being quoted at 1¼ to 1⅛.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—MONEY ON CALL—2½@3 per cent, last loan 3½, closed offered at 2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet and easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86 for sixty days and $4.87½ for demand.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Dull and firm. State bonds, dull and steady.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.	114	N. W. consols	137
U. S. 4s coup	114	N. W. Deb. 5s	104
U. S. 4½s reg	109	S. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	90
Pacific 6s of '95	105	S. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	106½
Louisiana st'pd 4s	97	St. Paul Consols	126½
Tenn. new set 6s	102	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	117
Tenn. new set 5s	101	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts.	80⅛
Tenn. new set 3s	75	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts.	28¾
Canada So. 2nds	102⅜	Union Pacific 1sts	105
Cen. Pacific 1sts	104⅛	West Shore	102¼
D. & R. G. 1sts	117¾	R. G. W. 1sts	77⅛
D. & R. G. 4s	86½	Atch. 4s	82⅛
Erie 2nds	102⅛	Atch. 2⅝s, class A	56¾
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	59	G. H. & S. A. 6s	104
Mutual Union 6s	112	G. H. & S. A. 2d 5s	96
N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110¾	H. & T. C. 7s	107
Northern Pac. 1sts	117¾	H. & T. C. Cons. 6s	104
Northern Pac. 2nds	114		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—Call loans, 3½@4 per cent; time paper, 4@5 per cent. The following are the closing stock quotations:

Atchison & T. pcka.	36	Calumet & Hecla	318
Boston & Albany	213½	Franklin	12⅛
Boston & Maine	171½	Kearsarge	11¾
C., B. & Q.	105	Osceola	35¾
Eastern R. R. 6s	119½	Quincy	145
Fitchburg R. R.	92	Santa Fe Copper	2
Little Rock & F. S. 7s	93½	Tamarack	155
Mass. Central	20¼	Anniston Land Co.	22
Mex. Cen. com.	15	Boston Land Co.	5¼
N. Y. & N. England	47⅛	San Diego Land Co.	170
Old Colony	195	West End Land Co.	17⅛
Rutland common	5	Bell Telephone	209½
Rutland com. pfd	60	Lamson Store S.	18
Wis. Central com.	15⅛	Water Power	21⅛
Allouez M. Co. (new)	83	U. M.	77⅛
Atlantic	10¼	B. & B. Copper	11¾
Boston & Mont.	34	Gen. El.	135½

Financial Notes.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—Three per cent rentes, 97f 25c for the account.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 23.—Clearings, $2,160,539; balances, $319,184. Money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 23.—Clearings, $12,650,201; balances, $1,607,487. Money 4½ per cent.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today, £50,000.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 23.—Clearings, $4,778,234; balances, $480,772. Money, quiet at 6@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 40c premium.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 23.—Clearings, $18,042,873; balances, $1,934,955. Rate for money, 2½@3 per cent. Exchange on New York, 10c discount.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—Clearings, $19,212,863. New York exchange 25c premium. Sterling exchange, dull; sixty-day bills $4.86½; sight drafts, $4.88½. Money easy at 6 per cent.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Week Opens with Light Receipts—Cattle Steady—Hogs Strong and Higher.

OMAHA, Jan. 23.—The week starts out with moderate receipts of all kinds of stock and a strong, healthy trade all around.

There were close to 2,000 cattle received, an unusually light run for a Monday, being nearly 1,500 head short of last Monday's receipts. Receipts included a fair sprinkling of pretty good beeves, but nothing strictly prime. Eastern markets were reported strong and there was a fair inquiry from speculative shippers. Local slaughterers were all out after the cattle, but there was no quotable advance on any grade. Prices, however, were well sustained, fair to good 1,250 to 1,450-lb. steers selling at from $4.25 to $5.15; fair to good 900 to 1,200-lb. steers sold at from $3.65 to $4.25, and it was something very poor that had to sell at $3.50 or under.

Cow stuff generally sold stronger—about a dime better than Saturday and the movement was free at the advance. Good to choice cows and heifers sold at from $2.90 to $3.40, fair to good stuff, largely at from $2.35 to $2.85; common and canners, $1.75 to $2.25. Rough stock sold at good strong prices from $2.00 to $3.60. Calves were fully steady, common to choice veals selling at from $2.50 to $5.50.

A moderate business was transacted in stockers and feeders and prices ruled full strong on all grades. The extreme range of prices was from $2.00 to $3.75 with the bulk of the decent stock at from $3.00 to 3.45. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	940	3 50	3	*1063	4 00
3	980	3 50	45	1097	4 10
1	880	3 50	18	1178	4 25
3	867	3 60	6	1195	4 25
15	913	3 65	3	1267	4 25
14	985	3 65	37	1251	4 25
11	1082	3 75	22	1326	4 67½
24	1024	3 80	20	1315	4 80
21	1087	3 90	56	1304	4 85
15	1074	4 00	62	1342	5 15
57	1109	4 00			

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

23	1037	4 10	15	1192	4 30
75	1292	4 25	30	1267	4 65

MIXED.

7	1177	4 25			

COWS.

2	745	1 75	1	1080	2 50
1	860	2 00	19	897	2 50
1	880	2 00	23	908	2 50
14	778	2 00	1	1040	2 50
10	926	2 00	19	1002	2 50
1	750	2 00	17	996	2 60
4	995	2 15	19	885	2 60
1	960	2 15	1	920	2 60
1	820	2 15	1	940	2 60
1	1120	2 15	16	949	2 65
5	1042	2 15	13	878	2 65
3	940	2 15	1	910	2 70
16	900	2 15	18	894	2 70
5	902	2 20	7	737	2 70
1	920	2 20	2	920	2 70
25	903	2 20	1	980	2 70
1	630	2 25	4	1120	2 75
6	950	2 25	2	1050	2 80
1	930	2 25	50	897	2 80
22	774	2 25	19	942	2 85
1	870	2 25	42	888	2 85
5	988	2 35	9	948	2 85
1	1000	2 35	5	1024	2 85
5	932	2 35	14	943	2 90
21	816	2 35	16	934	2 90
13	853	2 35	16	877	2 90
3	1036	2 35	4	1160	2 90
1	700	2 35	12	958	2 95
25	820	2 40	6	1208	3 00
2	1270	2 40	5	874	3 00
3	940	2 40	21	951	3 00
8	865	2 45	37	1069	3 00
18	972	2 45	2	1045	3 00
14	1035	2 45	3	1243	3 25
31	782	2 45	10	1059	3 25
19	996	2 45	20	1200	3 40

HEIFERS.

2	535	2 00	15	491	2 40
5	304	2 00	7	1005	2 50
4	367	2 40	2	499	2 75

CALVES.

1	300	2 50	1	280	4 75
1	350	2 50	1	130	4 75
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