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Wheat Was Down Yesterday and Other Grain Markets Were Up.

GOLD EXPORTS AND FREE OFFERINGS

This Was the Lever that Forced that Cereal Down and Resulted in a Fractional Decline at the Close.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—With a weak continental cable, free offerings and the exportation of gold, wheat was down today and the other markets were weak. Wheat is ⅝c and corn ½c lower than the day before. Oats yielded only ⅛c of its previous rise, pork and lard 15c and ribs 17½c lower.

Wheat opened quiet at yesterday's figures. For half an hour the feeling was firm on light northwestern receipts and firm Liverpool advices. May advanced ⅛c, but soon yielded to bearish influences. The offerings became free and the bulls retired, leaving the bears in possession of the field. Lamson, Logan, Pardridge and Leaming appeared as very heavy sellers and added to the weakness of the market. The shipments of $1,700,000 had a depressing influence and under it the downward course of prices was continued. Continental cables were lower and there appeared nothing new in the news of the day to encourage a rally on the part of the bulls. The market ruled dull and heavy during the afternoon and May closed ⅛c from the bottom figures of the day. Unfounded reports of the discovery of weavel in the wheat in several of the elevators was given as one of the causes of the break, but the big offerings of the big dealers were the potent influence in the day's decline. May opened 68⅜c, advanced ⅛c, lost ⅝c, advanced ¼c, lost ⅜c and rallied ⅛c to the close, at 68⅜c.

Trade in corn was moderate and prices ruled easy in sympathy with wheat. May opened ⅛c lower, at 40¼c, and, after declining ½, to 38⅝c, rallied ⅜c to 39⅝c.

Oats were easier in sympathy with corn and on liberal offerings by longs. Fluctuations were narrow, being confined to ¼c range. May opened unchanged at 31c, dropped ⅛c, to 30⅞c, and rallied ⅛c to the close, at 30⅞c.

Provisions opened dull but firmed up a trifle on lighter hog receipts than the estimate. Free selling by T. J. Ryan and others caused a reaction and closing prices were lower all around.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 157 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 197 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec	62¼	62⅝	61⅛	61⅛
May	68⅜@¼	68½	67⅝	67⅝@⅞
CORN—				
Dec	35¼	35¾	35¼	35¼
Jan	35¾	35¾	35⅛	35⅛
May	40¼	40¼	39¾	39⅝
OATS—				
Dec	28¼	28¼	28⅛	28⅛
Jan	28¾	28¾	28⅜	28⅜
May	31	31	30¾	30⅞
MESS PORK—				
Jan	12 72½	12 75	12 50	12 50
May	12 75	12 87½	12 62½	12 62½
LARD—				
Jan	7 92½	7 97½	7 82½	7 82½
May	7 72½	7 75	7 60	7 60
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan	6 65	6 65	6 52½	6 55
May	6 70	6 70	6 57½	6 60

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 61⅛c; No. 3 spring, 56@63c; No. 2 red, 61⅛c.

CORN—No. 2, 35⅛c; No. 3 yellow, 34½c.

OATS—No. 2, 28⅛@28¼c; No. 2 white, 30@30¼c; No. 3 white, 28½@29½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45¾c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 40@51c; No. 4, 36@42c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.27½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.90.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $12.87½@13.00; lard, per 100 lbs., $8.20; short ribs sides (loose), $6.75@6.87½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $7.25@7.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5⅝c; granulated, $4.70; standard "A," $4.60.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, bbls	16,000	14,000
Wheat, bu	106,000	13,000
Corn, bu	326,000	119,000
Oats, bu	341,000	167,000
Rye, bu	11,000	2,000
Barley, bu	93,000	32,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm: Creamery, 21@28; dairy, 18@23c. Eggs, quiet; strictly fresh, 23@24c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 62,900 bbls.; exports, 33,300 bbls.; sales, 8,000 pkgs.; market dull and weaker to sell; southern flour quiet; rye flour dull; buckwheat flour firm, $3.15@3.25; city mill patents, $4.25@4.50; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; city mills, clear, $3.60@3.65; winter straights, $2.80@3.20; Minnesota patents, $3.70@4.15; winter extras, $2.20@2.70; Minnesota bakers, $2.30@3.70; winter low grades, $1.70@2.25; spring low grades, $1.60@1.90; spring extras, $1.95@2.45; southern flour, common to fair extra, $2.20@2.70; choice extra, $2.70@3.60; rye flour, superfine, $2.85; fancy, $2.85@2.95.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; Canadian, in bond, 83c asked.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $2.60@2.70; Brandywine, $2.75.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Quiet; two-rowed state, 62@63c; No. 2 Milwaukee, 61@62c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@80c; Canadian, 90@95c; six-rowed, 80@85c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 27,100 bu.; exports, 89,600 bu.; sales, 895,000 bu. futures, 128,000 bu. spot. Spot market more active, closing easy; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 67⅞@67½c; afloat, 68⅜@68½c; f. o. b., 68⅛@68½c; ungraded red, 65@67c; No. 1 northern, 72⅝c. Options opened dull and about steady, dropping off on a large increase of northwestern stocks, dull caples and realizing, closing heavy at ⅝c net decline; No. 3 red, January, 68¼@68⅝c, closed 68⅛c; March, 70⅜@71¼c, closed 70⅜c; May, 72⅝@73⅛c, closed 72⅝c; December, 67⅛@67 13-16c, closed 67⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 75,200 bu.; exports, 123,300 bu.; sales, 400,000 bu. futures, 154,000 bu. spot. Spot market fairly active, closed easy; No. 2, 45¼c in elevator, 45⅜c afloat; yellow, 46c; ungraded mixed, 45c. Option market opened steady on recent good export demand, but weakened later on increasing western receipts; closed ⅜@½c net decline; January, 44⅛@44⅜c, closed at 44⅛c; May, 45⅞@46⅛c, closed at 45⅞c; December, 44⅛@44⅜c, closed at 44⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 64,100 bu.; exports, 800 bu.; sales, 195,000 bu. futures, 94,000 bu. spot. Spot market ⅛@½c lower; No. 2, 33⅛@33⅜c; No. 2, delivered, 34⅛@35⅛c; No. 3, 32⅝c; No. 2 white, 35⅛c; No. 3 white, 33⅜c; track, mixed western, 34@35c; track, white western, 36@40c; track, white state, 36@40c. Option market was quiet but steady early, selling off later with corn and closing at ⅛@¼c net decline; January, 34⅛@34⅜c, closing at 34⅛c; February, 34⅜@34⅞c, closing at 34⅜c; May, 35 9-16@35⅝c, closing at 35⅝c; December closed at 33½.

HAY—Low grades dull; shipping, good to choice, $6.00@9.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 13@22½c; Pacific coast, 18@22½c.

HIDES—Quiet; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45@65 lbs., 4½@5½c; Texas, selected, 35@50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20@24 lbs., 10½@11c; Texas, dry, 24@30 lbs., 6@7c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 14@18c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 19@26c; Texas, 10@15c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; beef hams, $15.00@16.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled hams, 9@9½c. Lard, quiet; western steam closed at $8.70; option sales, 250 tierces; January, $8.35, closed $8.20 nominal; December closed at $8.60 nominal. Pork, easy.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 18@22c; western creamery, 20@28½c; western factory, 16½@21c; Elgins, 28½c; state dairy, 19@26½c; state creamery, 22@27c.

CHEESE—Steady; state, large, 9@11½c; small, 10½@12½c; part skims, 4@9½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Dull; state and Pennsylvania, 24½@27c; ice house, 18½@24c; western fresh, 24½@26c; southern, 24@25c; receipts, 6,511 pkgs.

TALLOW—Firm; city ($2 per pkg.), 5⅛c.

PETROLEUM—Strong; United closed at 78½c bid.

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

TURPENTINE—Steady at 29@30c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic fair, extra, 3½@5½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 35@40c.

PIG IRON—Steadier; American, $12.00@15.00.

COPPER—Barely steady; lake, $10.25.

LEAD—Barely steady; domestic, $3.20.

TIN—Quiet; Straits, $20.45.

SPELTER—Flat; domestic, $3 67½. Sales on 'change 50,000 lbs. January copper at $10.35; 50,000 lbs. January copper at $10.30; 30 tons tin at $4.25.

COTTONSEED OIL—Quiet, but steady in a general way, with the demand quite local and exporters holding off for lower prices; prime crude is quoted at 28c; off grades 24@27c; yellow butter grades, 35c; choice yellow, 38c; prime yellow, 34c; yellow off grades, 30@33c; prime white, 39@40c.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 2⅛c; centrifugals, 96 test, 2⅝c; sales, 3,800 tons Java, 96 test, at 2⅜c; 5,000 bags new crop Cuba centrifugal, December shipments, 96 test, at 2⅝c, and 5,500 bags Bahia, 96 test, at breakwater to go to Philadelphia at 2⅜c; refined steady; off "A" 3⅞@4 3-16c; mould "A," 4 ½@4 11-16c; standard "A," 4⅛@4 5-16c; confectioners' "A" 4⅛@4 5-16c; cut loaf, 5@5 3-16c; crushed, 5@5 3-16c; powdered, 4 9-16@4⅝c granulated, 4 5-16@4⅜c; cubes, 4 9-16@4⅝c.

Omaha Produce Market.

BUTTER—The local demand is light and the surplus stock has to be shipped in order to keep the market cleaned up. At the same time dealers complain that the shipping demand is not very active. The market is very weak and the amount of butter that brings 20c is very small; choice country, 18@20c; fresh packing stock, 15c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Prices are low, and that may tend to stimulate the demand. Chickens, choice, 6@7½c; geese and ducks, 7@8c; turkeys, 9@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Dealers generally are advising against the shipment of live poultry as the demand is very light, the trade generally preferring dressed poultry.

VEAL—The arrivals are not heavy and the market firm at previous quotations. Choice small and fat veals, 7@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

GAME—Rabbits are also becoming very plenty and will not stand such high quotations as in the past. Prairie chickens, $4.00@4.25; grouse, $3.25@3.50; quail, $1.25; jack snipe, $1; golden plover, $1; Canada geese, $6.00@6.50; small geese, $4.00@4.50; brant, $3.00@3.50; mallard ducks, $2.75@3.00; redhead ducks, $3; blue wing teal ducks, $1.75@2.00; green wing teal ducks, $1.50; mixed ducks, $1.25@1.50; canvasback ducks, $5.00@6.00; jack rabbits, $1.50; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; squirrels, 75@90c; deer saddles, per lb., 13@15c; deer carcasses, 10c; antelope saddles, 12@13c; antelope carcasses, 8@9c.

EGGS—The receipts of fresh laid eggs are very light and the market steady at 23c. The bulk of the cold storage stock is going at 20@21c.

HONEY—Honey is commencing to move a little more freely, but the demand is still light for it; choice white clover, 15c; California, 16c.

OYSTERS—Medium, 15c; horseshoes, 19c; extra standards, 20c; selects, 21c; extra selects, 23c; company selects, 26c; counts, 30c.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 13@15c per lb.; Italian chestnuts, 13c; almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 12@14c; filberts, 12½c; Brazil nuts, 12@13c; pecans, large, 12@14c; pecans, medium, 10c. The market on black walnuts is low and no one wants to buy.

VEGETABLES.

BEANS—California hand-picked navy, $1.90@2.00; western navy, $1.85@1.90; common white beans, $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Onions are quoted at 50@65c, and on orders at 65@70c; Spanish onions, per crate, $1.50.

WATER CRESS—Put up in berry boxes, per case of 16 qts., $1.50.

POTATOES—Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 65@70c; same in car lots, 60c; Colorado, from store, 75c; Colorado lots, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—Orders for cabbage from the country are filled at 2c per lb.

CELERY ROOTS—According to size, 40@60c per doz.

CELERY—Good stock, 35c; extra fancy California, 60@75c.

SWEET POTATOES—The supply is fair; western stock, per bbl., $3.50.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $2.25; salsify, 30@35c per doz.; radishes, per doz., 20c; endive, per doz., 75c; onions, per doz., 20c; cauliflower, per doz., $2; lettuce, per doz., 50@75c; cucumbers, $2; tomatoes, per lb., 20c.

FRUITS

GRAPES—Eastern Concords, 22c; Catawbas, per 5-lb. basket, 17@18c; Malagas, per 50-lb. bbls., net, $5.50@6.00; Malagas, per 55-lb. bbls., net, $6.50@7.00.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—There is not much left on the market; pears, $2.75; Muscat grapes, single cases, $1.10@1.25; black grapes, $1.25@1.50.

APPLES—The supply is light on this market and prices higher; choice, per bbl., $4.75@5.00; fancy western, $1.75@2.00 per box.

CRANBERRIES—Cranberries are arriving very freely and are in good demand; Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.25@6.50; bell and bugle, $6.50@6.75; Jersey, $6; bell and cherry, $5.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Prices remain about steady; per bunch, large, $2.00@2.50; per bunch, small to medium, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—Good lemons, $5.00@5.50.

ORANGES—Mexicans or Floridas, per box, $2.75; large sizes, $2.50.

TANGERINES—Per box, $2.75.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $5.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 2c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 3c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 35@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 10@15c; 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, 10@11c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 17@20c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@10c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 7@9c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 6@7c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—FLOUR—Weak but unchanged.

WHEAT—Advanced ⅛c early, but went off ⅝c later and closed with buyers ⅝c below yesterday; cash, 58⅝c; December, 59⅛c; January, 59⅛c bid; May, 65c bid.

CORN—Dull and weak, but closed only ⅛c under yesterday; cash, 34c; December, 33⅜c; January, 33⅝c; May, 35⅝c bid.

OATS—Very dull; cash and December, 27½c bid; May, 30⅛c bid.

RYE—No sales; 47c bid.

BARLEY—Weak and dull; small sales; Iowa, 40c; choice Minnesota, 65c.

BRAN—Quiet at 63c, east track.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $10.00@12.50; prairie, $7.00@9.00.

LEAD—Lower and slow at $3.00.

SPELTER—Quotable at $3.50.

FLAX SEED—Firm; $1.16.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 22@26c; dairy, 16@24c.

EGGS—Unchanged; 21@21½c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at $1.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.15.

BAGGING—Quiet; 4¼@6c.

COTTON TIES—95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Quiet; pork, in job lots, $14; lard, $8; loose dry salt shoulders, $6.25; longs and ribs, $6.80; shorts, $6.95; boxed, 15c more; bacon, shoulders, $7.25; longs and ribs, $8; shorts, $8.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 149,000 bu.; oats, 40,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 106,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Advices from the interior show that small stocks of dry goods are being carried as the result of caution, but there came quite a number of mail orders for small quantities of goods in order to rejuvenate assortments. The feature of the market was the reduction of prices of bleached cotton as follows: Lonsdale, 8c; Cumberland, 7½c; Lonsdale cambrics, 10c; Blackstone, 7c; Hope, 6¾c; Fitchville, 6⅝c; Forget-Me-Not, 6¼c; Farmers' Choice, 6¼c; Coronet cambric 7½c; Fruit of the Loom, 8c. For Lonsdale and Fruit of the Loom these are the lowest prices since 1885. Print cloths show moderate activity, and prints suitable for spring trade at least hold their own. The business in ginghams and woven wash goods is moderately active and running toward light, cheerful patterns suitable for hot weather wear. Foreign dry goods show considerable hesitation on the part of buyers. The jobbing trade is slow. The holiday trade among retailers reflects the results of pinching times and runs toward a less expensive class of goods than during holiday seasons heretofore.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Total receipts, 55,239 bales; exports, Great Britain, 30,537 bales; France, 3,350 bales; continent, 12,439 bales; stock, 1,175,463 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7⅛c; low middling, 6 15-16c; good ordinary, 6 9-16c; net receipts, 19,700 bales; gross receipts, 20,100 bales; exports, Great Britain, 17,850 bales; France, 3,370 bales; continent, 11,839 bales; coastwise, 2,805 bales; sales, 8,000 bales; stock, 301,956 bales. Futures barely steady; sales, 82,100 bales; December, $7.19; January, $7.21@7.22; February, $7.32@7.33; March, $7.42@7.43; April, $7.50@7.51; May, $7.58@7.59; July, $7.74@7.76.

GALVESTON, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7⅛c; low middling, 6⅝c; good ordinary, 6⅛c; receipts, 5,824 bales; exports, Great Britain, 12,485 bales; sales, 1,071 bales; stock, 207,285 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7⅝c; sales, 1,700 bales; receipts, 5,800 bales; shipments, 4,300 bales; stock, 48,900 bales.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—FLOUR—Firmly held.

WHEAT—Firmer; No. 2 spring, 60⅛c; No. 1 northern, 64c; May, 64c.

CORN—Lower; No. 3, 34⅛c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3 white, 29@30c.

BARLEY—Dull and lower; No. 2, 48c; sample, 38@50c.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 1, 47½c.

PROVISIONS—Lower; pork, $12.75; lard, $8.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,800 bbls.; wheat, 77,400 bu.; barley, 56,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,800 bbls.; wheat, 15,600 bu.; barley, 15,100 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—The speculative wheat market started out this morning in a hesitating mood, and later developed weakness, but not sufficiently weak to cause a material decline up to 11 a. m. At that hour a considerable selling pressure by scalping longs caused a further decline. December wheat opened at 59⅛c, being ⅛c better than yesterday, and remained steady at that up to noon, with but little trading done in it, but later fell, with May closing at 59c. May opened at 62⅝c, being the same as yesterday's close, advanced to 64⅛c, dropped to 62½c, firmed and closed at 62⅝c. The track wheat was fairly active, but at the expense of values. Millers were free buyers at the decline early, but later were quite indifferent. The receipts were liberal, but a good deal was placed on sale to arrive. No. 1 hard sold at 62⅛c; No. 1 northern, 61@61⅛c; No. 2 northern, 59@59⅛c. Receipts, 264 cars; shipments, 48 cars.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; production today about 25,000 bbls.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at from 15 points lower to 5 points higher, ruled firm through the session and closed firm at 5 to 25 points net advance; sales, 16,500 bags, including: December, $16.90@17.00; January, $16.60@16.70; February, $16.30; March, $16.05@16.30; May, $15.60@15.65. Spot coffee, Rio, market firm; No. 7, $18.00@18.12½; mild, market steady; Cordova, $20.00@20.25; sales, 1,500 bags Rio No. 7 at Baltimore, to come here at $18; 1,000 bags Rio No. 7 at $17.87½; 1,000 bags Santos, Nos. 5 to 8, private terms; 300 bags Maracaibo and 140 bags Central American, private terms.

HAMBURG, Dec. 12.—Quiet; unchanged to ¼ pfg higher.

HAVRE, Dec. 12.—Dull; ¼@¾f higher.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 12.—No Brazil advices.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Quiet; generally 3d to 1s higher.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—WOOL—Market steady for medium and coarse, others weak; Missouri and Illinois, medium, 16@17c; low and braid, 13@15c; fine, 11@13c; western and northern, medium, 13@14c; fine medium, 11@12c; fine, 9@11c; Texas medium, 13@15c; coarse and low, 10@12c; light, fine, 10@13c; heavy, fine, 9@12c; tub washed, choice, 25c; low and coarse, 18@20c.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—WOOL—Quiet; buyers taking small lines for actual necessities; prices weak and outside figures hard to realize; territorial and western light, fine, 10@12c; territorial and western heavy, 7@10c; fine medium, 12@14c; medium, 14@15c; low medium, 13@15c; coarse, 12@14c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—Dull, lower; holders offer sparingly; No. 2 California, 5s 6d@5s 7d; No. 2, red western spring, 5s 7d@5s 8d; No. 2, red western winter, 5s 2½d@5s 3½d.

CORN—Steady; demand fair; mixed western, 4s 2¾d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, fine, 85s. Lard, 45s 6d. Beef, extra India mess, 110s. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 47s 6d; long clear, 45 lbs., 47s.

TALLOW—American Liverpool, fine, 28s.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—½@1c lower; No. 2 hard, 52c; No. 3 red, 55c.

CORN—Active and ½c lower; No. 2 mixed, 30½@30¾c; No. 2 white, 30¾c.

OATS—Scarce and unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 27½@28c; No. 2 white, 28½@29c.

EGGS—Quiet and steady at 20½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 31,000 bu.; corn, 17,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 16,000 bu.; oats, none.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 12.—CORN—Active; No. 2, 34¾c; No. 3, 34¼c; No. 4, 32¾c.

OATS—Active and firm; No. 2 white, 29½@30c; No. 3 white, 28¾@29c.

WHISKY—Firm; wines, $1.15; spirits, $1.37.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, none; corn, 118,300 bu.; oats, 119,900 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; barley, 8,400 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, none; corn, 33,200 bu.; oats, 34,100 bu.; rye, 12,000 bu.; barley, 7,600 bu.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 12.—Market dull and lower today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash and December, 61c; May, 65⅛c; No. 1 northern, cash and December, 60c; May, 64⅛c; No. 2 northern, cash, 56½c; No. 3, 52c; rejected, 46c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 60½c.

Oil Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—LINSEED—Calcutta, 40s; January shipments, 4s 3d.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

It Was a Phenomenally Dull Day in the Security Market.

NEW YORK, Dec 12.—It was a phenomenally dull day on the Stock exchange and there were periods of complete stagnation during which absolutely no business was transacted. The result is that the total sales of the day do not aggregate more than in a brisk market would be made in a single hour, yet there was a firm undertone to the dealings and the changes of the day, though slight, are generally in the advance column.

At the opening a firm tone prevailed and some moderate buying orders in the arbitrage specialties came in from London, which, together with advices of a better London market for American securities, helped the sluggish upward movement. The rise was merely fractional, except for Lead preferred, which was sold up 1 per cent, and excepting this the improvement was quickly lost. Before 11 o'clock another advance had been recorded, Tobacco and Lead preferred making additional gains of 1 per cent. General Electric and Colorado Coal & Iron also advanced 1 per cent and the general list from ⅛ to ¾ per cent. Then came one of the stagnant periods during which the voice of the stock ticker was heard at but rare intervals, but toward noon there was some activity in the selling. Lead preferred losing all the early improvement. National Linseed, on the contrary, was strong and advanced 2¼ per cent.

During the early part of the afternoon the transactions and fluctuations were unimportant except in one or two instances. Before 2 o'clock a fractional reaction set in and the speculation was heavy until the last half hour, when the trading became firmer than at any other time during the day, an upward movement developing which was held to the close, the final prices being in many cases at the highest of the day.

The general list closed at an advance of ⅛ to ⅜ per cent.

The Post says: The Wall street market reached today a pitch of inactivity quite without recent parallel. It was not, however, weak, and yesterday's professional attack on prices, like most of such movements since the repeal bill passed into law, fizzled out completely on this morning's market. Today's firmness in prices in the face of the pathetic support is attributable in no small measure to the growing conviction, in financial circles, that the tariff bill will be passed with very little violent opposition.

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

Atchison	19⅝	North'rn P. pref'd	22
Adams Express	150	U. P., D. & Gulf	5⅛
Alton, T. H.	25	Northwestern	103⅜
do pref'd	145	do pref'd	139
American Express	114	New York Central	101⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	72⅛	N. Y. & N. E.	29⅛
Canada Pacific	73⅜	Ontario & Western	17
Canada Southern	53⅛	Oregon Imp	15
Central Pacific	19	Oregon Nav	28
Ches. & Ohio	18⅝	O. S. L. & U. N.	6⅛
Chicago & Alton	138	Pacific Mail	14⅛
C., B. & Q.	78⅛	Peoria, Dec. & E.	6⅛
Chic. Gas	66⅜	Pittsburg	150
Consolidated Gas	125	Pullman Palace	171
C. C. C. & St. L.	37⅛	Reading	20⅛
Col. Coal & Iron	10⅛	Richmond Ter.	2⅛
Cotton Oil Cert	29½	do pref'd	14
Del. & Hudson	132⅜	Rio Grande West.	18
Del. Lack. & West.	164	do pref'd	45
D. & R. G. pref'd	32	Rock Island	68
Dis. & C. Fdrs. Co	28⅛	St. Paul	63
East Tenn.	⅝	do pref'd	118
Erie	15¼	St. Paul & Omaha	38⅛
do pref'd	32	do pref'd	115⅛
Fort Wayne	150	Southern Pacific	21½
Great North'n pf'd	106	Sugar Refinery	83⅛
Chi. & East. Ill. pf'd	99	Tenn. Coal & Iron	16⅛
Hocking Valley	21⅛	Texas Pacific	8
Illinois Central	93	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd	70
St. Paul & Duluth	25	Union Pacific	21⅛
Kan. & Texas pf'd	25½	U. S. Express	53
Lake Erie & West.	15½	W. St. L. & Pac.	7⅛
do pref'd	64	do pref'd	16
Lake Shore	126⅛	Wells Fargo Exp	125
Lead Trust	24	Western Union	88⅛
Louisville & N.	49⅝	Wheeling & L. E.	14⅛
Louis. & N. A.	9¼	do pref'd	51
Manhattan Con	127½	M. & St. L.	12⅛
Memphis & C.	10	D. & R. G.	10
Michigan Central	101⅛	General Electric	35⅛
Missouri Pacific	24⅛	National Linseed	26
Mobile & Ohio	19	C. F. & I.	25⅛
Nash. & Chatt.	70	C. F. & I. pref'd	70
National Cordage	19⅛	H. & T. C.	2
do pref'd	43½	T. A. A. & N. M.	7⅛
N. J. Central	115	T. St. L. & K. C.	1
Norfolk & W. pf'd	21⅛	do pref'd	8
Northern Pacific	6		

The range of prices as reported by J. W. Deane & Co., Board of Trade hall, is as follows:

Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes't
Erie	15⅜	......	...	15⅜	14⅞
Pacific Mail	......	......	......	......	15⅛
L. & N.	50	50¼	49⅜	49⅜	49⅜
Northwestern	103⅜	103⅝	103⅜	103⅜	103⅜
Mo. Pacific	24⅜	25	24⅜	25	24⅛
Union Pacific	21⅜	21⅜	21⅛	21⅛	20⅝
N. Pacific, pf'd	22⅛	22⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛
N. Pacific com	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
C. B. & Q.	78⅜	78½	77⅞	78⅜	78
Rock Island	67⅜	68⅛	67⅜	68	67⅜
St. Paul	62⅜	63⅛	62⅜	63⅛	62⅜
Western Union	87⅛	88⅛	87⅜	88⅛	88
Am. Sugar Refin	83	83⅜	82⅜	83⅛	82⅜
New England	30	30	28⅜	29⅜	30
Atchison	19⅜	20⅛	19⅛	19⅛	19⅛
Chicago Gas	66⅜	66½	65⅜	66⅛	65⅜
Reading	21⅛	21½	20	20⅛	20⅛
Del. & Hudson	......	......	......	133⅛	133⅜
E. G. B.	35⅛	36⅛	35	36⅛	35
D. C. F.	28⅛	28⅜	27⅛	28⅛	28⅛
Cordage	19⅜	......	......	19⅛	19⅛

The total sales of stocks today were 138,000 shares, including: Atchison, 72,000; American Sugar, 15,900; Burlington, 6,100; Chicago Gas, 8,500; Distilling, 9,700; General Electric, 14,200; New York & New England, 10,100; Reading, 9,000; St. Paul, 19,300; Western Union, 8,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1¼ per cent; last loan, 1 per cent, closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@5¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and at $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty-day bills. Posted rates, $4.85½@4.88½. Commercial bills, $4.83@4.83½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69⅛c bid.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds, dull.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	113¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M	100
U. S. 4s coup	114¾	St. Paul Consols	131⅛
U. S. 4½s reg	95½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	110
Pacific 6s of '95	102½	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	75¼
La. stamped 4s	98	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	20
Missouri 6s	100	Union Pac. 1sts	104
Tenn. new set 6s	102	West Shore	107¾
Tenn. new set 5s	100	R. G. W. 1st	72½
Tenn. new set 3s	74	Atchison 4s	72¼
Canada So. 2ds	102	do 2½s class A	39
Central Pac. 1sts	105⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s	92½
D. & R. G. 1sts	112	G. H. & S. A. 7s	95
D. & R. G. 4s	80	H. & T. C. 5s	107
Erie 2ds	76	do 6s	102½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	46	N. C. 6s	117
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	79⅛	do 4s	97
Mutual Union 6s	109	Tenn. old 6s	60
N. J. C. Int. Cert	114	Va. Centuries	57
N. Pacific 1sts	110	Va. Centuries df	6
N. Pac. 2ds	89	Ala. class A	101
N. W. Consols	138⅛	Ala. class B	102
N. W. Deb. 5s	108⅛	Ala. class C	94
St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	79	Va. Currencies	92

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@15 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atch., T. & S. F.	19⅝	Westingh. Elec	24⅛
American Sugar	80⅜	do pref'd	45⅛
do preferred	81¼	Wis. Central	6
Bay State Gas	8	Atchison 2s	38
Bell Telephone	193½	Atchison 4s	71¼
Boston & Maine	141	Gen. Elec. 5s	72
C., B & Q.	78⅛	Allouez Mining Co	40
Fitchburg	13	Atlantic	11
General Elec	35½	Boston & Montana	27½
Mexican Central	67	Butte & Boston	9
N. Y. & N. E.	29	Calumet & Hecla	295
Old Colony	176⅛	Centennial	3¾
Ore. Short Line	6¾	Franklin	12
Rubber	45⅛	Kearsarge	7⅜
San Diego	6	Osceola	29⅜
Union Pacific	21⅛	Quincy	125
West End	54	Tamarack	154

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Close:

Consols, money	98 1-16	Mexican ordinary	15
Consols, acc'nt	98 3-16	St. Paul common	64⅜
Canadian Pacific	76	New York Central	104⅜
Erie	15¾	Pennsylvania	51⅜
Erie 2ds	78	Reading	10⅛
Illinois Central	96¼	Mex. Cen. new 4s	55⅛

BAR SILVER—32d per oz.

MONEY—2½ per cent.

BILLS—2½ per cent.

Rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills, 2½ per cent.

On the London Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Post's special financial cablegram from London says: Silver was unchanged today but uncertain in tone. Action by the Indian government to support exchange is rumored in connection with an import duty on silver bullion. The spot price in India is at present above the price for delivery next week. Rupee paper has fallen to 65⅜d. The markets were dull today except for the firmness in Americans, Atchison and Erie both rising on reports of their favorable financial outlook. Foreign stocks were flat because the bear account is much reduced.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	20	Mexican	105
Belle Isle	5	Mono	10
Best & Belcher	220	Nevada Queen	5
Bodie Con	30	Ophir	155
Bulwer	10	Potosi	50
Chollar	50	Savage	50
Con. Cal. & Va	340	Sierra Nevada	125
Crown Point	60	Union Con	100
Gould & Curry	105	Utah	10
Hale & Norcross	75	Yellow Jacket	90

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The following are the mining quotations:

Cholor	50	Plymouth	10
Crown Point	70	Sierra Nevada	135
Con. Cal. & Va	345	Standard	100
Deadwood	60	Union Con	95
Gould & Curry	100	Yellow Jacket	100
Hale & Norcross	75	Iron Silver	10
Homestake	875	Quick Silver	150
Mexican	190	do pref'd	1000
Ontario	550	Bulwer	5
Ophir	155		

St. Louis Mining Quotations.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Prices of mining stocks were firm, but fluctuations were narrow and show little change from yesterday. Prices at noon call were:

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Granite M.	$1.70	$1.85	Am Nettie	$ .22½	$ .27½
Adams	.40	.60	S. Hopes	....	.75
Bimetallic	2.25	2.50	Leo	.01¼	.02
Elizabeth	.16¼	.20			

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $1,346,953.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $2,185,262; balances, $214,299.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $2,314,230; balances, $325,974.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $11,063,372; balances, $1,489,816.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $2,088,700. Money, 4@7 per cent. New York exchange, 50@60 c.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 12.—New York exchange, selling at par. Clearings, $212,808; balances, $38,268.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Three per cent rentes, 97f 33c for the account. Exchange on New York, 25f 19c for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase in specie of 2,320,000 marks.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $16,040,101; balances, $2,457,592. Money, 1@1½ per cent. Exchange on New York, par for cash.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $3,638,386; balances, $472,603. Money quiet, 7@8 per cent. Exchange on New York, 80c premium.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $14,857,000. New York exchange, 80c premium. Sterling exchange, steady at $4.83¾@4.87¾. Money, plenty; rates, 5@7 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Trade Fairly Active on Good Grades—Hogs Brisk but Lower.

TUESDAY, Dec. 12.

So far this week, compared with last, there has been very little change in cattle receipts. Hog supplies show an increase of nearly 2,000 head, and sheep nearly 3,500 head.

The supply of cattle was fairly liberal and the offerings were, as usual, made up largely of half fat natives and odds and ends of rangers. Dressed beef houses were about the only buyers, but as they all wanted good cattle the market opened out reasonably active and very nearly steady on these grades, and fair to choice 1,300 to 1,400-lb. beeves sold at from $4.25 to $5. For the ordinary run of half fat and short fed stock the market was in bad shape. Sellers took off 10c and 15c and then had lots of trouble to find buyers. Very fair 1,200 to 1,350-lb. steers sold at from $3.50 up to $4, and the movement was decidedly sluggish throughout. Half finished and warmed up cattle are too plentiful to be worth much now, as the consumptive demand is very low.

Cows and mixed stock were in liberal supply, making up nearly a third of the entire fresh receipts. Good stuff sold early at full strong prices, but the local contingent started in to buy common and canning grades down. A good speculative demand, however, helped sustain prices and the general market was not much different from that of Monday. Some fancy heifers brought $3.50, but $2.25 to $2.65 bought the bulk of the fair to good butchers' stock, while nothing of any consequence went at under $1.50. Calves were fully steady at from $2 to $5 and rough stock showed no particular change, poor to choice bulls, oxen and stags selling readily at from $1.75 to $3.25.

Business in stockers and feeders showed no noteworthy change. Fresh receipts were not excessive and with a continued active inquiry from the country prices were firmly held on all suitable grades. Common and inferior stock was, as usual, slow sale, although at comparatively stiff prices. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	951	$3 00	17	1076	$3 80
2	880	3 25	37	1235	3 80
4	990	3 25	18	1205	3 80
40	1063	3 25	19	1248	3 85
1	1060	3 25	20	1205	3 90
18	893	3 30	11	1181	3 90
24	1160	3 40	20	1174	3 90
1	980	3 50	2	1115	3 90
1	1380	3 50	20	1034	4 00
4	1185	3 55	18	1328	4 25
2	1130	3 55	56	1302	4 40
22	1044	3 65	5	1032	4 50
40	1264	3 65	73	1375	4 65
20	1322	3 75	39	1330	5 00
38	1257	3 75			

MIXED.

21	926	3 25			

COWS.

1	660	1 25	9	862	2 35
2	780	1 45	7	888	2 35
1	840	1 50	4	1002	2 35
1	820	1 50	21	1103	2 35
1	910	1 75	24	990	2 35
3	923	1 75	11	1166	2 35
2	1020	1 75	9	1011	2 35
6	1060	1 75	21	846	2 35
4	745	1 75	2	1085	2 35
1	980	1 80	6	1071	2 35
9	778	1 80	14	1041	2 40
50	774	1 80	1	840	2 40
2	825	1 85	15	988	2 40
1	920	1 90	5	854	2 40
1	923	1 90	1	1080	2 40
23	905	1 90	13	1027	2 40
111	761	2 00	6	1051	2 40
11	961	2 00	9	1015	2 40
7	714	2 00	1	1090	2 40
13	793	2 00	15	1125	2 40
3	870	2 00	2	1115	2 45
28	932	2 00	17	934	2 45
1	1030	2 00	19	1046	2 45
2	1050	2 00	5	830	2 45
2	810	2 00	12	945	2 45
5	764	2 00	5	1116	2 45
5	960	2 00	28	950	2 50
2	1060	2 00	1	1160	2 50
3	1086	2 00	7	1094	2 50
5	768	2 00	2	1115	2 50
3	650	2 10	34	919	2 50
24	960	2 10	22	1010	2 55
4	777	2 10	24	865	2 55
4	1025	2 10	7	1006	2 60
1	930	2 10	15	930	2 60
6	780	2 10	6	1138	2 65
1	970	2 15	19	1029	2 65
20	878	2 15	17	1065	2 65
20	682	2 15	14	868	2 65
6	1096	2 15	4	1042	2 65
21	1041	2 15	7	1015	2 70
3	1053	2 20	1	1180	2 70
4	1072	2 20	1	880	2 70
1	1070	2 20	1	1070	2 70
1	930	2 25	9	1053	2 75
2	935	2 25	4	1007	2 75
2	825	2 25	3	986	2 75
2	770	2 25	3	900	2 75
1	990	2 25	1	1270	2 75
4	795	2 25	24	1043	2 80
2	935	2 25	20	1123	2 80
20	899	2 25	5	1066	2 85
11	822	2 25	4	1115	2 85
28	901	2 30	1	1170	3 00
2	1140	2 30	9	958	3 10
4	1095	2 30	1	1170	3 10
1	1080	2 35	2	880	3 15
1	1102	2 35	13	1131	3 15

HEIFERS.

3	483	2 10	3	416	2 35
14	715	2 20	5	780	2 80
19	691	2 20	21	930	3 00
18	383	2 30	28	870	3 00
3	630	2 30	11	1009	3 50
1	510	2 35	1	1410	3 75

CALVES.

1	260	2 00	2	215	4 00
6	216	2 00	2	125	4 25
8	397	2 25	4	125	4 25
1	360	2 25	2	95	4 25
1	300	2 35	1	100	4 50
1	310	2 40	2	165	4 50
9	266	2 60	1	180	4 50
1	320	2 65	1	170	4 75
1	80	3 00	1	140	4 75
1	80	3 00	1	140	5 00
1	90	3 50	4	145	5 00
1	110	3 75			

BULLS.

1	1740	1 75	2	1000	2 25
15	1090	1 80	1	1300	2 35
1	1580	1 80	1	1170	2 35
1	1440	1 85	1	1280	2 35
2	1390	1 90	1	1580	2 40
1	1660	2 00	1	1630	2 40
4	1120	2 00	1	1340	2 50
1	1470	2 00	5	1392	2 65
1	1360	2 05	2	1675	2 65
1	1240	2 10	2	1295	2 75
2	1420	2 10	1	1680	2 75
1	1650	2 15	1	1340	2 75
1	1630	2 15	1	1790	2 75
1	1010	2 15	3	1193	2 80
2	1060	2 15	1	1950	3 00
1	1360	2 20	1	1400	3 25
2	1130	2 25	1	1680	3 50
1	1390	2 25			

OXEN.

2	1640	3 50			

STAGS.

1	760	2 00			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	740	2 00	2	920	2 90
6	520	2 00	20	746	2 95
1	670	2 00	1	880	3 00
6	466	2 00	49	942	3 00
12	717	2 25	1	1090	3 00
60	734	2 40	4	1190	3 00
2	1110	2 50	19	736	3 00
1	710	2 50	14	887	3 00
15	618	2 60	4	1190	3 00
10	756	2 65	27	766	3 05
10	756	2 65	25	864	3 05
17	416	2 65	2	830	3 10
3	396	2 70	17	956	3 15
18	916	2 70	24	1089	3 15
2	525	2 70	5	732	3 15
6	698	2 70	80	954	3 15
1	680	2 85	24	1004	3 25
18	519	2 85	13	964	3 25
1	520	2 90	17	1004	3 25
28	428	2 90	8	952	3 25
1	520	2 90	1	1150	3 35

WESTERN CATTLE.

COLORADO.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
23 steers	1191	$3 50	1 bull	1230	$1 50
100 fdrs	853	3 10	1 str. tlg.	1220	2 00
24 steers	1050	3 40	1 Colo-T	980	3 15
2 Colo-T	1135	3 15	15 cows	706	2 25
32 Colo-T	983	3 15	2 cows	1010	1 90
1 cow	920	1 90	5 cows	1102	1 90
5 cows	1076	2 25	13 cows	1004	2 25
23 cows	1013	2 25	2 fdrs	710	2 50
1 fdr	880	2 50	61 fdrs	1060	3 25
1 cow	700	1 75	2 cows	810	2 10
2 cows	1030	1 90	16 cows	909	2 35
4 cows	862	2 10	6 cows	900	2 10
2 hfrs	685	2 20	4 hfrs	657	2 20
1 heifer	700	2 00	20 hfrs	671	2 20
1 bull	980	1 80	42 cows	818	2 25
4 cows	962	2 25	1 cow	1030	2 25
4 cows	862	2 25	2 cows	725	1 75
9 cows	1006	2 15	1 cow	970	1 90
3 cows	1010	1 90	2 cows	940	1 90
2 cows	860	2 35	2 fdrs	1205	1 90
23 bulls	1196	1 90			

WYOMING.

24 fdrs	840	3 10	44 cows	831	2 05
3 bulls	858	1 85	3 calves	146	4 25
20 cows	663	2 25	1 cow	840	2 10
1 cow	810	2 10	4 cows	750	1 75
1 cow	1040	2 25	17 bulls	1207	1 75
96 cows	917	2 60			

HOGS—The run was liberal and the quality good. A lower market in Chicago, heavy supplies here and no shipping or speculative demand worth mentioning all combined to make prices lower, and buyers started in to make their purchases about a nickel cheaper than Monday. All were anxious for the hogs at the prices and the free buying started prices upward a trifle. For a time the market was fully as good as on Monday. On the early market fair to good hogs sold largely at $5.05 and $5.10, and on the bulge the same grades of hogs brought $5.10 and $5.15. The strength was of short duration, however, and the market slumped again on bearish advices and closed as weak as it had opened. Rough packers and underweight stuff sold as low as $5, and choice butchers sold on the rise at $5.20. One-half the offerings, however, changed hands at $5.10. Monday and a week ago today the bulk of the trading was at $5.10 and $5.15. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
3	286	—	$5 00	66	284	160	$5 10
60	280	200	5 00	50	252	80	5 10
88	188	80	5 00	61	299	240	5 10
80	132	—	5 00	58	271	80	5 10
4	467	—	5 00	19	225	40	5 10
47	381	360	5 05	62	273	240	5 10
44	370	280	5 05	62	313	280	5 10
24	296	120	5 05	78	284	280	5 10
39	307	120	5 05	61	290	160	5 10
50	324	160	5 05	50	292	80	5 10
61	308	320	5 05	74	258	280	5 10
70	260	120	5 05	60	252	160	5 10
71	242	400	5 05	82	269	120	5 10
71	173	120	5 05	60	246	120	5 10
31	237	40	5 05	30	216	—	5 10
73	326	160	5 05	51	306	120	5 10
70	269	40	5 05	2	330	—	5 10
67	282	240	5 05	63	275	120	5 10
67	287	240	5 05	49	324	120	5 10
59	268	320	5 05	58	303	200	5 10
70	245	40	5 07½	29	301	80	5 10
66	322	160	5 07½	52	336	160	5 10
43	284	40	5 07½	65	266	—	5 10
40	386	40	5 07½	52	216	80	5 12½
54	297	200	5 10	53	211	160	5 12½
64	277	120	5 10	71	286	160	5 12½
79	275	160	5 10	61	289	120	5 12½
50	316	280	5 10	53	389	160	5 12½
59	266	120	5 10	67	301	200	5 12½
60	399	240	5 10	45	284	40	5 12½
95	193	80	5 10	63	324	40	5 12½
37	204	—	5 10	43	280	200	5 12½
61	240	40	5 10	76	229	40	5 15
54	287	200	5 10	54	296	40	5 15
63	309	120	5 10	[illegible]	300	280	5 15
62	302	80	5 10	88	229	160	5 15
67	307	80	5 10	70	266	40	5 15
71	240	40	5 10	66	244	—	5 15
62	270	80	5 10	71	204	80	5 15
63	338	—	5 10	51	354	120	5 15
70	265	80	5 10	84	221	120	5 15
70	187	160	5 10	91	171	—	5 15
66	262	360	5 10	60	312	160	5 15
77	264	160	5 10	55	324	120	5 15
52	312	160	5 10	57	276	160	5 15
44	341	200	5 10	54	312	120	5 15
67	257	120	5 10	77	209	40	5 15
65	304	120	5 10	46	307	—	5 15
78	207	80	5 10	58	343	120	5 17½
59	274	80	5 10	62	203	—	5 20

PIGS AND ROUGH.

1	240	—	4 50	5	316	—	4 80

SHEEP—Receipts were liberal and the offerings generally on the common order. Local houses have bought a good many sheep lately, and while the demand was good and prices firm for desirable stock the under grades were hard to sell even at easier figures. Fair to good natives, $2.75@3.50; fair to good westerns, $2.25@3.25; common and stock sheep, $1.50@2.25; good to choice 40 to 100-lb. lambs, $2.50@4.50. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
201 native ewes		93	$3 10
108 Mexican wethers		87	2 85
140 Mexican wethers		87	2 85

Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Union Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock p. m., December 12, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		HORSES & M'LS.	
Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.
166	4,199	98	5,987	16	2,728	......	......

DISPOSITION.

BUYERS.	CATTLE.	HOGS.	SHEEP.
The Omaha Packing Co	20	5	......
The G. H. Hammond Co	646	1,732	......
Swift & Co	949	1,173	689
The Cudahy Packing Co	979	2,989	......
Nelson Morris	114	......	......
R. Becker & Degen	392	......	......
Vansant & Carey	201	......	......
Shippers and feeders	905	......	......
Left over	......	100	400
Total	4,206	5,999	1,089

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Nobody seemed to want cattle today. Not much is expected of Tuesday's market, but rarely is it so utterly devoid of life as was the case today. Although the fresh receipts footed up barely 6,000 head, and the total since Saturday does not reach 21,000 head, the market is very little stronger than at the close of last week. It is not higher for the kinds that are sought by dressed beef concerns and shippers. Butchers' and canners' stock has made a small advance. It was quite strong today, while for other descriptions it was not easy to find buyers who were willing to pay Monday's prices. Not many good steers were offered and sales that were better than $4.50 were few. Common to good grades sold at from $3.25 to $4.50. There was little or no inquiry for holiday cattle and prices are lower than last week. It is doubtful that more than from $6.35 to $6.40 could be secured for such as found buyers last week at from $6.65 to $6.75. Choice to extra cows were salable at from $3.25 to $3.50, and veal calves were firm at fully recent prices.

There was a show of firmness at the opening of business in hogs this morning, but it was short-lived. A couple of hours later prices had fallen from 5c to 10c, and the market remained weak at that reduction. The closing hours saw a sluggish movement, with the best heavy weights offered at from $5.25 to $5.30, and choice assorted light were a drug at from $5.35 to $5.40. From those figures sales ran down to from $4.85 to $4.95 for common heavy and to from $4.95 to $5 for low grade lots. Few of the 3,000 head on sale brought as much as $5.30, the prevailing prices being from $5.10 to $5.25. Receipts were estimated at 26,000, making 64,265 head since Saturday, or about 2,000 more than for the same time last week. Since December 1 receipts have been about 22,000 head more than for the same time last year.

The supply of sheep for the last two days has been temperate and the market has assumed a somewhat firmer tone. It is a little higher than at the close of last week for fairly choice grades of both sheep and lambs. Poor and common lots were not wanted at any advance, there being only a limited demand for them at any price, but that branch of the market may also be expected to gain strength if receipts can be kept down to somewhere near their present proportions. Sales were on a basis of from $1 to $3.50 for poor to choice sheep and from $2.75 to $4.65 for lambs of corresponding quality. Christmas sheep did not receive much attention and were quoted lower at from $3.75 to $4.50.

Receipts: Cattle, 6,000 head; calves, 500 head; hogs, 26,000 head; sheep, 13,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,200 head; shipments, 1,600 head; market steady; fair to real good native steers sold at $3.00@4.75, the latter averaging 1,438 lbs.; ordinary, $2.60@2.75; cows, $1.60@2.80, the latter heavy; fed Texas steers, $3.20@3.60; grass steers, $2.40@3.00; cows, $1.60@2.30.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,800 head; shipments, 1,400 head; market steady; light, $5.10@5.30; mixed, $4.80@5.20; heavy, $4.90@5.15.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 500 head; market strong; native mixed sold at $2.00@3.25; muttons, $3.00@3.40; fat lambs, $4.00@4.25.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,300 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market steady to firm; Texas steers, $2.25@3.30; shipping steers, $4.00@5.55; Texas and native cows, $1.65@3.25; butchers, $3.15@4.10; stockers and feeders, $2.30@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,000 head; shipments, 500 head; market steady to 5c lower; bulk, $5.05@5.12½; heavy, packing and mixed, $4.85@5.1 ; lights, Yorkers and pigs, $4.75@5.15.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,400 head; shipments, 700 head; market slow and unchanged; lambs, $2.00@4.25.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 12.—HOGS—Receipts, 2,200 head; official yesterday, 539 head; shipments, none; market 5c higher and active at $5.05@5.17½; bulk, 5.12½@5.15.

CATTLE—Receipts, 700 head; official yesterday, 244 head; shipments, 102 head; cows 10@15c higher; stockers strong.

Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the four principal western markets Tuesday, December 12:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	4,199	5,987	2,728
Chicago	6,000	26,000	13,000
Kansas City	8,300	10,000	2,400
St. Louis	5,200	6,800	1,000
Total	23,699	48,787	19,128

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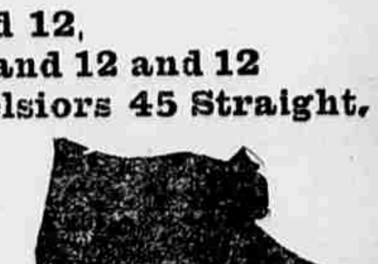

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