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## Low Prices of Wheat Gave Shorts a Chance to Purchase.

## THAT CEREAL OPENED UNCHANGED

### There Was News in Which the Bulls Found Some Consolation, However—Corn Began the Day at a Fractional Loss.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Buying by shorts, caused by low prices and diminishing receipts, resulted in a gain for wheat today, and May closed ¼c higher than yesterday, after touching 66¼c. Corn and oats averaged weak, and each lost a fraction of their yesterday's closing values. Provisions were irregular, strong at first, then weak, and wound up strong again.

Wheat opened unchanged at 66¼c. The market still felt the depressing influence of yesterday's increase in the visible supply, and declined until it had made a new low price record for May at 66¼c. There was news in which the bulls found some consolation, however. The Baltic and other shipping ports, exclusive of Indian and American, exported 3,450,000 bu. of wheat last week, which indicates a considerable falling off in Russian shipments. Indian exports were 456,000 bu. The northwestern receipts here also were light in comparison both with those of the week before and of a year ago. Minneapolis reported 182 cars received, and Duluth inspected into store 164 cars, making together 356, against 554 a week ago, and 757 cars on the corresponding day of last year. Chicago received 171 cars compared with 414 a year ago. On this showing May advanced ⅛c to 66⅜c, where it held steady for a considerable time. Once again on lower Liverpool cables it dropped to 66¼c, but soon rallied. Export clearances amounted to 380,000 bu, from the four principal Atlantic ports and New Orleans, and on this improvement there was some advance. Then shorts seemed to determine that the bottom had been reached in prices and began to take wheat, Ream leading the buying. With this the price advanced steadily until the close and May finished at the top figures of the day. May opened at 66⅛c, lost ⅛c, then ⅝c, rallied ¼c, lost ¼c and advanced ⅛c to the close, at 66¾c.

Corn began the day at ⅛c loss, with May at 38⅝c. The receipts were 606 cars, against an estimate of 590, and this, with heaviness in wheat, sent prices down ¼c. Later the strength in wheat caused a reaction of ¼c and May closed at the opening figure.

Oats opened ⅛c lower, with May, at 30⅛c, and with free selling lost ⅜c, touching 29⅝c. Boyd-Dunham were good buyers, supposed to be covering shorts for the account of Cudahy. May advanced ½c and closed but ⅛c from the top figures of the day—30¼c.

Provisions were active and fluctuated considerably. Hog receipts were smaller than exports, and the market opened strong and higher, but the packers sold freely at the advance and a marked decline followed. Shorts bought freely on the decline and a reaction followed, closing prices being higher all around. Compared with last night January pork is 10c higher, January lard 7½c higher and January ribs 15c higher.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 100 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| WHEAT— | | | | |
| Dec. | 66⅝ | 61 | 60⅛ | 61 |
| May | 66⅛ | 66¾ | 66¼ | 66¾ |
| CORN— | | | | |
| Dec. | 34⅜ | 34⅝ | 34⅜ | 34⅝ |
| Jan. | 35 | 35 | 34⅝ | 34⅞@35 |
| May | 38⅞ | 38⅝ | 38⅜ | 38⅝ |
| OATS— | | | | |
| Dec. | 27⅛ | 27⅛ | 27⅛ | 27⅛ |
| Jan. | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | 27⅜ |
| May | 30⅛ | 30⅛@⅜ | 29⅝ | 30⅛ |
| MESS PORK— | | | | |
| Jan. | 12 20 | 12 25 | 12 05 | 12 20 |
| May | 12 35 | 12 42½ | 12 15 | 12 35 |
| LARD— | | | | |
| Jan. | 7 47½ | 7 52½ | 7 40 | 7 50 |
| May | 7 37½ | 7 42½ | 7 32½ | 7 40 |
| SHORT RIBS— | | | | |
| Jan. | 6 27½ | 6 35 | 6 17½ | 6 35 |
| May | 6 35 | 6 42½ | 6 25 | 6 42½ |

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 61c; No. 3 spring, 56@62c; No. 2 red, 61c.

CORN—No. 2, 35c; No. 3 yellow, 34½c.

OATS—No. 2, 27½c; No. 2 white, 30¼@30¾c; No. 3 white, 29@31¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 45½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 39@50c; No. 4, 36@44c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.34.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.25.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $12.35@12.37½; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.60; short ribs sides (loose), $6.32½@6.35; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $6.75@7.00.

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

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, 5¾c; granulated, $4.70; standard "A," $4.60.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

| ARTICLES. | RECEIPTS. | SHIPMENTS. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls. | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Wheat, bu. | 113,000 | 16,000 |
| Corn, bu. | 439,000 | 169,000 |
| Oats, bu. | 228,000 | 171,000 |
| Rye, bu. | 7,000 | 9,000 |
| Barley, bu. | 60,000 | 29,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creamery, 21@28c; dairy, 18@23c. Eggs, weak; strictly fresh, 18@23c.

### New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 43,800 bbls.; exports, 20,400 bbls.; sales, 5,500 pkgs.; market dull with low grades weak; city mills patents, $4.25@4.40; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; city mills, clear, $3.60@3.65; winter straights, $2.80@3.20; Minnesota patents, $3.70@4.00; 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, dull; common to fair extra, $2.20@2.70; good to choice extra, $2.70@3.50. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.70@2.85; fancy, $2.85@2.95; buckwheat flour weak, $2.80@3.00.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady; Canadian, in bond, $3.10@3.20.

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

RYE—Nominal.

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

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

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,800 bu.; exports, 4,000 bu.; sales, 950,000 bu. futures, 200,000 bu. spot. Spot market more active, closing steady; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 56⅝@56¾c; afloat, 68¾@68¾c; f. o. b., 67⅛@68c; No. 1 northern, 71¾@71¾c. Options weakened early on dull cables, rallying later on covering and fair export trade, closing steady at unchanged to ⅛c advance; No. 2 red, 66⅝@67¼c, closed at 67¼c; February, 69⅝@69¾c, closed at 68¾c; March, 69¼@69⅝c, closed at 69⅜c; May, 71⅛@71¾c, closed at 71¾c; December closed at 66¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 150,000 bu.; exports, 59,300 bu.; sales, 520,000 bu. futures and 87,000 bu. spot. Spot market quiet, closing steady; No. 2, 44¼c in elevator; 45⅛c afloat; steamer mixed, 44½c. Options opened easier on big receipts, but improved later with the other markets and closed steady at unchanged to ⅛c net decline; January, 43¼c, closed at 43¼c; February, 43⅝@43¾c, closed at 43¾c; March closed at 44¼c; April, 45@45⅛c, closed at 45¼c; May, 45@45⅛c, closed at 45¼c; December closed at 44¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 135,500 bu.; exports, 300,000 bu.; sales, 700,000 bu. futures, 50,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull but steady; No. 2, delivered, 34¼c; No. 3, 32¼c; No. 2 white, 34½@35¼c; No. 3 white, 33@33¼c; track, mixed western, 34@35c; track, white western, 35@40c; track, white state, 35@40c. Options active and weak early with wheat, rallied later and closed unchanged to ⅛c net decline; biggest day's business in months; January, 33⅛c, closed at 33⅜c; February, 33⅝@33¾c, closed at 34¼c; May, 34¾@35⅛c, closed at 35c; December, 33¾@33¼c, closed at 33¾c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 60c; good to choice, 90@95c.

HOPS—Steady.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45@65 lbs., 4½@5¼c; Texas, selected, 35@50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20@24 lbs., 10½@11c; Texas, dry 24@30 lbs., 6c.

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

WOOL—Steady.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; beef hams, $15.50@15.70; cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 7¼c; pickled shoulders, 2¾@4c; pickled hams, 9¼@9¾c. Lard, weaker; western steam closed at 8c; sales, 500 tierces at 8c; option sales, none; December closed at 8c, nominal; January, $7.85, nominal; refined, dull; continent, $8.40@8.65; compound, $6.25. Pork, steady; new mess, $13.75@14.50; extra prime, $13.50@14.00; family, $15.00@16.00.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady on rather better advices from the south, indicating smaller offerings; local demand cautious and small in anticipation of the holiday apathy; prime crude, 28c; off crude, 24@27c; yellow, butter grades 33c; choice yellow, 38c; prime yellow, 34c; yellow, off grade, 30@33c; prime white, 38@39c.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 18@22c; western creamery, 20@28¼c; western factory, 16¼@21c; Elgins, 28¼c; state dairy, 19@26c; state creamery, 23@27c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state large, 9@11¼c; small, 10¼@12¼c; part skims, 4@9½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Dull; state and Pennsylvania, 24@27c; ice house, 18½@24c; western fresh, 24@26c; southern, 24@25c; receipts, 3,778 pkgs.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 3½ per pkg, 3c.

PETROLEUM—Quiet; United closed 70½c asked; Washington in bbls., 8c; Washington in bulk, $3.50; refined New York, $5.15; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk $2.60.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.27½@1.30.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 29@29¼c.

RICE—Steady; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

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

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

COPPER—Dull; lake, $10.37½.

LEAD—Firmer; domestic, $3.10.

TIN—Quiet; Straits, $20.40.

SPELTER—Flat; sales on 'change, none; domestic, $3.25.

SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 2¾@2 15-16c; sales, 2,970 tons Rio, private terms; 8,000 bags Demerara centrifugals at breakwater for Canada at 2 15-16c for 96 test; refined, steady.

### 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, 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens are plenty and the market is low. Turkeys are not coming in very fast yet, but the demand is still light. It looks as if the trade was putting off buying as long as possible and there is liable to be a general scramble after supplies toward the close of the week. Chickens, choice, 6c; inferior stock, 5c; geese and ducks, 7@9c; turkeys, 10@11c.

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—Prairie chickens, $4; 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; 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 is 23@24c. The bulk of the cold storage stock is going at 20@21c.

HONEY—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, 12@13c; almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 12@14c; filberts, 12@c; 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 barry 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 2¼c 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; good stock, per bbl., $3.50.

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

### FRUITS

GRAPES—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, $2.50.

APPLES—The supply is light on this market and prices higher; fancy western, $1.75 per box; bellflower, $2 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, $6.25; 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—New Messina lemons, size, 300, $5.25; size 360, $5.

ORANGES—Mexicans, per box, $2.75; large sizes, $2.50; fancy Floridas, $2.75; choice Floridas, $2.50@2.60.

TANGERINES—Per box, $2.75.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $5.

### FURS.

Bear—No. 1 black, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $15; small, $8.00@10.00; black yearlings, large, $12.00@15.00; medium, $10; small, $7; black cubs, large, $6.00@8.00; medium, $5.00@6.00; small, $7; black Montana and Rocky mountain, large, $18.00@22.00; medium, $14; small, $10; black Montana yearlings, large, $12; medium, $8; small, $5; black Montana cubs, large, $6.50; medium, $4.50; small, $3; silver tip, large, $20; medium, $12; small, $8; silver tip yearlings, large, $11; medium, $8; small, $5; silver tip cubs, large, $6; medium, $4.50; small, $3; brown, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $16; small, $12; yearlings, large, $10.00@12.00; medium, $8; small, $6; cubs, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $3; badger—No. 1, large, $1.00@1.50; medium, 60c; small, 50c; fisher—No. 1 large, $8; medium, $6; small, $4; fox silver, as to color according to beauty—No. 1 large, $100; medium, $60; small, $40; silver pale, according to beauty, large, $50; medium, $30; small $20; cross, large, $7; medium, $3; small, $2; red, large, $1.50; medium, $1.25; small, $1; gray, large, 75c; medium, 50c; small, 40c; kit, large, 50c; medium, 40c; small, 30c; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; marten, No. 1, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, $1; mink, No. 1, large, 80c@$1.00; medium, 75c; small, 65c; mink, dark, No. 1, large, $1; medium, 75c; small, 50c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1, large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, 25@50c; otter, No. 1, large, $8; medium, $6.00@7.00; small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $4; raccoon, No. 1, large, 80c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1, large, 50c@$2.00; skunk—black, cased, No. 1, large, $1.25; medium, 75c; small, 50c; short striped, large, $1; medium, 70c; small, 45c; narrow striped, large, 60c; medium, 40c; small, 25c; broad striped, large, 25@25c; wolverine, No. 1, large, $4; medium, $3; small, $2; wolf—mountain, No. 1, large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; prairie, large, 70@75c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; beaver—per skin, No. 1, large, $5.00@6.00; medium, $4.50; small, $2; kit, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, 75c; muskrats—winter, No. 1, large, 10@11c; medium, 9c; small, 7c; fall, large, 8@9c; medium, 7c; small, 6c; kits, large, $2@3c.

### 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, 2½c; 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., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 4c; 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 belts, 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.

### Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—¼@½c lower; No. 2 hard, 51c; No. 2 red, 53c.

CORN—½@⅝c lower; No. 2 mixed, 30@30¼c; No. 2 white, 30¾c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 27@27½c; No. 2 white, 28@28½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 50c.

FLAX SEED—Higher; $1.21@1.22.

BRAN—Weak; 57@59c.

HAY—Quiet and weak; timothy, $8.00@9.00; prairie, $5.50@6.50.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; creamery, 20@25c; dairy, 17@18c.

EGGS—Dull and weak; 20@20½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 33,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, none.

### Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Dull.

WHEAT—Weak and quiet; No. 2 spring, 59c; No. 1 northern, 64c; May, 62¾c.

CORN—Steadier; No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3 white, 28½@29c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 49c; sample, 38@49c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 48¾c.

PROVISIONS—Steadier; pork, $12.20; lard, $7.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,500 bbls.; wheat, 40,400 bu.; barley, 28,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,100 bbls.; wheat, 7,200 bu.; barley, 4,800 bu.

### New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The dry goods market in general is showing the effect of the approaching holidays and the volume of business is moderate. The feature of the market is a tendency to mark up favorite lines in the way of white cottons, with brown goods likely to follow to what is called by the manufacturers something nearer the basis of value. Print cloths are quoted at 3c for 64 squares, with the demand preventing accumulation and some belief in larger activity with the new year. The same is true of ginghams and woven dress goods, woolens remaining slow of sale, the favorable weather having failed to justify the hope of sellers. The foreign dry goods trade shows only moderate orders and a disposition on the part of sellers to let no buyer escape. The jobbing trade is dull.

### Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—Wheat was quiet and steady in the fore part of the session, but strengthened under small receipts here and at country points. Receipts were 192 cars; shipments, 19 cars. The milling demand was active, and to supply it several lots were sold from local elevators to be delivered to local mills. Supplies in country points are being reduced from small warehouse. The stocks from the line elevators are not moving much. The owners have sold against them for May and ship out about the present purchases they make from the farms. In some sections the present reports show the smallest movement during the season. A few days preceding the holidays are expected to develop more activity, but on the whole the winter movement promises to be very small. Local mills are running nearer full this week than last. December wheat opened nominal and closed at 60½c; May opened at 62c and closed at 62¾c. Track, closed: No. 1 hard, 62¾c; No. 1 northern, 61¾c; No. 2 northern, 60c. Track sales were at 61½@62c for No. 1 northern and 60¼@61c for No. 2. The milling demand was active. The flour market is in a very unsatisfactory condition. The advance in cash wheat and the weakness in futures makes the situation worse than it was as it puts buyers and sellers that much farther apart. Some of the larger millers say, however, that their sales this week are nearly equal to the production, but the most of them say differently. Rates are about steady. Shipments, 22,031 bbls. First patents, $3.35@3.75; second patents, $3.05@3.35; fancy and export bakers', $1.50@1.90; low grades, in bags, $1.20@1.25. The added daily output of mills grinding today will probably aggregate 24,400 bbls. The feed market is quiet at $9.50@10.00 for bran and $9.75@10.75 for shorts in bulk, f. o. b. cars; shipments, 874 tons.

### St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Cash lower, 57⅜c; options declined ⅛c early, but recovered and closed at yesterday's prices; January, 58⅝c; May, 63¾@63⅞c; July, 64¼c bid.

CORN—Went off ⅜c, but reacted partially and finished ⅛c under yesterday; cash, 33½c; December, 33½c; January, 32c; May, 35¼@35¾c.

OATS—Very dull; cash and December, 27½c bid; May sold at 30½c.

RYE—No offerings; 47c bid.

BARLEY—Nominal; Minnesota sold at 45@53c; Iowa, 46c; Nebraska, 40c.

BRAN—Steady at 65c, east track.

HAY—Only local trade; timothy, $10.00@12.50; prairie, $7.00@9.00.

LEAD—Steady at $3.

SPELTER—Lower at $3.42½ asked.

FLAX SEED—Firm at $1.25.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 23@26c; dairy, choice, 23@24c.

EGGS—Unchanged at 21c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at $1.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 4½@6c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged at 95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; jobbing, $13.00; lard, nominal, $7.50; loose shoulders, $6; longs and ribs, $6.37½; shorts, $6.50; boxed lots, 15c more; bacon, shoulders, $7; longs and ribs, $7.75; shorts, $8.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 116,000 bu.; oats, 33,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 107,000 bu.; oats, 40,000 bu.

### Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at from unchanged to 10 points advance, ruled more active and closed steady at 10 points decline to 5 points advance; sales, 17,250 bags, including: December, $17.20; January, $16.80@16.90; February, $16.50@16.60; March, $16.05@16.35; May, $15.30@15.75; June, $15.40; September, $15.05. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet but steady; No. 7, $18.25; mild, market quiet; Cordova, $20.00@20.25; sales, 700 bags Maracaibo, 500 pkgs. Jamaica, 4000 bags Savanilla, 300 bags Mexican and 250 bags Central American, private terms. The December Padang sale of 4000 bags went off on a basis of 64.40 florins for interior.

SANTOS, Dec. 19.—Firm; good average No. 7, $15; receipts, 1,700 bags; stock, 190,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 19.—Firm at ¼@¾ pfg advance.

HAVRE, Dec. 19.—Barely steady at ½@¾f advance.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 19.—Steady; No. 7, nominal; receipts, 14,000 bags; stock, 176,000 bags; exchange, 10⅝f.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Steady; generally 6d@1s 6d higher.

### Cotton Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—COTTON—1-16c lower and quiet; middling, 7 5-16c; sales, 600 bales; receipts, 5,500 bales; shipments, 5,400 bales; stock, 53,800 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7¼c; low middling, 7c; good ordinary, 6⅜c. Net receipts, 26,026 bales; gross receipts, 28,145 bales. Exports to Great Britain, 9,245 bales; sales, 4,000 bales; stock, 342,752 bales. Futures steady; sales, 84,400 bales; December, 8.70 nominal; January, $7.14@7.15; February, $7.24@7.27; March, $7.34@7.37; April, $7.45@7.46; May, $7.53@7.54; June, $7.61@7.62; July, $7.69@7.70.

GALVESTON, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7 7-16c; low middling, 7c; good ordinary, 6 11-16c. Receipts, 5,504 bales; shipping, 12,517 bales; sales, 229 bales; spinners, 250 bales; stock, 191,519 bales.

### Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Easy; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 6d@5s 7d; No. 2 red western spring, 5s 3d@5s 4d; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 3d@5s 4d. Receipts for the past three days, 1,000 centals.

CORN—Steady; demand firm; mixed western, 4s 3½d. Receipts for the past three days, American, 59,400 centals.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 1d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, 83s 9d. Beef, extra India, 112s 6d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 43s 6d; long and short clear, 45 lbs., 44s 6d. Lard, 46s 6d.

TALLOW—American Liverpool, fine, 27s 6d.

### Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Dec. 19.—National transit certificates opened at 79½; highest, 79½; lowest, 79; closed, 79; sales, 5,000 bbls.; clearances, 36,000 bbls.; shipments, 141,162 bbls.; runs, 125,815 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 19.—National transit certificates opened at 79½; closed at 79; highest, 79½; lowest, 79; sales, 2,000 bbls.

### Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—WOOL—No change to note and no sales to report.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—WOOL—Dull; prices nominal in the absence of demand. The range of prices is as follows: Territorial and western, light fine, 10@12c; heavy fine, 7@10c; fine medium at 12@14c; medium, 19@21c; quarter-blood, 19@21c; chiefly, 20c; low, 18c.

### Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 19.—This market ruled firm today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash, 61¼c; December, 61c; May, 65½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 60¼c; December, 60c; May, 64½c; No. 2 northern, cash, 57c; No. 3, 52¼c; rejected, 46¼c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 61¼c.

## STOCKS AND BONDS.

### Bears Raided Vanderbilt Securities with Considerable Success Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The feature of the speculation on the Stock exchange today was a pronounced and fairly successful bear raid on the Vanderbilts, which perhaps was not entirely premeditated, but was largely the result of a transaction on the London exchange. Lake Shore was selected as the chief victim. To help bring out stock it was suggested that the earnings of the road were decreasing and the general business depression was made to serve as confirmation of rumors that the present rate of dividends could not last. Michigan Central, Canada Southern and Chicago, Cleveland, Cincinnati & St. Louis were touched upon very slightly, but still suffered in the general attack upon the sister shares. The lowest point was reached shortly before noon, at which time Lake Shore was down 3¼ per cent and the others from ½ to 1¼ per cent. New England was again subjected to a very heavy pressure to sell, for which no satisfactory reason was given beyond a theory that the bears were engaged in a concerted movement to bring out a block of long stock, which they had been gunning for for three days past. The loss for the day was 5 per cent. The granger shares came in for a share of shorts' attention, but were fairly well held. The coal stocks suffered somewhat in the general decline, notably Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, which broke 8¾ per cent, recovering ½ per cent. New Jersey Central is down 1 per cent and Susquehanna & Western 2¾ per cent. The industrials were not drawn into the selling movement to any great extent, and in only one case lost more than a fraction on the day, while Tobacco preferred rose 1 per cent and Sugar preferred ½ per cent. Rubber common shows a decline of ¼ per cent. In the specialties declines were recorded at 1⅝ per cent in Illinois Central, and 1¼ per cent in Northern Pacific.

The Post says: Another vigorous professional attack on prices gave at the start today an appearance of real demoralization. Even in the earliest transactions it was clear that the people that were selling Rock Island and St. Paul were buying Burlington, and the violent break in Lake Shore and General Electric was being used effectively to cover outstanding shorts in Reading, Atchison, Western Union and Sugar certificates. Thus the day's movement, considered simply as a "raid to cover shorts," was fairly successful.

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| Atchison | 18⅝ | Northern Pacific | 5¾ |
| Adams Express | [illegible] | Northern Pacific pref'd | 19⅝ |
| Alton, T. H. | [illegible] | C. P. D. & Gulf | 4½ |
| do pref'd | [illegible] | Northwestern | 101¾ |
| American Express | [illegible] | do pref'd | 135 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | [illegible] | New York Central | 100 |
| Canada Pacific | [illegible] | N. Y. & N. E. | 20⅜ |
| Canada Southern | [illegible] | Ontario & Western | 15¾ |
| Central Pacific | [illegible] | Oregon Imp. | 13 |
| Ches. & Ohio | [illegible] | Oregon Nav. | 27 |
| Chicago & Alton | [illegible] | O. S. L. & U. N. | 5 |
| C., B. & Q. | 125⅜ | Pacific Mail | 13½ |
| Chic. Gas | 64⅞ | Peoria, Dec. & E. | 5¾ |
| Consolidated Gas | 190½ | Pittsburg | 148 |
| C. C. C. & St. L. | 68⅜ | Pullman Palace | 169 |
| Col. Coal & Iron | 10 | Reading | 18⅜ |
| Cotton Oil Cert. | 28¾ | Richmond Ter. | 2⅜ |
| Del. & Hudson | 131⅞ | do pref'd | 12 |
| Del. Lack. & West. | 161⅛ | Rio Grande West. | 16 |
| D. & R. G. pref'd | 31 | do pref'd | 42 |
| Dis. & C. Furs. Co. | 27⅜ | Rock Island | 66¼ |
| East Tenn. | 7⅛ | St. Paul | 59⅝ |
| Erie | 14⅜ | do pref'd | 116 |
| do pref'd | 30½ | St. Paul & Omaha | 30⅝ |
| Fort Wayne | 148 | do pref'd | 114 |
| Great North'n pf'd | 105 | Southern Pacific | 20⅜ |
| Chi. & East. Ill. pf'd | 95 | Sugar Refinery | 81⅞ |
| Hocking Valley | 19⅜ | Texas Pacific | 7¼ |
| Illinois Central | 91⅝ | Tenn. Coal & Iron | 31 |
| St. Paul & Duluth | 25 | Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd. | 70 |
| Kan. & Texas pf'd. | 23⅜ | Union Pacific | 19⅝ |
| Lake Erie & West. | 15 | U. S. Express | 52 |
| do pref'd | 64 | W. St. L. & Pac. | 15 |
| Lake Shore | 122⅜ | do pref'd | 45 |
| Lead Trust | 23⅛ | Wells Fargo Exp. | 120 |
| Louisville & N. | 48¾ | Western Union | 80⅜ |
| Louis. & N. A. | 9 | Wheeling & L. E. | 4 |
| Manhattan Con. | 123⅝ | do pref'd | 49¼ |
| Memphis & C. | 10 | M. & St. L. | 11¾ |
| Michigan Central | 96⅜ | D. & R. G. | 9⅝ |
| Missouri Pacific | 29¾ | Mineral Electric | 36⅛ |
| Mobile & Ohio | 17⅛ | National Linseed | 24⅝ |
| Nash. & Chatt. | 71 | C. F. & I. | 25⅝ |
| National Cordage | 19¾ | C. F. & I. pref'd. | 70 |
| do pref'd. | 43 | T. & P. C. | 2 |
| N. J. Central | 113⅝ | T. A. A. & N. M. | 6½ |
| Norfolk & W. pf'd. | 20¾ | T. St. L. & K. C. | 1 |
| North Amer'n Co. | 3¾ | do pf'd | 8 |

The total sales of stocks today were 263,800 shares, including: American Sugar, 18,100; Burlington, 14,200; Chicago Gas, 12,800; Distillers, 6,100; General Electric, 11,600; Lake Shore, 7,000; New York Central, 6,700; New York & New England, 6,700; Reading, 9,100; Rock Island, 9,000; St. Paul, 35,000; Western Union, 14,300.

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

| Stocks. | Open | High | Low. | Close | Yes'y |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Erie | 15⅜ | 15⅜ | 14⅜ | 14⅜ | 15⅜ |
| Pacific Mail | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | 15⅜ | 15⅜ |
| L. & N. | 48⅜ | 48⅝ | 48⅛ | 48⅛ | 48⅜ |
| Northwestern | 101⅜ | 101⅜ | 101⅛ | 101⅛ | 101⅜ |
| Mo. Pacific | 23⅞ | 23⅞ | 23⅝ | 23⅝ | 23⅞ |
| Union Pacific | 19⅝ | 20 | 19⅝ | 19⅝ | 19⅝ |
| N. Pacific, p'f'd | 20⅜ | 20⅜ | 19⅜ | 19⅜ | 21⅜ |
| N. Pacific com. | 5⅛ | 5⅛ | 5⅛ | 5⅛ | 5⅜ |
| C. B. & Q. | 76⅞ | 76⅞ | 76⅞ | 76⅞ | 77⅜ |
| Rock Island | 66⅜ | 66⅜ | 65⅝ | 66⅛ | 66⅜ |
| St. Paul | 60 | 60 | 59⅜ | 59⅝ | 60⅛ |
| Western Union | 87 | 87⅜ | 86⅛ | 86⅞ | 86⅜ |
| Sugar Trust | 81⅛ | 82⅝ | 81⅜ | 81⅜ | 82 |
| New England | 24⅜ | 24⅜ | 24⅛ | 24⅛ | 24⅝ |
| Atchison | 18⅝ | 18⅝ | 18⅜ | 18⅜ | 18⅝ |
| Chicago Gas | 65 | 65 | 64 | 64⅜ | 65 |
| Reading | 19 | 19 | 18⅝ | 18⅝ | 19 |
| Del. & Hudson | 131¼ | 131¼ | 131⅛ | 131⅛ | 131⅜ |
| D. C. F. | 27⅜ | 28⅜ | 27⅜ | 27⅜ | 27¾ |
| E. G. E. | 36⅜ | 37¼ | 35⅝ | 36⅝ | 37 |
| Cordage | 19⅝ | 19⅝ | 19⅜ | 19⅜ | 19⅜ |

### New York Money Market.