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THAT CEREAL CLOSED 1-2 CENT LOWER

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CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Small export clearances and selling, caused by the New York bank failure, sent wheat down today. Wheat and corn each closed ½c lower than on the day before, oats ⅜c lower and provisions at a good advance. Wheat opened with May ⅛c lower at 66⅞c. A report of the closing of the doors of the St. Nicholas bank at New York caused a large amount of wheat to be thrown upon the market, and there was an immediate decline. The loss was soon overcome, however, by light receipts here and in the northwest. Minneapolis and Duluth received 300 cars, against 364 cars on the corresponding day of last week and 638 cars a year ago. Chicago recived 97 cars today, as compared with 287 cars last year. Pardridge bought freely at the early decline, and this also aided in recovering the depressing influence of the New York failure. Light export clearances, however, were too much for the bulls and caused a return for the early weakness. They were reported as but 144,000 bu. in wheat and flour from the four principal Atlantic ports and New Orleans, and the sellers who had been somewhat amazed by Pardridge's readiness to buy again grew lavish in their offerings. Schwartz-Dupee and Kennett-Hopkins & Co. sold freely and other traders followed suit. Cables were firm at the close but could not check the decline, and May wound up ⅛c above the lowest figures of the day. May opened at 66⅞c, declined ⅜c, rallied ¼c, dropped ⅝c and rallied ⅛c to the close at 66½c.

Receipts of corn were eighty-five cars above the estimate and that, with the early weakness in wheat, started the market ⅛c lower, with May at 38⅝c. Heavy estimates for tomorrow's receipts added weakness to the drooping market and May sold down ½c to 38⅛c, rallying to ⅛c to the close at 38¼c.

A good business was transacted in oats and at the opening the market was firmer. May opened ⅛c lower at 30¼c, and soon advanced on good buying at yesterday's closing figures. Receipts were heavier than the estimate, however, and with the heavy estimates for tomorrow's receipts the price dropped ⅜c, rallying ⅛c to the close at 30c for May.

Provisions were strong with good outside buying orders, light receipts and good local demand. The demand in wheat and corn caused a reduction in the middle of the session, but the light estimates for tomorrow's hog receipts and continued good buying made the market strong the greater part of the day. Compared with last night January pork is 12½c higher, January lard 12½c higher and January ribs 5c higher.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 100 cars; corn, 540 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec	61⅜	61⅜	61	61
May	66⅞@⅞	66⅞@67	66⅜@½	66½
CORN—				
Dec	34¾	34¾	34⅛	34⅛
Jan	34⅞@35	34⅞@35	34½	34½
May	38⅝	38⅝	38⅛	38⅛
OATS—				
Dec	27¾	27¾	27¾	27¾
Jan	28	28	28	28
May	30⅛@¼	30⅜	29⅞	30
MESS PORK—				
Jan	12 40	12 55	12 35	12 35
May	12 40	12 60	12 40	12 50
LARD—				
Jan	7 60	7 77½	7 60	7 67½
May	7 50	7 60	7 47½	7 52½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan	6 35	6 40	6 35	6 40
May	6 42½	6 50	6 42½	6 47½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged.

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

CORN—No. 2, 34½c; No. 3 yellow, 34¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 27¾c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 45½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 40@49c; No. 4, 35@43c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.31.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.30.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $12.55@12.60; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.85; short ribs sides (loose), $6.37½@6.40; 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—Cut loaf, 5¼c; granulated, $4.70; standard "A," $4.60.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, bbls	19,000	13,000
Wheat, bu	66,000	18,000
Corn, bu	313,000	146,000
Oats, bu	168,000	150,000
Rye, bu	7,000	4,000
Barley, bu	64,000	39,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy and unchanged; creamery, 21@27½c; dairy, 18@23c. Eggs, dull; strictly fresh, 22@23½c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,600 bbls.; exports, 44,600 bbls.; sales, 10,500 pkgs.; market dull and weaker to sell; city mills patents, $4.25@4.35; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; city mills, clear, $3.60@3.65; winter straights, $2.75@3.15; Minnesota patents, $3.50@3.90; winter extras, $2.10@2.60; Minnesota bakers, $2.30@3.60; winter low grades, $1.30@2.65; spring low grades, $1.60@1.90; spring extras, $1.90@2.40; southern flour, easy; common to fair extra, $2.20@2.70; good to choice extra, $2.70@3.60; rye flour, firm and fairly active; superfine, $2.70@2.85; fancy, $2.85@2.95; buckwheat flour steady, $2.90@3.00.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, $2.60@2.75; 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, 26,400 bu.; exports, 73,100 bu.; sales, 595,000 bu. futures, 40,000 bu. spot. Spot market neglected; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 66⅝c; afloat, 67⅝c; f. o. b., 67⅝c; No. 1 northern, 71⅝c. Options opened dull but steady, easing off in the afternoon in sympathy with corn on the break in grain rates, closing barely steady at ⅝c net decline. Sales included No. 2 red, January, 66 15-16@67⅛c, closed at 67⅛c; March, 69⅝@69⅞c, closed at 69⅞c; May, 70⅝@71 11-16c, closed at 71⅝c; December closed at 66⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 101,600 bu.; exports, 8,300 bu.; sales, 660,000 bu. futures and 224,000 bu. spot. Spot market fairly active and weaker; No. 2, 43½c in elevator; 44c afloat; steamer mixed, 43c. Options opened easier, developed a good deal of weakness later, particularly in December, on a reported reduction of Erie grain rates between here and Chicago, closing ⅝@1⅛c net decline; January, 42⅞@43⅛, closing at 42⅞c; February 42⅞@43⅜c, closing at 42⅞c; March, 43⅞@44⅛c, closing at 43⅞c; May, 44⅛@45c, closing at 44½c; December, 42⅝@43⅝c, closing at 42⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 64,100 bu.; exports, none; sales, 190,000 bu. futures, 82,000 bu. spot. Spot market quiet and steady; No. 2, 33¼@33½c; No. 2, delivered, 34¼c; No. 3, 32½c; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 3 white, 33½c; track, mixed western, 34@35c; track, white western and state, 35@41c. Options, steady until near close, when the market eased off with corn, closing ⅛@¼c net decline; January, 33⅜@33½c, closing at 33⅜c; February, 34@34⅛c, closing at 34c; May, 34⅞@35⅛c, closing at 34⅞c; December closed at 33¼c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $6; good to choice, $6.00@9.00.

HOPS—Quiet.

HIDES—Steady; 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., 6c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 14@19c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $18.00@18.45; beef hams, $15.00@16.00. Cut meats, easier; pickled bellies, $7.25@8.25. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $8.25, nominal; option sales, none; December closed at $8.20, nominal; January, $8, nominal; refined, steady; continent, $8.55@8.80; compound, $6.00@6.25. Pork, firmer and more active; extra prime, $13.25@13.75; family, $15.00@15.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 18@22c; western creamery, 20@28½c; western factory, 16½@21c; Elgins, 28½c; state dairy, 19@26c; state creamery, 22@27c.

CHEESE—Firm; state large, 9@11½c; small, 10½@12¼c; part skims, 4@9½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Dull; state and Pennsylvania, 24@27c; ice house, 18@24c; western fresh, 24@26c; southern, 24@25c.

TALLOW—Firm; city ($2 per pkg.), 5@5¼c.

PETROLEUM—Dull; United closed 79c asked; Washington in bbls., $6; 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—Steady; 29@29½c.

RICE—Dull; Japan, 4@4½c.

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

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

COPPER—Quiet; lake, $10.37½.

LEAD—Higher; domestic, $3.25.

TIN—Quiet; Straits, $20.65.

SPELTER—Dull; domestic, $3.50 bid; sales on 'change, none.

SUGAR—Steady; sales, 400 bags Demerara, centrifugal, 96 test, 2⅝c; ex-store, refined, steady.

COTTON MARKET CONDITIONS.

Annual Report of Bradstreet on the Subject—Quotations of the Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The 1893-4 cotton crop report of Bradstreet's contains the substance of replies received from 1,822 correspondents in 668 cotton-growing counties, an average of nearly four reports from each county, in an area comprising 95 per cent of the cotton-growing section of the United States. It points to a model picking season, allowing the crop to be saved to an unusual extent and in the best possible condition as regards freeness from damage by storms, rain, etc. This, while true of the entire belt, is more conspicuous in the gulf states and the southwest, "poor picking weather" reports coming chiefly from the Carolinas.

There is a striking contrast between replies as to the ultimate yield of the year compared with last year. Last year, it will be recalled, 92 per cent of the replies received indicated a decrease, while a much larger number report an increase this year than did last year. Replies by states as to yield show a particularly heavy falling off from last year in South Carolina and in Texas, while noticeable increases are announced from Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Causes of the decrease in South Carolina, in spite of a liberally increased acreage, are said to be the great storms in August, which swept the eastern and central portions of that state and also did much damage in North Carolina and Georgia.

From Alabama, Mississippi and Texas the increased acreage, due to better prices and the planting of land which was overflowed last year, has been offset in some degree by extreme hot, dry weather from June to August, with some damage from worms. From these states, too (while it is admitted the crop has been gathered clean and free from dirt), reports of a short and less satisfactory staple are numerous. Reports that the bales are lighter this year than last come from most all sections. A summary of the returns received indicate that the total cotton crop of 1893-4 will approximate about 6,600,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 7 5-16c; low middling, 7 1-16c; good ordinary, 6 1-16c; net receipts, 11,876 bales; gross receipts, 12,269 bales; exports to Great Britain, 6,175 bales; sales, 4,000 bales; stock, 34,897 bales. Futures, steady; sales, 76,900 bales; December, $7.25, nominal; January, $7.26@7.27; February, $7.39@7.40; March, $7.49@7.50; April, $7.58@7.59; May, $7.67@7.68; June, $7.76@7.77; July, $7.64@7.65.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—COTTON—1-16c higher and firm; middling, 7⅜c; sales, 1,200 bales; receipts, 4,900 bales; shipments, 4,600 bales; stock, 54,800 bales.

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@8c; turkeys, choice, 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—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, $2; small rabbits, $1; 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 not very heavy and the market is 23c. 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, 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 2½c per lb.

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

CELERY—Good stock, 35c; extra fancy California, 60@85c.

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; endive, per doz., 75c; onions, per doz., 20c; cauliflower, per doz., $1.50@2.00; lettuce, per doz., 50@75c; cucumbers, $2; tomatoes, per lb., 20c; string beans, $2.50 per ⅓-bu. box.

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, 20@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; kits, 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, 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., 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 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. 21.—FLOUR—Weak and dull; patents, $2.95@3.10; extra fancy, $2.65@2.75; fancy, $2.20@2.30.

WHEAT—Cash was firmer at 58½c; options opened ⅛@¼c lower, and then dropped ⅛@¼c and ruled nervous, closing ⅛@¼c under yesterday; December, 58c; January, 58⅝c bid; May, 63⅞@64⅛c.

CORN—Followed wheat and closed with sellers ⅛@¼c below yesterday; cash, 32⅛c; December, 32⅛c; January, 31⅞c; May, 34⅛@34¼c.

OATS—Dead, dull; lower to sell; cash, 27¾c; December, 27c bid; May, 30¼@30⅜c bid.

RYE—No offerings; 46c bid.

BARLEY—No sales.

BRAN—Quiet; 65@65½c, east track.

HAY—Dull, but unchanged.

LEAD—Excited and higher at $3.15@3.17½; cash, $3.10.

SPELTER—Nominal; $3.42½.

FLAX SEED—Quiet at $1.25.

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

EGGS—Lower at 20c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at $1.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 4¼@6c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged at 95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher, $13.25 in job lots; lard, higher at $7.87½; dry salt meats, quiet and unchanged; loose shoulders, $6.12½; longs and ribs, $6.37½; shorts, $8.50; boxed lots, 15c more; bacon, quiet and unchanged; packed shoulders, $7; longs and ribs, $7.50@7.62½; shorts, $7.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 150,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 95,000 bu.; oats, 10,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—The early wheat market was steady with the later fluctuations tending to lower values. There were some light offerings, although the weakness was due less to them than to sympathy with general weakness at other places. Receipts were 234 cars; shipments, 33 cars. Half the wheat sold was sold to arrive, and about as large a portion of the day's arrivals were distributed on previous sales to arrive. The demand continued largely by millers for the track arrivals. The sales of such ranged from 61¾@62c; No. 1 northern mainly going at 62c delivered. Hard was about 63@63¼c, and No. 2 at 60@60½c; farm sales were no larger so far as reported. It was thought there would be a natural drain on country elevator stock for the week that may cause a decrease in the country supply when reported Monday. May opened at 62⅝c, and closed at 62¼c; December opened nominal and closed at 60c. Track wheat closed at 63c for No. 1 hard; No. 1 northern, 61½c; No. 2 northern, 60c.

FLOUR—Sales hardly reached the output, although some millers sold as much as they made. The shipments were 28,184 bbls. and the day's output 28,400 bbls. Patents were quoted at $3.35@3.75. Bran, $9.50, mostly; shorts, $9.75@10.75.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—COFFEE—Options opened 5 to 10 points higher on European covering; closed steady and 5 to 25 points higher; sales, 19,250 bags, including: January, $11.85@11.95; February, $16.60; March, $16.20@16.30; May, $15.70@15.75; June, $15.40. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, $18.25@18.75; mild, market steady; Cordova, $20.00@20.25; sales, 1,000 bags Rio No. 7 afloat, $18.68¾; 1,000 bags Rio No. 8 afloat, $17.56¼; 500 bags Santos No. 7, spot, 18.37½; 750 bags Maracaibo on private terms.

HAMBURG, Dec. 21.—Unchanged to ¼ pfg lower.

HAVRE, Dec. 21.—¼@½f higher.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 21.—Market steady; No. 7, 15 kilos, $100; exchange, 10d; receipts, 8,000 bags; stock, 200,000 bags.

SANTOS, Dec. 21.—Market steady; good average, $15.00@17.00; receipts, 15,000 bags; stock, 157,000 bags.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Unchanged.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Very weak and ½c lower; No. 2 hard, 51c; No. 3 red, 53c.

CORN—Slow and weak; No. 2 mixed, 30@30½c; No. 2 white, 30@30½c.

OATS—Slow and unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 26½@27½c; No. 2 white, 28@28½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 51,000 bu.; corn, 24,000 bu.; oats, 1,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, 23,000 bu.; oats, none.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 50c.

FLAX SEED—Irregular at $1.21@1.22.

BRAN—Steady at 57@59c.

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

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

EGGS—Quiet at 19@19½c.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Quiet.

WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 spring, 59¼c; No. 1 northern, 64½c; May, 62⅜c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 white, 39½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 29½c; No. 3 white, 28@30c.

BARLEY—Lower; No. 2, 49c; sample, 35½@52c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 48½c.

PROVISIONS—Steady; pork, $12.45; lard, $7.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,200 bbls.; wheat, 30,000 bu.; barley, 25,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 13,900 bbls.; wheat, 1,800 bu.; barley, 800 bu.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 21.—CORN—Market active and higher; No. 2, 35c; No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—Market active and higher; No. 2 white, 29@29½c; No. 3 white, 28@28¼c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 47c.

WHISKY—Market firm; wines, $1.15; spirits, $1.17.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 1,200 bu.; corn, 47,300 bu.; oats, 47,300 bu.; rye, 1,800 bu.; barley, 9,100 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 600 bu.; corn, 51,150 bu.; oats, 71,400 bu.; barley, 6,300 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Quiet; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 5½d@5s 7d; No. 2, red western spring, 5s 8d@5s 9d; No. 2 winter, 5s 3d@5s 4d.

CORN—Quiet; demand poor; mixed western, 4s 3¾d.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s 1d.

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

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

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Dec. 21.—National transit certificates opened at 79¼; highest, 79¾; lowest, 79; closed, 79; sales, 1,000 bbls.; shipments, 100,717 bbls.; runs, 80,057 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 21.—National transit certificates opened at 79⅛; closed at 79⅛; highest, 79¼; lowest, 79⅛; sales, none.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Dull, but steady. Close: No. 1 hard, cash and December, 61¾c; May, 65⅜c; No. 1 northern, cash, 60⅜c; December, 60c; May, 64⅜c; No. 2 northern, cash, 57¾c; No. 3, 52¼c; rejected, 47c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 62c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The dry goods market in general rules quiet without change in prices. Foreign dry goods are neglected and jobbing trade is dull and featureless with unimportant changes.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—WOOL—Very quiet; with small arrivals of bright medium and coarse wools steady, but all other qualities are neglected; Missouri and Illinois combing, 16½@17c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Big Bank Failure in New York Causes Some Trouble.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Two events calculated to affect speculative values occurred this morning before the opening. One, the closing of the St. Nicholas bank by the state superintendent of banking, was important only in that it disclosed a weak spot in the commercial situation, but it served the purpose of the bear traders by keeping out of the market, temporarily, operators for the long account; the other, the death of George C. Magoun, was, perhaps, of greater moment from a Stock exchange point of view, because it removed from the directory of the Atchison, Topeka & Sana Fe its most powerful financial support at a period when that corporation needed all the help that wise counsel and great resources could give to it. The bank suspension made its influence felt first, the bears making a strong demonstration on general stock values, accompanying their attack with disquieting rumors of other impending troubles, for which there appears to have been no basis, as the disaster to the St. Nicholas bank is due solely to the impairment of capital, the result of bad loans, and no other financial institution is in any way involved in its affairs. The market opened active and though prices were irregular, there were no serious declines. The London market for American securities was strong and there was some foreign buying orders, but the bears made a concerted attack, using Distilling as a wedge to break values in general.

Atchison was not seriously attacked during the morning, the fluctuations being within a limit of ⅜ per cent until after 12:30 o'clock. But during the afternoon rumors of a receivership were circulated and it was hinted that the death of Mr. Magoun removed the only hope of raising money to meet the January interest disbursements. A free selling movement resulted and the stock broke 2⅛ per cent from last night, with a recovery at the close of ⅜ per cent. It is said President Reinhart of the company is preparing a statement of the Atchison's affairs, which is to be given out at the end of the week. New England led the market in point of activity and in the early dealings was fairly well held, making an advance of ⅜ per cent in the opening sales, but the professional traders took advantage of the unsettling effect of the day's developments and sold down the stock 2⅛ per cent. In the late dealings there was some good buying in the shares, but the close was only ⅜ per cent above the lowest point touched. During the afternoon speculation was feverish and prices tended down despite occasional rallies which occurred whenever the pressure to sell was removed.

In the final dealings there was some covering of shorts, to which prices responded slightly, and the closing transactions were firmer in tone. Every stock traded in, with one exception stated above, shows a decline compared with the final sales of yesterday, the range being from ¼ to 4 per cent.

The Post says: The publication of the official statement that the Atchison system was about to pass into the receivers' hands caused some uneasiness on the Stock exchange, and the closing in the forenoon of the doors of the St. Nicholas bank checked all the tendency to better feeling. Regarding the Atchison matter nothing more need be said than that the possibility of a receivership has been distinctly and unqualifiedly denied by both President Reinhart and by the late Mr. Magoun. The word of both these gentlemen was as good as their bond. The closing of the bank's doors, however, and the rejection of its checks at the clearing house seems to have been founded upon the bank's peculiarly unfortunate operations in the loan market. Nothing could better illustrate the character of present stock market than its action in this news. The professional operators for lower prices attacked the lists at once. Their sales were pretty general, but met with limited success. St. Paul and Western Union yielded readily, the latter's market reflecting apparently some moderate long selling. But except for these stocks and for New England, declines were slow and insignificant and trading dull.

The speculation has been weak since 1:45 p. m. and prices have steadily declined, the specialties being the chief sufferers. In the final dealings there was a fractional recovery, and the market closed firmer.

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

Atchison	15⅛	North'n P. pref'd	19⅝
Adams Express	150	U. P., D. & Gulf	4½
Alton, T. H. pref'd	145	Northwestern	100⅝
American Express	112	do pref'd	135
Baltimore & Ohio	70¾	New York Central	99⅝
Canada Pacific	72	N. Y. & N. E.	19⅝
Canada Southern	50¾	Ontario & Western	15½
Central Pacific	18¾	Oregon Imp	13
Ches. & Ohio	16⅛	Oregon Nav	26
Chicago & Alton	138	O. S. L. & U. N.	5
C., B. & Q.	75⅛	Pacific Mail	13⅛
Chic. Gas	62⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E.	5⅛
Consolidated Gas	126⅛	Pittsburg	148
C. C. C. & St. L.	36	Pullman Palace	165
Col. Coal & Iron	10	Reading	18⅛
Cotton Oil Cert	28⅛	Richmond Ter	2⅛
Del. & Hudson	128⅛	do pref'd	12
Del. Lack. & West.	158	Rio Grande West	14⅛
D. & R. G. pref'd	30¾	do pref'd	42
Dis. & C. Fdrs. Co.	24	Rock Island	65¾
East Tenn	⅛	St. Paul	58¾
Erie	14⅝	do pref'd	116
do pref'd	31	St. Paul & Omaha	36
Fort Wayne	148	do pref'd	113⅛
Great North'n pf'd	103	Southern Pacific	20
Chi. & East. Ill. pf'd	97	Sugar Refinery	80⅝
Hocking Valley	19	Tenn. Coal & Iron	15¾
Illinois Central	91	Texas Pacific	7⅜
St. Paul & Duluth	25	Tol. & O. Cen. pf'd	70
Kan. & Texas pf'd	22⅛	Union Pacific	19⅛
Lake Erie & West	15	U. S. Express	52
do pref'd	64	W., St. L. & Pac	7
Lake Shore	122⅛	do pref'd	14⅛
Lead Trust	23⅛	Wells Fargo Exp	125
Louisville & N.	48⅛	Western Union	83⅝
Louis. & N. A.	9	Wheeling & L. E.	13¾
Manhattan Con	124	do pref'd	50
Memphis & C.	10	M. & St. L.	10⅛
Michigan Central	99	D. & R. G.	9⅛
Missouri Pacific	21⅛	General Electric	36⅝
Mobile & Ohio	15	National Linseed	21
Nash. & Chatt	70	C. F. & I.	24¾
National Cordage	17⅛	C. F. & I. pref'd	70
do pref'd	40	H. & T. C.	2
N. J. Central	113	T. A. A. & N. M.	6
Norfolk & W. pf'd	20	T. St. L. & K. C.	1
North Ameri'n Co.	3⅛	do pf'd	8
Northern Pacific	5		

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	14⅞	14⅞	14⅝	14⅝	15
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	14	14
L. & N.	49	49	48	48⅜	48⅝
Northwestern	101¾	101¾	100	100⅜	101½
Mo. Pacific	22¾	22¾	21⅞	22	23
Union Pacific	20	20	19¼	19⅝	20
N. Pacific, p'f'd	20⅛	20⅛	19⅝	19⅝	20
N. Pacific com	5½	5½	5⅛	5⅛	5⅜
C. B. & Q.	76¾	76¾	75⅜	75¾	76¾
Rock Island	67	67	65½	66	66½
St. Paul	59⅜	60	58½	58⅝	60
Western Union	85	85	83⅝	84	85⅛
Sugar Trust	82⅛	82⅛	80¼	80¾	81⅞
New England	22	22⅛	19⅝	20	21⅞
Atchison	17½	17½	14⅞	15⅛	17⅞
Chicago Gas	63⅞	64	62½	62⅞	64⅛
Reading	19	19	18	18⅛	18⅞
Del. & Hudson	130¾	130¾	128½	128½	131⅛
D. C. F.	24⅞	25⅛	23⅞	24⅛	24¾
E. G. E.	36⅞	37⅛	35⅞	36⅛	36⅞
Cordage	18	18	17⅜	17⅜	18⅛

The total sales of stocks today were 318,000 shares, including: Atchison, 24,500; American Sugar, 20,500; Burlington, 24,000; Chicago Gas, 21,100; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,100; Distilling & Cattlefeeders, 20,300; General Electric, 12,600; Louisville & Nashville, 7,300; New York & New England, 50,500; Northwestern, 4,000; Reading, 6,400; Rock Island, 7,000; St. Paul, 62,800.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; closed at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet and easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand, and at $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.85½@4.88. Commercial bills, $4.83¼@4.83½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69⅝c bid.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds, dull.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg	113¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M	100
U. S. 4s coup	114¾	St. Paul Consols	127½
U. S. 4½s reg	103	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	109¾
Pacific 6s of '95	102	T. P. L. G. Tr. Rcts	73¾
La. stamped 4s	96⅛	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rcts	18¾
Missouri 6s	100	Union Pac. 1sts	105
Tenn. new set 6s	100	West Shore	103⅛
Tenn. new set 5s	100	R. G. W. 1st	70
Tenn. new set 3s	73½	Atchison 4s	65¾
Canada So. 2ds	103	do 2½s class A	33⅝
Central Pac. 1sts	105	G. H. & S. A. 6s	92½
D. & R. G. 1sts	112	G. H. & S. A. 7s	75
D. & R. G. 4s	80	H. & T. C. 5s	108
Erie 2ds	75	do 6s	100
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	44½	N. C. 6s	114
M. K. & T. Gen. 5s	79⅛	do 4s	95
Mutual Union 6s	111	Tenn. old 6s	60
N. J. C. Int. Cert	113⅛	Va. Centuries	56
N. Pacific 1sts	110½	Va. Centuries df	60
N. Pac. 2ds	89	Ala. class A	98⅛
N. W. Consols	138¾	Ala. class B	102½
N. W. Deb. 5s	107⅛	Ala. class C	93½
St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	78⅜	Ala. Currencies	92

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@5 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atch., T. & S. F.	15⅛	Wis. Central	24⅛
American Sugar	80⅝	Atchison 2s	32½
do preferred	83	Atchison 4s	63⅛
Bell Telephone	191	Atlantic	11¼
C., B. & Q.	141	Boston & Montana	28¼
General Elec	75⅛	Butte & Boston	9⅛
Mexican Central	36¼	Calumet & Hecla	300
Old Colony	5¾	Centennial	3¼
Ore. Short Line	19⅛	Franklin	12½
Rubber	168	Kearsarge	7½
Union Pacific	44	Osceola	29¼
West End	5	Quincy	120
do preferred	19¼	Tamarack	164

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Close:

Consols, money	98 1-16	Mexican ordinary	14⅝
Consols, acc'nt	98 3-16	St. Paul common	60⅜
Canadian Pacific	74⅜	New York Central	103
Erie	15⅝	Pennsylvania	48¼
Erie 2ds	78	Reading	9¾
Illinois Central	94¾	Mex. Cen. new 4s	54

BAR SILVER—32 5-16d per oz.

MONEY—2¼ per cent.

Rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months bills, 2⅜ per cent.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	10	Mexican	75
Belle Isle	8	Mono	10
Belcher	90	Hale & Norcross	60
Best & Belcher	185	Ophir	130
Bodie Con	15	Potosi	65
Bulwer	5	Savage	40
Chollar	49	Sierra Nevada	115
Con. Cal. & Va	285	Union Con	75
Crown Point	40	Utah	5
Gould & Curry	70	Yellow Jacket	90

Bank Reserve Decrease.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Bank of England's reserve decrease was £1,034,000 this week, of which £70,000 was gold export to the continent, the remainder going into home circulation, chiefly in notes. Other securities decreased nearly £1,000,000, owing to borrowing by the market, which is bare of cash. Other deposits show a decrease of $688,000. A large business in loans was done by the banks today at 3½ per cent. The death of George G. Magoun caused a depreciation in American railways, especially Atchison. Bankers here do not expect imports of the United States 3 per cent bonds, but their issue may displace other securities. Silver was weak at 32⅜d. I am informed that the English exchequer deprecates an Italian import duty at present.

Financial Notes.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Three per cent rentes, 98f 50c.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $1,561,847.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $2,286,244.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $2,185,268; balances, $288,901.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $88,832,072; balances, $5,650,250.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $638,134; same day last week, $823,014.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $10,827,032; balances, $1,391,756.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 21.—New York exchange, selling at par. Clearings, $251,364; balances, $75,535.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—Money, 3½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 35@50c premium. Clearings, $1,997,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $3,892,120; balances, $693,315. Money, quiet at 7@8 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50c premium.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $12,054,420; balances, $1,282,671. Money, 1 per cent. Exchange on New York, 10c premium for cash.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $13,872,598. New York exchange, 80c premium. Sterling exchange, dull and steady; actual, $4.85@4.87½. Money, plenty; rates unchanged, 5½@7 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Cattle Trade Still Weak—Hogs More Active and Five Cents Higher.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21.

Receipts so far this week, compared with last, show a falling off of over 4,000 cattle, 2,000 hogs and 3,000 sheep, but as the demand for meat also decreases as the holidays approach this shortage in receipts has not helped the market in any respect except, perhaps, as a check to a continuous decline.

The supply of cattle was limited as to quantity and decidedly inferior as to quality. Meager offerings, however, naturally developed a little more activity to the trade, as the dressed beef men had to have some cattle, and, as the useful grades were scarce, the competition was active enough to stiffen prices just a little early. The market closed weak and mean, with all the early firmness gone. Common to fair 900 to 1,350-lb. steers sold at from $3.10 up to $3.70, while odds and ends of inferior stuff sold down as low as $2.50. Fair to very good western range steers sold at from $3.15 to $3.50. A very tolerable clearance was effected.

Cows and mixed stuff made up somewhat over a third of the entire receipts today, and the market was to all intents and purposes, steady. There was nothing choice in the yards. Fair to very good cows and heifers sold largely at from $2 to $2.50. Calves were unchanged at from $2 to $4.75 for common heavy to very good veal stock. Bulls, oxen and stags sold freely at full Wednesday's figures, from $1.65 to $3.

Business in stockers and feeders was characterized by the same dullness and weakness that have prevailed for more than a week past. While the supply has been rather limited it has been considerably in excess of the demand and the movement has been sluggish with prices weak and low. Good to choice feeders are quoted at from $3 to $3.30; fair to good at from $2.50 to $2.80, and common and stockers at from $2 to $3.50. Representative sales:

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	770	$2 50	10	1083	$3 35
1	790	2 75	17	980	3 40
37	1018	2 85	2	1015	3 50
3	993	3 00	17	1344	3 55
10	870	3 10	2	1040	3 60
13	1040	3 15	2	1330	3 60
14	911	3 25	20	1153	3 60
2	1035	3 25	7	1331	3 70
7	1115	3 35	15	1241	3 70
4	1020	3 35	1	1130	3 75

MIXED.

17	1177	3 50

COWS.

2	920	1 25	19	1071	2 15
2	975	1 65	18	850	2 15
4	900	1 65	9	1044	2 15
16	889	1 65	1	1080	2 15
1	970	1 75	1	1030	2 15
1	1100	1 75	4	1057	2 15
6	883	1 75	6	1150	2 15
11	840	1 75	27	835	2 15
3	923	1 75	44	1025	2 15
1	920	1 75	13	1120	2 15
3	973	1 75	11	1036	2 20
7	1021	1 75	4	1017	2 20
1	1030	1 75	3	860	2 20
16	1022	1 75	4	820	2 20
3	923	1 75	4	862	2 20
17	841	1 80	12	1073	2 25
20	1019	1 80	8	1110	2 25
43	822	1 85	14	995	2 25
12	954	1 85	38	915	2 25
14	655	1 85	3	1086	2 25
1	870	2 00	8	1030	2 25
2	850	2 00	11	1034	2 25
7	945	2 00	7	917	2 30
13	1198	2 00	8	862	2 30
5	1202	2 00	14	951	2 30
2	1060	2 00	21	967	2 30
3	1116	2 00	17	1068	2 30
1	1150	2 00	53	872	2 35
2	605	2 00	10	872	2 35
1	1210	2 00	25	940	2 35
1	1040	2 00	11	941	2 35
2	890	2 00	16	1097	2 35
2	815	2 00	12	986	2 45
9	881	2 00	9	897	2 45
14	814	2 05	8	1053	2 45
13	1026	2 05	3	1253	2 45
4	767	2 10	5	1172	2 50
7	1045	2 10	3	1393	2 50
15	869	2 10	8	1021	2 50
2	970	2 10	21	1057	2 50
18	1115	2 10	17	988	2 50
2	1320	2 10	7	1115	2 50
3	906	2 15	1	1130	2 55
16	991	2 15	3	956	2 60
8	850	2 15	5	1062	2 60
12	976	2 15	9	986	2 60

HEIFERS.

7	392	1 50	1	690	2 00
2	510	1 85	1	876	2 25
4	672	1 90	2	380	2 50
4	507	1 95	14	955	2 55
4	575	2 00	2	1035	3 00

CALVES.

6	316	2 00	1	130	4 00
1	290	2 00	1	90	4 00
1	320	2 00	1	80	4 00
2	280	2 30	2	160	4 00
4	337	2 40	2	125	4 25
1	80	3 00	1	120	4 50
1	90	3 00	3	126	4 75

YEARLINGS.

12	563	2 75

BULLS.

1	1520	1 65	1	1630	2 15
1	1460	1 75	1	1180	2 20
1	1240	1 75	1	1400	2 20
1	1680	1 90	6	1310	2 25
1	1270	1 90	1	1620	2 25
2	1495	1 90	2	1575	2 25
1	1460	1 90	1	620	2 25
2	1415	2 00	1	950	2 35
2	1180	2 00	1	1470	2 40
1	1060	2 00	1	1380	2 50
1	930	2 00	1	1440	2 50
1	1360	2 00	1	1490	2 60
1	1400	2 00	1	1700	2 75
1	900	2 00	1	1400	2 75
1	1720	2 00	1	1810	2 85
1	1000	2 10	1	1270	3 00
2	1475	2 10	1	1800	3 00

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	840	2 35	1	410	2 60
8	926	2 35	4	665	2 65
2	565	2 40	1	860	2 75
7	680	2 40	2	775	2 75
5	674	2 50	31	879	2 85
18	535	2 50	5	828	2 85
3	766	2 50	24	975	2 90
1	700	2 50	2	1080	3 00
50	657	2 55	2	1040	3 00
8	518	2 55	2	585	3 00
3	850	2 60	7	870	3 00

WESTERN CATTLE.

COLORADO.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
23 steers	1216	$3 15	7 bulls	1105	$1 65
12 bulls	1112	1 65	19 cows	908	2 10
8 fdrs	926	2 40	50 steers	1236	3 50
3 cows	903	1 75	2 cows	975	1 75
24 cows	825	1 85	3 cows	1030	2 10
59 hfr. yl	960	3 75	41 hfr. clv	383	4 00
2 bulls	1320	2 00	52 fdrs	1072	3 05
1 stag	1320	2 00	16 cows	957	2 25
2 fdrs	980	2 50	29 fdrs	1048	3 00

UTAH.

1 fdr	1230	3 05	3 fdrs	1150	3 05
12 fdrs	1078	3 05	23 fdrs	1190	3 05
1 fdr	1180	3 05	3 fdrs	1110	3 05
18 fdrs	1080	3 05	88 fdrs	927	2 70
7 fdrs	691	2 40	12 fdrs	849	2 70
3 fdrs	960	2 70	3 fdrs	983	2 70
1 fdr	1050	2 70	7 fdrs	975	2 70
6 fdrs	966	2 70			

HOGS—Receipts today were lighter than anticipated and there was a slightly firmer market. Early bids were not more than steady—in some cases weaker and opening sales were at bare Wednesday's prices. Better reports from other markets, however, together with a marked improvement in the shipping demand, gave some strength to the trade later on, and the final windup was fully 5c higher than the opening. There was not much of a range of prices. Good to choice hogs of all weights sold at from $4.75 to $4.80, with fair to good loads, regardless of weight, at $4.70 and $4.75 and poor rough and underweight stuff at as low as $4.65. It was a good lively trade after the first round and pens were cleared at an early hour. The big bulk of the trading was at from $4.70 to $4.80, as against from $4.70 to $4.75 Wednesday and from $5.10 to $5.15 on last Thursday. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	300	40	$4 50	48	324	40	$4 75
4	305	80	4 55	12	218	—	4 75
2	290	40	4 60	63	229	80	4 75
1	350	—	4 60	70	271	240	4 75
1	288	—	4 65	52	302	120	4 75
6	290	—	4 65	55	281	160	4 75
6	321	—	4 65	65	307	160	4 75
6	230	—	4 65	63	331	120	4 75
80	159	40	4 65	63	394	320	4 75
54	211	80	4 65	19	173	—	4 75
64	308	280	4 65	61	255	240	4 75
69	279	480	4 65	85	260	280	4 75
77	233	120	4 70	61	322	120	4 75
51	316	200	4 70	75	237	200	4 75
64	241	40	4 70	61	258	240	4 75
64	287	200	4 70	78	263	240	4 75
37	287	120	4 70	68	268	120	4 75
54	248	200	4 70	57	262	400	4 75
39	306	40	4 70	55	265	80	4 75
73	293	120	4 70	43	282	40	4 75
28	308	200	4 70	55	317	80	4 75
53	294	280	4 70	57	274	80	4 75
70	258	200	4 70	61	301	120	4 75
80	190	120	4 70	21	262	40	4 75
150	171	40	4 70	67	271	120	4 75
58	303	240	4 72½	56	286	120	4 75
60	293	200	4 72½	75	283	200	4 77½
65	257	160	4 75	71	260	80	4 77½
67	255	80	4 75	62	242	200	4 80
32	281	40	4 75	52	236	80	4 80
61	273	80	4 75	67	272	120	4 80
81	256	200	4 75	83	237	120	4 80
47	218	—	4 75	67	228	120	4 80
75	255	280	4 75	66	287	440	4 80
30	218	—	4 75	60	264	—	4 80
6	181	—	4 75	71	278	240	4 80
6	208	—	4 75	54	295	80	4 80

SHEEP—Receipts were very fair and there was no quotable change in the market. Desirable muttons and lambs were in active demand and firm, while common stuff was very dull and weak. 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.
14	bucks	88	$1 50
68	native mixed	69	3 00
290	Mexican wethers	79	2 80
200	natives	97	2 45

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 21, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		HORSES & MLS.	
Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head.
76	2,000	59	3,709	5	872	....	....

DISPOSITION.

BUYERS.	CATTLE.	HOGS.	SHEEP.
The Omaha Packing Co	....	794	....
The G. H. Hammond Co	252	847	200
Swift & Co	455	881	672
The Cudahy Packing Co	716	1,129	....
R. Becker & Degen	44	....	....
Parker, W. & Co	....	112	....
Shippers and feeders	627	....	....
Total	2,094	3,763	872

Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the four principal western markets Thursday, December 21:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	2,000	3,709	872
Chicago	10,000	23,000	10,000
Kansas City	2,900	6,600	3,700
St. Louis	2,800	6,200	500
Total	17,700	39,509	15,072

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Prices underwent very little change today. Anything that was well fatted met with quick sale at fully steady prices, the tone of the market for such being strong. Poor to fair steers were again somewhat neglected, and holders did not easily unload at the quotations ruling earlier in the week. Of choice beeves there may almost be said to be none, and for that grade the market is to a certain extent nominal. Something fancy in 1,500 to 1,700-lb. steers might bring from $6 to $6.10, but there have been no sales at those figures within the last several days. The greater part of today's supply went out of sellers' hands below $4.50, from $3.50 to $4 being the popular figures. Cows, heifers and bulls were in demand and were firm at from $1.80 to $3 for common to good grades. The stocker and feeder branch was dull, with prices weak at from $2.25 to $3.65. Veal calves remain firm, supplies being light.

The tone of the hog market was greatly improved. Not only did the demand display more force than had characterized it for some days previous, but there was a willingness on the part of both packers and shippers to pay an advance on Wednesday's prices. Holders held the stuff stiffly at from 5c to 10c above yesterday's closing, and the supply was all bought up early on that basis. The best of the 500 to 600-lb. hogs brought from $5.05 to $5.10, and there were a few sales of medium and light weights at from $5.15 to $5.20. From these figures sales range down to from $4.75 to $4.85 for poor to fair lots, and to from $2 to $4.40 for culls and cholera-tainted pigs. From $4.90 to $5.05 was the range at which the bulk of the hogs were weighed.

There was no change in the sheep market. Supplies were much greater than the demand and the feeling was again very weak. Today's arrivals were below the average, but the pens held thousands of stale sheep, and, it may be added, they still hold thousands. Sales were slow at from $2.75 to $3.50 for good to choice, from $2.25 to $2.60 for fair to medium and at from $1 to $2 for poor to common lots. Lambs were quoted at from $2.75 to $4.75.

Receipts: Cattle, 10,000 head; calves, 500 head; hogs, 23,000 head; sheep, 10,000 head.

The Evening Journal reports:

CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000 head; outside of a few sales of fair to good steers at $4.90@5.30 the trade was dull, with the coarser grades of steers selling lower.

HOGS—Receipts, 23,000 head; market active and a trifle firmer; heavy, $4.90@5.10; butcher weights, $5.00@5.15; light, $5.00@5.15.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market dull; top sheep, $2.00@3.40; top lambs, $3.75@4.50.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—BEEVES—Receipts 654 head, mainly for slaughterers direct; no demand and no trade; European cables quote American steers firm at 10½@12c per lb., dressed weight; American refrigerator beef, steady; scant 8¾c per lb.

CALVES—Receipts, 286 head; market weak; veals, $5.00@8.25 per 100 lbs.; grassers, $2.20@2.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,867 head; demand almost nominal; market very dull but steady; poor to fairly prime, $2.00@3.50; lambs, inferior to choice, $3.87½@4.12½.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,671 head; two cars on sale; market steady and unchanged at $5.45@6.00.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,900 head; shipments, 3,400 head; market steady to strong; Texas steers, $2.50@3.45; shipping steers, $4.00@5.50; Texas and native cows, $1.50@2.25; butcher stock, $3.15@4.10; stockers and feeders, $2.15@3.80.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,600 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady to strong; bulk $4.75@4.90; heavy, packing and mixed, $4.55@5.00; lights, Yorkers and pigs, $4.40@4.95.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,700 head; shipments, none; market slow and weak.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 21.—HOGS—Receipts, 1,900 head; official yesterday, 1,568 head; shipments, 881 head; market steady, with yesterday higher at $4.70@4.75; bulk, $4.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, 400 head; official yesterday, 540 head; shipments, 236 head; market steady.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,800 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market steady; fair to good natives, $3.00@4.25; fed Texas steers, $3.00@3.50; grass Texas steers, $2.40@3.00; cows, $1.60@2.20.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,200 head; shipments, 4,700 head; market firm; top price, $5.10; bulk of sales, $4.90@5.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 100 head; market steady; fair to fat natives sold at $2.00@3.50; southwestern mixed, $2.00@2.25.

IN THE IRON TRADE.

Improved Conditions Noted in Business Over the Past Two Months.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—The Iron Trade Review this week says: The quietness that usually settles upon the iron trade in the closing weeks of a year is upon it now, intensified by the tariff incubus. Yet, from products it is evident that the volume of business is greater than it was two months ago. There has been here and there a resumption by a belated agricultural concern. A few western carshops have taken orders that will keep them running most of the winter; and what is, perhaps, the best proof of all that the call for finished material has been growing, blast furnaces are making over 25,000 tons more per week of pig iron than at the same time in October, and the demands of the mills and foundries are not only equal to it but are making a slight inroad upon accumulated stocks. This condition indicates that although no new undertakings of any magnitude are on hand and none looked for, the country's demands are constant and the staving process cannot be persisted in forever.

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Short Police Stories.

Police Judge Berka sentenced Ed Sutton yesterday to pay a fine of $40 and costs or stand committed to the county jail for threatening to kill Mrs. Wagner and using obscene language toward her.

Ed Green and Thomas Davis, arrested as suspicious characters, were each given a suspended sentence of thirty days in police court yesterday.

For stealing coal from the Union Pacific and Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad companies William Hortz, a youngster, was bound over to the district court. Fred Hillman, alias Jackson, colored, was fined $7 and costs for a similar offense.

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The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway is now running a daily through tourist car to San Francisco via Fort Worth, Texas, El Paso and Los Angelos. Passengers from Omaha can take this car at McForlund, Kan., at 2:50 p. m. This is the true southern route and by twelve hours the fastest train to all southern California points. The "Phillips Rock Island personally conducted" excursions, with through tourist sleeper to Los Angeles and San Francisco via Salt Lake, leave Omaha every Wednesday at 2:05 p. m. If you wish low rates, fast time and superior accommodations, call on or address Charles Kennedy, G. N. W. P. A., 1602 Farnam street.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Name and Address.	Age.
Frank Ferguson, Omaha	26
Nettie Howard, Omaha	25
Fred Stevens, Douglas county	24
Della Cripen, Douglas county	19
Coleman N. Pannemann, Springfield, Ill.	29
Augusta Abendroth, Omaha	20
Mike Fishts, Douglas county	26
Emma Sohl, Douglas county	18

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