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Wheat Was Stronger Yesterday and Closed a Fraction Higher.

THAT CEREAL OPENED WITH AN ADVANCE

Reports that the Crop Estimates of Several of the Principal States Were Lower than Expected Caused a Temporary Reaction.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Wheat was stronger today and closed with a ⅜c gain for May. Reports of the probable government bond issue, fair clearances, good buying and the expectation of a cold wave contributed to the firmness. Corn closed with May ¼c higher. May oats are ⅛c higher and provisions slightly higher throughout the list.

Wheat opened with May ⅜c up at 64⅝c and soon advanced to 64¾c. The main cause of the strength was the report that the government would issue $50,000,000 in bonds. Cables were steadier. The short interest bought fairly, there was some buying on eastern account and the market showed more steadiness, with an apparently stronger undertone. A report that the crop estimates of several of the principal states were lower than expected caused a temporary reaction, which sent May down to 64⅛c, but the general news of the day was apparently of too bullish a nature to long discourage buyers. An advancing cold wave added to the firmness. The buying continued free until the end of the session, closing but ⅛c from the top. May advanced ⅜c, lost ¼c, advanced ⅝c and reacted ⅜c to the close, at 64⅝c.

In corn there was a strong, steady market, with operations not on a very large scale, prices covering from ⅜c to ⅞c range. The strengthening features were the action of wheat and the small arrivals, which induced considerable local buying, selling being scattered and generally in small lots. Offerings continue on a moderate scale, while the demand appears to be improving. Receipts were under the estimate. May opened ⅛c higher at 38c, lost ¼c, advanced ⅛c, lost ⅛c, gained ⅛c and reacted ⅛c to the close at 38⅛c, but ⅛c from the top figures of the day.

There was a liberal trade in oats, within a small but higher range. With liberal selling and also good buying by operators, who recently sold at low prices, the finish was at nearly the top. May opened ¼c higher at 29⅜c, lost ⅛c and advanced ¼c to the close at 29¾c.

Provisions opened weak and lower on receipts of live hogs 7,000 in excess of the estimate. There was some activity for a short time, prices advancing to over yesterday's closing prices, the market being supported by two or three packing houses. The strength in wheat also contributed to the feeling. Further strength was subsequently developed on continued buying by the packers. Compared with last night May pork is 7½c higher, May lard 5c higher, and May ribs 5c up.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 135 cars; corn, 300 cars; oats, 105 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Jan.	60	60⅜	59¾	60¼
May	64⅝@64¾	65⅛@65¼	64⅛	64⅞
July	66	66⅜	65⅝	66¼
CORN—				
Jan.	34⅜	34⅞	34⅝	34⅝@⅞
Feb	35	35¼	35	35¼
May	37⅞@38	38¼	37¾@⅞	38⅛
OATS—				
Jan	26¾	26⅞	26⅝	26⅝
May	29¾	29⅞	29⅝	29¾
July	28¼	28⅜@¼	28¼	28¼
MESS PORK—				
Jan.				13 12½
May	13 10	13 27½	13 10	13 27½
LARD—				
Jan.	7 77½	7 85	7 77½	7 85
Feb	7 60	7 75	7 60	7 75
May	7 57½	7 70	7 57½	7 67½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan	6 60	6 60	6 60	6 60
Feb				6 60
May	6 60	6 72½	6 57½	6 70

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 60½c; No. 3 spring, 58@61¼c; No. 2 red, 60¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 34⅜@34⅞c; No. 3 yellow, 33⅜c.

OATS—No. 2, 27¼@27½c; No. 2 white, 30@30⅜c; No. 3 white, 28½@29¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 44c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 42@54c; No. 4, 32½@44c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.41.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.05.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $13.22½@13.25; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.85@7.87½; short ribs sides (loose), $6.60@6.65; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed), $7.00@7.50.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.36; granulated, $4.61; standard A, $4.49.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS
Flour, bbls	6,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	99,000	8,000
Corn, bu	314,000	133,000
Oats, bu	189,000	137,000
Rye, bu	8,000	6,000
Barley, bu	44,000	20,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull, unchanged; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 16@21c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 12½@13c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 26,200 bbls.; exports, 11,600 bbls.; sales, 6,500 pkgs.; market dull and weaker; city mill clears, $3.55@3.65; city mill straights, $3.75@4.10; Minnesota straits, $3.60@3.65; Minnesota patents, $2.55@4.05; Minnesota bakers, $2.30@3.60; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; winter low grades, $1.40@2.25; spring low grades, $1.60@1.90; spring extras, $1.90@2.40; northern flour, common to fair extra, $2.20@2.70; good to choice extra, $2.70@3.60; rye flour, superfine, $2.70@3.00; fancy, $2.85@2.95; buckwheat flour, $2.60@2.75.

CORN MEAL—Dull.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 65@66c; two-rowed state, 62@63c.

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

WHEAT—Receipts, 7,200 bu.; exports, 40,000 bu.; sales, 2,110,000 bu. futures and 42,000 bu. spot. Spot market, dull but steadier; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 66⅝@66½c; afloat, 67¾c; f. o. b., 67¾c; ungraded red, 62@68¼c; No. 3 red, 63¼c; No. 1 northern, 71¾c. Options opened steady but quiet, closed strong at ⅝@⅝c net advance; No. 2 red, January, 65¼@66¼c, closed at 66⅝c; February, closed at 66⅝c; March, 67 9-16@68¼c, closed at 68¼c; May, 69 11-16@70c, closed at 70c; June closed at 71c; July, 71⅝@72c, closed 72c; August, 72¼@72¾c, closed at 72¾c; December, 75@78¼c, closed at 78¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 121,600 bu.; exports, 34,900 bu.; sales, 510,000 bu. futures and 89,000 bu. spot. Spot fairly active and firmer; No. 2, 42¾c in elevator; 43¼@43½c afloat; yellow, 43c; steamer mixed, 41⅝@42c. Option market was firm all day on light offerings and sympathy with wheat, and closed ⅛@⅜c net advance; January, 42¼@42¾c, closed at 42¾c; February, 43¼@43c, closed at 42¾c; March, 43⅛@43⅜c, closed at 43⅜c; May, 44 7-16@44½c, closed at 44⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 70,000 bu.; exports, 400 bu.; sales, 280,000 bu. futures, 70,000 bu. spot. Spot ¼c higher and moderately active; No. 2, 33½c; No. 2 delivered, 34¼c; No. 3, 32½c; No. 2 white, 35¾c; No. 3 white, 33½@34c; track, mixed western, 34@35c; track, white western, 35@40c; track, white state, 35@40c. Options quiet but steady, closing at ⅛c net advance; January closed at 33c; February, 33⅜c, closed at 33½c; March, 34@34¼c, closed at 34¼c; May, 34¼@34⅝c, closed at 34⅝c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $6.60; good to choice, $6.60@8.85.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 18@22c; Pacific coast, 18@22c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45@65 lbs., 4½@5¼c; Texas, selected, 35@50 lbs., 4@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20@40 lbs., 10½@11c; Texas, dry, 24@30 lbs., 9c.

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

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $14.00@15.00; beef hams, $17; city extra India mess, $20.00@23.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $7.87½@8.12½; pickled shoulders, $6.25@6.50; pickled hams, $9.25@9.50. Lard, firmer; western steam closed at $8.30; January closed at $8.20 bid; February, $9.10 nominal; refined, easier. Pork, steady.

BUTTER—Steady; western dairy, 13½@17c; western creamery, 18@25½c; western factory, 13@19½c; Elgins, 25½c; state dairy, 19@23c; state creamery, 18@22c.

CHEESE—Steady; state, large, 9@11¾c; small, 11@12¾c; part skims, 4@10c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Weak; receipts, 9,000 pkgs.; ice house, 10@25c; western fresh, 14@14½c; southern, 15½c.

TALLOW—Quieter, but steady; city, 5⅛c; country, 5¼c, as to quality.

ROSIN—Dull; strained, common to good, $1.10@1.12½.

TURPENTINE—Market steady at 30¾@31c.

PETROLEUM—Firm; United closed 80⅛c bid; Pennsylvania oil, spot sales, none; February, sales, none; closed, 80¼c bid; Lima oil, sales, none.

RICE—Steady; domestic fair to extra, 3¼@4¼c.

MOLASSES—Dull and nominal.

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

COPPER—Weak; lake, $10.

LEAD—Dull; domestic, $3.10.

SPELTER—Easier; domestic, $3.25 bid.

COTTONSEED OIL—Inactive; prime crude, 13@23c; off crude, 26@28c; prime yellow 35@36c; prime white, 39c.

SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2⅝c; centrifugals, 96 test, at 3c, to go to Canada; refined, quiet and steady; No. 6, 3 15-16@4c; No. 7, 3 15-16@3⅞c; No. 8, 3 11-16@3¾c; No. 9, 3⅝@3 13-16c; No. 10, 3 9-16@3⅝c; No. 11, 3 11-16c; No. 12, 3 7-16@3¾c; No. 13, 3⅜c; off A, 3⅝@4¼c; mould A, 4 7-16@4⅜c; standard A, 4 1-16@4¼c; confectioners' A, 4 11-16@4⅝c; cut loaf, 4 15-16@5¼c; crushed, 4 15-16@5¼c; powdered, 4 7-16@4¾c; granulated, 4 3-16@4⅝c; cubes, 4 7-16@4¾c.

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, $4; black Montana and Rocky mountain, large, $18.00@22.00; medium, $14; small, $10; black Montana yearlings, large, $10; 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, $1.00@1.50; medium, $80; small, $40; silver gray, 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 stripe, No. 1, 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 greenhides, 2½@3c; No. 2 green hides, 2¼c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3@3¼c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2@2¼c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 3¼c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 2@2¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 5½@6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 3c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 5@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, 5@8c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool belts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@7c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—FLOUR—About steady, little doing.

WHEAT—Despite bear fakes and heavy selling was strong at the start and succeeded in maintaining a ⅝c advance; No. 2 red cash closed at 56¾c; January, 56¾c; February, 57c; May, 61¾c; July, 62½c.

CORN—Was stronger on speculation, gaining ⅛@⅜c; No. 2 mixed cash closed at 32¾c; January, 32¾c; February, 33¼c; May, 34¾c; July, 35¾c.

OATS—Were stronger; No. 2 cash and January closed at 28½c; May, 30½c.

RYE—49c bid (east side) for No. 2.

BARLEY—Little doing; sales Minnesota, 56c.

BRAN—Lower; 58c sacked, east track.

FLAX SEED—Nominal at $1.32.

CLOVER SEED—Steady at $8.50@9.30.

HAY—Quiet, unchanged; prime to choice timothy, $9.00@10.00.

BUTTER—Unchanged; separator creamery, 21@22c.

EGGS—Lower, 10½c.

LEAD—Higher; $3.05 for desilverized.

SPELTER—Quiet; $3.30.

CORN MEAL—$1.65.

WHISKY—$1.15.

BAGGING—5½@6c.

IRON COTTON TIES—95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Quiet and about steady. Pork, standard mess, $13.75. Lard, prime steam, $7.80. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $6.25; longs and ribs, $6.75; shorts, $6.90; boxed, 15c higher. Bacon, packed shoulders, $7.25; longs and ribs, $7.50@7.62½; shorts, $7.75@7.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 101,000 bu.; oats, 27,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 77,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—Quiet; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1, California, 5s 4d@5s 5d; No. 2, red western winter, 5s 2d@5s 3½d.

CORN—Steady; demand moderate; mixed western, 4s 1d.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, 75s; beef, extra India, 103s; bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 39s; long clear, 45 lbs., 41s; lard, 41s 6d.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—This market ruled slow but firm today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash, 61¾c; January, 60¾c; May, 64¾c; July, 66¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 60¾c; January, 60¼c; May, 63¾c; July, 65c; No. 2 northern, cash, 57c; No. 3, 52c; rejected, 46½c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 61¾c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—WOOL—Continues slow and quiet, dealers generally allaying the delay in Mardi legislation as the cause for the condition of the market. Missouri and Illinois, combing and medium, 16@16½c; low and braid, 13@15c; Texas, medium, 12@14c; coarse and low, 9@11c; western and northern, medium, 12@13c; heavy and low, 7@8c; tub washed, choice, 24c.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The wool sales today were 12,689 bales. So far the binding has been spirited for all growths, with prices firm. A large show of cross breeds was actively competed for. Fine Victoria washed sold up to 2s 10d, and lambs were up to 1s 4d. The bulk of sales today were for England; continental buyers bought Merino and largely; American bidders were listless. At a meeting today it was decided to extend the close of the wool sales to February 9 on account the recent unexpected large receipts. Sydney, 2,225 bales; scoured, 10½d@1s 3½d; greasy, 6@9d. Adelaide, 1,134 bales; greasy, 5¼ @9d. Tasmania, 82 bales; greasy, 8½d. New Zealand, 2,500 bales; scoured, 8½d@1s 3d; greasy, 6¼@11d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,240 bales; scoured, 13s 1d@1s 4d; greasy, 5@7½d.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—The wheat market opened a little higher this morning than it closed yesterday evening. The reason for the strength was hardly known by any one. Some talked about the cold wave as they had talked a few days ago about the damage to winter wheat by too strong a growth. Cincinnati Price Current reported an opinion that the yield of wheat as estimated by the government was some 50,000,000 bu. too low. But as that condition had been discounted long ago the estimate had very little effect upon the market today. Very much of the buying was by eastern parties. Considerable of it by New York men. The country west of here did very little, for all there was good trading nearly all of the day, and some 3,000,000 bu. were bought and sold. Receipts were 193 cars; shipments, 51 cars. The offerings on the board from these receipts were too small to meet the demands of millers here and outside and prices for track wheat were forced above the May price. In some instances track wheat sold ½c per bu. above May. It was thought that at this premium there would be a great deal of wheat offered from country elevator stocks. Some was offered, but buyers would not pay full spot prices for it that was demanded, and trade in grain of that kind was light. The elevator men say they are sure that when May comes there will be a premium of 1⅛@1½c above present prices, as it will cost that amount to get wheat out of local elevators and put it in store. So that the only costs to them of carrying the wheat now on hand is the insurance and the small shrinkage the grain would be subjected to. The millers are planning about the same rate as yesterday.

There is talk that the mills will run more lively next week, but the result will depend largely upon whether freight rates are reduced or the demand for flour keeps up. The prices for flour remain steady. Bran and shorts were firm and active. May wheat opened at 60¾@60½c; after selling at prices ranging not very far from that, there was an advance to 61c, with short buying lively. After the demands were supplied, prices yielded a fraction and finally closed January, 59¼c; May, 60¾c; July, 62⅝c. Track wheat closed: No. 1 hard, 62½c; No. 1 northern, 60¾c; No. 2 northern, 59c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—COFFEE—Options opened dull, unchanged to 10 points lower; closed barely steady at unchanged to 10 points decline; sales, 5,500 bags, including: January, $17.05; February, $16.65@16.70; March, $16.40; May, $15.95; July, $15.55; September, $15.25. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, 18.12½; mild, market steady; Cordova, $20.00@20.25.

SANTOS, Jan. 18.—Market firm; good average, $16.50.

HAMBURG, Jan. 18.—Market dull; ½ pfg. lower.

HAVRE, Jan. 18.—Market barely steady; ½f lower.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18.—Market firm, unchanged; No. 7, $15.75.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Market unchanged to 6d lower.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 18.—FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—Strong; No. 2 spring, 60c; No. 1 northern, 64¼c; May, 63c.

CORN—Higher; No. 3, 33⅜c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 28@28½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 49c; sample, on track, 39@50c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 47⅜c.

PROVISIONS—Steadier; pork, $13.25; lard, $7.85.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,250 bbls.; wheat, 20,150 bu.; barley, 18,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,777 bbls.; wheat, 650 bu.; barley, 5,600 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—Firm and ¼@1c higher; No. 2 hard, 52½c; No. 2 red, 53½c.

CORN—In good demand and ¼@½c higher, No. 2 mixed, 30c; No. 2 white, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 28¼@29c; No. 2 white, 29@30c.

EGGS—Steady at 10c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, nominal at 48@49c.

FLAX SEED—Firm at $1.26@1.27.

HAY—Dull; timothy, $8.00@9.50; prairie, $5.50@6.50.

BRAN—Steady at 57@59c.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; creamery, 19@23c; dairy, 15c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Futures, quiet; sales, 88,800 bales; January, $7.37@7.38; February, $7.44@7.45; March, $7.59@7.60; April, $7.64@7.66; May, $7.73@7.74; June, $7.82@7.83; July, $7.89@7.90; August, $7.94@7.96; middling, 7 9-16c; ordinary, 6 7-16c; good ordinary, 6 15-16c; low middling, 7 5-16c; good middling, 7¾c.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Higher, steady; middling, 7 7-16c; sales, 300 bales.

GALVESTON, Jan. 18.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7¾c; receipts, 3,900 bales; shipments, none; sales, 1,136 bales.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Jan. 18.—CORN—Market steady and firm; No. 2, 32¾c; No. 3, 32c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 28½c; No. 3 white, 27½@28c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 44@48c.

WHISKY—Market firm; high wines, basis, $1.15.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 21,400 bu.; corn, 59,800 bu.; oats, 29,700 bu.; rye, 1,200 bu.; barley, 5,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, none; corn, 10,400 bu.; oats, 88,000 bu.; rye, 600 bu.; barley, 9,100 bu.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., Jan. 18.—National Transit certificates opened at 80¼c; highest, 80¼c; lowest, 80¼c; closed at 80¼c; sales, 22,000 bbls.; clearances, 34,000 bbls.; shipments, 84,426 bbls.; runs, 109,277 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 18.—National Transit certificates opened at 80c; closed at 80c; highest, 80c; lowest, 80c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—There is a fair trade in cotton goods at former prices. The outside business in print cloths is reported as low as 2⅜c. Prints and printed fabrics are unchanged. Foreign dry goods are being distributed within conservative lines. Jobbing trade rather dull.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Proposed Issue of Government Bonds Not Favorably Received.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The proposed issue of government bonds, the announcement of which it was expected would do so much for the stock market in the way of increasing the volume of business, bringing in new buyers and establishing a higher range of prices, did not accomplish what was looked forward to with certainty. It is true that at the opening of business today a strong tone characterized the dealings and there was greater activity than for the past few days, but the buying was not of the character anticipated. The foreign houses purchased some round lots of the arbitrage specialties, and there was a good deal of covering by shorts, who concluded it was not safe to be on the bear side of the market at this juncture, and the combined buying for these two accounts, supplemented by purchases of the small traders, served to advance prices ⅛ to ¾ per cent at the opening.

When it became evident that the large operators were not in the market as buyers and that there was heavy offerings of the leading shares, a suspicion grew that those who had been buyers on the rise, manipulated by advance reports of the bond issue, were endeavoring to realize their profits. As a consequence the upward movement was checked, but after a fractional reaction the advance was taken up again, and at the end of the first half hour quotations had moved up from last night's closing figure ¼ to 1⅜ per cent, Rock Island, Erie, the other grangers, the Industrials, Canada Pacific, Minneapolis & St. Louis, Lake Shore, Louisville & Nashville and Western Union being more prominent in the advance.

A demonstration against values was now made, which was chiefly directed against General Electric, and was accompanied by unfavorable rumors against that property, including a revival of the receiver ship story. A decline of 1⅝ per cent was effected in the stock, followed by a recovery of 1 per cent on inside buying and the statement was made that President Coffin would be continued in office. In the later dealings a reaction of 1⅛ per cent was followed with a final recovery of ¾ per cent.

For the general list there was very little demand and the pressure to sell was slight, so the speculation was absolutely without feature and quotations changed but a small fraction until after delivery hours. Then a selling movement was developed that took in grangers, notably Rock Island, and which was kept in force to the close, the final sales being made at a decline from the highest of the day of ¼ to 2⅛ per cent, the latter in Rock Island. The market closed weak with the active list generally lower than yesterday's last prices, but some of the usually inactive shares show advances.

The general opinion of the leading financiers of this city is favorable to the success of the government loan and it is predicted it will be subscribed for many times over. It is predicted the bids will in a majority of cases range from 117⅞ to 118⅛, on first figures giving the brokers a small margin of profit and the last affording an investor better terms than by buying of the present government issues at current quotations. In view of the fact the bonds were issued for general subscription, the belief is expressed by some bankers that the national banks will not be very largely represented among the bidders, for the reason that they will be likely to wait for the contemplated issue of 3 per cent bonds which it is believed congress will authorize as affording greater profit. There is a very general feeling that very few of the bonds will be taken by foreign investors, as a merchant capital, it is believed, can afford to bid higher than foreign competitors.

The Post says: The early London buying kept the general market firm until the last half hour, when the dullness was interrupted by a professional effort to mark down prices generally. This movement began with General Electric, though it was perhaps significant that the very speculators who sold down General Electric were busy buying back Rock Island. This is not the first time that the unlucky Boston stock first mentioned has been used to sustain by its forced weakness a bear retreat. No doubt many people experienced great disappointment in today's stock market. The formal notice of a bond issue was received in apathy. Some visible and permanent influence of the secretary's circular was looked for, but it did not come.

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

Atchison	11¾	Northern Pacific	4
Adams Express	150	Northern Pacific pref'd	15⅜
Alton, T. H.	18	Pacific, D. & Gulf	1⅝
do pref'd	110	Northwestern	100⅜
American Express	109	do pref'd	137
Baltimore & Ohio	88½	N. Y. Central	98½
Canada Pacific	75	N. Y. & N. E.	12⅜
Canada Southern	48¾	Ontario & Western	16¾
Central Pacific	15	Oregon Imp.	13
Ches. & Ohio	17¼	Oregon Nav.	20
Chicago Alton	138	O. S. L. & U. N.	6
C., B. & Q.	94½	Pacific Mail	19¼
Chicago Gas	65	Peoria, Dec. & E.	23⅜
Consolidated Gas	125½	Pittsburg	148
C. C. C. & St. L.	54	Pullman Palace	168
Col. Coal & Iron	8	Reading	19⅛
Cotton Oil Cert.	28¾	Richmond Terminal	11⅝
Del. & Hudson	133¾	do pref'd	10
Del. Lack. & West.	168¾	Rock Island	74⅜
D. & R. G. pref'd	30	do pref'd	42
Dis. & C. Fdrs. Co	23	St. Paul	69⅝
East Tennessee	18	do pref'd	57⅝
Erie	14⅝	St. Paul & Omaha	117⅛
do pref'd	31½	do pref'd	35¾
Fort Wayne	148	do pref'd	119
Great North'n pf'd	102	Southern Pacific	26¾
Chi. & East. Ill. pf'd	95	Sugar Refinery	82⅜
Hocking Valley	19	Tenn. Coal & Iron	15⅞
Illinois Central	91½	Texas Pacific	8
St. Paul & Duluth	22	T. & O. Cen. pref'd	69
Kan. & Texas pf'd	23¾	Union Pacific	19
Lake Erie & West.	14¾	U. S. Express	50
do pref'd	65	W. S. L. & P. C.	6¾
Lake Shore	122¾	do pref'd	13⅜
Lead Trust	25¾	Wells Fargo Exp.	124
Louisville & N.	43¾	Western Union	84¾
Louisville & N. A.	8¾	Wheeling & L. E.	12⅜
Manhattan Con. A.	121	do pref'd	40¾
Memphis & C.	10	M. & St. L.	10½
Michigan Central	96	D. & R. G.	10
Missouri Pacific	21¾	do 4s	95⅜
Mobile & Ohio	17	National Linseed	23
Nashville, Chatt.	70	C. F. & I.	23⅜
National Cordage	18½	C. F. & I. pref'd	60
do pref'd	39	H. & T. C.	24
N. J. Central	114	T. A. & N. M.	6½
Norfolk & W. pf'd	47	T. St. L. & K. C.	1
North Ameri'n Co.	3¾	do pf'd	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.
Erie	14⅜	15⅛	14⅜	15⅛	15
Pacific Mail	15⅝	...	...	15½	15⅝
C. & N.	93⅜	94⅝	92⅞	93⅝	93¾
Northwestern	100⅜	101¼	100⅜	100⅝	100⅜
Mo. Pacific	22	22⅜	21⅜	21⅜	22
Union Pacific	19¾	19⅞	19⅛	19⅛	19
N. Pacific pf'd	19⅜	19⅝	19¼	19½	19¾
N. Pacific com	4⅜	4⅜	...	4⅜	4
C. B. & Q.	75⅞	75⅞	74¾	74¾	75
Rock Island	67	68	66	66	66⅜
St. Paul	58¾	58⅝	57⅜	57⅝	57¾
Western Union	84¼	84¾	84	84⅜	84⅝
Sugar Trust	83¾	84¼	82¾	82¾	83¼
New England	13⅜	13⅜	12¾	12⅞	13
Atchison	11¾	11¾	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜
Chicago Gas	64¾	65¼	64¾	65¼	65⅛
Reading	19⅜	19⅜	19¼	19¼	19⅜
Del. & Hudson	134⅜	...	...	134⅜	134⅜
D. C. F.	27	27¼	26	26	26⅜
E. T. 1st	37	37	35	35¼	36¼
Cordage	...	...	...	18¾	18¾

The total sales of stocks today were 161,300 shares, including: American Sugar, 10,300; Burlington, 9,900; Chicago Gas, 12,000; Distillers & Cattlefeeders, 4,200; General Electric, 19,700; Louisville & Nashville, 4,000; New York & New England, 3,300; Reading, 3,400; Rock Island, 8,900; St. Paul, 38,300; Western Union, 22,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1 per cent; last loan, 1 per cent; closed offered at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull, weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.86¾ for demand and 4.84¾@4.85 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates were $4.86@4.88; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69¾c bid.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds, inactive.

The closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 4s reg.	112⅝	St. Paul Consols	126
U. S. 4s coup.	112⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	107⅜
U. S. 4½s reg.	95	T. P. L. & C. Pr. Rets	75¾
Pacific 6s of 95	102	T. P. R. G. Tr. Rets	20¾
La. stamped 4s	93½	U. P. 1sts	102⅜
Missouri 6s	100	West Shore	101⅜
Tenn. new set 5s	100	R. G. W. 1st	69¾
Tenn. new set 5s	97	Atchison 4s	89¾
Tenn. new set 3s	74	do 2½ A	33¾
Canada So. 2ds	103	G. H. & S. A. 6s	100
Central Pacific 1st	102	G. H. & S. A. 7s of'd	94
D. & R. G. 1sts	113	*H. & T. C. 5s	102½
D. & R. G. 4s	70	*do 6s	103
Erie 2ds	77	N. C. 6s of'd	118
Erie 3ds	47	do 4s	96
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	70¾	Tenn. old 6s	60
Mutual Union 6s	109	Va. Centuries	55
N. J. C. Int. Cert.	110¾	do deferred	6¾
N. Pac. 1sts	107	S. C. funding	174
N. Pac. 2ds	78½	Ala. class A	98
N. W. Consols	139	Ala. class B	98
N. W. Deb. 5s	108	Ala. class C	93
St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	72	Ala. Currencies	99
St. L. & S. F. Gen. M	86		

*offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Call loans, 1½@2 per cent; time loans, 2@3 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

Atch., T. & S. F.	11¼	West End	46
American Sugar	32⅝	West End pf'd	77
do preferred	84½	Westingh. Elec.	23⅝
Bay State Gas	8	do preferred	65⅜
Bell Telephone	175	Atchison 2nds	32⅜
Boston & Albany	202½	Atchison 4s	69
Boston & Maine	178	Gen. Elec. 5s	71¾
Boston & M. pref'd	179	Wis. Cent. 1s	71⅛