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CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Wheat was comparatively steady during the greater part of the session and firm toward the close. The hopes of the bulls, which yesterday were completely covered under a blanket of snow, rose again at noon when Bradstreet's visible supply showed that the country elevator stocks, outside of those included in the official visible supply, had been drawn upon last week to the extent of 371,000 bu. The close was ¾@ above last night's figures.

Corn shook off a long depression and rose ¾c, retaining all but ⅛c of that at the close. Oats were also firm and gained ⅛c for May. Provisions were dull and easier.

The wheat market was narrow. There was a very flat condition of trade as far as outside orders were concerned. Scarcely a messenger approached the pit with dispatches. The volume of trade was the lightest in weeks. The trade had counted on some activity and strength following the cold wave, but the cold wave was preceded by such general snowfall that all talk of damage was at an end. The movement was in no way different from previous days. The northwestern points had liberal receipts in view of the snow storm. After the depression caused by light export clearances there was some recovery on account of the bullish report of Bradstreet on available stocks, being a decrease of 767,000 bu. on both coasts. The May price started at 63¾c, touched 63⅝@63¾c, went to 64c, weakened to 63⅝c, and again firmed to the best price of the day at the close, at 64@64⅛c.

There was good strength in corn. While wheat was showing no sign of a bull market, corn moved up ⅛c easily on its merits. The May option opened a fraction up at 38¼c, went to 38⅝c, reacted a little and again held strong. The receipts were very light. Baltimore cleared nearly 300,000 bu. About the only bear item was the increase of 2,646,000 bu. in available stocks. This was expected. Before the close there was renewed buying and the May price went to 38¾c.

There was a liberal trade in oats and a firmer feeling, due to sympathy with corn and owing to small receipts. There was good covering by shorts and also realizing by parties who bought on the recent break, but the offerings were readily absorbed and prices advanced ⅛c for May and closed about the top.

In pork dullness and weakness were the features. The packers were the principal traders. The opening sales exhibited a decline of 5c from yesterday's closing prices, followed by a drop of 2½c. A reaction of 7½c followed on a little buying, but it would not hold, the market easing off 5c for the lack of support. A few orders were filled latter, which advanced the market to $13.22½ for May. Lard opened 5c lower and fluctuated within a range of 2½c, closing weak at $7.57½. May ribs were dull and lower, closing firm at $6.67½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 90 cars; oats, 50 cars; hogs, 32,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Jan	59⅜	59⅝	59⅛	59⅛
May	63⅞	64⅛	63⅝	64⅛
July	65⅜	65⅝	64⅝	65⅜
CORN—				
Jan	35½	35½	35½	35½
May	38¼	38⅝	38¼	38¾
July	39⅜	39⅝	39⅜	39⅝
OATS—				
Jan	27¼	27¼	27¼	27¼
May	30⅜	30½	30	30⅜
July	28⅝	29	28½	29
MESS PORK—				
Jan	13 12½	13 12½	13 12½	13 12½
May	13 22½	13 27½	13 12½	13 22½
LARD—				
Jan	7 75	7 75	7 70	7 70
May	7 60	7 60	7 57½	7 57½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan	6 57½	6 57½	6 57½	6 57½
May	6 67½	6 67½	6 62½	6 67½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy and 10c lower.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 50@50¼c; No. 2 red, 50@50¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 35¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 28c.

RYE—No. 2, 44c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 43@46c; No. 4, 43c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.38.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.10.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $13.12½@13.17½; lard, per 100 lbs., $7.72½; short ribs sides (loose), $6.60@6.70; 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—Unchanged; 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	11,400	8,615
Wheat, bu	15,500	9,500
Corn, bu	258,500	99,500
Oats, bu	149,500	95,988
Rye, bu	8,000	11,945
Barley, bu	65,500	15,500

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 15@21c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 12½@13c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,800 bbls.; exports, 5,000 bbls.; sales, 3,150 pkgs.; market very weak with a light demand; prices irregular. City mill patents, $4.15@4.30; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; city clear, $3.50@3.60; winter straights, $2.75@3.10; Minnesota patents, $3.55@3.75; winter extras, $2.00@2.60; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.60; winter low grades, $1.90@2.25; spring new grades, $1.60@1.90; spring extras, $1.90@2.40; southern flour, common to fair extra, $2.20@2.70; good to choice extra, $2.70@3.40; rye flour, fancy, $2.85@2.95; buckwheat flour, $2.25@2.65.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, $2.55@2.75; brandywine, $2.75.

RYE—Nominal; January, 56c delivered.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2, Milwaukee, 63@64c; two-rowed state, 62@63c.

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

WHEAT—Receipts, none; exports, 8,000 bu.; sales, 2,705,000 bu. futures, 30,000 bu. spot. Spots dull; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 67¾c; afloat, 67¾c; f. o. b., 67c; No. 1 northern, 70¾c. Options opened steady, closed firm; ⅛@¼c net advance; No. 2 red, January closed at 65¾c; February, 65¾@66c, closed at 66c; March, 66¾@67c, closed at 67c; May, 68¾@69¼c, closed at 69¼c; June, 70@70¼c, closed at 70¼c; July, 71 1-16@71¼c, closed at 71¼c; December, 75¾@75⅞c, closed at 75⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 39,000 bu.; exports, 93,000 bu.; sales, 1,035,800 bu. futures and 92,000 bu. spot. Spot market firm; No. 2, 43@43½c in elevator; 44¾c afloat; yellow, 43¾@43½c; ungraded mixed, 43¼c delivered; steamer mixed, 42½@42¾c. Options firm all day; closed ⅜@⅝c net advance; January closed 45¾c; February, 43¾@44c, closed 44c; March, 44½@45c, closed 45c; May, 45@45½c, closed 45½c.

OATS—Receipts, 45,200 bu.; spot quiet and No. 2 higher; No. 2, 33½@33¾c; No. 2 delivered, 34½@34¾c; No. 3, 33c; No. 2 white, 36½c; No. 3 white, 35c; track, mixed western, 35¼@35½c; track, western white, 35@40c; track, white state, 38@40c. Options firmer, closing ¼c advance; January closed at 33¾c; February, 34@34¼c, closed 34c; March, 34½@34¾c, closed 34½c; May, 34¼@35c, closed 35c.

HAY—Easy.

HOPS—Dull.

HIDES—Steady.

LEATHER—Steady.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; $14.00@15.00; extra mess, $8.50@9.50; beef hams, $17; city extra India mess, $20.00@23.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 7¾@8¼c; pickled shoulders, 6¼c; pickled hams, 9¼c. Lard, weaker; western steam closed at $8.05; option sales, none; January closed at $8 nominal; February, $8.00 asked; May, $7.90 nominal; refined, quiet; continent, $8; S. A., $8; compound, 6.62½c. Pork, steady and more active; new mess, $14.42½@14.75; extra prime, $13.50@14.00; family, $15.25@16.25; short clear, $16.00@17.50.

BUTTER—Firm with fair demand; western dairy, 14½@17c; western creamery, 18@25½c; western factory, 13@16c; Elgins, 25½c.

CHEESE—Steady; part skims, 4@10c; full skims, 2½3c.

EGGS—Steady; western fresh, 16@16½c.

TALLOW—Easier; city (2 per pkg.), 4½@5⅛c.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed 58c bid; Washington, barrels, $6; Washington, in bulk, $3.50; refined New York, $5.15; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.10; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $2.60.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining 2⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 3c; centrifugal 96 test 3c; 3,000 bags sold at 3c; refined, quiet; off A, 3⅞@4¼c; mould A, 4 7-16@4¾c; standard A, 4 1-16@4¼c; confectioners' A, 4 1-16@4¼c; cut loaf, 4 15-16@5¼c; crushed, 4 5-16@4¾c; powdered, 4 5-16@4¾c; granulated, 4¼@4 5-16c; cubes, 4 7-16@4¾c; No. 6, 3 15-16c; No. 7, 3¾@3 15-16c; No. 8, 3 11-16@3 ⅝c; No. 9, 3⅝@3 13-16c; No. 10, 3 9-16@3¾c; No. 11, 3¾@3 11-16c; No. 12, 3½c; No. 13, 3⅜c.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.12½1.12½.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 30@30¼c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¼@5¼c; Japan, 4@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Nominal; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 30@38c.

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

COPPER—Dull; lake, $10.

LEAD—Dull; domestic, $3.10.

TIN—Dull; straits, $19.75.

SPELTER—Steady; domestic, $3.50 bid.

COTTON SEED OIL—Firm; prime crude, 30c; off crude, 26@28c; choice yellow, 37@38c; prime white, 39@40c; prime yellow, 35@36c; yellow, butter grades, 38@39c.

Omaha Produce Market.

BUTTER—The supplies are fairly liberal and the market is a trifle firmer. There is but little demand except for strictly fine stock. Choice country, 14@16c; packing stock, 10@12c.

DRESSED POULTRY—The market is somewhat firmer and better prices are looked for, especially on chickens. Prices remain about stationary. Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese and ducks, 8@9c. Inferior stock would sell 2c below the above figures.

LIVE POULTRY—There is some demand for choice stock and the market is fairly well supplied. Good stock is quotable at 5@6c.

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, quail and venison are out of season, and there is but little on the market except ducks. Canada geese, $6; mallard ducks, $2.00@2.50; jack rabbits, $1.50@2.00; small rabbits, $1; squirrels, 75c.

EGGS—The supply of fresh eggs is falling off a little, giving dealers some chance to clean up. The market is firmer. Fresh stock, 14@15c; cold storage, 11@12c; salted eggs, 9@10c.

HONEY—Choice white clover, 15c; California, 16c.

OYSTERS—Medium, I. X. L., 13c; horseshoes, 18c; extra standards, 20c; selects, 21c; extra selects, 22c; company selects, 25c; counts, 30c.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 12c per lb.; Italian chestnuts, 12@13c; almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 12@14c; filberts, 12@c; Brazil nuts, 11@12c; pecans, medium, 12@14c; pecans, large, 10c. The market on black walnuts is low and no one wants to buy.

CIDER—Pure juice, per barrel, $5.00@6.50; half barrel, $3.25@3.50; Oregon, per barrel, $5.00@5.50; half barrels, $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per barrel, $5.50@6.00; half barrels, $3.00@3.25.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $6.00@6.50; half bbl., $3.25@3.50; clarified cider, per bbl., $5; half bbl., $3.

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.

POTATOES—Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota Burbank potatoes, in small lots from store, 65@70c; store lots in car lots, 60c; Colorado, from store, 75c; Colorado lots, 68@70c.

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

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

CELERY—Good stock, 35c; extra fancy California, 50c@$1.00.

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

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $2; salsify, 30@35c per doz.; radishes, per doz., 35c; endive, per doz., 75c; onions, per doz., 20c; cauliflower, per doz., $1.50@2.00; lettuce, per doz., 50@75c; cucumbers, $2; tomatoes, per crate of 20 lbs., $2; string beans, $2.50 per ½-bu. box; parsley, per doz., 30c; egg plant, per doz., $2.50.

SAUERKRAUT—Per bbl., $5.50@6.00; half bbls., $3.25.

FRUITS

GRAPES—There are no Catawbas on the market; Malagas, per 50-lb. bbls., net, $5.25@6.00; Malagas, per 55-lb. bbls., net, $5.00@6.50.

APPLES—The supply is light on this market and prices higher; fancy western, $1.90@2.00 per box.

CRANBERRIES—Cranberries are arriving very freely and are in good demand; Cape Cod, per bbl., $5.00@6.50; bell and bugle, $6.50; Jersey, $6.00@6.25; bell and cherry, $5.

CALIFORNIA ORANGES—The stock is arriving in good condition. Riverside seedlings, per box, $2.50; Washington navels, $3.00.

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, $5.50; size 360, $5.25@5.50.

ORANGES—Mediterranean sweets, per box, $2.50; large sizes, $2.25@2.40; fancy Floridas, $2.75; choice Floridas, $2.60.

TANGERINES—Per box, $2.75.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $3.50.

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, $5.00@6.00; 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, $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, $5; 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, 90@$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, $5; medium, $3; 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, 50c; small, 25c; broad striped, large, 2.00@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@6.90; 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, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3@3½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2@2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 3¼c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 2@2½c; 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 pelts, 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@5c.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 24.—WHEAT—Weak at yesterday's prices; No. 2 hard, 51½c; No. 2 red, 52c.

CORN—About ¼c higher; No. 2 mixed, 31c; No. 2 white, 32c.

OATS—Firmly held, but slow; No. 2 mixed, 28½c; No. 2 white, 29½@30c.

EGGS—Very firm, 12c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nominally, 48@49c.

FLAX SEED—Firm; $1.26@1.28.

BRAN—Weak; 55@58c.

HAY—Weak and dull; timothy, $8.00@9.00; prairie, $5.25@6.00.

BUTTER—Firmer; creamery, 19@23c; dairy, 15c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, none.

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

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 24.—FLOUR—Dull.

WHEAT—Stronger; No. 2 spring, 60c; No. 1 northern, 64¾c; May, 61½c.

CORN—In fair demand; No. 3, 45c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3 white, 28½@29½c.

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

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 1, 48c.

PROVISIONS—Lower; pork, $13.10; lard, $7.70.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,100 bbls.; wheat, 27,300 bu.; barley, 24,800 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,100 bbls.; wheat, 10,400 bu.; barley, 25,200 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—COTTON—Futures, steady; sales, 93,700 bales; January, $7.24 bid; February, $7.30@7.32; March, $7.43@7.44; April, $7.55@7.56; May, $7.63@7.64; January, $7.70@7.72; August, $7.83@7.85. Spot cotton closed firm; middling, 8¾c; low middling, 7¾c; good ordinary, 6¾c; receipts, 7,314 bales; sales, 9,500 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7½c; no sales; receipts, 2,400 bales; shipments, 2,400 bales; stock, 57,000 bales.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The dry goods market has been in a fog today to add to the inherent feeling reported in most departments of the market. A fair amount of mail orders have come to hand, and while they continue to call for moderate lots the volume is moderately full. Foreign dry goods are quiet and unchanged. The jobbing trade is holding recent improvements and has a more cheerful outlook than any other department of the dry goods market.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 24.—The grain market was very narrow today, prices fluctuating not less than ¼c on a bushel. Trade was also slow, with most of it of a professional character. There was a fair business a portion of the day, coming from several eastern points, but little came in from the west. The movement of grain was smaller on account of the cold weather, and a general disinclination of holders to move it. Receipts here altogether were 100 cars of wheat, with 12 cars shipped. Reports from the interior show that farmers were marketing even less there than is coming here. The prospects are for warmer weather, and perhaps during the latter part of the week the movement will be larger. The demand was good from millers for the wheat that was here, and a few cars were wanted for millers to go outside, but other shippers took very little. The premium for track wheat was continued, with a difference of about ½c in favor of track wheat as against the May price. Mills are running at about the same capacity as last week. The total production during last week was 103,575 bbls., and the exports were 16,281 bbls., showing a little larger production and some 2,000 bu. more exported than last week. It seems to be generally believed that the turning point in the flour market has come and that while it will be slow to get the improvement desired, it is thought it will be continuous until business becomes much more active than it is now. A good deal of flour was put east of the lakes before navigation closed, when there was a cut rate rushing flour to the east, and western mills have been run at full capacity since. Flour made at wheat's low rate is now in competition with flour made at low prices—so low that it is difficult to move fresh made flour by rail at the present rail rate without the millers suffering a loss. A fair demand exists for flour in the west and south. The present production is going in that way as the mills now are making only about 17,000 bbls. a day. They find it possible to sell some in that direction without material loss. Mills are closed through all parts of the country and the consumption of flour continues, the latter being much more than the production. It follows that there will be a larger demand, as the stocks become exhausted. Similar conditions exist in western Europe and although another month of dullness is probable it is believed that there will be a steady, though slow, improvement from this time forward. May wheat opened at 63¾@63⅞c, sold up to ¼@⅝c, holding there fairly steady during the day. July opened at 61½c and was steady all day. The close was: January, 59c; May, 63¼c; July, 62¼c. Track wheat closed: No. 1 hard, 63c; No. 1 northern, 60¼c; No. 2 northern, 59¼c.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—FLOUR—Dull, unchanged.

WHEAT—Was worked up ½c on the blizzard, but closed off ⅜c on selling, steadied and closed ⅛@¼c above yesterday; No. 2 red cash, closed at 56c; January, 56¾c; February, 56½c; May, 60¾@60⅝c; July, 61¾c.

CORN—Gained ⅜c on the blizzard, causing a reduction of receipts; No. 2 mixed, cash, closed 33c; January, 33c; February, 33¾c; May, 35⅝c; July, 36¼c.

OATS—Were strong and higher; No. 2 cash and January, closed at 29¾c; May, 30¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c east side.

BARLEY—No trading.

FLAX SEED—Unchanged.

CLOVER SEED—A quarter lower, $8.30.

BRAN—Higher; 60c, east track.

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

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

EGGS—Higher; 13½c.

LEAD—Unchanged; $3.

SPELTER—Higher, $3.30.

CORN MEAL—$1.65.

WHISKY—$1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

IRON COTTON TIES—Unchanged, 95c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Dull, lower. Pork, standard mess, $13.50@13.62½. Lard, prime steam, $7.65. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $6.12½; longs and ribs, $6.70; shorts, $6.85; boxed, 15c more. Bacon, packed shoulders, $7.25; longs, $7.37½; ribs, $7.50@7.62½; shorts, $7.75@7.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 94,000 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—COFFEE — Options opened irregular; January, $16.80@16.90, and other 5 points higher to 5 points lower, ruled active, closed 5 points lower for January and 5@10 higher for other months; sales, 14,209 bags, including: January, $16.65; February, $16.35@16.45; March, $16.10@16.15; April, $15.90; May, $15.75@15.80; July, $15.35; September, $14.95@15.00. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, $17.87½; mild market, quiet; Cordova, $20.00@20.25.

SANTOS, Jan. 24.—COFFEE—Market quiet; No. 7, $15.75.

HAMBURG, Jan. 24.—Market quiet.

HAVRE, Jan. 24.—Market quiet, ½f advance.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Market unchanged.

Wool Market.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—At the wool sales today 14,340 bales were offered, of which 400 bales were withdrawn. An excellent assortment of cross-breeds were largely represented. The sales of the day in detail: Sydney, 4,501 bales, scoured, 9½@1s 3d; greasy, 5½@9½d. Queensland, 5,423 bales, scoured, 1s 2d; greasy, 5½@9d. Victoria, 1,838 bales, scoured, 11½d@1s 2½d; greasy, 5½d@1s 1d. Adelaide, 290 bales, greasy, 2½@8½d. New Zealand, 4,458 bales, scoured 5½d@1s 2½d; greasy, 7@10d. Good Hope and Natal, 566 bales, scoured, 1s 2½d@1s 3d.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—WOOL—Market slow, weak and unchanged.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Jan. 24.—CORN—Market firm, higher; No. 2, 34½c; No. 3, 33¼c.

OATS—Market firm; higher; No. 2 white, 29@29½c; No. 3 white, 28½c.

RYE—Market nominal; No. 2, 46@47c.

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

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 1,200 bu.; corn, 13,750 bu.; oats, 13,700 bu.; rye, none; barley, 2,800 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 1,200 bu.; corn, 5,850 bu.; oats, 26,400 bu.; rye, none; barley, 6,300 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 24.—WHEAT—Quiet; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 3½d@5s 4d; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 1½d@5s 2d.

CORN—Firm; mixed western, 4s.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, fine, 75s. Beef, extra India, 98s 6d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 38s. Lard, 41s.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., Jan. 24.—National Transit certificates opened at 80; highest, 80; lowest, 80; closed at 80; sales, 90,000 bbls.; shipments, 118,787 bbls.; runs, 85,958 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.—National Transit certificates opened at 80; closed at 80; highest, 80; lowest, 80.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Jan. 24.—This market was about unchanged today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash, 62¾c; January, 60¼c; May, 64¾c; July, 66¾c; No. 1 northern, cash, 61½c; January, 59c; May, 63c; No. 2 northern, cash, 58c; No. 3, 53c; rejected, 47½c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 64¾c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Share Speculation Was Fairly Active but Devoid of Excitement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The share speculation today was fairly active and was attended by no excitement even in the Sugar pool. The main tendency of prices was upward, and although there were reactions they were followed by recoveries, and at no time was the pressure to sell very heavy, a strong tone characterizing the dealings in the grangers. St. Paul was in good demand early in the day on rumors that the earnings for the third week in January would show a smaller percentage of decrease than for any week since the break began, and later when the figures were published, which gave the decrease as $116,587, or 18¾ per cent, against an average decrease of 22 per cent in December and 27½ per cent for the first week of January, there was a pretty general covering of shorts in these stocks and also buying for the long account, which, especially in the later dealings, caused an appreciation in values. London was a buyer of St. Paul and also took small lots of Atchison, Louisville & Nashville and Union Pacific.

Although the most active of the list, the transactions in Sugar were less than half the amount of yesterday's sales. General ruin of American Sugar interests was the burden of the talk on the exchange as the natural consequence of free sugar, but all the same there was a vigorous covering of shorts, and at each reaction buying orders appeared in sufficient numbers to keep the shares from slumping off, and the final figures actually showed a gain of ⅜ per cent. The preferred closed at 81, as on yesterday, having fluctuated between 81¼ and 80¾. Reports of probable trouble at the Schenectady works of the General Electric company by the alleged failure of the company to live up to its agreement with the men, induced sales of shares causing a decline of ⅜ per cent at the opening, Boston being the heaviest seller. The movement subsided and the stock recovered on very small purchases, closing at the highest point of the day, 1¼ per cent above the bottom figures. Tennessee Coal and Iron sold up to 65, an advance of 4 per cent, on the face of the report that at the directors' meeting to be held next month a dividend will not be declared, although earned as a measure of safety. Western Union declined ¾ per cent in the early trading, but quickly rallied, selling up 1¾ per cent, of which ⅜ per cent was lost in the final sales. The buying in this stock was good and was assisted by reports that the prevailing weather resulted in reduced operating expenses. Outside of the shares named the dealings were very light and the speculation unimportant, except for a decline of 4 per cent in Rubber preferred and 2 per cent in the common on sales of 100 and 300 shares, respectively. The principal activity was in the afternoon, during the greater portion of which the market advanced, the final dealings and the closing being strong and in most of the list showing an advance on the last sales of yesterday, the range being ¼@3¼ in active stocks. Lead, Lake Shore, Evansville & Terre Haute are each up 1 per cent, and Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg 1½ per cent. Saratoga sold at 175, against 160 the previous sale. Manhattan is down 1¾ per cent, and Consolidated Gas 1 per cent.

The Post says: Frightened speculators in sugar stocks, including those who proclaim that without protection the price of the trust certificates will go to 20, seem to have sold successfully at about 77. A forced break of 2 points this morning served only to bring in as buyers the sellers of yesterday and Monday and the price recovered promptly. After this introductory flourish the market fell into its accustomed and natural dullness. The tendency, however, was unmistakably upward, and notwithstanding the lack of business, prices for the grange r stocks ce r t up before the day's close ½ to 1 point above yesterday's closing. This was the character of the movement wherever a shadow of activity developed.

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

Atchison	11⅞	Northern Pacific	23⅝
Adams Express	150	Northern Pac. pref'd.	57½
Alton, T. H.	18	U. P., D. & Gulf	6¾
do pref'd	145	Northwestern	104⅝
American Express	110	do pref'd	130
Baltimore & Ohio	69⅝	N. Y. Central	100
Canada Pacific	70	N. Y. & N. E.	35⅝
Canada Southern	50¾	Ontario & Western	15⅞
Central Pacific	15	Oregon Imp	13
Ches. & Ohio	17¾	Oregon Nav	30
Chicago Alton	153	Or. S. L. & U. N	8
C., B. & Q	77½	Pacific Mail	16¾
Chicago Gas	66¾	Peoria, Dec. & E	4¼
Consolidated Gas	125	Pittsburg	148
C., C., C. & St. L	53	Richmond Palace	20
Col. Coal & Iron	9¾	Reading	20
Cotton Oil Cert	28	Richmond Term	27⅝
Del. & Hudson	133⅝	do pref'd	10
Del., Lack. & West	163	Rio Grande West	14½
D. & R. G. pref'd	31⅝	do pref'd	42
Dis. & C. Firs. Ctf	26⅝	Rock Island	68⅝
East Tennessee	8	St. Paul	70
Erie	15½	do pref'd	118
do pref'd	32½	St. Paul & Omaha	37⅝
Fort Wayne	148	do pref'd	111
Great North'n pf'd	102	Southern Pacific	23
Ohi. & East. Ill. pf'd	93	Sugar Refinery	77⅝
Hocking Valley	19¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron	65⅛
Illinois Central	92⅜	Texas Pacific	8⅜
St. Paul & Duluth	23¾	T. & O. Con. pref'd	69
Kan. & Texas pf'd	23⅛	Union Pacific	19⅝
Lake Erie & West	15¾	U. S. Express	53
do pref'd	66⅜	W. St. L. & Pac	15⅜
Lake Shore	127	do pref'd	14⅜
Lead Trust	26⅛	Wells Fargo Exp	124
Louisville & N	44⅜	Western Union	85⅛
Louisville & N. A	9	Wheeling & L. R	15⅜
Manhattan Con	120⅜	do pref'd	47⅜
Memphis & C	10	M. & St. L	10⅜
Michigan Central	97¼	D. & R. G	9⅛
Missouri Pacific	37¾	Mexican Central	8¾
Mobile & Ohio	18	National Linseed	22⅜
Nashville, Chatt	71	C. F. & I	24¼
National Cordage	17⅜	do pref'd	68
do pref'd	40	T. P. C.	27½
N. J. Central	114	T. A. A. & N. M	6¾
Norfolk & W. pf'd	19⅝	T. St. L. & K. C	1½
North Ameri'n Co	4		

The total sales of stocks today were 172,100 shares, including: American Sugar, 71,000; Burlington, 10,700; Chicago Gas, 3,000; General Electric, 4,000; Louisville & Nashville, 4,000; New England, 2,700; Rock Island, 3,700; St. Paul, 27,800; Western Union, 17,000.

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	15⅛	15½	15⅛	15½	15⅛
Pacific Mail				16	16
L. & N	43¾	44⅜	43⅜	44⅜	43⅝
Northwestern	103¾	104⅝	103¾	104½	103
Mo. Pacific	23	23⅝	23	23	22⅝
Union Pacific	19¼	19¾	19¼	19⅝	19
N. Pacific, p'f'd	15⅜	16	15⅜	16	15⅜
N. Pacific com	4⅜			4⅜	4⅜
C. B. & Q	76¾	77⅛	76¾	77⅜	76¾
Rock Island	67⅜	68⅛	67⅜	68⅛	67⅜
St. Paul	69¾	69⅞	69	69	69¾
Western Union	84⅛	85⅜	84⅛	85⅛	85¼
Sugar Trust	76⅜	77½	75⅝	77¼	76⅞
New England	14	14¼	13⅞	13⅞	13¾
Atchison	12	12⅛	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Chicago Gas	65⅝	66⅜	65⅛	66⅛	65⅝
Reading	19⅞	20⅛	19⅝	20	19¾
Del. & Hudson	133	133½	132	133⅛	133