COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Market Opened Very Dull at a Fractional Decline.

OATS' MAY RECORD AGAIN BROKEN

Corn Was Weak and Business Was Largely on Account—Large Hog Receipts Brought Down Prices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Wheat declined ⅝c today, making 1⅝c loss in two days. The market opened very dull and rather weak at a decline of from ¼c to ⅜c. The absence of orders from outside was very noticeable. For an hour or so the tendency was to work up a little, and May did recover from 61⅝c and 61¾c at the opening to 62c bid, but before 12 o'clock there were sellers at 61¼c. The weakness was an expression of the conviction which many of the local operators have that by sticking doggedly to the short side as long as there is no great demand for the grade of wheat which would be surrendered in satisfaction of a speculative contract they would win out. Speculation upon prospective scarcity they are ignoring. The government crop report did not fail of its usual result of being succeeded by a bearish day, although it gave the condition of wheat at 81, as against 89 on December 1, 1894. Business continued dull throughout the entire session and the price recovered to 61⅝c from the bottom of the day's decline, which was from 61c to 61¼c.

Corn was weak and business was largely on account. The receipts were only moderate at 300 cars, but tomorrow's inspection returns are expected to comprise 451 cars. Prices kept within a share or two of yesterday's closing figures.

In oats the record for May was again broken. The offerings were quite urgent, chiefly from longs. May opened ⅛c off, at 19⅞c, and ranged between 19⅝c and 20c, closing at the bottom figures. Receipts were 11 cars more than expected.

Hog receipts here numbered 49,000 head and the run at outside packing places was also heavy. That settled the direction of the price for the day, and another new break in the season's low price record occurred. January pork lost 15c and May 12½c. Lard for both months is 5c lower, and ribs are down 5c for January and 7½c for May. Packers sold through commission houses and some buying on the decline was on foreign account.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 180 cars; corn, 451 cars; oats, 164 cars; hogs, 45,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	58¾	58¾	57⅝	57⅝@58⅛
Jan.....	58⅝	58⅝	57⅝	57¾@58
May.....	61⅝@⅝	62⅛@⅛	61⅝@61⅝	61⅝@⅝
Corn, No 2..				
Dec	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Jan.....	25⅝	26@26⅛	25⅝	26
May.....	28¾	28⅝	28⅝@⅝	28⅝
Oats, No. 2..				
Dec.....	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
May	19⅛@⅜	19⅝@20	19⅛	19⅝
Pork per bbl				
Dec.....	7 65	7 65	7 65	7 65
Jan.....	8 42½	8 45	8 30	8 30
May.....	8 82½	8 82½	8 67½	8 70
Lard, 100 lbs				
Dec.....	.....	.....	.....	5 07½
Jan.....	5 22½	5 22½	5 20	5 20
May.....	5 45	5 47½	5 42½	5 42½
Short Ribs—				
Dec.....	.....	.....	.....	4 17½
Jan.....	4 22½	4 22½	4 17½	4 20
May.....	4 45	4 47½	4 42½	4 42½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Nominal. Wheat—No. 2 spring, $3.15; short straights, $2.50@3.20; winter straights, $2.50@3.20; spring patents, $3.15@3.50; winter straights, $2.65@2.90; bakers, $1.85@2.30.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 57½@58½c; No. 3 spring, 57@58c; No. 2 red, 61¼@62⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 25½c; No. 3 yellow, 26c.

OATS—No. 2, 17½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19⅝@20½c; No. 3 white, 18@19½c.

RYE—No. 2, 35½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 24½c; No. 4 f. o. b., 22@26c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 94c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.75@7.87½; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.20@5.17½; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.20@4.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $4.37½@4.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

POULTRY—Market fair; turkeys, 7@9½c; chickens, 5½@7c; ducks, 8@10c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	17,000	8,000
Wheat, bu.....	163,000	78,000
Corn, bu.....	318,000	347,000
Oats, bu.....	393,000	273,000
Rye bu.....	7,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	92,000	20,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 19@26c; dairy, 12@22c. Eggs, firm; 20½@21c. Cheese, quiet.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—FLOUR—Receipts, 31,300 bbls.; exports, 18,500 bbls.; mills still ask more than buyers are willing to meet, especially on spring patents; winter low grades easier. City mill patents, $4.10@4.25; winter patents, $3.50@3.70; city mill clears, $4.00@4.10; winter straights, $3.30@3.40; Minnesota patents, $3.35@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $2.75@3.00; winter low grades, $2.00@2.60. Rye flour, quiet and easy; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.85@2.95. Buckwheat flour, steady; $1.30@1.40.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 41@41½c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, coarse, 70c; Brandywine, $2.35.

RYE—Nominal; western, 42@45c.

BARLEY—Nominal; western, 39@46c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 48@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 283,000 bu.; exports, 77,200 bu.; spot market weaker; No. 2 red, 65½c; No. 1 hard, 68⅝c. Options opened dull and not much affected by the crop report, declining sharply later under free local liquidation and an absence of stimulating news, and was finally heavy at a net loss of ⅛@⅝c. No. 2 red, May, 67⅞@68⅛c, closed 67⅝c; December, 66⅛@66⅝c, closed 66⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 109,200 bu.; exports, 134,100 bu.; spot market weaker; No. 2, 34⅝c; yellow, 36c; steamer mixed, 34½c. Options early influenced by big receipts and sympathy with wheat and afterward further weakened by the liquidation; closed ⅛@½c lower; May, 35@35⅛c, closed 35c; December, 34½@34⅝c, closed 34½c.

OATS—Receipts, 40,800 bu.; spot, inactive; No. 2, 22½c. Options dull and uninteresting, closing ⅛@¼c lower; May, 24⅛@24⅛c, closed 24⅛c; December closed 22½c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, $7.00@8.00.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 26@7c; 1895 crop, 7@16c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 25@27c; 1895 crop, 15@20c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 21c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@23c; pulled, 19@32c.

HIDES—Nominal; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18@18½c; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 29 to 34 lbs., 21c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12@13c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $11.50; beef hams, $15.00@15.50. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $4.75@5.25; pickled shoulders, $5.00@5.25; pickled hams, $5.50@5.75. Lard, lower; western steam closed $5.35; December, $5.45 nominal; compound, $4.62½@5.00. Pork, active, lower; short clear, $10.75@12.75; family, $10.00@11.50.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 4⅛c; country, 4⅛@4¼c.

PETROLEUM—Strong; United closed $1.56 asked; refined, New York, 8c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,493 pkgs.; strong; western creamery, 16@21c; Elgins, 27c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,992 pkgs.; dull; large, 7¼@10c; small, 6¼@10½c; part skims, 3¼@8c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,135 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@27c; western, 19@21c; southern, 21@22c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c; Japan, 5¼@4c.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.72½@1.77½.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@35c.

METALS—Copper, steady; brokers' price, $10.50; exchange, $10.65. Lead, easy; brokers' price, $3.17½; exchange, $3.25. Tin, steady; straits, $13.85; plates, market quiet. Spelter, weak; domestic, $3.40.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive; prime crude, 25@28c; prime summer yellow, 29@29½c; butter grades, 30@31c; off summer yellow, 28@29c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—FLOUR—Steady; patents, $3.35@3.50; extra fancy, $3.15@3.25; fancy, $2.85@3.00; choice, $2.60@2.75.

WHEAT—Weak cables and heavy receipts had the effect of causing a weak opening; late in the session a better demand became apparent and the market steadied up, but closed ⅝@¾c under yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 66c; December, 58⅝c; May, 62⅝@62½c.

CORN—Near futures were firm, but May weakened with declines elsewhere; market closed ½c higher for December and ⅛@¼c lower for May than yesterday; Cash, 25½c; December, 24⅝c; January, 24½c; May, 25⅝c.

OATS—Dull and easy for future; spot, weak and lower to sell; No. 2, cash, 17½c; December, 17½c; May, 20c.

RYE—Steady; 34c.

BARLEY—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—Steady; $1.35@1.45.

BRAN—Easier; 46c, east track.

FLAX SEED—Firm; 86c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$3.00@3.50.

HAY—Timothy, scarce and strong; $10.50@13.50, this side; prairie, steady, $6.00@9.00, this side.

BUTTER—Quiet; separator creamery, 24c; fancy Elgin, 27@28c; dairy, 16@18c.

EGGS—Slow; 18c.

POULTRY—Lower; turkeys, 8½c; chickens, 4½@5c; ducks, 8c; geese, 57@80c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

LEAD—Demoralized; sales, 3 cars Missouri at $3.05; 100 tons Missouri and chemical at $3.02½; round lots offered at $3, without buyers. Spelter, dull and depressed, with sellers at $3.37½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $8.12½. Lard, lower; prime, 15 05; choice, $5.10. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.25; long clears, $5.25. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.62½; longs, $4.50; ribs, $4.62½; shorts, $4.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 28,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 6,000 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

Eggs are coming in more freely and stocks show some inclination to accumulate. The result is an easier market. Quite a good many held eggs are arriving, which sell about in under strictly fresh stock. Quotations:

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 18c; held stock, 18c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 10@12c; fair to good country, 12@14c; choice to fancy country, 14@15c; gathered creamery, 17@18c; separator creamery, 19@20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club House, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $5.00; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $5.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 60@7c; ducks, 8@9c; turkeys, choice, 8@9c; geese, 7@8c.

HAY—Upland, $6.00; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5.00; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—New crop, delivered on track in country, choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, young, per doz., $6; quail, $1.75; jack snipe, 75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.00@1.25; small rabbits, 90@75c; mallard ducks, $3.50; redheads, $3.50; canvasback ducks, $5.00@8.00; teal, blue wing, $1.75@2.00; teal, green wing, $1.75; mixed ducks, $1.75@2.00; Canada geese, $6; snipe, $4.50; brants, $3.50; deer saddles, 15@16c; deer carcasses, 12½@13c; elk saddles, 11@13c; elk carcasses, 9@10c; antelope saddles, 12@14c; antelope carcasses, 9@11c; squirrels, per doz., 50@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—Holly, per case, $5.

VEGETABLES.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz. heads, $1.50@2.00.

CABBAGE—Holland cabbage, heads small and hard, per lb., 1¾c; California stock, per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per 1½-lb. box, 60@75c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 35c; from store in small lots, 40c; Colorado stock, 50@55c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 40c; home grown Spanish, per bbl., $1.50; 2 to 5-bbl. lots, $1.35.

BEANS—Handpicked navy, per bu., $1.65@1.75.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $3 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., 75@90c; Colorado, 50@60c; Kalamazoo, 30@35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.50@1.75.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Fancy stock, $2.75@3.00; choice stock, $2.50@2.75.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—None.

OREGON PEARS—Per case, $2.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.50@8.75; Cape Cod, $9.25@9.50; McFarlin's $9.50@10.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $6.50; per 65 to 70 lb. bbl., $7.50.

EASTERN GRAPES—No shipping stock.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

A fresh car of northern California oranges arrived on the market yesterday. Quotations:

ORANGES—Mexicans, per box, $1.25; California budded seedlings, $4.00; navels, $4.50@4.75.

LEMONS—California, per box, $4.00@4.50; Messinas, $4.50@4.75.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 23c; extra selects, 25c; Branch & Co. selects, 27c; New York counts, 30c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $2.75; per bbl., $4.75.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl., $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 20-lb. boxes, 16c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 12c.

DATES—New Persian, 60-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12c; Brazils, per lb., 9c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12½@13c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Light western steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5¼@6c; good cows and heifers, 5¼@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4¾@5c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½@7c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 16c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6½c; cow ribs, No. 2, 6½c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c; steer ribs, 7½c; steer loins, 9c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5¾c; racks, 8½c; legs, 7c; saddles, 7c; stews, 2½c.

PORK—Pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; tenderloins, 12c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 25c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1, green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted kiln dried, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6@6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; 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 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	$20@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings..	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs.....	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Mountain & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tip	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs.	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs..	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	1 @12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	12@1 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty).....	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Red (according to beauty)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion (perfect head and feet).....	16@ 2				
Otter	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)..	50@ 2				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased.....	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped.....	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped.....	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped.....	2@2				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf Mountain.....	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf Prairie.....	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin.	5@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		3		

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 11.—WHEAT—Spot quiet but steady; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 8½d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 3d; No. 1 California, 5s 5d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ¼d lower, and closed steady, with December and January ¼d lower, and other months unchanged from yesterday's closing prices; business about equally distributed; December, 5s 3d; January, 5s 3½d; February, 5s 4½d; March, 5s 5d; April, 5s 5½d; May, 5s 5¾d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed, 3s 3¾d. Futures ruled steady all day at unchanged prices; business heaviest on early positions; December, 3s 2½d; January, 3s 2¼d; February, 4s 4¼d; March, 3s 2½d.

FLOUR—Firmer; demand moderate; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, easy; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 27s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 28s; long clear, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 26s 9d; long clear, heavy, 35 lbs., 26s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 35 lbs., 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 31s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 32s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 35s. Tallow, fine North American, 22s 6d. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 57s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; prime mess, medium, 45s. Lard, dull; prime western, 27s 6d; refined, in pails, 29s.

CHEESE—Quiet, but steady; finest American white, 44s; finest American colored, 45s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 95s; good, 60s.

OILS—Turpentine, spirits, 28s 3d; rosin, common, 4s 7½d; cotton seed oil, Liverpool refined, 18s 3d; linseed oil, 20s 6d; petroleum, refined, 4¼d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¾d; hindquarters, 5¾d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b. Liverpool 7s.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, £2 10s.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 11.—WHEAT—Dull and slightly lower; No. 2 hard, 58@58½c; No. 2 red, nominally 68@59c; No. 2 spring, 57@58c; No. 3 spring, 54½@55½c; rejected, nominally 49@55c.

CORN—Active and unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 22½c; No. 2 white, 23c.

OATS—Fairly active; white, ½c lower; No. 2 mixed, 17½c; No. 2 white, 18@18½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, nominally 22½c.

HAY—Easier; timothy, $10.00@12.50; prairie, $6.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Firm; demand moderate; creamery, 18@22c; dairy, 14@15c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 18c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Chief Feature of the Market Was Its Irregularity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The chief feature of today's stock market was irregularity. The volume of business was fair, measured by recent averages, and the industrials as usual played the star parts. The market opened dull and irregular, with but few decided changes in either direction resulting in the initial dealings. The trading soon assumed a decided tone, and on comparatively light transactions the entire list moved upward, handsome gains being made in the industrial group. Consolidated Gas made a further jump of 5 per cent to 159. Leather preferred, Tobacco common and preferred advanced 2½ per cent, and the other shares fractions. Near the end of the first hour the traders made a drive against the market, and realizing sales helped them in their efforts. The industrials bore the brunt of the attacks, but the stocks of the receivership railroads, including the Atchison, Burlington and Union Pacific, also declined sharply, owing to liquidation by holders anxious to evade the payment of the heavy assessments involved in the respective plans of reorganization. Pacific Mail caused something of a sensation by dropping nearly 2 per cent in the face of the current expectation that the long talked of agreement between that company and the Panama railroad would be definitely concluded within a few days at the latest. The decline was caused by the publication of an interview with counsel for one of the companies, who was made to say that a disagreement was more likely than an agreement. The accuracy of the interview was afterward denied and the stock recovered all but a small fraction of the loss. The reactionary movement in the general market appeared to have spent its force around 1 p. m., and in the subsequent dealings material recoveries in prices occurred. The announcement of the engagement of $11,000,000 in gold for shipment tomorrow fell flat. The advance of nearly 19 points in the past two days in the market price of Consolidated Gas causes denial of the rumor of a probable consolidation of the New York companies to be regarded as very largely technical in character. Official confirmation is unobtainable, however. In the midafternoon trading a covering of shorts was largely responsible for sharp advances in Sugar, Tobacco, Pacific Mail, Tennessee Coal, Reading, Delaware & Hudson, Leather preferred and Minneapolis & St. Louis second preferred. In the final dealings realization sales caused a noteworthy slump in Tobacco and Leather preferred. The general market closed quiet and firm in tone. The railway bond market ruled firm and higher in the morning, but in the afternoon dealings in prices were shaded all around, which imparted an easy tone to the closing. The sales were $1,567,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The sultan's permission for the trainboats to enter the Bosphorus put up consols, but the other markets were lifeless and dull. Mines were flat. The settlement in these begins tomorrow. Flatness of Italian and Spanish securities was also a feature, on the reverse of the Italian troops. After business hours it was announced that the Scotch building strike had terminated. This may have a good effect tomorrow. Americans were dull. Union Pacific was flat on the assessment report. At Paris the bourse was dull, closing weak, mainly on the decline in Italian and Spanish securities at Berlin. The markets were dull.

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

Atchison	10⅜	*N. Y. & N. E.	55
Adams Ex.	147	Ontario & W	15
Alton, T. H.	58	Oregon Imp.	3
Am. Express	113	Oregon Nav	17
Baltimore & Ohio...	50⅝	O. S. L & U. N.	7½
Canada Pacific	53½	Pacific Mail	31½
Canada Southern..	54⅛	P. D. & E.	3
Central Pacific.....	16⅝	Pittsburg	167
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅝	Pullman Palace.....	162
Chicago & Alton...	158	Reading	18⅝
C., B. & Q.	82⅛	R. G. W.	17
Chicago Gas	68⅝	R. G. W. pfd.....	40
Consolidated Gas..	156½	Rock Island	73½
C., C., C. & St. L.	40½	St. Paul	74⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron..	4	do pfd.....	128¾
Cotton Oil Cert...	18	St. P. & Omaha....	41¾
Delaware & Hud..	129	do pfd.....	123
Del., Lack. & W...	161¾	Southern Pacific...	22
D. & R. G. pfd	40½	Sugar Refinery.....	106¼
D. & C. F. Co.	18⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	31⅛
Erie	19¾	Texas Pacific.....	8¾
do pfd.....	22¾	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	68
Fort Wayne.....	167	Union Pacific.....	7⅛
G. Northern pfd...	117	U. S. Express.....	42
C. & E. I. pfd.....	100⅛	W. St. L. & P.....	7⅛
Hocking Valley....	17¾	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	17⅛
Illinois Central....	99⅛	Wells Fargo Ex...	100
St. P. & Duluth....	26	Western Union....	88⅝
K. & T. pfd	39¼	Wheeling & L. E...	13⅝
Lake Erie & West	21⅛	do pfd	41¼
do pfd.....	73½	M. & St. L.	22½
Lake Shore.....	150¼	A. & K. G.	13
Lead Trust.....	30	G. E.	31
Louisville & N. ...	52¼	N. L.	22
L. & N. A.	9	C. F. & I.	30½
Manhattan Con ...	102¼	do pfd	98
*Memphis & C. ...	5	H. & T. C.	1⅛
Michigan Cent....	100	T. A. A. & N. M.	4
Missouri Pacific...	29	T. St. L. & K. C.	7
Mobile & Ohio.....	21¾	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	15
Nashville Chat....	73	S. R. S.	10¼
National Cordage.	6⅝	do pfd.....	33½
Nat. Cordage pfd..	13	Am. Tob. Co.	71⅝
N. J. Central.....	106⅝	do pfd.....	98
N. & W. pfd.....	10	Am. Tel. & C. Co..	94¼
North Am. Co.....	5⅝	Cent'l Cable Co....	105
Northern Pacific..	4	Am. Sugar pfd.....	99⅝
N. Pacific pfd.....	14⅝	U. S. Cordage pfd.	20
U. P. D. & G	4	U. S. Leather pfd.	62
Northwestern.....	104	U. S. Rubber	34
do pfd.....	147¼	do pfd.....	86
N. Y. Central.....	99¾		

* offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 203,211 shares, including: American Sugar, 30,400; American Tobacco, 52,700; Atchison, 6,300; Chicago Gas, 10,400; Pacific Mail, 5,200; Reading, 22,300; St. Paul, 3,000; Tennessee Coal & Iron, 5,100; United States Leather, 29,900; Western Union, 6,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 2@2½ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Dull, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88¾@4.89 for demand and $4.87¾@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90. Commercial bills, $4.87.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—66@66½c.

BAR SILVER—65⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, easier.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U.S. 4s, reg., new.	121	C. P. Ists of '95...	104½
U.S. 4s coup, new	121	D. & R. G. 7s.....	112½
U.S. 5s, reg.....	113	D. & R. G. 4s.....	92
U.S. 5s, coup.....	115	Erie 2ds	74
U.S. 4s, reg.....	111	G. H. & S. A. 6s..	105
U.S. 4s, coup.....	112¼	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
U.S. 2s, reg.....	97	H. & T. C. 5s.....	112⅛
Pacific 6s of '95...	99	do 6s.....	105
Ala., class A.....	110	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	85¼
Ala., class B.....	110	do 2d 4s.....	60⅝
Ala., class C.....	101	Mutual Union 6s..	115
Ala. Currency....	102	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	118⅝
La. New Con. 4s..	100	N. Pacific 1sts....	118
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	102¾
N. C. 6s.....	124	N. W. Consols.....	139½
N. C. 4s.....	104	do S. F. Deb. 5s.	110
Tenn. 6s, old.....	104	R. G. W. West. 1st s.	78½
Tenn. new set 5s..	87	St. P. Con. 4s.....	120
Tenn. new set 3s.	105	do C. & P. W. 5s.	115⅛
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	83
Va. Centuries.....	62¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	105⅛
Va. Deferred.....	4	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	86
Atchison 4s.....	77⅛	do 2ds.....	21⅝
Atchison 2d A.....	26⅝	U. P. 1sts of '96..	108⅝
Canada So. 2ds....	107⅝	West Shore 4s....	107¾
L. & N. unified 4s.	92⅝	Southern 5s.....	95
O. R. & N. 1sts....	112	N. Pac. 3ds.....	71¼

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Call loans, 3½@5% per cent; time loans, 3½@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	10⅝	W. Elec. pf