COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Gained Nothing in Price by Its Two Days Rest.

CORN AND OATS UNUSUALLY DULL

There Were No Foreign Markets and Local Traders Showed Little Disposition to Operate During the Session.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The wheat market today gained nothing for the price by its two days' rest. At the close May was 57⅝c, compared with from 58c to 58⅛c at the end of Monday's session. There was nothing outside of local bearish sentiment to satisfactorily account for the break. Corn and oats could not easily have been duller than they were today, until in the last fifteen minutes of the session the heaviness of wheat affected them injuriously as to the price, but favorably in the way of putting a little more life in the trading. They each lost about ⅛c in the value of the active futures. Provisions acted strong, but closed with the principal part of their early gain lost.

Wheat ruled exceedingly dull, but the early feeling was somewhat stronger. There were no foreign markets and local traders showed little disposition to operate and holiday dullness was the rule. Stocks were stronger at the start, and wheat sympathized somewhat, but the failure of the predicted cold wave and the light business caused a sharp reaction later in the day. But when the world's shipments last week were reported at only a little over 6,000,000 bu. the market began to react; then came the big exports from New York Monday—565,000 bu.—and there was a further advance, but before noon most of it had been lost. There is still a good deal of apprehension as to the financial outlook, which tends to restrict trade and makes the feeling conservative and cautious. May sold early up to 58⅛c, off to 57⅝c, then rallied to 58⅜c, but at noon had gone off to from 57¾c to 57⅝c split. The market held dull and easy during the last hour, and May closed at 57⅜c. The large increase in the world's stocks had a depressing influence.

There were liberal receipts of corn, but the trading was so light that prices were not moved ⅛c during nearly the whole session. May sold at 28c and from 28c to 28⅛c split, with 28c the current price at noon. The feeling got weaker during the last hour—following wheat—and May at the close sold at from 27¾c to 27⅝c split, but there was hardly any business.

The feeling was steady early in the oats market, but toward the close the market declined, principally through sympathy with wheat. Almost all the trading was in May.

The provision market started strong, and as long as it had the countenance of a firm market continued so. When the latter failed, however, near the close, the prices of hog products dropped also. After an advance of 7½c pork declined 10c, closing at a loss of 2½c for the day; lard and ribs did not lose all the advance they made, each closing about from 2½c to 5c higher than on Monday.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 238 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 265 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	54⅛	55	54⅛	54⅛
May.....	54⅜	55	54⅛	54⅜
Corn, No. 2.				
Dec.....	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Jan.....	25¾	25¾	25⅛	25⅛
May.....	28⅛@28⅜	28⅜@28⅜	27¾@27⅝	27¾@27⅝
July.....	29	29	28¾	28¾
Oats, No. 2.				
Dec.....	16¾	16¾	16¾	16¾
May.....	19	19@19⅛	18¾	18¾
Pork, per bbl				
Dec.....				7 60
Jan.....	8 00	8 00	8 50	8 50
May.....	8 95	8 95	8 85	8 85
Lard, 100 lbs				
Dec.....				5 25
Jan.....	5 27½	5 30	5 27½	5 30
May.....	5 50	5 52½	5 47½	5 50
Short Ribs—				
Dec.....				4 25
Jan.....	4 25	4 25	4 25	4 25
May.....	4 50	4 50	4 47½	4 47½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 54⅛@55½c; No. 3 spring, 54⅛@55c; No. 2 red, 59⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 25¼c; No. 2 yellow, 25⅛@25⅜c.

OATS—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, 19@20c; No. 3 white, 17@18⅜c.

RYE—No. 2, 32c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 20½@22c; No. 4, f. o. b., 21@37c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 93c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.40@3.45.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.62½@7.75; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.30@5.32½; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.25@4.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.37½@4.62½; short clear sides (boxed), $4.37½@4.62½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.50; granulated, $4.87; standard "A," $4.75.

POULTRY—Steady; slightly lower; turkeys, 9@11c; chickens, 6@7½c; ducks, 10@11c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	27,000	27,000
Wheat bu.....	198,000	90,000
Corn, bu.....	368,000	333,000
Oats, bu.....	570,000	498,000
Rye bu.....	21,000	19,000
Barley, bu.....	112,000	34,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady, lower: creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 12@21c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 20@21c. Cheese, quiet; 8¾@9¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—FLOUR—Receipts, 89,900 bbls.; exports, 62,400 bbls.; dull and tending lower in response to the late break in wheat; no export demand; city mill patents, $4.00@$4.25; winter patents, $3.45@3.65; winter straights, $3.30@3.45; winter extras, $2.65@3.05; winter low grades, $2.10@2.60; shipping low grades, $1.90@2.00; Minnesota patents, $3.35@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $2.75@3.00. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.70@2.95. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.30@1.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull, 35½@40½c.

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

RYE—Nominal; western, 24@25c.

BARLEY—Weak; western, 39@45c; feeding, 28@27c.

BARLEY MALT—Easy; western, 48@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 300,600 bu.; exports, 556,500 bu. Spot market, weaker; No. 2 red, 66⅝c; No. 1 hard, 68¼c. Options opened firmer on cold wave west and small official world's shipments, advanced at noon on large clearances, but sold off later under fears of heavy gold exports, liquidation and small purchases; closed ⅛@⅜c lower; No. 2 red, May, 64 13-16@65⅛c, closed 64⅞c; December, 64⅛@64⅜c, closed 64¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 212,600 bu.; exports, 61,500 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 34½c. Options steady with wheat, but declined under local pressure and the increase in Bradstreet's, closing unsettled ¼c higher to ¼c lower; May, 34 5-16@34⅛c, closed 34⅛c; December, 34@34¼c, closed 34c.

OATS—Receipts, 253,300 bu.; exports, 100 bu. Spot, very dull; No. 2, 23@23½c. Options inactive all day, closing nominally ¼c up on December and partially ¼c off on later months; May, closed 23⅝c; December, closed 23½c.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@5c; 1895 crop, 4@9½c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 5@5c; 1895 crop, 4@10c.

HIDES—Dull; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 12c; Buenos Ayres dry, 20 lbs., 18c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 10c; California, 20 to 25 lbs., 15c.

HAY—Strong; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $9.00@10.00.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 22c; acid, 21½@24c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.00@12.00; beef hams, $11.50@16.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $4.75@5.25; pickled shoulders, $5.00@5.25; pickled hams, $8.00@8.50. Lard, firmer; western steam closed at $5.50 asked; December, $5.50, nominal. Pork, firm and active; short clear, $10.75@12.00; family, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 15,425 pkgs. (three days); steady; western dairy, 11@19c; creamery, 17@26c; Elgins, 26c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,901 pkgs. (three days); steady; state and Pennsylvania, 20@24c; western, 20@21c; southern, 20c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 7½@10c; part skims, 3½@6c; full skims, 2@2c.

TALLOW—Dull and easy; city, 3⅛c; country, as to quality.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c; Japan, 5⅝@4c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@36c.

PETROLEUM—Weak; United closed at $1.33 bid; refined, New York, $7.75; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $5.50.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.70@1.75.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 28½@28¾c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $12.00@12.50; northern, $12.00@14.00. Copper, easy; brokers' price, $10.75; exchange price, $10.25@10.37½. Lead, steady; brokers' price, $3.05; exchange price, $3.15@3.20. Tin, dull; straits, $13.50@13.70; plates quiet and weak. Spelter, flat; domestic, $3.45@3.50.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive at unchanged prices; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 19@21c; butter grades, 21@22c; prime summer yellow, 26c.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Weak; close, December, 51c; May, 53⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 52¼c; No. 1 northern, 51c; No. 2 northern, 50c; receipts, 457 cars.

FLOUR—Firm; first patents, $2.90@3.40; domestic bakers, $2.50; export bakers, $2.00@2.25.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—COFFEE—Options quiet at 5@10 points decline, ruled generally dull and featureless in the absence of cables, the foreign markets being closed on account of holidays; closed quiet at a net advance of 5@15 points; sales, [illegible] bags, including [illegible] March, $12.35@12.45; September, $12.55; December, $12.65. Spot, [illegible]; No. 7, [illegible]. Mild, dull; Cordova, $17.75@18.50; sales, 1,000 bags Rio, No. 7, at $13.40, c. i. f.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The market is full of poultry left over from the holiday trade. Not only have commission men large stocks on hand, but retail dealers did not close out what they bought early in the week. This holdover stock is bound to go at low prices. Quotations:

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 18c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12@12½c; fair to good country, 13@14c; choice to fancy country, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 50 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., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 5@6c; ducks, choice, 8@9c; turkeys, choice, 8@9c; geese, 7@7½c.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.00; 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., 2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, undrawn, per doz., $6.00@7.50; drawn, $5.00@5.50; quail, $1.50@1.75; jack snipe, 75c@$1.00; grouse, $5.50@6.00; snipe, 60@75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.75@2.00; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; redheads, $3.75@4.00; canvasback ducks, $5.00@8.00; teal, blue wing, $2.00@2.25; teal, green wing, $1.75@2.00, mixed ducks, $1.75@2.25; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $2.50; deer saddles, 15@16c; deer carcasses, 11@12c; elk saddles, 11@13c; elk carcasses, 9@10c; antelope saddles, 15@16c; antelope carcasses, 10@11c; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

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

VEGETABLES.

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

CABBAGE—Holland seed, heads small and hard, per lb., 1½c; California stock, per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per 1½-lb. box, 60@75c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30@35c; Colorado stock, 50@55c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 40c, home grown Spanish.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.60.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., 75@90c; Colorado, 55@60c; Kalamazoo, 30@35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

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

SCOTCH PEAS—In sacks, per bu., $1.00.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per box, 35c.

APPLES—Fancy stock, $3.25@3.50; choice stock, $2.50@2.75; Utah apples, per box, $1.50.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—None.

OREGON PEARS—Per case, $2.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75; Cape Cod, $9.25@9.50; McFarlin's, $10.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $6; per 65 to 70 lbs., gross, $7.50.

EASTERN GRAPES—No shipping stock.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, regular sizes, $3.75; 96 to 126 sizes, $3.50; navels, $3.00@4.00.

LEMONS—California, per box, $3.75@4.50; Messinas, $4.50@4.75.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 18c; extra selects, 24c; Branch & Co. selects, 26c; New York counts, 29c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

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, 30-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

DATES—New Persian, 60-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c; Irais, 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, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; 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, 4¾@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3¼@3¾c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6@6½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4½c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 14c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6½c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5½c; racks, 8½c; legs, 7c; saddles, 7c; stews, 2½c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; tenderloins, 12c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

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 Montana & 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
Brown Yearlings .	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@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
Silver Pale (according to beauty)	50 00	20 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).....	1@ 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.....	20@25				
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		

HIDES AND TALLOW.

"There seems to be no surplus of hides anywhere," says the Shoe and Leather Reporter. "Low prices, high prices and medium prices have all failed to induce larger receipts. What is called the farther kill has gradually died out. The modern farmer today sells his cattle and buys dressed beef. It is claimed that the sudden advance of 1½c in buff hides was mainly caused by two or three eastern tanners, and that the western grain leather manufacturers are still holding aloof. Our advices from Boston indicate that the stocks of upper leather are small. There is undoubtedly a stronger feeling in leather, but the task of securing advances to even remotely compensate for the rapid rise in hides seems almost impossible."

Quotations:

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 hides, 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, $8.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheaty, 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.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 26.—CORN—Firm; new No. 2, 29c; new No. 3, 25¾c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 17¼@17½c; No. 3 white, 16¾@17c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 35½@36½c.

WHISKY—Firm; finished goods on the basis of $1.22 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 300 bu.; oats, 61,850 bu.; rye, 2,400 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 9,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 63,258 bu.; oats, 43,850 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 675 gal.; wheat, 9,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Active, about unchanged; No. 2 hard, 53@54½c; No. 2 red, 61c; No. 2 spring, 52@53½c; No. 3 spring, 48@52c; rejected, nominally 42@47c.

CORN—Active; fractionally higher; No. 2 mixed, 23¼@23⅜c; No. 2 white, 23¾@23⅞c.

OATS—Firmly held but slow; No. 2 mixed, nominally 15@16c; No. 2, 16½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, nominally 37c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Futures closed quiet and steady; sales, 155,200 bales; January, 7.75; February, 7.36; March, 7.94; April, 7.89; May, 8.03; June, 8.07; July, 8.10; August, 8.12; September, 7.90; October, 7.72; November, 7.65; December, 7.77.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 8⅜c; sales, 550 bales; receipts, 7,308 bales; shipments, 6,055 bales; stock, 58,722 bales.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Sharp Rise in Values Marked the Opening of Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The resumption of business after the holidays was marked by a sharp rise in values in the early dealings on the Stock exchange. The confident tone was mainly attributable to the expectation that the treasury will be strengthened by an issue of government bonds. In the best informed financial circles these views find acceptance, but thus far the only people whose statement would carry any conviction are mute on the subject. It is believed that a strictly gold bond bill can be got through the senate, and accordingly the impending issue will be under the same authority as the issue of 1894. Reports of any present or recent offer by Russia to take our government bonds or loan gold to the United States treasury are authoritatively denied.

Other favorable influences were money rates at the legal figure and favorable reports of railway earnings for the third week of December. The St. Paul for the time mentioned showed an increase in gross earnings of $159,548 and for the month of November increased, gross, $397,654, and net, $667,672. These factors caused a decidedly improved sentiment, resulting in advances in the general list of from 1 to 3 per cent, with all the leading stocks participating. An extreme rise of 4½ per cent in Lackawanna, in the face of a demoralized market for anthracite coal, due to the unseasonable weather, was set down to the covering of short contracts. No quotations were received from London, owing to the extended Christmas holiday at that center, but foreign buying orders were executed on this market to a moderate extent. The upward movement came to a halt soon after the expiration of the first hour, and the resulting dealings and sales were recorded at figures close to Tuesday's final prices. In some instances the transactions were noted below that day's closing, particularly in Reading, Burlington, Manhattan and Leather preferred. The reactionary movement was on selling for both accounts. A sharp recession occurred in the rates of sterling exchange on the sale of gold bullion and revived talk of gold exports by Saturday's steamers. Up to the close of business no engagements had been made, however. No applications for loan certificates have been made or are expected to be received from the banks or by the clearing house committee until after the close of the year at the earliest.

The pressure to sell subsided around delivery hour and under the leadership of Sugar prices took an upward course. The improvements, however, as a rule, did not exceed fractions. Sugar was in brisk demand in the final dealings and rose to 103½, a net gain of 3⅝ per cent. The rise was credited to an advance in the market for domestic refined sugars, and to the alleged purpose of the Cuban revolutionary leaders to destroy the sugar crop of the island. The closing was quiet and steady at slight gains in most cases.

In the bond market the upward tendency which characterized the close on Tuesday was resumed in the early dealings today. Subsequently, in sympathy with the reaction in the stock market, prices receded sharply and the closing tone was heavy.

The Evening Post says: Several leading bankers called on J. Pierpont Morgan and August Belmont today. From one of them it was learned that probably by tomorrow or Saturday the public would receive assurance that another government loan would be successfully floated and the amount would be $100,000,000.

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

Atchison	14⅝	N. Y. & N. E.	45
Adams Ex.	140	Ontario & W	13¼
Alton, T. H.	159	Oregon Imp.	3
Am. Express.....	112	Oregon Nav.	15
Baltimore & Ohio..	39⅛	O. S. L. & U. N. ..	6
Canada Pacific....	50	Pacific Mail.....	26¾
Canada Southern..	49¾	P. D. & E.	3
Central Pacific....	15⅝	Pittsburg Stand. ..	160
Ches. & Ohio.....	15⅝	Pullman Palace..	155
Chicago & Alton...	158	Reading.....	4⅝
C., B. & Q.....	76⅝	R. G. W.....	12
Chicago Gas.....	66	R. G. W. pfd.....	40
Consolidated Gas..	115	Rock Island	67¾
C., C., C. & St. L..	36¾	St. Paul.....	68⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	3	do pfd.....	127½
Cotton Oil Cert....	16¾	St. P. & Omaha....	37⅛
Delaware & Hud..	125¾	do pfd.....	116
Del., Lack. & W....	160	Southern Pacific....	20⅛
D. & R. G. pfd	44⅝	Sugar Refinery....	103⅛
D. & C. F. Co.	10⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	28¾
Erie	17⅛	Texas Pacific.....	8
do pfd.....	32	T. & O. Cent. pfd...	65
*Fort Wayne.....	160	Union Pacific.....	3⅛
G. Northern pfd...	110	U. S. Express.....	40
G. & E. I. pfd.....	99¾	W. St. L. & P.....	6¾
Hocking Valley....	15⅛	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	16¾
Illinois Central....	95	Wells Fargo Ex....	95
St. P. & Duluth...	25	Western Union....	86¾
K. & T. pfd	25⅛	Wheeling & L. E..	10⅛
Lake Erie & West	18	do pfd	36
do pfd.....	88¾	M. & St. L.....	17⅛
Lake Shore.....	144⅛	D. & R. G.....	12⅛
Lead Trust.....	25¾	G. E.....	26⅛
Louisville & N. ..	40¾	N. L.....	20⅛
L. & N. A.....	75	C. F. & I.....	29⅛
Manhattan Con....	101⅝	do pfd.....	98
†Memphis & C.....	15	H. & T. C.....	1⅛
Michigan Cent.....	93	T. A. A. & N. M....	¾
Missouri Pacific..	25⅝	T. St. L. & K. C....	5
Mobile & Ohio.....	22	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	13
Nashville Chat....	78	S. R. R.....	9⅛
National Cordage.	5⅛	do pfd.....	27⅝
Nat. Cordage pfd..	10¾	Am. Tob. Co.....	91⅝
N. J. Central.....	101⅝	do pfd.....	97
N. & W. pfd.....	7	Am. Tel. & C. Co..	90
North Am. Co.....	4⅝	Com'l Cable Co. ..	130
Northern Pacific..	4	Am. Sugar pfd....	97¾
N. Pacific pfd.....	12⅝	U. S. Cordage pfd	20¾
U. P. D. & G.....	4⅛	U. S. Leather pfd.	68
Northwestern.....	99⅛	U. S. Rubber	26¼
do pfd.....	144	do pfd.....	85
N. Y. Central.....	97⅛		

* bid. † offered.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	9	Julia.....	1
Alpha Con.....	23	Justice.....	4
Andes	18	Kentucky Con.....	5
Belcher	30	Gould & Curry....	1
Best & Belcher....	85	Mexican.....	64
Bodie Con.....	47	Mount Diablo.....	15
Bullion.....	18	Occidental Con....	66
Bulwer.....	12	Ophir	140
Caledonia.....	7	Overman.....	9
Challenge Con....	28	Potosi.....	55
Chollar.....	57	Savage.....	34
Confidence.....	110	Scorpion.....	2
Con. Cal & Va.....	235	Sierra Nevada....	53
Con. Imperial.....	2	Silver Hill.....	1
Crown Point.....	24	Union Con.....	44
Exchequer	7	Utah Con.....	5
Gould & Curry....	43	Yellow Jacket....	42
Hale & Norcross..	100		

Silver bars, 66½c. Mexican dollars, 53¼@53½c. Drafts, sight, 20c; telegraphic, 25c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 5@7 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅝	West End pfd.....	89
Am. Sugar	103¾	W. Elec. pfd.....	53
Am. Sugar pfd....	97	Edison Elec. Ills..	140
Bay State Gas.....	1⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd....	62
Bell Telephone...	201	Atchison 2ds.....	21¾
Boston & Albany..	200	Atchison 4s.....	71⅛
Boston & Maine...	171	Allouez Mining Co	30
C. B. & Q.....	76⅛	Atlantic	14¾
Fitchburg	92	Boston & Montana	68⅛
Illinois Steel.....	64	Butte & Boston....	12¾
Mexican Central..	9¾	Calumet & Hecla..	292
N. Y. & N. E.....	75	Franklin.....	11
Old Colony.....	176½	Kearsarge.....	11
Rubber.....	27	Osceola	23
San Diego	2¾	Quincy.....	119
Union Pacific.....	4⅝	Tamarack.....	120
West End.....	67	Wolverine.....	6

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	7	Ontario.....	750
Chollar.....	50	Ophir.....	125
Con. Cal. & Va....	220	*Plymouth.....	25
Deadwood.....	60	Quicksilver.....	200
Gould & Curry....	38	Quicksilver pfd...	1500
Hale & Norcross..	85	Sierra Nevada ...	40
Homestake.....	2000	Standard.....	150
Iron Silver.....	70	Union Con.....	48
Mexican.....	30	Yellow Jacket.....	40

* offered.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $19,224,941; balances, $2,552,634.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $3,147,571; balances, $426,954.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $157,000,564; balances, $8,447,503.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $4,527,875; balances, $420,979. Money, 5@8 per cent. New York exchange, 25c discount bid.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $19,355,000. Money, firm; call, 6 per cent; commercial paper, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, $1. Foreign exchange steady; bankers' (London) sterling, $4.86@4.88½.

Foreign Financial Affairs.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Today being "Boxing day" the Stock exchange is closed.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 26.—The Produce and Provision exchanges are closed today.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Three per cent rentes, 99f 62½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 24c for checks.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—FLOUR—Firmer, with increasing demand from abroad, owing to trouble between this country and England over the Venezuelan question; local trade dull; patents, $3.50@3.40; extra fancy, $3.10@3.20; fancy, $2.85@3.00; choice, $2.60@2.75.

WHEAT—Rather dull early, with trading confined to scalpers. Bradstreet's reported increase last two. Reports of any present or recent offer by Russia to take our government bonds or loan gold to the United States treasury are autho