COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Pursued an Irregular Course, but Closed Higher.

CORN AND OATS BOTH AFFECTED

Liverpool Again Controls Wheat Prices, While Provisions Open Strong at a Slight Advance, Due to Smaller Hog Receipts.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Wheat pursued an irregular course today, but in the end was 1½c above the price it closed at yesterday. The advance was due to the foreign news, which generally was of a strengthening nature. Corn and oats were both favorably affected, corn closing ⅛c higher and oats ⅛c higher. Provisions also advanced a trifle. Liverpool again controlled wheat prices at the opening today. The opening tone of that market was less responsive to the decline here yesterday than was expected, the decline at Liverpool being only ¼d. This lack of sympathy abroad, without depression, and the fact that northwest receipts were again very small, while not entirely changing the bearish feeling predominant before the opening, encouraged brokers sufficiently to start prices at a decline of only ⅝c to ¾c, May opening at from 81⅞c to 82⅛c, chiefly around 82c. But favorable factors gradually developed a decided bull sentiment, and the decline was not only recovered but the price went 1½c above the low figure. New York and St. Louis sent generous buying orders and the shorts covered freely. There were unfavorable Argentine news, and Liverpool cabled that the total Argentine exports from the last crop were only about 22,000,000 bu, and the surplus from this crop would probably not exceed that, against 60,000,000 bu in 1894. The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were 355 cars, as compared with 1,070 on the corresponding day last year. But at 83c, to which prices advanced, the market received a check. One of the matters most generally talked about was in reference to the authorized statement that Armour & Co will deliver on 2,000,000 bu. of wheat on December contracts some time after navigation shall have closed. Then came the news that the Duluth flour mills would shut down for three weeks and Minneapolis cited that the flour trade there was exceedingly dull; although the mills had booked 245,000 barrels for the week ending yesterday it was for export. This helped to weaken values and there was a rush of early buyers to unload, which soon broke the price, May declining to 81⅝c. At that point the market turned upward again. A good many of the sellers had rather overdone the thing and covered. The Argentine news, which had its effect early in the session, was again played on and the market got quite strong in the last hour. May sold up to 83⅝c finally, closing strong at from 83⅜c to 83⅞c.

It was a scalpers' market in corn, with puts and calls as its basis, fluctuations were narrow and kept within a range of ⅝c, selling a fraction below and a fraction above the close yesterday. Cables were easier and prices were also influenced by the changes in the wheat pit. May opened ⅛c lower at 26¼c, sold between from 26⅛c to 26⅝c and from 26¼c to 26⅜c, closing steady at 26⅜c.

Oats were firm and higher, with the advance accompanied by a large business and a session of great interest. The feature was the free buying by Baldwin-Farnum, which firm took up in the neighborhood of 500,000 bu. Prices, however, kept within a narrow range. May opened a shade lower at from 21⅛c to 21⅜c and old up to 21⅜c, where it closed.

Provisions opened strong at a slight advance, due to the smaller hog receipts than expected and higher prices at the yards. After a further slight light rise the weakness of wheat in the forenoon caused a loss of the first gain and a little besides. The subsequent strength in grain caused the pits to recover and they recovered, so that everything closed not far from the top prices of the day. Trading was only moderately active. May pork closed 5c higher at $8.07½; May lard practically unchanged at $4.17½; May ribs, 2½c higher at from $4.07½ to $4.10.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, none; corn, 250 cars; oats, 162 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.....	78⅛-79	80⅝	78⅝	80⅝	79¼@¾
May.....	81⅜-⅝	83⅞	81⅝	83⅝	82⅜
July.....	76⅝@¾	78⅛	76¼	78⅛	75⅝
*Corn					
Dec.....	22⅝@⅞	23⅛@⅜	22⅝@⅞	23⅛@⅜	23
Jan.....	23¼	23⅝	23¼	23⅝	23⅝
May.....	26¼	26⅛@⅜	26⅛@¼	26⅜	26⅜
*Oats					
Dec.....	18⅛	18⅝	18⅛	18⅝	17¾
May.....	21⅛@⅜	21⅞	21⅛@⅜	21⅜	21⅜
Pork					
Dec.....				6 95	6 85
Jan.....	7 70	7 77½	7 65	7 72½	7 70
May.....	8 05	8 10	8 00	8 07½	8 02½
Lard					
Dec.....				3 82½	3 77½
Jan.....	4 00	4 02½	3 95	3 97½	3 95
May.....	4 20	4 22½	4 17½	4 17½	4 17½
*Ribs					
Dec.....	3 87½			3 87½	3 85
Jan.....	3 90	3 95	3 90	3 95	3 90
May.....	4 07½	4 10	4 05	4 10	4 07½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $4.50@4.70; straights, $4.20@4.60; spring specials, $4.90; spring patents, $4.15@4.50; straights, $3.90@4.10; bakers, $3.25@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 80⅝@81c; No. 3 spring, 78@80c; No. 2 red, 90⅝@91⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 23⅝@23½c; No. 2 yellow, 23⅝@23½c.

OATS—No. 2, 18½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 22@22c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17⅝@22c.

RYE—No. 2, 41c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 24@27c; No. 4, f. o. b., 23@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 75½@76c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.55.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $6.95@7.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.90@3.95. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.75@4.00. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $3.50@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $4.00@4.12½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.53.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 10c; chickens, 7@7½c; ducks, 9@10c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	8,000	35,000
Wheat, bu.....	8,000	224,000
Corn, bu.....	78,000	153,000
Oats, bu.....	140,000	336,000
Rye, bu.....	3,000	
Barley, bu.....	69,000	94,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@23c; dairy, 10@19c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 22c. Cheese, steady; 8¼@8¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,700 bbls.; exports, 15,904 bbls. Market dull and easier on spring patents, but steady for winters; winter straights, $4.55@4.60; Minnesota patents, $4.60@4.85; Minnesota bakers, $3.55@4.25; city mill patents, $5.10@5.40; winter clears, $4.80@4.90; winter patents, $4.35@4.85; winter straights, $4.15@4.60; winter extras, $3.15@3.75; winter low grades, $2.60@2.95. Southern flour, easy; $4.60@4.70. Buckwheat flour, dull and easy at $1.85@1.90. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.85@3.05; fancy, $3.10@3.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; 55@57c.

CORN MEAL—Inactive; yellow western, 60c; Brandywine, $2.20.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2 western, 44@46c.

BARLEY—Dull; western feeding, 28½@29½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 109,900 bu.; exports, 16,666 bu.; spot dull; No. 1 hard, 86¼c. Options opened weaker on cables, but rallied sharply on unfavorable Argentine news, and after dullness and irregularity at midday finally advanced actively on strong cable news and indications that the visible supply would decrease 2,000,000 bu. next week; closed ⅝@⅞c higher; No. 2 red, May, 87⅝@89 1-16c, closed at 89c; December, 88⅝@90c, closed at 90c.

CORN—Receipts, 87,600 bu.; exports, 1,350 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 29½c. Options opened steady; advanced with wheat, eased off under large receipts, but rallied again and closed partially ⅛c net higher; May, 32 1-16@32⅛c, closed at 32⅛c; December, 29⅝@29¾c, closed at 29¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 129,700 bu.; exports, 900 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 23c. Options inactive, but higher, with the other markets, closing at ⅜c net advance. May closed at 20¼c; December, 22⅞@23⅜c, closed at 23⅜c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, $5.50@6.00; good to choice, $7.00@7.50.

HOPS—Firm; 1895 crop, 30@7½c; 1896 crop, 8@15c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 30@7½c; 1896 crop, 9@14½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 13; Buenos Ayres, dry, nominal; Texas, dry, 10c; California, 15½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, B. A., light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c; acids, 20@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $9.50@10.00; extra mess, $7; beef hams, $17.00@17.50. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 4½@5c. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.20; refined, steady. Pork, steady; family, $9.75@10.05; mess, $8.25@8.75; short clear, $8.75@10.40.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 3⅜c; country, 3½c, as to quality.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,181 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 13@21½c; Elgins, 23½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 5,259 pkgs.; steady; large, 7½@9⅝c; small, 7½@10½c; part skims, 3½@7c; full skims, 2½@5c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,148 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 22@26c; western, 15½@24c.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; United closed at $1.04½ bid. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.80@1.82½. Turpentine, firm; 27@27½c. Cottonseed oil, weak; prime crude, 22c asked; butter grades, 27c; prime white, 27½@28½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@5c; Japan, 4¾@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 30@32c, for new crop.

COTTON—By steam, 5⅝c.

GRAIN—By steam, 4½c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $10.00@12.25; northern, $11.00@12.00. Copper, easy; brokers, $11.25½; exchange, $11.50@11.37½. Lead, strong; brokers, $2.75; exchange, $2.85. Tin, quiet; straits, $12.90. Plates, easy. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.25.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Securities Moderately Active All Day on an Irregular Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The stock market today was moderately active upon an irregular market and poorly distributed volume of business. A number of the specialties were conspicuous for sharp fluctuations. The changes in the regular active railway list were as a rule unimportant. The market opened weak and lower on foreign selling, and the unfavorable reports of gross earnings for November published by the St. Paul and Rock Island roads. Neither of the exhibits was, however, as discouraging as the bears had forecast. The downward movement did not make much headway, as the bills in a number of the specialties made a diversion which caused uneasiness on the part of the shorts on the part of the respective properties, and sympathetic strength was thereby imported to the general list. Consolidated Gas, exceptionally, jumped 3¼ per cent to 104⅝. The extreme advance was not retained, however, and the stock closed at 102½. Chicago Gas assumed the leadership of the active list, and advanced 1½ per cent to 78⅞. Substantial gains were also scored by General Electric and Leather preferred.

Sugar made some rapid changes, and was unfavorably influenced by the news of the definite arrangements being made for starting the Arbuckle refinery. Profit taking in a number of shares gave the market an irregular appearance, and some stocks receded sharply in the afternoon session. Omaha common displayed renewed comparative activity and strength, on the growing impression that dividends at the rate of 3 per cent per annum will be begun in February of next year. Laclede Gas displayed exceptional weakness, breaking 2½ per cent. The Vanderbilt shares became prominent in the final dealings, in connection with the declaration of the regular northwestern dividend and the Lake Shore report for the nine months, showing a surplus after charges of $2,514,632. The declaration of a dividend of 1 per cent on Denver & Rio Grande preferred was attended by a rise of 1¾ per cent.

On small transactions the general market exhibited improvement in the last hour, and closed firm at sharp fractional net gains. Railway bonds moved upward, and some of the gains were in the usually active issues. Dealings were moderate in volume, but were well distributed. The sales were $1,774,000. A good investment demand for governments is reported at improved prices. Transactions at the board footed up $50,000, without special changes in prices.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The continued flatness in mines had a depressing influence on the stock markets here today, which otherwise were inclined to be firm. The close in mines was at the lowest, causing some uneasiness. Consols were easier on the decision about advancing money to Egypt. Americans generally were lower. Realization sales were followed by a little good buying.

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

Atchison.....	14⅛	Ontario & W.....	15⅞
Adams Ex.....	148	Oregon Imp.....	12
Alton, T. H.....	67	Oregon Nav.....	15
Am. Express.....	111	O. S. L. & U. N.....	15
Baltimore & Ohio..	16	Pacific Mail.....	23¾
Canada Pacific....	56	Peoria Dec. & E...	2
Canada Southern..	49⅝	Pittsburg.....	160
Central Pacific....	15⅝	Pullman Palace...	156
Ches. & Ohio.....	10⅝	Reading.....	29¾
Chicago & Alton..	160	*R. G. W.....	15
C., B. & Q.....	78⅝	R. G. W. pfd.....	40
Chicago Gas.....	76⅝	Rock Island.....	69⅝
Consolidated Gas.	102⅝	St. Paul.....	75⅛
C., C., C. & St. L..	30⅝	do pfd.....	129⅞
Colo. Coal & Iron.	1	St. P. & Omaha....	49¾
Cotton Oil Cert...	14¾	do pfd.....	129⅝
Delaware & Hud..	127	Southern Pacific...	15⅞
Del., Lack. & W...	158⅛	Sugar Refinery....	116
D. & R. G. pfd.....	44⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	29⅝
East Tenn.....	15⅛	Texas Pacific.....	9⅝
Erie	35	T. & O. Cent. pfd...	50
do pfd.....	20	Union Pacific.....	10
Fort Wayne.....	160	U. S. Express.....	40
G. Northern pfd...	120	W. St. L. & P.....	6⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	16⅞
Hocking Valley....	18	Wells Fargo Ex...	97
Illinois Central...	93	Western Union...	86⅝
St. P. & Duluth...	18	Wheeling & L. E..	8¼
K. & T. pfd.....	20⅝	do pfd.....	30⅝
Lake Erie & West.	18⅝	M. & St. L.....	10⅝
do pfd.....	70	D. & R. G.....	12¾
Lake Shore.....	154⅛	G. E.....	32¼
Lead Trust.....	25¾	N. L.....	15
Louisville & N....	50⅝	C. P. & I.....	23
L. & N. A.....	⅝	do pfd.....	70
Manhattan Con....	96⅝	T. St. L. & K. C....	4½
*Memphis & C....	15	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Michigan Cent....	92⅝	U. S. R. S.....	10¼
Missouri Pacific...	27⅝	S. R. R. pfd.....	80⅝
Mobile & Ohio....	22	Am. Tob. Co.....	76
Nashville Chat....	68	do pfd.....	101
National Cordage.	91	Am. Tel. & C. Co...	90
Nat. Cordage pfd..	124	Com'l Cable Co....	160
N. J. Central.....	105	Am. Sugar pfd.....	103
N. & W. pfd.....	17	U. S. Cordage gtd.	23
North Am. Co....	5	U. S. Leather pfd.	62¼
Northern Pacific..	14¾	U. S. Rubber.....	23¾
N. Pacific pfd.....	24¾	U. S. Rubber pfd..	80⅝
U. P. D. & G.....	2¾	Cotton Seed Oil pfd	54
Northwestern.....	106	P. C. C. & S. L. pfd.	49
do pfd.....	138	Am. Spirits.....	13⅛
N. Y. Central.....	94⅝	do pfd.....	31⅛
*N. Y. & N. E.....	45	S. L. S. & E 1st R.	38

*offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 175,019 shares, including the following: American Sugar, 22,800; Burlington, 8,700; Chicago Gas, 17,700; Louisville & Nashville, 5,500; Omaha, 4,200; Reading, 6,000; St. Paul, 15,800; Rock Island, 3,300; Western Union, 8,200; Southern Railway preferred, 7,200.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86⅜ for demand, and $4.83½@4.83⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82⅝.

BAR SILVER—65¼c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65¼@65⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; state bnods, quiet; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new.	110¾	C. P. 1sts of '95....	102
U. S. 4s coup. new.	110¾	D. & R. G. 7s.....	111¼
U. S. 5s, reg.....	113⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.....	90
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113⅝	Erie 2d s.....	65
U. S. 4s, reg.....	109	*G. H. & S. A. 6s...	106¼
U. S. 4s, coup.....	110⅝	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	97
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 5s.....	104
*Pacific 6s of '95..	99⅝	do 6s.....	103
Ala. class A.....	101¼	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	82
Ala. class B.....	100	do 2d 4s.....	59¾
Ala. class C.....	96	Mutual Union 7s..	110
Ala. Currency.....	94	N. J. C. gen 5s....	118
La. New Con. 4s..	96	No. Pacific 1sts...	115¼
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2d s.....	118
N. C. 6s.....	119	N. W. Consols.....	139
N. C. 6s.....	100	do S. F. 2sts.....	109¾
*S. C. nonfund.....	1⅛	R. G. West. 1sts...	77
Tenn. new set 6s.	80	St. P. Consols 7s..	129¼
*Tenn. new set 5s.	105	do C. & P. W. 5s.	113¾
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. S. gen 5s	74
Va. Centuries.....	99⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	109
do deferred.....	6⅝	Texas Pac. 1sts...	85
Atchison 4s.....	78⅞	Texas Pac. 2sts...	21⅝
Atchison 2d A.....	42	U. P. 1sts of '93...	102⅝
*Canada So. 2ds...	104⅝	West Shore 4s.....	107⅞
L. & N. unified 4s.	78⅝	O. R. & N. 1sts....	112¾
Southern 5s.....	92	N. Pac. 3-3s.....	77⅞

*bid. *offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—Call loans, 3@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅝	W. Elec. pfd.....	50½
Am. Sugar.....	115⅛	Ed. Elec. Ill.....	140
Am. Sugar pfd....	103⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd....	70
Bay State Gas....	5⅝	Atchison pfd.....	22⅛
Bell Telephone....	207½	Atchison 4s.....	78¾
Boston & Albany.	209½	New England 6s..	111
Boston & Maine..	166	Gen. Electric 5s...	92
C. B. & Q.....	78⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts ...	11⅛
Fitchburg.....	92	Allouez Mining Co	50
Gen. Electric.....	39	Atlantic.....	20¾
Illinois Steel.....	47⅝	Boston & Montana	91¾
Mexican Central..	7⅛	Butte & Boston....	63⅝
N. Y. & N. E.....	65	Calumet & Hecla..	322
Old Colony.....	179	Franklin.....	10⅛
Ore. Short Line...	14⅝	Kearsarge.....	16⅛
Rubber.....	25	Osceola.....	59
Sugar.....	1	Quincy.....	117
Union Pacific.....	9⅝	Tamarack.....	94
West End.....	63⅝	Wolverine.....	8¾
West End pfd.....	87⅝		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	5	Gould & Curry....	47
Alpha Con.....	9	Hale & Norcross..	90
Andes.....	10	Kentucky Con....	20
Belcher.....	37	Mexican	48
Best & Belcher....	72	Mono.....	15
Bodie Con.....	50	Occidental Con....	10
Bullion.....	13	Ophir.....	110
Bulwer Con.....	38	Overman.....	5
Caledonia.....	9	Potosi.....	79
Challenge Con....	30	Savage.....	49
Chollar.....	160	Sierra Nevada....	47
Confidence.....	87	Union Con.....	40
Con. Cal. & Va....	150	Utah Con.....	6
Con. Imperial....	1	Yellow Jacket ...	52
Crown Point.....	23		

Silver bars, 65⅝c; Mexican dollars, 51⅛@52c. Sight drafts, 10c; telegraphic, 12½c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols m'y...	111 7-16	Mexican ordinary.	21
Consols acc't.....	111⅜	St. Paul com.....	76⅝
Can. Pacific.....	57⅛	N. Y. Central.....	97¼
Erie	16	Pennsylvania.....	54⅝
Erie 2d	30	Reading	14⅛
Ill. Central.....	96	Mex. Con. new 4s.	69¼

BAR SILVER—29⅞d per oz.

MONEY—3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3⅛@3¼ per cent; three months' bills, 3⅛@3¼ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	50	Ontario.....	700
Chollar.....	155	Ophir.....	105
Crown Point.....	20	*Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	145	Quicksilver.....	175
Deadwood.....	105	Quicksilver pfd...	1000
Gould & Curry....	40	Sierra Nevada....	46
Hale & Norcross..	90	Standard Con.....	115
Homestake.....	$200	Union Con.....	40
Iron Silver.....	30	Yellow Jacket....	50
Mexican	40		

*asked.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Fair Run of Cattle Finds Trade in Unsettled Condition.

BUSINESS RATHER SLOW AT STEADY PRICES

Feeders Suffer More Than Other Grades, Owing to Glutted Pens—Rush of Hogs Drops, Stopping the Stump.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 3.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
December 3.....	2,671	4,717	1,379	8
December 2.....	3,800	9,140	1,464	2
December 1.....	3,618	12,458	1,165	....
November 30.....	2,345	2,675	394	31
November 28.....	2,317	4,402	326	....
November 27.....	916	2,772	249	....
November 26.....	1,250	2,550	2,769	23
November 25.....	3,211	5,436	615	....
November 24.....	3,778	4,889	848	4

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Mo. P. Ry	....	1	1
Union Pacific system	28	16	....
F., E. & M. V. R. R.....	16	11	2
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.....	4	3	....
B. & M. R. R. R.....	23	33	4
C., B. & Q.....	....	3	....
K. C. & St. J	15	....	....
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east.....	2	1	....
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west....	13	2	....
Total receipts.....	101	70	7

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.....	52	423	....
The G. H. Hammond Co..	381	713	....
Swift and Company.....	288	1,440	431
Swift and Co	276	1,440	....
The Cudahy Packing Co..	276	1,262	431
R. Becker and Degan	317	39	....
W. I. Stephens	164	....	....
Benton & Underwood	113	....	....
Huston & Co	155	....	....
L. & Shaller	85	....	....
Nelson Morris, Chicago..	68	....	....
Cudahy, from K. C.....	419	....	244
Brittain & Co., Marshalltown, Ia.....	....	304	....
Cudahy Bros., Milwaukee	....	261	....
Other buyers	372	6	561
Left over	....	200	....
Totals	2,700	4,909	1,296

CATTLE—The run of cattle was of fair proportions again today, the receipts being about the same as for the two days previous and more than double what they were a week ago. The market as a whole did not show much change in killing cattle, but was lower on feeders.

The offerings of beef steers were light and there was an entire absence of choice cornfed steers. There were a few fairish cattle good enough to bring $4.15@4.30, but none as good as the tops yesterday or day before. The most of the beef steers were natives, with a few cornfed westerns and some Colorado Texas, the latter selling at $3.25. The market on beeves was slow and the feeling easier. The heavy decline at other market points this week has left this market rather high in comparison, and buyers accordingly were on the bear side of the deal. At the same time there were too few cattle here to force prices down very much. While inclined to drag, the cattle were all sold in the end.

Cows and heifers were in moderate supply, and the market was active at fully steady prices. Everything sold early.

In the stocker and feeder division the trade was slow and lower. For several days past the receipts of feeders have been quite large, while the country demand has been something of a disappointment. A good many cattle have been going out into the country, but a good many more have been coming in, so that there has been quite an accumulation this week. Regular yard traders were also loaded up with cattle this morning, and were a good deal more anxious to sell than buy. Hence the feeder trade, as noted above, was slow and lower. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1....	760	$3 60	10....	883	$3 65	17....	1239	$3 95			

4....	980	3 15	14....	1153	3 65	23....	1259	3 95			
1....	1330	3 25	5....	1174	3 65	76....	1302	4 00			
1....	950	3 25	20....	931	3 70	38....	1408	4 05			
1....	1150	3 35	27....	1172	3 75	15....	1333	4 10			
1....	880	3 50	22....	1070	3 80	12....	1256	4 15			
21....	996	3 50	1....	1170	3 80	16....	1133	4 15			
1....	1166	3 55	16....	1140	3 85	8....	1290	4 25			
1....	1090	3 60	1....	880	3 85	42....	1247	4 30			
26....	1196	3 65									

COWS.

2....	1000	1 90	2....	1160	2 50	8....	1030	2 65			
1....	820	2 00	8....	1040	2 50	1....	910	2 70			
1....	1140	2 00	4....	1162	2 50	1....	960	2 75			
5....	940	2 00	1....	970	2 50	5....	1184	2 75			
2....	750	2 10	1....	970	2 50	3....	1136	2 80			
2....	1000	2 15	3....	933	2 50	4....	1195	2 90			
1....	1050	2 25	1....	900	2 50	1....	990	2 90			
2....	860	2 25	1....	1050	2 50	5....	1018	2 90			
1....	1210	2 25	2....	1055	2 50	3....	1000	3 00			
1....	820	2 30	1....	1010	2 55	2....	1375	3 00			
2....	950	2 35	2....	990	2 55	5....	960	3 00			
6....	1043	2 35	1....	1010	2 55	1....	1130	3 10			
1....	1140	2 35	1....	1240	2 60	2....	1040	3 15			
2....	910	2 35	4....	1165	2 65	1....	1450	3 65			
4....	1152	2 40	3....	1116	2 65						

HEIFERS.

1....	670	1 60	2....	685	2 70	2....	590	3 00			
1....	620	1 75	2....	535	2 75	1....	420	3 10			
1....	570	2 50	3....	713	2 75	15....	852	3 15			
1....	810	2 60	1....	560	2 85	5....	858	3 20			
1....	850	2 65	1....	1020	2 85	10....	800	3 25			
2....	645	2 65	4....	850	2 95						

BULLS.

6....	1265	2 15	1....	1180	2 40	1....	1610	2 65			
1....	1370	2 15	4....	1462	2 45	1....	910	2 75			
1....	1030	2 25	1....	1010	2 50	1....	1360	2 85			
3....	1293	2 35	1....	1080	2 60	1....	1030	3 00			
1....	1170	2 40	2....	1240	2 60						

STAGS.

1....	1140	3 15	1....	1030	3 35						

CALVES

1....	280	3 00	3....	383	3 75	1....	200	4 50			
1....	270	3 00	1....	320	4 25	1....	190	5 50			
1....	370	3 55	2....	250	4 25						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1....	790	2 75	24....	607	3 35	2....	515	3 55			
2....	730	3 00	48....	926	3 35	2....	585	3 55			
5....	948	3 15	10....	804	3 40	45....	612	3 55			
7....	918	3 20	1....	970	3 45	2....	428	3 55			
1....	570	3 25	10....	578	3 40	2....	455	3 55			
1....	836	3 35	27....	933	3 45	2....	960	3 60			
1....	690	3 35	3....	706	3 45						

HOGS—A very heavy decrease in receipts was anticipated for today, as a result of the break in prices during the past two days, which amounted to over 25c. The great flood of hogs at all western markets on Tuesday and Wednesday seemed to take the trade by surprise, and a considerable demoralization of values ensued. Wednesday's market being over 25c lower than Monday, but still only 5c lower than on Wednesday of the previous week.

The sudden break, however, had the usual effect of shutting off the receipts, and today there were less than half as many hogs as yesterday, and only a third as many as on Tuesday.

The sudden drop in the receipts in the face of the brisk demand that has been developed of late brought about a sharp reaction in values. The market opened about 10c higher, was active at the advance, and closed 15c higher. The average of all the sales was more than 10c higher than yesterday, the bulk being at $3.15@3.25, as against $3.05@3.10 yesterday.

Heavy loads sold principally at $3.15@3.25, while yesterday the same weights brought $3.00@3.10, with an occasional load at $3.15. The medium weight and light hogs sold yesterday at $3.15@3.30, but today the average was advanced to $3.25@3.40. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
55....	305	80	$3 12½	85....	289	...	$4 20