# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## Visible Supply Decrease Causes a Strong Wheat Market.

## CORN ALSO ADVANCES A FRACTION

### Opening London and Liverpool Markets Were Heavy in Tone at Somewhat Reduced Prices and These Caused Weakness.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Wheat was today converted from an apparently hopelessly weak market to a strong one by the large world's visible supply decrease. May closed from ⅛c to ⅜c higher than yesterday's final figures after having sold over 1c below that. Corn advanced ⅛c, oats did not change and provisions advanced from 2½c to 5c.

May wheat opened today at from ⅝c to ⅜c below the price it closed at the day before. The opening range of the prices simultaneously paid in different parts of the pit was from 80c to 80¼c, with the bulk of transactions at the lower figure. The opening London and Liverpool markets were heavy in tone at somewhat reduced prices and these were the chief source of the weak feeling, which started trading here. The fact that stocks in Europe and afloat increased over 10,000,000 bu. last month was also a factor and the decline, which started with the opening, continued until May touched 79½c. Then the sentiment changed and the tone of the market gradually improved up to the time of the receipt of Bradstreet's visible supply statement, which was expected to be bullish, and justified such anticipations. The day's statistics also furnished some encouragement. The Chicago receipts were 53 cars, compared with 287 in the corresponding day of last year; Minneapolis and Duluth got 482 cars, against 1,239 a year ago. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 475,000 bu. A telegram from St. Louis said that one-fifth of all the No. 2 red wheat there had been sold in the last twenty-four hours. The Bradstreet's figures showed a total decrease in the world's stocks of 4,947,000 bu. On receipt of that the price, which had meanwhile crept up to 80⅝c, rose to from 80⅝c to 80¾c, and after a slight reaction to 80½c it took a second spurt as high as 81c before the effect of the big reduction in the world's visible supply exhausted itself. Closing cables showed general declines. The general market, however, held its advance, May finally closing steady at from 80⅞c to 80⅞c.

There was an unusually large trade in corn. It was accompanied by no excitement and prices kept within a narrow range, being governed almost entirely by the variations in wheat. May started ⅛c lower at 26c. It sold between 26¼c and 25⅞c and closed steady at from 26⅛c to 26¼c.

At the opening oats were steady and remained so until the professional talent from wheat and corn came into the market and by free selling caused prices to decline and a weak feeling to exist. Later, however, under liberal buying and to some extent through sympathy with wheat, there occurred a reaction, which recovered the early loss and a slight fraction in the bargain. May opened a shade lower at 21⅛c, declined to 21c, recovered to 21⅜c, closing steady at from 21⅛c to 21⅜c.

Trading in provisions as usual was quiet, but prices were steady and changed but little. Opening prices were slightly higher, helped by a firm live stock market. This was also the incentive for the good buying which followed and which held prices steady throughout the session. May pork closed 5c higher at $7.95; May lard, 2½c higher at $4.10; May ribs, 2½c higher at $4.02½.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday are: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 250 cars; oats, 207 cars; hogs, 38,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yes'y. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | 77 | 77¾ | 76⅛ | 77½ | 77⅝ |
| Jan.... | 80-80¼ | 81 | 79⅝ | 80⅝@¾ | 80⅝ |
| May.... | 74¾ | 75⅛ | 74 | 75⅛ | 74¾ |
| *Corn- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | 22⅛ | 22⅝ | 22⅛ | 22⅝ | 23 |
| Jan.... | 23⅛ | 23¼ | 23-23¼ | 23¼ | 23¼@⅜ |
| May.... | 26 | 26⅛@¼ | 25⅞ | 26⅛@¼ | 26-26⅛ |
| *Oats- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | 18½ | 18¼ |
| May.... | 21⅛@¼ | 21⅜ | 21 | 21⅛@⅜ | 21¼@⅜ |
| Pork- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | 6 75 | 6 80 | 6 75 | 6 80 | 6 80 |
| Jan.... | 7 60 | 7 62½ | 7 57½ | 7 62½ | 7 57½ |
| May.... | 7 95 | 7 95 | 7 87½ | 7 95 | 7 90 |
| Lard- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | 3 72½ | 3 70 |
| Jan.... | 3 87½ | 3 87½ | 3 85 | 3 87½ | 3 85 |
| May.... | 4 10 | 4 10 | 4 05 | 4 10 | 4 07½ |
| Sh't Ribs- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | | | | 3 87½ | 3 85 |
| Jan.... | 3 87½ | 3 87½ | 3 82½ | 3 87½ | 3 85 |
| May.... | 4 00 | 4 05 | 3 97½ | 4 02½ | 4 00 |

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and 10c lower; winter patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.20@4.60; spring specials, $4.90; spring patents, $4.25@4.65; straights, $3.90@4.10; bakers', $3.25@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 77¼@77⅝c; No. 2 red, 89¾@90¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 23⅛@23¼c; No. 2 yellow, 23⅛@23¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 18½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 22@22½c; No. 3 white, 18@18½c.

RYE—No. 2, 39c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 25@37c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22@27c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 77@79c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, per bbl., $6.85@6.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.77½@3.80. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.75@3.95. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $4.00@4.12½.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 10,000 | 7,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 20,000 | 131,000 |
| Corn, bu | 207,000 | 370,000 |
| Oats, bu | 334,000 | 202,000 |
| Rye, bu | 15,000 | 1,000 |
| Barley, bu | 88,000 | 27,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 15@23c; dairy, 10@19c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 22c. Cheese, steady; 8¼@9c.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

### Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 31,500 bbls.; exports, 48,287 bbls.; market ruled dull and easy, closing a shade steadier with wheat; Minnesota patents, $4.60@4.80; Minnesota bakers, $3.05@4.25; winter patents, $4.90@5.15; winter extras, $3.35@4.00; winter low grades, $2.85@3.05. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.85@3.05; fancy, $3.10@3.35. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 35@37c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, 59c.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 40@42c.

BARLEY—Steady; western feeding, 28½@29c; malting, 38@46c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 42,600 bu.; exports, 17,570 bu.; spot inactive; No. 1 hard, 93¼c. Options weak, and after declining sharply on lower cables and general liquidation recovered on the unexpectedly large decrease in Bradstreet's world's stock and buying by shorts; closed ¼@½c net decline; No. 2 red, May, 85½@86¼c; closed at 86⅛c; December, 86⅞@87⅛c; closed at 87½c.

CORN—Receipts, 116,200 bu.; exports, 210,723 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 29c. Options firm all day on light receipts; closed ⅛@¼c net higher; May, 31 1-16@32c; closed at 32c; December closed at 29c.

OATS—Receipts, 214,800 bu.; exports, 375 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 23½c. Options dull, but steady, closing unchanged.

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

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@7½c; 1896 crop, 8@14c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@7½c; 1896 crop, 9@14c.

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

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.00@10.00; extra mess, $7; beef hams, $17.50@18.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 4½@5c; pickled shoulders, $4; pickled hams, 8@9c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $4.15, nominal; refined, steady. Pork, dull; old mess, $8.25@8.75; short clear, $8.75@10.50; family, $10.50@11.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8,000 pkgs.; western creamery, 13@24c; factory, 7@12c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 6,051 pkgs.; market quiet; state, large, 7½@10½c; small, 7½@10¼c; part skims, 3¼@7c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,153 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@26c; western, 15½@24c.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 21c; prime yellow, 24c; prime crude, f. o. b., 17@18c; off summer yellow, 23½c; butter grades, 27c; prime white, 27@28c. Petroleum, steady; United closed at $1.01 bid. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.80@1.82½. Turpentine, steady at 27@27⅝c.

COTTON—By steam, 9⅝c.

GRAIN—By steam, 4½c.

RICE—Quiet; fair to extra, 2⅞@6c; Japan, 4@4½c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@34c; new crop, 9c.

COTTON—By steam, 9-64d.

GRAIN—By steam, 3⅜d.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $11.00@12.25; northern, $11.00@13.00. Copper, easy; brokers, $11.37½; exchange, $11.25@11.50. Lead, strong; brokers, $2.75; exchange, $3. Tin, quiet; straits, $13; plates, $11; spelter, quiet at $4.25.

### Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—For current wants of every description of cotton and woolen goods, the demand for and sales of, when taken collectively, were of moderate importance. For spring specialties, however, the inquiry was more marked, and of some classes of goods there were very fair orders placed. At the best, however, it was a slow market. Printing cloths were dull at 2½c, nominal, and further sales at 2 9-16c.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 8.—Print cloths dull at 2⅝c, nominal; sales at second hand at 2 9-16c.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 8.—Cloth market dull and inactive. Yarns, market steady, with little doing.

## STOCKS AND BONDS.

### Dealings in Securities Materially Lighter Than Was Expected.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The stock market today was to a certain extent perfunctory. Dealings were materially lighter than for a long time past, and the professionals, while inclined to the bear side, displayed a vacillating temper. The result was a poorly distributed and irregular speculation within a narrow range. Dealings for foreign account, while moderate in volume, were mainly for the long account, the presidential message apparently being favorably received in London. The local traders, however, made their usual attacks upon the specialties for effect upon prices generally. The result achieved, however, justified even the moderate energy expended, owing to the continued disinclination of holders of stocks to part with their property. Prices soon rallied, after early declines, but the market, while exceptionally dull, again became heavy and unsettled in tone. A drive was made at Chicago Gas, causing a decline of 1⅛ in the stock. The general market was sympathetically affected to a fractional extent. Sugar was depressed slightly on unfavorable trade advices and predictions of impending hostile legislation. At the low points some covering purchases and moderate buying for long accounts were noted, in connection with an easier market for foreign exchange, actual sterling figures were reduced slightly and posted quotations were lowered ½ per cent by one prominent drawer.

The market bordered on actual stagnation after the first hour, and the range of fluctuations was insignificant in most instances, aside from Lake Shore, which rose 2 per cent on light transactions. Consolidated Gas was particularly heavy, and yielded 2½ per cent to 158, rallying subsequently to 159. The declaration of the usual quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on Manhattan and the recommendation by the Western Union executive committee of the regular disbursement tomorrow by the full board failed to quotably affect the prices of the respective stocks beyond a light fraction, but exerted a steadying influence upon the general list. American Spirits preferred fell 1½ per cent on a reported hitch in the effort now making in Chicago toward an agreement between the leading interests in the trade. A light rally followed the publication of a denial of the rumor. St. Paul & Omaha common made a further rise of 1¾ per cent to 49⅝ on the alleged prospect of the declaration of a dividend. The closing was steady, with the net changes generally losses. The railway bond market exhibited irregularity, and especially in the usually neglected issues, which were widely dealt in, but the trend of prices was downward. The losses in the active bonds were unimportant. The sales were $1,445,000.

Evening Post's London financial cablegram: President Cleveland's message is favorably regarded here, but following the distinct lead of the New York markets Americans were lower today. There was no pressure to sell here and the close was above the lowest. Other markets were idle and depressed before the general settlement, which will commence tomorrow. The last account in the year is usually dull and featureless. Consols ⅛c lower. There is a renewal of the talk of gold exports to Germany. Home rails were flat because of labor troubles. Mines were steady. The settlement shows a bear account in places. The Bank of Bengal's rate is up 9 per cent. The Indian government is expected to raise a sterling loan here, or issue treasury bills early next year. The Paris and Berlin markets were weaker.

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atchison | 14 | N. Y. & N. E. | 45⅜ |
| Adams Ex. | 148 | Ontario & W. | 15⅜ |
| Alton, T H | 57 | Oregon Imp. | ⅝ |
| Am. Express | 108 | Oregon Nav. | 15 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 14⅞ | O. S. L. & U. N. | 15 |
| Canada Pacific | 55¾ | Pacific Mail | 25 |
| Canada Southern | 49¼ | Peoria, Dec. & E. | 2 |
| Central Pacific | 15 | Pittsburg | 160 |
| Ches. & Ohio | 17 | Pullman Palace | 156 |
| Chicago & Alton | 159 | Reading | 28¼ |
| C. B. & Q. | 77⅝ | R. G. W. | 15 |
| Chicago Gas | 75⅜ | do pfd | 40 |
| Consolidated Gas | 158⅜ | Rock Island | 68¼ |
| C., C., C. & St. L. | 28⅛ | St. Paul | 74⅛ |
| Colo. Coal & Iron | ⅛ | do pfd | 130 |
| Cotton Oil Cert | 12 | St. Paul & Omaha | 49 |
| Delaware & Hud | 127 | do pfd | 126 |
| Del., Lack. & W. | 158⅛ | Southern Pacific | 16 |
| D. & R. G. pfd | 43¼ | Sugar Refinery | 115⅛ |
| East Tenn | 15¼ | Tenn. Coal & Iron | 28⅜ |
| Erie | 34¼ | Texas Pacific | 9⅛ |
| do pfd | 20 | Tol. & O. Cen. pfd | 50 |
| Fort Wayne | 160 | Union Pacific | 9⅜ |
| G. Northern pfd | 120 | U. S. Express | 40 |
| C. & E. I. pfd | 95 | W. St. L. & Pac | 6¼ |
| Hocking Valley | 17⅛ | do pfd | 16¼ |
| Illinois Central | 93 | Wells Fargo Ex | 95 |
| St. P. & Duluth | 18 | Western Union | 86 |
| K. & T. pfd | 28¼ | Wheeling & L. E. | 8 |
| Lake Erie & West | 18 | do pfd | 30 |
| do pfd | 70⅛ | Minn. & St. Louis | 19 |
| Lake Shore | 155⅛ | Den. & R. G. | 12¼ |
| Lead Trust | 25¼ | Gen. Electric | 32⅝ |
| Louisville & N. | 50 | Nat'l Linseed | 15 |
| L. & N. A. | ¼ | Col. Fuel & I. | 24⅛ |
| Manhattan Con | 95¼ | do pfd | 70 |
| Memphis & C. | 15 | Tol. St. L. & K. C. | 4⅛ |
| Michigan Central | 90 | do pfd | 10 |
| Mo. Pacific | 21⅜ | Southern | 10¼ |
| Mobile & Ohio | 23¼ | do pfd | 29⅝ |
| Nashville Chat | 68 | Am. T. & C. Co. | 90 |
| National Cordage | 6 | Tobacco | 74¼ |
| do pfd | 12 | do pfd | 101¼ |
| N. J. Central | 103⅜ | C. C. Co. | 165 |
| N. & W. pfd | 16⅛ | Sugar pfd | 102⅛ |
| North Am. Co | 4⅛ | Cordage gtd | 24 |
| Northern Pacific | 14⅛ | Leather pfd | 61⅛ |
| N. Pacific pfd | 23⅜ | Rubber | 25 |
| U. P., D. & G. | 2[illegible] | Cotton Oil pfd | 50⅛ |
| Northwestern | 105⅜ | P. C. C. & St. L. pfd | 49 |
| do pfd | 149 | Am. Spirits | 13⅛ |
| N. Y. Central | 95¼ | do pfd | 30⅜ |

The total sales of stocks today were 123,778 shares, including the following: Consolidated Gas, 8,100; American Sugar, 20,600; Burlington & Quincy, 17,100; Chicago Gas, 6,700; Louisville & Nashville, 700; Manhattan, 5,200; Omaha, 3,100; Reading, 5,500; St. Paul, 13,600; Union Pacific, 6,500; Western Union, 6,800.

### New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86½ for demand and $4.83½@4.83¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½ and $4.87@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82½.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, easier.

BAR SILVER—65⅛c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65¼@65⅛c.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| U. S. 4s, reg. new | 119¾ | C. P. 1sts of '95 | 102½ |
| U. S. 4s coup. new | 119⅝ | D. & R. G. 7s | 112 |
| U. S. 5s, reg | 113⅛ | D. & R. G. 4s | 90½ |
| U. S. 5s, coup | 113¼ | Erie 2ds | 65 |
| U. S. 4s, reg | 109 | G. H. & S. A. 6s | 106¼ |
| U. S. 4s, coup | 110⅛ | G. H. & S. A. 7s | 95 |
| U. S. 2s, reg | 95¼ | H. & T. C. 5s | 108 |
| Pacific 6s of '95 | 99¼ | do 6s | 100 |
| Ala. class A | 103¼ | M. K. & T. 1st 4s | 82 |
| Ala. class B | 102 | do 2d 4s | 59¼ |
| Ala. class C | 98 | Mutual Union 6s | 111 |
| Ala. Currency | 94 | N. J. C. Gen. 5s | 117½ |
| La. New Con 4s | 94 | No. Pacific 1sts | 115 |
| Missouri 6s | 103 | do 2ds | 116½ |
| N. C. 6s | 119 | N. W. Consols | 139½ |
| N. C. 4s | 100 | do S. F. Deb. 5s | 109½ |
| S. C. nonfund | ½ | R. G. West. 1sts | 76¼ |
| Tenn. new set 6s | 83 | St. P. Consols 7s | 130 |
| Tenn. new set 5s | 105 | do C. & P. W. 5s | 114½ |
| Tenn. old 6s | 60 | St. L. & I. M. Gen 5 | 76 |
| Va. Centuries | 61½ | St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6 | 110 |
| do deferred | 6¾ | Texas Pac. 1sts | 85¼ |
| Atchison 4s | 78¾ | Texas Pac. 2ds | 22 |
| Atchison 2d A | 41¼ | U. P. 1sts of '96 | 102¼ |
| Canada So. 2ds | 105½ | West Shore 4s | 107 |
| L. & N. unified 4s | 79⅝ | O. R. & N. 1sts | 113 |
| Southern 5s | 91⅛ | N. Pac. 3ds | 78 |

### Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Call loans, 3½@4 per cent; time loans, 2@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. T. & S. F. | 14 | Ed. Elec. Ill. | 145 |
| Am. Sugar | 115⅛ | Gen. Elec. pfd | 70 |
| Am. Sugar pfd | 102⅛ | Atchison pfd | 22½ |
| Bay State Gas | 5⅛ | Atchison 4s | 79 |
| Bell Telephone | 208⅛ | New England 6s | 111⅛ |
| Boston & Albany | 207 | Gen. Electric 5s | 90 |
| Boston & Maine | 165½ | Wis. Cent. 1sts | 116⅛ |
| C. B. & Q. | 77⅝ | Allouez Mining Co | 50 |
| Fitchburg | 93 | Atlantic | 22 |
| Illinois Steel | 46⅜ | Boston & Montana | 90⅜ |
| Mexican Central | 7¾ | Butte & Boston | 6¾ |
| Old Colony | 177½ | Calumet & Hecla | 329 |
| Ore. Short Line | 15 | Franklin | 11 |
| Rubber | 25⅛ | Kearsarge | 16 |
| Union Pacific | 9⅛ | Osceola | 30 |
| West End | 67 | Quincy | 118 |
| West End pfd | 87⅛ | Tamarack | 92 |
| Westingh. Elec | 24½ | Wolverine | 8⅛ |
| W. Elec. pfd | 51 | | |

### San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alta | 4 | Hale & Norcross | 84 |
| Alpha Con | 7 | Justice | 4 |
| Andes | 11 | Kentucky Con | 1 |
| Belcher | 26 | Mexican | 35 |
| Best & Belcher | 53 | Mono | 15 |
| Bodie Con | 51 | Occidental Con | 13 |
| Bullion | 10 | Ophir | 87 |
| Bulwer Con | 34 | Overman | 4 |
| Challenge Con | 22 | Potosi | 51 |
| Chollar | 95 | Savage | 31 |
| Confidence | 65 | Sierra Nevada | 31 |
| Con. Cal. & Va | 103 | Union Con | 35 |
| Con. Imperial | 1 | Utah Con | 4 |
| Crown Point | 15 | Yellow Jacket | 26 |
| Gould & Curry | 31 | | |

Silver bars, 65⅛c; Mexican dollars, 51½@52c. Sight drafts, 10c; telegraphic, 12½c.

### New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Bulwer | 38 | Ontario | 700 |
| Chollar | 115 | Ophir | 85 |
| Crown Point | 112 | Plymouth | 20 |
| Con. Cal. & Va | 140 | Quicksilver | 175 |
| Deadwood | 110 | Quicksilver pfd | 1025 |
| Gould & Curry | 35 | Sierra Nevada | 35 |
| Hale & Norcross | 80 | Standard Con | 100 |
| Homestake | 2000 | Union Con | 30 |
| Iron Silver | 80 | Yellow Jacket | 25 |
| Mexican | 40 | | |

### London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—4 p. m. closing:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Consols, m'y | 111⅜ | St. Paul common | 6⅛ |
| Consols, acc't | 111⅜ | N. Y. Central | 97⅜ |
| Can. Pacific | 57¼ | Pennsylvania | 53⅜ |
| Erie 2d | 36 | Reading | 14⅜ |
| Ill. Central | 95½ | Mex. Cen. new 4s | 69¼ |
| Mexican ordinary | 21 | | |

BAR SILVER—29⅝d per oz.

MONEY—2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 3 per cent.

# OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

## Cattle Receipts Increase, but the Tone of Trade is Still Low.

## BEEF STEERS SELL SLOW AND DRAGGY

### Butchers' Stock More Active with a Better Feeling—Hogs Show Considerable Improvement in Business and Price.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 8.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Horses. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 8 | 3,258 | 4,292 | 2,055 | 56 |
| December 7 | 2,790 | 1,730 | 833 | .... |
| December 5 | 1,864 | 5,607 | 1,060 | 18 |
| December 4 | 1,859 | 6,885 | 1,225 | .... |
| 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 | 364 | 31 |
| November 28 | 2,317 | 4,462 | 326 | .... |

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

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. | H'r's. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| C., M. & St. P. Ry. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| O. & St. L. Ry. | 7 | 3 | .. | .. |
| Missouri Pacific Ry. | .. | .. | 6 | .. |
| Union Pacific system | 18 | 11 | 2 | 2 |
| C. & N. W. Ry. | .. | 1 | .. | .. |
| F., E. & M. V. R. R. | 24 | 15 | 1 | .. |
| S. C. & P. Ry. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| C., St. P., M. & O. Ry. | 7 | 1 | .. | .. |
| B. & M. R. R. R. | 48 | 27 | .. | .. |
| C., B. & Q. Ry. | 1 | 5 | 1 | .. |
| K. C. & St. J. | 19 | .. | .. | .. |
| C., R. I. & P. Ry., e. | 1 | .. | .. | .. |
| C., R. I. & P. Ry., w. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |
| Total receipts | 128 | 64 | 10 | 2 |

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. | 17 | 435 | .... |
| G. H. Hammond Co. | 361 | 1,107 | .... |
| Swift and Company | 391 | 855 | 234 |
| Cudahy Packing Co. | 571 | 1,157 | 399 |
| R. Becker & Degan | 406 | .... | .... |
| J. L. Carey | 88 | .... | .... |
| Lobman & Rothschilds | 394 | .... | .... |
| W. I. Stephens | 22 | .... | .... |
| Hill & Lewis Co. | 21 | .... | .... |
| Huston & Co. | 38 | .... | .... |
| Cudahy P. Co., K. C. | 586 | .... | 1,422 |
| Cudahy Co., Milwaukee | .... | 507 | .... |
| Other buyers | 227 | 1 | .... |
| Left over | 150 | 250 | .... |
| Totals | 3,182 | 4,312 | 2,055 |

CATTLE—Today's cattle run was slightly above yesterday's record, but smaller than a week ago by about 400 head. Of the number reported in, 586 head were consigned direct to packers, leaving barely 2,400 on sale. The proportion of cornfed cattle was much larger than usual.

A good many of the fat cattle on sale were shortfed stuff, and while there were some pretty decent cattle, there was not a single bunch of what would be considered real prime cornfed steers. The most of the cattle were such as are selling at $3.70@4.00. The market on fat cattle was slow and draggy, and it was late before a clearance was effected.

In butchers' stock there was more activity, and the most of the cows and heifers sold in good season at prices that were fully steady and in some cases strong. Among the offerings there was one bunch of cornfed heifers that was better than anything seen here before this season, which brought $3.35. The stocker and feeder trade was also fairly active at good, steady prices. The country demand has been of good proportions this week, and supplies have been kept well cleaned up, so that regular operators were in a position to buy freely this morning and the offerings for the most part changed hands in good season. Representative sales:

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1010 | $3 00 | 9 | 1050 | $3 65 | 131 | 1172 | $3 80 |
| 26 | 969 | 3 30 | 10 | 1054 | 3 65 | 12 | 1175 | 3 85 |
| 18 | 1017 | 3 40 | 24 | 1036 | 3 65 | 39 | 1156 | 3 85 |
| 20 | 1003 | 3 40 | 6 | 971 | 3 70 | 20 | 1243 | 3 90 |
| 1 | 1170 | 3 50 | 40 | 1238 | 3 70 | 6 | 1221 | 3 90 |
| 68 | 1193 | 3 55 | 18 | 1176 | 3 75 | 20 | 1195 | 4 00 |
| 47 | 1170 | 3 55 | 6 | 975 | 3 80 | 18 | 1270 | 4 00 |
| 32 | 1032 | 3 60 | 62 | 1288 | 3 80 | 106 | 1248 | 4 00 |
| 7 | 1231 | 3 60 | | | | | | |

COWS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 810 | 1 75 | 1 | 1020 | 2 35 | 11 | 1211 | 2 70 |
| 1 | 860 | 1 75 | 4 | 965 | 2 40 | 1 | 1260 | 2 75 |
| 1 | 820 | 1 75 | 2 | 1215 | 2 45 | 1 | 1170 | 2 75 |
| 1 | 970 | 2 00 | 9 | 958 | 2 50 | 8 | 1056 | 2 75 |
| 3 | 1023 | 2 00 | 1 | 1090 | 2 50 | 1 | 1250 | 2 80 |
| 5 | 1006 | 2 00 | 5 | 682 | 2 50 | 1 | 1020 | 2 80 |
| 1 | 1000 | 2 10 | 2 | 970 | 2 50 | 3 | 1006 | 2 80 |
| 1 | 960 | 2 15 | 3 | 920 | 2 50 | 24 | 1009 | 2 80 |
| 11 | 959 | 2 15 | 1 | 1090 | 2 50 | 22 | 876 | 2 80 |
| 4 | 1005 | 2 15 | 13 | 1000 | 2 50 | 2 | 1005 | 2 80 |
| 1 | 1140 | 2 15 | 2 | 840 | 2 50 | 1 | 1260 | 2 85 |
| 3 | 1096 | 2 25 | 8 | 928 | 2 55 | 1 | 1160 | 2 85 |
| 4 | 1040 | 2 25 | 1 | 1020 | 2 60 | 10 | 1005 | 2 85 |
| 2 | 1030 | 2 25 | 4 | 855 | 2 60 | 1 | 1080 | 2 90 |
| 4 | 982 | 2 25 | 9 | 806 | 2 55 | 12 | 1010 | 2 95 |
| 2 | 1150 | 2 25 | 1 | 1170 | 2 60 | 1 | 1150 | 3 00 |
| 2 | 1075 | 2 25 | 2 | 1170 | 2 70 | 7 | 1220 | 3 00 |
| 1 | 950 | 2 25 | 1 | 950 | 2 70 | 10 | 1051 | 3 05 |
| 3 | 1053 | 2 30 | 19 | 1087 | 2 70 | 1 | 1180 | 3 15 |

HEIFERS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 653 | 2 25 | 3 | 500 | 2 85 | 2 | 800 | 3 00 |
| 3 | 616 | 2 65 | 3 | 676 | 2 90 | 3 | 750 | 3 10 |
| 3 | 526 | 2 70 | 22 | 1153 | 2 95 | 11 | 803 | 3 25 |
| 1 | 640 | 2 75 | 1 | 720 | 3 00 | 22 | 1020 | 3 35 |

BULLS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1200 | 1 50 | 1 | 1560 | 2 25 | 1 | 1610 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 1600 | 1 75 | 1 | 390 | 2 25 | 1 | 1210 | 2 50 |
| 3 | 1126 | 2 05 | 8 | 1151 | 2 30 | 5 | 1304 | 2 55 |
| 2 | 195 | 2 10 | 5 | 1162 | 2 30 | 2 | 1310 | 2 55 |
| 1 | 1400 | 2 15 | 1 | 1220 | 2 35 | 1 | 1300 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 1390 | 2 20 | 1 | 1070 | 2 35 | 2 | 1435 | 2 60 |
| 7 | 1458 | 2 25 | 1 | 1130 | 2 35 | 4 | 1267 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 1400 | 2 25 | 1 | 1700 | 2 40 | 1 | 1280 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 1390 | 2 25 | 1 | 1050 | 2 40 | 1 | 880 | 2 65 |
| 1 | 1139 | 2 25 | 2 | 1410 | 2 50 | 1 | 1600 | 2 85 |

CALVES.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 350 | 2 50 | 7 | 367 | 3 70 | 1 | 170 | 5 00 |
| 1 | 390 | 2 65 | 1 | 270 | 4 00 | 1 | 150 | 5 00 |
| 4 | 300 | 2 65 | 1 | 110 | 4 50 | 1 | 220 | 5 25 |
| 7 | 347 | 3 65 | 2 | 110 | 4 75 | | | |

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 680 | 2 50 | 2 | 475 | 3 25 | 5 | 1018 | 3 45 |
| 1 | 510 | 2 75 | 14 | 703 | 3 25 | 1 | 430 | 3 50 |
| 2 | 1010 | 2 75 | 41 | 805 | 3 25 | 1 | 600 | 3 50 |
| 4 | 485 | 2 75 | 6 | 613 | 3 30 | 11 | 560 | 3 50 |
| 1 | 820 | 2 90 | 3 | 590 | 3 30 | 2 | 790 | 3 50 |
| 2 | 535 | 3 00 | 44 | 945 | 3 35 | 4 | 437 | 3 50 |
| 1 | 720 | 3 00 | 8 | 622 | 3 35 | 18 | 675 | 3 60 |
| 3 | 683 | 3 00 | 10 | 690 | 3 40 | 11 | 602 | 3 60 |
| 2 | 665 | 3 00 | 2 | 470 | 3 40 | 92 | 1125 | 3 62½ |
| 1 | 560 | 3 00 | 1 | 510 | 3 40 | 49 | 421 | 3 65 |
| 3 | 540 | 3 00 | 2 | 840 | 3 40 | 4 | 332 | 3 65 |
| 2 | 770 | 3 00 | 12 | 700 | 3 40 | 4 | 702 | 3 70 |
| 30 | 960 | 3 05 | 3 | 750 | 3 40 | 27 | 667 | 3 75 |
| 21 | 930 | 3 10 | 3 | 890 | 3 45 | 9 | 458 | 3 85 |
| 1 | 680 | 3 20 | 2 | 960 | 3 45 | | | |

WESTERNS.

IDAHO.

Thomas Kough.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 bull | 1190 | $2 00 | 1 feeder | 610 | $3 00 |
| 1 bull | 1600 | 2 10 | 2 feeders | 1025 | 3 00 |
| 2 bulls | 1330 | 2 25 | 234 feeders | 980 | 3 45 |
| 4 cows | 860 | 2 25 | 83 feeders | 1028 | 3 50 |
| 10 cows | 962 | 2 70 | 74 feeders | 773 | 3 55 |

COLORADO.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 cow | 820 | 1 75 | 48 feeders | 1122 | 3 50 |

J. R. Spence.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 cows | 917 | 2 35 | 13 feeders | 733 | 3 65 |
| 1 feeder | 630 | 3 00 | | | |

UTAH.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 bulls | 1400 | 2 15 | 27 heifers | 915 | 3 00 |
| 3 stags | 1483 | 2 60 | 17 feeders | 981 | 3 50 |
| 1 feeder | 1070 | 3 00 | | | |

WYOMING.

Frank Benton.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 bull | 1210 | 2 10 | 2 feeders | 1010 | 3 00 |
| 2 bulls | 1170 | 2 25 | 51 feeders | 1013 | 3 25 |
| 25 cows | 872 | 2 65 | | | |

HOGS—As compared with previous weeks there was a fair average run of hogs, but there were only about a third as many as a week ago. The receipts for the two days this week foot up only 5,950, as against 15,133 for the corresponding two days of last week.

The market was decidedly in the favor of the sellers and entirely satisfactory to the interests represented by them. It opened 10c higher and held that way until the close, everything changing hands early under the influence of a very good demand. There were quite a number of light loads in the yards, so that the actual sales averaged more than 10c higher than yesterday, when there were no light weights here.

The heavy hogs weighing 300 pounds and above sold at $3.10@3.20, but very largely at $3.15, as against $3.00@3.10 yesterday. The medium weight and light loads brought $3.20@3.30, the top being 15c higher, owing to the absence of light hogs on yesterday's market.

Today's advance carries the market to the highest point since Thursday of last week. It is now about 10c higher than the close of last week, but still 20c lower than it was at the opening of last week, which was the extreme high point touched this fall. Representative sales:

| No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 24 | 260 | 40 | $3 10 | 79 | 267 | 80 | $3 20 |
| 15 | 336 | ... | 3 10 | 145 | 297 | 200 | 3 20 |
| 49 | 289 | ... | 3 10 | 65 | 291 | ... | 3 20 |
| 13 | 354 | 80 | 3 10 | 60 | 268 | 80 | 3 20 |
| 22 | 385 | 80 | 3 10 | 61 | 166 | ... | 3 20 |
| 53 | 335 | ... | 3 15 | 48 | 255 | 80 | 3 20 |
| 40 | 291 | 120 | 3 15 | 51 | 313 | 80 | 3 20 |
| 64 | 353 | 80 | 3 15 | 48 | 312 | 80 | 3 20 |
| 59 | 352 | ... | 3 15 | 64 | 301 | ... | 3 20 |
| 46 | 324 | ... | 3 15 | 51 | 309 | ... | 3 20 |
| 41 | 363 | 80 | 3 15 | 59 | 160 | 40 | 3 20 |
| 67 | 307 | 40 | 3 15 | 65 | 309 | 120 | 3 20 |
| 69 | 279 | ... | 3 15 | 55 | 297 | 80 | 3 20 |
| 45 | 251 | ... | 3 15 | 54 | 294 | 80 | 3 20 |
| 46 | 334 | 160 | 3 15 | 86 | 285 | ... | 3 20 |
| 37 | 250 | ... | 3 15 | 55 | 337 | ... | 3 20 |
| 65 | 315 | 40 | 3 15 | 145 | 297 | ... | 3 20 |
| 55 | 369 | 80 | 3 15 | 15 | 184 | ... | 3 20 |
| 54 | 314 | ... | 3 15 | 53 | 313 | 120 | 3 20 |
| 58 | 220 | 160 | 3 15 | 32 | 245 | ... | 3 20 |
| 10 | 328 | ... | 3 15 | 74 | 261 | ... | 3 20 |
| 48 | 350 | 40 | 3 15 | 80 | 187 | 80 | 3 25 |
| 59 | 343 | 80 | 3 15 | 58 | 202 | ... | 3 25 |
| 73 | 281 | 40 | 3 15 | 66 | 241 | 40 | 3 25 |
| 57 | 352 | 200 | 3 15 | 52 | 200 | 200 | 3 25 |
| 49 | 349 | ... | 3 15 | 84 | 194 | ... | 3 25 |
| 30 | 357 | 80 | 3 15 | 74 | 234 | 40 | 3 25 |
| 49 | 340 | 40 | 3 15 | 81 | 178 | 80 | 3 25 |
| 33 | 369 | ... | 3 15 | 59 | 287 | ... | 3 25 |
| 61 | 351 | 160 | 3 15 | 72 | 208 | ... | 3 30 |
| 51 | 285 | ... | 3 15 | 120 | 201 | ... | 3 30 |
| 59 | 358 | 80 | 3 15 | 67 | 184 | ... | 3 30 |
| 10 | 370 | ... | 3 15 | 63 | 193 | ... | 3 30 |
| 55 | 309 | 160 | 3 17½ | 68 | 261 | ... | 3 30 |
| 43 | 266 | 40 | 3 17½ | 53 | 217 | ... | 3 30 |
| 20 | 327 | ... | 3 17½ | 63 | 199 | ... | 3 30 |
| 124 | 312 | 240 | 3 17½ | | | | |

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

| No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 290 | ... | 2 25 | 141 | 106 | ... | 3 12½ |
| 2 | 340 | ... | 3 05 | 22 | 107 | ... | 3 15 |
| 1 | 530 | ... | 3 10 | 32 | 106 | ... | 3 15 |
| 1 | 410 | ... | 3 10 | 5 | 216 | ... | 3 20 |
| 3 | 286 | ... | 3 10 | 31 | 116 | ... | 3 25 |

SHEEP—There were ten cars of sheep here, but half of them were consigned direct to packers. The market was active and firm. Representative sales:

| No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|
| 106 native ewes | 91 | $2 85 |
| 290 fed native western ewes | 109 | 3 00 |
| 57 native wethers | 116 | 3 50 |
| 29 native lambs | 78 | 4 25 |
| 42 native lambs | 79 | 5 00 |

## CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

### Trade in Cattle Was Fairly Animated at Generally Steady Prices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Trade in cattle was fairly animated at generally steady prices, the only noteworthy change being an advance of 35c in prime Christmas cattle. While a few Christmas cattle brought from $5.40 to $5.90, only a small percentage of the cattle went above $5, and sales were made all the way down to from $3.50 to $3.75 for a few common dressed beef steers. Canners' and butchers' cattle were in good demand, with cows and heifers selling largely at from $2.10 to $3.25. Bulls sold at an extreme range of from $1.75 to $4, mainly at from $2 to $3. Stags sold at from $2.50 to $3.65; oxen at from $2.40 to $3.20, and calves at from $5.50 to $5.75 per 100 lbs. for the best. Texas cattle sold mainly at from $3.75 to $4.25.

There was a fairly active trade in hogs, and prices were strong and largely 5c higher, with the bulk of hogs going at from $3.20 to $3.30. The poorest lots of coarse heavy sold around $3, and one prime butcher weight brought from $3.37½ to $3.40. Hogs were not very plentiful, and desirable lots brought from $3.20 to $3.35.

Prices for sheep and lambs were about 10c better on an average today. Sheep sold at from $2.20 to $2.50 for very common up to from $3.50 to $3.75 for choice to prime flocks. Westerns sold from $2.65 for common up to $3.50 for choice fed. Yearlings brought from $3.85 to $4.30 for choice to prime, and the latter sold actively at from $3.25 to $3.75 for the poorest up to from $5 to $5.25 for the best.

Receipts—Cattle, 5,000 head; hogs, 19,600 head; sheep, 8,000 head.

### Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,000 head; shipments, 3,200 head; market strong; Texas steers, $2.50@3.50; Texas cows, $1.50@2.50; native steers, $3.00@5.00; native cows and heifers, $1.00@3.60; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.10; bulls, $1.70@3.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head; shipments, none; market 5@10c higher and active; bulk of sales, $3.20@3.30; heavy, $3.15@3.20; packers, $3.10@3.25; mixed, $3.20@3.32½; lights, $3.20@3.35; Yorkers, $3.00@3.35; pigs, $3.15@3.35.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000 head; shipments, 1,400 head; market steady to strong; lambs, $3.00@4.35; muttons, $1.65@3.25.

### New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—BEEVES—Receipts, 95 head; no trading; cables quote American steers at 10@11c; sheep, 8@8½c; refrigerator beef at 7@8c; exports, 450 beeves and 3,000 quarters of beef.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3 cars. Market quiet but firm; sheep, $2.00@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,744 head. Market demoralized at $3.25@3.50.

### St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000 head; market steady; native shipping steers, $4.00@4.80; stockers and feeders, $1.85@3.10; Texas and Indian steers, $2.40@3.90.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,000 head; market 5@10c higher; light, $3.15@3.29; mixed, $2.90@3.20; heavy, $2.85@3.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady; muttons, $2.50@3.75; lambs, $3.00@4.75.

### Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets December 8, 1896:

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|
| South Omaha | 2,935 | 4,220 | 2,055 |
| Chicago | 5,000 | 19,000 | 8,000 |
| Kansas City | 8,000 | 8,000 | 3,000 |
| St. Louis | 5,000 | 7,000 | 3,000 |
| Totals | 20,935 | 38,220 | 16,055 |

### Accumulation of Grain Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering the principal point of accumulation indicate the following changes in available supplies of grain Saturday, December 5, as compared with the preceding Saturday: Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 2,447,000 bu.; afloat for an in Europe, decrease, 2,544,000 bu.; total decrease in the world's available crop, 4,991,000 bu. Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 958,000 bu. Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 346,000 bu. There was a large decrease in stocks of available wheat at Fort William last week, nearly 600,000 bu. Most of the other decreases not covered in the official visible supply statement was small. The most important of the corresponding increases was that at Cleveland, 289,000 bu., the next largest being 93,000 bu., at Kingston.

### Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices 5@10 points higher; ruled fairly active and generally firm on firmer European cables, moderate fine buying and local covering; demand met by scattered selling; closed steady at 5@20 points advance; sales, 18,250 bags, including: December, $9.35@9.45; March, $9.40@9.50. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, jobbing, $10.50; invoice, $10. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $15.50@17.00; sales, 1,200 bags washed. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 10,920 bags, including 9,306 from New York; New York stock today, 359,236 bags; United States stock, 421,657 bags; afloat for the United States, 229,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 650,657 bags, against 517,806 bags last year.

SANTOS, Dec. 8.—COFFEE—Quiet; good average Santos, 10,800 reis. Receipts, two days, 18,000 bags; stock, 751,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 8.—COFFEE—Steady at ½ pfg. decline. Sales, 5,000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 8.—COFFEE—Closed quiet but steady at ¼f net decline. Sales, 28,000 bags.

RIO, Dec. 8.—COFFEE—Firm; No. 7 Rio, 10,750 reis; exchange, 8 11-16d. Receipts, two days, 16,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 8,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 2,000 bags; stock, 386,000 bags.

## OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

### Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 21@22c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 8@9c; choice to fancy, roll, 13@15c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered cream, 18@20c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $6.00@6.25; quail, $1.00@1.50; blue winged teal ducks, $1.50@1.75; green wing, $1.25; redheads and mallards, $3.50@3.75; small rabbits, 50@60c; jacks, $1.00@1.50; squirrels, 60@75c; deer saddles, 15@16c; carcasses, 11@12c; antelope saddles, 13@14c; carcasses, 10@11c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam, per doz., $9.00; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 8c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.00; Young Americas, 11c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5@5½c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 8c.

LIVE POULTRY—Not wanted.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

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

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $2.00.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 35@40c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.30@1.40.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 90c@$1.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy, large, 45@50c.

POTATOES—Good stock, per bu., 25c; Wyoming stock, sacked, 80c per 100 lbs.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Crates, 15 pony baskets, Concords and Catawbas, per crates, $3.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.00@7.50.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.00@6.50.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.75; eating, $1.75@2.00; fancy New York, $1.75@2.00.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2.00@2.25; New York, per bbl., $3.50@4.00.

QUINCES—Per bbl., $4.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $3.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, $5.00; choice California, $3.50@3.75; fancy, $4.00.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California, amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.25@4.50.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

SAUER KRAUT—Per half bbl., $1.75@2.00; bbls., $3.00@3.25.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 16c; choice 10-lb. boxes, 3-crown, 12@13c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 8@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50.

DATES—Fard, 15-lb. boxes, per box, 9c.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6@7c; western steers, 5@5½c; good cows and heifers, 5@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4⅝c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3¾c; good forequarters native steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6¾c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; cow rounds, 5¾c; cow plates, 3¼c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, 22c; beef rolls, boneless, 10c; sirloin butts, boneless, 10c; loin backs, boneless, 10c; loin backs, 8c; cow ribs, No. 3, 7c; cow loins, No. 3, 9c; beef trimmings, 2½c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5¼c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; pork tenderloins, 15c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; pork shoulders, rough, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; pork trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, mutton, 8½c; legs, mutton, 8½c; saddles, mutton, 8½c; stew, 3c; sheep plucks, 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5c; No. 2 green hides, 4c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

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

WOOL—Unwashed, fine, heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 5@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.

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.

### St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—FLOUR—Dull and weak; patents, $4.60@4.75; extra fancy, $4.10@4.20; fancy, $3.40@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.10.

WHEAT—Futures opened dull and weak, but later gradually advanced and closed ⅛c higher than yesterday. Spot dull, but higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 90c bid; track, 92@92½c; No. 2 hard, cash, 78c; December, 90c; May, 90⅝@90¾c; July, 72⅝c bid.

CORN—Futures firmer and a shade higher; spot dull and easier; No. 2 cash, 21⅛c; December, 21c bid; May, 23⅝@23⅝c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2, cash, 20c bid; May, 22¼c asked.

RYE—Firmer; track, 37c.

CORN MEAL—$1.35.

FLAXSEED—Dull at 76½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50.

HAY—Dull and weak; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.00@11.00.

BUTTER—Higher; creamery, 20@25½c; dairy, 11@20c.

EGGS—Steady at 17c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

LEAD—Dull; $2.72½@2.75.

SPELTER—Nominal; $4.10.

COTTON TIES—90c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6⅝c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $7.17½@7.42½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $3.65; choice, $3.77½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.55; extra short clear, $4.70; ribs, $4.70; shorts, $4.87½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, extra short and ribs, $4; shorts, $4.15.

POULTRY—Chickens, quiet; old and spring, 5c; turkeys, firm at 8c; ducks, firm at 7@7½c; geese, dull at 4@4½c.

Receipts: Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 82,000 bu.; oats, 32,000 bu.

Shipments: Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 78,000 bu.; corn, 79,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu.

### Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 10d; No. 2 California, 7s 1d. Futures steady, with near and distant positions ½d lower; closed steady, with December 1d lower and other months ½d lower; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 6s 7½d; January and February, 6s 8d; March, 6s 8½d; April, nominal; May, 6s 8½d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 11¼d. Futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed quiet, with December 1d lower and other months ¼d lower.

FLOUR—Firm; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 9s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 29s; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 29s 6d; long clear, 40 to 45 lbs., 28s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 28s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s; shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 36s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 42s 6d. Tallow, fine North America, 17s 3d. Beef, extra India mess, 57s 6d; prime mess, 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d; medium, western, 41s 3d. Lard, steady; prime western, 20s 6d; refined in pails, 23s 6d.

CHEESE—Dull; demand poor; finest American, white and colored, September, 51s 3d.

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

OILS—Linseed, 16s. Petroleum, refined, 6⅛d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3⅝d; hindquarters, 5¼d.

HOPS—At London £3 10s.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 322,000 centals, including 204,000 American.

Receipts of corn during the past three days were 187,251 centals. Weather fine.

### Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The wool market here is practically unchanged this week. The tone is strong, however, and prices firm. Good lines in territory wools are quoted on the scoured basis at 30@34c, while good staple lots are selling for 35c. Fleece wools are firm, but sales run light. Australian wools are firm in tone, with sales running fair. Missouri quarter blood combing, 15@16c; Missouri three-eighths blood combing, 15@16c; braid combing, 15@16c; Texas wools, spring medium, twelve months, 11@12c; scoured price, 27@28c; spring fine, twelve months, 10@11c; territory wools, Montana, firm; medium and fine, 9½@12c; scoured price, 32@36c; staple, 35c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine and fine medium, 9½@12c; scoured price, 32@34c; staple, 35c. California wool, northern spring, 11@13c; scoured price, 33@34c; middle county spring, 9@10c; scoured price, 30@32c. Australian, scoured basis, combing superfine, 47@48c; combing, good, 42@45c; combing, average, 29@41c; Queensland combing, 42@44c.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—At the wool auction sales today 14,112 bales were offered, of which 1,500 were withdrawn. The market was generally quiet; good wools sold fully at late rates. The tendency favored buyers at the approaching opening of values. The home trade were moderate buyers. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 5,609 bales; scoured, 9½d@1s 3½d; greasy, 5¼@10d. Queensland, 2,592 bales; scoured, 1s 5½d@1s 3d; greasy, 6@9d. Victoria, 1,777 bales; scoured, 6⅜d@1s 5½d; greasy, 7¼@9d. New Zealand, 3,941 bales; scoured, 6⅜d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5½@9d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 900 bales; scoured, 11½d@1s 3½d; greasy, 5⅜@7d. United States, 280 bales; greasy, 4d.

### Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—COTTON—Futures closed steady. Sales, 257,900 bales: January, $7.18; February, $7.26; March, $7.34; April, $7.48; May, $7.45; June, $7.49; July, $7.33; August, $7.55; December, $7.52. Spot closed dull; middling uplands, 7 7-16c; middling gulf, 7 11-16c. Sales, 2,335 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7 1-16c; low middling, 6⅞c; good ordinary, 6⅝c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—COTTON—Quiet and unchanged; middling, 7⅝c. No sales; receipts, 5,018 bales; shipments, 4,348 bales; stock, 43,233 bales.

### Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Market fairly active, about steady; No. 2 hard, 78½c; No. 2 red, 93c; No. 2 spring, 75@77c.

CORN—Market a little slow; No. 2 mixed, 18@19c.

OATS—Market dull; No. 2 white, new, 21½c; old, nominally, 22@25c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 1, nominally, 34c.

HAY—Market steady; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00; choice prairie, $5.50@6.00.

BUTTER—Market firm; creamery, 20½@22c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—Market steady, 18½c.

### Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 8.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 21c; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 20½c; new No. 3, 20½c.

OATS—Irregular, easy; No. 2 white, 19@23½c; No. 3 white, 16@17⅛c.

RYE—Dull, nominal.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.18 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 63,750 bus.; oats, 64,400 bus.; wheat, 2,400 bus.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 9,900 bus.; oats, 13,400 bus.; whisky, 1,561 gals; wheat, 5,400 bus.

### Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 2⅝@2 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¼@3 5-16c; refined, quiet; standard "A," 4⅛c; confectioners' "A," 4⅛c; cut loaf, 5c; crushed, 5c; granulated, 4⅜c.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—SUGAR—Cane, dull; centrifugal Java, 11s 4½d; Muscovado, fair refining, 10s. Beet sugar, sellers at quotations; December, 9s 11½d; January, 9s 3d; stock of beet sugar in the United Kingdom, 135,000 tons.

### Oil City Market.

OIL CITY, Dec. 8.—Credit balances, $1.03; certificates, $1.01½ bid; sales, 1,000 bbls.; shipments, 70,670 bbls.; runs, 108,647 bbls.

### 'Frisco Wheat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Steady; May, $1.58 bid.

### Financial Notes.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $2,931,350; balances, $326,826.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $114,912,805; balances, $6,769,478.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $10,881,525; balances, $1,043,152.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $4,964,021; balances, $485,905. Money, 6 per cent. New York exchange, 75c premium bid; 85c premium asked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $15,283,713. Money, steady at 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 50c premium. Foreign exchange, demand, $4.86½; sixty days, $4.83¾.

### Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—Exchange on London, eight days, sight, 20 marks, 32½ pfgs.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 183.80; at Lisbon, 29½; at Rome, 104.52½.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 85c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 23c for checks.

### Fog Paralyzes the Wires.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 8.—A heavy rain and fog today paralyzed all telegraphic communication between Cleveland and neighboring cities for a time. Great difficulty was especially experienced in working the wires between this city and Pittsburg.

## THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Tuesday, December 8, 1896:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

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|---|---|
| J. M. Waugh and wife to Robert Waugh, lot 14, block 112, South Omaha | $ 1 |
| P. S. Labagh and husband to M. L. Burke, lot 12, block 13, Briggs' Place | 1 |
| O. W. Sundell and wife to A. J. Mallberg, lot 14, block 19, Poppleton park | 1 |
| R. A. Morris to W. K. Potter, receiver, lots 11 and 12, block 4, Hitchcock's 1st add | 1 |
| S. S. and C. S. Wertz to M. D. Wertz, 27½ acres in nw nw 24-15-12 | 4,000 |
| J. H. Levy and wife to G. E. Butterfield, lot 4, block 6, Summit add | 801 |

DEEDS.

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| Sheriff to G. C. Bishop, lot 6, block 4, Omaha View | 800 |
| Same to Omaha Loan and Trust company, nw ne 1, ne ne 1-15-12 and se se 36-16-12 | 9,550 |
| Special master to F. H. Kent, lots 3 and 6, block 218, Omaha | 4,200 |
| Total amount of transfers | $19,355 |

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