COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Varies Its Usual Course on the End of the Year.

ORDERS FROM THE OUTSIDE QUITE FEW

Corn Quiet and a Fraction Weaker Early, but Strengthens Later in Sympathy with Wheat's Improving Tone.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Wheat today varied its usual course on the end of the year and managed to score a small advance, although trading was of an ante-holiday character. Both foreign and domestic news were encouraging as a rule. Corn, oats and provisions do not show any substantial change in prices.

The Liverpool wheat market was apparently reluctant to extend its sympathy to the full measure of yesterday's decline. It opened ½d lower than it closed and recovered one-half of that a little later in the day. The opening here was at a decline of from ⅝c to ¾c from the previous day's closing price, the reason for such additional heaviness being not very clearly apparent. Rain in India was said to have influenced some of those who sold at the opening decline. Business was not enlarged by orders from outside sources. The short session today and the holiday tomorrow led to a general local overhing up and as it turned out the shorts who wished to square accounts over the pending interruption to business proved to be in the majority. The market was helped somewhat by the report that 2,000,000 bu. at Buffalo had been ordered forward to the seaboard by rail, presumably for export. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 261 cars, against 339 a week ago and 461 the corresponding day of the year before. Chicago received 27 cars, compared with 191 last year, and 78,000 bu. were inspected out of store. Export clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic seaboard were liberal at the equivalent of 460,000 bu. in wheat and flour, which includes 115,000 bu. receipts of flour from Newport News. May wheat opened at from 82⅞c to 82¾c, as compared with from 82⅞c to 83c yesterday afternoon. The lowest quotation at the start was the bottom price for the day. A subsequent rise to 83⅝c was brought about and the closing price was 83¾c, showing from ⅛c to ⅜c gain for the day.

Corn was quiet and a fraction weaker early, but strengthened later in sympathy with the better tone in wheat, and the close showed little change. In a general way the market was about featureless. At Atlantic port clearances were liberal enough to be a factor, amounting to 762,952 bu. May opened unchanged at 25⅝c, sold between 25⅝c and 25¾c, closing steady at from 25⅛c to 25⅛c. For a short session the oats market was quite active and business moderately heavy. The parties who sold short yesterday were heavy buyers today and caused the feeling which was prominent throughout. May opened at 19⅝c, sold to 19⅝c and closed with 19½c bid.

As for several days back the business in the provision pit consisted almost entirely in changing hands of contracts for May. There was some little selling by packers, which, in the absence of much demand, had to be offered down a little to find buyers. The net result was a slight decline. May pork closed a shade lower at $7.77½; May lard, 2½c lower at $3.95; May ribs, a shade lower at $3.95.

Estimated receipts for Saturday are: Wheat, 17 cars; corn, 290 cars; oats, 225 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Thurs.
*Wheat—					
Dec....	79¼	80	79¼	79⅝	79¼
May...	82⅝	83⅝	82⅝	83¾	82⅞-83
July...	78⅝@⅞	78⅞	78¼	78⅞	78⅝@⅞
*Corn—					
Dec....	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	22⅝
Jan....	22¾	22¾	22¾	22¾	22⅝
May...	25⅛	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝@¾	25⅛
July...	26⅝	25⅞	26⅝	26⅛@⅜	25⅝@¾
*Oats—					
Dec....	16	16¼	16	16¼	15⅞
May...	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝	19⅛
Pork—					
Jan....	7 50	7 52½	7 45	7 47½	7 52½
May...	7 80	7 82½	7 77½	7 80	7 80
Lard—					
Jan....	3 80	3 82½	3 77½	3 77½	3 80
May...	4 00	4 00	3 95	3 95	3 97½
Short Ribs—					
Jan....	3 77½	3 80	3 75	3 75	3 77½
May...	3 97½	3 97½	3 95	3 95	3 97½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.30@4.75; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.15@4.35; straights, $3.75@4.00; bakers, $3.10@3.15.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 79⅞@80¼c; No. 3 spring, 75⅞@77c; No. 2 red, 81¼@82¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 22⅝@22¾c; No. 2 yellow, 23c.

OATS—No. 2, 16⅝c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 18½@19c; No. 3 white, 17½c.

RYE—No. 2, 37½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 23@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22@24c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 74½@76c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $6.60; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.75@3.80; short ribs, sides (loose), $3.85@3.90; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $3.75@4.00.

DRESSED POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, 11c; chickens, 6@6½c; ducks, 9@10c.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	5,000	3,000
Wheat, bu.....	13,000	23,000
Corn, bu.....	227,000	47,000
Oats, bu.....	230,000	138,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	600
Barley, bu.....	32,000	16,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady: creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 10@17c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 15½c. Cheese, firm; 8⅝@9½c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Year Closes on Its Change with Typical Holiday Speculation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The year closed on the Stock exchange with a typical holiday speculation. Business was at a minimum and represented chiefly the evening up of old contracts. The fluctuations in prices were trivial as a rule, and the movement irregular. The railway stocks were practically neglected. The dullness reflected the unwillingness of the traders to carry contracts over the holidays. In the high-priced industrials depression was quite marked. The bears depressed Leather preferred 2¼ per cent and the common 1½ per cent, on the news of the death of Mark Hoyt, the president of the company. In the subsequent dealings recovery of a point occurred in each stock on supporting orders. The early declines in them encouraged a drive against the other industrial properties, with the main object of forcing out long stock. Consolidated Gas proved vulnerable, and fell 3¾ per cent to 137¼, and Delaware & Hudson dropped 2¾ per cent on the theory of Vanderbilt opposition to the payment of unearned dividends. Tobacco yielded 2¾ per cent on realization, but later recovered half the loss. The scrip was offered freely, and left off 2½ per cent lower on dissatisfaction over the non-declaration of a dividend. Sugar suffered from the lack of corroboration of bullish gossip, and Manhattan sold off sharply on profit taking, following the jump of 1⅝ per cent on the announcement of the denial of the motion to restrain the dividend which is payable on Saturday.

Chicago Gas late in the day developed exceptional strength, rising 1½ per cent on covering. Long Island broke 1½ per cent to 40½, but rallied to 41 on a transaction of 100 shares. The general market closed steady, but extremely dull. Comparative figures show fractional losses only in the railways, and some material concessions in the specialties. The bond market was also quiet, the fluctuations in the speculative issues being unusually narrow. The sales were $986,000.

Governments were strong and higher on purchases of $30,000. The following table shows the highest, lowest and final prices of the principal shares for the year:

Name.	Highest.	Lowest.	Final.
Sugar	136⅝	95	110¾
Tobacco	95	51	78⅝
Chicago Gas	78⅝	44⅝	73⅝
Consolidated Gas	148	133	138
General Electric	39½	29	32½
Leather preferred	69⅝	41½	67⅝
Western Union	90¼	72⅝	83¼
Pacific Mail	31	15¼	21½
St. Paul	80	59⅞	73¼
Burlington	83⅝	53	69½
Rock Island	74⅞	49¼	65⅝
Louisville & Nashville	55⅝	37¼	48
Lake Shore	156	124⅝	154
Manhattan	113½	73¼	89¼
Southern preferred	35¼	15⅛	28
Missouri Pacific	29⅝	15	20
Kansas & Texas	31¼	16	28¾
New York Central	99½	88	93½
St. Paul & Omaha	49⅝	30½	46¾
Union Pacific	12½	3½	8
Delaware & Hudson	128⅝	114½	116
Lackawanna	166	138	158
Reading	31¾	2⅝	26⅛
New Jersey Central	110	87½	109

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were good today, except, perhaps, Americans. Dealers hoisted prices at the last moment of the old year, believing that the public will come in early in January. As to that, we shall soon see. The point to be noted is that the outlook for very cheap money is not so pronounced as it was a year ago, while, with the exception of mines, prices are generally higher, and, in some cases, at record quotations. The coin and bullion in the Bank of England increased this week £349,000, of which £95,000 was gold imported for the week, the details being: £84,000 imported from Australia, £6,000 from Roumania and £5,000 from Portugal. The increase of £4,941,000 in other securities represents market borrowings, but, inasmuch as nearly all the figures in other deposits are up, the return is much stronger than was expected. The reserve is £127,000. The market probably borrowed about £2,000,000 today from the bank, and this is not included in the return.

Briefly put, the position to date between the market and the bank is this: During the last three weeks the market borrowed £10,000,000, of which only about one-half has gone to swell the other deposits. As cabled to you December 22, some of this borrowing will be spread over to the good of January, but the bulk of it will probably be repaid before the middle of the month. The Paris market was quiet and the Berlin market firm. It is believed that, in view of the conversion of the Russian 4 per cent loan in January, the monetary position in Berlin will be made easier. Certainly no rise in the Berlin bank rate is likely under ordinary circumstances, and a reduction is more probable.

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

Atchison	14⅛	Ontario & W.	14¾
Adams Ex.	150	Oregon Nav.	18
Alton, T. H.	54	O. S. L. & U. N.	13
Am. Express	109	Pacific Mail	24
Baltimore & Ohio.	16	Peoria, Dec. & E.	9
Canada Pacific.	55¾	Pittsburg	160
*Canada Southern.	44	Pullman Palace.	152
Central Pacific.	15	Reading	26⅝
Ches. & Ohio.	16⅝	R. G. W.	15
Chicago & Alton.	160	do pfd.	40
C. B. & Q.	89⅞	Rock Island.	65⅝
Chicago Gas.	73⅝	St. Paul.	73
Consolidated Gas.	138⅝	do pfd	130⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	25⅝	St. Paul & Omaha.	46¾
Col. Coal & Iron..		do pfd	130
Cotton Oil Cert. ..	11⅛	Southern Pacific..	14⅛
Delaware & Hud.	115⅝	Sugar Refinery. ...	110⅝
Del., Lack. & W.	156½	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	25⅝
D. & R. G. pfd.	42⅝	Texas Pacific.	8⅝
East Tenn.	14⅝	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	19
Erie	24	Union Pacific.	9
Erie pfd.	20	U. S. Express.	40
Fort Wayne.	160	W. St. L. & Pac. ...	9
C. Northern pfd. ...	118	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	15¾
C. & E. I. pfd.	93	Wells Fargo Ex. ...	94
Hocking Valley. ...	17¾	Western Union. ...	83⅝
Illinois Central. ...	92	Wheeling & L. E..	6⅝
St. P. & Duluth. ...	18	do pfd.	27
K. & T. pfd.	28⅝	Minn. & St. Louis.	1⅞
Lake Erie & West.	16¾	Den. & R. G.	11⅛
do pfd.	67⅛	Gen. Electric	39¼
*Lake Shore.	151	Nat'l Linseed.	12⅝
Lead Trust.	22⅝	Col. Fuel & I.	23⅝
Louisville & N. ...	48	do pfd.	70
L. & N. A.	¾	Tol. St. L. & K. C..	4⅛
Manhattan Con....	89⅛	do pfd.	10
Memphis & C.	15	Southern pfd.	20
*Michigan Central	88	Tobacco.	78¾
Mo. Pacific.	19⅝	do pfd.	102¾
Mobile & Ohio.	20⅛	Am. T. & C. Co....	85
Nashville Chat....	68	C. C. Co.	150
N. J. Central.	100¼	Am. Sugar pfd.	106⅝
N. & W. pfd.	16¼	Leather pfd.	60½
North Am. Co.	4⅝	Rubber.	24⅛
Northern Pacific..	14	Rubber pfd.	75
N. Pacific pfd.	32⅝	Cotton Oil pfd.	83⅛
U. P. D. & G.	2	U. P. C. C. & St. L. pfd	75
Northwestern.	102	Am. Spirits.	11¾
do pfd.	151¾	do pfd.	26⅛
*N. Y. Central.	92¼	St. L., S. & E. 1sts.	35⅝38
N. Y. & N. E.	45		

*ex-div. †all assessments paid.

The total sales of stocks today were 84,206 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 3,200; American Sugar, 18,100; Burlington, 5,400; Chicago Gas, 3,900; Manhattan, 3,800; Reading, 6,900; St. Paul, 4,900.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1 per cent; last loan, 1 per cent; closed at 1 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83⅝@4.86¾ for demand and $4.82½@4.83¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.84½ and $4.87@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82⅛.

BAR SILVER—61⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60@61½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new reg.	120	C. P. 1sts of 95...	102¾
U. S. new coupons.	120	D. & R. G. 4s.	72
U. S. 5s. reg.	114	D. & R. G. 4s.	90¾
U. S. 5s. coup.	114	Erie 2ds.	64½
U. S. 4s. reg.	110¼	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	106¾
U. S. 4s. coup.	112	do 7s.	135¾
U. S. 2s. reg.	95⅛	H. & T. C. 5s.	108¾
Pacific 6s of '95...	100	do 6s.	107
Ala., class A.	104	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	81¾
Ala., class B.	104	do 2ds 4s.	60½
Ala., class C.	98	Mutual Union 6s..	111
Ala. Currency.	93	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	118⅝
La. New Con. 4s...	96	No. Pacific 1sts...	116¾
Missouri 6s.	100	do 2ds.	117
N. C. 6s.	122½	N. W. Consols. ...	135¼
N. C. 4s.	102⅝	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	111
S. C. nonfund.	⅛	R. G. West. 1sts...	75⅛
Tenn. new set 6s..	77½	St. P. Consols 7s..	130
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	do C. & P. W. 5s.	114⅝
Tenn. old 6s.	60	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	75⅝
Va. Centuries.	62¼	St. L. & S. F. gen. 6	110⅛
do deferred.	6	Texas Pac. 1sts...	85⅛
Atchison 4s.	79⅝	Texas Pac. 2ds...	19¾
Atchison 2d 4s.	43¾	U. P. 1sts of '96...	103⅝
Canada So. 2d 5s...	105⅝	West Shore 4s. ...	115⅝
L. & N. unified 4s.	80	O. R. & N. 1sts...	113⅝
Southern 5s.	91¾	N. P. 3ds.	70

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Call loans, 2¼@4 per cent; time loans, 3⅛@4⅛ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	13⅛	W. Elec. pfd.	50¾
American Sugar.	110⅝	Bd. Elec. ill.	145
Am. Sugar pfd.	106⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd.	71
Bay State Gas.	5¾	Atchison pfd.	23
Bell Telephone...	205½	New England 6s..	111⅝
Boston & Albany..	209	Gen. Elec. 5s.	90
Boston & Maine...	162⅝	ATs Cent. 1s.	39¾
C., B. & Q.	69⅝	Allouez Mining Co	50
Fitchburg.	91½	Atlantic.	22
General Electric..	32¾	Boston & Montana	94¾
Illinois Steel.	38	Butte & Bost n....	61⅝
Mexican Central..	7⅝	Calumet & Hecla..	325
N. Y. & N. E.	60	Centennial.	2½
Old Colony.	176	Franklin.	10
Ore. Short Line...	14	Kearsarge.	15
Rubber.	24⅛	Osceola.	20¼
Union Pacific....	8¾	Quincy.	120
West End.	64¾	Tamarack.	91
West End pfd.	85	Wolverine.	8⅞
Westingh. Elec...	24		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.	3	Hale & Norcross..	110
Alpha Con.	9	Kentucky Con....	1
Andes.	19	Mexican.	46
Belcher.	47	Occidental Con...	22
Best & Belcher...	54	Ophir.	100
Bullion.	7	Overman.	16
Caledonia.	10	Potosi.	58
Challenge Con...	40	Savage.	30
Chollar.	83	Sierra Nevada....	47
Confidence.	95	Silver Hill.	1
Con. Cal. & Va....	110	Union Con.	43
Con. Imperial....	1	Utah Con.	6
Crown Point.	22	Yellow Jacket....	33
Gould & Curry....	29		

Silver bars, 65c; Mexican dollars, 52 5-32@c. Sight drafts, 12½c; telegraphic, 15c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y.....	111⅜	St. Paul common..	7
Consols, acc't.....	111⅜	N. Y. Central.....	96½
Can. Pacific.....	57⅛	Pennsylvania.....	43¾
Erie	15⅛	Reading.....	13½
Erie 1st pfd.....	35¾	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	70¼
Ill. Central.....	94½	Atchison.....	14⅛
Mexican ordinary.	12⅝		

BAR SILVER—29 13-16d per oz.

MONEY—4 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 3⅝@3½ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.	38	Ontario.	800
Chollar.	75	Ophir.	85
Crown Point.	18	Plymouth.	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	1 15	Quicksilver.	100
Deadwood.	100	Quicksilver pfd....	1200
Gould & Curry....	20	Sierra Nevada....	40
Hale & Norcross..	105	Standard.	120
Homestake.	2000	Union Con.	35
Iron Silver.	150	Yellow Jacket....	25
Mexican.	40		

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Clearings, $13,199,264; balances, $1,965,034.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Clearings, $2,269,328; balances, $346,747.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Clearings, $105,848,527; balances, $7,978,951.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Clearings, $9,550,146; balances, $1,350,212.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Clearings, $3,318,719; balances, $527,313; money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium bid; 50c premium asked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Clearings, $14,050,485; money, steady, unchanged; New York exchange, 40c premium; foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.86⅝; sixty days, $4.83⅞.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 28 pfg.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 152.89; Lisbon, 39; Rome, 104.79.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 37½c for the account. Exchange on London, 27f 23c for checks.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—American eagles are quoted by the Bank of England at 76s 7d and in the open market at 76s 5d.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—COFFEE—Options opened firm at 15 to 20 points advance on moderate foreign buying, steadier Hamburg cables, light Brazilian receipts and liberal warehouse deliveries, but later eased off a trifle and closed quiet, with quotations 5 to 10 points not advance; sales, 13,500 bags, including January, $9.70@9.75; March, $9.10@9.85. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, $10.12½; mild, dull. Cordova, $13.50@17.60; sales, 532 bags washed Caucas, 150 bags Porto Cabello, 200 bags Jamaica. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 18,911 bags, including 18,070 from New York; New York stock today, 326,929 bags; United States stock, 392,227 bags; afloat for the United States, 546,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 758,227 bags, against 811,472 bags last year.

SANTOS, Dec. 31.—COFFEE—Firm; good average Santos, 4,000 reis; stock, 642,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.—COFFEE—Steady at ¼ pfg. advance; sales, 17,000 bags.

RIO, Dec. 31.—COFFEE—Quiet; No. 7, 16,700 reis; exchange, 8¼d; receipts, 8,000 bags; stock, 365,000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 31.—COFFEE—Closed quiet at ¼f advance; sales, 19,000 bags.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 31.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 1½d; No. 1 California, 2s 7½d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed steady, with near and distant positions unchanged from yesterday's closing prices; business about equally distributed; January, 6s 9¼d; March, 6s 11¼d; May, 6s 1½d; June, nominal.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 2s 1½d. Futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions unchanged to ¼d lower; business equally distributed; January, 2s 9¼d; February, 2s 9¾d; March, 2s 1½d; April and May, 2s 1¾d; June, 2s 10½d.

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

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 27s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 27s; long clear, light, 25 to 28 lbs., 27s; long clear heavy, 35 lbs., 26s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 17s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 25s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 27s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 28s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 38s 6d. Tallow, fine North American, 19s. Beef, extra India mess, 60s; prime mess, 50s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d; medium western, 45 to 55. Lard, prime western, 21s; refined, in pails, 22s 6d.

CHEESE—Firm; demand moderate; finest American white and colored, September, 51s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 90s; good, 50s.

OILS—Linseed, 6s. Petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 4¾d; hindquarters, 7¾d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £3 5s.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, weak; 15@18c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 8@9c; choice to fancy, roll, 13@14c; 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, $2.50; small rabbits, 40@60c; jacks, $1.00@1.50; squirrels, 60@75c; deer saddles, 14@16c; carcasses, 10@11c; antelope saddles, 13@14c; carcasses, 9c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10½c; Edam, per doz., $8.00; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $1.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10½c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, 10@12c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 7@8c.

LIVE POULTRY—Not wanted.

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

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4.00; lowland, $3.50; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bolts 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, 1½@2c.

VEGETABLES.

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

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 40@50c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.25.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per hundred, $1.25.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy, large, 40@50c.

POTATOES—Good stock, per bu., 25c; Wyoming stock, sacked, 60c per 100 lbs.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Crates, 15 pony baskets, Concords and Catawbas, $2.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.65@1.75; fancy New York, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA TROPICAL FRUITS.

PINEAPPLES—Per crate of two to three doz., $4.00@4.50.

ORANGES—Mexican, $3.75; California navels, $4; seedlings, $3.

LEMONS—Messina, $4.50@5.00; choice California, $4.00@3.75; fancy, $4.

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—Strained juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.50@2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $1.50.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $1.75; bbls., $3.00@3.25.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 30-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3-crown, 11c.

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, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50; cocoanuts, 5c each.

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., 6c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 7c; dry salted hides, 8@8½c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@30c; 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, 40@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@4c; feet cut off, as it is taken off the knight on fleece.

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; quarter-blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@8c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece Washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 18@18c.

HORSES—Good to choice, $50@75; fancy, $100@125; mules, 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, $5.00@8.00.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5½@7c; western steers, 4½@5¼c; good cows and heifers, 5@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 4c; good forequarters native steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½c; good hindquarters native steers, 7c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 2½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4c; plates, 3c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8c; ribs, No. 1, 10c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; rounds, 5½c; rounds, shank or rump off, 6½c; rounds, shank and rump off, 7c; trimmings, 4c; brains, per dozen, 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; kidneys, each, 3c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, each, 20c; hearts, each, 6c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4½c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 3½c; snouts and ears, 3½c; backbones, 3c; neckbones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per dozen, 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; kidneys, per dozen, 10c; brains, per dozen, 15c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed sheep, 6c; racks, 8½c; legs and saddles, 7½c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,400 bbls.; exports, 43,488 bbls.; market was steady, but inactive; Minnesota patents, $4.45@4.75; Minnesota bakers, $3.40@3.95; winter low grades, $2.75@3.05. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.85@3.05.

Buckwheat flour, dull, $1.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet, 55@55c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, 60c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 59,200 bu.; exports, 78,142 bu.; spot, inactive; No. 1 hard, 87c. Options opened weaker, owing to unsatisfactory cables, but rallied with a later improvement abroad, local covering and reports of foreign buying, holding the advance until the last few moments, when offerings of long wheat caused a break, closing unchanged to ⅛c decline; No. 2 red, May, 83⅝@83⅞c, closing 83¾c; December, 80⅝@80⅞c, January, closed, 80½c.

CORN—Receipts, 57,700 bu.; exports, 14,472 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 29⅝c. Options dull and quiet, but fairly steady all day, without particular features, closing unchanged; January closed at 29½@29¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 134,500 bu.; exports, 10,550 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 22½c. Options were dull and unchanged; May, 22¾c, closing 23⅛c; January, closed, 22c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 52½@57½c; good to choice, 67½@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 5½@7c; 1895 crop, 3@4c; London, nominal, 60@80c.

HIDES—Steady; California, 25½c; Buenos Ayres, nominal.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $9.50@11.00; extra mess, $7.25@8.00; beef hams, $18.50. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $4.25@4.75; pickled shoulders, $4.25; pickled hams, $5.50. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.07½; refined, steady. Pork, firm; mess, $8.25@8.