COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Dullness in Wheat Pit Enables Scalpers to Depress Prices.

ST. LOUIS CASH SALES ARE QUESTIONED

Other Cereals and Provisions Go Down with Wheat, Corn Closing One-Fourth Lower and Oats One-Eighth Lower.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—The dullness which prevailed in the wheat market today rendered it easy to depress prices. Scalpers took advantage of that fact and the May option closed at a ¾c decline. Cables were weak and some doubt was expressed as to the truth of the reported big cash business at St. Louis. Other markets were also weak, corn declining ¼c, oats about ⅛c and provisions 2½@5c.

Wheat started weak at from 75¾c to 75⅞c for May, as compared with 90⅝@90¾c yesterday afternoon. It was kept on the run until it got to 73⅝c, which it reached in a very few minutes from the opening. A weakening factor was the Liverpool cable, which reported that market a shade easier, notwithstanding the advance of nearly ⅛c over the day before. This indifference among English buyers was discouraging to bears, and as a good deal of long wheat was carried over last night in the expectation that Liverpool would come higher, when it failed to do so there was free liquidation and lower prices. Another discouraging piece of news was the denial by St. Louis of the cash business there, which was given so much importance yesterday. Some advices from there said that instead of 420,000 bu. having been bought in two days the transactions were really 20,000 bu. in three days. There was another disappointing feature, however, which not only affirmed yesterday's reported business, but said that 50,000 bu. more had been added this morning. But the fact that the St. Louis market was nearly 5c lower and that some of the St. Louis longs seemed to be liquidating here caused the trade to distrust the reported sales there. Chicago received twenty-nine carloads, against 108 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth received 250 cars, against 252 last week and 436 on the corresponding day of last year. Atlantic exports were equal in wheat and flour to 471,000 bu. Cash sales of wheat here comprised 64,000 bu. No. 2 spring for export, 50,000 bu. No. 1 northern for prompt rail shipment to New York, 16,000 bu. chiefly No. 2 spring and 100,000 bu. variously made. New York reported fifteen loadsoats sold for export. The price recovered to 75⅝c after the decline to 73¾c, but short sellers got after it again and kept the market under their control for the rest of the session. May finally closed 1c to 75¾c. It recovered somewhat and closed at 76¼@76⅛c.

Corn was dull and weak and sold off ¾c. The weakness in wheat was a depressing factor, while the weather was supposed to favor larger receipts and better inspection. This latter fact brought out complaints and short selling. Atlantic port exports were again liberal, amounting to 601,000 bu. May opened ¼c lower at 21⅝c, declined to 21c and closed easy at 21½@21⅝c. A fairly good scalping business was done in oats. The feeling was weak and prices were lower, though confined to a narrow range. Sympathy with wheat and corn to a great extent caused the weakness. May opened a shade lower at 18c, declined to 17¾c and recovered to 17⅞c, where it closed.

Provisions were firm at the start and quite a brisk trade was done for an hour or so. Packers supplied the demand on some decline which followed, other packers who had been short bought, then the market ruled dull but firm at the decline for the remainder of the session. At the close May pork was 5c lower at $7.97½. May lard about 2½c lower at $4.07½ and May ribs 2½c lower at $4.16@4.12½.

Estimated receipts for Friday are: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 230 cars; oats, 215 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Jan....	77⅞	77⅞	76⅝	77⅛	77⅝@78
May...	76⅛@⅜	76⅛	75⅛	75⅞@76⅛	80⅝@⅞
July...	75⅛@⅛	75⅞	75⅝	75⅝	76⅝@⅞
*Corn—					
Jan....	22	22	21¾	21¾	22⅛
May...	24¼	24¼	24	24-24⅛	24⅝
July...	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛	25⅝
Sept...	26⅝	26⅝	26⅛@¼	26¼	26⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
Jan....	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝	15⅝
May...	18	18	17¾	17⅞	18-18⅛
July...	18⅝	18⅝	18⅛	18⅝	18⅝@⅞
Pork—					
Jan....	.....	.....	.....	7 80	7 85
May...	8 02½	8 02½	7 95	7 97½	8 02½
Lard—					
Jan....	.....	.....	.....	3 95	3 95
May...	4 10	4 10	4 07½	4 05½	4 10
Sh't Ribs					
Jan....	.....	.....	.....	4 07½	4 10
May...	4 15	4 15	4 10	4 12½	4 15

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy: winter patents, $4.25@4.60; winter straights, $4.00@4.25; bakers, $3.60@3.75; spring patents, $4.65@4.10; spring straights, $3.50@3.80; spring specials, $4.50.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 77¼@77½c; No. 3 spring, 72½@73c; No. 2 red, 87⅝@88⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 22@22½c.

OATS—No. 2, 16c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19@19½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 18@18½c.

RYE—No. 2, 36@36½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 30@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 25@27c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 73½@74c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.82½@7.85; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.95@3.97½; short ribs sides (loose), $3.87½@4.02½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¼@4½c; short clear sides (boxed), 4½@4¾c.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.64.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	17,000
Wheat, bu	19,000	63,000
Corn, bu	154,000	29,000
Oats, bu	288,000	225,000
Rye, bu	10,000	500
Barley, bu	48,000	6,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm: creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 15c. Cheese, steady; 9@9½c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 11@12c; chickens, 6@8½c; ducks, 10@10½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 12c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 8@9c; choice to fancy roll, 12@14c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; redheads and mallards, $3.75; small rabbits, 40@50c; jacks, $1.00@1.25; squirrels, 60@70c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

CHEESE—Domestic bricks, 10½c; Edam, per doz., $9; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10¾c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 6c; turkeys, 10@11c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 8c.

LIVE POULTRY—Not wanted.

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

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4; lowland, $3.50; rye straw, $3.50; 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., 2@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

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

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 85c@$1.00.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.35.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per 100, $1.25@1.50; California, $1.75.

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

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 25@30c.

FRUITS.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

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

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.65@1.75; fancy New York, $1.60@1.65; extra fancy, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2.00@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.75; California navels, 150s to 200s, $2.75; large sizes, $3.50; seedlings, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@3.50; choice California, $2.75; fancy, $3.25@3.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Choice 13@14c.

CIDER—Clarified 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, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., assy. soft shell, 12@13½c; 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.

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

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; 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 12 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5@6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@90c; green salted, shearings (short wool 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, 10@8c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 2@4c; foot 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 tallow, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 19@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter-blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheaty, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c block, 9c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 22@5c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

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

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6@7c; western steers, 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 5½@5c; medium cows and heifers, 5½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 7½c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 9c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 3½c; rump butts, 5c; thin cuts, 3½c; cube steaks, 3½c; boneless cheaks, 4c; plates, 3½c; flank steaks, 5c. Mins, No. 1, 12lbs. loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; ribs, No. 1, 10½c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; rounds, 8½c; rounds, shank off, 7½c; chucks, 4½c; chucks, shank off, 4½c; briskets, 4c; briskets, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; kidneys, each, 3c; ox tails, each, 2c; livers, 3c; hearts, 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4½c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, 6c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 3c; leaf lard, not rendered, 3½c; heads, cleaned, 3½c; snouts and ears, 2½c; tongues, 1c; pickerels, 2c; pigs' feet, half barrels, 75c; half barrels, 65c; splitbellies, 7c; backs, 6c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; livers, per doz., 15c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed sheep, 6c; racks, 4½c; legs and saddles, 7½c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 2c; plucks, each, 3c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,600 bbls.; exports, 12,321 bbls. Market slightly more active; the decline in prices bringing in buyers. Rye flour, dull. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.20 spot.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 55c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; Brandywine, $2.05.

RYE—Quiet; car lots, 40@46c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 20¾@29½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 30@37c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 2,475 bu.; exports, 22,329 bu.; spot, dull; No. 1 hard, 90½c. Options opened weak and lower, following disappointing Liverpool cables, snow in the winter wheat belt, rumored large Black Sea shipments and denials of the St. Louis cash business reported yesterday; declined further under liquidation, but finally rallied partially on covering, and closed 3@⅞c net lower; No. 2 red, January, closed at 88⅝c; May, 85 2-16@85 1-16c closing at 85⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 22,325 bu.; exports, 87,165 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 25½c. Options opened easy and sold off a little under cold, clear weather west, closing at ⅝c net decline; January closed at 25⅝c; May, 25 7-16@25⅝c, closing at 25⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 22,400 bu.; exports, 1,345 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 22½c. Options dull but steady on near months, closing ⅛c up with late deliveries ⅛c lower; January closed at 22⅛c; May, 22⅛@22⅛c, closing at 22⅛c.

HAY—Under shipping, 52@57½c; good to choice, 70@75c.

HOPS—1896 crop, 26@31c; state, common to choice, 4@6c crop, 88@12c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 24@27½c; 1895 crop, 9@12c.

HIDES—Quiet; Texas, dry, 9½c; California, 19½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weight, 19@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; beef hams, $17.50@18.00. Cut meats, firm. Lard, steady; western steamed, $4.22; refined, steady. Pork, dull; mess, $8@8.50.

TALLOW—Steady.

OILS—Cottonseed, quiet; prime crude, 20c; prime yellow, 23@23½c. Petroleum, dull; United closed at 85c bid; Pennsylvania crude, steady; February, 85c bid. Turpentine, steady at 27½@28c.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.70@1.72½.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 22@32c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $11.00@12.00; northern, $11.00@14.00. Copper, firm; lake brokers, $11.87½; exchange, $11.50@11.62½. Spelter, easy; domestic, $3.90@3.95. Lead, shows continued strength, despite easiness reported from the St. Louis market; fifty tons sold on the spot yesterday; delivery today at $3.17½, and fifty tons sold on the spot today at $3.05. Leading brokerage firms here quote $2.80 for large lots.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,400 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 12@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 9@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,581 pkgs.; quiet; large, 11½c; small, 8@11½c; part skims, 5@3c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,321 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 16@16½c; western, 12@15½c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—FLOUR—Dull and nominally unchanged; patents, $4.00@4.65; extra fancy, $4.10@4.20; fancy, $3.60@3.70; choice, $3.10@3.25.

WHEAT—Opened dull and lower on disappointing cables and heavier local receipts; fluctuated within a narrow range, and closed unsettled and fractionally lower than yesterday for futures. Spot, higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 87c; track, 90@91c; May, 86⅝c; July, 74⅝c asked; August, 74c asked.

CORN—Futures, dull, weak and fractions under yesterday. Spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 20@20½c; May, 20⅝c; July, 23½c.

OATS—Dull and weak; No. 2 cash, 16½c; May, 18⅝c.

RYE—Dull; 34½c.

BARLEY—Dull; 30@40c.

CORN MEAL—$1.85.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked, east track, 30@40c.

FLAXSEED—Steady; 73½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.40.

HAY—Dull; steady; timothy, $5.50@10.50; prairie, $3.50@7.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 15@21c; dairy, 9@15c.

EGGS—Higher; 11c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

METALS—Lead, quiet; $2.80@2.85. Spelter, dull, $3.80@3.85.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged; 90c.

BAGGING—Unchanged, 5¾@6½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $7.50@8.00. Lard, steady; prime steam, $3.82½; choice, $3.90. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $4.62; extra short clear, $4.80; ribs, $4.80; shorts, $5.05. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.50; extra short clear, $4.50; ribs, $4.65; shorts, $4.85.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 56,000 bu.; corn, 148,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 14,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 46,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21.—WHEAT—Dull, about steady; No. 2 hard, 72c; No. 2 red, nominally, 90c; No. 3 spring, nominally, 76@78c.

CORN—Fairly active, about steady; No. 2 mixed, 17⅝@18½c.

OATS—Slow, about steady; No. 2 white, nominally, 17½@18c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally, 36c.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $8.00@8.50; choice prairie, $5.50@6.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 17@19c.

EGGS—Steady, demand improving; 11½c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Day's News is All Bearish and the Market is Dull and Depressed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Dullness and depression in prices characterized today's stock market and some sensational movements were noted in the usually inactive specialties. The news of the day worked in favor of the bears, but there was little or no evidence of liquidation in the leading shares. Expectations of a favorable sentimental effect on the reduction in the minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England to 3½ per cent were not realized, owing to an unlooked for further selling movement in the market for foreign account. The influences contributing to depress the market included reports of suspensions in the northwest, rumors of a heavy defalcation at Minneapolis, and suggestions affecting the financial credit of the Hocking Valley and Long Island railroad companies. Covering of shorts imparted steadiness to the market at intervals, but the main trend of prices was downward, the selling pressure being most pronounced in the late dealings. The speculation presented but little feature, outside of some of the usually inactive specialties. Hocking Valley dropped 3¾ per cent to 8½, with a subsequent recovery of 3 per cent, and the preferred sold off 12¾ per cent to 40. The 5 per cent bonds declined 4 per cent, and the 6s 32¾ per cent. Long Island was also pressed for sale on rumors of an impending unfavorable report by the experts now engaged in an examination of the property in the interest of the syndicate which purchased the Corbin holdings. The stock sold down 4 per cent "regular" and was offered down to 41 "seller 30." The general 5s declined 3½ per cent to 115½. In sympathy with the latter favorable Liverpool cables, at it o'clock the market was quiet, but firm, at a net gain of from 6 to 7 points, with sales of 50,000 bales at that hour.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 21.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 6 7-16c; low middling, 6 9-16c; good ordinary, 6 5-16c.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—COTTON—Firm at 1-16c higher; middling, 7c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 21.—CORN—Steady; new No. 3, 20½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 20@21c.

RYE—Dull and nominal.

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

WHEAT—No. 2 winter, 88c.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 32,550 bu.; oats, 44,950 bu.; rye, 1,250 bu.; whisky, none; wheat, 3,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 35,850 bu.; oats, 48,900 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 375 bbls.; wheat, 600 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 21.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 1d; No. 1 California, 6s 1½d. Futures opened dull, with near and distant positions unchanged; later weakened, and closed quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; January, 6s 1¼d; February, 6s 1¼d; March, 6s 3¼d; May, 6s 3¾d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American spot mixed, 2s 3½d. Futures opened and closed quiet, with near and distant positions unchanged from yesterday's closing prices; business heaviest on middle positions; January, 2s 3d; February, 2s 3d; March, 2s 3d; April, 2s 3½d; May, 2s 3¾d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 2s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand poor; Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., 27s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 26s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 27s; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 26s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 22s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 27s 6d. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 26s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 28s 6d. Tallow, fine North American, 18s 6d. Beef, extra India mess, 62s 6d; prime mess, 55s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 49s 6d; medium western, 47s 6d. Lard, quiet; prime western, 21s 3d; refined, in pails, 22s 6d.

CHEESE—Quiet; 56s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 90s; good, 70s.

OILS—Linseed, 16s 3d; petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarter, 2¾d; hindquarter, 5¾d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £3 15s.

London Colonial Wool Sales.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—There was a full attendance at the wool auction sales today, and many American buyers were present. The American representatives purchased good greasy and South Australian merinos at full rates. Their purchases for the day amounted to 1,600 bales. The sale was better than yesterday, and the selection offered was of a good quality. The home trade was a keen bidder for cross-breds, while France took fine wools. Lambs sold at rates of the December sales. The offerings today aggregated 11,932 bales, and of this number 1,500 were withdrawn. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 1,683 bales; scoured, 5½@91d; greasy, 5½@5¾d. Queensland, 2,893 bales; scoured, 10½@1s 2½d; greasy, 4¾@8d. Victoria, 399 bales; scoured, 9½@1s 4d; greasy, 6@9d. South Australia, 2,231 bales; greasy, 3¾@8¼d. New Zealand, 2,694 bales; scoured, 8½@1s 2d; greasy, 5¾@9d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 322 bales; scoured, 9½@1s 3½d; greasy, 4½@6½d.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady at unchanged prices to 5 points higher; rallied 5 to 10 points, following moderate European buying orders and less local disposition to sell, receipts moderating and warehouse deliveries increasing; closed barely steady, unchanged to 5 points decline; sales, 14,500 bags, including March, 12.05@9.10. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, invoice, 10½c; jobbing, 11c. Mild, quiet. Cocoa, steady; sales, 500 bags Venezuela, p. t. Sugar, firm; raws, fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 1-16c. Molasses, steady; sales, 400 hogsheads, p. t. Rice, steady; sales, 300 tierces, p. t. Cotton seed oil, steady; sales, 500 barrels, p. t. Petroleum, steady; refined, 5.65c. Tallow, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Rosin, steady; sales, 300 barrels, p. t. Pig iron, dull; Southern, $10.50@12.50. Copper, nominally unchanged; lake, $11.50@11.62½. Tin, steady; sales, 100 tons, p. t. Tin plates, steady; sales, 2,000 boxes, p. t. Lead, steady; sales, 300 tons, p. t. Spelter, steady; sales, 300 tons, p. t. Cottonseed meal, steady; sales, 300 tons, p. t. Hops, steady; sales, 100 bales, p. t. Hides, steady; sales, 5,000 Buenos Ayres, p. t. Leather, steady; sales, 300 sides, p. t. Wool, steady; sales, 300 bales, p. t. Wool tallow, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Beef, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Pork, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Butter, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Cheese, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Tallow, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Potatoes, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Cabbages, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Onions, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Freights, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Molasses, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Rice, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Cotton, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Flour, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Grain, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Provisions, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Miscellaneous, steady; sales, 300 packages, p. t. Total sales of stocks today were 240,285 shares, including: American Sugar, 22,600; Sugar preferred, 4,900; Burlington, 14,100; Chicago Gas, 19,300; Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, 25,900; Louisville & Nashville, 9,100; Reading, 2,800; Rock Island, 2,200; St. Paul, 19,600; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,200; Union Pacific, 3,000; Southern railroad preferred, 4,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¼@4.83½ for demand and at $4.84@4.85 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.86; commercial bills, $4.83¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65@65½c.

BAR SILVER—65½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—50½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; new 4s, reg., 121½; coupon, 121½; 5s, reg., 113; coupon, 113½; new 4s, coupon, 112; 2s, reg., 95¾; Pacific 6s of '98, 103¾.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg..	121½	C. P. 1sts of '93...	100½
U. S. new coup....	121½	D. & R. G. 4s.....	111
U. S. 5s, reg.....	113¼	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88
U. S. 5s, coup.....	114½	Erie 2ds.....	64
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111½	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	104
U. S. 4s, coup.....	111½	do 7s.....	106
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95	H. & T. C. 6s.....	108½
Pacific 6s of '95...	103¼	do 5s.....	101
Ala., class A.....	104½	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	84¾
Ala., class B.....	103½	do 2d 4s.....	62
Ala., class C.....	95	Missouri 6s.....	111
Ala. Currency.....	93	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	116¾
La. New Con. 4s..	95½	No. Pacific 1sts...	115
Missouri 6s.....	100	N. W. Consols.....	140
N. C. 6s.....	120	do deb. 5s.....	110½
N. C. 4s.....	100	*R. G. West. 1sts...	73¾
S. C. nonfund.....	⅛	St. P. Consols 7s..	130
Tenn. new set 6s..	75	do C. & P. W. 5s.	112¾
*Tenn. new set 5s.	105	*St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	75½
*Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	119
Va. Centuries.....	61½	Texas Pac. 1sts...	88¼
do deferred.....	6	Texas Pac. 2ds...	21¾
Atchison 4s.....	81	U. P. 1sts of '96...	103¾
Atchison Adj. A....	45¾	Wabash Short 1s...	101¾
Canada So. 2d.....	106½	O. R. & N. 1sts....	111¾
L. & N. unified 4s.	80¾	O. R. & N. 4s.....	81¾
Southern 5s.....	96¾	N. P. 3ds.....	79½

* offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—Call loans, 2½@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅛	West. Elec.....	93¼
American Sugar...	116¾	W. Elec. pfd.....	90
Am. Sugar pfd....	103	Ed. Elec. Ill.....	142
Bay State Gas.....	5¾	Gen. Elec. pfd....	77
Bell Telephone...	211½	Atchison pfd.....	23¾
Boston & Albany..	255	Atchison 4s.....	80¾
Boston & Maine...	163¾	Wis. Cent. 1s.....	4
C., B. & Q.....	75	Atlantic.....	25
Fitchburg.....	91¾	Boston & Montana	102½
General Electric..	34¼	Bath. & Hosk'n...	19¾
Illinois Steel.....	38¾	Calumet & Hecla.	345
Mexican Central..	8	Centennial.....	5
N. Y. & N. E.....	60	Franklin.....	13
Old Colony.....	176¾	Kearsarge.....	19½
Rio, Short Line...	16¾	Osceola.....	33
Rubber.....	24½	Quincy.....	126
Union Pacific.....	6¾	Tamarack.....	114
West End.....	64¾	Wolverine.....	9½
West End pfd.....	89¾		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	7	Hale & Norcross..	125
Alpha Con.....	12	Justice.....	4
Andes.....	14	Kentucky Con....	3
Belcher.....	37	Mexican.....	48
Best & Belcher....	75	Occidental Con...	16
Bullion.....	5	Ophir.....	115
Caledonia.....	11	Overman.....	12
Challenge Con....	44	Potosi.....	60
Chollar.....	23	Savage.....	23
Confidence.....	105	Scorpion.....	3
Con. Cal. & Va....	185	Sierre Nevada....	49
Con. Imperial....	1	Silver Hill.....	1
*Crown Point.....	39	Union Con.....	44
Exchequer.....	15	Utah Con.....	4
Gould & Currie....	50	Yellow Jacket....	32

Silver bars, 64½c; Mexican dollars, 52@52½c. Sight drafts, 15c; telegraphic, 17½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	45	Ontario.....	950
Choliar.....	85	Ophir.....	100
Crown Point.....	75	Plymouth.....	10
Con. Cal. & Va....	170	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	100	Quicksilver pfd...	1100
Gould & Curry.....	40	Sierra Nevada....	45
Hale & Norcross..	120	Standard.....	150
Homestake.....	2900	Union Con.....	45
Iron Silver.....	32	Yellow Jacket....	30
Mexican.....	42		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y....	112 9-16	St. Paul common..	78¾
Consols, acc't...	112 1-16	N. Y. Central.....	97¼
Can. Pacific.....	50¾	Pennsylvania.....	53¾
Erie.....	15¾	Reading.....	14
Erie 1st pfd.....	30	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	69½
Ill. Central.....	90¾	Atchison.....	14⅞
Mexican ordinary.	24		

AMERICAN EAGLES—Quoted at 76s 5½d.

BAR SILVER—29 11-16d per ounce.

MONEY—1½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 2¾@2½ per cent.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—Clearings, $16,861,555; balances, $1,569,160.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Clearings, $97,989,846; balances, $5,867,894.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—Clearings, $4,229,611; balances, $931,274; money, 7@8 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount bid; par asked.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Clearings, $13,903,190; money, steady; unchanged; New York exchange, 25c discount; foreign exchange, steady; demand, $4.87¼; sixty days, $4.84¾.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 167.80; Lisbon, 29; Rome, 105.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 475 pfg.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 60c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 21c for checks.

Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—COTTON—Spot, steady; middling, 7 9-16c; middling uplands, 7 5-16c; middling gulf, 7 9-16c; sales, 759 bales. Futures closed quiet but steady; sales, 129,200 bales; January, $7; February, $7.01; March, $7.09; April, $7.15; May, $7.22; June, $7.27; July, $7.32; August, $7.36; September, $7.67; October, $6.91; November, $6.91; December, $6.95. The cotton market opened firm at a gain of from 3 to 5 points. The news at the opening was entirely in favor of the bulls. Liverpool cables showing decided gains. Southern spot markets reported active buying for both New England and export accounts, and receipts coming lighter than expected, trading was active, with New Orle