COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Bears Take Hold of the Market and Retain Control for the Day.

ALL GRAINS SUFFER IN CONSEQUENCE

Reports Were Strongly of the Bull Order, but Had Little Influence Upon the Talent in Charge.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—The local talent in the wheat pit spread itself today, and being against the market, prices broke. There was a strongly marked undercurrent of bearish feeling permeating the crowd, and although some of the day's statistical developments were of a more bullish character than have been recently forthcoming, they had little effect in turning sentiment from its bearish predilections and the market closed at a loss of ½c per bushel in May, but of 1⅛c in December. Corn and oats were also weak, closing ⅛@¼c lower respectively. Provisions were very dull and closed substantially unchanged.

Wheat had a weak opening, principally because Liverpool fully reflected the decline of the day before at Chicago. It opened at from ¾d to ⅞d decline, Paris at the same time was reported somewhat higher for the day. Northwest receipts were still too heavy to encourage buying.

The most important consideration for the time, however, was the hostile attitude to the market assumed by some of the heaviest of the local scalpers. That was important because of the almost total absence of orders to commission houses from outside. The opening price for May was 93¼@93⅝c, a decline of ¼c from yesterday, and it declined to 90c before it showed any signs of improvement. December was much weaker, opening ¼c lower at 90¼c, and declining to 87⅝c, with hardly a sign of support.

Chicago receipts were 219 cars, against 24 cars the corresponding day of the previous year. The outward inspection was 51,184 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 753 cars against 535 cars the like day of 1896. Atlantic port clearances amounted in wheat and flour to 913,000 bu., 762,000 bu. of which was in shape of wheat. The primary market receipts were for the first day in some months substantially below the 1,000,000 bu. mark, the quantity for the day being 853,000 bu., but for last year the total was only 425,000 bu.

A cablegram from London was reported as saying that the crop reports were less favorable, but another was received stating that harvest in the more northern sections of the country was progressing favorably.

A temporary spurt was caused by the heaviness of the Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour and the much smaller total in the western primary market receipts than the recent average. May advanced on this to 90¾c. But local buyers soon disposed of the large clearances. A report from Minneapolis to the effect that the yards there were filling up with cars which could be loaded with wheat for Chicago caused great weakness late in the day. May selling as low as 89½c. New York's report of sixty loads for export and some help from the December bulls caused a reaction to 90c near the close, May winding up at 89⅝@90c. December, however, got no support and closed 1⅛c lower at 88c.

Corn was more active and very weak, closing at the decline. Country offerings were reported liberal and shipping business was made difficult by the irregular rates. The actions of wheat and lower cables were also bear factors and selling at times was quite pronounced, led by elevator and receiving interests. The demand was limited and confined chiefly to shorts. Clearances were 626,000 bu. Receipts were 363 cars. May ranged at from 29⅛c to 28½c and closed at 28⅝@28¾c.

Oats was weaker and closed at the bottom with ⅛c loss. There was a fair trade. The market was affected especially by the wheat break and there was selling against purchases of corn. Some holders who went long in anticipation of a rally after December 1 liquidated, adding to the weakness. Buying was principally by commission houses and shorts. Receipts were 305 cars. Seaboard clearances were 38,000 bu. May ranged at from 22⅛c to 21⅞@21⅞c, closing at 21⅞c.

Provisions were dull and did not move over 5c in either direction from yesterday's closing quotations. There was some disappointment over stock figures, showing less decrease than expected, but the hog market had a steadying influence. Demand for cash products was only fair. At the close January pork was unchanged at $8.15, January lard unchanged at $4.22½ and January ribs 2½c lower at $4.17½.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 180 cars; corn, 420 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

Closing futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesy.
*Wheat-					
Dec....	91¼	91¼	91⅛	91	91¼
May....	90	90¼	89¼	90¼	90⅝@90¾
Jan....	91	91⅛	90⅛	90⅛	91¼
*Corn-					
Dec....	29⅛@¼	29⅛	28⅝	28⅝	29⅛@¼
May....	29⅝	29¾	28½	28⅝@¾	29⅛@¼
*Oats-					
Dec....	20⅝	20¾	20⅝	20⅝@¾	20⅝
May....	22 @⅛	22⅛	21⅞	21⅞	22⅛
Pork-					
Dec....	.....	.....	.....	7 15	7 18½
Jan....	8 15	8 17½	8 12½	8 15	8 15
May....	8 42½	8 42½	8 37½	8 40	8 40
Lard-					
Dec....	4 10	4 10	4 05	4 10	4 05
Jan....	4 25	4 25	4 22½	4 22½	4 22½
May....	4 40	4 42½	4 37½	4 40	4 40
Sh'ribs-					
Dec....	.....	.....	.....	4 13	4 17½
Jan....	4 20	4 20	4 13	4 17½	4 20
May....	4 30	4 32½	4 27½	4 30	4 32½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.05@4.50; straights, $3.75@3.90; spring specials, $5.10; spring patents, $4.25@4.40; straights, $3.75@3.90; rye flour, $3.10@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 89@90c; No. 3 spring, 85@86c; No. 2 red, 90@92½c.

CORN—No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2, 19½c f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 24c; No. 3 white, 22½@23c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 29@30c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.04@1.08½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.35.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.87½@8.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.20@4.22½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.10@4.60. Dry salt shoulders (boxed), $4.12½@4.25. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.40@4.50.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 5.51; granulated, 5.21.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	7,900	6,000
Wheat, bu	84,000	2,000
Corn, bu	212,000	165,000
Oats, bu	312,000	123,000
Rye, bu	10,000	85,000
Barley, bu	54,000	49,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@22c; dairies, 12@19c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 20c. Dressed poultry, market steady; turkeys, 10c; chickens, 6½c; springs, 7@7½c; ducks, 7@7½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,743 bbls.; exports, 15,422 bbls.; weak and 5@10c lower on most grades; winter patents, $4.50@4.75; winter straights, $4.30@4.40; Minnesota patents, $4.60@4.90; Minnesota bakers', $4.20@4.30. Rye flour, dull; fancy, $3.75@3.85. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $1.60@1.85.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull, 77½@80c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 65c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 58c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

BARLEY—Dull, 28c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 55@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 389,100 bu.; exports, 221,802 bu. Spot, easier; No. 2 red, 97¼c. Options opened steady on foreign support, ruled alternately firm and weak at midday on conflicting news, including weak rubles and big clearances, broke badly later under liquidation, but finally rallied on export talk and closed steady, 5@½c net decline; No. 2 red May, 92⅝@93⅝c; closed, 92⅞c; December, 85@87½c; closed, 86c.

CORN—Receipts, 118,100 bu.; exports, 162,404 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 33½c. Options opened steady on small receipts, eased off under cables and the break in wheat and closed ⅛@⅜c net lower; May, 33 13-16@34½c; closed, 33⅝c; December, 31@31⅛c; closed, 31⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 131,400 bu.; exports, 171,015 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 26½c. Options, steady all day on the strong cash position and closed unchanged; May closed, 27½c; December closed, 26c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 60@75c; good to choice, 85@90c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 15@18c; Pacific coast 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 15@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas, 12c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 26@27½c.

WOOL—Unchanged; Texas, 14@17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $8.50@10.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $9.00@10.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 5.00@5.30; pickled shoulders, $3.75; pickled hams, $7.25@7.50. Lard, dull; prime steam, $4.40; western steam, $4.50; refined, quiet. Pork, quiet; mess, $8.25@8.00; shorts, clear, $10.00@12.00; family, $10.50@11.00. Tallow, dull; city, $3 2-16c; country, 3¼@3½c, as to quality.

OILS—Cottonseed, quiet; prime crude, 18½c; prime yellow, 21½c; butter oil, 24½@25c. Petroleum closed at 6½c bid. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, firm at 27@28c.

METALS—Pig iron, warrants quiet, $6.75 bid, $6.90 asked. Lake copper, quiet, $10.75 bid, $10.85 asked. Tin, dull at $12.70 bid, $12.75 asked. Spelter, quiet at $4 asked. Lead, exchange very quiet at $3.75 bid, $3.80 asked; brokers, steady at $3.90.

BUTTER—Market firm; receipts, 2,164 pkgs.; western creamery, 16@19c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 11@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 6,600 pkgs.; market quiet; fine skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 3@5c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,800 pkgs.; state and Pennsylvania, 20@23c; western, 19c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 17c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 14@15c; separator creamery, 23c; gathered creamery, 20c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, not wanted; geese, 8c; ducks, 7c.

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

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5.00; rye straw, $4; cedar snakes (for price on hay) light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 55@60c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.40.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.25.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per lb., 1½@1¾c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 40@55c; western stock, 60@70c.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per pt., 20c.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.75@3.00; California Bellefleower, boxes, $1.50@1.60; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00; Wisconsin Bell & Bugle, $7.50.

CALIFORNIA AND COLORADO PEARS—Good winter Nelis, $2.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, 5-lb. baskets, 14@15c; Malagas, $5.50@6.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $4.00; Louisiana, $4.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, 300, $2.50@2.50; 360, $4.00@4.50; California, 360, $3.00@3.75; 300, $3.75@4.25.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 14@15c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 13c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $3.75@4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@6½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 2 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12½c; 5 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 15c; 9-lb. boxes, 25c per box.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00@4.25; half bbl., $2.50@2.60.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.75; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Per ⅭⅭ to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Fard 9-lb. boxes, 8c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3; bbls., $5.50.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c; good forequarters, steers, 4c; good hindquarters, 8c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 3½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 5½c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 5½c; sirloin butts, 6½c; shoulder clods, 3½c; ramp butts, 5½c; steer shoulder clods, 3½c; rump butts, 5½c; steer chucks, 3½c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 6½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 2½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 8c; ribs, No. 1, 12c; No. 2, 9½c; ribs, No. 3, 8c; steer rounds, 8½c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds shank off, 8½c; trimmings, 3½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 10c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 4c; livers, per lb., 5c; hearts, per lb., 5c; tongues, per lb., 17½c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7c; sheep, 6½c; market racks (long), 8c; hotel racks (short), 10c; legs and saddles, 9c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 10c; loins, 5c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 6½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 3½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snout and ears, 4c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 4½c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 4c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5c; No. 2 green hides, 4c; No. 1 salted hides, 6½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 5½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins, each, 35c; dry shearlings (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.

HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.25.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3¼c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 1½@2½c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; cat, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@40c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 35c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25@$1.25; wolf (prairie), coyotes, 10@25c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@90c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—FLOUR—Quiet; patents, $4.60@4.90; straights, $4.40@4.60; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.00@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing with December 1c, May ¼c and July ⅝c below yesterday. May opened ¼@¾c lower, sold off ⅝@¾c more, advanced ¼c, declined ¾c, rallied ¼@½c and closed there. Spot, lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 92½c; track, 93@93½c; December, 86⅝c; May, 92½@92¾c; July, 81c bid.

CORN—Futures closed tame, fractionally lower than yesterday. Spot, lower; No. 2, cash, 24c; December, 24½c; January, 24⅝@24⅞c; May, 27¼@27c.

OATS—Futures weak and fractionally lower. Spot, steady; No. 2, cash, elevator, 20½c; track, 20½@22c; No. 2 white, 24@24½c; December, 20½c; May, 22½c.

RYE—Lower at 45c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at $1.20.

CORNMEAL—$1.40.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 55c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

HAY—Quiet and strong for choice timothy; prairie, active, but prices no better; prairie, $7.50@8.25; timothy, $7.00@8.50.

BUTTER—Easier; creamery, 16@23c; dairy, 11@16c.

EGGS—Steady at 17½c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.19.

COTTONTIES—Steady.

BAGGING—6¼@7½c.

METALS—Lead, quiet, $3.50@3.52½. Spelter, dull, $3.75 sellers.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25@8.50. Lard, better; prime steam, $4.05; choice, $4.07½. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear, $4.87½@5.00; ribs, $4.37½@4.50; short clear, $4.50@4.62½; ribs, $4.25@4.37½; shorts, $4.37½@4.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls., wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 172,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 161,000 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 14,811 bbls.; exports, 29,038 bbls.; western straights, $3.60@3.70; western extra, $3.00@3.25; western family, $4.50@4.75; winter patents, $4.20@4.30; spring wheat patents, $4.00@4.25; spring wheat straights, $4.00@4.10.

WHEAT—Weak spot and month, 93⅝@93⅞c; May, 93½c bid; steamer No. 2 red, 88½@89c; receipts, 77,749 bu.; exports, 46,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 92@97c; southern wheat, on grade, 91@96c.

CORN—Weak; spot, 32⅝@32⅞c; month, 32⅝@32¾c; December, new and old, 31½@32c; January, 31½@32¼c; steamer mixed, 30⅝@32½c; receipts, 191,833 bu.; exports, 148,122 bu.; southern white corn, 32c; southern yellow, 31@32½c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 23½@23¾c; receipts, 48,000 bu.; exports, 76,000 bu.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 western, 58½c asked; receipts, 2,642 bu.; exports, 7,142 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $11 asked.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Steamers, easy; parcels firm; steam to Liverpool per bu., 4½d December; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3s 10½d December; 3s 9½d January.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 22@24c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 20c.

CHEESE—Market stock heavy; fancy New York large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Dec. 2.—The market opened steady and strong this morning and sustained last night's closing prices for a short time, but later succumbed to the general sentiment, assisted by news of a bearish tendency and the report of receipts of all kinds of grain being more than double the shipments. The steady decline netted a reduction of 1⅛c in December and ⅝c in May and July wheat.

The prophecies of the most conservative and representative men of the largest cash wheat market in the world (Minneapolis, where the attention of the grain world is and has been drawn by its large receipts) that the receipts would naturally and materially decrease by December 10, which does not take into consideration market or weather conditions, evidences the opinion that the remaining 30 or 35 per cent of the estimated 110,000,000 bu. yet in the country will be slower to move. Their prophecy is getting good support from inclement weather throughout the northwest and results should follow during the next few days.

Corn lost ⅝c in the May option, closing at 28½c, and oats closed at 21⅞@21⅞c, losing ⅛c. Corn followed in the wake of wheat, as it has for some time past.

Any definite news of a bullish nature will have a perceptive effect, since getting the recent declines.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2.—WHEAT—Market about 1c lower, closing weak; demand indifferent; No. 1 hard, 85c; No. 2, 82@84c; No. 3, 80@83c; No. 4, 76@79c; No. 1 red, 92c; No. 2, 86c; No. 3, 85@88c; No. 4, 84c; No. 2 spring, 82c; No. 3, 80c.

CORN—Market ¼c lower; No. 2 mixed, 23½@23¾c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 25c.

RYE—Market lower; No. 2, 42c.

HAY—Market firm; choice timothy, $8.50@9.75; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Market firm; creamery, 18@20c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Market firm; fresh candled, 17½c; storage, 12c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Apples steady; other fruits quiet; evaporated apples, common, 5@6c per lb.; prime wire tray, 7½@8c; wood dried, prime, 8½c; choice, 9½c; fancy, 9@9½c. Prunes, 3½@6c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 20@24c; Moorpark, 30@35c. Peaches, unpeeled, 20@24c; peeled, 32@36c per lb.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Receipts: Wheat, 45 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—Receipts: Wheat, 753 cars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Receipts today: Wheat, 219 cars; corn, 363 cars; oats, 305 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 180 cars; corn, 420 cars; oats, 300 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2.—Receipts: Wheat, 124 cars.

PEORIA, Dec. 2.—Receipts: Corn, 35,100 bus.; oats, 42,800 bus.; rye, whisky and wheat, none. Shipments: Corn, 31,850 bus.; oats, 47,250 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 235 bbls.; wheat, none.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 2.—WHEAT—Higher; cash, 93½c; December, 89½c; May, 93½c bid.

CORN—Active; No. 2 mixed, 26½.

OATS—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 21½c.

RYE—Dull but steady; No. 2 cash, 46½c.

CLOVER SEED—Active and steady; prime cash and December, $4.95.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—BUTTER—Firm, fancy western creamery, 22½c.

EGGS—Firm; good demand; fresh nearby, 24c; fresh western, 22c.

CHEESE—Steady.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 2.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 25½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, white, 22½@22¾c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.18; alcohol, $2.27.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 86c.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Dec. 2.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 88½c; No. 2 red, 89½c; May, 92½c.

CORN—No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—WHEAT—Firm; December, $1.44½; May, $1.39½.

BARLEY—Strong; December, 81½c; May, 80⅞c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Large Commission Buying Indicates Growing Outside Interest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The character of the buying of the last few days was disclosed by today's result on the Stock exchange. The day opened with every appearance of yesterday's sharp demand for stock being still in force. The lower prices from London were ignored and large orders placed on special stocks caused sharp advances in the whole market. The amount of commission house buying indicated a considerable awakening of outside interest. The buying of grangers, Sugar and Union Pacific was especially bold and confident and by the close of the first hour the market was buoyant and some sharp advances in prices had been obtained. Then, without any diminution of activity, it became evident that the advance in prices had come to a stop and that a heavy realizing movement was in progress. When Sugar fell a point and the general list showed an actual decline the market became dull and efforts were made to rally it by pushing up the prices of special stocks. First New Jersey Central, then People's Gas and Rock Island were rushed up by manipulation. But this plan proved unavailing to effect a renewal of the advance and during the final hour the tone of the market had become decidedly weak and there was lively throwing overhead of stocks to save losses. The bears added the pressure of short sales and before long had succeeded in wiping out almost every gain on the list. Northwest was not large on the list, but for special cases, but the fall in prices from the high point was marked, extending to 2 points in Sugar, 4 points in Consolidated Gas, 1 and 2 points in many leading stocks, over a point in Rubber, the grangers and many leading active stocks.

The news of the day was not important in its relation to the stock market and such as it was it was favorable. The forecast of the president's message issued by Associated press had a reassuring effect. Relief was felt over the prospects that western railroad rates would be shortly restored. Reports that an adjustment was imminent between the government and the Union Pacific reorganization committee over the Kansas division of the road gave special strength to Union Pacific and was a sustaining factor in the general market.

There was little change in the stocks for London account, but it was without much effect and was about concluded by the time the reaction set in in this market.

The market for bonds was broad, active and strong. Sales for the first hour footed up to a value of over $1,500,000. Total sales for the day were $1,600,000. United States bonds were steady and unchanged.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here were irregular today. The feature was the continued improvement in Americans, mainly on New York support, coupled with better money and discounts. All the arbitrage houses are short of stocks here this morning. Realizations predominate, except perhaps in Wabash bonds, which were bought by a house of operators which has made money in the Pennsylvania Railway Trustees. The New York demand for bonds was especially heavy, notably for the Atchison, the Erie and the Northern Pacific prior liens and for Reading 4s. Prices of Americans were: Atchison, 13-16c; Erie, ½c; Northern Pacific prior lien, ¾c; Reading 4s, 1c. A further rise is generally looked for here. Speyer & Co. announced today the issue here and in Amsterdam of £1,200,000 of Mexican railway 4 per cent sterling bonds at 90, including accrued interest. The issue price is really about 88½. Grand Trunks are still booming. Kaffirs were better. Gold was easier at 77s 11¾d. Today the market was unable to pay back the amount due to the bank, thus confirming my cable of yesterday as to the action of the bank, which today was renewing loans for a period under a week. This again is a new departure. The bank's policy in lending Paris bourse was firm and the Berlin market steady. The failure is announced of a large firm of merchants and financiers of Paris and Buenos Ayres, with very heavy liabilities in Paris and elsewhere, but fairly well covered. The firm was interested in Uruguay bonds, which are today about unsalable.

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

Atchison	12⅞	do pfd	14⅛
do pfd	28½	St. P. & Om	78¾
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅞	do pfd	142
Canada Pacific	54	St. P. M. & M.	148
Canada Southern	53½	So. Pacific	20¾
Central Pacific	11½	So. Railway	8⅝
Ches. & Ohio	21⅝	do pfd	30½
Chicago & Alton	159	Texas & Pacific	11⅛
C., B. & Q	96¾	Union Pacific r.	25⅛
C. & E. I.	52½	U. P. D. & G.	7⅝
C. C. C. & St. L.	81	Wabash	7⅝
do pfd	18½	do pfd	15½
Del. & Hudson	108⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	2¾
Del. L. & W.	135½	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	10½
Den. & Rio G.	11⅛	Adams Ex.	156
do pfd	47	American Ex.	118
Erie (new)	14⅝	United States Ex.	40
Erie 1st pfd	36¾	Wells, Fargo Ex.	110
Ft. Wayne	169⅝	A. Cot. Oil	25¾
Great Northern pfd	115	do pfd	73
Hocking Valley	5½	Am. Spirits	7⅝
Illinois Central	102½	Am. Spirits pfd	18½
Lake Erie & W.	16	Am. Tobacco	83⅝
do pfd	75	do pfd	137
Lake Shore	172½	People's Gas	94⅛
Louisville & Nash	55¾	Cons. Gas	185
Manhattan L.	101⅝	Com. Cable Co.	175
Met. St. Ry.	216⅝	Col. F. & Iron	24
Michigan Central	103	do pfd	93
Minn. & St. L.	26¾	Gen. Electric	38
do 1st pfd	87	Illinois Steel	43½
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	21⅝	La Clede Gas	43¼
Mobile & Ohio	25	Lead	25½
Mo. K. & T.	13	do pfd	104
do pfd	34⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	16
Chicago, Ind. & L.	8	Oregon Imp. Co.	19¾
do pfd	28	Pacific Mail	39
N. J. Central	96¼	Pullman Pal.	172
N. Y. Central	107⅝	Silver Certificates	59½
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	4¼
do 1st pfd	72	Sugar	138⅝
do 2d pfd	33	do pfd	113
Norfolk & Western	13⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	27
No. Amer. Co.	4¼	U. S. Leather	7
No. Pacific	19¾	do pfd	62¾
do pfd	36½	U. S. Rubber	18⅝
Ontario & W.	13¾	do pfd	63
Ore. R. & Nav.	36	Western Union	87¼
Ore. Short Line	18⅝	Northwestern	103¼
Pittsburg	167⅝	do pfd	164⅝
Reading	21⅝	Rio Grande West.	17
Rock Island	82¼	do pfd	55
St. Louis & S. F.	7¼	Chicago, G. W.	14⅝
do pfd	36	S. L. A. & S. W.	4¼
St. Paul	93⅝	do pfd	16¼

The total sales of stocks today were 447,900 shares, including Atchison, 14,000; preferred, 2,100; Chesapeake & Ohio, 7,600; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 41,600; Louisville & Nashville, 8,600; Manhattan, 8,500; Missouri Pacific, 25,325; Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 2,100; New Jersey Central, 4,575; Northern Pacific, 4,800; Northern Pacific preferred, 10,825; Rock Island, 1,550; St. Paul, 44,600; St. Paul & Omaha, 3,570; Southern Railway preferred, 2,325; Union Pacific, 14,654; American Tobacco, 12,800; Day Stock Gas, 3,320; Chicago Great Western, 17,200; Chicago Gas, 49,820; Sugar, 75,422; Western Union, 4,471.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Call loans, 3@3½ per cent; time loans, 3½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	12⅞	W. Eloc. pfd	51
American Sugar	154⅝	Wis. Cent.	21
Ath. Sugar pfd	114	Bd. Eloc. Ill.	160
Bay State Gas	2¾	Atchison pfd	28⅛
Bell Telephone	269	Gen. Eloc. pfd.	87
Boston & Albany	218	Atchison 4s	85⅝
Boston & Maine	167	N. Eng. 6s	112⅝
C., B. & Q	96⅝	Allouez Mining Co.	7½
Pitchburg	95¾	Atlantic	12⅝
General Electric	33	Boston & Montana	144
Illinois Steel	43	Butte & Boston	34¼
Mexican Central	5⅛	Calumet & Hecla	470
N. Y. & N. E.	32	Centennial	17⅝
Old Colony	185	Franklin	18
O. S. L.	7	Kearsarge	5½
Rubber	16	Osceola	30⅝
Union Pacific	25⅝	Quincy	112
West End	83⅝	Tamarack	129
W. Eloc.	20⅝	Wolverine	16⅝

A dividend of $10 has been declared by the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, payable January 1, to stock of record December 15. This makes $30 for the current fiscal year, which began May 1, and $34 for the current calendar year of operation.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Choller	40	Ontario	250
Crown Point	101	Ophir	65
Con. Cal. & Va.	100	Plymouth	08
Deadwood	100	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	15	Quicksilver pfd	900
Hale & Norcross	130	Sierra Nevada	59
Homestake	3000	Standard	140
Iron Silver	50	Union Con.	20
Mexican	27	Yellow Jacket	28

On the Berlin Bourse.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Prices on the bourse here today were of an irregular tendency. International securities, especially Italians, were firm. American securities were favored. Canadian Pacific securities were quiet. Bank stocks fluctuated. The advices received here from Vienna exercised an unfavorable influence on the market, owing to the rioting at Prague and the declaring of martial law in the most disturbed districts. This feeling of depression, however, was temporarily relieved, though prices closed decidedly weak.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closing, 1@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@3½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, at 4.85@4.85⅛ for demand and at 4.83@4.83⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, 4.84 and 4.87; commercial bills, 4.82⅞@4.83.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59@60c.

BAR SILVER—59c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—46c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s reg	125⅝	N. J. C. 6s	113
U. S. new 4s coup	125⅝	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. 4s reg	112⅝	N. C. 4s	101
U. S. 4s coup	114	No. Pacific 1sts	119
U. S. 2s reg	97⅝	No. Pacific 3s	59¾
U. S. 2s reg	114