COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Both May and December Wheat Close at a Slight Loss.

MANY BEARISH INFLUENCES ON MARKET

Thoman Crop Report Claims that a Material Increase in the Acreage of Winter Wheat Has Been Sown.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Both the May and December futures in wheat closed today at substantially unchanged prices. Figures on the stocks yet in farmers' hands and rumors of forthcoming heavy shipments to Chicago played havoc with prices for awhile, but the export engagements came to the rescue. Corn was weak and closed ⅛@⅛c lower. Oats and provisions showed very little change at the close.

Wheat started firm at 96½@96¾c for May and at 95⅝c for December, advances of ¼c and ⅛c respectively. May soon after advanced to 96⅞c on moderate buying by local shorts and by houses with foreign connections. The strength was due mainly to the action of the Liverpool market, which opened with a slight decline, but was back to yesterday's closing quotations before trading commenced here. In the course of a few minutes more the Liverpool prices had further advanced to from ¼d to ⅝d gain for the day.

The northwest receipts still held at a volume too great for any confirmation of the claims made that farmers' deliveries in the northwest had materially decreased. On the other hand Beerbohm was reported to have made a final estimate of the quantity of wheat grown in the world this year, which made it 100,000,000 bu short of that of the year previous and 136,000,000 bu less than in the world's crop of 1891, in which year the United States and Canada raised the heaviest crops in their history.

The export clearances kept up in a remarkable manner. Six ports cleared nearly 700,000 bu of wheat and flour for the day.

The estimate on stocks at northwest markets is an increase of 650,000 bu at Minneapolis and a decrease of 700,000 bushels to 1,000,000 bu at Duluth. Minneapolis and Duluth received 759 cars, against 498 cars last year. Chicago receipts were 146 cars.

The Thoman crop report came out during the morning. It claimed that the amount of winter wheat seeded this fall was 7 per cent in excess of the area harvested last summer and that 48 per cent of the crop, equal to 378,000,000 bu, was still on hand, which is 36,000,000 bu more than at this time last year and would leave as available for export up to July next 115,000,000 bu. The statement was so bearish that, although it was vigorously denounced, it caused sharp liquidation and a decline in May to 95½c. Even December, which had sold up to 96c under good buying, was let go of in quantities sufficient to cause a break to 94½c. There were renewed reports that the accumulation of 500 cars at Minneapolis was for the purpose of bringing wheat to Chicago in the event of navigation closing soon.

After midday the market was better supported. New York reported sixty loads taken for export. This stimulated buying toward the close, and May rallied to 96c. It was selling at 95⅞c at the close and December at 95c.

Corn was very heavy and readily sympathized with the downward tendency in wheat, when that market was declining, but did not so rapidly incline to follow the lead in the rally. The selling was the same kind as yesterday, by elevator people and professionals, with some December liquidation. Receivers reported country offerings liberal. Clearances were 888,000 bu. Receipts were 365 cars. May ranged from 28⅝c to 28⅛@28⅛c, closing ⅛@¼c lower at 28⅜c. Covering by shorts caused the late rally.

Oats was weaker and ⅛@⅛c lower early, but rallied and closed with only ⅛c decline. There was considerable selling of a general nature, while wheat was on the decline, but offerings were fairly well taken and the market easily recovered when wheat turned upward. Commission houses were the best buyers. Receipts were 376 cars. Clearances were 213,000 bu. Cash demand light. May ranged from 22c to 21½@21⅝c and closed at 21¾c.

Market for provisions was quiet, only a limited business being done. The feeling was steady, but the price changes were as narrow as on yesterday. Hog market was firmer. Demand for cash product was active and sales were fairly large. At the close January pork was 2½c higher at $8.17½, January lard unchanged at $4.22½ and January ribs unchanged at $4.17½.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 160 cars; corn, 445 cars; oats, 275 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
*Wheat—					
Dec....	95¼	96	94¾	95	95
Jan....	96⅝	96⅝	95⅝	95⅝	96⅝
May....	96⅝@⅞	96⅞	95⅝	95⅝	96⅝
*Corn—					
Dec....	24⅞	24⅞@⅝	24⅝	24⅝	25
May....	28⅛@⅜	28⅜	28 ⅛	28⅜	28⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
Dec....	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝@⅞
May....	21⅞	22	21⅝	21⅞	21⅞
*Pork—					
Dec....	7 12½	7 15	7 12½	7 12	7 15
Jan....	8 15	8 17½	8 12½	8 17½	8 15
May....	8 40	8 45	8 37½	8 42½	8 40
Lard—					
Dec....	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10
Jan....	4 22½	4 25	4 22½	4 22½	4 22½
May....	4 37½	4 40	4 37½	4 40	4 40
S'rt Ribs—					
Dec....	4 12½	4 17½	4 12½	4 17½	4 15
Jan....	4 15	4 20	4 15	4 17½	4 17½
May....	4 27½	4 30	4 27½	4 30	4 30

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull, easy; winter patents, $4.65@4.80; straights, $4.15@4.30; spring specials, $5.10; spring patents, $4.35@4.50; spring straights, $4.20@4.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 89@96c; No. 3 spring, 87@91½c; No. 2 red, 95@95½c.

CORN—No. 2, 27½c.

OATS—No. 2, 21½c; f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 24½c; No. 3 white, 23@23½c.

RYE—No. 2, 41c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 36@42c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.05@1.10.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $7.20@7.25. Lard, per 100 lbs, $4.20@4.22½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.10@4.60. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4@4¼c. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.40@4.50.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 5.83; granulated, 5.21.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	21,000
Wheat, bu	183,000	179,000
Corn, bu	219,000	256,000
Oats, bu	375,000	508,000
Rye, bu	14,000	.....
Barley, bu	35,000	6,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 13@22c; dairies, 12@19c. Cheese, firm, 9@9½c. Eggs, firm, 20c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 10c; chickens, 6½c; springs, 7@7½c; ducks, 7@7½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3.—Receipts: Wheat, 759 cars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Receipts today: Wheat, 146 cars; corn, 365 cars; oats, 356 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 160 cars; corn, 445 cars; oats, 275 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—Receipts: Wheat, 44 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—Receipts: Wheat, 121 cars.

DULUTH, Dec. 3.—Receipts: Wheat, 160 cars.

PEORIA, Dec. 3.—Receipts: Corn, 59,400 bus.; oats, 500 bus.; rye, none; whisky, none; wheat, 600 bus. Shipments: Corn, 15,800 bus.; oats, 27,700 bus.; rye, none; whisky, 1,055 bbls.; wheat, none.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,402 bbls.; exports, 39,213 bbls.; slower on everything but low grade winters; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.25; Minnesota bakers', $4.20@4.40; winter patents, $4.60@5.10. Rye flour, dull; fancy, $2.75@3.25. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $1.40@1.45.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull, 87½c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 65c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 50½c.

BARLEY—Quiet, 38c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 55@66c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 214,400 bu.; exports, 126,114 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 97½c. Options opened firm on small northwestern receipts, broke sharply and weak on late cables, bearish Thoman report and liquidations, but finally rallied on clearances and export trade and closed unchanged to ⅛c net lower; No. 2 red May, 92⅝@93 5-16c, closed, 92⅞c; December, 95⅝@95⅞c, closed, 95½c.

CORN—Receipts, 102,050 bu.; exports, 191,292 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 33½c. Options opened steady, declined under the bearish Thoman crop figures and cables, but rallied with wheat and closed ⅛c net lower; May, 32⅝@32¾c; closed, 32⅝c; December, 30⅝@31⅛c; closed, 31c.

OATS—Receipts, 239,150 bu.; exports, 169,077 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 25½c. Options, dull but steady, closing unchanged to ⅛c net higher; February closed, 27c; May closed, 27¼c; December closed, 25¾c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 80@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 14@18c; Pacific coast 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 14@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas, 12c; California, 19@23c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 23@25c.

WOOL—Unchanged; Texas, 14@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.50@10.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $8.00@10.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $6.00@7.00; pickled shoulders, $5.75; pickled hams, $7.25@7.50. Lard, dull; prime steam, $4.40; western steam, $4.47½; refined, quiet. Pork, quiet; mess, $8.25@8.00; shorts, clear, $10.00@11.00; family, $10.00@11.00. Tallow, dull; city, 3.5-16c; country, 3½@3¾c, as to quality.

OILS—Cottonseed, quiet; prime crude, 19½c; prime yellow, 21½c; butter oil, 20½@22c. Petroleum closed at 6½c bid. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, firm at 32@32½c.

METALS—Pig iron, warrants dull, $8.25 bid, $8.50 asked. Copper, firmer, $10.60 bid, $10.75 asked. Tin, dull, $14.75@14.85. Spelter, weak, $3.90@4.00. Lead, exchange steady, $2.99@3.02; brokers', strong, $2.90.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,290 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 14@23c; Elgins, 23½c; factory, 13@18½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,560 pkgs.; quiet; large skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 5@6c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,790 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 20@22c; western, 22c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 18c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@13c; choice to fancy, 14@15c; separator creamery, 23c; gathered creamery, 20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 60 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; color makes the 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., 35@60c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.60.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.75.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per lb., 1½@1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 60@65c; western stock, 60@70c.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per pt., 30c.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

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

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

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

GRAPES—Catawba, 5-lb. baskets, 14@15c; Malagas, $3.50@6.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

LEMONS—Messinas, 300, $3.00@3.50; 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@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 2 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12½c; 3 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 15c; 2-lb. boxes, 25c per box.

HONEY—Choice white, 15c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00@4.25; half bbl., $2.200@2.40.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $5.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.75; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Per 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Fard 8-lb. boxes, 8c.

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

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6c; good hindquarters, 8c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8½c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 8½c; steer chucks, 5½c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 3½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 8c; ribs, No. 1, 10c; No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds shank off, 6½c; stewing meat, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, two pounds, 5c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 6½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 5½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snout and ears, 4c; backbones, 3½c; cheek meats, 4½c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 4c; plucks, each, 3c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 5c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 30c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7½c; 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, 15c; 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, 2½c; tallow, No. 2, 2¼c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 10@75c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@60c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—FLOUR—Quiet, patents, $4.65@4.80; extra straights, $4.40@4.60; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing ¼c for December and ⅛c for May below yesterday; May opened ⅛@¼c higher, advanced ⅛@⅜c more, declined 1⅛@⅜c later and after noon rallied, closing with buyers at that; spot lower; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 95½c; on track, 96@97½c; December, 96⅛c; May, 96@96⅝c; July, 81c.

CORN—Futures opened strong, declined ⅝c, rallied ⅝@⅞c and closed ⅛@⅜c under yesterday; spot firm; No. 2 cash, 25c; December, 24¾c; January, 24½c; May, 26⅝@26⅝c.

OATS—Futures dull, trading light and price fractions lower than yesterday; spot lower; No. 2 cash, in elevator, 20c; on track, 21½c; December, 20½c; May, 22c; No. 2 white, 24c.

RYE—Steady at 45½c.

FLAXSEED—Higher at $1.02½.

CORN MEAL—$1.40.

BRAN—Strong and scarce; sacked, on track, this side, 55@57½c; east track 54c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

HAY—Firm for choice grades; prairie, $7.50@8.50; timothy, $7.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 18@23c; dairy, 11@18c.

EGGS—Steady at 17½c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTON—TIES—Lower at 70c.

BAGGING—6¼@7¼c.

METALS—Lead, dull at $3.50@3.52½, sellers, buyers $3.45@3.47½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $8.75@8.50. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.10; choice, $4.12½. Bacon, boxed lots, extra short clear, $4.87½@5.00; ribs, $5.37½@5.50; shorts, $5.50@5.62½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50@4.62½; extra short clear, $4.37½@4.50; ribs, $4.75@4.87½; shorts, $4.87½@5.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 bbls.; wheat, 32,000 bu.; corn, 160,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 96,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 26,217 bbls.; exports, 28,210 bbls.; western straights, $2.60@2.70; western extra, $3.40@4.20; western family, $4.50@4.75; winter wheat patents, $4.90@5.30; spring wheat patents, $5.00@5.25; spring wheat straights, $4.40@4.60.

WHEAT—Unsettled and easy; spot and month, 95⅝@96⅝c; May, 96⅝c bid; steamer, No. 2 red, 96½@96¾c; receipts, 172,984 bu.; exports, 96,660 bu. southern wheat, by sample, 94@97c; southern wheat, on grade, 91½@96½c.

CORN—Weak; spot, 32⅝@32¾c; month, 31⅝@32c; December, new or old, 31⅝@31¾c; steamer mixed, 30½@30¾c; receipts, 129,638 bu.; exports, 441,844 bu.; southern white corn, 33½@35c; southern yellow, 31½@36c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 29½@30c; receipts, 16,422 bu.; exports, 10,727 bu.

RYE—Dull and easy; No. 2 western, 52½@53½c; receipts, 21,770 bu.; exports, 35,715 bu.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $12 asked.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Steamers, easy; parcels, firm; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4½d. December; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 5s 10½d. December; 5s 7½d. January.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 23@24c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 20c.

CHEESE—Market stock heavy; fancy New York, large, 9¼@10c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—WHEAT—Market about steady slow; No. 2 hard 84c; No. 2, 82@84c; No. 3, 79½@81½c; No. 4, 75@76c; No. 1 red, 92c; No. 2, 90@92c; No. 3, 86c; No. 4, 84@85c; No. 2 spring, 86@92c; No. 3, 79@86c.

CORN—Market ¼c lower, fairly active; No. 2 mixed, 23@23½c.

OATS—Market about steady; No. 2 white, 23@23½c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 43c.

HAY—Market active, firm and unchanged; timothy, $8.50@9.75; prairie, $7.00@7.25.

BUTTER—Market stronger; creamery, 18@20c; dairy, 13@16c.

EGGS—Market active and strong; fresh, 17½c; storage, 17c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 78,600 bu.; corn, 55,611 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 156,930 bu.; corn, 37,500 bu.; oats, none.

New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 3.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; pork, standard mess, 38c. Lard, refined tierce, 3¾c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 3c; sides, 3c. Bacon, clear rib sides, 5½c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 8½@9c.

COFFEE—Dull, Rio, ordinary to fair, 7½@9¼c.

FLOUR—Easy; extra fancy, $4.50@4.60; patents, $4.90@5.00.

CORNMEAL—Quiet, $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet, 70c.

HAY—Easy; prime, $12.50@14.00; choice, $14.50.

CORN—Steady; No. 2, sacked white, 32c; mixed, 32c; yellow, 32c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2, sacked, 27½c.

RICE—Quiet; ordinary to good, 3¼@4¼c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3.—PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, for western, firm at 45s 9d; prime mess, western, from at one 30 days, quiet, nominally unchanged. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 25 lbs., steady at 32s 6d; clear bellies, firm at 32s 6d.

TURPENTINE—Spirits, steady at 25s 3d.

WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red, western winter, steady at 5s 7½d.

CORN—Spot, American, steady at 3s 3d; January, quiet at 3s 2½; February, 3s 1½d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £4 10@£5.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Dec. 3.—The wheat market opened up very soft this morning under selling of both long and short wheat; influenced to this action, perhaps in the respect of an increase of over 11,000,000 bus in the European stocks which is a practical contradiction of the substance of recent cables, and May wheat sold off to later rallied ⅝c to yesterday's close of 97⅝c.

As we say there has been very little wheat delivered on the December contract, which continues it in store, and in the visible supply statement, where as if delivered it might work out and seem to be on assistant bear feature.

Corn and oats followed the antics of wheat, and all closed the same as yesterday.

The present storm will discontinue the corn harvest and leave in the neighborhood of 25 per cent of the crop in the snow in the field, and yet may not be considered under the most populated conditions of the market.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 3.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 cash and December, 94½c; May, 99½c.

CORN—Active; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 22c.

RYE—Higher and dull; No. 2, cash, 47c.

CLOVERSEED—Unchanged and steady; prime, cash and December, $3.35.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Dec. 3.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 89½c; No. 2 white, 86c; December, 90½c; May, 93c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 47c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 3.—CORN—Quiet; No. 2, 25c.

OATS—Easy; lower; No. 2 white, nominal, 22½@23½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 47½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.18.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 22½c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh nearby, 24c; fresh western, 23c.

CHEESE—Steady.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—WHEAT—Easier; December, $1.07½; May, $1.08¾.

Manchester Textile Trade.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 3.—Cloths and yarns steady, with a moderate demand.

STOCKS AND BONDS

Market Temporarily Abandoned by the Large Operators.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Outside buyers had withdrawn from the market today and the field was apparently left to lie fallow by the large operators who have been prominent in the manipulative movement of the week. The throwing over of stocks by large operators yesterday to realize on others to save losses was what discouraged the outside public. The large sales were in evidence for a time today, but the effort to sell offerings seemed to be well absorbed without effecting any marked declines. There was no evidence of any effort to mark up prices. The action of the market suggests that the manipulators are not attempting to pick up a line of stocks at the decline before pushing prices again with the purpose to realize while the public is still buying, as was done Monday and again yesterday.

Sugar was exceedingly active all day and acted in a very feverish manner. This was partly due to realizing on stock bought in anticipation of the treasury's decision to apply the countervailing duty to sugar imported from the Netherlands, and partly in confusion of mind as to how far the difference in sugar values would inure to the benefit of the sugar company. A large portion of the speculation was taken up with this stock and the offerings and weakness increased as the day wore on.

Union Pacific manifested some weakness at times on account of the firmly expressed intention of the government to qualify as a bidder at the Kansas Pacific foreclosure sale, if it shall be deemed necessary, by bidding in the property. Denials were also offered on behalf of the reorganization committee that any agreement had been arrived at with the government for acquiring the entire unmortgaged portion of the line in Kansas. There was good support apparent for the stock notwithstanding this published news, and the Kansas Pacific consols do trust were also steadily held.

The wide and the irregular movement of some special stocks kept the general list very much unsettled during the day, and it was difficult to discern any marked tendency in the trading. London was again a seller of stocks in this market to some extent. There was little general news, and the movement of prices was due almost entirely to the technically causes.

The fourth weeks statement of St. Paul and other roads, and the estimated gross earnings of Rock Island for November, were regarded as favorable, but had little effect on the market.

The bank statement showed Manhattan to 95¾ a net rise of 2 points, stiffened prices and brought many of them above yesterday's closing level. Otherwise yesterday's closes would have predominated. The rise in Manhattan was due to a false rumor that the underground rapid transit plan had been declared unconstitutional.

The business in bonds was somewhat curtailed. Prices held firmly. Total sales, $2,350,000.

There was a fair advance in the bid price of United States 2s of ⅛ per cent and new 4s of ⅛ per cent.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here were stagnant and irregular today. English rails were good during the day on better reports from the strike, but the close was uncertain on a report that the engineering employers are to submit an ultimatum to the men, which, it is feared will be refused. Americans opened rather dull on New York prices, but rallied later and showed considerable backbone. The continued absorption of securities by New York is almost phenomenal. Results of South American stocks recovered yesterday's fall. The market today had to pay for £2,500,000 of India bills, thus causing a rise in short money rates and fresh borrowing from the Bank of England. It is believed that the bank has temporarily acquired control of the India money just raised. Gold is 7s 11½d. Today's sharp rise in the Berlin and Hamburg discount markets seems ominous. There comes another gold export in the month. The Paris bourse was firm on the buying of international stocks, and mines. The Berlin market was quiet.

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

Atchison	12⅝	St. P. & Om.	75
do pfd	28⅝	do pfd	140
Baltimore & Ohio	18⅝	St. P. M. & M.	135
Canada Pacific	80⅝	So. Pacific	20⅝
Canada Southern	54	So. Railway	8⅝
Central Pacific	31	do pfd	30
Ches. & Ohio	15⅝	Texas & Pacific	11⅝
Chicago & Alton	161	Union Pacific tr	25⅝
C., B. & Q.	96⅝	U. P. D. & G.	5
C. & E. I.	52⅝	Wabash	7⅝
C., C. C. & St. L.	39⅝	do pfd	19⅝
do pfd	93⅝	Wheel. & L. E.	2⅝
Del. & Hudson	109⅝	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	10
Del., L. & W.	153	Adams Ex.	156
Den. & Rio G.	11⅝	American Ex.	116
do pfd	35⅝	United States Ex.	40
Erie new	14⅝	Wells Fargo Ex.	110
Erie 1st pfd	36	A. Col. Oil	22⅝
Ft. Wayne	165⅝	do pfd	75
Great Northern pfd	137⅝	Am. Spirits	7⅝
Hocking Valley	5⅝	Am. Spirits pfd	17⅝
Illinois Central	102⅝	Am. Tobacco	85
Lake Erie & W.	16	do pfd	140
do pfd	88⅝	People's Gas	92⅝
Lake Shore	173	Cons. Gas	185⅝
Louisville & Nash.	54⅝	Com. Cable Co.	175
Manhattan L.	104⅝	Col. F. & Iron	50
Mex. Central	11⅝	do pfd	80
Michigan Central	103	Gen. Electric	23
Minn. & St. L.	2⅝	Illinois Steel	43
do 1st pfd	67	La Clede Gas	18
Mo. Pacific	31⅝	Lead	34⅝
Mobile & Ohio	25	do pfd	104⅝
Mo. K. & T.	3⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	16⅝
do pfd	13⅝	Oregon Imp. Co.	19
Chicago Ind. & L.	9	Pacific Mail	30
do pfd	27	Pullman Pal.	172⅝
N. J. Central	89⅝	Silver Certificates	59⅝
N. Y. Central	107	Stand. Rope & T.	4
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	19⅝	Sugar	139
do 1st pfd	73	do pfd	113⅝
do 2d pfd	33	T. C. & Iron	29⅝
Norfolk & Western	13⅝	U. S. Leather	7⅝
Nor. Amer. Co.	4⅝	do pfd	63
No. Pacific	20	U. S. Rubber	16⅝
do pfd	56⅝	do pfd	65⅝
Ontario & W.	15⅝	Western Union	88⅝
Ore. R. & Nav.	55⅝	Northwestern	122⅝
Ore. Short Line	18	do pfd	164⅝
Pittsburg	167⅝	Rio Grande West	22
Reading	21⅝	do pfd	55
Rock Island	89⅝	S. L. & S. W.	4⅝
St. Louis & S. F.	7⅝	do pfd	10
do pfd	50⅝	Chicago G. W.	14⅝
St. Paul	93⅝	S. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	25
do pfd	141⅝		

Total sales of stocks today were 313,600 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 2,900; Burlington, 15,200; Louisville & Nashville, 5,000; Manhattan L., 20,500; Metropolitan, 5,800; Missouri Pacific, 12,175; Northern Pacific, 5,970; Northern Pacific preferred, 27,620; Rock Island, 12,600; St. Paul, 19,600; St. Paul preferred, 12,900; American Tobacco, 2,200; People's Gas, 17,325; Sugar, 61,835; Chicago Gas, 17,825.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta	4	Hale & Norcross	135
Alpha Con	7	Justice	49
Andes	17	Lady Wash. Con.	3
Belcher	20	Mexican	28
Best & Belcher	52	Occidental Con.	120
Bullion	7	Ophir	68
Caledonia	10	Overman	7
Challenge Con.	21	Potosi	37
Chollar	37	Savage	24
Confidence	76	Sierra Nevada	55
Con. Cal. & Va.	105	Silver Hill	2
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con.	21
Con. New York	1	Utah Con.	4
Crown Point	14	Yellow Jacket	33
Gould & Curry	41	Standard	145

Silver bars, 58⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47@47½c; drafts sight, 1c; telegraph, 1½c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	112 1-16	St. Paul common	90⅝
Consols acc't	111 15-16	N. Y. Central	104⅝
Can. Pacific	82⅝	Pennsylvania	56⅝
Erie	15	Reading	11⅝
Ill. Central	101⅝	Mex. Cen. new 4s	68
Mexican ordinary	11⅝		

BAR SILVER—Firm, 27 9-16 per ounce.

MONEY—3½@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2 15-16@3 per cent; for three months' bills, 2 15-16@3 per cent.

Statement by Bank of Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes as compared with the previous account: cash in hand, decrease, 4,240,000 marks; treasury notes, decrease, 240,000 marks; other securities, decrease, 8,836,000 marks; other deposits, increase, 12,000,000 marks; notes in circulation, increase, 32,760,000 marks.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@1½ per cent; last loan, 1 per cent; closing, 1@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@3½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾ for demand and at $4.83@4.83¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86@4.87; commercial bills, $4.82¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59@60c.

BAR SILVER—59c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—46c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s reg	125⅝	S. F. J. C. 6s	113
U. S. new 4s cou	126⅝	N. C. 6s	122
U. S. 4s reg	112⅝	N. C. 6s	103
U. S. 4s coup	112	So. Pacific 1st s. f.	119
U. S. 2s reg	99	So. Pacific 5s	99⅝
U. S. 5s reg	114⅝	So. Pacific 4s	93
U. S. 5s coup	114⅝	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	106