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Uncertainty Surrounding December Wheat Makes Trading Light.

LEGITIMATE BULL NEWS IS IGNORED

Traders Are Timid in Light of Recent Surprising Breaks, and the Result is the Market Makes a Further Drop.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The uncertainty of the December deal in wheat acted as a closing today upon the futures that otherwise would in all probability have made some response to a number of bullish items in the day's news. There were some legitimately bearish influences, such as heavinessn and lower prices in continental markets that, with the aid of the 2c further drop in December, helped to weary up of the May price, these declines being established at the close. Corn and oats were dull and closed at trifling declines. Provisions were stronger and advanced 5@7½c.

May wheat started a shade under the price it closed at yesterday, opening 1⅛@¼c lower at 80⅝@90c. The receipts here were 425 cars, against 71 a year ago, but a good deal more had arrived today by lake that had not yet been inspected. The northwestern receipts were 282 cars, against 738 a week ago and 440 the same day last year. The total quantity of contract wheat in regular Chicago elevators at the close of business Saturday last was 2,080,000 bu. The receipts of the last two days will add about 1,250,000 bu. to that, and it is generally supposed 2,000,000 bu. more have been accumulated in private elevators, to be thrown at the heads of the bull clique at the proper moment. It is evident that it will take an immense sum to pay for the contract wheat that will be tendered on short sales during the remainder of the month and this fact was apparently in the minds of the traders at the opening. There was a quick rally, however, on buying by shorts.

News from the Argentine crop was very unfavorable. Serious damage, it was said, had been done to the wheat crop in that country by heavy rains. The cash demand at Liverpool was also better and that market, considering the slump here yesterday, was remarkably strong, opening at 4d decline and recovering about all of this by the time the market opened. The buying which this news started carried the price up to 89⅝c. About 11 o'clock the market became exceedingly dull and remained so for the remainder of the session. The lack of interest, of course, had its effect on the prices, which slowly sagged.

The Atlantic port clearances were again very heavy, equal to 612,000 bu. in wheat and flour. The continental markets were heavy. Paris quoted declines in flour from 25 centimes for December to 10 centimes for March-May. Antwerp was 25 centimes lower for red winter and 12½ centimes lower for Walla Walla. The Argentine crop, according to Beerbohm's, is not likely to be over 5,600,000 quarters (48,000,000 bu.), compared with scant 4,000,000 quarters (32,000,000 bu.) the year before. As less than 2,000,000 bu. were shipped from last year's crop, it was thought that 15,000,000 bu. will be the limit of the exportable surplus from this season's crop.

The present heavy exports from the country are expected to come to an end in about a week, as the foreign purchases for forward delivery will have been filled by that time, according to New York advices. The traders apparently considered that very bearish.

In the meantime the December bulls were betting that market would severely alone, and although it had advanced to $1.01 during the morning on the purchase of a bare 20,000 bushels, it declined immediately after this small buying was over. The actual business in December during the session did not exceed 100,000 bu. This neglect of December at Chicago and its effect on May Shorts, before the close it sold as low as 89⅝@89⅞c, and the final price was 90⅝c. December closed at 87½c.

Corn was steady without much activity in the trading. The early wheat strength helped the market somewhat, as did the bad weather west. The market eased off later with wheat. Contracts increased 255,000 bu. May reached from 29⅝c to 29¾@29⅞c, and closed a shade lower at 29⅝c.

Oats were quiet and easy, with fluctuations confined to a narrow range. Trade was practically featureless. Sympathy with wheat was the most important factor. Cash oats was not so good. Contract stocks decreased 215,000 bu. for the week. May ranged from 22⅝@22⅞c to 22⅝c, and closed ⅛c lower at the latter price.

Provisions were quiet, with buying by Cudahy about the only feature of interest. The week's exports were 50 per cent larger than the same week last year. The market ruled firm, and prices advanced sharply. At the close May pork was 5c higher at $6.60; May lard, 5c higher at $4.57½, and May ribs, 2½c higher at $4.37.

Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat 230 cars; corn, 190 cars; oats, 285 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
*Wheat—					
Jan....	1 00	1 03	97½	97⅝-98	99⅝
Dec....	89⅝	90⅝	89⅝	90⅝	93⅝
May....	90⅝-91	91⅝	90⅝	90⅝	91⅝
*Corn—					
Dec....	25⅞	25⅞	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Jan....	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
May....	29⅝-29⅞	29⅝	29⅝@29⅝	29⅝	29⅝@29⅝
*Oats—					
Dec....	22	22	21⅞	22	22
May....	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
Pork—					
Dec....				7 45	7 42½
Jan....	8 30	8 40	8 32½	8 37½	8 32½
May....	8 57½	8 62½	8 57½	8 60	8 55
Lard—					
Dec....				4 25	4 20
Jan....	4 37½	4 42½	4 37½	4 40	4 35
May....	4 52½	4 57½	4 52½	4 57½	4 52½
Ribs—Lard—					
Dec....	4 25	4 25	4 25	4 25	4 22½
Jan....	4 27½	4 27½	4 25	4 25	4 22½
May....	4 37½	4 40	4 37½	4 37½	4 35

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; quiet and rather weak; hard patents, $4.00@4.20; soft do, $3.60@3.80; soft bakers, $2.30@2.60; winter straights, $4.50@4.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 88@88½c; No. 3 spring, 86@86c; No. 2 red, 97@98c.

CORN—No. 2, 25½@25¾c; No. 2 yellow, 25¾@26c.

OATS—No. 2, 22½@22¾c; No. 2 white, 23@23½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 32½@40c, f. o. b.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.13@1.18. Prime timothy seed, $2.67½@2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.50@7.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.35@4.40. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.20@4.35; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $4.60@4.75.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 5.66c; granulated, 5.32c.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	31,000	17,000
Wheat, bu	176,000	130,000
Corn, bu	305,000	80,000
Oats, bu	419,000	78,000
Rye, bu	16,000	2,000
Barley, bu	103,000	18,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14@22c; dairy, 12@16c. Cheese, quiet, 8@9½c. Eggs, steady, 20c. Dressed poultry, turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8@9½c; ducks, 9@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 26,851 bbls.; exports, 17,469 bbls.; dull and nominally lower; city mill patents, $4.00@4.50; city mill clears, $3.40@3.80; winter straights, $4.30@4.50; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.35. Rye flour, dull at $2.70@3.25. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.80@1.85.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 52@53c.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 65c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 46½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 55@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 25,000 bu.; exports, 31,932 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2 red, 96c; affloat. Options opened steady and advanced on a bullish Illinois state report, small northwest receipts and steady Bigelin; cables, but finally broke under weak Friday markets and bearish French crop estimates, closing 5@½c net lower; No. 2 red, May, 97⅝@98 5-16c, closed 97⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 49,225 bu.; exports, 42,440 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 32½c. Options opened steady on continued bad weather and steady cables, but later eased off with wheat, closing unchanged to ⅛c net lower; May, 32⅝@32 15-16c, closed 32⅝c; December closed at 31⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 402,000 bu.; exports, 128,407 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 27½@27¾c. Options were inactive but fairly steady all day; closing unchanged; May, closed at 27⅝c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 40@50c; good to choice, 80@75c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 15@18c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 15@18c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 15c; Texas, dry, 12c; California, 24@26c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20@27½c.

WOOL—Quiet; Brazos, 20@21c; Texas, 19@21c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $8.50@9.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $8.00@8.50. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 5@5½c; shoulders, $5.75; hams, $7.25@7.50. Lard, steady; western steamed, $4.60. December closed $4.60 nominal; refined, steady at $4.60@4.75. Pork, dull; mess, $6.25@6.00; short clear, $10.00@12.00; family, $10.00@11.00. Tallow, firmer; city, 3½c; country, 3¼@3½c.

METALS—Conditions in the metal market, full to show marked change, certainly no improvement. The New York Metal exchange calls the market for pig iron warrants easier at $7.40 bid and $7.50 asked; lake copper dull at $10.87½ bid and $11.00 asked; tin dull at $13.45 bid and $13.70 asked; spelter dull at $3.95 bid and $4.00 asked and lead steady at $3.87½ bid and $3.90 asked. The firm that fixes the price for miners and smelters sells the market for lead dull at $3.80.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 27½c; prime yellow, 31@32c; off summer yellow, 31½c; butter oil, 30@32c; prime winter yellow, 34@36c. Petroleum, quiet; united closed at 65c asked. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.65. Turpentine, steady at 29@29½c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4¼@5c; Japan, 5@5¼c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 20@26c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,067 pkgs.; market quiet; western creamery, 16@22c; Elgins, 23c; factory, 12@17c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,261 pkgs.; market quiet; large white, September, 9½@9¾c; September small, 9¾@9¾c; large colored, September, 9¾@9¾c; small colored, September, 9¾@9¾c; large late made, 7@8c; small, late made, 7½@8c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 3@3½c; full skims, 2@2½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 622 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@23c; western, 20@21c.

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@17c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 18c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 90 to 120 lbs., quoted at 6c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5c; turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 8c; ducks, 7c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 30c; large, per doz., 50c; slow; prairie chickens, $3; quail, doz., $1.00; squirrels, 60@65c.

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

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $6.00; lowland, $5; 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, 20@25c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 60@65c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.75@1.80.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 2½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 45@55c; western stock, 60@70c.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per pt., 20@25c.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.75@3.00; California Bellflower, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

SWEET POTATOES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.50.

GRAPES—Catawbas, 5-lb. baskets, 340@35c; Malagas, $5.50@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3.75@4.50; California navels, $4.00@4.25.

LEMONS—Messinas, 300, $3.00@3.50; 360, $4.00@4.50; California, 300, $3.25@3.50; 360, $3.75@4.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 11c; standards, 9@10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 9@10c; extra large, 10c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 4@5c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 2 crown, 24-lb. boxes, 12c; 3 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 5-lb. boxes, 2 @2½c per box. California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25@2.35.

MAPLE SYRUP—Pure gal cans, each, $1.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.75; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Saidee, 70-lb. boxes, 5c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbls., $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6½c; good hindquarters, 9½c; western steers, 6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 15c; boneless sirloins, 10c; strip loins, 8½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, Spencer rolls, 9½c; sirloin loins, boneless, 9½c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 9½c; 4-7 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 5½c; plates, 3½c; short steer plates, 4½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 9½c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 3c above loins; cow loin ends, 8c; steer loin ends, 8c; hanging tender loins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 9c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 8c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8½c; trimmings, 3½c; beef shanks, 2½c; veal sweetbreads, per lb., 40c; per doz., 35c; calf sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; calf tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 3c; tongues, per lb., 3½c; calf livers, each, 3½c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 5c. calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Spring lambs, 8½c; lambs, 8½c; sheep, 7½c; market racks dead, 3c; hotel racks dressed, 3½c; saddles, 8c; saddles, 9½c; legs, 9½c; lamb legs, 10½c; breasts and stews, 2½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5c; dressed hogs, 4½c; smoked hams, 8½@9c; loins boneless, 6½c; regular, 5½c; spare ribs, 5c; barn sausage butts, 6½c; Boston butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 2½c; hocks, 2½c; split hocks, 2½c; cheek meats, 4½c; necklones, 2c; pigs' tails, 4c; pucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 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 18 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@25c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@9c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@40c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@9c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 20@40c.

HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.25.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $8.00@20.00; otter, $3.50@5.00; mink, 150@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; musk rat, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 10@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 50c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@60c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 10@40c; silver fox, $10.00@75.00.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Lower; patents, $4.05@4.35; straights, $4.15@4.25; clear, $3.60@4.25; winter patents, $4.05@4.35; straights, $3.75@4.00; clear, $3.60@3.80.

WHEAT—Lower, closing 1@¼c for May below the close of yesterday and sellers of December at the price bid then; May opened ¼c lower, declined ¼c more, rallied ¼c and sold off ⅝c; December declined in sympathy with that option in Chicago and the close was heavy, with sellers near the bottom. Spot, lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 98c; track, 98@99c; No. 3 hard cash, 86@87c; December, 87½c; January, 84c; May, 93@93½c; July, 89½c.

CORN—Futures, firm early, but later weakened and at the close May was ⅛c to ¼c below yesterday's close; December, ⅛c higher. Spot, firm; No. 2 cash and December, 24½c; January, 25c; May, 29½c.

OATS—Futures easier on declines elsewhere; spot steady; No. 2 cash, elevator, 23c; track, 23½c; December, 21c; May, 22½c bid; No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—Lower, 45c.

FLAXSEED—Higher, $1.11.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50.

CORNMEAL—$2.40.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, this side, 56@57½c.

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

PORK—Steady, 17c.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 16@21c; dairy, 10@18c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

METALS—Lead, firm, $3.87½ bid. Spelter, firm, $3.92½@3.97½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, nominal, $6.25. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.27½; choice, $4.32½. Bacon, boxed lots extra short clear, $4.75@5.00; ribs, $4.37½@4.50; clears, $4.75@5.00. Dry salt meats (boxed shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $4.37½@4.50; ribs, $4.62½@4.87½; shorts, $4.75@5.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 210,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 94,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western winter, steady at 7s 3½d; No. 1 red northern spring, steady at 7s 4½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, quiet at 3s 2½d; December, 3s 2d; January, 3s 1½d; February, 3s 1½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 18s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), firm at £4@£6 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, 66s 3d; prime mess, 56s 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, nominal. Bacon, short cut, 34 to 36 lbs., steady at 35s 6d. Bacon, short ribs, 26 to 34 lbs., dull at 34s 6d; long clear middles, light, dull at 35s; short clear backs, dull at 30s; long clear mid dles, heavy, dull at 35s; clear bellies, firm at 36s 6d; shoulders, square, firm at 28s. Lard, prime western, firm at 22s 9d. Tallow, prime city, steady at 18s 6d.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, steady at 42s 6d.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—Receipts today: Wheat, 425 cars; corn, 266 cars; oats, 61 cars. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 230 cars; corn, 190 cars; oats, 285 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, 60 cars.

DULUTH, Dec. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, 71 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 14.—Receipts: Wheat, 311 cars.

PEORIA, Dec. 14.—Receipts: Corn, 42,150 bu.; oats, 65,250 bu.; rye, 500 bu.; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 1,200 bu. Shipments: Corn, 19,650 bu.; oats, 39,650 bu.; whisky, 1,045 bbls.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 14.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 97c; No. 2 red, 97c; May, 97½c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 26c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 26½c.

RYE—No. 2, 47c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14.—WHEAT—More active; hard, steady to slightly higher; soft, about 1c lower. No. 1 hard, 86@88c; No. 1 red, 88@90c; No. 2 hard, 85@86c; No. 2 red, 90@92c; No. 3 red, 87@89c; No. 4 hard, 80@84c; No. 4 red, 84@87c; No. 2 red, May, 90c bid; No. 2 hard, May, 86c bid.

CORN—Very firm, higher in some cases; No. 2 white, 27½c.

OATS—Slow, higher in some cases; No. 2 white, 23½c.

RYE—No. 2, 42c.

HAY—Active, very firm; choice timothy, $8.50@8.75; choice prairie, $7.50@7.50.

BUTTER—Firm; dairy, 12@16c; creamery, 19@22c.

EGGS—Firm and active, fresh, 17½c; storage, 15@16c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 36,000 bu.; corn, 96,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 26,000 bu.; corn, 57,000 bu.; oats, none.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; western superfine, $2.70; extra, $2.85@3.00; family, $4.00@4.25; winter wheat patents, $4.40@4.50; spring, $4.00@4.20; spring wheat straights, $4.00@4.20. Receipts, 23,275 bbls.; exports, 2,694 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull and easy; spot and month, 96⅝@97c; steamer, No. 2 red, 94½@95½c; receipts, 45,808 bu.; exports, 49,836 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 92@97c; southern wheat, on grade, 92@97½c.

CORN—Steady; spot, 32@32½c; month, 32½@32¾c; steamer mixed, 30½@30¾c; receipts, 105,864 bu.; exports, 167,704 bu.; southern white corn, 37½@37½c; southern yellow, 37½@37¾c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 29@30c; receipts, 37,120 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Dull and steady; No. 2, nearby, 52c; No. 2 western, 53c bid; receipts, 22,479 bu.; exports, 24,236 bu.

HAY—Quiet and steady; choice timothy, $10 asked.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Fairly active and easier; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4d December; Cork for orders, per quarter, 3s 6d January, 3s 6d February.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 20@21c; fancy dairy, 17@18c; good dairy, 16@17c; store packed, 12@13c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 18@19c.

CHEESE—Steady and unchanged; market stock heavy; fancy New York, large, 9¼@9½c; fancy New York, small, 10¼@10½c.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $4.25@4.40; family, $3.25@3.80.

WHEAT—Active; No. 2 red, 99@99½c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 46½c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at $4.25. Bulk meats, dull at $4.25. Bacon, easy at $5.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.18.

BUTTER—Quiet and lower; Elgin creamery, 24c; Ohio, 14@22c; dairy, 12@16c.

EGGS—Firm at 17c.

CHEESE—Steady; good to prime Ohio flat, 8@8½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 14.—WHEAT—Quiet and lower; No. 2, cash and December, 86½c; May, 89½c.

CORN—Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, cash and December, 28½c.

OATS—Dull and unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 22c.

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

CLOVERSEED—Active; prime, cash and December, $3.07½.

Boston Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—BUTTER—Dull and lower; fancy western creamery, 23c; fancy western prints, 25c.

EGGS—Dull and 1c lower, fresh nearby, 20c; fresh western, 20c.

CHEESE—Quiet and barely steady.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 14.—CORN—Market firm and higher; No. 2, 28c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 23c, nominal.

RYE—Scarce, nominal; No. 2, 48½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.19.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—WHEAT—Quiet; December, $1.07½; May, $1.07½.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Fall in Prices All Around, Owing to Bearish Influences.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—There was a disposition today on the part of holders of stock to realize profit on Central Pacific and the bears helped along the reaction by free short selling. There were one or two exceptional instances of strength in the market and some covering in shorts before the close by timid bears, so that net declines do not indicate the extreme fall in prices. But the general tone of speculation was heavy and no aggressive disposition to buy was manifested.

The former tone of the call money market was undoubtedly the cause of the halt in the bull movement. The decrease in cash holdings in the banks shown by Saturday's statement and the startling increase in surplus reserves to below $60,000,000 were features in the money situation which will be accentuated during the week. The announcement from Washington that the bonds maturing on January 2, known as currency 6s, will be paid off on December 15 lightened the situation. The aggregate of these bonds is $25,968,952, and their redemption will about offset the payments already made to the government on account of the Union Pacific sale which amount to $25,505,000. The government will disburse over $5,000,000 in interest on January 1. The balance which the Union Pacific reorganization committee still has to pay the government amounts to $25,500,000 and of this amount $5,500,000 will be paid late week and the remainder by the first week in January. It was argued that the balance in favor of the treasury will amount to nearly $20,000,000. It is not expected that this amount will be suddenly withdrawn from circulation, but will be loaned to certain on deposit for the present in national banks in this city.

But the continuing deficit in the revenues which has fed a constant stream into the money market has been recognized as a factor in the case of future operations and the complexion of these operations will put a stay on that condition.

Rates for call loans were not above 2½ per cent, but were not below 2 per cent. The market was somewhat unsettled technically, the strength in the coalers, with no news to account for it, serving to sustain values somewhat.

Northern Pacific preferred was in good demand all day and closed at 69. The specialty weak features were Consolidated Gas, which was at one time down 3½ per cent; Manhattan, which receded 1 per cent, and Sugar, which fell below yesterday's close, after an opening gain, under pressure of heavy liquidation, and remained there all day. Metropolitan Street Railway declined 3¾ per cent, and scored almost a full recovery. Otherwise the heaviness of stocks and the day's decline were quite uniform throughout the list, fractional losses being the rule. The dealings in inactive securities in small lots continued to be a feature, and the high grade investments were the favorites. A full share lot of Harlem sold at 326, as compared with 300 at the last previous sale, which was several months ago.

The bond market showed a decided decrease in activity today, the high grade issues continuing to improve, but some of the speculative bonds showing weak tendencies. $2,250,000 United States 5s were ½ per cent lod.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "The stock markets here today were quiet, but firm. American was the strongest market for much of the day, but the close was easier, with Union Pacific lower on the reported postponement of the sale of the Kansas Pacific. Preference stocks of the reorganized lines were again bought here and for the continent. Grand Trunks were steady. Mines were firm. The feature was Ansondas, which fluctuated violently, rising on balance on a cable from the general manager at the mine stating that the small shipments were due to scarcity of the furnaces, etc., and that there was plenty of ore in hand, that developments show the ore to be of a better grade, and estimating the December shipments at 36,000,000 pounds and those of January 32,000,000. The manager also gave no reason to doubt that this year's results will be as good as last year's. Such a telegram coming close on the recent cable reports created a sensation on the Stock exchange and made very strong commotion."

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

Atchison	13⅝	St. P. & Om	78½
do pfd	30⅝	do pfd	130⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	13⅛	St. P. M. & M.	122
Canada Pacific	89	So. Pacific	20
Canada Southern	55⅝	So. Railway	19⅝
Central Pacific	15⅝	do pfd	53⅝
Ches. & Ohio	22⅝	Texas & Pacific	11⅝
Chicago & Alton	163	Union Pacific t. r.	25⅝
C., R. & Q	99⅝	U. P. D. & G	7⅝
C. & E. I.	52⅝	Wabash	7⅝
C., C. C. & St. L.	90⅝	do pfd	16⅝
do pfd	80	Wheel. & L. E.	2
Del. & Hudson	110	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	10
Del., L. & W	151⅝	Adams Ex	156
Den. & Rio G	11⅝	American Ex	113
do pfd	45⅝	United States Ex	40
Erie new	15	Wells Fargo Ex	114
Erie 1st pfd	38⅝	A. Dot. Oil	9⅝
Erie 2d pfd	17⅝	do pfd	26
Great Northern pfd	115	Am. Spirits	7⅝
Rock Island	59⅝	Am. Spirits pfd	19
Illinois Central	102⅝	Am. Tobacco	87⅝
Lake Erie & W	16⅝	do pfd	112
do pfd	70	People's Gas	105⅝
Lake Shore	174	Cons. Gas	170⅝
Louisville & Nash	67⅝	Com. Cable Co	176
Manhattan L	106⅝	Col. F. & Iron	23
Mo., K. & T.	15⅝	do pfd	70
do pfd	15⅝	Gen. Electric	38⅝
Michigan Central	103	Illinois Steel	46
Minn. & St. L.	26⅝	La Clede Gas	44⅝
do 1st pfd	68	Lead	31
Mo. Pacific	34⅝	do pfd	104⅝
Mobile & Ohio	25	Nat. Lin. Oil	10⅝
N. Y. C. & H.	128⅝	Green'd Imp. Co	14⅝
do pfd	36⅝	Pacific Mail	31⅝
Chicago Ind. & L.	9⅝	Pullman Pal	170
do pfd	32	Silver Certificates	31⅝
N. Y. Central	97⅝	Stand. Rope & T.	4⅝
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	18⅝	Sugar	143⅝
do 1st pfd	73	do pfd	114⅝
do 2d pfd	35	T. C. & Iron	25⅝
Norfolk & Western	14	U. S. Leather	7⅝
No. Amer. Co	4⅝	do pfd	69⅝
No. Pacific	21⅝	U. S. Rubber	16⅝
do pfd	59⅝	do pfd	77⅝
Ontario & W	15⅝	Western Union	89⅝
Ore. R. & Nav	56⅝	Northwestern	121⅝
Ore. Short Line	18	do pfd	163
Pittsburg	168	Rio Grande West	29
Reading	21⅝	do pfd	56
Rock Island	91⅝	S. L. & S. W	4⅝
St. Louis & S. F	8⅝	do pfd	16⅝
do pfd	56⅝	Chicago, G. W	15⅝
St. Paul	95⅝	S. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	26⅝
do pfd	142		

*Second assessment paid.

Total sales of stocks today were 205,864 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 4,200; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 19,040; Louisville & Nashville, 6,731; Manhattan, 12,725; Metropolitan Traction, 6,030; Missouri Pacific, 8,550; New Jersey Central, 8,522; Northern Pacific, 19,505; Northern Pacific preferred, 10,670; Reading, 4,735; Rock Island, 5,339; St. Louis & San Francisco second preferred, 5,300; do first preferred, 12,450; Southern Railway preferred, 4,400; Union Pacific, 7,662; Chicago Great Western, 12,830; Pacific Gas, 16,239; Consolidated Gas, 4,070; Sugar, 35,347.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—6 p. m.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm, 2@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers bills at $4.83@4.85¾ for demand and at $4.82@4.82½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.86 and $4.86@4.87; commercial bills, $4.81@4.82; silver certificates, 47½@48½c.

BAR SILVER—67½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—45c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Easier.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Irregular.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	125⅝	N. J. C. 6s	115⅝
U. S. new 4s, coup	125⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1st	112⅝
U. S. 4s, reg	112	No. Pacific 1st	119
U. S. 4s, coup	112⅝	No. Pacific 3s	61
U. S. 2s, reg	99⅝	No. Pacific 4s	91⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	114⅝	Or. Nav. 1st	112
U. S. 5s, coup	114⅝	Or. Nav. 4s	100⅝
District 3.65s	109⅝	O. S. L. & U. 1st	107⅝
Ala., class A	108	N. W. Consols	144⅝
Ala., class B	108	N. W. Deb. 5s	136⅝