# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## Christmas Indirectly Affects the Market and Causes Higher Prices.

## MAY WHEAT RISES AND DECEMBER FALLS

### Corn and Oats Each Note a Decided Advance, While Provisions Remain at About the Same Figures.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Buying by the bull clique and covering by traders not wishing to remain short over the holiday made a strong speculative market today. May closing ⅝@¾c higher, December was a trifle weaker and declined ⅛c. Corn and oats were firm, corn advancing ¼c, while oats added ⅛@⅜c to its former price. Provisions barely held their own.

In wheat the moderate strength with which the market closed the day before was added to at the opening. There were some indications yesterday afternoon in the active demand on the curb for calls that the Leiter-French party would give the market the benefit of their more active support today. They were credited with buying calls to the extent of 1,000,000 bu, May, which closed yesterday at 93⅝c, opened today with buyers at 94⅛@94⅛c and very soon it was bringing 94⅝c, about yesterday's call price. It took only a little more application of the bull whip to get the sellers of calls and the other shorts clamoring for and competing with each other for the limited offerings. That resulted in an advance to 95⅝c, that price being reached about an hour from the start. The only prominently bullish feature of the routine news of the day was the heavy clearances of wheat and flour from Atlantic and gulf ports. The northwestern receipts were considerably heavier than they were yesterday or on the corresponding day of the previous week. Liverpool market was closed for the Christmas holidays, but was privately reported firm at unchanged prices. Paris noted a trifling decline. A cablegram from the Buenos Ayres correspondent of a St. Louis grain firm estimated Argentina's export surplus of wheat at 2,000,000 bu, but yesterday's action, however, was paid to the news. Traders did not care to remain short over the holidays, in view of the rather erratic way the market has been acting, and buying did not cease until May had been hoisted to 95⅝c. Chicago receipts were 301 cars by rail and 109,000 bu by lake, of the car lots 173 were contract and the cargo was No. 1 northern spring. Besides the importations, 51,100 bu, No. 1 northern spring and 97 cars of same grade were transferred from unlicensed to regular elevators. Only 10,000 bu were withdrawn from store. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 701 cars, against 653 Friday week. The Atlantic and gulf port exports were 1,000,000 bu, flour reckoned to the equivalent of 770,000 bu. Of that total the flour was equal to 363,000 bu. Argentine shipped 10,000 bu, wheat this week. During the afternoon the bull clique sold out a good deal of the accumulation of the morning's buying, starting when the high point, 95⅝c, had been reached. The result was a material decline in the price, May closing at 94⅛@94⅜c.

Corn was quiet and steady early, but the sharp upturn in oats and the strength of wheat started shorts to covering and this demand caused a slight improvement in values, part of which was maintained. In a general way trade was small and unattended with any particular feature of interest. May ranged from 29⅝c to 29⅞c and closed ⅛c higher at 29⅝c.

The market for oats was strong and quite active. Quite a general demand was evident. Elevator concerns and shorts were good buyers throughout. The fact that the December wheat clique was in large "short" line of oats had a good deal to do with the buying. There was some reaction toward the close. May ranged from 23½c to 23c and closed ⅛@⅜c higher at 23⅛@23⅛c.

Provisions were dull throughout. Easiness prevailed at the opening, due to lower prices at the yards, but the initial decline brought enough buyers to change the course of the market and cause a recovery. For the rest of the session prices were practically at a standstill. At the close May pork was unchanged at $8.97½. May lard unchanged at $4.37½ and May ribs unchanged at $4.37½.

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 350 cars, 300,000 bu; corn, [illegible] cars, [illegible] bu; oats, [illegible] cars, 32,000 bu.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yest'dy |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Wheat- | | | | | |
| Dec.... | 99⅛ | 99⅝ | 98⅝ | 99 | 99⅛ |
| Jan.... | 95⅝ | 95⅝ | 95¼ | 95¼ | 94⅞ |
| May.... | 94⅛@94⅜ | 94⅝ | 94⅛ | 94⅝ | 93⅝ |
| *Corn— | | | | | |
| Dec.... | 29½ | 29⅝ | 29½ | 29⅝ | 29⅝ |
| Jan.... | 29⅝ | 29⅞ | 29⅝ | 29⅞ | 29⅝ |
| May.... | 29⅝@29⅞ | 29⅞ | 29⅝ | 29⅞ | 29⅝ |
| July.... | 30⅛ | 30⅛@30⅜ | 30⅛ | 30⅛ | ..... |
| *Oats— | | | | | |
| Dec.... | 22⅞ | 22⅞ | 22⅞ | 22⅞ | 22⅞ |
| May.... | 23 | 23⅛ | 23 | 23⅛@23⅜ | 23 |
| *Pork— | | | | | |
| Dec.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 70 | 7 70 |
| Jan.... | 8 70 | 8 75 | 8 70 | 8 75 | 8 75 |
| May.... | 8 95 | 8 97½ | 8 95 | 8 97½ | 8 97½ |
| Lard— | | | | | |
| Dec.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 45 | 4 45 |
| Jan.... | 4 42½ | 4 37½ | 4 32½ | 4 37½ | 4 37½ |
| May.... | 4 70 | 4 72½ | 4 70 | 4 72½ | 4 72½ |
| *Ribs— | | | | | |
| Dec.... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 42½ | 4 40 |
| Jan.... | 4 40 | 4 42½ | 4 40 | 4 42½ | 4 42½ |
| May.... | 4 45 | 4 37½ | 4 35 | 4 37½ | 4 37½ |

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm: winter patents, $4.70@4.90; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring specials, $5.50; spring patents, $4.40@4.60; straights, $4.10@4.30; bakers, $3.50@3.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 19⅝@95⅝c; No. 3 spring, 89@91c; No. 2 red, 95c.

CORN—No. 2, 29⅝@29⅞c.

OATS—No. 2, 23½c; f. o. b., No. 2 white, 24@24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 37@38c.

SEED—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.13@1.15; Prime timothy seed, $2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $7.70@7.75. Lard, per 100 lbs—$4.37½@4.40. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.12½@4.37½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.62½@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $4.60@4.85.

WHISKY—Distilled finished goods, per gal, $1.19.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.80; granulated, $5.22.

| Articles. | Receipts. | Shipments. |
|---|---|---|
| Flour, bbls | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| Wheat, bu | 154,000 | 4,000 |
| Corn, bu | 156,000 | 47,000 |
| Oats, bu | 314,000 | 323,000 |
| Rye, bu | 6,000 | 1,000 |
| Barley, bu | 370,000 | 12,000 |

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@22c; dairies, 13@19c. Cheese, steady. Eggs, firm, 21c. Dressed poultry, turkeys, easy; others, steady; turkeys, 8@12c; chickens, 6@10c; ducks, 10@7c.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

### Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Receipts, 28,284 bbls; exports, 2,604 bbls; dull and entirely nominal; winter patents, $4.60@5.15; Minnesota patents, $4.15@4.60; Minnesota bakers, $4.25@4.40; city mill patents, $4.60@5.30; city mill clear, $4.40@4.60; winter straights, $4.30@4.45; winter extras, $2.90@3.00; winter low grades, $2.80@3.00.

Rye flour, dull at $2.60@3.25, latter fancy. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.85@1.95.

BUCKWHEAT—Firm at 99½@99c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 65c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 50c; car lots, 50@51c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 36c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 52@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 90,725 bu; exports, 252,005 bu; spot, firm; No. 2 red, 91⅝c. Options opened firm on better private Liverpool cables and was generally firm all day on covering; closed entirely nominal at ⅛@⅜c net advance; No. 2 red, December, 91⅝@91⅞c, closed, 91⅝c; May, 94⅛@94⅜c, closed, 94⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 12,050 bu; exports, 39,670 bu; spot, firm; No. 2, 32c. Options opened firm and advanced on covering; closed nominally at ¼@¾c net advance; May, 29⅝@29⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 278,400 bu; exports, 16,846 bu; spot, nominal; No. 2, 25c. Options firm all day with a local trade, closing ⅛c higher; May closed, 23⅛c.

PORK—Firm; mess, $8.00@8.25; middles, 75@77½c; rye, fed, 60@65c; city, 70c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 100@105c.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@18c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs, 15c; Texas dry, 24 to 36 lbs, 12c; California, 21 to 25 lbs, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 24@26c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 17@21c; Texas, 13@17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $7.50@8.50; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $8.00@8.50. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $5.00@5.62½; pickled shoulders, $5.00@5.25; pickled hams, $7. Lard, firm; western steam, $4.37½; December, $4.30 nominal; refined, firm. Tallow, steady; city, 2½c bid; country, 2½@3c.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 19@19½c; crude yellow, 21@22c. Petroleum, steady; united closed, 60c bid. Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 85c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.65. Turpentine, steady, 29@29½c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 4¼@4¾c; Japan, 4@4¼c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 26@31c.

METALS—The metal market closes in a tame and featureless fashion with the exception of lead, in which holders seem to be indifferent. According to the New York metal exchange the official report of 91c iron warrants closed quiet and unchanged at $9.65 bid and $9.75 asked; lake copper, unchanged at 11½c bid and 11¾c asked; tin, quiet at 12.05 bid and 12.20 asked; spelter, quiet at 3.85 bid and 3.90 asked; lead, firmer at $3.70 bid and $3.75 asked. The firm that from the settling price for miners and smelters calls the lead market strong at $3.75.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,322 pkgs; market very firm; western creamery, 16@22½c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 19@20c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,179 pkgs; market steady; large white, September, 9½c; small white, September, 9½c; large colored, September, 9½c; small colored, September, 9½c; large, late made, 7½@8½c; small, late made, 8¼@8½c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4½@5½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 1,212 pkgs; market firm; state and Pennsylvania, 24@24½c; western, 22@23c.

## OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

### Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 18@20c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@15c; choice to fancy, 16@17c; separator creamery, 22c; gathered creamery, 20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 60 to 120 lbs., quoted at 5c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, unsalable at 5c; turkeys, 10@12; geese, 7c; ducks, 6½@7c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 50c; large, per doz., 75@$1.25; prairie chickens, 40; quail, 50c; gray squirrels, 50@60c.

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

HAY—Upland, $5.50; 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

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per pt., 35c.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

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

ONIONS—Per bu., 60@65c.

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

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; western stock, 70c.

FRUITS

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

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00@7.50; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.50.

GRAPES—Catawbas, 5-lb. baskets, 14@15c; Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3.50@3.75; California navels, $3.00@4.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@4.00; California, 300, $2.50@3.50; 360, $3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $1.00@1.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb, large size, 15@16c; small, 10c; Brazils, per lb, 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb, fancy soft shell, 11c; standards, 9@10c; filberts, per lb, 9c; pecans, polished, medium, 9@9c; 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, 3@5½c; roasted, 6@8½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 2 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 3 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 5-lb. boxes, 22@25c 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@2.50.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $1.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.50; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowi, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 4c; Satr, 3½c; Fard, 5-lb. boxes, 5c.

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

FRESH MEATS.

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

VEAL—Good carcasses, 7@8c; boneless strips, 10c; strip loins, 8c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, Spencer cuts, 9½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9½c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 9½c; No. 1 chucks, 4½c; No. 2 chucks, 3c; No. 3 chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 5c; row plates, 3½c; steer plates, 4½c; flank steaks, 8½c; loins, No. 1 18c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; sheet loins, market style, 2c above loins; sirloin steaks, market style, 2c above loins; cow loin ends, 5c; steer loin ends, 6c; hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 12½c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; veal rounds, shank off, 7c; veal rounds, shank and rump off, 8c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb, 17½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb, 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; or tallo, each, 5c; livers, calves, per lb, 5c; hearts, per lb, 5c; tongues, per lb, 17½c; calf livers, each, 10c; calf heads, cleaned, cars or sides, 5c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Spring lambs, 9½c; lamb, 8c; sheep, 7c; market radio (fancy), 7½c; hotel racks (short), 9½c; loins, 8c; saddles, 9½c; legs, 9½c; lamb legs, 10c; lamb breasts and stews, 3½c; lamb fries, each, 5c; forequarters, 6c.

PORK—Good pigs, 7c; dressed hogs, 6½c; tenderloins, 17½c; loins, selected, 8c; regular, 9½c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage, butts, 7½c; Boston butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, per heads, dressed, 4c; snouts and ears, 4c; backbones, 2½c; slip bones, 2½c; cheek meats, 2½c; necktones, 2c; pigs' tails, 4c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, each, 5c; tongues, each, 5c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; livers, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 5c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 1c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 salted hides, 3½c; No. 2 green calf, 3c; No. 1 veal calf, 4c; No. 2 veal calf, 3c; No. 1 dry flint, 6c; No. 2 dry flint, 4c; dry salted (short), wooled, early skinned, 4c; dry salted (short), wooled, early skins), No. 1, each, 3c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 6@6c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint, Colorado butchers' wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb, actual weight, 3@4c.

HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.00.

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

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $1.00@10.00; otter, $1.00@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c; raccoon, 10@50c; red fox, $1.00@1.25; gray fox, 50@60c; wolf (timber), 15c@$2.00; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@60c; silver fox, $5.00@75.00.

## St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Weaker, with a small decline; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.20@4.40; clears, $3.40@3.55; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Higher, closing ⅛c above yesterday for May, with other options steady to fractionally higher. May opened ¼@⅝c higher, declined ⅛c, advanced ⅝c and then left back, closing with sellers ⅛@1-16c above the bottom. Spot, lower. No. 2 red cash, elevator, 96c bid; track, 96@97c; No. 2 hard cash, 93@95c; December, 88⅝c; January, 89c; May, 94⅝@95c; July, 87⅝c.

CORN—Spot, but with only a fractional advance for December and May unchanged. Spot, firm; No. 2 cash, 29½c; December, 29⅝c bid; January, 29⅝c bid; May, 29⅞c; July, 30c.

OATS—Futures strong and lc higher; spot, strong and higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 23c; track, 23½c; No. 2 white, 24½@25c; December, 22½c; May, 24c.

RYE—Steady at 46c.

FLAXSEED—$1.13½.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, unchanged at $2.50.

CORNMEAL—Unchanged at $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet and steady; offered east track, sacked, at 54c.

HAY—Scarce and firm for good grades; prairie, $7.00@8.00; timothy, $7.00@9.25.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 17@22c; dairy, 9@18c.

EGGS—Steady at 18c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTON TIES—65c.

BAGGING—6½@6¾c.

METALS—Lead, strong at $3.55. Spelter, quiet at $3.87½@3.90.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $8.75. Lard, nominal; prime steam, $4.40; choice, $4.45. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear, $4.87½@5.00; ribs, $5.12½@5.25; shorts, $5.25@5.37½. Dry salt meats (loose), shoulders, $4.37½@4.50; extra short clear, $4.50@4.62½; ribs and shorts, $4.62½@4.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 bbls; wheat, 15,000 bu; corn, 74,000 bu; oats, 25,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls; wheat, 17,000 bu; corn, 102,000 bu; oats, 15,000 bu.

## Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Quiet; western superfine, $2.70@2.90; western extra, $2.95@3.10; western family, $3.20@3.45; spring wheat patents, $4.00@4.25; spring wheat straights, $3.85@4.10; winter extras, $2.60@2.70; winter patents, $3.60@3.75.

WHEAT—Strong; spot and month, 99⅛@99⅝c; May, 96c bid; steamer No. 2 red, 93⅛@94c; receipts, 31,738 bu; exports, 23,381 bu; southern wheat, by sample, 94@97c; southern wheat, on grade, 93@97c.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 32⅛@32⅝c; December, new or old, 32⅛@32⅝c; steamer mixed, 31½@32c; receipts, 12,740 bu; exports, 21,875 bu; southern white and yellow corn, 34@34½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 26@26½c; No. 2 mixed, 27@27½c; receipts, 2,400 bu; exports, none.

RYE—Firmer; No. 1 nearby, 52½c; No. 2 western, 53½@54c; receipts, 4,244 bu; exports, none.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, 12c.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very quiet; no demand for steamers; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4d; December; Cork, for orders, per quarter, 5s 6d.

BUTTER—Quiet; fancy creamery, 22c; fancy imitation, 19@19c; fancy ladle, 16c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 19c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9½c; fancy New York, medium, 10@10½c; fancy New York, small, 10½@10½c.

## New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady; nominal; standard mess, 8c. Lard, refined tierces, 4½@4¾c. Dried meats, dry salt shoulders, 4½c; sides, 5¼@5½c. Hams, cleaar sugar-cured, 9@9½c.

COFFEE—Firm; Rio, ordinary to fair, 7½@9½c.

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

CORNMEAL—Quiet, $1.60.

BRAN—Quiet, 60@70c.

HAY—Easy; prime, $11.00@12.50; choice, $14.00@15.00.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 sacked white, 37½c; mixed, 36c; yellow, 36½c.

OATS—No. 2, sacked, 28@29½c.

RICE—Quiet; ordinary to good, 3¼@4½c.

## Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $4.20@4.30; family, $3.60@3.80.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 94½c.

CORN—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 30c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 26½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 49½c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, nominal; $4.65. Bulk meats, firm, 4½c. Bacon, quiet, 5.25.

WHISKY—Quiet, $1.19.

BUTTER—Quiet and lower; Elgin creamery, 22c; Ohio, 16@20c; dairy, 12@16c.

CHEESE—Quiet; good to prime Ohio flat, 8@9c.

EGGS—Firm and higher at 19c.

## Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Market dull; hard generally 1@2c higher, soft steady; No. 1 hard, 90c; No. 2, 87@89c; No. 3, 81@84c; No. 4, 75@78c; No. 2 red, 92c; No. 3 red, 88c; No. 4 red, 78c; No. 1 spring, 91c; No. 2, 88@89c; No. 3, 84@86c; No. 4, 76@80c.

CORN—Market steady; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—Nominally steady; No. 2 white, 28@28½c; No. 3 white, 27½@28c.

RYE—Market firm; No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Market quiet; choice prairie and firm; choice timothy, $8.00@8.50; choice prairie, $7.50.

BUTTER—Market slow; creamery, 19@20c; dairy, 13@18c.

EGGS—Steady, 18c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 52,000 bu.; corn, 21,200 bu.; oats, 19,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 62,000 bu.; corn, 26,700 bu.; oats, none.

## Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Dec. 24.—The price of the different kinds of grain worked at variance to each other to a extent today. December wheat opened the same as it closed last night, but closed ⅛c lower tonight, while May wheat opened ⅛c higher and closed ⅛c above last night's price and ⅛c from the top, which is a very fair advance, with the attention supposed to be paid more particularly to the December option. Trade is reported as being small and local, which would indicate that both the advance in May and the decline in December is creditable to the professionals.

The receipts today were about the same as yesterday, with an estimate of 530 cars for tomorrow, which indicates that by Monday morning the opening of the next session that receipts would be strong and with the assistance of the "eclipse" should go materially higher.

Corn opened the same as it closed last night and fluctuated a range of ⅛c and closed with an advance of ⅛c. This is a loss of ⅛c in the week and a gain of an even 1c in two weeks.

Oats are strong and ⅛c above last night's close.

## Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Holiday. Nos. 1 and 2 spring, January, 5s 3d; February, 5s 1½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 10s 2d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast) firm at £4 15s@£5 5s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra Indian mess, 4s 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, 56s 3d. Ham, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 32s 6d. Bacon, short ribs, dull at 34s 6d; long clear middles, light, dull at 29s; long clear middles, heavy, dull at 29s; clear bellies, firm at 32s 6d; shoulders, firm at 29s. Cheese, fine, prime western, steady at 48s. Tallow, prime city, steady at 18s 6d.

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

## Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 415 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 88 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 29 cars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Receipts today: Wheat, 216 cars; corn, 245 cars; oats, 170 cars. Estimated car lots Monday: Wheat, 320; corn, 280; oats, 210.

DULUTH, Dec. 24.—Receipts: Wheat, 206 cars.

PEORIA, Dec. 24.—Receipts: Corn, 96,750 bu.; oats, 16,500 bu.; rye, 1,000 bu.; whisky, 32 bbls.; wheat, 1,000 bu. Shipments: Corn, 12,000 bu.; oats, 25,850 bu.; rye none; whisky, 1,116 bbls.; wheat, none.

## Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Higher, weak; No. 2 cash and December, 95⅝c; May, 97c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, cash and December, 28c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 27½c.

RYE—Dull, higher; No. 2 cash, 47c.

CLOVERSEED—Active; prime cash and December, $2.17½.

## Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—BUTTER—Unchanged; fancy western creamery, 23c; fancy Pennsylvania and western prints, 24c.

EGGS—Firm, good demand; fresh western and nearby, 22@23c.

CHEESE—Steady.

## Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 24.—CORN—Market steady; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 25½c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 46c.

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

## Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 92½c; No. 2 red, 93c; May, 94c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 26c.

RYE—No. 2, 47½c.

## STOCKS AND BONDS.

### Strength in Street Railways Passes to Others on the List.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The local street railway companies' shares, which have been such a notable feature in the stock market all the week, opened with a further bound upward this morning, and then there were sharp rotations during the day on profit-taking, these stocks closing at the highest. Third Avenue added 6 points to its price, making a gain of 22 points for the week. The week's gains were also extended in Metropolitan to 9½ and in Manhattan to 7½. The great buoyancy in these specialties spread through the list, reaching first the securities of other local corporations, then the industrial specialties generally, and finally the railway list. The prices in the industrials and in the railways at one time from 1 to 2 points above last night's close. The high point was not fully maintained at the close, but substantial net gains were the rule. During the afternoon the market took on a distinctively bullish character, and fell at times below yesterday's quotations, prices yielding sharply, but being restored by the final stiffening in Metropolitan Street Railway and Third Avenue. There was no particular news to account for the movement of prices, though the announcement, following further decreases of $4,000,000 in surplus reserve had the effect of checking the activity in the market. In fact the market did not take on the same animation again during the remainder of the day, even after the announcement was made of the engagement for shipment from England by tomorrow's steamer of $500,000 in gold. The bank statement was about what was expected and reflected a gain of $1,500,000 in the Pacific operations not included in last week's statement. The heavy balances of over $100,000,000 in today's clearing house statement undoubtedly reflect operations in connection with Monday's payment of $6,000,000 of interest on bonds of the Union Pacific sale. The day's shipment of gold, while it indicates certain relief available in case of undue stringency in the local money market, also indicates the belief that the present hardness of the money market is likely to endure for a considerable time without relief. It has come to be generally recognized that large imports of gold will be necessary to settle our trade balances with Europe as the expected import movement of merchandise does not develop. But the present hardness of money here, it was supposed, would be of short duration and would thus defer the gold movement as long as high rates continued to prevail in London and Berlin. There was expectation after today's engagement was announced that there would be further gold importation next week. The stock market has been characteristic of the period immediately preceding the holiday. Dealings have averaged less than 200,000 shares a day, and the movement of prices has been sluggish and narrow, except in special cases. This condition was due in part to the natural disposition of the market at the close of the year, and partly to the neglect of business in favor of preparations for the holidays. There is a natural tendency for prices to sag in such a market, but prices have yielded only slightly during the week and have recovered quickly, partly sustained by individual stocks, due to special causes, and partly by a decline of fears of any violent stringency in the money market before the first Department of Washington, make it evident that a quantity of currency 4s are being presented for redemption sufficient to insure relief to the money market from the effects of the Union Pacific payments into the treasury. Last week's payment (about $5,000,000) was turned into the treasury in cash. A similar amount is due the treasury next Monday, but the secretary of the treasury announces that he will leave $4,000,000 of this amount on deposit in New York banks, if the government security is tendered in exchange. The Treasury department estimates that disbursements for Pacific bonds up to December 27 will amount to $15,500,000. The payments heretofore made by the Union Pacific syndicate to the treasury department are still on deposit in New York banks. It will thus be seen that the money market is secured from disturbance from Union Pacific operations before January 1, when the money will be replenished by dividend and interest accumulations. The necessity for these disbursements is still to be reckoned within the period before New Years. After that date the final payment of $9,500,000 of the Union Pacific money is to be paid. January 5 on the other hand, the treasury department will disburse its interest obligations and redeem the remainder of the Pacific bonds. It is estimated that the government will have a credit balance after the clearings incident to the Union Pacific payment, the redemption of the Pacific bonds and the January interest of nearly $20,000,000, which will be for the time being on deposit in New York banks. This balance will be subjected to withdrawal from the money markets on contingencies of a very pressing character. Large transactions have been arranged to offset one another and are believed to have secured the money supply against any violent and sudden fluctuations, but the loan rate is expected to be held firm at about the present rate for several weeks. The marked weakness of foreign exchange, which is at as low a point as was reached during the gold movement of last September, has proved sufficient to bring gold, as shown by today's announcement of $500,000 coming from London. In view of the high money rate in the Berlin and London markets, this comes as something of a surprise, though the heavy import of gold later along was contemplated and provided for. It should be remembered that gold received at San Francisco since August 1, and now in transit from Australia, amounts to $11,000,000. This is in effect a liquidation of Australian indebtedness to England by the shipment of Australian gold to us. The bond market has been much more quiet this week than for some time and prices are little changed. Government bonds have been weak. New 4s coupon are off ⅛c, new 4s registered and old 4s registered ¼c and the 5s ⅛c.

The Bradstreet's London financial cable gives news that the stock market generally has been good today. Americans were strong, being brought up from Paris and Berlin. Grangers were firmer. Shares of Paul and Louisville & Nashville were slightly favored. The close was firm. Other and Japan stocks were better. The money correspondence shows a small account and comparatively moderate continuance considering the current money rates. The money market here is expected to be dear for the rest of settlement, which will begin on Tuesday next. The demand of money in India is a factor to be reckoned with, and further purchases were attributed.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

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| Atchison | 13 | St. P. & Om | 74⅝ |
| do pfd | 36½ | do pfd | 140 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 17¼ | St. P. M. & M. | 127⅝ |
| Canada Pacific | 41⅝ | So. Pacific | 20⅝ |
| Canada Southern | 52⅝ | So. Railway | ..... |
| Central Pacific | 11⅝ | do pfd | 32⅝ |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 22⅝ | Texas & Pacific | 11⅝ |
| Chicago & Alton | 162 | Union Pacific 1 r | 36⅝ |
| C., B. & Q. | 100⅝ | U. P. D. & G. | 9⅝ |
| C. & E. I. | 57½ | Wabash | ..... |
| C. C. C. & St. L. | 44⅝ | do pfd | 24⅝ |
| do pfd | 40 | **Wheel. & L. E. | 2 |
| Del. & Hudson | 112 | Wheel. & L. E. pfd | 10 |
| Del. L. & W. | 156 | Adams Ex. | 155⅝ |
| Den. & Rio G. | 11⅝ | American Ex. | 115 |
| do pfd | 40⅝ | United States Ex. | 83 |
| Erie (new) | 14⅝ | Wells Fargo Ex. | 112 |
| Erie 1st pfd | 38 | A. Col. Oil | 23⅝ |
| Ft. Wayne | 161⅝ | do pfd | 75 |
| Great Northern pf | 113½ | Am. Sugar | 95⅝ |
| Hocking Valley | 5⅝ | Am. Sugar pfd | 116⅝ |
| Illinois Central | 103⅝ | Am. Tobacco | 87⅝ |
| Lake Erie & W. | 16⅝ | do pfd | 112 |
| do pfd | 71⅝ | People's Gas | 97⅝ |
| Lake Shore | 167⅝ | Pullman | 182 |
| Louisville & Nash | 50⅝ | Com. Cable Co. | 170 |
| Manhattan L. | 109⅝ | Col. F. & Iron | 24⅝ |
| Met. St. Ry. | 131⅝ | do pfd | 75 |
| Michigan Central | 102 | Gen. Electric | 33⅝ |
| Mich. & St. L. | 17⅝ | Illinois Steel | 44 |
| do 1st pfd | 84⅝ | La Clede Gas | 44⅝ |
| Mo. Pacific | 34⅝ | Lead | 36 |
| Mobile & Ohio | 23⅝ | do pfd | 104⅝ |
| Mo. K. & T. | 6⅝ | Nat. Lead | 16⅝ |
| do pfd | 30⅝ | Pacific Mail | 17⅝ |
| Chicago, Ind. & L. | 8⅝ | Pullman Pal. | 171 |
| do pfd | 30 | Silver certificates | 57⅝ |
| N. J. Central | 97 | Sugar | 141⅝ |
| N. Y. Central | 107⅝ | do pfd | 112⅝ |
| N. Y. Chi. & St. L. | 13⅝ | T. C. & I. | 24⅝ |
| do 1st pfd | 165 | U. S. Leather | 16⅝ |
| do 2d pfd | 33 | do pfd | 66⅝ |
| Norfolk & Western | 14 | Western Union | 89⅝ |
| do pfd | 44⅝ | Wabash 1st 5s | 107⅝ |
| N. Pacific | 21⅝ | Wabash 2d 5s | 70⅝ |
| do pfd | 59⅝ | West Shore 4s | 111 |
| Ontario & W. | 16⅝ | Va. Centuries | 69⅝ |
| Ore. R. & Nav. | 83 | Va. deferred | 3⅝ |