COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Support from the Leiter Crowd Advances July Wheat.

MAY OPTION IS WEAKER ON FOREIGN NEWS

Corn Closes Steady After a Weak Session, with a Shade Improvement in the Price—No Change in Oats.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Support from the Leiter crowd, which started covering by shorts, made a strong July wheat market today, that option closing ⅝c higher, May, on the contrary, was weak and showed a closing decline of ¼@¼c. Bearish foreign news influenced the latter option. Corn was weak early, but closed steady at a shade better price. Oats showed no change at the close. Provisions were irregular, closing 2½c lower to 2½@5c higher.

Wheat started with some show of weakness. As usual the opening tone was greatly influenced by Liverpool and the action of that market on this occasion was a disappointment to the bulls. Liverpool opened ¼@⅜d higher, but by opening time here that advance had nearly all been lost. The market, however, was only temporarily affected and after a few minutes' hesitation a firm undertone was shown. May, which closed yesterday at 91⅝@91½c, opened today at 91½c, sold at 91⅛c, and for some time stood at about 91⅛@91⅜c. About 11 o'clock the market became strong and advanced to 91½c, where it was well supported. The July option was the feature of the trade, however, it opened at from 81⅞c to 82c, or ⅛@¼c under yesterday's price, but started up at once, and by the time May had reached 91½c, July had advanced to 83c. A great deal of the early buying of July was credited to the Leiter people, which had the effect of not only driving the local shorts to cover, but outside shorts as well, and for a time trading in that option was decidedly warm. The advance that followed the opening decline was in the face of a good deal of bearish information brought in over the wires. Besides the early loss at Liverpool, flour at Paris was reported 20c lower for March-June term; English country markets were from 6d to 1s lower, and a well known Paris grain dealer cabled that French duties were immovable, that crop prospects for the next harvest were magnificent and that the requirements of foreign wheat in that country from now to July 1 were only about 14,000,000 bu. Afterward the closing cables from Paris quoted both wheat and flour from Dec 15 to be higher, and from Antwerp a rise of 12½c was advised. Liverpool closed ⅛d higher for the day for March wheat, and ⅛d lower for May. Clearances from Atlantic and gulf ports were equal in wheat and flour to 525,800 bu. Local receipts were 17 cars, against 29 cars the similar day of the year before. Of today's arrivals only one carload was contract, but besides it, 12,500 bu. No. 1 northern spring found its way into the regular from unlicensed houses. Minneapolis and Duluth received 355 cars, against 367 cars the week before and 212 the corresponding day of the year before. Realizing by local longs became quite free in the afternoon, in both the May and July options, and slight declines ensued. The extreme dullness which set in during the last half hour also had its influence, and the market was weak at the close—May at 91⅛c, and July at 82⅞c.

There was some improvement in the trade in corn. The market early was weak on general selling from Leiter's. There was quite a good demand at the slight decline in prices, and this and the recovery in wheat caused a better feeling. Liberal country offerings were a factor in the early weakness. May ranged from 29c to 28⅝@28⅞c, and closed a shade higher at 28⅞c.

Market for oats was dull, as in the other grain pits, the start was easy, but the advance in wheat and corn was followed by oats. Buying was done for New York account. Elevator interests sold early. May ranged from 23⅞c to 23½c, and closed at 23⅝c.

In provisions a strong feeling prevailed at first, commission houses and some of the pickers buying liberally and prices advanced. A higher hog market contributed to the strength. Later on the market became weak on increased offerings and the absence of support, and nearly all the advance was lost, the market closing easy at about inside figures. At the close May pork was 2½c higher at $9.50; May lard, 2½c lower at $4.72½, and May ribs, unchanged at $4.75.

Estimated receipts for Thursday: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Jan.....	91⅛	92	91⅛	91⅛	92¼
May.....	91½	91½	91⅛	91⅛	91⅝@⅞
July.....	81⅞@82	83	81⅞	82⅞	82⅝
*Corn—					
Jan.....	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26⅝	26½
May.....	28¾@⅞	29	28⅝@⅞	28⅞	28¾@⅞
July.....	29⅛	30	29⅛	29⅛@30	29⅞
*Oats—					
May.....	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
July.....	22	22⅛	22	22⅛	22
Pork—					
Jan.....	9 45	9 45	9 40	9 40	9 35
May.....	9 47½	9 60	9 45	9 50	9 47½
Lard—					
Jan.....	4 65	4 65	4 62½	4 62½	4 65
May.....	4 75	4 80	4 72½	.....	4 75
July.....	4 85	4 87½	4 82½	4 82½	4 82½
Short Ribs—					
Jan.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 65
May.....	4 75	4 80	4 75	4 75	4 75

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady: winter patents, $4.50@4.80; straights, $4.15@4.40; spring specials, $5.25@5.35; spring patents, $4.40@4.70; straight patents, $4.00@4.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 87c; 87½c; No. 3 spring, 86@89c; No. 2 red, 92@93c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 27c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 23½c; No. 3 white, 24@25c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.20@1.24.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.72½.

PROVISIONS—Mess Pork, per bbl., $9.40@9.45. Lard, per 100 lbs, $4.62½@4.65. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.37½@4.62½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@5.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.29.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.25; granulated, $5.31.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	10,000	9,000
Wheat, bu.....	41,000	11,000
Corn, bu.....	321,000	125,000
Oats, bu.....	315,000	140,000
Rye, bu.....	9,000	2,000
Barley, bu.....	135,000	14,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady: creameries, 13@18c; dairies, 11@16c. Eggs, easy, fresh, 18c. Cheese, quiet, 8@9c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 10@10½c; chickens, 8@9c; ducks, 6@8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,450 bbls.; exports, 24,775 bbls.; firm and fairly active on trade brands; city mill patents, $5.50@5.60; city mill, clears, $4.25@5.40; Minnesota patents, $5.00@5.20; bakers', $4.20@4.50; winter straights, $4.00@4.30; winter extras, $3.40@3.90; winter low grades, $2.60@3.10. Rye flour, quiet at $2.85@3.05, latter for fancy. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.85@1.90.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 55c.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 66c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 50c; car lots, 50@52½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 36½c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52½@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 43,900 bu.; exports, 20,766 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, $1.02¼. Options opened easy under disappointing cables, but rallied and was firm all day on trade clearances, a good export demand, strong cash position and firmer late continental markets; closed ⅛@⅜c net higher. No. 2 red, May, $1.01⅝@1.01 15-16c; closed, $1.01⅞. July, 97 15-16@98½c; closed, 98½c.

CORN—Receipts, 63,350 bu.; exports, 70,064 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 34½c. Options opened steady and advanced slightly on clearances, sympathy with wheat and good export inquiry, closing unchanged. January, closed, 33½c; May, 33⅝@33⅞c; closed, 33⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 62,000 bu.; exports, 2,339 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 23½@23⅝c. Options dull but fairly steady; closed unchanged. May, closed, 23⅝c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 35@65c; good to choice, 70@$1.

HOPS—Firm; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 16@26c; 1896 crop, 18@22c; 1897 crop, 16@20c.

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

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19@23c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 27@31c; Texas, 14@17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; short clear, $9.00@10.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled hollies, $5.00@6.00; pickled shoulders, $4.75@5.00; pickled hams, $7.00@8.00. Lard, steady; western steamed, $5.00; May, $5.24 nominal; refined, steady. Pork, firm; mess closed at $9.25@9.50; short clear, $9.75@11.75; family, $10.00@10.50.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, steady; prime crude, 19@19½c; prime yellow, 23@24c. Petroleum, dull; United, 6½c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.47½. Turpentine, firm at 34½@34¾c.

RICE—Quiet; fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c; Japan, 5@5¼c.

METALS—There is no improvement appreciable in the metal market. According to the New York Metal exchange pig iron warrants closed dull at $8.80@9.70. Lake copper, quiet and unchanged at $10.87½@11.00. Tin, easier, $13.75@13.85; spelter, quiet, $4.87½@4.90, and lead, dull, $3.00@3.05. The firm that fixes the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $3.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,568 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 14½@22½c; Elgins, 23c; refrigerator, 11@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,881 pkgs.; market quiet; large white, September, 8¾c; small white, September, 8¾@8⅞c; large colored, October, 8½c; small colored, October, 8¾@8⅞c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4½@5½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,162 pkgs.; state and Pennsylvania, 19@21c; western, 18@19c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The egg market is badly demoralized, the mild weather having brought in a flood of receipts. Stocks are accumulating and it is impossible to give an accurate quotation.

EGGS—Good stock, 16@18c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@12c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 18@19c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 9@10c; geese, 8c; ducks, 7½c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 75c; large, $1.25; squirrels, 50@60c.

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

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $5.50; 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, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $1.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50; fancy Muscatine, 11-peck bbls., $3.25.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

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

FRUITS.

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00@3.50; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00@7.25; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $7.50@7.75; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $2.75@3.00; California navels, $3.00@3.25.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3.

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, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 2 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@25c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

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

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4; half bbl., $2.25@2.35.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half gal. cans, $7.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowees, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3; bbls, $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6½c; good forequarters steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 6c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5½c; cow forequarters, 4½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds, shank off, 8c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8½c; trimmings, 2c; beef shanks, 2c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 5c; livers, per lb., 5c; hearts, per lb., 5c; tongues, per lb., 12½c; calf livers, per lb., 5c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 12c; tenderloins, frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 9c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 8½c; strip loins, frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6c; rump butts, boneless, 8½c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow flates, 3½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 3c above loins; cow loin ends, 8c; steer loin ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 8½c per lb.; lambs, 7½c; sheep, 6½c; market racks, long, 9c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 8½c; saddles, 8½c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each 2c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5c per lb.; dressed hogs, 4½c; tenderloins, 12½c; loins, short, 8½c; loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; boston butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; hocksbones, 2c; slip bones, 2½c; chaws, per 100 lbs., 75c; pigs' feet, 3c; chucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each 3c; tongues, each 7c; livers, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each 2c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 cured 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, each, 10@15c; dry wooled early shearlings, 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.

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

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25@$2.50; wolf (prairie), 15@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.25.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; patents, $4.00@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Unsettled, but closed with May 1-16c and July ¾c above yesterday. No. 2 red, elevator, 92½c; track, 96c; January, 93c bid; May, 94⅝c; July, 83c.

CORN—Stronger and shade better; No. 2 cash, 25½c; January, 25½c; May, 26⅝c; July, 27⅝c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 elevator, 22c; track, 24@24½c; January, 22c bid; May, 24½c bid; July, 22¼@22½c; No. 2 white, 24¾@25c.

RYE—Lower, 46c bid.

FLAXSEED—Quiet, $1.17.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.60 for prime.

PRAIRIE—Slow, $5 on east track.

CORNMEAL—Quiet, $1.40.

HAY—Quiet; timothy, $6.50@10.00; prairie, $5.50@6.50.

BUTTER—Dull; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 13@15c.

EGGS—Steady, 15c.

WHISKY—Quiet, $1.19.

METALS—Lead, dull, $3.45. Spelter, nominal, $5.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firmer; jobbing, $9.25. Lard, better, $4.52½ for prime, $4.60 for choice. Bacon, boxed lots, jobbing, extra short clear, $5.25; clear ribs, $5.37½; clear sides, $5.50. Dry salt meats, boxed lots, jobbing, shoulders, $4.75; extra short clear, $4.75; clear ribs, $4.87½; clear sides, $5.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 13,000 bu.; corn, 22,000 bu.; oats, 24,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 24,000 bu.; oats, 24,000 bu.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Jan. 19.—The range in prices of wheat today has been comparatively narrow, but 5c per bu. between the highest and the lowest. May wheat opened at 91½c, 4c under last night's close, and although the market was generally dull and almost entirely local, it remained steady and closed at 91⅝c bid. January closed at 81⅞c and July at 82⅝c bid.

Receipts were 17 cars today; estimated tomorrow, 25 cars.

While the tendency of wheat seems to be somewhat easier on account of the dullness, the export trade is reviving, 300,000 bu. being taken since last night at good prices. The foreign situation remains very strong. It begins to appear that Argentina would have but a moderate quantity to spare for export and it is reported that offerings from that country are now greatly reduced in volume.

With these bullish statistics before them the Leiter crowd are buying the July option, causing it to advance out of proportion with the rest of the market. Taken all around the outlook for ultimately higher prices is better than for some time and we believe that any of there deferred futures bought at their present quotations are good property.

Corn news has been firm, but the trade is so small that the action of values is considerably restricted. Receipts today, 291 cars; estimated for tomorrow, 375 cars.

Oats are steady and closed unchanged. Receipts today, 37 cars; estimated tomorrow, 240 cars.

Export demand for these coarse grains is good and they should be bought at their present prices.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 19.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; western superfine, $3.50@3.75; western extra, $3.25@3.40; western family, $4.00@4.50; winter wheat patents, $4.75@5.00; spring patents, $5.00@5.20; spring wheat straights, $4.50@4.90; receipts, 13,553 bbls.; exports, none.

WHEAT—Strong; spot, month and February, 97⅝@97⅞c; May, 97½@97⅝c; steamer No. 2 red, 93⅝@93¾c; receipts, 34,496 bu.; exports, 186,128 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 93@98½c; southern wheat, on grade, 94@98c.

CORN—Steady; spot, month and February, 32½@32⅝c; steamer mixed, 30½@30¾c; receipts, 221,[illegible] bu.; exports, 42,857 bu.; southern white corn, 29@29½c; southern yellow, 28@30c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 29½@30c; No. 2 white western, 29c; receipts, 39,752 bu.; exports, 60,259 bu.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 nearby, 52½c; No. 2 western, 53½c; receipts, 12,239 bu.; exports, none.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Barely steady; steam to Liverpool per bu., 3s 6d February; 3s 6d for orders, per quarter, 3s 6d January; 3s 6d February.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 21@22c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 16c; good ladle, 14@15c; store packed, 12@14c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 18c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, 8¾@10c; fancy medium, 10@10½c; fancy small, 10¼@10½c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 19.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 1 red western, winter, 5s 8d; No. 1 red northern, spring, 5s 7½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 3s 6½d; American mixed, old, 3s 3½d; futures steady; January, 3s 4d; February, 3s 2½d; March, 3s 1½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy, winter, dull at 8s 6d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm at £5.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 68s 3d; prime mess, 56s 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 47s 6d; prime mess, medium western, 45s. Hams, short cut, firm at 37s. Bacon, dull at 27s; short ribs, 28s 6d; long clear middles, light, 27s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 27s; short clear backs, 27s; clear bellies, 28s 6d; shoulders, square, steady at 28s 6d. Lard, prime western, dull at 23s 3d. Tallow, prime city, firm at 19s.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, firm at 49s 6d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 19.—WHEAT—Slow, steady; No. 1 hard, nominally, 83½c; No. 2, 82½@83c; No. 3, 80@82c; No. 1 red, nominally, 82c; No. 2, 81@82c; mixed, 80c; No. 3, 80@80c; No. 2 spring, 82c; No. 3, 79@80c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 24½@25c.

OATS—Slow; No. 2 white, 24½@24½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 42c.

HAY—Choice prairie, $7.00@7.50; choice timothy, $8.50@9.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@17c; dairy, 12@14c.

EGGS—Receipts, heavy; fresh, 15c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 97,600 bu.; corn, 57,200 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 17,400 bu.; corn, 74,100 bu.; oats, none.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 19.—FLOUR—Steady; fancy, $4.20@4.40; family, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 94c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 29c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 mixed, 25c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady at $4.55. Bulk meats, quiet and firm at $4.60. Bacon, quiet at $5.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.18.

BUTTER—Lower; fancy Elgin creamery, 21c; Ohio, 13@18c; dairy, 10c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.16@6.10.

EGGS—Firm at 17½c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio flat, 8½@9c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 299 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 46 cars.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 17 cars; corn, 291 cars; oats, 167 cars. Estimated car lots tomorrow: Wheat, 25; corn, 375; oats, 240.

DULUTH, Jan. 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 36 cars.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Jan. 19.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 cash, 91⅛c; May, 93c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 27¾c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 23c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 46½c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull, easier; prime cash, $3.17½ bid.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Jan. 19.—WHEAT—No. 1 white and No. 2 red, 92½c; May, 92⅝c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 25½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Jan. 19.—CORN—Easier; No. 2, 28⅝c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 24½c.

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

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—WHEAT—Steady; May, $1.38⅝.

BARLEY—Firm; May, 90⅝c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Improvement in Tone and Activity, with Better Prices.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The market for stocks today improved in tone and activity as the day wore on and at the close the general list showed fractional improvements, while in some cases there was a rise of from 1 to 2½ points. The close was strong at the best prices of the day. The extreme ease of money, call loans being traded as low as 1½ per cent, was a potential influence in the market's late strength. There were several other beneficial features in the news of the day. The weekly earnings of railways in nearly every case were net increases running up to $20,000 in Chesapeake & Ohio and $38,000 in Louisville & Nashville. The $15,000,000 Germany 4 per cent bonds were considerably oversubscribed. These facts, together with the action of the house of representatives at Washington in sustaining points of order against Cuban resolutions, caused a rising tide in quotations, the Pacific group taking the lead. The legislative action in behalf of Cuba for a while at least was improbable. Washington reports regarding the currency question had little influence on the market. The Chicago contingent in Berlin and Frankfort were reported taking a pathetic view of the situation. The transactions in Sugar and Northern Pacific were in considerable volume. Sugar rose on street gossip that it was firm on a strong report of the coming dividend, that specialty. Northern Pacific left off at 1% advance on hopeful expressions regarding the earnings by friends of the property. There were vague rumors of an effort to secure legislative permission for the consolidation of local gas companies and consolidated gas shares rose sharply and retained part of the gains. Mobile & Ohio advanced 1¾. Pets was attributed to the subsequent announcement of the 1 per cent dividend. Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis was strong on the favorable December earnings. The grangers and local transportation shares shared in the general appreciation of values. Oregon Navigation was up 2 points. Oregon Improvement trust receipts, 2¼; Oregon Short Line, 1¾; Northern Pacific, 1¼; Northern Pacific preferred, 1¼ and Union Pacific trust certificates, 1½. Other notable gains were: Lacledde Gas preferred, 1½; New York & St. Louis, 1¼; New York & St. Louis preferred, 2½ and Tennessee Coal and Iron, 1¾. There were no important losses.

The bond market maintained a fair degree of strength, with transactions largely confined to the speculative lines. The aggregate sales were $1,450,000. Government bonds showed an easier tendency.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock market here today was quiet and irregular in dull. Grand Trunks and Americans had the best markets, although the latter were unfavorably affected at the opening by news that the United States finance committee had reported favorably Senator Teller's bill for paying the bonds in silver. The continent bought Americans and German buying of Northern Pacific was a feature. New York operators closely watched, especially in view of the case here. The improvement noted in these dispatches yesterday to the financial position in Austria was based on economic conditions.

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

Atchison	12⅝	St. P. & Om.....	75
do pfd	30¾	do pfd	148
Baltimore & Ohio..	19⅝	St. P. M. & M.....	121
Canada Pacific	88⅝	So. Pacific	20¼
Canada Southern..	53	So. Railway.....	9
Central Pacific.....	11⅝	do pfd	30⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	17½	Texas & Pacific...	11⅝
Chicago & Alton....	165⅝	Union Pacific	32⅝
C., B. & Q.....	99⅝	U. P., D. & G.....	9⅝
C. & E. I.....	56⅝	Wabash	7⅝
C., C., C. & St. L....	83¾	do pfd	18⅝
do pref	90	Wheel. & L. E.....	1⅝
Del. & Hudson.....	111	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	12¾
Del., L. & W.....	151	Adams Ex.....	158
Den. & Rio G	12⅝	American Ex.....	118⅝
do pfd	37⅝	United States Ex...	41
Erie (new).....	14⅝	Wells Fargo Ex....	112
Erie 1st pfd.....	37⅝	A. Col. Oil.....	21⅝
Ft. Wayne	169	do pfd	71⅝
Great Northern pf.	113½	Am. Spirits	7⅝
Hocking Valley ..	7	Am. Spirits pfd....	18
Illinois Central....	106⅝	Am. Tobacco.....	86¾
Lake Erie & W....	17	do pfd	113
do pfd	71⅝	People's Gas.....	91⅝
Lake Shore.....	179	Cons. Gas	182⅝
Louisville & Nash..	54¾	Com. Cable Co.....	175
Manhattan L.....	117⅝	Col. F. & Iron.....	24
Met. St. Ry.....	140	do pfd	70
Michigan Central..	104¼	Gen. Electric.....	34¾
Minn. & St. L.....	25	Illinois Steel.....	48
do 1st pfd.....	85	La Clede Gas.....	47
Mo. Pacific.....	33⅝	Lead	36
Mobile & Ohio.....	17	do pfd	105½
Mo. K. & T.....	12⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil.....	17⅝
do pfd	35⅝	Oregon Imp. Co....	28¾
Chi., Ind. & L.....	9	Pacific Mail.....	31⅝
do pfd	31⅝	Pullman Pal.....	175⅝
N. J. Central.....	95¼	Silver Certificates..	56⅝
N. Y. Central.....	112⅝	Stand. Rope & T....	3¼
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	113¾	Sugar	137
do 1st pfd	69	do pfd	112¼
do 2d pfd	35⅝	T. C. & Iron.....	20
Norfolk & Western	14	U. S. Leather.....	15¾
No. Amer. Co.....	4⅝	do pfd	63¾
No. Pacific.....	27⅝	U. S. Rubber.....	15¾
do pfd	64¾	do pfd	61⅝
Ontario & W.....	15⅝	Western Union....	90⅝
Ore. R. & Nav.....	48¾	Northwestern.....	122⅝
Ore. Short Line.....	23	do pfd	165
Pittsburg	161	Rich. Terminal.....	2
Reading	21⅝	do pfd	56
Rock Island.....	89¾	Chicago Great W..	14¾
S. L. & S. F.....	7⅝	S. L. & S. W.....	4⅝
do 1st pfd	56⅝	do pfd	16⅝
St. Paul	95⅝	Hawaiian Com.....	31¼
do pfd	144½		

The sales of stocks today were 287,600 shares, including: 3,215 Cleveland & Ohio, 3,590 Baltimore & Ohio, 3,000 Louisville & Nashville, 13,983 Manhattan, 7,750 Metropolitan, 3,557 Hawaiian, 5,620 Missouri Pacific, 7,295 New York Central, 42,460 Northern Pacific, 23,499 Rock Island, 27,165 Union Pacific, 5,870 Chicago Great Western, 10,090 People's Gas, 3,655 Consolidated Gas, 41,009 Sugar.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—Call loans, 2½@3½ per cent; time loans, 2¾@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	12⅝	Wis. Cent	3¼
American Sugar..	137⅝	Gen. Elec.	165
Am. Sugar pfd	112⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	90
Bay State Gas.....	3⅝	Edison Elec. Ill....	209⅝
Bell Telephone....	269	Atchison 4s.....	90⅝
Boston & Albany.	222	N. Eng. 6s	113
Boston & Maine...	163	General Elec. 5s..	100¼
C. B. & Q.....	99⅝	Wis. Cent 5s.....	103⅝
Fitchburg	99⅝	Wis. Cent 6s.....	125⅝
General Electric..	35	Allouez Mining Co	90
Illinois Steel.....	48	Atlantic.....	25⅝
Mexican Central..	6	Bonanza & Mont..	15⅝
N. Y. & N. E.....	81	Butte & Boston....	25⅝
Old Colony.	188	Calumet & Hecla..	498
O. S. L.....	22⅝	Centennial.....	11⅝
Rubber	15	Franklin	8
Union Pacific.....	31¾	Osceola	41
West End.....	83⅝	Quincy	113
do pfd	101¼	Tamarack	140
W. Elec	24¼	Wolverine.....	18⅝
do pfd	53		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Chollar.....	18	Ontario.....	25
Crown Point.....	13	Ophir.....	150
Con. Cal. & Va. ..	100	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver.....	100
Gould & Curry....	28	Quicksilver pfd....	900
Hale & Norcross..	110	Sierra Nevada....	50
Homestake	57	Standard.....	140
Iron Silver	35	Union Con.....	30
Mexican.....	15	Yellow Jacket	25

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ay