

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Business on Change at Small Proportions, Owing to Wire Breakdowns.

TENDENCY OF GRAIN PRICES DOWNWARD

Corn and Oats Unchanged to a Point Lower and Provisions from Seven to Seventeen and a Half Cents Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Business on change today was down to small proportions by the interruption to wire facilities by the recent storm and the tendency of grain prices was principally a decline of 1/8-1/4 cent lower, corn unchanged and oats 1/4 cent lower. Provisions, however, were firm and closed 1/2-1/4 cent higher.

Wheat was lower from the start. May received a slight decline of 1/8-1/4 cent from Saturday's closing price, and in the first few minutes of trading dropped to 67-5/8. Telegraphic communication with the east was seriously interrupted on account of the recent storm, but enough filtered through to show the general drift of speculative tendency abroad and at the seaboard. It was decidedly bullish and the market was affected accordingly.

Provisions were moderately active and strong. Hog receipts were moderately active and strong and much less than expected. The market was influenced by the breaking grain markets which had been moderating for some time. Prices were higher at the start and continued to advance during the session. Closing strong. May pork closed 17 1/2 higher at 93 7/8. May lard 7 1/2 higher at 32 1/2. Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 250 cars; corn, 700 cars; oats, 420 cars; hogs, 100 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat, 65 1/2; corn, 52 1/2; oats, 32 1/2; hogs, 93 7/8; lard, 32 1/2; pork, 32 1/2.

Table with columns: Articles, Open, High, Low, Close, Sat'dy. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard, etc.

Cash quotations were as follows: BARLEY—Steady; winter, 63.50; spring, 62.00; malting, 61.00. RYE—Steady; winter, 48.00; spring, 47.00.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

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forings, 42 tubs; sales, 50 tubs at 21c. 22 tubs. The board voted against doing business on afternoon morning session. GRAIN RECEIPTS AT PRINCIPAL MARKETS. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Receipts: Wheat, 117 cars; corn, 700 cars; oats, 420 cars.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS. Anticipation of Effect of the President's Message Checks Dealings. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—There was much interest and curiosity manifested in Wall Street today by the message of the president.

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MRS. CODY MAKES DENIALS

On Cross-Examination She States She Did Not Promise \$50,000 for False Testimony from Mary Shields.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The fifth day of the trial of Mrs. Cody and the charge of blackmail was resumed in the court today with Mrs. Cody again on the stand under the cross-examination of De-lancy Nicoll, counsel for the Goulds.

Mr. Nicoll handed Mrs. Cody a book containing the handwriting record of the charge of blackmail in the Mississippi passengers record of the baptism of a child, the parents of which were alleged to be Jay Gould and Mrs. Angell.

Mr. Nicoll further asked her if she had any conversation with the late Mrs. Angell, and she replied in the negative.

The postmaster general estimates the deficiency in the postal revenues for 1900 at \$1,235,850. The estimate for army and navy for 1900 is \$1,000,000; cost of pension service, \$1,233,850.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—In conformity with the requirements of the law, the secretary of the treasury today transmitted to congress the estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year 1900.

Estimates Estimated for 1900: Army and Navy, \$1,000,000; Pension Service, \$1,233,850; Public Works, \$3,500,000; Miscellaneous, \$1,233,850.

Summary of Outlay. Appropriations for the fiscal year 1900 amounted to \$287,841,460 for the general establishment to \$107,816,460.

Directors of Board of Trade: JAMES E. BOYD & CO., GRAIN, PROVISIONS AND STOCKS.

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