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Wheat Market Closes Strong at a Fourth of a Cent Advance.

LIVERPOOL REPORTS AFFECT TRADING

Export Demand for Provisions Improves and the Market Closes at Slight Advance Along All the Lines.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-Wheat today turned strong on the enormous seaboard clearances deliveries in the northwest. The market losed strong at 4c advance over yesterday's closing prices. Corn and oats were both dull and prices are unchanged. Provisions advanced slightly.
Wheat opened weak and lower. Liverpool

news overshadowed everything else at the immediate opening. That market showed declines ranging from 5-8d to 11-8d, a very emphatic advance to yesterday's weakness in this market. Its effect was marked, though not very lasting. Quantities of May were offered at the start at 65% 665 5-8c. npared with yesterday's closing price of 7-8c, but so many takers were found for the wheat at those figures that the price jumped almost immediately to 66c. There the market hung for a time with quite a fair business doing. December in the meantime developed great strength. Opening 3-8c lower at \$2.5-8062%c, the market advanced very quickly under strong bidding by recent sellers, and by the general crowd, the price being jumped to 634c before a halt was called by the scalpers, who saw too much profit in sight to resist realization.

To account for the unexpected show of strength by December it was said that as fast as wheat is being delivered on December contracts, it is being ordered out on all railroads by shippers. Indications of a falling off in farmers' deliveries in the northwest, long looked for, also encouraged buying. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts today were \$57 cars, compared with 1,263 last week and 628 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 141 cars, eight of contract grade. The decline in northwest receipts was commented on from the fact that the weather is especially favorable for shipping. Later in the day still more strength was given the market by the heavy Atlantic port clearances amounting in wheat and flour to 1,207,000 bu. After the first buying furor had been satisfied, the market became duil, but brightened up again on the clearance figures, all classes of traders coming into the market, shorts being especially active in covering their contracts. Late Argentine reports as to the crop and condition in that country were again unfavorable. The buying enthusiasm was somewhat checked by the closing cables, which showed weakness in all foreign markets, but the reaction was slight, shorts taking advantage of any dopression to cover. May closed at 65 1-8c, and December at 83 5-8c.

Corn was dull and heavy during most of the session. The market opened slightly lower, partly through sympathy with wheat, but principally on account of the cold weather, which was expected to improve the grade of new corn. Weak cables also had some influence. The advance in wheat was responded to in a the wheat at those figures that the price jumped almost immediately to 65c. There the market hung for a time with quite a

Leading futures ranged as follows: Articles. Open. High. Lew. Close. Yestdy ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—Futures strong, 4.66-8c higher; spot lower; No. 2

Dec May Jan	62460K 64560K	68% 65% 64%	6254@54 6454 6354	63% 65% 64%	63 GH 64M 63MGH
Dec May Jan	33160% 34%	33 33404 34464	3274 3394 3494	3254-33 3354 8454	33 014 33 % 34 14
Dec May Pork.	35% 6 %	25 %@% 26	25% OK 25%	28%@% 26	25% 25%
Jan May Lard.	9 15	9 42%	9 12kg 9 37kg	9 20 9 42%	9 17% 9 40
Jan May Riba.	5 05 5 22%	5 0714 5 25	5 05 5 22%	5 0714 5 25	5 0714 5 2216
Jan May	4 55	4 57%	4 55	4 57%	4 5734

gal. \$1.26.

BUGARS—Cut loaf, \$5.95; granulated, \$5.45.
The following were the receipts and shipments for today. ARTICLES. Receipts. Shipments.

Flour, bbls...... Wheat, bu...... Corn, bu...... Oats, bu.... 29,000 200,000 170,000 357,000 25,000 143,000 Rye, bu..... Barley, bu On the Produce exchange today the but-ter market was weak; creameries, 14@20c; dairies, 13@18c. Cheese, steady, 84@10½c. Eggs, fresh, 22@22½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET. Quotations for the Day on General

Commodities. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11.234 bbls.; exports, 16.736 bbls.; steady but neglected; winter patents, \$2.60@3.80; winter straights, \$3.45@4.50; Minnesota patents, \$3.65@3.85; winter extras, \$2.65@2.90; Minnesota bakers, not quoted.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 60c f. o. b. afoat. CORNMEAL—Easy; yellow, western, 75@

GORNMEAL—Easy; yellow, western, 750 180.

CORNMEAL—Firm; western, 60070c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 60070c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 315,425 bu.; exports, 310,435 bu. Spot steady; No. 2 red, 74 3-8c of o. b., afloat. Options opened weak, with 1 cables, but soon responded to a scare on December shorts and recovered. Firmness 1 was a feature all day, helped by big clearances, fair export demand and small north-sweet receipts; closed 4c net higher: December 70 3-8071c; closed, 724c.

CORN—Receipts, 528,656 bu.; exports, 199,529 bu. Spot cash easier; No. 3, 40 3-80 404c f. o. b., afloat. Options opened easy, under bearish cable news, rallied with wheat, but fell off again on disappointing export trade and closed partly 4c net lower; December closed 33%c; OATS—Receipts, 78,000 bu.; exports, 2,490 bu. Spot cash dull; No. 2, 30%c; No. 2 white, 33c. Options inactive.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4.688 pkgs.; very firm; western creamory, 14,6820c; Elgins, 204c; factory, 120744c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4.868 pkgs.; steady; large, white, 10c; small, white, 104c; large, colored, 10c; small, colored, 104,6704c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,246 pkgs.; steady; western, 25c; southern, 22622c.

METALS—The week in the metal market draws to a close with the outlook most unpromising. At the close the metal exchange called pkg iron warrants nominal at 37.25; lake copper, quiet, with \$12,65 bid and \$12,85 saked. The quiet, with \$12,65 bid and \$12,85 saked. The firm fixing the settling price for leading miners and smelters in the west quotes lead at \$3.65 and copper at \$12.75.

Baltimore Market. BALTIMORE, Dec. S.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; receipts, 16,261 head; exports, 22,111 head; spot and month, 70449 to 1046; January, 704,671c; deamer No. 2 red, 65c bid; receipts, 102,331 bb.; exports, none;

southern wheat, by sample, 6787ic; southern, on grade, 674,6704c.

CORN—Steady; spot and month, 298
39 1-8c; December, new or old, 384c; January, 384c; steamer mixed, 256,654c; receipts, 213,994 bu.; exports, 338,568 bu.; southern white corn, 366,39c; southern yellow, 354,688-8c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, 33c asked; No. 2 mixed, 32c asked; receipts, 4,290 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 nearby, 364c; No. 2 western, 584c; receipts, 17,152 bu.

fancy, 10c. Prunes, 46,104c. Apricots, royal, 106,100 park, 146,17c. Peaches, unpecied, 84,6124c; Moor park, 146,17c. Peaches, unpecied, 84,6124c; Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 676,674c.

CORN—Steady, quiet; No. 2 mixed, 286,234c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 57c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady, \$4.90. Bulk meats, steady, \$4.70. Bacon, easy, \$5.75.

WHISKY—Firm; \$1,26.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET. Condition of Trade and Quotations Staple and Fancy Produce. EGGS—Good stock, 20c. BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@12c; choice.

10@16c; separator, 22c; gathered creamery 20021c. POULTRY-Hens, live, 4c; dressed, 5c POULTRY—Hens, live, 4c; dressed, 5c; old roosters, live, 3½c; dressed, 4½c; spring chickens, live, 50½c; dressed, 626½c; ducks, live, 5½g5c; dressed, 7c; geese, live, 526½c; dressed, 7c; turkeys, live, 728c; dressed, 9210c
GAME—Teal, blue wing, \$1.75; green wing, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.7522.25; prairie chickens, \$5; quali, per doz., \$1.0031.10; jack rabits, 75c6\$1.00; cottontalis, 40650c.
PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.
VEAL—Choice, 839c.
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ONIONS-Per bu., 40@50c BEANS-Hand-picked, navy, per bu., \$1.30 POTATOES-Choice stock, 45@50c; sacked, 45650c; poorer stock, 40c. SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., \$2.50. CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 1½c. CELERY—Per bunch, 25630c; Colorado calery, 35640c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, \$4.00@4.25; choice, \$3.7594.00.
ORANGES—Mexicans. \$4.00; small sizes, \$3.75; Navels, fancy rose brand, \$4.0024.25; Redland, choice, \$3.75@4.00; seedlings, \$3.50. BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, \$2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, \$1.75@2.00. FRUITS.

APPLES—Western Be; Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl., \$3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., \$3.75(4.40).

PEARS—Burtlett, California, out of the market; other varietles, \$2.25.

STRAWBERRIES—Per box, 30c.
GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., \$7.50@8.50; Catawbas, per basket, 18c.
CRANBERRIES—Bell & Bugles, per bbl., \$7.50; Jersey, \$6.50; per crate, \$2.25.

QUINCES—Per box, \$2.60.

MISCELLANEOUS.

\$7.50; Jersey, \$6.50; per crate, \$2.25.
QUINCES—Per box, \$2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—Trees, 4-5 feet, per doz., \$2:5-8 feet, per doz., \$2:50; 7-9 feet, per doz., \$2:50; 8-11 feet, per doz., \$4.50; exter tra large trees, for school and church purposes, 12 to 24 feet, according to size and beauty, \$2 to 35 each; evergreen wreathing, in colis of 20 yards, per coll, \$1; holly branches, in cases 22x4 feet, about 60 ibs., of \$4.50; in bbls., per bbl., \$2; wreathes, crosses and horseshoes, per doz., \$1.50; long needle pines, 3 to 5 feet long, per doz., \$3.50; mistle-pines, 3 to 5 feet long, per doz., \$3.50; mistle-pines, 3 to 5 feet long, per doz., \$3.50; mistle-pines, 3 to 5 feet long, per doz., \$3.50; mistle-pines, 3 to 5 feet long, per doz., \$3.75; in smaller quantities, per lb., 20c.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9610c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, 11c; per lb., 9610c; English walnuts, per lb., \$6; cocoanuts, per l00, \$4.50; peanuts, raw, \$6644c; roasted, 7674c; chestnuts, \$69c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal, can, each, \$2.50; gal, cans, pure, per doz., \$12; half-gal, to ask \$6.25; quart cans, \$3.50.

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb, boxes, \$1.50.

HONEY—Choice white, 124,613c.

DATES—Hallowee, \$0 to 70-lb, boxes, \$60 to 40 to 50 t

show important long interests and very itle buoyancy was shown after that. The ish demand was a little less urgent. Resipts were light, 293 cars. May ranged om 35 5-806334c to 33 7-8c and closed unhanged at 334c.

The market for oats was decidedly dull. Leyond the usual scalping transactions not row was done until late in the day, the rowd apparently taking no interest. There was some important commission house selling near the close, but the market held teady under it. Receipts were 296 cars. The cash demand was good. May ranged from 254c to 26c and closed unchanged at 5 7-8c.

The provision market was almost as unnetersting as oats. Offerings were small, notwithstanding another heavy run of hogs, but everything was taken care of, buyers appearing to have confidence in higher prices. The export demand showed improvement. The range of prices was very narrow. At the close May pork was 24c higher at 39.424, May lard 24c higher at 55.25 and May ribs unchanged at 34.724c.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 199 cars; corn, 450 cars; oats, 330 cars; hogs, 50,000 head.

SAUERKRAUT—Per naif bill., 25.00.

HIDES., TALLOW, Great, 190 indees, 54c; No. 2 in hides, 6c; No. 1 saited hides, 7c; No. 2 green in hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 7c

St. Louis Market. strong. 4,76-8c higher; spot lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 68½c bid; track, 68½ 669½e; December, 68½c; May, 677-8668c; July, 63½c asked; No. 2 hard, cash, 53c. CORN—Futures steady to a shade lower; spot steady. No. 2 cash, 31½c bid; December, 30 7-8678tc bid; May, 22 1-8c asked. OATS—Steady for options: spot, lower. No. 2 cash, 27c bid; track, 27½c; December, 70c bid; May, 27c bid; No. 2 white, 29½673oc. SEFDS—Flaxseed, nominal, 98c. Prime timothy seed, nominal, \$2.50. CORNMEAL—\$1.5561.60.

HRAN—Steady to firm; east track, sacked, 56c. 56c.
POULTRY-Firm; chickens, 5446c; ducks, 6464c; geese, 56c; turkeys, 8446c.
HAY-Steady to firm; prairie, \$6.0067.00; timothy, \$7.0068.25.
WHISKY-Steady; \$1.26.
BUTTER-Weak; creamery, 176224c; delay 14609c *No. 2
Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR—Slow; winter patents, \$3.50%
\$.60; straights, \$3.15@3.30; spring specials, \$4.00@4.10; spring patents, \$3.50%
\$WHEAT—No. 3 spring, patents, \$2.20%2.50, WHEAT—No. 3 spring, \$61@62½c; No. 2 red, \$67%683½c.
CORN—No. 2, 23½6@33%c.
CORN—No. 2, 28½6@33%c.
OATS—No. 2, 28½6@36%c; No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 27%29c.
RYE—No. 2, 58½c.
BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 40%61c.
SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1, \$1.01@1.05½.
Prime timothy seed, \$2.25.
PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$7.50
\$7.55. Lard, per 100 lbs., \$4.95%6.07. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), \$4.45%4.65. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$4.25%4.37½; short clear sides (boxed), \$4.25%4.37½; short clear airy, 14219c. EGGS-Firm; 19c. METALS-Lead, dull, \$3.50@3.55. Spelter, METALS—Lead, dull, \$3.50\(\pi_3.55\). Speiter, lower, \$5.12\(\pi_4\). PROVISIONS—Pork quiet; standard mess, jobbing, \$3.10. Lard, lower; prime steam, \$4.95; choice, \$5.00. Dry sait meats, boxed shoulders, \$4.25; extra short clear, \$4.75; rlbs, \$5.00; shorts, \$5.12\(\pi_4\). Bacon, boxed shoulders, \$5.00; extra shorts, \$5.50; shorts, \$5.75.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—All markets dow; rain restricts business. Hog products under but steady. Pork, standard mess, \$3.75 go.00. Lard, refined therce, \$3.75; pure, \$5.50 gs.62½. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 4.87½; sides, \$5.12½@6.25. Bacon, clear rib sides, \$6.12½@6.25. Hams, choice sugarured, \$8.75@5.50.

COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to fair, 62-82 3-8c; Rio, ordinary to good. 4@5c.

FLOUR-Extra fancy, \$3.20@3.25; patents, 13.70@3.80.

1.70@3.80. CORNMEAL—\$1.75@1.80. BRAN—64@65c. HAY—Prime, \$10.00@12.00; choice, \$13.00@ CORN-No. 2 sacked, old, white, 41c; mixed, 40@43c; yellow, 41c; new, 2c lower, OATS-No. 2 sacked, 321/2633c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—Steady;
No. 1 hard, 61½c; No. 2, 80½661½c; No. 3,
7½6604c; No. 2 red, 66½667c; No. 3, 62665c;
No. 2 spring, 60661c; No. 3, 55659c.
CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 30½630%c;
No. 2 white, 30c.
OATS—Slow; No. 2 white, 27½c,
RYE—Steady; No. 2, 48c.
HAY—Steady, unchanged.
BUTTER—Steady; separator, 19c; dairy,
16c.

16c. EGGS-Steady; fresh. 20c. RECEIPTS-Wheat, 84,000 bu.; corn, 24,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu. SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 47,400 bu.; corn, 4,500 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu. Duluth Grain Market.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard.
cash, 657-Sc; December, 641-Sc; May, 654c;
No. 1 northern, cash, 626-Sc; December,
621-Sc; May, 644c; No. 2 northern, 586-Sc;
No. 3, spring, 56-Sc to arrive, No. 1 hard,
655-Sc; No. 1 northern, 625-Sc. Receipts,
558-785 bu; shipments, 602,745 bu,
CORN—334c;
OATS—274274c,
CORN—34c;
BARLEY—3642c,
FLAXSEED—\$1.00.

Toledo Market.
TOLEDO, Dec. 9.—WHEAT-Unchanged and weak; cash and December, 68c.
CORN-Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, ATS-Active and steady; No. 2 mixed, 27c
RYE-Unchanged; No. 2 cash, 54c.
CLOVERSEED—Active and lower; prime
cash, old, \$4.10; new, \$4.40.
OH.—North Lima, 78c; South Lima and
Indiana, 73c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 2.—Receipts: Wheat, 29 cars.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2.—Receipts: MINNEAPOLIAS,
Wheat, 525 cars.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 2.—Receipts: Wheat,
140 cars.
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 180; oats, 330; corn, 450.
Receipts at primary markets: Wheat,
1,408,411 bushels; corn, 530,071 bushels.

Liverpeol Grain Market. Liverpeol, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—Dull, 14@ 34d lower; December, 5e 914d; March, 5s 814d; May, nominal.
May, nominal.
CORN—Dull. 465-8d lower; March, 3s
6 5-8d; January, 3s 7 3-8d.

California Dried Fruits NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—CALIFORNIA DRIED PRUITS—Apples steady; old fruits firm. Evaporated apples, common, 788c; prime wire tray, 8½c; choice, 869%c;

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—Quiet;

No. 2 red, 6796714c.

CORN—Steady, quiet; No. 2 mixed, 34c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, 289284c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 57c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady, \$4.90. Bulk meats, steady, \$4.70. Bacon, easy, \$5.75.

WHISKY—Firm; \$1.26.

EGGS—Firm; 19c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—WHEAT—Market steady; December, 615-8c; May, 63340 633-8c; on track, No. 1 hard, 633-c; No. 1 northern, 623-c; No. 2 northern, 693-c; No. 2 FLOUR—First patents, \$3.3503.65; second patents, \$3.3503.45; first clears, \$2.6003.70. Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 9.—WHEAT-No. 1 northern, 654266c; No. 2 northern, 6446 644c.
RYE—Steady; No. 1, 536534c.
BARLEY-Lower; No. 2, 4846494c; sample, 437434c.

Peoria Market. PEORIA, Dec. 9 .- CORN-Inactive; No.

33¼c. OATS-Dull, lower: No. 3 white, 25¼c. WHISKY-Firm; \$1.26.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS. Market Takes Upward Spurt and Closes at High Point. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Stocks rose materially today and left off at the best with a remarkable display of activity and strength. The opening was firm, accompanied by great activity, ignoring the shaded prices of the London market. Ma-

panied by great activity, ignoring the shaded prices of the London market. Manipulation of the high-priced industrials caused considerable advance in these specialties. Railways responded only feebly for the time being, but later became the leaders of the market. Purchasers of high-priced usually dormant stocks and other generally neglected issues of a lower value enlarged the scope of trading and from time to time attracted attention when dealing in the general market was sluggish and devoid of feature. Des Moines and Fort Dodge was lifted 23, per cent and Chicago & Alton 4 and Edison illuminating 6 points. The leading feature of the railway list was Missouri Pacific, which developed unusual activity and buoyancy, which carried its shares up 33 per cent to 41½. The mortgages of the road also showed aggressive strength, the consels 6s rising 6 points, trust 5s 3½ and the collateral 5s 8 points.

The buoyancy of these securities was attributed in part to the operations of a big pool and a favorable augmented influenced by the recent cancellation of the company's floating indebtedness. The bulls had complete control of the market and although the preponderance of the dealings and the specialties during the forenoon, coupled with their marked irregularity, served to diminish trading in the standard stocks, persistent efforts were made to advance the prominent railways, which met with considerable success in the final hour. Rock Island started the rise and the inquiry quickly extended to the rest of the granger group and other specialties which had been neglected during the day. The shorts were frightened by the decided strength of the market and covered extensively lines in many properties, which gave a buoyant tone to the closing.

The bond market broadened materially and round amounts of various issues found a ready market at advanced prices. Total sales, \$7,050,000 U. S. old 4s, registered, and the 2s, registered, advanced ½ in the bid price.

The Evening Post's London financial

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The Evening Post's London financial cablegram sayst. "The stock markets here were quiet today, the only feature being an improvement in Kaffirs on first dividend declarations by the leading deep level mines. The dividends of five mines alone involve a cash distribution of £1,000,000. Americans were quieter. Under New York support the market was firm at first, but then became easier and prices consequently closed under the best. I am told that the recent buying of gold by Spain for Havana may be repeated."

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

Total sales of stocks today were 540,100 shares, including 14,896 Atonison preferred, 3.752 Central Pacific, 8,090 Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,668 Chicago & Alton, 3,942 Burlingtor 13,759 Louisville & Nashville, 14,299 he hattan, 16,192 Metropolitan, 4,629 Hawalian preferred, 70,950 Missouri Pacific, 3,-390 Missouri, Kansas & Texas preferred, 4,550 Northern Pacific, 25,020 Rock Island, 5,-700 Union Pacific, 13,720 St. Paul, 4,980 Southern preferred, 5,645 Texas & Pacific, 5,967 Union Pacific preferred, 3,870 Wabash preferred, 28,668 Tobacco, 11,835 Steel preferred, 4,386 People's Gas, 3,510 Lead, 66,887 Sugar, 3,570 Leather, 16,057 Leather preferred, 6,250 Western Union.

New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—MONEY ON CALL Nominally 2024 per cent. PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-3404 PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-34/04
per cent.
STERLING EXCHANGE—Market easier,
with actual business in bankers' bills at
44.844/64.844/6 for demand and at 44.814/04.814/
for sixty days; posted rates, 44.824/2 and
44.85/04.804/2 commercial bills, 34.804/2 and
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PARIS, Dec. 9.—Business on the bourse today was firm and transactions were limited. Operators, however, were impressed favorably with the note issued regarding the recent speech of the British ambassador. There was a slight reaction, however, in the last hour of the market, except in mining shares, which closed firm in anticipation of dividend announcements. Three per cent rentes, 1027 77½c for the account: exchange on London, 257 31½c for checks; Spanish 4s, 42.05.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Prices were firmer on the bourse today and Spanish is were particularly in demand, owing to rumors from Paris that a bill will be submitted to the Cortes concerning the reduction of the 4 per cent "exteriors" to 3 per cent, on which basis a loan is said to have been offered to Spain by a syndicate of banks and finan-Foreign Financial.

clers. Americans were firm. Canadian Pacifics were weak and local securities were in good demand.

LÖNDON, Dec. 9.—American securities were inactive and dull all day, with professional trading ruling. The close was dull. The amount of bullion witnerawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £10,000. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 115.1. Spanish 4s closed at 41%. Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Call loans, 263 per cent, time loans, 2864 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

San Francisco Mining Quotations. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks to-day were as follows:

Alta
Alpha Con...
Andes
Beicher
Best & Belcher
Caledonia
Challenge
Chollar Mexican
Occ dental Con
Ophir
Overman
Potost
Savage Con. Cal. & Va...130 Con. Imperial avage Silver bars, 59 3-8c; Mexican dollars, 474@47%c. Drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 171/c.

Cholar 22 Ontario
Crown Point 17
Con Cal. & Va. 129
Deadwood 45
Gould & Curry 18
Hale & Norcross. 170
Homestake 5000
Iron Stiver 73
Mexican 22 Velkow Jack 18 do ofd..... 170 Sierra Nevada .5000 Standard 73 Union Con..... 32 Yellow Jacket London Stock Quotations. LONDON, Dec. 9.-4 p. m.-Closing:

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The following ar the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Consols, money 1104 N. Y. Central 122
Consols, acct. 1104 Pennsylvania 614
Canadian Pacific 864 Reading 95
Erie 181 ofd. 27
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Hillinois Central 1144 L & N. 66
Northern P. pfd. 78
St. Paul common. 1175

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, Dec. 6.—Bank clearings today were \$1,000,949.73; balances, \$59,633.67. One year ago the clearings were \$385,612.97; balances, \$82,512.14. Increase in clearings, \$224,935.76.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$231,907,432; gold reserve, \$244,529,197.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$20,060,270; balances, \$1,84,476. New York exchange, par. Sterling exchange, posted rates, \$4,824,644,954. Stocks generally quiet. West Chicago easy on liquidation; Alley L. 85; Biscuit common, 454; Biscuit preferred, 103; Diamond Match, 142%; North Chicago, 228; Strawboard, 344; West Chicago, 100; City Railway, 303.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$5,708,931; balances, \$440,775. Money, 468 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount bid, 10c discount asked.

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CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—Money, 24:46 per cent. New York exchange, 15c premium. Clearings, \$1,748,250.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$14,-518,180; balances, \$1,901,826.
BALITIMORE, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$3,335,-740; balances, \$553,324.
NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$154,964,-278; balances, \$8,254,432.
BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$22,035,324; balances, \$1,814,038.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—Clearings, \$1,-943,143. New York exchange, bank, par; commercial, \$1 discount. Wool Market.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. &—The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow of the wool market: "The market is quite active, with no material change in prices. A few large sales have been made at former figures, but the market as & whole is steadier than last week. Territory, western wools and ficeces have been very active and Australian has been in better demend. The sales lian has been in better demand. The sales of the week are 4.342.000 lbs. domestic and 1.080.000 lbs foreign—a total of 5.422.000 lbs., against 3.487.000 lbs. last week and 3.125.000 lbs. for the same week last year. The sales to date show a decrease of 101.188.800 lbs. domestic and 129.786.200 lbs. foreign from the sales to the same date in 1897. The receipts to date show a decrease of 243.044 bales domestic and 3.924.743 bales foreign.

New York Dry Goods Market. New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Good sales of print cloths were reported today and prices advanced 1-16c to a basis of 23-16c for regular 61-square goods. Merrimac and Luzon silk fancy prints advanced 4c per yard. The tone of the cotton goods market was very firm and the situation healthy. A good general demand was reported for both staple to fancy cotton goods. Brown and bleached cottons were well traded in Prints and ginghams sold well and firm, and advances in prices are not improbable. Woolen goods are in steady request and the tone of the market was more confident.

Coffee Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points advance, ruled unexceptionally inactive, but showed steady undertone, on heavy United States warehouse deliveries and small Brazilian receipts; absence of Rio and Santos cables—closed by holiday—made traders conservative. Closed firm, 549 10 points net higher. Sales, 4.250 bags, including December, \$540; March, \$5.70; September, \$6.00; October, \$8.0076.05; November, \$5.10. Spot coffee, steady. Mild, steady; improved demand for large lots and good business in a jobbing way.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—SUGAR—Firm; open kettle, 34:43 11-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3%:24 1-16c; centrifugal, granulated, 4 9-16:242c, white, 44:49:4½c; yellow, 424 3-8c; seconds, 2%:23%:c.

MOLASSES—Steady; open kettle, 20:331c, centrifugal, 86:19c; syrup, strong, 25:33rc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair renning, 3 16-16c; centrifugal, '96 test, 4 7-16c; molasses sugar, 3 11-16c; refined, steady; crushed, 5%:c; powdered, 5 3-8c; granulated, 5%:c.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—BEET SUGAR—December, 10s 1½:d; January, 10s 2½:d. Sugar Market.

Condition of the Leather Market. Condition of the Leather Market.
CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—The Shoe and Leather Review of December 10 will say: "The packer hide market is stronger. The near approach of the holidays tends to restrict trade, but packers reem able, on account of the limited stockst to dictate the prices the tanners must pay. Native steer hides were sold at 11½c and 10½c for heavy and light, but some of the packers are closely sold up and are demanding 11½c and 10½c. Texas steer hides are said to have been brought to 10½c for heavy. Country buff hides are strong at 9½c."

Oll Market. OIL CITY, Dec. 9.—Credit balances, \$1.17; certificates opened. \$1.13 bid for cash; closed, \$1.18; no sales; shipments, 85,789 bbls; runs. 81.239 bbls.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.—OIL—Spirits turpentine, firm, 37c; rosin, firm, unchanged.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 9.—OIL—Spirits turpentine, firm, 36%,6736%; rosin, firm, 37%,631.01%. Crude turpentine, firm, \$1.30, \$2,00 and \$2.00; tar, firm, \$1.10.

Price of Wine Advances. SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 9.—The shortage in the wine crop of 1898, and the fairly good demand that has existed during the past year, have resulted in advancing prices. In speaking of the situation, Secprices. In speaking of the situation, Secretary Hotchkiss of the Winemakers' corporation, said: "Prices of wines have been advanced steadily for some time, and since 72. October 1 the increase has amounted to 6 17. cents per gallon. We feel confident that prices will go higher. Our opinion is based on the facts of the long-continued dry weather, which will weaken the wines, and 68. No. 72. the ravages of the phylloxera."

Blame Fixed for Fatality. DETROIT. Dec. 9.—The coroner's in-vestigation of the cause of the collapse of the roof of Wonderland theater, by which a dozen lives were lost, returned a verdict today to the effect that too heavy a weight was placed upon the roof and fixing the responsibility upon the firm of John Scott & Co., architects.

CHICAGO. Dec. 9.—A special to the Record from Chattanooga, Tenn., says: The government has formally purchased at private sale the Lookout Point property, for which negotiations have been pending for some months.

BEEF TO TEST TRADE NOT ENOUGH

Business Fairly Active and Prices Steady to Strong-Hogs Rule Fairly Stendy and Sell Actively-Sheep Steady.

Receipts today 1,604
Official Monday 1,739
Official Tuesday 1,659
Official Wednesday 2,831
Official Thursday 1,941 Five days this week... 9.774 same days last week... 14.373 same days week before... 10.292 same three weeks ago... 15.150 46,103 10,878 38,060 10,041 26,884 9,452 42,801 15,971 same three weeks ago .15,150 42,801 15.971
Average price paid for hogs for the last several days, with comparisons:

[1898. [1897. [1896. [1895. [1894. [1893. [1892.

• Indicates Sunday. •• Holiday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

C., M. & St. P. Ry. 2 O. & St. L. Ry. 3 Missouri Pacific Ry. 31 Union Pacific System. 12 C. & N. W. Ry. 7 C., St. P., M. & O Ry. 6 B. & M. R. R. 8 C., B. & Q. Ry. 1 K. C. & St. J. 2 C., R. I. & P. Ry., east. 7 C., R. I. & P. Ry., west. Total receipts

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

383 1,176 1,727 2,275 2,422 1,262 75

Totals 1,850

BEEF STEERS.

No. Av. Pr. No. Av 1. 840 2 00 1.1210 2 60 5.
1. 730 2 00 2.1045 2 65 3.
1. 880 2 25 1.1060 2 75 1.
2. 800 2 25 1.1330 2 75 1.
1. 790 2 25 1.132 2 75 1.
15. 866 2 25 7. 971 2 80 1.
3. 903 2 25 28. 801 2 80 3.
1. 1060 2 50 1. 520 2 90 1.
3. 1080 2 50 4. 962 3 05 1.
1. 1040 2 50 1.110 3 10 3.
1. 750 2 50 1.1430 3 10 5.
6. 1039 2 50 2.100 3 10 16.
9. 1023 2 50 2.1210 3 10

COWS AND BULLS.

HEIFERS. 1. 840 2 00 1. 730 2 00 1. 880 2 25 2. 800 2 25 1. 790 2 25 5. 866 2 25 1. 1050 2 50 2. 1050 2 50 1. 1040 2 50 1. 1040 2 50 1. 1040 2 50 1. 1040 2 50 5..1120 3 15 3..1026 3 25 1..1050 3 25 1..1050 3 25 11..1100 3 25 11..130 3 35 3.1086 3 40 1..1130 3 50 1..1130 3 50 5..1204 3 60 16..1025 3 70 HEIFERS

17.. 699 3 00 13.. 889 3 15 35.. 599 3 15 1..1000 3 40 4.. 910 3 40 BULLS.
1.. 790 3 00
1..1500 3 20
1..1230 3 25
4..1487 3 35 1..1330 2 75 1..1260 2 75 1..1290 2 85 1..1160 2 80 1..1540 2 85 CALVES.

2.. 170 3 00 14.. 300 4 00 13.. 406 4 00 1.. 110 5 00 STAGS. 1..1390 4 00 STAGS.

1.. 710 2 25 29.. 879 3 50 1.. 610 4 00
1.. 900 2 25 21.. 831 3 60 2.. 710 4 00
1.. 580 3(10 30.. 826 3 60 6.. 448 4 00
28.. 857 3 25 27.. 580 3 70 48.. 374 4 35

SOUTH DAKOTA.

C. J. Bliss.

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BOUTH DAKOTA.

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3 cows......936 2 75 3 helfers.. 883 3 15
1 cow......1090 3 00 2 helfers.. 760 3 65
1 helfer... 730 3 00 1 helfer... 750 3 75
1 cow......140 3 00

HOGB-Today's hog market opened about steady with yesterday's general market. It may have been easier than the extreme high time yesterday, but as good as the general market fairly active. Chicago and other markets came a little easier and that made the buyers in some cases a little bearish, but sellers were in no mood to make concessions and they generally held on until they got their price. Heavy hogs sold largely at \$3.27½, with a few prime heavy at \$3.30. Medium weights and light mixed went largely at \$3.30, with some choice loads at \$3.32½@3.35 and a top at \$3.40. These were practically the same prices that were paid yesterday, with the exception of the top, which was 2½c higher than yesterday.

A glance at figures at head of column will bring out some interesting facts. It will be noted among other things that the receipts for the week to date are way in excess of the totals for corresponding days of recent weeks. Still there have been none too many hogs to keep all the packers busy and they have bid the market up so that it has been very strong as compared with other markets. A good many lowa hogs are being turned this way and still it is impossible for buyers to get all that they want. Today the packers had eight double decks sent up from Kansas City. Another thing that may be learned from the tables at head of column is the fact that the market is now about 10c higher than it was a week ago. One year ago today the average price paid for hogs on this market was \$3.13, two years ago \$3.21, three years ago, \$3.32, and four years ago, \$4.20. Representative sales:

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382 western yearlings, wethers feeders
111 western sheep and yearlings,
cornfed 80 \$3 85 245 western lambs, cornfed...... 25 buck lambs, culls..... CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Active Demand for Hogs from Chicago Packers-Prices Barely Steady. CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—There was a fair sup-ply of cattle for Friday. Offerings were well taken at yesterday's ruling prices.

ply of cattle for Friday. Offerings were well taken at yesterday's ruling prices. Holiday cattle were in good demand at \$5.6046.00; good to choice steers brought \$4.9035.50, while commoner grades sold at \$3.8544.85; stockers and feeders ranged from \$2.9044.35, while light supply. The demand was mostly for good feeders. Calves sold at the usual wide range of prices, the best bringing \$6.0045.75; commoner grades, \$3.000 5.75.

There was a fairly active demand for hogs from the Chicago packers, but they acted more independently than usual, and in many instances prices ruled 2½c lower, there being less inquiry for heavyweights. Hogs sold at an extreme range of \$3.304 3.45. largely at \$3.3543.3715, and the bulk of pigs went for \$3.0043.30.

There was a moderate demand for sheep and lambs at the recent decline, sheep being wanted at \$2.2563.45, for inferior to choice, with sales largely at \$3.804.10. Muttons sold at \$3.80 and over and feeders were salable at \$3.5043.75. For yearlings the ruling prices were \$4.1040.65, while lambs moved off slowly at \$3.75. For yearlings the ruling prices were \$4.1040.65, while lambs moved off slowly at \$3.75. For yearlings the ruling prices were \$4.1040.65, while lambs moved off slowly at \$3.75. Heavy sheep were again neglected, the demand being for lightweight.

RECEIPTS—Cattle, 3,000 head; hogs, 40,-000 head; sheep, 10,000 head. KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET

Light Supply of Cattle Scarcely Satisfies Demand-Hogs Steady.

KANSAS CITY Dec. 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,675 natives and 90 Texans; light supply hardly satisfied demand; all grades slaughtering and feeding cattle selling readily at steady prices; heavy beef sters, \$5.00\(\text{c}\) 5.5; medium, \$4.30\(\text{d}\) 5.00; light weights, \$4.00\(\text{d}\) 4.90; stockers and feeders, \$3.00\(\text{d}\) 4.35; butcher cows and heifers, \$2.65\(\text{d}\) 4.00; western steers, \$3.00\(\text{d}\) 4.55; Texas steers, \$3.00\(\text{d}\) 4.40; Texas butcher cows, \$2.65\(\text{d}\) 3.25; canning stock, \$2.00\(\text{d}\) 2.50. head; demand hardly equal to supply; light weight and butcher pigs sold steady; packers slow to 5c lower; heavy, \$3.25\(\text{d}\) 3.35; lights, \$3.15\(\text{d}\) 3.30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1.455 head; light supplies and good demand sustained prices, all grades slaughtering and feeding sheep selling active at steady prices; lambs, \$5.00\(\text{d}\) 5.50; muttons, \$3.50\(\text{d}\) 4.25; feeding lambs, \$3.80\(\text{d}\) 2.5; feeding sheep, \$3.25\(\text{d}\) 3.85; stockers, \$2.50\(\text{d}\) 3.50. Light Supply of Cattle Scarcely

St. Louis Live Stock. St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,300 head, including 1,200 Texans; shipments, 1,600 head. Market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, \$4.15\(\pi_6\).60, bulk of sales, \$4.40\(\pi_6\).30; dressed beef and butchers, \$3.60\(\pi_5\).25, bulk of sales, \$3.70\(\pi_6\).10; steers, under 1,000 lbs, \$2.60\(\pi_4\).75, bulk of sales, \$3.25\(\pi_4\).00; stockers and feeders, \$2.30\(\pi_4\).30, bulk of sales, \$2.50\(\pi_4\).10; cows and heifers, \$2.00\(\pi_4\).50, bulk of sales of cows, \$2.30\(\pi_3\).00; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.65\(\pi_4\).25, bulk or sales, \$2.75\(\pi_4\).00; cows and heifers, \$2.00\(\pi_4\).00. 4.00.
HOGS—Receipts, 13.300 head; shipments, 900 head. Market weak to 5c lower; yorkers. \$3.19@3.35; packers, \$3.15@3.30; butchers, \$3.30@3.40.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 400 head. Market steady; native muttons, 43.50@4.10; culls and bucks, \$2.25@3.50; stockers, \$2.25@2.75; lambs, \$4.00@5.50.

New York Live Stock. New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,182 head; demand fair; good to choice beeves steady. Steers, ordinary to choice, \$4.50@6.69; oxen and stags, \$3.36@5.00; bulls, \$5.00@3.60; cows, \$1.35@3.70. Cables were unchanged. Exports, 123 cattle.

CALVES—Receipts, 132 head. Market quiet, but steady. Veals, \$4.00@7.50; southern calves, \$2.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2.134 head. Good sheep firmer; others steady. Lambs steady. Sheep, \$3.00@4.62½; lambs, \$5.00@6.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 4.826 head. Fair to prime, \$3.60@3.75.

prime, \$3.60@3.75.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 9.—CATTLE—Receipts, 600 head; market active and steady; natives, \$3.75@5.15; Texans and westerns, \$2.75@4.60; cows and helfers, \$1.60@4.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 4.700 head; market active and steady to a shade higher, selling at \$3.20@3.35; bulk, \$3.25@3.30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market was strong. strong.

Cincinnati Live Stock. CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—HOGS—Dull and lower; \$2.00@3.30. CATTLE—Stendy; \$2.50@4.75. SHEEP—Steady; \$2.25@4.00. LAMBS—Steady; \$4.00@5.25. Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal markets for December 9:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

Omaha 1.604 7.970 1.085

Chicago 3.000 40.000 10.000

Kansas City 3.675 15.939 1.465

St. Louis 2,200 13,300 1.000 Totals 10,479 77,200 13,560 Blizzard Raging in Texas. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 9 .- Reports received

all over Texas. Wire communication is more or less interrupted south of this city by heavy aleet. Killed by Falling Scaffold. CHICAGO. Dec. 9.—John Trozell was killed and John Kemperman and Samuel Larson were fatally injured today by the

here state that a severe bilzzard is raging

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