COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Weakens on Heavy Increase in the World's Visible.

CORN SHADE HIGHER, OATS UNCHANGED

Prospects of Damage in the Cold Snap Not Realized in the Wheat Pit —Provisions Close Stronger.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Wheat opened steady today on prospects of a freeze, but weakened on the heavy increase in the world's visible, May closing ⅛@¼c under yesterday. May corn closed a shade up and May oats unchanged. Provisions were strengthened by a hog movement lighter than expected, small offerings and a good outside demand, May pork closing 17½c over yesterday, May lard and May ribs each up 5c.

May wheat opened ⅛c up at 69¼@69⅜c, all because some shorts saw prospects of damage in the cold snap following the recent mild weather. This advantage was lost on profit-taking and selling against calls. For some time the market held fairly well at the decline, shorts doing a bit of covering and the scalpers buying against puts. The report of a heavy increase in the world's visible, coming when it had been expected there would be little change in the figures, turned the tide against the price and May fell to 68¾c. Some of this was recovered on buying against privileges, but the close was easy, May ⅛@¼c lower at 69c. New York reported no wheat taken for export. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 288,000 bu. Bradstreet's world's visible increased 3,670,000 bu. Local receipts were 94 cars, 21 of contract grade, most of it coming from private houses. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 462 cars, against 1,029 last week and 864 a year ago. Primary receipts were 527,600 bu., compared with 1,175,200 bu. last year.

Corn early was easy and very dull, but the close was firm. A trifle was nipped off the price shortly after the opening, but this was recovered. The steadiness was due principally to the small country offerings and the unwillingness of local holders to let go. The weather, too, has not turned enough to promise immediate encouragement to the movement. Receipt were liberal, 518 cars here and 457,000 bu., against 779,000 bu. a year ago at the principal western points. May ranged from 32½c to 32¾c, closing a shade up at 32¾c.

The oats market held steady, but in a very dull and listless way, the range being only ⅛c. Bad weather for movement was a support. The shipping demand, while not sharp, was better than experienced in the other grain pits. Receipts here were 308 cars. May sold from 23⅞c to 24c, closing unchanged at 24c.

Provisions were firm—pork especially so. The opening was at a gain, and this, as the session progressed, with some animation at times, was added to in a way very encouraging to holders. Some dealers saw a little mystery in the strength, believing support more potent than the light movement, good shipping demand and small offerings at the bottom of the market. There was considerable execution of outside buying orders by commission houses and a little profit-taking by packers. May pork sold from $10.07½ to $10.22½, closing 17½c over yesterday at $10.22½; May lard from $5.55 to $5.60 and finished 5c up at $5.60; May ribs ranged from $5.37½ to $5.42½, closing 5c better than yesterday at $5.42½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 50 cars; corn, 225 cars; oats, 130 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	65¾	65¾	65¼	65½	65½
May	69¼@⅜	69⅜	68¾	69	69⅛@¼
*Corn—					
Dec.	30⅜@½	30½	30	30½	30⅜
Jan.	30⅜	30⅜@⅞	30½@⅝	30⅜@⅞	30⅜
May	32⅝@¾	32¾	32½	32¾	32⅝@¾
*Oats—					
Dec.	22¼	22¼@⅜	22¼	22¼@⅜	22⅜@½
May	23⅞@24	24	23⅞	24	24
Pork—					
Jan.	9 82½	10 00	9 82½	10 00	9 82½
May	10 10	10 22½	10 07½	10 22½	10 05
Lard—					
Jan.	5 37½	5 40	5 35	5 40	5 35
May	5 55	5 60	5 55	5 60	5 55
Ribs—					
Jan.	5 25	5 30	5 25	5 30	5 25
May	5 37½	5 42½	5 37½	5 42½	5 37½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.00@3.20; clear, $2.90@3.10; spring specials, $3.80; spring patents, $3.20@3.50; straights, $2.70@3.00; bakers, $1.90@2.50.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 63½@65c; No. 2 red, 66¼@68½c.

CORN—No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 yellow, 30½@31c.

OATS—No. 2, 22¾@23c; No. 2 white, 25¼@25½c; No. 3 white, 24⅛@25½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½@52½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 37@45c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.51. Prime timothy seed, $2.50@2.52½. Clover, contract grade, $8.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.40@10.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.05@5.35. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.15@5.45. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.37½@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.45@5.55.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.18.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	58,000	13,000
Wheat, bu.	150,000	8,000
Corn, bu.	248,000	135,000
Oats, bu.	332,000	201,000
Rye, bu.	13,000	4,000
Barley, bu.	178,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@25c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese, steady at 11¾@12½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 20c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,412 bbls.; exports, 5,381 bbls.; quiet and easy, but not quotably lower; winter patents, $3.50@3.80; winter straights, $3.35@3.15; winter extras, $2.60@3.00; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.80@4.00; Minnesota bakers, $2.80@3.10. Rye flour, steadier and active; fair to good, $3.10@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.25@3.60. Buckwheat flour, steady at $2.25@2.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal at 60c c. i. f. New York.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 80c; city, 78c; Brandywine, $2.25@2.35.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 61c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 57c, c. i. f., New York car lots.

BARLEY—Firm; feeding, 41c c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 44@48c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@56c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 71,225 bu.; exports, 15,950 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 74⅛c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78⅜c f. o. b. afloat to arrive (prompt); No. 1 hard, Duluth, 79⅞c f. o. b. afloat (prompt), nominal; No. 2 red, 71⅞c elevator. Options opened steadier at ⅛c advance on light receipts and favorable cables, but later experienced a sharp break, declining ½c in the afternoon. This was prompted by a large increase in Bradstreet's world's stocks and brought out heavy selling for both accounts in the absence of export demand. Closed steady on a little covering at ⅛c net decline; March, 74@75⅛c, closed, 74⅞c; May, 74⅛@74⅝c, closed, 74⅜c; July, 74½@74⅝c, closed, 74⅝c; December, 72@72 7-16c, closed, 72¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 152,100 bu.; exports, 165,-892 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 40⅛c f. o. b. afloat and 39½c elevator. Options opened steady at 1-16c decline with wheat and held generally steady all day, with a small trade and fair export business, closing steady and unchanged to ⅛c net lower; May, 38 9-16@38⅝c, closed, 38⅝c; December closed, 38⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 89,600 bu.; exports, 8,415 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 29½c; No. 3, 29c; No. 3 white, 30½c; track, mixed western, 29@31c. Options quiet but steady.

HAY—Steady; spring, 65@75c; good to choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7c; 1899 crop, 12@15c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@15c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 15½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25@25½c; acid, 25@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.50@13.00; beef hams, $22.50@23.50; packet, $11.50@12.00; city, extra India mess, $21.00@23.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.75@6.00; pickled shoulders, $5.75@6.00; pickled hams, $7.75@9.25. Lard, steady; western steamed, $5.67½; December, $5.65 nominal; refined, quiet; continent, $5.95; South America, $6.35; compound, $5.25@5.37½. Pork, firm; mess, $9.50@10.25; short clear, $10.50@12.00; family, $11.50@12.00. Tallow, firm; city, 4⅞@5c; country, 4⅝@5c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4@4½c; Japan, 4⅝@5c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c.

METALS—Further severe losses were sustained by tin and copper today. Following almost sensational breaks in the London market, unfavorable advices from producing points in the west, a flat refusal of buyers to proceed and a bad scare among local sellers, tin broke 100 points and copper about 25 points. Both markets were well nigh unsettled, with indications pointing to continued irregularity in the immediate future. Lead and spelter were relatively steady and unchanged. At the close the Metals exchange called pig iron warrants dull at a nominal price; lake copper nominal at $16.75@17.00; tin lower, weak and unsettled at $24.50@25.00; lead, steady at $4.65@4.75; spelter, dull at $4.60@4.70. The brokers' price for lead was $4.45 and for copper $17.00@17.25.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; fresh stock, 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 10c; ducks, 8c; geese, 8@9c; spring chickens, 6½@7c; hens, 6@6½c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5@5½c; spring chickens, 6c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks and geese, 6@6½c; turkeys, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 16c; choice, 18@20c; separator, 26c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 90c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $5.50; grouse, $5; quail, per doz., $1.25; mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Upland, choice, $6.50; midland, choice, $6; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $5.50; No. 3 corn, 27c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13; shorts, per ton, $14.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Kansas, $2.25; Jerseys, $4; large bbls., Nebraska, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@35c.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $6.00@6.50; Bell & Bugle, per bbl., $6.50; Jerseys, $6.25.

ONIONS—Retail way, yellow, 65c; red, 75@85c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 45@60c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; Canadian, 1½@1¾c.

CABBAGE—Per lb., 1½c; Holland seed, 1¾@2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

WATERCRESS—Per 16-qt. cases, $1.60.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $2.75@3.00; New York stock, $3.50@4.00.

GRAPES—California Emperor, $2; Catawbas, per small basket, 18c; Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@7.50.

PEARS—Western varieties, $2.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

LEMONS—California fancy, $4.25@4.50; choice California, $4.00@4.50; Messina, $4.50@4.75.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8½c; No. 2 green hides, 7½c; No. 1 salted hides, 10c; No. 2 salted hides, 9c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3¾c; rough, 2c; white grease, 2¾@3¼c; yellow and brown grease, 2¼@3c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25@3.50.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1; shell barks, $1.25@1.35.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, $1.00; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9c.

CHRISTMAS GREENS.

TREES—5-ft., per doz., $2; 5 to 8-ft., per doz., $2.50; 7 to 9-ft., per doz., $3.50; 8 to 11-ft., per doz., $4.50; extra large sizes, 12 to 24-ft., $2.00@4.50.

HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of about 60 lbs., $4.50@5.00; per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

MISTLETOE BRANCHES—Per lb., 20c; per 25-lb. box, $3.75; wreathing, 20 yds., 90c.

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

Increase of Three Millions in Wheat East of Rockies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Special cable and telegraphic communication to Bradstreet's shows the following changes in available supplies, compared with the last account:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 2,070,000 bushels (Liverpool Trade News); afloat for and in Europe, increase, 600,000 bushels; total supply, increase, 3,670,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 331,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 516,000 bushels.

Among the more important increases not given in official visible supply statement are those of 875,000 bushels at northwestern interior elevators, 252,000 bushels at Chicago private elevators, 167,000 bushels at Milwaukee private elevators, 132,000 bushels at Cleveland, 118,000 bushels at Coteau, 100,000 bushels at Manitoba storage points, 75,000 bushels at Port Huron, 82,000 bushels at Depot Harbor and 70,000 bushels at Portland, Me.

The aggregate stock of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Tacoma and Seattle decreased 194,000 bushels last week.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 68c; track, 71c; December, 68c; May, 71½c; No. 2 hard, 67½@68½c; receipts, 8,202 bu.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 cash, 29¾c; track, 30¼@30½c; December, 29⅜c; May, 31¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 24c; track, 24½c; December, 23⅞c; May, 24⅞c; No. 2 white, 26½@26¾c.

RYE—Higher at 53@53½c.

FLOUR—Firm; patents, $3.45@3.60; extra fancy, $3.10@3.20; clear, $2.75@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady at $1.90@2.15; flax, higher at $1.46.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.75@1.80.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, 62c.

HAY—Steady and slow; timothy, $8.50@11.50; prairie, $6.00@8.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

COTTONTIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—Lower at 5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; standard mess, jobbing, $9.50. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.20; choice, $5.22½. Dry salt meats, extra shorts, $5.37½; clear ribs and sides, $5.50. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5.75; clear ribs, $6.12½; clear sides, $6.25.

METALS—Lead, higher at $4.60; spelter, firm at $4.60.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 6c; turkeys, 6½c; ducks, 5½@6c; geese, 5c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 50,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 9,000 bu.; corn, 44,000 bu.; oats, 35,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 21c; fancy western prints, 28c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby, 22c; fresh western, 22c; fresh southwestern, 20c; fresh southern, 19c.

CHEESE—Firm but quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—BUTTER—Receipts, 6,145 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 23@27c; June creamery, 22@25c; factory, 15½@20c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,227 pkgs.; fall made, fancy, 12¾@13c; fall made fancy, small, 12½@12¾c; late made, small, 12@12½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,250 pkgs.; dull and heavy; western ungraded, at mark, 16@21½c; western, 21@24c, loss off.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—BUTTER—Easy; creamery, 24@27c; dairy, 19@23c.

EGGS—Steady at 17c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 16@25c; dairies, 16@22c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 20c.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—BUTTER—Creamery, 22@25c; dairy, 18c.

EGGS—Another decrease in receipts strengthened market; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 15½c, cases returned; storage weak at 10@13c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—May, 62½; cash, No. 2 hard, 63@63½c; No. 3, 57@62c; No. 2 red, 68@69c; No. 3, 64@67c; receipts, 43 cars.

CORN—May, 27⅜c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 28¼@28⅜c; No. 2 white, 28⅛c; No. 3, 28c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24½@25c.

RYE—No. 2, 47c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 25,800 bu.; corn, 8,400 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 17,400 bu.; corn, 31,-500 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red, western winter, firm, 5s 8d; futures steady; March and May, 5s 9¼d.

CORN—Spot, unchanged; futures, quiet; December, 3s 6⅜d; January, 3s 6d; February, 3s 5⅝d.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 116,000 centals, including 84,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 46,200 centals.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, steady, 45s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, dull, 31s 6d; short ribs, steady, 35s 6d.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 12.—WHEAT—Lower and weak; No. 2, cash, 68c; December, 72⅛c; May, 72⅛c.

CORN—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2, cash, 56c.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, old, $4.85; December, $5.57½; March, $5.67½.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, December, 62⅝c; May, 66⅛c; July, 67⅛@67⅜c. On track: No. 1 hard, 66⅛c; No. 1 northern, 63c; No. 2 northern, 61⅞c.

FLOUR—Business fair and buying confined almost entirely to domestic factors; first patents, $3.40@3.50; second patents, $3.20@3.30; first clear, $2.29@2.39.

BRAN—In bulk, $10.50@11.00.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 66½@67½c; No. 2 northern, 64½@65½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 56c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 43c; sample, 36@43c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 12.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 30c.

OATS—Easy; No. 3 white, 23¼@23½c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.23½ for finished goods.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 12.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 64⅞c; No. 1 northern, cash, 63⅞c; December, 63⅞c; May, 63⅜c; No. 2 northern, 61⅜c; No. 2 spring, 55⅝c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Feverish Turn of the Market Following Monday's Shakedown.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The stock market displayed a feverish tone as a consequence of the violent shakedown of yesterday. Although there was some belated liquidation prices were not without support at any time and where breaches were made in values the character of the buying at the decline made it look as though the manipulation for a fall was for the purpose of taking on stocks. There was a notable volume of commission house buying, which indicated that outsiders had been attracted by the lower level of prices. There were points in the industrial list which displayed notable resistance all day and during the later part of the trading some positive strength. Some of the sharp declines in the railroad list, notably in the grangers, were attributed to a shifting of holdings from that group into some of the industrials. The grangers touched lower prices than in the demoralization of yesterday and they were practically the only stocks in the list to do so.

That there is still a large and aggressive bear party in the market was evident. Their tactics were moderately successful in the morning, especially in the cases of Tennessee Coal and Metropolitan Street Railway, which were forced down 5½ and 5¾, respectively.

Money at no time ruled over 8 per cent and in the afternoon was offered down to 4 per cent. The impression was abroad that some of the very large individual operators had become possessed of a liberal supply of funds and were taking on stocks. Traders generally turned to the bull side and marked up stocks to the neighborhood of last night's level and in some instances materially above it. Prominent specialties showed recoveries from the low point ranging from 2 to over 5 points. Sugar, Brooklyn Transit and Tobacco were especially notable in the rally. In the railroad list the trunk lines, the Pacifics and one or two of the coalers rose from 1½ to 2 and Southern Railway preferred rallied 2½. After touching 139½ Sugar suddenly broke 4 points to near the lowest and very much unsettled the whole list.

Reactions were confined to fractions outside of Tobacco and Brooklyn Transit and a few other industrials. The closing was thus made irregular and with mixed net changes. The action of the directors of the Federal Steel company in declaring the dividend of 3 per cent on the preferred stock, thus making the full 6 per cent for the year and clearing the way for promised dividends on the common next year, was not announced until the close of business, but it explained the relative firmness of the iron and steel stocks. Sentiment as to the future of the stock is still conflicting and unsettled, in view of the continuance of the factors which have restricted the money supply and led to the forced liquidation.

The bond market was less active than stocks and prices were comparatively steady. Total sales, par value, $1,225,000. United States new 4s advanced ¼, old 4s ¼ and the 5s ⅛ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were flat on continued dear money till near the close, when a rumor was bruited about that the Bank of France had agreed to release £800,000 gold to satisfy the demand from South America and to advance £1,000,000 to £3,000,000 gold to the Bank of England if required. Ready credence was given to these reports, as was shown by an all-round smart recovery in stocks. Americans were also on a parity until 1 p. m., until selling orders from New York came in. After the Wall street opening further selling orders came in and the close was irregular and most prices were lower. Money was stiff, the rate for Americans being 8 per cent. For St. Paul 7½ was asked, for Pennsylvania 7 per cent. Discounts were firm at the bank rate. The bank bought £27,669 in French coin and £10,000 was taken for South America. Copper stocks were flat; tintos, 44⅝@44⅞; Anacondas, 7⅞; Utahs, 6½; Bostons, ¾; Avinos, 1 5-16. Failures in the metal market caused forced selling. The Calico Printers' association has issued its prospectus, showing a capital of £8,200,000. The business represents 86 per cent of the British industry.

The following are the quotations for the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	20⅞	Union Pacific	48¾
do pfd	63½	do pfd	75
Baltimore & O.	54	Wabash	7¾
Canadian Pacific	93¾	do pfd	21½
Canada So.	52¾	Wheel. & L. E.	10
Ches. & Ohio	30⅝	do 2d pfd	28
Chicago G. W.	13⅝	Wis. Central	18
C., B. & Q.	128½	Adams Express	110
Chi., Ind. & L.	14	American Ex.	143
do pfd	48	U. S. Express	43
Chicago & E. I.	91	Wells-Fargo Ex.	127
*Chi. & N. W.	161½	Amer. Cot. Oil	34
C., R. I. & P.	110¾	do pfd	95
C. C. C. & St. L.	61⅝	Amer. Malting	8
Colorado So.	5½	do pfd	39½
do 1st pfd	45	Amer. S. & R.	35⅞
do 2d pfd	16	do pfd	88
Del. & Hudson	116¼	Amer. Spirits	3½
Del. L. & W.	181	do pfd	17
Denver & R. G.	19¼	Amer. Steel H.	42¼
do pfd	72	do pfd	80
Erie	12⅝	Amer. S. & W.	39¼
do 1st pfd	35½	do pfd	90
Gt. Nor. pfd	172½	Amer. Tin Plate	25½
Hocking Coal	16¾	do pfd	76½
Hocking Valley	32	Amer. Tobacco	103
Illinois Central	113	do pfd	140
Iowa Central	12¾	Anac. Min. Co.	39
do pfd	55	Brooklyn R. T.	80¼
K. C., P. & G.	8½	Colo. Fuel & I.	45⅞
Lake Erie & W.	19½	Con. Tobacco	31⅜
do pfd	80	do pfd	86½
Lake Shore	205	Federal Steel	50⅞
L. & N.	81¾	do pfd	88
Manhattan L.	101¾	Gen. Electric	123
Met. St. Ry.	177⅛	Glucose Sugar	48⅝
Mex. Central	11	do pfd	98
Minn. & St. L.	63	Inter. Paper	19½
do pfd	96	do pfd	67½
Missouri Pac.	45	Laclede Gas	82½
Mobile & Ohio	40½	National Biscuit	35½
Mis., K. & T.	11	do pfd	91
do pfd	35	National Lead	26⅝
N. J. Central	130½	do pfd	104
Norfolk & W.	25¼	National Steel	38½
do pfd	68½	do pfd	90¼
Nor. Pacific	54⅜	N. Y. Air Brake	143
do pfd	75¼	No. American	15⅝
Ontario & W.	24	Pacific Coast	48½
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 1st pfd	84
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	60
Pennsylvania	131⅞	Pacific Mail	42¾
Reading	18⅝	People's Gas	108⅛
do 1st pfd	55½	Pressed S. Car	54
do 2d pfd	18½	do pfd	88
Rio G. W.	41	Pullman P. Car	189
do pfd	88	Stand. R. & T.	10½
St. L. & S. F.	9⅝	Sugar	136¼
do 1st pfd	69½	do pfd	115
do 2d pfd	35½	Tenn. Coal & I.	88½
St. L., Southw.	11	U. S. Leather	13½
do pfd	28½	do pfd	18½
St. Paul	121	U. S. Rubber	43¼
do pfd	169	do pfd	107
St. P. & Omaha	120	Western Union	87⅝
So. Pacific	39½	Republic I. & S.	20¾
So. Railway	12½	do pfd	67⅛
do pfd	55¾	P. C. C. & St. L.	70½
Texas & Pacific	16		

*Ex-dividend.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

A., T. & S. F.	21	Westingh. Elec.	40
do pfd	63¼	Wis. Central	18¼
Amer. Sugar	136¼	Dom. Coal	41½
do pfd	115½	do pfd	118
Bell Telephone	345	Atchison 4s	96
Boston & Alb'y	246	Adventure	5¾
Boston Elevated	99½	Allouez Min. Co.	3
Boston & Me.	202	Atlantic	21
C., B. & Q.	128½	Boston & Mont.	275
Ed. Elec. Ill.	208	Calumet & Hec.	720
Gen. Electric	123¾	Centennial	18⅝
do pfd	137½	Franklin	15
Federal Steel	56½	Humboldt	1
do pfd	78¼	Osceola	65½
Mex. Central	11½	Parrot	35
Old Colony	206	Quincy	130
Old Dominion	20¾	Santa Fe Cop.	5½
Rubber	43¼	Tamarack	184
Union Pacific	48⅞	Winona	5
Union Land	3	Wolverines	36½
West End	91		

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—American securities opened lower on unfavorable advices from New York. Later the market rallied a trifle, but again fell off and closed weak. Business was restricted. Spanish 4s, 66⅛. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £17,000. During the last hour of trading the Stock exchange recovered slightly on a rumor that the Bank of France was to advance £4,000,000 in gold to the Bank of England and on another rumor that the Bank of France would advance about £1,000,000 to French manufacturers who are indebted in round sums to the Argentine wool exporters.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Prices opened weak on the bourse today, owing to the unfavorable money situation. International securities declined. Rio Tintos were freely offered, but closed very weak on account of the indications of weakness in copper in the United States. Kaffirs relapsed under sales due to unfavorable rumors in regard to the military situation in South Africa. Three per cent rentes, 100f 50c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 31½c for checks; Spanish 4s, 67.35.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Prices on the bourse today opened fairly steady. Iron and coal shares improved and Americans and Canadian Pacifics were well maintained. The closing was dull on the advance of money rate. Exchange on London, 20m 52pfg for checks.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 12.—The gold quotation today was 129.90.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—MONEY—On call, steady at 4@8 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; ruling rate, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¾@4.87 for demand and at $4.81@4.81¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.82½ and $4.87½; commercial bills, $4.80@4.80½.

SILVER—Certificates, 59@60c; bar, 59⅛c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Governments, strong; states, inactive; railroads, steady.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	102	do 4s	89
do 3s, reg.	109¾	N. Y. C. 1s	112¾
do coupon	109¾	N. J. C. gen. 5s	120¼
do new 4s, reg.	134	No. Carolina 6s	127
do coupon	134	do 4s	104
do old 4s, reg.	113½	Nor. Pac. 1s	110
do coupon	114½	Nor. Pacific 3s	65¼
do 5s, reg.	112¾	do 4s	102
do coupon	112¾	N.Y.C. & S.L.4s	106¼
D. of C. 3 65s	118	N. & W. c. 4s	91
Ala. class A	112	do gen. 6s	135
do class B	111	Ore. Nav. 1sts	108
do class C	101	do 4s	101
do currency	100	Ore. S. L. 6s	127¾
Atch. gen. 4s	97¼	do con. 5s	111¾
do adj. 4s	79¾	Reading gen. 4s	85¼
Canada So. 2s	107⅝	R. G. W. 1s	97
Ches. & O. 4½s	95	St.L. & I.M. c.5s	109
do 5s	116	St.L. & S.F. g.6s	124½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	143	St. P. consols	171½
do S. F. deb.5s	115	St.P., C. & P. 1s	120
Chicago Ter. 4s	94½	do 5s	121⅝
D. & R. G. 1s	101¾	So. Ry. 5s	107¾
do 4s	98¼	S. R. & T. 6s	82½
E. T., V. & G.1s	101	Tenn. n. set. 3s	91
Erie gen. 4s	70	Tex. & P. 1s	111¾
F. W. & D.C. 1s	73	do 2s	54
*Gen. Electric 5s	117	Union Pacific 4s	103½
G. H. & S. A. 6s	110	Wabash 1s	113¾
do 2s	105	do 2s	100
H. & T. C. 5s	112¼	West Shore 4s	112
do consol 6s	110	Wis. Central 1s	91½
Ia. Central 1s	112	Va. Centuries	85¼
K. C., P. & G. 1s	61¼	do deferred	8¾
La. new con. 4s	108½	Colo. So. 4s	84
L. & N. unl. 4s	100	So. Pacific 4s	80½
Mis., K. & T. 2s	67¼		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Cholar	10	Ontario	775
Crown Point	15	Ophir	90
Con. Cal. & Va.	170	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	19	do pfd	750
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	48
Homestake	6500	Standard	250
Iron Silver	50	Union Con.	28
Mexican	37	Yellow Jacket	10

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	101½	N. Y. Central	139
Cons., acct.	101 15-16	Pennsylvania	67⅞
Can. Pacific	96	Reading	9½
Erie	12⅞	Nor. Pac. pfd	76¾
do 1st pfd	37	Atchison	21½
Illinois Central	115¾	Louisville	83⅞
Union Pac. pfd	77	Grand Trunk	7¼
St. P. common	124	Anaconda	7⅞

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27¼d per ounce.

MONEY—4½@5 per cent; rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 6 per cent; rate of discount for three months' bills, 6 per cent.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $276,295,134; balances, $10,825,970.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $31,213,986; balances, $2,617,358.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $6,829,467; balances, $532,723; money, 6@8 per cent; New York exchange, 10c premium bid, 25c premium asked.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $24,327,786; balances, $2,516,342; posted exchange, $4.82½@4.87½; New York exchange, 45c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $20,242,116; balances, $2,360,151.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Clearings, $4,284,-850; balances, $475,507.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $287,201,652; gold reserve, $242,060,396.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—COTTON—With the exception of a local spurt of activity, speculation in today's cotton market was the smallest in weeks, probably months. Commission house brokers had few orders when the market opened, foreign reports were quite purposeless, while trading for southern interests was handicapped by demoralized wire service to points south and west of Augusta. The market made a fairly steady start, with prices 1@4 points lower, in sympathy with unfavorable cables. Before midday prices had sagged an additional 2@3 points on most positions. Scalpers were in absolute possession of the pit a good portion of the time, but were indifferent in the absence of incentive. Futures closed steady; December, $7.33; January, $7.38; February, $7.44; March, $7.48; April, $7.50; May, $7.52; June, $7.52; July, $7.53; August, $7.45; September, $7.10; October, $6.96; November, $6.91. Spot closed quiet and steady; middling uplands, 7 11-16c; middling gulf, 7 15-16c; sales, 400 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Spot, moderate demand; American middling, 4 5-16d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,500 bales American; receipts, 19,200 bales, all American. Futures opened and closed quiet at the decline; American middling, l. m. c., December, 4 10-64d, sellers; December and January, 4 8-64d, sellers; January and February, 4 6-64d, buyers; February and March, 4 4-64@4 5-64d, sellers; March and April, 4 3-64d, sellers; April and May, 4 2-64d, sellers; May and June, 4@4 1-64d, buyers; June and July, 3 63-64@3 64-64d, buyers; July and August, 3 62-64@3 63-64d, buyers; August and September, 3 59-64@3 60-64d, buyers; September and October, 3 53-64d, sellers.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 2,150 bales; ordinary, 6⅛c; good ordinary, 6⅝c; low middling, 7⅜c; middling, 7¾c; good middling, 7 9-16c; middling fair, 7⅞c; receipts, 11,610 bales; stock, 396,596 bales. Futures steady; December, $7.17 bid; January, $7.15@7.16; February, $7.17@7.19; March, $7.21@7.22; April, $7.22@7.24; May, $7.24@7.25; June, $7.26@7.28; July, $7.28@7.29; August, $7.14@7.16; October, $6.66@6.69.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Quiet and unchanged; middling, 7 7-16c; no sales reported; receipts, 10,011 bales; shipments, 9,251 bales; stock, 102,906 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Quiet at 7 5-16c.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—The tone in the wool market was quieter this week, although sales foot up a large average. Values as a rule are stronger than last week and dealers are sanguine that the top has not been reached yet. Territory wools continue to lead and it is difficult to find any good lines of fine medium and fine below the scoured basis of 60c and the range is up to 64@65c, while many holders will not sell at this figure, but are asking several cents higher prices. Fleece wools are held firm, but few washed lots are being sold. Following are the quotations for leading descriptions: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces—X and above, 33@34c; XX and above, 35@36c; delaine, 38@40c; No. 1 combing, 37@38c; No. 2 combing, 35@36c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc.—X Michigan, 27@28c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 35@36c; No. 3 Michigan combing, 34@35c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 35@33c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 34@35c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 26@27c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 32@33c; delaine Michigan, 34@35c. Unwashed medium, etc.—Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 26@27c; three-eighths blood, 27@28c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 25@27c; three-eighths blood, 25@26c; braid combing, 22@23c; lake and Georgia, 24@25c. Territory wools—Montana and Dakota fine medium and fine, 22@24c; scoured, 60@64c; staple, 65@70c; Utah and Wyoming fine medium and fine, 18@21c; scoured, 59@61c; staple, 65@68c; Idaho fine and medium fine, 18@21c; scoured, 59@61c; medium, 20@23c; scoured, 52@54c. Australian, scoured basis, combing, superfine, 88@90c; good, 85@87c; good average, 85c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—WOOL—Firm for fine grades and others easier; medium grades, 19@24½c; light fine, 18@22c; heavy fine, 14½@19c; tub-washed, 24@35c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Demand for evaporated apples was moderate and the market ruled quiet at unchanged prices; California fruits quiet and barely steady; state evaporated apples, common, 6@6½c; prime, 6¾@7c; choice, 7¼@8c; fancy, 8½@9c. Prunes, 3½@8c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 13@15c; Moor Park, 15@18c. Peaches, unpeeled, 7½@10c; peeled, 20@22c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Good Cornfed Steers Are Selling at Steady Prices.

OTHER KINDS OF KILLERS ABOUT STEADY

Hog Market Opens Two and a Half to Five Cents Higher, but Closes with Most of Advance Lost—Sheep and Lambs in Fair Demand.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 12.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,819	2,914	2,156
Official Tuesday	3,459	5,727	3,376
Two days this week	6,278	8,641	5,532
Same days last week	7,813	10,556	8,697
Same days week before	8,223	15,809	4,657
Same three weeks ago	9,683	17,200	6,807

Average price paid for hogs for the last several days with comparisons:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Dec. 1	3 74	3 25	3 23	3 19	*	4 41	5 93
Dec. 2	3 76	3 28	3 25	3 09	3 35	*	5 19
Dec. 3	*	3 29	3 19	3 23	3 42	4 47	*
Dec. 4	3 81	*	3 21	3 16	3 39	4 38	5 11
Dec. 5	3 80	3 37	*	3 09	3 39	4 27	5 14
Dec. 6	3 86	3 35	3 25	*	3 38	4 38	5 03
Dec. 7	3 81	3 28	3 22	3 00	3 36	4 35	5 06
Dec. 8	3 83	3 30	3 17	3 19	*	4 34	5 14
Dec. 9	3 90	3 29	3 13	3 21	3 32	*	5 15
Dec. 10	*	3 31	3 13	3 21	3 35	4 20	*
Dec. 11	3 92	*	3 15	3 17	3 28	4 17	5 14
Dec. 12	3 96	3 37	*	3 20	3 31	4 20	5 19

* Indicates Sunday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	1	3	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	3	1	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	5	3	2
Union Pacific system	51	21	6
C. & N. W. Ry.	..	2	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	21	26	..
S. C. & P. Ry.	..	3	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	16	2	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	28	21	5
C., B. & Q. Ry.	6	2	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	..	..	4
Total receipts	131	85	16

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	142	350	....
G. H. Hammond Co.	357	1,200	17
Swift and Company	375	1,332	171
Cudahy Packing Co.	748	1,181	1,403
Armour & Co.	454	1,283	1,193
Omaha P. Co., Kan. City	69	....	....
Armour, Sioux City	....	184	....
R. Becker & Degan	82	....	....
Vansant & Co.	4	....	....
J. L. Carey	117	....	....
Lobman & Co.	171	....	....
W. I. Stephen	121	....	....
Benton & Underwood	6	....	....
Huston & Co.	119	....	....
Livingston & Schaller	40	....	....
Hamilton & Rothschild	167	....	....
L. F. Husz	19	....	....
L. H. Meyers	303	....	612
Totals	3,225	5,530	3,407

CATTLE—Among today's offerings of cattle were some better steers than have been seen here in several days past. The market on all desirable kinds of killing cattle was about steady. Buyers seemed to want the good steers and most of them changed hands early, the best here bringing $6.00 and $6.05. Holders of half fat steers complained that no one seemed to be anxious to buy, but, as has been explained frequently of late, buyers are very apt to discriminate against half fat and warmed-up cattle whenever there are better cattle in the yards.

The market on cows and heifers did not show much change. It was, in fact, in just about the same shape as yesterday—that is, good kinds were sought after, while the less desirable were not any too active. There was, however, a fair demand, so that the most of the offerings changed hands in reasonable season.

Only a few stockers and feeders were to be found in the yards this morning, while the market was practically unchanged. There was a moderate demand and the desirable kinds changed hands in reasonable season. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	820	$4 25	13	1161	4 95
2	700	3 50	1	1480	5 00
2	910	3 75	14	1165	5 10
50	863	4 25	21	1150	5 10
8	1231	4 50	36	1119	5 15
49	923	4 65	40	1278	5 25
20	1064	4 65	20	1232	5 25
11	1060	4 65	1	970	5 25
22	1032	4 70	23	1190	5 25
43	1093	4 75	20	1265	5 30
25	1066	4 75	13	1093	6 00
19	1147	4 75	18	1063	6 00
20	1180	4 90	22	1043	6 05

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

56	964	5 20	16	1159	5 70

STEERS AND STAGS.

59	1328	4 85

COWS.

1	820	2 25	21	895	3 25
1	830	2 25	1	930	3 25
1	810	2 50	6	1116	3 25
1	940	2 50	2	1040	3 35
1	1030	2 60	1	950	3 35
9	974	2 65	1	1280	3 35
2	750	2 65	1	1180	3 35
1	700	2 65	1	1290	3 35
2	1065	2 65	2	1010	3 35
7	984	2 66	1	1060	3 40
1	1130	2 75	1	1160	3 40
1	820	2 75	5	1060	3 40
1	930	2 75	1	1010	3 50
1	850	2 75	1	970	3 50
6	916	2 75	15	964	3 50
1	960	2 75	1	1060	3 50
3	1013	2 75	4	910	3 50
1	910	2 75	2	885	3 50
1	770	2 75	1	1070	3 50
1	910	2 75	26	1049	3 56
1	910	2 85	14	1085	3 65
3	1053	2 85	1	1000	3 65
14	1018	2 85	7	1048	3 65
3	900	2 90	1	930	3 65
1	1110	2 90	1	1170	3 70
1	960	2 90	19	1038	3 70
2	815	3 00	2	1260	3 70
1	1110	3 00	1	1150	3 75
1	1050	3 00	9	924	3 75
3	1110	3 00	1	1570	3 75
1	950	3 00	3	1160	3 75
1	720	3 00	21	965	3 80
3	873	3 00	13	951	3 80
1	960	3 00	28	1094	3 80
3	976	3 05	48	854	3 85
5	1124	3 10	38	953	3 85
1	1220	3 15	3	1073	3 85
16	970	3 15	1	1230	3 85
14	1042	3 15	15	797	3 85
1	960	3 15	10	1020	3 90
2	1070	3 15	6	1008	3 90
1	1080	3 15	18	1028	3 90
3	1180	3 15	1	1100	4 00
1	1030	3 25	29	980	4 00
12	955	3 25	16	938	4 20
1	900	3 25	1	1150	4 20
60	1046	3 25	1	1270	4 25

HEIFERS.

1	680	2 50	4	1052	3 80
1	470	3 00	8	930	3 85
3	608	3 00	1	910	3 85
19	608	3 25	4	915	4 00
1	620	3 25	4	790	4 10
1	760	3 25	18	992	4 10
4	385	3 50	21	920	4 10
1	1080	3 50	14	935	4 15
3	830	3 50	2	1100	4 25
19	667	3 65	3	1146	4 25
2	875	3 65	2	1050	4 25
11	804	3 75	5	1218	4 40
1	900	3 75	1	1090	4 75
1	1000	3 75	27	848	4 80
1	980	3 80	2	1195	4 80

COWS AND HEIFERS.

5	826	3 75	32	1012	4 20
13	923	3 80	6	1143	4 35
20	880	4 20			

BULLS.

1	1320	2 60	1	1590	3 50
4	1367	2 70	1	1380	3 50
1	1250	3 15	1	1470	3 50
1	1390	3 15	1	1140	3 50
2	1435	3 20	1	1370	3 75
1	1550	3 25	1	2170	3 90
1	1380	3 25	1	1850	4 00

CALVES.

2	360	4 00	1	260	4 75
6	323	4 00	1	180	6 25
1	140	4 50	2	150	6 75

STAGS.

1	1470	4 75

STOCK CALVES.

1	280	4 00	3	313	4 70
40	346	4 60	1	460	4 75
31	366	4 65			

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS.

2	280	3 25	1	810	4 25

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

4	705	3 00	13	893	4 00
18	1042	3 26	1	740	4 15
49	848	3 50	23	880	4 15
65	857	3 50	2	960	4 15
1	580	3 75	9	616	4 15

Musselshell Cattle Co.—Mont.

2 steers	960	3 25	1 steer	800	3 25
1 steer	760	2 50			

A. J. Bernard—Idaho.

16 feeders	873	4 30	22 cows	1062	3 90
12 cows	997	2 10			

COLORADO.

56 feeders	837	3 50

ARIZONA.

1 cow	1220	3 50	57 feeders	831	3 30
59 feeders	819	3 30			

WYOMING.

2 calves	120	6 25	31 cows	882	2 70
3 calves	120	6 50	1 cow	700	2 70
3 cows	716	2 65	27 cows	814	2 65
26 cows	869	2 90	4 bulls	1200	3 00
10 feeders	811	3 80			
10 feeders	811	3 80	6 feeders	708	3 75
24 feeders	837	3 75			

O. H. Thomson—Neb.

1 heifer	540	4 15	9 cows	1028	3 35
1 cow	1180	3 35	5 cows	1004	2 75
1 cow	710	2 25	4 cows	817	3 35
2 cows	965	3 25	2 feeders	525	3 25

SOUTH DAKOTA.

39 cows	816	2 65	8 calves	210	4 50

HOGS—So far this week receipts of hogs have been light as compared with previous weeks, while the local packing demand has been good. As a result of this condition of affairs the market this morning opened 2½@5c higher and active at the advance. The early arrivals changed hands on that basis, a considerable proportion of the early sales reported being at $3.92½@3.97½, as against $3.90@3.92½ yesterday.

The situation at Chicago was not so favorable, and when advices from that point indicated that values were weak to 5c lower, with the bulk of the hogs selling but little above the prices prevailing at this point, buyers were very much inclined to lower their hands. In consequence the market closed easier, with a good share of the early morning advance lost. As sellers all worked hard to get the morning prices the later market was rather slow. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
22	306	80	3 90	54	279	...	3 95
31	323	120	3 92½	70	241	240	3 95
61	268	40	3 92½	82	248	80	3 95
59	321	160	3 92½	15	258	...	3 95
68	223	120	3 92½	73	277	40	3 95
72	270	80	3 92½	75	277	160	3 95
68	263	240	3 92½	70	265	120	3 95
56	285	120	3 92½	14	94	...	3 95
52	341	...	3 92½	61	235	...	3 95
64	277	240	3 92½	31	371	120	3 95
54	250	40	3 92½	63	313	160	3 95
61	251	...	3 92½	83	247	200	3 95
61	287	40	3 92½	63	239	200	3 95
59	285	...	3 92½	68	249	...	3 97½
51	333	...	3 92½	85	243	40	3 97½
70	309	320	3 92½	57	274	...	3 97½
61	290	40	3 92½	50	229	40	3 97½
57	296	80	3 92½	77	263	200	3 97½
61	296	160	3 95	64	272	120	3 97½
53	265	200	3 95	55	333	...	3 97½
65	289	240	3 95	53	237	40	3 97½
62	275	80	3 95	92	200	80	3 97½
57	211	160	3 95	57	316	160	3 97½
64	264	80	3 95	66	295	...	3 97½
83	242	...	3 95	63	230	40	3 97½
65	337	200	3 95	79	251	80	3 97½
55	300	80	3 95	77	266	80	3 97½
69	223	280	3 95	69	258	40	3 97½
57	311	200	3 95	69	258	40	3 97½
49	389	40	3 95	50	302	160	3 97½
71	241	80	3 95	87	192	80	3 97½
77	272	80	3 95	66	244	...	3 97½
93	173	...	3 95	71	248	240	3 97½
73	260	40	3 95	71	208	...	4 00
57	267	200	3 95	68	273	120	4 00
70	276	120	3 95	85	219	120	4 00
40	290	80	3 95	96	216	...	4 00
63	281	...	3 95	63	270	40	4 00
52	279	80	3 95	82	193	...	4 02

SHEEP—There was a fair run of sheep and lambs today, but there was also a corresponding demand, so that the market was reasonably active and just about steady all the way around. Most everything changed hands in good season at prices that were entirely satisfactory.

Quotations: Good to choice fed yearlings, $4.35@4.50; good to choice grass wethers, $4.15@4.25; fair to good grass wethers, $4.00@4.10; good to choice fed ewes, $3.75@4.00; fair to good fed ewes, $3.40@3.65; good to choice native lambs, $5.25@5.50; good to choice fed western lambs, $5.10@5.25; fair to good fed western lambs, $4.75@5.00; feeder wethers, $3.65@3.75; feeder yearlings, $3.75@3.90; good to choice feeder lambs, $4.25@4.35; fair to good feeding lambs, $4.00@4.25; feeder ewes, $2.25@2.75.

No.		Av.	Pr.
7	fed native ewes	154	$4 25
3	fed lambs	89	4 35
300	western lambs	63	4 50
305	fed lambs	69	5 00
7	native fed lambs	102	5 25
258	cull ewes	73	2 65
15	western ewes	104	3 60
208	western ewes	89	3 10
250	western ewes	101	3 60
492	western ewes	116	3 85
12	native ewes	128	3 85
141	feeding lambs	42	4 00
19	native lambs	58	4 25
82	native lambs	79	4 90
103	yearling wethers	100	4 45
230	western lambs	74	4 62½
134	western lambs	71	5 12½
2	bucks	195	2 00
245	fed western ewes	106	3 50
2	culls	80	4 00
155	fed native lambs	84	5 00
282	fed western lambs	69	5 05

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Generally Steady, Hogs Lower and Sheep Active.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Generally steady; butchers' stock steady to strong; canners stronger; calves firm; Texans steady; good to choice, $5.50@7.50; poor to medium, $4.50@5.40; mixed stockers, $3.00@3.80; selected feeders, $4.25@4.75; good to choice cows, $3.80@4.50; heifers, $3.00@5.00; canners, $1.90@3.50; bulls, $2.50@4.60; calves, $4.00@7.50; fed Texas beeves, $4.25@5.30; grass Texas steers, $3.50@4.30.

HOGS—Steady to 5c lower; trade rather slow; fair clearances; mixed and butchers, $3.85@4.10; good to choice heavy, $3.90@4.10; rough heavy, $3.80@3.87½; light, $3.85@4.10; bulk of sales, $3.95@4.05.

SHEEP—Market active and prices strong to 10c higher; native wethers, $4.00@4.60; lambs, $4.00@5.60; western wethers, $4.00@4.60; western lambs, $5.15@5.60.

RECEIPTS—Cattle, 3,500 head; hogs, 32,000 head; sheep, 10,000 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 10,600 head natives and 900 head Texans; desirable slaughtering and feeding cattle steady; few plain bunches shade lower; heavy native steers, $5.00@6.50; lightweights, $4.70@5.60; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.65; butcher cows and heifers, $3.10@4.60; canners, $2.50@3.10; fed westerns, $4.00@5.10; western feeders, $3.10@4.50; Texans, $4.00@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,600 head; slight advance in hog products caused improved demand at steady to shade higher prices; heavy and mixed, $3.95@4.00; light, $3.95@4.05; pigs, $3.85@3.95.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,750 head; good demand on all grades at strong to 10c higher prices; lambs, $5.00@5.40; muttons, $4.00@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.25; culls, $1.50@3.00.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,300 head, including 2,000 head Texans; market active and steady; native shipping and export steers, $4.75@5.75; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.50@5.50; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.95@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.35@4.50; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.85; canners, $1.00@2.75; bulls, $2.75@3.60; Texas and Indian steers, $3.75@4.50, with fed cattle worth $5.50; cows and heifers, $2.85@3.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,800 head; market easier to a shade lower; pigs and lights, $3.90@4.05; butchers, $3.95@4.12½.

SHEEP—Receipts, 700 head; market active and steady; native muttons, $3.25@4.00; lambs, $4.90@5.40; culls and bucks, $2.25@3.00; stockers, $2.60@2.90; Texas sheep, $3.50.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—BEEVES—Receipts, 917 head; a car of old cows sold at $2.25@3.00; feeling steady; cables quote cattle weak at London at 11¾@12¾c per lb.; exports, 60 cattle, 1,150 sheep and 4,769 quarters of beef; tomorrow, 6,300 quarters.

CALVES—Receipts, 64 head; 240 on sale; market dull; 125 unsold; veals, $5.00@8.50; grassers nominal.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 967 head; 7½ cars on sale; market quiet but steady; 6½ cars unsold; sheep, $3.00@4.50; lambs, $5.00@5.65; no Canada lambs.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,634 head; none for sale alive; nominally steady.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Journal quotations:

CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head; market active and steady; quality common to fair; natives, $4.60@5.45; Texas and westerns, $3.10@5.45; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.65; bulls and stags, $2.00@4.75; yearlings and calves, $3.75@4.90; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.60; veals, $4.25@6.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market 2½@5c higher; closed weak; all grades, $3.55@4.05; bulk of sales, $3.97½@4.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market steady and demand strong.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 12:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	3,459	5,727	3,376
Chicago	3,500	32,000	10,000
Kansas City	11,500	10,600	2,750
St. Louis	4,300	11,800	700
Totals	22,759	60,127	16,826

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—DRY GOODS—Generally dull and market quiet; heavy rains during morning checked business; mail orders fair for general assortments of merchandise on home account; export demand is indifferent; no price changes of any moment in either staple or fancy lines of cotton goods. Light fancy prints are taking satisfactorily with the trade at the new prices; ginghams are scarce and strong; print cloths at ⅜c for regulars, but without business thereat, and irregulars strong but quiet; men's wear woolens and worsteds quiet, but prices strongly maintained.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—SUGAR—Strong; open kettle, 3@3¾c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3⅞@4 5-16c; centrifugal, plantation granulated, 4 9-16c; whites, 4⅜@4⅝c; yellow, 3⅝@4½c; seconds, 2⅞@4⅛c.

MOLASSES—Very strong; open kettle, 38@43c; centrifugal, 11@20c. Syrup, 27@40c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 13-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜c; molasses sugar, 3 9-16c; refined, quiet; crushed, 5 9-16c; powdered, 5¼c; granulated, 5 3-16c.

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