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Liverpool's Firmness and Decrease in World's Visible Support Wheat.

LACK OF SNOW PROTECTION IN EUROPE

Corn and Oats Easier, Both Closing Lower—Provisions Still Firm, Prices Higher at the Close.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Firmness of the Liverpool and decrease in the world's visible came as a support to the wheat market today. May closed ¼@¾c over yesterday. Corn closed ⅛c and oats ⅛c lower. Provisions were 10@12½c higher.

There was little animation in the wheat pit today, but the tone of the market was firm. The Liverpool market showed an advance over Friday and reported an upward tendency in the price, due largely to an incoming consumption and the Russian, German and French reports of a lack of snow protection against the cold weather. With this array of information the bulls exhibited some confidence in their position. May opened ⅛@¼c over yesterday at 69⅜@69½c. Shorts were moderate buyers and the market advanced early to 69¾c, but eased off on selling against calls to 69½@69⅝c. Trade was very light, confined almost entirely to the local professional field and around the last given quotation the market clung throughout the session, closing ¼@¾c over yesterday at 69⅝@69¾c. Bradstreet's decrease in the visible of 725,000 bu. was a steadying influence late in the day. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 248,000 bu. and the seaboard reported thirteen loads taken for export. Primary receipts were 408,000 bu. against 823,000 bu. last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 320 cars, compared with 353 last week and 567 a year ago. Local receipts were 158 cars, 63 of contract grade.

Corn was easier, influenced by liberal receipts—706 cars here—and talk by the elevator people of freer country issulngs. The market was a small one, with some changing from January to May and scattered selling by longs. May ranged from 32¾@33c, closing ⅛c lower at 32¾c.

There was enough selling of May oats to drag the price off a trifle. The market was very quiet, in the contract stock—891,000 bu.—there was scarcely any change. Bradstreet's showed a decrease of 100,000 bu. Clearances were 63,000 bu. and receipts here 360 cars. May sold from 27⅞c to 23¾@⅞c, closing ⅛c depressed at 27⅝c.

Provisions were firm, influenced by small receipts of hogs at the western markets and firm prices at the yards. There was some important buying of lard, one firm alone taking in 10,000 tierces. Commission houses were also buyers, principally of pork and ribs for May delivery. May pork sold from $10.37½ to $10.55, closing 10@12½c over yesterday at $10.47½; May lard from $5.70 to $5.82½@5.85 and closing 10@12½c better at $5.80, and May ribs from $5.45@5.47½ to $5.55, with the close 10@12½c over yesterday at $5.52½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 175 cars; oats, 100 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	66	66⅛	66	66	65⅞
May	69⅝@½	69¾	69⅝	69½@⅝	69¼
July	69⅞	70¼	69⅞	70	69⅝@¾
*Corn—					
Dec.	30¼	30⅛	30¼	30¼	30½
Jan.	30½@⅝	30½@⅝	30⅜	30⅜@½	30⅝@¾
May	32⅞@33	33	32¾	32¾	33
*Oats—					
Dec.	22¼	22⅛	22	22	22⅛
May	23¾	23¾@⅞	23⅝	23⅝	23¾
Pork—					
Jan.	10 07½	10 22½	10 07½	10 17½	10 02½
May	10 40	10 55	10 37½	10 47½	10 37½
Lard—					
Jan.	5 50	5 65	5 50	5 62½	5 47½
May	5 70	5 86	5 70	5 80	5 70
Ribs—					
Jan.	5 27½	5 35	5 27½	5 35	5 25
May	5 47½	5 55	5 45	5 52½	5 45

*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, $3.90@4.00; spring patents, $3.60@3.65; straights, $2.80@3.00; bakers, $1.90@2.55; low grades, $1.35@1.80.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 61½@64c; No. 2 red, 67½@69c.

CORN—No. 2, 30¼@31c; No. 2 yellow, 31@31½c.

OATS—No. 2, 22½c; No. 2 white, 25@25½c; No. 3 white, 24½@24¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 53@55c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@45c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed and northwest, $1.49½; prime timothy, $2.35; clover, contract grade, $8.00@10.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.80@10.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.20@5.62½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.20@5.45. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.37½@5.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.60.

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.	56,000	33,000
Wheat, bu.	69,000	15,000
Corn, bu.	391,000	15,000
Oats, bu.	261,000	248,000
Rye, bu.	7,000	2,000
Barley, bu.	122,000	50,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 16@22c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese, firm at 12¼@12½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 20c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 65,678 bbls.; exports, 32,788 bbls.; rather steadier and moderately active in a jobbing way at old prices; winter patents, $3.55@3.75; winter straights, $3.35@3.45; winter extras, $2.55@2.90; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.80@4.05; Minnesota bakers, $2.80@3.10. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.10@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30@3.50. Buckwheat flour, dull at $2.10@2.25.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 82c; city, 77c; Brandywine, $2.25@2.35.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 61c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 56c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 48@63c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 68,600 bu.; exports, 15,188 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 74⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78⅝c, f. o. b., afloat (nominal); No. 1 hard, Duluth, 76⅞c, f. o. b., afloat, spot; No. 2 red, 72¾c, elevator. Options opened firm at ¼c advance and were well sustained all morning on a scattered demand from shorts, prompted by higher cables, bullish foreign crop news. Resulting a little from top in the afternoon under the small decrease in Bradstreet's world's stocks the market closed steady, with ⅛@⅝c net advance. January, 72⅞c, closed at 72⅞c; March, 74⅝@75⅛c, closed at 75⅛c; May, 74⅞@75⅛c, closed at 74⅞c; July, 75⅛@75⅛c, closed at 75c; December, 72⅞@72⅞c, closed at 72⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 391,391 bu.; exports, 155,518 bu.; sales, 35,000 bu. futures and 280,000 bu. spot. Spot, steady; No. 2, 40½c, f. o. b., afloat, and 39¼c, elevator. Options opened steady with wheat, but subsequently eased off under cables and predictions of more liberal receipts west; closed easy at unchanged prices to ⅛c net decline. May, 38⅞@39c, closed at 38⅞c; December closed at 38c.

OATS—Receipts, 261,450 bu.; exports, 248,058 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28½c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3 white, 30½c; track mixed western, 29@30½c; track white, 31@34½c. Options neglected and easy.

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

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@16c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 46@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@14c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 50 lbs., 11½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 25@25½c; acid, 23@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $12.50@13.00; mess, $10.50; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; packet, $11.50@12.00; city extra India mess, $21.00@21.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.50@7.25; pickled shoulders, $5.75; pickled hams, $8.25@9.00. Lard, firm; western steamed, $5.90; refined, steady; continent, $6.20; South America, $6.60; compound, $5.25@5.37½. Pork, steady; mess, $10.50@10.75; short clear, $12.00@12.25; family, $11.00@12.00. Tallow, steady; city, ($2 per pkg.), 5c; country (pkgs. free), 4⅝@5c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4c@6½c; Japan, 4⅝@5c.

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

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand-picked, 4¾@5c; other domestic, 3½@4c.

CABBAGE—Steady; Long Island, $4.00@5.00 per 100.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, dull; cotton by steam, 25c; grain by steam, 3d, nominal.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—BUTTER—Firm, and prints 1c higher; fancy western creamery, 28c; fancy western prints, 30c.

EGGS—Firm and 1c higher; fresh nearby, 22c; fresh western, 22c; fresh southwestern, 20c; fresh southern, 20c.

CHEESE—Firm but quiet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—BUTTER—Receipts, 5,834 packages; firm; western creamery, 22@27½c; June creamery, 21@25½c; factory, 15½@20c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,115 packages; firm; full made fancy, small and fall made fancy, large, 12¾@13c; late made small, 12@12¼c; large late made, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Receipts, 12,738 packages; steady; western ungraded at mark, 15@20c; western, 20c; loss off.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—BUTTER—Creamery, 22@24c; dairy, 17c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 16c, cases returned; storage, steady, 10@14c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—BUTTER—Firm; creameries, 16@23c; dairies, 16@22c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 17@17½c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 23@26½c; dairy, 16@22c.

EGGS—Steady, 17c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; fresh stock, 15c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 9@9½c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 7½@8c; spring chickens, 6@6½c; hens, 6c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5c; spring chickens, 5c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks, 5½c; geese, 6@7c; turkeys, 7c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 15@16c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

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., $1.00; New York counts, per can, 35c; 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., Illinois, $3; Jerseys, $3; large bbls., Nebraska, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

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

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

CRANBERRIES—Bell & Bugle, per bbl., $6.50; Jerseys, $5.25.

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

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

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

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box., 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $3.75@4.00.

GRAPES—California Emperor, $2; Catawbas, per small basket, 18c; Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3; California navels, per box, $3.50@3.75.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $4.00@4.25; choice California, $3.75@4.00; Messina, $4.50@4.75.

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; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8¼c; 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, 2½@3c.

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@$5.00.

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., 75c.

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

What Cable and Telegraphic Communications to Bradstreet's Show.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies as compared with the last accounts:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 1,647,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe (Liverpool Corn Trade News), decrease, 2,400,000 bu.; total supply, decrease, 753,000 bu. Corn, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 673,000 bu. Oats, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 106,000 bu.

Among the more important increases reported not given in the official visible supply statement are those of 800,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators and 217,000 bu. at Louisville. The principal decreases are those of 341,000 bu. at Sioux Falls, 175,000 bu. at Marietta storage points, 119,000 bu. at Peoria, 100,000 bu. at Joliet and 76,000 bu. at Akron.

The aggregate stock of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and at Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., included 110,000 bu. last week.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 69c; track, 71½@72c; December, 68⅝c; May, 71⅛c; No. 2 hard, 65@66½c. Receipts, 16,815 bu.

CORN—Easier; No. 2 cash, 30½c; track, 31½c; December, 30½c; May, 31½@31⅝c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 23½c; track, 24½c; December, 23¼c; May, 24⅞c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

RYE—Firm; 53c.

FLOUR—Quiet; patents, $3.45@3.15; extra fancy, $3.10@3.15; clear, $2.75@2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.35. Flaxseed, nominal, $1.41.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Firmer; sacked, east track, 62c.

HAY—Quiet and steady; timothy, $9.00@11.75; prairie, $7.50@8.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; jobbing, $9.50 for old, $10.00 for new. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.32½; choice, $5.35. Dry salt boxed meats, extra shorts, $5.37½; clear ribs and clear sides, $5.50. Bacon, extra shorts, $5.87½; clear ribs and clear sides, $6.

METALS—Lead, firm; $4.62½@4.65. Spelter, dull; $4.60, sellers.

POULTRY—Firmer; chickens, 5½c; turkeys, 7@7½c; ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 5c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 44,000 bu.; oats, 70,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 91,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western, winter, firm, at 5s 5d; No. 1 northern spring, firm at 6s 1½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, quiet at 3s 5½d. Futures, steady; December, 3s 5¾d; January, 3s 6½d; February, 3s 6¾d.

The imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 75,000 quarters from Atlantic ports and 15,000 quarters from other ports. The imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week amounted to 82,000 quarters.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, dull at 43s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, easy at 39s; short ribs, steady at 34s; long clear middles, light, dull at 35s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, dull at 33s.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—May, 66½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 63@64c; No. 3, 59@62c; No. 2 red, 69@70c; No. 3, 62@68c; receipts, 13 cars.

CORN—May, 25⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 28½@28⅝c; No. 2 white, 28¾c; No. 3, 28½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24@24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

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

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 7,800 bu.; corn, 12,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 37,400 bu.; corn, 12,300 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Dull; futures, No. 2 cash, 69½c; December, 69½c; May, 72½c.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 24½c.

RYE—Dull and higher; No. 2 cash, 56c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull and steady; prime cash, old, $4.80@5.60; March, $5.70 asked.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 66@67c; No. 2 northern, 64@65c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 1, 55@55½c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 43½c; sample, 36@46c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 27.—CORN—Steady; new No. 3, 30c.

OATS—Easy; No. 2 white, 23½c.

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

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 27.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 64½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 64c; December, 64½c; May, 68½c; July, 69½c; No. 2 northern, 61½c; No. 3 spring, 58½c.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, December, 64½c; May, 66½@66¾c; July, 68c. On track: No. 1 hard, 67c; No. 1 northern, 65½c; No. 2 northern, 62½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.40@3.50; second patents, $3.20@3.30; first clear, $2.20@2.30.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.00@11.25.

Liverpool Wheat Futures.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Futures closed steady; March, 5s 1½d; May, 5s 1½d.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Go Up Buoyantly, Stocks Closing at Top Level.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The market for securities showed the effect of the great relief felt by the dissipation of several factors of apprehension and prices mounted upward with increasing buoyancy as the day progressed. The market closed with a burst of animation and strength at the top level of the day. Net gains in a number of important railroads reached 3 points, with a long list of advances a point or better. Among the industrials and specialties gains were even more striking, quite a number having advanced from 4 to 10 points as a result of the day's trading. Demand from an outstanding short interest to cover accentuated the strength of the latter group, those which have recently suffered most showing the greatest benefit from the day's business. Brooklyn Transit was almost a solitary exception and was subject to vigorous attacks all day, in an effort to unsettle the market and check the advance. But this stock, although it ranged over more than 4 points, closed with a net loss of only a point.

The leading influence in the improvement of sentiment was the quiet and orderly manner in which the periodical settlement on the London Stock exchange proceeded. Since the last settlement on that exchange Great Britain has suffered three notable reverses to its arms in South Africa, its three columns of invasion have been paralyzed and as a result alarms spread through the financial centers of the whole world. Grave fears were felt that the resulting shrinkage in values would prevent many operators on the London exchange from meeting their engagements at the current settlement. The news this morning that no acute difficulties had developed, that money conditions were clearly inclined to accommodate rather than to decline, brought immense relief, which was prominently reflected at the opening here in an advance all along the line. The only notable check came with the news of the failure of a Boston Stock exchange house, but the influence was only temporary and light.

The conditions in the money market were notably easy and one of the largest individual money lenders in the street made large loans to carry over until next Tuesday at the rate of 4 per cent. The current rate which reflected the investment demand by buyers who take stocks out of the market to lock up.

Investment buying was in evidence also in the bond market, where the fall in prices had opportunity to secure fair return on money invested. The bond market was active and strong throughout. Total sales, par value, $2,326,000. United States new 4s declined ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were better all round today. The settlements showed an open account under expectations and money was obtained more easily than was thought likely. The Scotch banks called in loans, but other banks lent freely at 6½@7 per cent. The arrival of £706,000 American gold coin and £33,000 in bars helped the general cheerfulness, but there was not much activity. Consols were up ⅝ of a point, to 99. Americans began apprehensive, fearing the banks would make the continuation difficult, but finding these fears unfounded the market became buoyant. New York followed suit and the close was near the top with substantial gains, somewhat nominal, however, as it was thought that a few determined sellers could have broken the market. Union Pacific securities were favorites on the annual report. The contango rate was 8@8½. Spanish 4s were 96.75. Considerable Paris stock was continued in London and the rate went to 1 per cent. Tintos were 42¼; Anacondas, 7 11-16; Utahs, 5; Avinos, 1; Boston, ¾. Money was in good demand and bills were steady.

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

Atchison	19⅝	Texas & Pacific	14⅝
do pfd	55⅝	Union Pacific	41
Baltimore & O.	51	do pfd	73½
Canadian Pac.	90	Wabash	7½
Canada So.	49½	do pfd	20⅝
Ches. & Ohio	29¼	Wheel. & L. E.	8⅞
Chicago G. W.	12	do 2d pfd	23⅞
C., B. & Q.	127⅞	Wis. Central	16½
Chi., Ind. & L.	15½	Adams Express	111
do pfd	46	American Ex.	149
Chi. & E. Ill.	89¾	U. S. Ex.	48
Chicago & N. W.	156½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	129
C., R. I. & P.	106	Amer. Cot. Oil	34¼
C. C. C. & St. L.	59¾	*do pfd	92
Colo. Southern	5⅛	Amer. Malting	5
do 1st pfd	40	do pfd	29
do 2d pfd	15	**Amer. S. & R.	85
Del. & Hudson	115½	Amer. Spirits	3¼
Del. L. & W.	175¾	do pfd	17
Denver & R. G.	17	Amer. Steel H.	40½
do pfd	76⅞	do pfd	77
Erie	10¾	Amer. S. & W.	16½
do 1st pfd	31¾	do pfd	88½
Gt. Nor. pfd	166½	Amer. Tin Plate	27
Hocking Coal	14	do pfd	78
Hocking Valley	31⅞	Amer. Tobacco	96⅞
Illinois Central	110¼	do pfd	136
Iowa Central	15¼	Anac. Min. Co.	7 11-16
do pfd	48½	Brooklyn R. T.	68½
K. C., P. & G.	8	Colo. Fuel & I.	40
Lake Erie & W.	26⅝	Con. Tobacco	31
do pfd	80	do pfd	83
*Lake Shore	210	Federal Steel	59¾
L. & N.	77⅞	do pfd	73⅞
Manhattan L.	94⅝	Gen. Electric	129
Met. St. Ry.	170½	Glucose Sugar	46¾
Mexican Central	10⅝	do pfd	91
Minn. & St. L.	66½	Inter. Paper	22
do pfd	93¼	do pfd	67
Mo. Pacific	39¼	Laclede Gas	77
Mobile & Ohio	40	National Biscuit	35¾
Mis. K. & T.	10¾	do pfd	80½
do pfd	32	National Lead	25
N. J. Central	116⅝	do pfd	103
N. Y. Central	136⅞	National Steel	41
Norfolk & W.	23⅝	do pfd	91
do pfd	73	N. Y. Air Brake	156
No. Pacific	52⅞	No. American	13¾
do pfd	73⅞	Pacific Coast	45½
Ontario & W.	21⅞	do 1st pfd	80
Ore. Ry. & Nav.	42	do 2d pfd	56
do pfd	75	Pacific Mail	39¾
Pennsylvania	134⅞	People's Gas	102½
Reading	17⅞	Pressed S. Car	51
do 1st pfd	48⅞	do pfd	84
do 2d pfd	31⅞	Pullman Pal. C.	183
Rio G. W.	25	Standard R. & T.	12
do pfd	80	Sugar	126⅞
St. L. & S. F.	9⅞	do pfd	113
do 1st pfd	67	Tenn. Coal & I.	83¼
do 2d pfd	31⅞	U. S. Leather	14⅞
St. L. Southw.	16	do pfd	71¾
do pfd	37	U. S. Rubber	40
St. Paul	118⅞	do pfd	100
do pfd	170	Western Union	85
St. P. & Omaha	120	Recoible T. & S.	10⅞
So. Pacific	36¼	do pfd	69¾
So. Railway	11⅝	P. C. C. & St. L.	72½
do pfd	53½		

*Offered. **Ex-dividend.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing quotations of stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	19¼	Wore. End	92
do pfd	54¾	do pfd	112
Amer. Sugar	126	Wis. Central	16½
do pfd	112½	Dom. Coal	41½
Bos. Terminal	34	do pfd	114
Boston & Alb'y	244	Adventure	6½
Boston Elevated	97	Allouez Min. Co.	3
Boston & Maine	199	Atlantic	21
C., B. & Q.	121½	Boston & Mont.	255
Fel. Electric	206	Butte & Boston	42
Fitchburg pfd	145	Calumet & Hec.	710
Gen. Electric	119½	Centennial	15½
do pfd	135	Franklin	23
Federal Steel	54¼	Humboldt	1
do pfd	72	Parrot	35½
Mex. Central	10	Quincy	137½
Mich. Telephone	100	Santa Fe Copper	4¾
Old Colony	202	Tamarack	165
Old Dominion	19½	Winona	4½
Rubber	39	Wolverines	37
Union Pacific	44⅞	Utah	20½
Union Land	2¾		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	20	Ontario	700
Crown Point	17	Ophir	63
Con. Cal. & Va.	159	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Curry	30	do pfd	750
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	37
Homestake	6500	Standard	225
Iron Silver	50	Union Con.	21
Mexican	35	Yellow Jacket	30

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—American securities opened rather firm in response to better overnight prices for New York and values were well maintained throughout the session on a good speculative demand. The final tone was firm. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance was £739,000, including £706,000 in American eagles. Gold premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 120.10; Madrid, 27.55; Lisbon, 11.20; Rome, 7.22½. Indian council bills were allotted today at 1s 4 1-32d.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Prices opened firm on the bourse today, but subsequently declined owing to the many sales made to ease accounts in view of the forthcoming settlement. Near the close, however, there was a slight recovery. On the street, after the close of the regular business on the bourse, Kaffirs rallied. Three per cent rentes, 98f 87½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 25c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 95.65.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, decrease, 18,885,000 marks; treasury notes, decrease, 3,180,000 marks; other securities, increase, 39,200,000 marks; notes in circulation, increase, 58,000,000 marks. Business on the bourse today was quiet, owing to London being absorbed in the settlement. Prices were generally maintained. Only mine shares declined and this was due to apprehensions that the scarcity of transport facilities would interfere with the working of mining properties.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—MONEY—On call, steady at 4@5 per cent; last loan, 4½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.87½ for demand and at $4.86@4.86¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.86¼@4.87½ and $4.88½@4.89; commercial bills, $4.85¾@4.86.

SILVER—Certificates, 58¼@59½c; bar, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 47¼c.

BONDS—Government, weak; state, inactive; railroad, strong.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	*102	N. J. C. g. 5s	119
do 3s, reg.	109½	No. Carolina 6s	127
do coupon	110½	do 4s	107
do new 5s, reg.	128¼	Nor. Pac. 1st	110
do coupon	130	N.Y.C. & S.G.L.	104¼
do old 4s, reg.	111½	N. & W. con. 5s	89
do coupon	112½	*do gen. 6s	129
do 5s, reg.	113⅞	Ore. Nav. 1st	118
do coupon	113⅞	do 4s	109¾
D. of C. 3.65s	121	*Ore. S. L. 6s	130
do new 4s, reg.	127	do con. 5s	111¾
do old 4s	112	Reading gen. 4s	85
Can. So. 2s	107	R. G. W. 1st	87
Ches. & O. 4½s	104	St. L. & I.M. c.5s	108½
do 5s	114	St. L. & S.F. g.6s	120
C. & N. w. c. 7s	140	St. Paul consols	163
do sinking fd. 5s	116	St. P., C. & P. 1st	118⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	103	do 5s	118⅞
D. & R. G. 1st	106¾	So. Railway 5s	107¼
do 4s	97½	*S. R. & T. 6s	104
E. T., V. & G. 1st	107	*Tenn. 6s	103
Erie gen. 4s	99	Tex. & P. 1st	110
*F. W. & D. C. 6s	119	*do 2s	54
*Gen. Electric 5s	119	Union Pacific 4s	104½
G., H. & S. A. 6s	108	Wabash 1st	112½
do 2s	95	do 2d	68¾
H. & T. C. 5s	109	West Shore 4s	113
K. C., Ft. S. & M.	70	Wis. Central 1st	88½
Lea. new con. 4s	103½	Va. Centuries	94
L. & N. uni. 4s	93¼	do deferred	5
M., K. & T. 2s	65¾	Colo. So. 4s	81
do 4s	97¾	So. Pacific 4s	79
N. Y. C. gen. 4s	112		

*Offered.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	98 13-16	N. Y. Central	137½
Cons., acct.	98 13-16	Pennsylvania	56¼
Canadian Pac.	90½	Reading	9¾
Erie	11¼	No. Pacific pfd.	74¾
do 1st pfd.	32½	Atchison	19½
Illinois Central	112	Louisville	70½
Union Pac. pfd.	74	Grand Trunk	6½
St. P. common	119⅞	Anaconda	7⅝

BAR SILVER—Quiet at 26 15-16d per ounce.

MONEY—5 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three-months' bills is 5⅞ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Bank clearings, $246,394,880; balances, $9,726,588.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $24,958,673; balances, $1,631,115.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $22,952,081; balances, $1,749,570. Posted exchange, $4.82½@4.88½. New York exchange, 20c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $25,419,453; balances, $2,706,519.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $5,116,467; balances, $596,192.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $6,035,584; balances, $722,648. Money, 4@8 per cent. New York exchange, $1 discount bid, 50c discount asked.

Exchange to Be Open Saturday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The governing committee of the New York Stock exchange refused to grant the petition of the members to close the exchange on Saturday, December 30.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $265,284,368; gold reserve, $229,955,638.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—