COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Firm Cables, Lighter Receipts and Reduced Shipments Rally Wheat.

CORN ESTIMATE IS AGAINST THE BULLS

Oats Really Stirs Itself to an Eighth-Cent Higher—Provisions Quiet but Firm, Except for December Lard's Decline.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Firm cables, lighter receipts and a reduction in Argentine shipments caused a rally in wheat today, May closing ⅛c over yesterday. May corn closed unchanged and May oats ⅛c higher. Provisions at the close were 2½@7½c better in price.

Save for a few moments at the start, the government report issued after closing yesterday wasted its bearishness on the desert air. The general opinion before business began was that there would be imposing amounts of long stuff for sale consequent to the government figures, and those who wanted to buy held off from a recession in prices. May opened ⅛@¼c lower at 72½c to 72⅝c, nervously touched 72⅜@72¾c and then dropped to 72⅝@72½c. The unloading of wheat that had been expected had failed to materialize. The course of the market thereafter developed the fact that it had been oversold. Bids for wheat served mostly to keep the price an elusive fraction away till May had fully recovered. Even at the top price, 73⅛@73⅜c, offerings were only moderate and the close was firm and ⅛c higher at 73¼c. Local shorts did the greater part of the buying; they were influenced by firm Liverpool and Paris cables in the face of the government report, but a falling off in northwest receipts and also by lighter Argentine shipments. Even from the Washington report bulls gathered some comfort. They figured domestic requirements at 390,000,000 bushels and European at 200,000,000. Inasmuch as the report shows a crop of only 522,000,000 bushels, they saw nothing but higher prices. The volume of trade was not large, nor was it at any time more than moderately brisk. Chicago receipts were 116 cars, one of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 228 cars, compared with 346 last week and 333 a year ago. The aggregate of western receipts at primary points were 607,000 bushels, against 449,000 bushels last year. Argentine shipments for the week were 424,000 bushels, against 536,000 bushels the previous week and 552,000 bushels a year ago. Exporters reported twenty-five loads taken. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 258,000 bushels.

Corn was moderately active at the opening, but became dull and narrow later. The government report, estimating the season's production at 2,105,000,000 bushels, was apparently against the bulls, but there were many who thought these figures only commensurate with the vastness of present-day requirements. The opening was easy, but the market steadied later on moderate country offerings and in sympathy with the wheat strength. May sold between 36⅜c and closed unchanged at 36¼c. Receipts were 443 cars, three of contract grade.

While the government report on oats did not materially change prevailing ideas, the mere fact that it was out of the way produced a little life in the market. The market not only ruled firm, but exhibited strength enough to pull itself out of the rut in which it has recently been plodding. The wheat strength lent it a sympathetic hand. May sold between 23⅝c and 24c and closed ⅛c higher at 23⅞c. Receipts were ten cars.

Provisions were quiet but firm, except for December lard, which lost its recent manipulative support and dropped off 5c. Moderate hog receipts, fair local buying and the wheat strength were the main supporting factors. January pork sold between $12.07½ and $12.20 and closed 10c higher at $12.20; January lard between $6.70 and $6.77½, closing 2½c up at $6.77½, and January ribs between $6.22½ and $6.30, with the close 5c improved at $6.30.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 95 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	69⅞	70⅛	69⅝	70⅛	69⅞@70
Jan.	69¾@70⅛		69⅝	70⅛	70@70⅛
May.	72⅝@⅜	73¼@⅜	72⅝@½	73¼	72⅝
*Corn—					
Dec.	36½	36⅝	36⅜	36½	36⅜
Jan.	36¼	36⅜@½	35⅞@36	36¼@⅜	36¼@⅜
May	36@¼	36⅜@½	36	36¼	36¼
*Oats—					
Dec.	21¾	21⅞	21¾	21⅞	21¾
Jan.	21¾	21⅞	21¾	21⅞	21¾
May	23⅝	24	23⅝	23⅞	23¾
Pork—					
Jan.	12 07½	12 20	12 07½	12 20	12 10
May	12 15	12 25	12 15	12 22½	12 15
Lard—					
Dec.	6 87½	6 87½	6 80	6 82½	6 87½
Jan.	6 70	6 77½	6 70	6 77½	6 75
May	6 87½	6 92½	6 87½	6 92½	6 90
Ribs—					
Jan.	6 22½	6 30	6 22½	6 30	6 25
May	6 35	6 40	6 35	6 40	6 35

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $3.65@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.60; clears, $2.90@3.30; spring specials, $4.30; patents, $3.40@3.85; straights, $3.00@3.40; bakers, $2.20@2.75.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 65@71c; No. 2 red, 72@74¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 36½c; No. 2 yellow, 22½@23¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 25½@26c; No. 2 white, 25@26c; No. 3 white, 50@51c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 52½@60c; fair to choice malting, $1.55.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.56; No. 1 northwestern, $1.56; prime timothy, $4.50; clover, contract grade, $10.00@10.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.75. Short ribs sides (loose), 6.25@$6.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5⅞@6⅛c. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.65@6.75.

WHISKY—On basis of high wines, per gal., $1.27.

BUTTER—Dull; creameries, 15@23c; dairies, 12@20c.

CHEESE—Dull at 10¼@11¾c.

EGGS—Fairly active; fresh, 21c.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	66,000	54,000
Wheat, bu	212,000	43,000
Corn, bu	61,500	72,000
Oats, bu	402,000	65,000
Rye, bu	9,000	2,000
Barley, bu	60,000	25,000

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day of Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 15,414 bbls.; shipments, 5,394 bbls. Steadier, with wheat, but not more active, as buyers still lack confidence; winter patents, $3.60@3.90; winter straights, $3.40@3.55; winter extras, $2.55@2.90; winter low grades, $2.45@2.60; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.25; Minnesota bakers, $3.00@3.15. Rye flour firm; fair to good, $2.80@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.15@3.50. Buckwheat flour, steady at $2.10@2.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 60@62c c. i. f. New York.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 88c; city, 90c; Brandywine, $2.35½@2.40.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 56c f. o. b. afloat; state, 52@53c f. o. b., New York, carlots.

BARLEY—Nominal; feeding, 48@50c c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 60@65c c. i. f., Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@72c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 76,775 bu.; exports, 91,848 bu. Sales, 2,175,000 bu. futures, 160,000 spot. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 79c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 red, 76⅜c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 83⅝c f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 87⅝c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened easy, owing to continued bearish sentiment on the government report, but quickly rallied on covering and remained strong for the balance of the day. Demand was prompted by adverse Argentine cables, higher cables, export buying and fair clearances. Closed firm at ⅛@⅜c net advance. January, 77 5-16@77⅛c, closed, 77⅜c; March, 78⅝@79⅛c, closed, 79⅛c; May, 78⅝@79 7-16c, closed, 79c; December, 77 7-16@77⅛c, closed, 77⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 237,000 bu.; exports, 292,700 bu.; sales, 35,000 bu. futures, 200,000 bu. spot. Spot, steady; No. 2, 45⅛c elevator and 45⅝c f. o. b., afloat. Option market opened steady and held firm all day, on moderate receipts, fair clearances, firm cables, poor grading and the strength in wheat. Closed firm and partly ⅛c net higher. January, 43⅛@43⅜c, closed, 43⅜c; May, 42@42⅛c, closed, 42c; December, 45⅛@45⅛c, closed, 45⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 82,600 bu.; exports, 1,085 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 27½c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 21⅛c; track, mixed western, 27½@29c; track, white, 31@35c. Options neglected, but firmly held.

HAY—Steady; spring, 77½@80c; good to choice, 85@95c.

FEED—Steady; spring bran, $16.00@16.35; middling, $17.00@19.50; winter bran, $17.00@18.50; city, $16.50@17.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state common to choice, 1900 crop, 16@21c; 1899 crop, 19@25c; old olds, 26@27c; 1899 crop, 10@14c; old olds, 2@6c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18½@19c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19@19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 24@25c; acid, 23½@24½c.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4⅝c; country, 4⅞c; 6½c.

WOOL—Dull; domestic fleece, 24@26c; Texas, 14@16c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@12.00; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, dull at $19.50@20.50; packed, $10.00@10.50; city, extra India mess, $14.00@16.00. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 7½@9c; pickled shoulders, 5⅛@5¾c; pickled hams, 8¼@9¾c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $7.35; refined, firm; continent, $7.40; South American, $8; compound, 5⅞@6c. Pork, dull; family, $14.50@15.00; short clear, $14.00@17.50; mess, $12.00@13.00.

POTATOES—Quiet; Jerseys, $1.00@1.37½; New York, $1.25@1.62½; Long Island, $1.50@1.75; Jersey sweets, $1.75@2.25.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 3@6½c; Japan, 4⅝@4⅞c.

POULTRY—Alive quiet and nominal; dressed, weak; turkeys, 8@10c; chickens, 8½@9½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,421 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 17@25c; June creamery, 17@23c; factory, 11½@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,109 pkgs.; easier; fancy, large, fall made, 11½c; fancy, small, fall made, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,063 pkgs.; easier; western, average packed, at mark, 11@22½c; western, loss off, 24c.

METALS—Business was generally of a hand to mouth character in the metal trade. Speculation was conspicuous by its absence and the market was devoid of important new developments. Tin was about 50 points lower today. Following a loss of 10s for that metal in London to £122 12s and on liberal arrivals. The close here, however, was steady on the basis of $26.90@27.20, owing to a lack of sellers. Copper in London was fairly active and 2s 6d lower to £72 15s. The local situation, however, remains in a somewhat nominal condition. Prices were quoted at $17.00 for Lake Superior and $16.62½ for casting and electrolytic, with more sellers than buyers. Lead was dull, but steady, on the basis of $4.37½, while prices abroad went off 1s 3d to £16 3s 9d. Spelter was nominally quoted at $4.12½@4.17½. At London prices were unchanged. Domestic iron markets ruled dull at unchanged prices. Pig iron warrants were quoted at $9.50@10.50; northern foundry, $15.00@16.50; southern foundry, $14.50@15.75, and southern soft, $13.00@15.75. English iron markets firm at good prices.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Conditions of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light; good stock, 18@20c.

POULTRY—Hens, 5c, spring chickens, 5c; roosters, 3c; ducks, 5@5½c, geese, 6½@7c; turkeys, 7@7½c.

FRESH DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 6@6½c; roosters, 4@5c; ducks, 6½@7c; geese, 7@7½c; spring chickens, per lb., 6c; turkeys, 10c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $5; mallard ducks, per doz., $3.00@3.50; teal, $1.50@1.75; mixed, $1.50@1.75; jacksnipes, $1; quail, $1.35@1.50; jackrabbits, $1.00@1.25; cottontails, 90c@$1.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11½c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 20@21c.

FRESH OYSTERS — First grade, solid packed, New York counts, per can, 38c; extra selects, 32c; standards, 25c; medium, 20c. Second grade, slack filled, New York counts, per can, 30c; extra selects, 26c; standards, 20c; bulk standards, per gal., $1.25.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 30c.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

HAY—Price quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, $9; No. 1 upland, $8; medium, $7.50; coarse, $7. Rye straw, $6.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair.

OATS—No. 3 white, 26c.

CORN—No. 3, 32c.

BRAN—$13.50.

VEGETABLES.

PARSNIPS, per bu., 50c.

TURNIPS—Per bu. basket, 40c.

BEETS—Per bu., 50c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 30c.

BEANS—Wax, per 1-3 bu. basket, $1; string, 90c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 50@60c; Idaho, per bu., 80c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 2c.

TOMATOES — California, per 4-basket crate, $2.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c; Colorado, per lb., 2c.

CELERY—California, as to size, 45@75c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $3.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Per box, $2.00@2.25.

GRAPES—Malaga, per keg, $6.50@9.00.

APPLES—Native, 75c@$1.00 per bu.; per bbl., $2.50; eastern, $3.00@3.25; California Bellflowers, per box, $1.40@1.50.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, $9.50 per bbl.; Jerseys, per bbl., $8.75; per crate, $3.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California seedlings, $2.75; navels, $3.50; Mexicans, $2.75@3.00; Floridas, $4.

LEMONS—California, extra fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@2.50.

FIGS—California, new cartons, 80c; layers, 75c.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, Sairs, 5½c per lb.; Halloween, 6c per lb.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6½c; No. 2 green, 5½c; No. 1 salted, 7½c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

NUTS—English walnuts, per lb., 13c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb., 18@20c, raw peanuts, per lb., 5@5½c; roasted, 6½@7½c; Brazils, 13c; pecans, 10@12c.

HONEY—Colorado, 24-section case, $3.75.

CIDER—Per bbl., $5; per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per bbl., $4; per half bbl., $2.50.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 70½c; track, 71¾@72½c; December, 70⅛c; January, 71c; May, 73⅛c; No. 2 hard, 67¾@68⅛c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 35c; track, 35@35½c; December, 34⅝c; January, 34⅝c; May, 35⅝@35¾c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 23½c; track, 23¼@23½c; December, 23c; May, 24½c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c.

RYE—Steady; 48c.

FLOUR—Dull; patents, $3.50@3.65; extra fancy and straights, $3.10@3.25; clears, $2.60@2.80.

SEEDS—Timothy, slow, at $4.25@4.50, for average receipts; prime worth more; flax, no market.

CORNMEAL—Steady, at $2.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked, east track, 66@67½c.

HAY—Timothy, firmer, $9.50@13.00; prairie, steady, $7.50@10.50.

IRON COTTONTIES—$1.25.

WHISKY—Steady, at $1.27.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

BAGGING—7½@7⅞c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $12.50. Lard, nominal, $6.77. Dry salt meats (boxed), weak; extra shorts, $6.62½; clear ribs, $6.75; clear sides, $6.87½. Bacon (boxed), weak; extra shorts, $7.75; clear ribs, $7.87½; clear sides, $8.12½.

METALS—Lead, quiet; $4.20@4.22½. Spelter, dull; $4.00 sellers.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 7c; turkeys, 7c; young, 8c; ducks, 7c; geese, 5½c.

BUTTER—Dull; creamery, 16@24c; dairy, 15@20c.

EGGS—Steady; 19c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bu.; wheat, 37,000 bu.; corn, 114,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bu.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 122,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 1 California, 6s 3d; No. 2 red western, winter, 5s 11½d; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 2¾d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 4s; American mixed, old, firm at 2s 3d.

PEAS—Canadian, quiet, at 5s 7½d.

FLOUR—Steady; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), steady, at £2@3 5s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; extra India mess, 67s 9d. Pork, firm; prime mess, western, 72s. Lard, quiet; prime western, in tierces, 38s 9d; American refined, in pails, at 39s 3d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull at 33s 3d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, dull at 46s 6d; short ribs, dull at 45s; long clear middles, lightweight, quiet at 43s; long clear middles, heavy, dull at 42s 6d; short clear backs, dull, at 41s 6d; clear bellies, dull, at 52s; shoulders, square cut, steady at 34s 9d.

BUTTER—United States finest, 95s; good, 81s 6d; good colored, 52s 6d.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm at 25s 3d; Australian, in London, steady at 27s.

Receipts of wheat in Liverpool since last report, 306,000 centals, including 92,000 American. Receipts of American corn in Liverpool last report, 112,000 centals. Weather stormy.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—December, 65⅝@65¾c; cash, No. 2 hard, 64¾@65½c; No. 3, 62½@64½c; No. 2 red, 69c; No. 3, 65@68c.

CORN—May, 34⅝c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 33c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3, 33¾c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.50@11.00; choice prairie, $9.00@9.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@21c; dairy, fancy, 16c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 17c, loss off, cases returned; new whitewood cases included, ½c more.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 65,600 bu.; corn, 41,600 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 28,800 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 28.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 34c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 24c, billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Cash, 72⅝c; May, 74@74⅛c; July, 75@75⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 74⅝c; No. 1 northern, 72⅝c; No. 2 northern, 69⅝c.

FLOUR—Quiet; first patents, $4.00@4.10; second patents, $3.80@3.90; first clears, $2.90@3.00; second clears, $2.00@2.10.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.50@11.75.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Quiet and firm; cash and December, 76⅝c; May, 79⅛c.

CORN—Dull and firm; cash and December, 36⅛c; May, 37⅛c.

OATS—Quiet and steady; cash and December, 23⅝c; May, 25c.

RYE—51½c.

CLOVERSEED—Dull; 99 prime, $6.40; December, $6.85; March, $6.95.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—BUTTER—Steady; fancy western creamery, 25½c; fancy western prints, 27c.

EGGS—Firm; 1c higher; fresh nearby, 26c; fresh western, 26c; fresh southwestern, 25c; fresh southern, 24c.

CHEESE—Dull; New York full creams, fancy small, 11¾@12c; New York fair to choice, 10¼@11½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 73c; No. 2 northern, 71@69c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 51½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 59@60c; sample, 44@57½c.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Profit Taking Continues to the Close and Prices Decline.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The history of today's stock market does not materially differ from that of succeeding days for a long time past. That is to say, selling to take profits came on the market like a flood in the opening dealings and the professional bears, constantly watchful for the first sign of the reaction which they know must inevitably come, offered prices down in an attempt to dislodge long stock. Their efforts were defeated, as they had been on many previous occasions, by the supporting orders which came into the stocks attacked and the new points of strength which was confidently marshaled from among the stocks which have not yet enjoyed any considerable rise. The point wherein today's market differed from those of recent Stock exchange history was that the profit-taking was renewed in force before the close and the unsettled condition continued until trading ceased, prices at that time showing wide declines from the best and in some cases being well below last night. There were no remaining points of strength to sustain the market in this late break, the ingenuity of the traders having apparently failed them, or their industry in seeking out new stocks being overcome by weariness.

Once again the often recurring cry of a year-end squeeze in the money market was raised this morning in connection with the opening attack on stocks. Loans today on the Stock exchange carry over until Monday, but this fact, coupled with the year-end requirements, failed to create a ripple of trouble in the call loan market. Only at the opening was 6 per cent asked and the rate declined from that point.

A strong bank statement seems assured tomorrow, in view of the gain by the banks during the week from sub-treasury operations of $2,575,000 and an estimate in the gain on the interior express movement of nearly $3,000,000 more. The failure of the money market to harden was the occasion of the strong rally from the opening break, in which People's Gas, Brooklyn Transit and Sugar were forced down from 1¼ to 3 points. The striking feature of the buoyant market which prevailed during the middle portion of the session was the inconsistency of the strength and demand for special stocks.

A rapid price movement in an individual stock would be followed by a sharp reaction, while the speculative demand would shift hurriedly to other questions. A few minutes' consultation between traders on the floor would result in the formation of a pool to take all offerings in some inconspicuous stock. After these were absorbed the price would be rapidly bid up 1 or 2 or 3 points. Such a manoeuver never failed to attract a horde of speculative followers buying orders coming from both within and without the exchange. These short-time pools had no difficulty in liquidating their holdings at a handsome profit. The list of stocks in which the operation occurred includes many of the high-grade railroad stocks, as well as those known in stock exchange parlance as "cats and dogs." An incident of the day was the rise in St. Paul above Burlington. This supremacy was contested, the friends of Burlington rallying the stock again to above St. Paul, but the latter stock closed within a half of the top and ¾c above Burlington. The late reaction in the market was unexplained by any special incident and was evidently due merely to a general desire to convert the paper profits securely into cash.

The demand for bonds was not so conspicuous as yesterday, but there were strong points in the market. Total sales par value, $5,925,000. United States old 4s advanced ¾, refunding 2s 3⅜ and 3s and 5s ¼ per cent on the last call.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	46⅝	Wabash	12⅝
do pfd	87⅛	do pfd	26½
Baltimore & O	82½	Wheel. & L. E	12½
Canadian Pac	93¾	do 2d pfd	29¾
Canada So	57⅞	Wis. Central	17½
Ches. & Ohio	41¼	Third Avenue	119
Chicago G. W	17¼	B. & O. pfd	85¾
C., B. & Q	142¾	National Tube	67
Chi. Ind. & L	25½	do pfd	105
do pfd	61½	Adams Ex	150
Chi. & E. Ill	93½	American Ex	186
C. & N. W	170¼	U. S. Ex	57
C., R. I. & P	120¼	Wells-Fargo Ex	140
C. C. C. & St. L	72	Amer. Cot. Oil	31
Colorado So	7½	do pfd	90
do 1st pfd	42¼	Amer. Malting	5
do 2d pfd	17	do pfd	26½
Del. & Hudson	128⅝	Amer. S. & R	53¾
Del. L. & W	190	do pfd	96¾
Denver & R. G	32¼	Amer. Spirits	2
do pfd	86⅛	do pfd	17
Erie	21	Amer. S. Hoop	32
do 1st pfd	58¼	do pfd	77⅜
Gt. Nor. pfd	187½	Amer. S. & W	45¼
Hocking Coal	16¼	do pfd	87¼
Hocking Valley	42	Amer. Tin Plate	56⅜
Illinois Central	130⅝	do pfd	91½
Iowa Central	23¾	Amer. Tobacco	112⅜
do pfd	48½	do pfd	135
Lake Erie & W	45½	Anac. Min. Co	48½
do pfd	113	Brooklyn R. T	85
Lake Shore	240	Colo. Fuel & I	55⅛
L. & N	87⅛	Con. Tobacco	39
Manhattan L	114½	do pfd	93¼
Met. St. Ry	170¼	Federal Steel	56½
Mex. Central	15¾	do pfd	77⅛
Minn. & St. L	21	**Gen. Electric	191½
do pfd	103½	Glucose Sugar	50
Mo. Pacific	71⅛	do pfd	95
Mobile & Ohio	45¾	Inter. Paper	25
M., K. & T	16¾	do pfd	73¾
do pfd	45⅝	Laclede Gas	74
N. J. Central	145½	National Biscuit	37½
N. Y. Central	143¾	do pfd	91
Norfolk & W	44⅝	National Lead	19½
do pfd	82½	do pfd	92
No. Pacific	82½	National Steel	41¾
do pfd	86⅝	do pfd	92
Ontario & W	31	N. Y. Air Brake	156
Ore. Ry. & Nav	42	No. American	21
do pfd	76	Pacific Coast	59½
Pennsylvania	146	do 1st pfd	89
Reading	24⅞	do 2d pfd	66
do 1st pfd	70¼	Pacific Mail	42
do 2d pfd	37⅝	People's Gas	104
Rio G. W	65	Pressed S. Car	50¼
*do pfd	96	do pfd	83½
St. L. & S. F	22	Pullman P. Car	200½
do 1st pfd	76¼	S. R. & T	5¼
do 2d pfd	51½	Sugar	140¾
St. L. Southw	17¼	do pfd	116
do pfd	42¾	Tenn. Coal & I	64
St. Paul	143¾	U. S. Leather	14⅛
do pfd	186	do pfd	77
St. P. & Omaha	125	U. S. Rubber	26¼
So. Pacific	43¾	do pfd	76
So. Railway	21⅞	Western Union	83½
do pfd	72¾	Republic I. & S	16½
Tex. & Pacific	25¼	do pfd	64
Union Pacific	77⅞	P. C. C. & St. L	56
do pfd	83⅞	Amal. Copper	92¼

*Offered. **Ex-dividend.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Call loans, 4½@5½ per cent; time loans, 4@5½ per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F	46¼	Union Land	3
do pfd	88	West End	93
Amer. Sugar	141½	Atchison 4s	101½
do pfd	116½	N. E. G. & C. 5s	69½
Amer. Tel	155¾	Adventure	10½
Boston & Alb'y	253	Allouez Min. Co	3¼
Boston Elevated	159	Amal. Copper	93¾
C., B. & Q	142¼	Atlantic	27½
Dominion Coal	41	Boston & Mont	325
do pfd	108¼	Cal. & Hecla	830
Federal Steel	56⅝	Centennial	24
do pfd	77¼	Franklin	15¾
Fitchburg pfd	139	Humboldt	50
Gen. Electric	195	Osceola	76
Ed. Elec Ill	217	Parrot	50¼
Mex. Central	16	Quincy	172
N. E. G. & C	17½	Santa Fe Cop	7⅛
Old Colony	203	Tamarack	345
Old Dominion	32	Utah Mining	34⅛
Rubber	26	Winona	5
Union Pacific	77¾	Wolverines	46⅜

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Business on the stock exchange today was active and the tone was fairly good. Consols were firm on the belief that money will be easier when the year and requirements are satisfied. Home rails started firm, but afterward southeasterns were easier on traffic prospects in consequence of the gale. Heavies were in good demand, especially Great Westerns and Northwesterns. Peruvians and Portuguese were also in good demand; Argentines were strong; Americans opened steady and hardened, notably Denver common, Milwaukees and Northern Pacifics. The volume of business was fairly large, but chiefly professional. There were several indications of profit-taking, Grand Trunks receding in the absence of support; Kaffirs were harder, in spite of the scarcity of business and the reported damage to machinery near Johannesburg. They were favored by the statements regarding the exodus of the Boers and the flight of Dewet. De Beers advanced on the dividend. The applications for treasury bills amounted to £9,000,000. The average rate for six months was 3:16:5¾ and for the year 3:16:7. The discount situation is unchanged. Money is much wanted in connection with the settlement and the tenders for treasury bills. Applications for a million and a half at £96 2s 6d will receive 85 per cent and for a million at £98 1s 3d will receive 54 per cent. The Stock exchange subscribed moderately. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £50,000.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Home funds were in good demand on the bourse today. Chinese 5s were harder; Americans were maintained; Canadian Pacifics opened firm and closed dull on realizations; mines fluctuated and banks were quiet. At the close and after bourse hours prices were generally firm on the report that Dewet had been captured. Exchange on London, 20m 41pfgs. for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 3½ per cent; three months' bills, 4½ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—MONEY—On call, firm, at 3@6 per cent; last loan at 3 per cent; ruling rate 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85 for demand and at $4.81¼@4.81⅜ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.86; commercial bills, $4.80½@4.81.

SILVER—Bar, 63⅜c; Mexican dollars, 50c; certificates, 64¼@65½c.

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

The closing prices on bonds today are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106¾	N. Y. Central 1s	109¾
do coupon	107¼	N. J. C. gen. 5s	129½
do 3s, reg	111½	No. Pacific 3s	71½
do coupon	111¾	do 4s	106⅛
do new 4s, reg	138½	N Y C & S L 4s	108
do coupon	138½	N. & W. con. 4s	100
do old 4s, reg	116¾	Oregon Nav. 1s	110½
do coupon	117¾	do 4s	103½
do 5s, reg	114¾	Oregon S. L. 6s	129
do coupon	114¾	do consol 5s	117
D. of C. 3 65s	125	Reading gen. 4s	94¾
Atch. gen. 4s	103	Rio G. W. 1s	101
do adj. 4s	88	St L & I M c. 5s	114
*Canada So. 2s	109	*S L & S F g. 6s	129½
C. & O. 4½s	104¼	St. Paul consols	185¾
do 5s	120½	S. P. C. & P. 1s	120¾
C. & N. W. c. 7s	139	do 5s	122¾
do S. F. d. 5s	123	So. Pacific 4s	83½
Chicago Ter. 4s	94¾	So. Railway 5s	114¼
Colo. So. 4s	84⅞	S. R. & T. 6s	79
D. & R. G. 4s	102¾	Tex. & Pacific 1s	114¾
Erie gen. 4s	85½	do 2s	90
F. W. & D. C. 1s	82½	Union Pacific 4s	107¾
Gen. Electric 5s	164	Wabash 1s	117⅞
Ia. Central 1s	116	do 2s	108½
L. & N. uni. 4s	102	West Shore 4s	116¼
M., K. & T. 2s	77	Wis. Central 4s	89¾
do 4s	97	Va. Centuries	96

*Bid.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The following are the quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con	20	Little Chief	15
Alice	40	Ontario	575
Breece	200	Ophir	60
Comstock Tun	4	Phoenix	10
Brunswick Con	18	Potosi	12
Con. Cal. & Va	145	Savage	12
Deadwood Terra	55	Sierra Nevada	20
Horn Silver	110	Small Hopes	60
Iron Silver	66	Standard	300
Leadville Con	5		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	97 7-16	Erie	25¾
do account	97⅝	do 1st pfd	60¾
Atchison	48¼	Pennsylvania	75½
Canadian Pac	94⅜	Reading	13⅞
St. Paul	146½	No. Pacific pfd	89¾
Illinois Central	134	Grand Trunk	7½
Louisville	89⅞	Anaconda	10¼
Union Pac. pfd	85⅜	Rand Mines	29¼
N. Y. Central	147½		

BAR SILVER—Steady; 29¼d per ounce.

MONEY—3¾@4¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4@4¼ per cent; discount for three months' bills, 4¼ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $24,606,556; balances, $3,472,585; posted exchange, $4.82@4.86; New York exchange, 20c premium.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Exchanges, $326,292,122; balances, $12,028,827.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Exchanges, $25,358,268; balances, $2,379,358.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $6,821,871; balances, $746,512; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 10c discount bid; par asked.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—Money, 3@6 per cent; New York exchange, 10c premium; clearings, $3,132,600.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $19,603,387; balances, $3,180,835.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Clearings, $3,803,936; balances, $411,009.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows: Available cash balance, $143,148,659; gold, $96,148,530.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Spot closed dull; middling uplands, 10 5-16c; middling gulf, 10 9-16c; sales, none; cotton futures closed quiet. December, 10.13c; January, 9.56c; February, 9.38c; March, 9.37c; April, 9.29c; May, 9.28c; June, 9.25c; July, 9.19c; August, 8.93c; September, 8.37c; October, 8.01c.

Quite general buying of the near positions and absence of support in the late cotton months, with selling pressure from abroad, caused a widening of the parity between these respective options in today's market. Taken as a whole speculation was feeble. On the opening the market was quiet, with prices 1 to 4 points lower, under light room and some foreign selling, all based upon the easier turn of the Liverpool market and liberal showing of receipts. Soon after the call near months shorts took fright on rumors that January was to be forced considerably higher. The claim that 20,000 bales December notices had been issued and eagerly gathered in by export and spot houses helped to give the market a steadier tone. Prices readily responded to the change in the feeling, and as Liverpool quickly rallied to conform with our firmness a substantial net rise was soon recorded. January climbed to $9.62 and December was also much firmer. Europe sold the far months as a hedge against large holdings in the winter positions, with the result that the options tapered off slowly. Later developments were discouraging, large estimates for tomorrow's receipts leading to selling. December and January shorts were restless, however, and covered on all the easier periods. The close was quiet, with prices 4 points lower to 8 points higher.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 2,350 bales; ordinary, 7⅝c; good ordinary, 8⅜c; low middling, 9c; middling, 9⅝c; good middling, 9⅞c; middling fair, 9 15-16c; receipts, 15,868 bales; stock, 4.10@4.64c; futures quiet and steady; December, 9.30c bid; January, 9.27@9.29c; February, 9.26@9.28c; March, 9.25@9.26c; April, 9.23@9.25c; May, 9.21@9.22c; June, 9.19@9.21c; July, 9.17@9.18c. Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows a total of 4,073,393 bales, against 4,294,476 bales last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,405,393 bales, against 3,625,476 bales last year.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—COTTON—No sales; middling, 9 9-16c; receipts, 10,997 bales; shipments, 9,868 bales; stock, 74,749.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 28.—COTTON—Easy at 9⅞c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Spot, limited demand, 1-32d lower; American middling fair, 5⅞d; good middling, 5 9-16d; low middling, 5 9-32d; middling, 5 15-32d; good ordinary, 5 1-32d; ordinary, 4 25-32d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,100 American. Receipts, 12,000 bales, including 11,000 American. Futures opened quiet and closed steady. American middling, l. m. c., December, 5 26-64d, sellers; December and January, 5 22-64d, buyers; January and February, 5 19-64d, buyers; February and March, 5 16-64d, sellers; March and April, 5 13-64d, buyers; April and May, 5 10-64@5 11-64d, sellers; May and June, 5 08-64d, sellers; June and July, 5 06-64@5 06-64d, sellers; July and August, 5 02-64@5 03-64d, buyers; August and September, 4 51-64d, buyers. Following are the weekly cotton statistics: Total sales of all kinds, 18,000 bales; total sales American, 16,000 bales; English spinners' takings, 83,000 bales; total exports, 9,000 bales; imports of all kinds, 156,000 bales; imports American, 122,000 bales; stock of all kinds, 625,000 bales; stock American, 536,000 bales; afloat, all kinds, 296,000 bales; afloat American, 276,000 bales; sales on speculation, 200 bales; sales to importers, 100 bales.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Steady; open kettle, 3⅝@3⅝c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3 13-16@4¼c; centrifugal, white, 4¼@4 11-16c; yellow, 4@4½c; seconds, 2⅜@4 15-16c. Molasses, steady; open kettle, 21@32c; centrifugal, 8@21c. Syrup, 30@32c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜c; molasses sugar, 3⅜c; refined, quiet; crushed, 6.00c; powdered, 5.70c; granulated, 5.60c; molasses sugar, steady; molasses, steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—BEET SUGAR—3s.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There has been a poor attendance of buyers in the dry goods market today and only a slow trade has been done in all departments. Prices of brown cottons continue irregular, but not quotably lower than before; bleached and coarse-colored goods dull but steady; print cloths continue inactive. Business in prints and ginghams of ordinary character; linens are firm; Burlaps are dearer, with small available supplies.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts of Cattle Are Small and Prices Advance Slightly.

HOG RECEIPTS LARGEST OF THE WEEK

Packers Were Bearish and Sellers Were Compelled to Accept Lower Prices for Their Shipments.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 28.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	754	5,348	17
Official Tuesday	Holiday.		
Official Wednesday	1,799	3,946	245
Official Thursday	2,025	6,326	2,105
Official Friday	892	7,613	1,222
Five days this week	5,470	23,233	3,589
Same days last week	10,661	47,514	13,396
Same days week before	16,989	51,828	17,972
Same three weeks ago	14,889	38,102	17,381
Same four weeks ago	9,571	42,229	16,520

Average price paid for hogs for the past several days, with comparisons:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Dec. 1	4 62¾	3 74	3 25	3 23	3 19	*	4 41
Dec. 2	*	3 76	3 28	3 25	3 09	3 35	*
Dec. 3	4 63¾	*	3 28	3 19	3 23	3 42	4 47
Dec. 4	4 57¾	3 81	3 29	3 21	3 16	3 39	4 38
Dec. 5	4 77¼	3 80	3 37	*	3 09	3 39	4 27
Dec. 6	4 84¼	3 86	3 35	3 25	*	3 38	4 35
Dec. 7	4 81	3 81	3 28	3 22	3 00	3 36	4 35
Dec. 8	4 78¾	3 83	3 30	3 17	3 19	*	4 34
Dec. 9	*	3 90	3 20	3 13	3 21	3 32	*
Dec. 10	4 85¼	*	3 31	3 13	3 21	3 32	4 20
Dec. 11	4 82¾	3 92	*	3 15	3 17	3 28	4 17
Dec. 12	4 77¼	3 95	3 37	*	3 20	3 31	4 20
Dec. 13	4 81¾	3 96	3 38	3 20	*	3 34	4 23
Dec. 14	4 86	3 96	3 33	3 23	3 28	3 38	4 15
Dec. 15	4 83¾	3 95	3 27	3 24	3 17	*	4 09
Dec. 16	*	4 01	3 30	3 29	3 17	3 27	*
Dec. 17	4 82¾	*	3 26	3 31	3 17	3 48	4 13
Dec. 18	4 73¾	3 93	*	3 31	3 16	3 36	4 13
Dec. 19	4 76¾	3 92	3 28	*	3 18	3 31	4 07
Dec. 20	4 79¾	3 94	3 28	3 33	*	3 35	4 11
Dec. 21	4 80¾	4 01	3 32	3 28	3 17	3 27	4 15
Dec. 22	4 80½	4 02	3 34	3 24	3 14	*	4 14
Dec. 23	*	4 04	3 37	3 21	3 17	3 27	*
Dec. 24	4 86¼	*	3 47	3 26	3 19	3 31	4 13
Dec. 25	**	**	*	**	**	**	**
Dec. 26	4 88¾	4 11	3 50	*	3 20	3 30	4 17
Dec. 27	4 82¾	4 09	3 44	3 30	*	3 38	4 13
Dec. 28	4 76¾	4 14	3 48	3 30	*	3 38	4 13

* Indicates Sunday. ** Indicates Holiday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.
C., M. & St. P. Ry	2	11	..
O. & St. L. Ry	..	3	2
Missouri Pacific Ry	..	1	..
Union Pacific system	6	17	2
C. & N. W. Ry	..	4	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R	7	20	1
S. C. & P. Ry	1	2	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry	7	8	..
B. & M. R. R. R	5	14	..
C., B. & Q. Ry	4	26	..
C., R. I. & P., east	4	9	..
C., R. I. & P., west	2	3	..
Illinois Central	1	..	..
Total Receipts	39	118	5

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.
Omaha Packing Co	18	1,142	..
G. H. Hammond Co	215	1,397	..
Swift and Company	134	1,559	228
Cudahy Packing Co	180	1,443	851
Armour & Co	102	2,059	..
Armour & Co., from S. C.	..	532	..
R. Becker & Degan	4	....	..
Vansant & Co	14	....	..
Lobman & Co	78	....	..
Livingstone & Schaller	22	....	..
L. F. Husz	11	....	..
B. F. Habbeck	7	....	..
Other buyers	124	....	..
Total	909	8,132	1,079

CATTLE—Another day of unusually light receipts marked the trade in beef cattle, only a few bunches of fed stock received and few of these of decent quality. The market showed little, if any, change from that of yesterday, but for the week prices on beef stock show a good advance over last week. Today the market, while quiet, was practically steady on beef steers.

Practically the same condition prevailed on the market for cows and heifers and butchers' stock that was apparent in the fat steer trade, prices showing no change from those prevailing on equal grades yesterday. There were only a few loads of butcher stock received, and, while there was no special activity to the market, the moderate number here changed hands in very good season.

The fresh arrivals of stock cattle were of a necessity small, but the number received fully met the requirements of the market. Receipts have been light the entire week, but business, as a rule, in the feeder division has been dull nevertheless. The demand from yard traders has been sufficient to take care of the small arrivals from day to day, but prices have not been very satisfactory.

Few range cattle are coming at the present time. As most of these are cows, heifers and stock steers, prices correspond with the market on equal grades of native stock. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	810	3 90	21	952	4 60
1	680	3 60	6	1028	4 60
5	924	4 10	19	1150	4 75
1	830	4 25	21	1098	4 75
1	1080	4 25	15	1128	4 75
1	920	4 25	6	1180	4 80
5	1050	4 25	6	1141	4 90
1	1100	4 40	13	1228	5 10
17	1164	4 50	40	1366	5 15

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
17	1215	5 25

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	775	1 80	11	1065	3 05
1	1030	2 00	3	1083	3 10
6	958	2 00	8	978	3 10
1	970	2 00	8	793	3 10
2	1040	2 10	6	1124	3 10
1	920	2 25	1	1340	3 10
2	1055	2 25	3	966	3 10
1	790	2 25	11	1054	3 10
1	990	2 25	2	930	3 15
1	870	2 35	6	1071	3 15
1	1090	2 35	4	1190	3 15
7	947	2 40	2	1215	3 25
1	770	2 40	2	1080	3 25
1	1250	2 50	4	1242	3 25
1	1060	2 50	1	1250	3 25
2	1240	2 50	8	1143	3 25
1	1000	2 50	22	1030	3 30
2	1105	2 50	16	1123	3 35
5	934	2 50	9	1086	3 35
1	1040	2 50	7	1188	3 35
21	938	2 50	1	1080	3 40
9	827	2 55	1	1070	3 40
1	1090	2 55	2	990	3 40
2	900	2 65	9	1134	3 40
3	1000	2 65	1	1230	3 50
3	1093	2 65	11	972	3 60
2	1115	2 75	8	1002	3 70
4	1040	2 75	5	968	3 70
1	950	2 75	9	964	3 70
3	1006	2 75	13	988	3 70
1	1150	2 75	1	1040	3 80
5	1188	2 85	5	1042	3 85
10	964	2 90	9	890	3 85
3	1010	2 90	24	1030	3 85
3	1056	3 00	2	1285	4 00
1	1140	3 00	3	1000	4 10

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
16	1027	3 55

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	485	3 00	11	1050	3 50
1	430	3 00	14	1015	3 75
1	630	3 10	1	820	3 75
1	710	3 15	7	1078	3 80
1	840	3 25	14	902	3 85
4	750	3 35	40	1022	4 00
7	702	3 35	1	1200	4 50
1	610	3 50			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1310	2 70	1	1720	3 25
1	1570	2 75	1	1430	3 25
1	1330	2 90	1	1490	3 25
1	680	3 00	2	425	3 25
3	1056	3 05	1	1320	3 25
1	1420	3 10	2	1570	3 30
1	930	3 10	1	1170	3 35
2	1305	3 15	1	790	3 35
1	1210	3 20	2	1405	3 35
1	1330	3 20	2	1075	3 40
1	1180	3 20	2	845	3 80
5	1188	3 20			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	295	5 25	1	180	5 75
1	110	5 50	1	170	6 00
1	230	5 75	1	150	6 00

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	150	2 85	5	1162	3 80
1	970	3 00	1	970	4 00
1	1060	3 25			

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	920	2 00	1	970	3 10
2	950	2 25	1	640	3 10
1	530	2 50	2	675	3 10
3	706	2 60	1	803	3 20
3	673	2 65	4	912	3 50
14	802	2 85	2	1075	3 50
1	520	3 00			

STOCK CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	430	2 25	6	371	3 50
1	460	2 60	1	310	4 65

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	750	3 00	3	733	3 75
4	761	3 50	2	700	3 80

HOGS—Receipts today, 113 cars—8,000 head—were the largest of any day so far this week. The quality was very fair, about the same as the past few days. Packers were again very bearish this morning, and as all other markets were reported considerably lower, sellers were not long in making up their minds to allow the concession. The market opened slow, 5@7½c lower, at which basis the bulk sold. The big bulk went at $4.75@4.77½, against $4.82½, the leading price yesterday. There seemed to be but little choice in weights or quality, all grades selling at practically the same range in prices, and the market closing weak all around. The decline so far this week puts prices back to about the low time the early part of last week, or about 15c lower than Monday of this week. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
15	85	...	4 30	52	344	40	4 77½
16	99	...	4 60	48	220	...	4 77½
54	98	...	4 20	76	213	40	4 77½
89	175	80	4 65	59	260	120	4 77½
24	183	...	4 70	68	233	80	4 77½
49	216	80	4 70	60	310	...	4 77½
54	206	80	4 72½	73	222	40	4 77½
58	289	...	4 75	61	256	160	4 77½
61	350	200	4 75	60	292	...	4 77½
28	271	40	4 75	58	268	120	4 77½
62	245	200	4 75	53	277	40	4 77½
55	327	...	4 75	73	241	160	4 77½
59	352	160	4 75	78	223	120	4 77½
79	191	...	4 75	71	260	...	4 77½
44	372	...	4 75	67	271	120	4 77½
61	250	80	4 75	58	340	80	4 77½
70	245	40	4 75	66	263	40	4 77½
58	298	120	4 75	57	245	40	4 77½
55	315	120	4 75	47	279	...	4 77½
59	147	...	4 75	81	190	120	4 77½
53	323	320	4 75	69	256	80	4 77½
79	166	80	4 75	68	195	...	4 77½
52	312	...	4 75	72	249	40	4 77½
102	171	...	4 75	73	240	...	4 77½
60	286	200	4 75	77	211	...	4 77½
64	277	...	4 75	60	289	...	4 77½
76	255	120	4 75	54	279	40	4 77½
69	263	...	4 75	64	257	80	4 77½
59	291	120	4 75	80	243	80	4 77½
61	232	160	4 75	60	314	120	4 77½
53	213	...	4 75	75	198	...	4 77½
52	333	320	4 75	52	191	...	4 77½
54	311	240	4 75	100	197	160	4 77½
12	165	...	4 75	49	301	80	4 77½
59	293	40	4 75	56	291	...	4 77½
56	371	120	4 75	75	210	...	4 77½
49	325	40	4 75	80	239	200	4 77½
67	286	200	4 75	45	260	40	4 77½
52	249	80	4 75	75	273	80	4 77½
46	283	240	4 75	62	223	...	4 77½
26	276	...	4 75	67	226	...	4 77½
68	255	80	4 75	55	320	...	4 77½
78	221	80	4 75	55	321	120	4 77½
30	332	...	4 75	70	219	...	4 80
88	226	200	4 77½	38	382	...	4 80
84	189	...	4 77½	69	345	40	4 80
55	226	...	4 77½	72	219	...	4 80
66	240	120	4 77½	83	229	...	4 80
117	267	160	4 77½	88	230	160	4 80
63	270	80	4 77½	95	187	...	4 80
77	271	40	4 77½	68	194	...	4 80
65	254	80	4 77½	86	208	...	4 80
77	218	...	4 77½	80	210	...	4 82½
54	309	80	4 77½				

SHEEP—Receipts this morning were rather moderate, yet the market on fat sheep was inclined to be a little easier. The rapid advance in prices this week has been unusual and more or less spasmodic owing to small supplies. The receipts the past day or two have enabled dealers to fill urgent orders, and there was a tendency to ease off prices on fat stock today. The market ruled a little slow at prices steady to a shade easier on both fat sheep and fat lambs. There are few stock sheep arriving at present and the market remains nominally steady at recent quotations.

Quotations: Choice fed wethers, $3.90@4.25; fair to good wethers, $3.25@4.00; choice yearlings, $4.20@4.45; fair to good yearlings, $3.90@4.20; choice ewes, $3.35@3.75; fair to good ewes, $3.00@3.35; choice spring lambs, $4.85@5.35; fair to good spring lambs, $4.50@5.10; feeder ewes, $3.25@4.00; feeder wethers, $3.50@3.75; feeder lambs, $4.00@4.40. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
4	goats	97	$2 50
53	western fed ewes	104	3 40
53	western fed yearlings	82	4 15
23	western fed wethers	96	4 20
60	western fed wethers	111	4 25
17	western fed buck lambs	120	4 75
10	cull lambs	48	3 50
258	fall clipped wethers	114	3 95
100	fed wethers	103	4 00
100	fed wethers	102	4 00
111	fed wethers	112	4 00
108	fed yearlings	101	4 20
182	fed lambs	66	4 75

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Generally Steady—Hogs Average Higher and Sheep Lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head; generally steady; natives, best on sale today, one car at $5.60; good to prime steers, $3.25@6.00; poor to medium, $3.95@5.15; selected feeders, slow, $3.75@4.35; mixed stockers, weak, $2.50@3.75; cows, $2.50@4.20; heifers, $3.60@4.40; canners, 10c higher, $1.75@2.70; bulls, firm, $2.50@4.50; calves, steady, $4.00@6.50; Texans, receipts, 250 head; best on sale, one car at $4.80; Texas-fed steers, $4.00@4.85; Texas grass steers, $3.30@4.00; Texas bulls, $2.50@3.35.

HOGS—Receipts today, 27,000 head; estimated for tomorrow, 19,000 head; left over, 6,000 head; average 5c to 10c higher; top, $4.90; mixed and butchers', $4.60@4.90; good to choice heavy, $4.70@4.90; rough heavy, $4.55@4.65; light, $4.60@4.80; bulk of sales, $4.60@4.80.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 8,000 head; sheep and lambs mostly 10c and 15c lower; good to choice wethers, $3.75@4.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.40@3.75; western sheep, $3.75@4.50; Texas sheep, $2.50@3.50; native lambs, $4.25@5.50; western lambs, $50.00@5.50.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—BEEVES—Receipts, 2,962 head; steers rather slow, but generally steady; good beeves, firm; bulls and cows, steady and strong; steers, $4.30@5.32½; oxen and stags, $3.70@3.90; bulls and stags, $3.20@3.50; cows, $3.20@3.75; cables unchanged.

CALVES—Receipts, 157 head; veals, $5.00@8.50; tops, $8.75; little calves, $4.00; yearlings and grassers, $3.00@3.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 6,940 head; sheep more active; prices no higher; lambs opened 10@15c lower; closed 25c off; sheep, $2.50@3.80; choice lots, $4.00; lambs, $4.80@5.85; culls, $4.25; Canada lambs, $5.80.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,811 head; half a car on sale; steady, $5.25@5.40; state pigs, $5.50.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,600 natives, 500 Texans and 25 calves. The light supply strengthened values; the market, with exceptions, 10c higher; native steers, $4.15@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.60; butcher cows and heifers, $3.00@4.50; canners, $2.50@3.00; westerns, $3.60@5.00; Texans, $3.50@4.30; calves, $3.50@6.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,400 head; trade slow and ruled 5c lower; heavy, $4.85@4.90; mixed, $4.80@4.90; light, $4.75@4.85; pigs, $4.40@4.55.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 500 head; small supply that sold early at high prices; lambs, $5.00@5.45; muttons, $4.00@4.40; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.25; culls, $2.75@3.25.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200 head, including 450 Texans; market, steady; native shipping and export steers, $4.70@5.45, with extra choice beeves worth up to $6.30, but scarce; dressed beef and butcher steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.45@5.15; stockers and feeders, $2.30@4.60; cows and heifers, $2.30@3.45.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,700 head; market, 5c lower; pigs and lights, $4.75@4.80; packers, $4.75@4.85; butchers', $4.85@4.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 300 head; market, strong; native muttons, $3.50@4.25; lambs, $4.25@5.75; culls and bucks, $3.00@4.00; stockers, $2.85@3.00.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 28:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	892	7,613	1,222
Chicago	3,500	27,000	8,000
Kansas City	3,100	10,400	500
St. Louis	1,200	6,700	300
Totals	8,692	51,713	10,022

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The Boston Commercial Bulletin in its annual review of the wool trade of the United States will say: The aggregate receipts in Boston since January 1, 1900, have been 381,440 bales domestic and 146,818 bales foreign, against 705,592 bales domestic and 101,482 bales foreign for the year 1899. This is a decrease of 324,152 bales domestic and an increase of 45,576 bales foreign. The total sales of wool in Boston for 1900 were 156,868,100 pounds, against 349,568,600 pounds in 1899.

The stock of domestic wool carried over to next year in Boston is 65,276,000 pounds. The stock of foreign carried over in Boston is 11,733,500 pounds. These figures are almost the same as last year's. The entire stock of domestic wool carried over in the United States is 204,345,500 pounds domestic and 29,483,500 pounds foreign, a total increase over last year's total stock of 85,215,500 pounds and a decrease from that of two years ago of 57,559,690 pounds. The total takings of wool by American mills in 1900 were 359,000,000 pounds. The sales for the week were 2,252,000 pounds domestic and 644 pounds foreign, a total of 2,856,000 pounds for this week against a total of 3,988,100 pounds last week and 2,723,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year. The receipts to date show a decrease of 324,152 bales domestic and an increase of 45,576 bales foreign against last year. The sales to date show a decrease of 157,800,600 pounds domestic and 34,781,000 pounds foreign.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—WOOL—Medium grades, 14@21c; light fine, 14@17c; heavy fine, 11@14c; tub washed, 18@29c; territory and western medium, 16@18c; fine, 13@16c; coarse, 13@15c.

Evaporated and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—EVAPORATED APPLES—The business done in the market for evaporated apples today was confined chiefly to the desirable grades at current prices. Sentiment, however, on the whole, was inclined to be bullish, owing to the light supply on hand, and the market closed firm, with prices tending upward. State common was quoted at 4@5c; prime, 4⅞@5¼c; choice, 5½@6c; fancy, 6@7c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet and about steady at old prices. Prunes were quoted at from 3½@8½c per lb., as to size and quality. Apricots, Royal, 11@14c; Moore Park, 15@16c. Peaches, peeled, 16@20c; unpeeled, 6@9c.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Dec. 28.—Credit balances, $1.16; certificates closed $1.22 bid for cash oil. Shipments, 85,367 bbls.; average, 95,957 bbls.; runs, 113,448 bbls.; average, 85,965 bbls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—OILS—Cottonseed, easier; prime crude, 25c; prime yellow, 28½c; petroleum, firm; refined, New York, $7.50; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.45; same in bulk, $4.90; rosin, steady; turpentine, quiet; 39@39½c.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—OILS—Linseed, 11s; petroleum, American refined, 4⅞d; turpentine spirit, 28s 3d; rosin, American strained, 5s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—OILS—Cottonseed, Hull refined, spot, quiet at 20s 6d. Turpentine spirits, dull at 28s 9d. Rosin, common, steady at 1s 7½d. Petroleum, refined, quiet at 7s. Linseed, steady at 31s 6d.

ANTWERP, Dec. 28.—OILS—Petroleum, 18 francs, paid and sellers.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—OILS—North Lima, 85c; South Lima and Indiana, 80c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—COFFEE—Spot, Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 6⅞c; mild market quiet; Cordova, 9½@13¾c. The market for coffee futures opened firm, with the prices 5@15 points higher, and ruled quiet but very steady throughout the session on covering, foreign buying, scarcity of sellers, firmness in European markets, improvement in spot demand, smaller crop movement in Brazil, increase in the American warehouse movement and estimates for smaller shipments for the United States; closed steady, with prices 10@15 points higher. Total sales, 8,770 bags, including: December, 5.50c; January, 5.50@5.55c; March, 5.75c; May, 5.80@5.85c; September, 5.90@5.95c; October, 6.00c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1, hard, 73c; No. 1 northern, 71c; No. 2 northern, 61½@66½c; No. 3 spring, 53⅜@53⅝c; December, 21c; May, 75⅛c.

CORN—33¼c.

OATS—24¼@24½c.

FLOWERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Placed Here and There on Lawns They Make a Beautiful Picture.

Anything concerning the environment of the president is always of interest to Americans, so "The Floral Setting of the White House," by Waldon Fawcett, in the Woman's Home Companion, is certain to be welcomed by the readers of that publication. In beginning his article Mr. Fawcett says:

"That the most beautiful picture in all America should in a measure be the especial property of the first woman of the land seems eminently fitting. And so it is, as all will agree who have caught a glimpse of the panorama which lies spread out before a certain window in the private apartments of the president's wife. There may be among mountain fastnesses scenes of greater sublimity, but for brilliantly blended color against a background of rich verdure there is nothing to compare with the floral tapestry which nature has unrolled on the grounds of the White House and across Pennsylvania avenue into Jackson square beyond.

"At the fall planting, which usually occurs in October and the early part of November, there are placed in the ground hyacinth, tulip, crocus and narcissus bulbs and a variety of plants, including pansies, forget-me-nots and field daisies. These remain in the beds all winter and flower from the middle of March to the middle of May. Late in April the summer planting commences and continues until the close of May, by which time the cannas and geraniums are installed in their summer home. During the fall planting at the White House there are placed in the ground more than 56,000 bulbs and fully 5,000 plants, whereas in the spring 35,000 plants, embracing 150 varieties, are set out. Surrounding the executive mansion are fifty-five flower beds of various sizes, and aggregating in area several acres. All of the beds must be shielded in winter by elaborate blanketing of protective material, and in the case of many of the beds precaution must always be taken lest they be washed out by heavy rainfall."

WATTERSON'S WHISKY.

After Boasting of Its Quality It Turned Out to Be River Water.

Colonel Henry Watterson of Kentucky does not tell this story, and when it is related in his presence there is a whole Kentucky neighborhood vendetta in the brilliant journalist's best eye. On a trip he recently made to the east one of his friends on the train made the statement that there was no whisky in the world like that made in Tennessee.

"You're right," retorted Colonel Watterson. "I hope there never will be any whisky like the whisky made in Tennessee. I once heard Joe Blackburn say drinking Tennessee whisky and smoking Harrison county (Kentucky) tobacco gave one club feet."

A laugh followed at the expense of the Tennesseean, who, to vindicate Tennessee whisky, produced his bottle and insisted that his friends accept his hospitality.

"I'll have to admit that it is a very excellent quality of whisky," Colonel Watterson said, "but after you partake of some of my bourbon you will be disloyal to liquor made in your own state. Gentlemen, I am going to introduce you to the finest drink that is made. It's a nectar to the soul."

A porter was called and told to bring a jug from the baggage car.

"You see, gentlemen," said the colonel, as he nursed the jug between his knees, "this jug has not been opened. I expected to pull the cork when I go to New York."

The cork was pulled and glasses were filled. He raised his glass to his lips and at once his expression changed. His face flamed and his eyes blazed with anger.

"This is some joke," he continued; "some fool of a porter has filled this jug with Ohio river water instead of Bourbon whisky."

Investigation showed that a porter at a distillery had filled the jug, intending to wash it out before pouring in the whisky. Another porter came along, found the jug full, and, thinking it contained whisky, corked it up and sent it to Colonel Watterson's house.

For Other Reasons.

Indianapolis Sun: "You ain't acquainted around here much, be you?" asked the mountaineer of the man on horseback.

"No."

"I reckoned not. I don't believe I'd go down the trail that runs past Abe Gore's shack, if I was you. Abe had his hoss stole last week."

"But this isn't his horse."

"You don't seem to understand. I ain't accusin' you of stealin' his hoss. I'm simply intimatin' to you that at the present time Abe happens to be in need of a hoss purty bad. I wouldn't go down that road if I was you."

Successful Hanging at Danville.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 28.—Vester Griffin, who shot and killed Georgia King on the night of July 30 last, was hanged here today. The execution was successful. Griffin and his victim were colored.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on file Friday, December 28:

Warranty Deeds.

John Lindblad and wife to Harry Marowitz, lot 15, block 9, Kountze & R.'s add	$4,000
Jane F. Castelo to W. H. Roberts, lots 21, 22 and 24, block 1; lots 14, 15 and 16, block 2, Fayette Park	1
J. A. Mattice and husband to Margaret Brannen, n½ lot 3, block 1, subdiv. of J. I. Redick's add	1
L. B. Pattee et al to Society Russian Israelites, e½ lot 7, block 78, Omaha	2,500
A. S. Wolcott and wife to F. L. Oliver, lot 6, block 9, South Omaha	750
J. A. Anderson and wife to W. S. Curtis, part s½ lots 3 and 4, block 6, Park Place	1,500
J. J. Steen and wife to J. B. Steen, lot 2, Flack subdiv	1,500
J. J. Steen and wife to C. J. Steen, lot 3, Flack subdiv	1,500
J. J. Steen and wife to V. L. Reed, lot 4, Flack subdiv	1,500

Quit Claim Deeds.

E. L. Stone and wife to Thomas Creigh, und¼ lot 61, Kasper's add	100

Deeds.

Sheriff to Isabella Fitzgerald, s½ lot 12, block 5, Horbach's 2d add	880
Sheriff to E. L. Stone, lot 61, Kasper's add	400
Total amount of transfers	$15,432

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