COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Rumors of Southern Crop Damage Create Active Market in Wheat.

LACK OF SNOW PROTECTION WORKS HARM

Messages from Various Localities Tell of the Injury to Leading Cereal and Stimulate Purchasing—Corn Closes Lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A broad and active market for wheat developed today, largely on damage claims from the southwest. May closing ⅛@¼c higher. May corn closed a shade lower, May oats ⅛@¼c up and provisions for May delivery from 12½@15c higher for ribs to 32½c higher for pork.

The wheat market's activity began at the tap of the gong, despite the absence of cables, May selling ⅛@¼c to ⅜@⅝c higher at 82⅜@82⅝c. Sentiment already inclined to bullishness, was stimulated in that direction by the report of damage to winter wheat in the southwest, lack of snow protection, it was stated in various messages, had worked harm to the tender roots. A large general demand sent May to 83c, with little opposition. Over that figure commission houses sold heavily, but the market absorbed offerings with ease, which rendered a further advance to 83⅛@83¼c necessary to check the ardor of buyers. Sales from brokerage houses, accompanied by the profit-taking operations of floor traders, sent May back to 82¾@82⅞c during the afternoon. At this point buying was renewed for both the local and outside account, and the market closed strong, May ½@⅝c over Monday at 82⅞c. Local receipts, two days, were 79 cars, two of contract grade; Minneapolis and Duluth, three days, reported 1,354 cars, making a total for the three points of 1,433 cars, against 411 last week and 473 a year ago. Primary receipts were 1,655,000 bushels, compared with 1,238,000 bushels a year ago. Seaboard clearances, in wheat and flour were equal to 255,000 bushels. The world's visible, according to Bradstreet's report, decreased 600,000 bushels. Exporters reported seven loads taken. A private cable estimated an Argentine exportable surplus of only 17,000,000 bushels, a recent message having placed it at 40,000,000 bu.

The corn market was a rather narrow affair in the hands of local traders. The crowd was inclined to bearishness, partly because of a reported decrease in heavy feeding and partly because they were looking for the unloading of some big lines of long corn. The wheat bulge caused covering during the forenoon, but there was little strength underlying it and when the major market dipped corn promptly abandoned all its advance and closed easy, May a shade lower at 67c. The range was between 66⅝c and 67½c. Receipts were 346 cars.

The market for oats was also local and the volume of transactions small. Prices held steady, in sympathy with wheat. May sold between 45⅜c and 45¾c, and closed ⅛@¼c up at 45⅝c. Receipts were 297 cars.

Provisions were fairly active and strong. A light run of hogs, coupled with higher prices at the yards, gave the market an upward start and buying for the local and outside account resulted in a sharp advance, especially in pork. On the bulge there was a moderate profit-taking movement, but prices were shaved off but little. The bulk of trading was in the May option. May pork closed 32½c higher at $17.25, May lard 20@22½c up at $10.05 and May ribs 12½@15c improved at $8.77½@8.80.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 79 cars; corn, 195 cars; oats, 255 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Mon.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	79	79½	78⅞	79@¼	78⅝
May	82¼@⅜	83⅛@¼	82¼	82⅞	82@¼
July	82¼@½	82⅞	82¼	82⅞@½	82
*Corn—					
Dec.	64@⅛	64⅞	63⅞@64	64⅜	64
May	67@⅛	67⅛	66⅞	67	67@⅛
July	66⅞@⅞	67⅛	66½@⅞	66⅞@⅞	66⅞@⅞
*Oats—					
Dec.	44⅞	45¼	44⅝	44⅝	44¼
May	45⅝@½	45⅞	45⅜	45⅝	45⅜@⅛
July	39⅞	39⅝@⅞	39⅛	39⅛	39⅛
Pork—					
Jan.	16 55	16 75	16 55	16 75	16 45
May	17 00	17 30	17 00	17 25	16 82½
Lard—					
Jan.	9 85	9 97½	9 82½	9 97½	9 75
May	9 92½	10 07½	9 92½	10 05	9 80
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 47½	8 55	8 45	8 55	8 40
May	8 70	8 80	8 67½	8 80	8 65

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.70@3.90; straights, $3.70; clears, $3.00@3.40; spring specials, $4.30; patents, $3.50@3.80; straights, $3.10@3.30.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 77½@79c; No. 2 red, 86@87½c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 65½@66c.

OATS—No. 2, 46½@47c; No. 2 white, 48¾@49c; No. 3 white, 48¼@49c.

RYE—No. 2, 66½c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 60@63c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.57; No. 1 northwestern, $1.57; prime timothy, $5.95; clover, contract grade, $9.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $15.75@15.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.95@9.97½. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.50@8.60. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.37½@7.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.90@9.00.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.32.

The following were the receipts and shipments of grains yesterday:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	128,000	85,000
Wheat, bu.	129,000	23,000
Corn, bu.	402,000	187,000
Oats, bu.	508,000	371,000
Rye, bu.	54,000	19,000
Barley, bu.	196,000	31,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 15@24½c; dairies, 14@21c. Cheese, steady, 9½@10⅝c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 28@28½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—FLOUR—Receipts, 44,859 bbls.; exports, 16,865 bbls.; market held 10c higher on some good grades, but ruled dull in consequence; winter patents, $3.75@4.00; winter straights, $3.50@3.65; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.15; winter extras, $2.90@3.20; winter low grades, $2.70@2.80; rye flour, firm.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, $1.38; city, $1.36; Brandywine, $3.65@3.75.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 74½c f. o. b. afloat; state rye, 68@69c c. i. f. New York carlots.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 59@61c c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 63@68c c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 174,800 bu.; exports, 67,268 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, 89¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 87½c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 88c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 95c f. o. b. afloat. Options developed a strong advance and considerable activity on bullish southwest news, including higher markets, small receipts and crop damage talk. Prices nearly reached top figures for the season at New York, but were depressed finally by realizing. Closed steady at ⅜@⅝c net advance. March closed 88½c; May, 87¼@88c, closed 87½c; July 87⅛@87 13-16c, closed 87¼c; December, 85¾@86¼c, closed 86c.

CORN—Receipts, 66,000 bu.; spot, easier; No. 2, 71c elevator and 71¼c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened easy and were affected by liberal receipts, after which they rallied with wheat, only to break again in the last half hour through active unloading. Closed weak and ¼@⅜c lower; May, 71@71⅜c; December, 70½@70⅝c, closed 70⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 198,000 bu.; exports, 344,731 bu.; spot, firmer; No. 2, 52c; No. 3, 51c; No. 2 white, 54½c; No. 3 white, 54c; track mixed western, 52@52½c; track white, 53@57c. Options at first steadied, but later yielded to depression in other markets.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $6.00@6.20; good to choice, $8.25@9.00.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1901 crop, 11@15½c; 1900 crop, 8@12c; 1899 crop, 6@9c; Pacific coast, 1901 crop, 11@15c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 18 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14½c.

LEATHER—Steady; Hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 25@26½c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 25@26c; Texas, 16@17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firmer; family, $11.00@12.00; mess, $10.00; beef hams, $20.50@21.50; packet, $10.50@12.00; city, extra India mess, $17.00@19.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 8¾@10¼c; pickled shoulders, 7c. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $10.20@10.30; refined, firm; continent, $10.30; South American, $11; compound, $8.00@8.25. Pork, firmer; family, $17.50@18.00; short clear, $18.50@20.00; mess, $16.50@17.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 9,016 pkgs.; firm; state dairy, 15@23c; creamery, 16@26c; June creamery, 15@21½c; factory, 12½@15½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,631 pkgs.; quiet; state full cream, large fall made, fancy, 10¼@10½c; state full cream small fall made, fancy, 11@11¼c; late made best large, 9¾c; late made best small, 10@10¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,277 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 29c; western, at mark, 23@28c; southern, at mark, 23@27c.

POULTRY—Alive, irregular; springers, 9c; turkeys, 10@11c; fowls, 10c. Dressed, easier; springers, 8@10½c; fowls, 9@9½c; turkeys, 12c.

METALS—It was a quiet and uneventful day in the local market for metals. In view of the fact that the London market was closed for an extra holiday traders here were indisposed to do much either way until the foreign market was again open. Prices were generally unchanged, with pig iron warrants quoted at 10½ to 11½c; lake copper at $13.00 and weak in tone; tin quiet and firm at $23.25 to $23.75; lead dull at $4.00; spelter dull at $4.40, nominal. The outside price for tin was a shade higher, but otherwise the market was entirely without new feature. Electrolytic was quoted at $12.87½ and casting at $12.50; No. 1 northern foundry iron was quoted at $15.50@16.00; No. 2 foundry, southern, $14.50@15.00; No. 1 foundry, southern, $15.00@16.00; No. 1 foundry, southern, soft, $15.00@17.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts, light; fresh stock, 21c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 3@4c; turkeys, 7@9c; ducks and geese, 5½@6c; spring chickens, per lb., 6@6½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 11@12c; ducks, 8@8½c; geese, 8@9c; spring chickens, 7½@8c; hens, 7@7½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 14½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 15@17c; separator, 23@24c.

FROZEN FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 12c; bullheads, 10c; blue fins, 7c; buffaloes, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod, 10c; crappies, 11c; halibut, 11c; herring, 5c; haddock, 9c; pike, 8c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 12c; sunfish, 6c; trout, 9c; whitefish, 8c; pickerel, 6c, fresh mackerel, each, 20@35c; smelts, 10c.

OYSTERS—Mediums, per can, 22c; Standards, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 33c; New York counts, per can, 40c; bulk Standards, per gal., $1.20@1.25; bulk extra selects, $1.60@1.65; bulk New York counts, per gal., $1.75.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 6@8c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, $9.50; No. 2 upland, $8.50; medium, $8; coarse, $7.50. Rye straw, $5. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts, 20 cars.

CORN—New, 67c; old, 67c.

BRAN—$23.

OATS—52c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Home grown, $1; northern, $1.10; Salt Lake, $1.10, Colorado, $1.10.

CARROTS—Per bu., 60c.

BEETS—Per ½-bu. basket, 30c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 50c; Rutabagas, per 100 lbs., $1.25.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.25.

LETTUCE—Head, per bbl., $6.50; hothouse lettuce, per doz., 25c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 25c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, per lb., 2½c; Kansas, per bbl., $3.25.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, crated, 1½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.75.

ONIONS—Spanish, per crate, $2.00; Michigan, red or yellow, 3c per lb.

CELERY—California, 40@75c.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.15.

FRUITS.

APPLES — Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.50; Winesaps, $5; Jonathans, $5.50; Belleflowers, per box, $1.75.

PEARS—Vikers, $2.25; Lawrence, $2.25@2.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg, $5.50@6.50.

CRANBERRIES—Per bbl., $7.50@8.00; per crate, $2.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, $3.25@3.50; California navels, $3.25@3.50; budded, $2.50.

LEMONS—Fancy, $3.50@3.75; choice, $3.00@3.25.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.25@2.75.

FIGS—California, new cartons, $1.00; imported, per lb., 12@14c.

DATES—Persians, in 60-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c; Sairs, 5c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—New crop walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 12c; hard shell, per lb., 11c; No. 2 soft shell, 10c; No. 2 hard shell, 9c; Brazils, per lb., 14c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, soft shell, 17c; hard shell, 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, 10c; cocoanuts, per cwt., $5; chestnuts, 12c.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.50@3.75.

CIDER—Nehawka, per bbl., $3; New York, $3.50.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 8c; No. 2 salted, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 25@27c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 86¾c; track, 88½c; December, 86¾c; May, 86⅝c; July, 80¾c; No. 2 hard, 81@83⅜c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 67½c; track, 68@68½c; December, 67½c; May, 69c; July, 68⅝c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 48½c; track, 49c; December, 48⅝c; May, 47⅝c; July, 38¼c; No. 2 white, 50½@51c.

RYE—Higher at 66c.

FLOUR—Firm; red winter patents, $3.85@4.00; extra fancy and straight, $3.45@3.60; clears, $3.10@3.25.

SEED—Timothy, nominally firm, $6.00@6.30.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $3.25.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked, east track, $1.10@1.12.

HAY — Timothy, steady, $12.50@15.30; prairie, scarce, strong, $10.00@11.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $16.35. Lard, higher, $9.82½. Dry salt meats (boxed), strong, higher; extra shorts and clear ribs, $8.75; clear sides, $9. Bacon (boxed), strong, higher; extra shorts, $9.50; clear ribs, $9.62½; clear sides, $9.75.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.32.

IRON COTTON TIES—95c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6¼c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

METALS—Lead, nominal at $5.95. Spelter, nominal, unchanged.

POULTRY—Dull; chickens, old, 5c; young, 6c; turkeys, 7c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 3@4c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@25½c; dairy, 15@20c.

EGGS—Lower at 23c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 21,000 bbls.; wheat, 57,000 bu.; corn, 37,000 bu.; oats, 152,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 47,000 bu.; oats, 30,000 bu.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies since last report:

WHEAT—United States and Canada east of Rocky mountains increased 400,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe decreased 1,000,000; total supply decreased 600,000 bu.;

CORN—United States and Canada east of Rocky mountains increased 178,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada east of Rocky mountains increased 64,000 bu.

Among the more important increases reported are those of 500,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, 335,000 bu. at Omaha, 331,000 bu. at Chicago private elevators and 157,000 bu. at St. Joseph.

The leading increases are those of 200,000 bu. in Manitoba, 85,000 bu. at Newport News, 55,000 bu. at Port Huron and 53,000 bu. at Coteau.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—May, 81¼c; cash, No. 2 hard, 78@80c; No. 3, 77½@78c; No. 2 red, 90c; No. 3, 88@89c.

CORN—December, 68¼c; January, 67½c; May, 68⅞@69c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 67½@68c; No. 2 white, 68@68½c; No. 3, 67¾c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 48½@49c.

RYE—No. 2, 67c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $13.50; choice prairie, $13.75@14.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@22c; dairy, fancy, 18c.

EGGS—Weak, unsettled; receipts fairly light; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock quoted on 'change, 19c per doz., loss off, cases returned; country held, 18c.

RECEIPTS (three days)—Wheat, 90,400 bu.; corn, 420,000 bu.; oats, 57,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS (three days)—Wheat, 39,300 bu.; corn, 160,800 bu.; oats, 31,000 bu.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—BUTTER—Firm; fair demand; fancy western creamery, 25½@26c; fancy western nearby prints, 29c.

EGGS—Dull and 2c lower; fresh, nearby, 28c; fresh western, 28c; fresh southwestern, 28c; fresh southern, 27c.

CHEESE—Firm and higher; New York full creams, fancy small, 11½c; New York fair to choice, 9¾@11c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Cash, 78c; May, 78⅝@78¾c; July, 79⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 80⅞c; No. 1 northern, 77⅞c; No. 2 northern, 74⅞@75⅞c.

FLOUR—10c higher; first patents, $4.10@4.25; second patents, $4.00@4.10; first clears, $3.00@3.10; second clears, $2.65.

BRAN—In bulk, $17.50@18.00.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26. — Wheat — Higher; No. 2 northern, 78@79c; May, 80@82½c.

RYE—Higher—No. 1, 66c.

BARLEY—Higher; No. 2, 64@64½c; sample, 55@64c.

Corn—May, 66¾c.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Strong and higher; May, 85⅜c.

CORN—Firm; December, 68c; May, 68c.

OATS—Dull; December, 48c; May, 47c.

SEED—Clover, December, $5.90; March, $5.95½.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—DRY GOODS—The market today has not recovered from the holiday influence and business has been quiet in all directions, exports still bidding for brown cottons, but almost uniformly turned down, sellers proving very firm. No change in bleached cottons. Coarse colored goods very firm. Prints quiet. Some staple ginghams advanced ¼c per yard. Print cloths quiet, with bids of 3c for regular. Men's wear woolens in fair demand, chiefly overcoatings and cloakings. Market firm. Dress goods quiet.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Volume of Dealings Shows Considerable Increase Over Last Few Days.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The bears in the stock market beat a precipitate retreat in the later hours of the day's session at the Stock exchange and their eager rush to buy in order to cover short contracts developed a fairly buoyant condition before the close. There were some relapses in the more volatile stocks, but the close generally was active and near the top level. The volume of dealings showed a material increase over that prevailing for the last few days. The bears were inclined to continue their campaign when the market opened this morning and they affected a number of serious inroads upon prices. But they became aware that their offerings were being absorbed in a volume and confidence which sounded a warning. Sugar continued to be the leader of the market, but by no means in so overwhelming a proportion as of late. The vigorous support accorded this stock and the success achieved in driving the bears to cover in it were important factors in turning the general market upward and in swelling the demand for other stocks to an extent which lessened Sugar's proportion of dealings in the market, dealings in the stock showing acute effects of distress and of having extended their accounts, apparently in the confidence that the recent experience in Copper was to be repeated in Sugar. Rumors got abroad that negotiations were in progress for patching up a truce in the trade war. There was a growing suspicion that while both crude and refined sugar are selling at very low prices the margin between crude and refined is still sufficient to afford a profit upon the industry of refining. Whatever may be the grounds of today's rumors the shorts were thrown into a fright and rushed the price up from the low point at 108⅜ to 113½. The stock closed at 112¾, a net gain of 6¾. Amalgamated Copper, sharing in the heaviness of the early market also developed a very strong tone, adding to the sentimental effect of the rebound in Sugar. The price rose to 69½ and closed only a shade lower at a net gain of 2⅝. The quieter tone of the London copper market, reports of some large takings by manufacturers, the strength of Rio tintos in Paris, reports that an agreement between copper producers was imminent, under the pressure of the family in price, all helped the advance in Amalgamated. The activity in the stocks of electric manufacturing companies may have been connected with the developments in the copper trade. Westinghouse was at one time up 17 points and closed with a net gain of 14. The majority of the railroads reporting today gross earnings for the third week in December showed decreases compared with last year, and this was an influence in the early decline, especially in St. Louis. That stock, Louisville & Nashville and a number of important southerners reported decreased earnings. The showing was ignored, apparently, because of the very high level of earnings in the third week of last year, which were 11 per cent over those of the preceding year and were notably heavy in the southwestern region. The southwesterns, Pacifics and grangers became very strong late in the day. The hard and soft coal carriers were active and strong all day, gains in some of the leaders reaching between 2 and 3 points and in Hocking Valley 4 points. Money seemed to be in abundant supply and confidence that it would continue so added to the strength of the market. There was reported from Washington a purchase of $2,500,000 of government bonds from a New York firm for delivery before January 1. It is expected that there will be a quick and very large return of cash from the channels of the enormous holiday trade.

The bond market was moderately active and firm. Total sales, par value, $2,640,000. United States 5s advanced ¼ per cent at the last call.

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

Atchison	78¾	St. Paul pfd.	190
do pfd.	101¼	So. Pacific	60⅛
Baltimore & O.	102½	So. Railway	33¼
do pfd.	93½	do pfd.	93¼
Canadian Pac.	112¾	Tex. & Pacific	38½
Canada So.	86	Tol., St. L. & W.	18
Ches. & Ohio	46¾	do pfd.	34¼
Chicago & A.	35	Union Pacific	102½
do pfd.	76¼	do pfd.	89¼
Chi., Ind. & L.	49¾	Wabash	22¼
do pfd.	74½	do pfd.	42¾
Chi. & E. Ill.	134¾	Wheel. & L. E.	18
Chicago G. W.	24⅛	do 2d pfd.	29½
do 1st pfd.	83	Wis. Central	20
do 2d pfd.	48	do pfd.	41
Chicago & N. W.	202	Adams Ex.	190
C. R. I. & P.	151⅛	American Ex.	203
Chi. Ter. & Tr.	16	U. S. Ex.	93
do pfd.	29¼	Wells-Fargo Ex.	190
C. C. C. & St. L.	98¾	Amal. Copper	68⅞
Colorado So.	14¼	Amer. Car & F.	30¼
do 1st pfd.	58¼	do pfd.	86⅝
do 2d pfd.	27½	Amer. Lin. Oil	15
Del. & Hudson	176⅛	do pfd.	42
Del. L. & W.	245	Amer. S. & R.	43¼
Denver & R. G.	42¾	do pfd.	95
do pfd.	94	Anac. Min. Co.	30¾
Erie	40⅞	Brooklyn R. T.	64⅛
do 1st pfd.	73⅛	Colo. Fuel & I.	88¼
do 2d pfd.	58⅞	Con. Gas	215½
Gt. Nor. pfd.	184	**Con. Tob. pfd.	114
Hock. Valley	74⅜	Gen. Electric	280
do pfd.	88	Glucose Sugar	38
Illinois Central	138¾	Hocking Coal	16
Iowa Central	37	Inter. Paper	20
do pfd.	71	do pfd.	75
Lake Erie & W.	67	Inter. Power	88
do pfd.	126	Laclede Gas	92
L. & N.	106⅛	Na. Biscuit	43¼
Manhattan L.	136⅛	National Lead	15½
Met. St. Ry.	161	No. American	93
Mex. Central	24½	Pacific Coast	74½
*Mex. National	13¾	Pacific Mail	45
Minn. & St. L.	107¼	People's Gas	101⅛
Mo. Pacific	105¼	Pressed S. Car	39¼
M., K. & T.	25½	do pfd.	83
do pfd.	52¾	Pullman P. Car	215
N. J. Central	183	Republic Steel	15⅜
N. Y. Central	167¼	do pfd.	67⅜
Norfolk & W.	56⅝	Sugar	112
do pfd.	70½	Tenn. Coal & I.	63⅜
No. Pacific pfd.	99½	Union Bag & P.	14
Ontario & W.	34½	do pfd.	74
Pennsylvania	148⅝	U. S. Leather	11⅝
Reading	51⅝	do pfd.	80½
do 1st pfd.	81¾	U. S. Rubber	13
do 2d pfd.	61¼	do pfd.	48½
St. L. & S. F.	56	U. S. Steel	42⅝
do 1st pfd.	82¼	do pfd.	92⅞
do 2d pfd.	74⅛	Western Union	91⅛
St. L. Southw.	27	Amer. Locomo.	31¼
do pfd.	59	do pfd.	90⅛
St. Paul	164¼		

*Trust receipts. **Offered.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—MONEY—On call, firm at 4@7 per cent; closing bids and offered at 4@4½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86¼ for demand and $4.83½@4.82⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@4.84½; commercial bills, $4.82⅝@4.83⅛.

SILVER—Bar, 55¼c; Mexican dollars, 43½c.

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

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	108⅞	L. & N. uni. 4s.	102⅝
do coupon	109⅛	Mex. Central 4s.	83½
do 3s, reg.	108½	do 1s inc.	31¼
do coupon	108⅝	M. & St. L. 4s.	103
do new 4s, reg.	139½	M., K. & T. 4s.	97
do coupon	139½	do 2s	81¼
do old 4s, reg.	111⅞	N. Y. Central 1s.	106¼
do coupon	112⅞	do gen. 3½s	110
do 5s, reg.	107½	N. J. C. gen. 5s.	133½
do coupon	108	No. Pacific 4s.	105¼
Atch. gen. 4s.	103	do 3s	73⅛
*do adj. 4s.	94⅜	N. & W. c. 4s.	102¼
Bal. & Ohio 4s.	103	Reading gen. 4s.	99⅜
*do 3½s	96¼	St L & I M c. 5s.	117¼
do conv. 4s.	104½	St L & S F 4s.	97½
Canada So. 2s.	109½	St. L. S. W. 1s.	96
Cent. of Ga. 5s.	107	do 2s	80
do 1s inc.	76	S A & A P 4s.	89⅜
Ches. & O. 4½s.	106½	So. Pacific 4s.	93⅛
*Chi. & A. 3½s.	85⅛	So. Railway 5s.	124
C., B. & Q. n. 4s.	98½	Tex. & Pacific 1s.	119½
C. M & S P g. 4s.	112	T. St L & W 4s.	81
*C. & N. W. c. 7s.	140½	Union Pac. 4s.	106⅜
C., R. I. & P. 4s.	106⅛	do conv. 4s.	106⅜
CCC & S L g. 4s.	104	Wabash 1s.	119
*Chicago Ter. 4s.	88	do 2s.	113½
Colorado So. 4s.	89½	do deb. B.	66¼
Den. & R. G. 4s.	103¼	West Shore 4s.	114
Erie prior l. 4s.	100⅛	W. & L. E. 4s.	91½
do general 4s.	89½	Wis. Central 4s.	90⅛
F. W. & D. C. 1s.	106	Consol. Tob. 4s.	65⅜
Hock. Val. 4½s.	109		

*Bid.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The following are the closing prices on mining stocks:

Adams Con.	20	Little Chief	12
Alice	45	Ontario	800
Breece	75	Ophir	60
Brunswick Con.	15	Phoenix	4
Comstock Tun.	5½	Potosi	3
Con. Cal. & Va.	150	Savage	3
Deadwood Terra.	50	Sierra Nevada	20
Horn Silver	180	Small Hopes	40
Iron Silver	60	Standard	325
Leadville Con.	5		

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Prices on the Bourse today were firm and business was satisfactory, the ending of the Chile-Argentine dispute strengthening stocks. Brazilians and Argentines advanced sharply. Spanish 4s were the subject of inquiry. Russians were very firm. Tramways and Tractions were well supported. Rio Tintos recovered on the rumored possibility of an understanding with the American mines. De Beers were in good demand. Kaffirs were very firm. The private rate of discount was unchanged at 2⅝ per cent.

The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation increased 143,900,000 francs; treasury accounts current increased 143,900,000 francs; gold in hand decreased 866,000 francs; bills discounted increased 309,150 francs; silver in hand decreased 1,275,000 francs.

Three per cent rentes, 100 francs 15 centimes for check; exchange on London, 25 francs 15 centimes for checks.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Call loans, 4½@5½ per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing:

Atchison 4s	102	Allouez	2½
Gas 1s	860	Amalgamated	68¾
Mex. Central 4s	81	Baltic	25½
N. E. G. & C.	60	Bingham	25
Atchison	78⅞	Cal. & Hecla	597
do pfd.	101¼	Centennial	2½
Boston & A.	259	Copper Range	51
Boston & Me.	191	Dominion Coal	48
Boston Elev.	167	Franklin	11½
N. Y., N. H. & H.	211	Isle Royale	19½
Fitchburg pfd.	145	Mohawk	27½
Union Pacific	102¼	Old Dominion	23⅝
Mex. Central	24½	Osceola	79
Amer. Sugar	112¾	Parrot	30¼
Amer. T. & T.	162⅞	Quincy	134
Dom. I. & S.	24½	Santa Fe Cop.	2¾
Gen. Electric	280½	Tamarack	250
Mass. Electric	32	Trimountain	29
do pfd.	90	Trinity	13⅞
United Fruit	94	Utah	22¾
U. S. Steel	42⅝	Winona	1½
do pfd.	93	Wolverine	48½
Adventure	18		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Bank clearings today, $1,381,658.85; corresponding day last year, $1,017,662.11; increase, $363,996.74.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $10,795,207; balances, $1,688,279; New York exchange, 15c premium; money, 4½@6 per cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Exchanges, $268,584,539; balances, $12,415,917.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $3,652,935; balances, $534,553; money, 5@6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $17,534,534; balances, $1,936,527; money, 5 per cent.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Exchanges, $22,232,907; balances, $1,162,295.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $31,120,522; balances, $2,061,655; posted exchange, $4.84½@4.87½; New York exchange, 20c premium.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $3,600,750; money, 4½@6 per cent; exchange, 15c discount.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—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 balances, $174,503,875; gold, $115,275,745.

Cotton Market.

GALVESTON, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Steady, 8 1-16c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 8 1-16c; sales, 15 bales; receipts, 6,022 bales; shipments, 5,271 bales; stock, 51,987 bales.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—COTTON—A statement exhibiting the extent of the cotton manufacturing industry in the United States for the year 1900, as compared with 1890, was issued today by the census bureau. The statements places the total value of cotton manufacturing products at $336,974,882, a gain of over 25 per cent since 1890. The number of establishments in 1900 was 1,051, a gain of 16 per cent; the capital employed, $467,240,157, a gain of 32 per cent; salaried officials, 4,996, a gain of 84 per cent; amount paid in salaries, $7,535,129, a gain of 117 per cent; average number of wage earners, 302,861, a gain of 38 per cent; total wages paid, $90,384,532, a gain of 36 per cent; cost of materials used, $176,551,527, a gain of 14 per cent.

Evaporated and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—EVAPORATED APPLES—A moderately good export interest in the better grades of evaporated apples gave the market a firm tone, with prices remaining unchanged in most instances. State evaporated, common, 6@8½c; prime, 9@9¼c; choice, 9½@10c; fancy, 10¼@11c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Continue quiet and unchanged at former values. Prunes, 3¾c; apricots, Royal, 10@14c; Moor Park, 9½@13c; peaches, peeled, 16@20c; unpeeled, 7¼@12½c.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 26.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.15; certificates, no bid; shipments, 190,114 bbls.; average, 93,924 bbls.; runs, 138,786 bbls.; average, 71,380 bbls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—OIL—Cottonseed, firm; prime yellow, 40c; petroleum, dull; rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.52½@1.55; turpentine, steady, 39@39½c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—WOOL—Firm in demand; medium grades, 13@17½c; light fine, 12½@15c; heavy fine, 10@12c; tub washed, 14@24c.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head, including 900 Texans; market strong; native shipping and export steers, $4.75@6.40; fancy, $6.50@6.70; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@6.15; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.10@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.85; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.85; canners, $1.50@2.70; bulls, $2.65@3.25; Texas and Indian steers, $3.85@5.10; grass fed, $2.60@4.10; cows and heifers, $2.40@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,200 head; market 10c higher; pigs and light, $5.00@5.90; packers, $5.85@6.10; butchers, $6.25@6.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady to strong; native muttons, $1.00@4.00; lambs, $4.50@5.25; culls and bucks, $2.25@3.50.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,236 head, mainly consigned direct; no sales reported; cables steady; no exports.

CALVES—Receipts, 255 head; veals, active, ¼c higher; few westerns unsold; veals sold at $4.00@8.75; western calves, $2.50@3.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,743 head; sheep, steady; lambs, ¼c higher; sheep sold at $2.85@3.75; lambs, $5.40@6.00; top figure for stock hardly prime.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,044 head; one deck on sale; firm.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 400 head; steady; natives, $3.25@7.25; cows and heifers, $1.25@5.25; veals, $2.50@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,500 head, mostly 10c higher; light and light mixed, $5.60@6.50; medium and heavy, $6.35@6.70; pigs, $3.15@4.85.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 225 head; 15@25c higher.

Stock in Sight.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal markets for December 26:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	899	4,332	462
Chicago	12,600	6,000	8,000
Kansas City	3,700	7,500	......
St. Louis	15,000	9,200	1,200
St. Joseph	400	4,500	225
Totals	32,599	2,552	9,887

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Thursday, December 26:

Warranty Deeds.

Lucy Miller et al to Sina Miller, undiv¼ of e½ nw¼ ne¼ and e½ sw¼ ne¼ 32-15-11	$ 1
Frank Spangenberg and wife to H. A. Groenert, n 44 feet lot 4, block 13, Improvement association add	1
August Dickman and wife to Hinrich Wehde et al, n½ lot 12, block 118, South Omaha	390
J. J. Hurt to J. F. Hurt, lot 9 block 3, Plainview	1
J. M. Woolworth to M. W. Fairfield, a tract on St. Mary's avenue adjoining Cortlandt Place	1
J. P. Finley and wife to C. W. Pearsall, n½ of e 24 feet lot 7, block 15, Patrick's 2d add	2,150
Peter Iverson and wife to George Miller, lot 8, block 15, 1st add to South Omaha	500
Emil Weyerman and wife to F. Mulcahy et al, lot 2, block 1 Albright's Choice	650
I. S. Hascall to Henry Oeldeman, lot 5, block 3, Hascall's subdiv	500
F. N. Goddard and wife to R. Davis, n 62 feet lots 5 to 8, block 197½, Omaha	1
C. R. Davis and wife to Hale & Merriam, same	1

Quit Claim Deeds.

C. E. Clapp and wife to C. H. Brown, lot 7, Gises' add	1
L. E. Key to Mrs. H. J. Palmer, lots 5 and 6, block 1, Andrews & B. add	25
L. W. Hill to H. A. Westerfield, lot 7, block 23, Omaha View extension	400
Same to same, undiv½ lot 8, block 20, same	1
Tukey & Allen to W. L. Selby, lots 26 and 27, block 4, W. L. Selby's 1st add	1
J. F. Helin and wife to C. H. McMahon, same	1
Total amount of transfers	$ 4,645

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Light and Trade Ruled Active and Higher.

HOGS ADVANCED ABOUT A DIME

Only a Few Sheep and Lambs on Sale and Demand Being Liberal Market Was Active and Ten to Twenty Higher Than Monday.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 26.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,724	8,728	2,623
Official Tuesday	1,840	11,784	1,147
Wednesday (holiday)	....	....	....
Official Thursday	899	4,332	462
Four days this week	5,643	24,844	4,232
Same days last week	14,088	42,797	9,387
Same week before	14,446	41,712	14,243
Same three weeks ago	13,685	31,290	21,480
Same four weeks ago	12,918	38,120	19,586
Same days last year	4,678	23,792	3,589

Average prices paid for hogs at South Omaha the past several days with comparisons:

Date.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.
Dec. 1	*	4 63	3 74	3 25	3 23	3 19	*
Dec. 2	5 95¾	*	3 76	3 28	3 25	3 09	3 35
Dec. 3	5 88¾	4 64	*	3 29	3 19	3 23	3 42
Dec. 4	5 92¾	4 66	3 81	*	3 21	3 16	3 39
Dec. 5	6 05	4 77	3 80	3 37	*	3 09	3 39
Dec. 6	6 09	4 84	3 86	3 35	3 25	*	3 36
Dec. 7	6 04¾	4 81	3 81	3 28	3 23	3 00	3 36
Dec. 8	*	4 78	3 83	3 30	3 17	3 19	*
Dec. 9	6 11¼	*	3 90	3 29	3 13	3 21	3 32
Dec. 10	6 13¾	4 85	*	3 31	3 13	3 21	3 35
Dec. 11	6 14	4 82	3 92	*	3 15	3 17	3 28
Dec. 12	6 16¾	4 77	3 95	3 37	*	3 20	3 31
Dec. 13	6 21¾	4 81	3 96	3 38	3 20	*	3 33
Dec. 14	6 21¼	4 86	3 96	3 33	3 23	3 28	3 38
Dec. 15	*	4 84	3 95	3 27	3 24	3 17	*
Dec. 16	6 26½	*	4 01	3 30	3 29	3 17	3 37
Dec. 17	6 34¾	4 83	*	3 26	3 31	3 17	3 40
Dec. 18	6 26¾	4 73	3 98	*	3 31	3 16	3 36
Dec. 19	6 12	4 77	3 92	3 28	*	3 18	3 31
Dec. 20	6 04	4 79	3 94	3 28	3 33	*	3 33
Dec. 21	6 08	4 81	4 01	3 32	3 28	3 17	3 27
Dec. 22	*	4 80	4 02	3 34	3 24	3 14	*
Dec. 23	6 06	*	4 04	3 37	3 21	3 17	3 27
Dec. 24	6 09¾	4 86	*	3 47	3 26	3 19	3 31
Dec. 25	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dec. 26	6 19½	4 89	4 11	3 50	*	3 20	3 30

* Indicates Sunday. ** Holiday.

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

Roads.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	H'ses.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	4	3	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	1	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	4	8	..	2
C. & N. W. Ry.	..	7	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	4	16	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	1	5	..	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	14	8	1	1
C., B. & Q. Ry.	5	3	2	..
C., R. I. & P., east.	1	4	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west.	1	..	..	..
Illinois Central	..	1	..	1
Total receipts	35	55	3	4

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.	135	580	242
Swift and Company	152	1,006	.....
Cudahy Packing Co.	271	1,829	220
Armour & Co.	90	1,236	.....
Vansant & Co.	2	.....	.....
Lobman & Co.	100	.....	.....
Benton & Underwood	22	.....	.....
Hamilton & Rothschild	24	.....	.....
Hammond Packing Co.	132	.....	.....
Dennis & Co.	10	.....	.....
Other buyers	52	.....	.....
Totals	990	4,667	462

CATTLE—There was an exceedingly light run of cattle at the yards today, so that sellers had a good opportunity to advance prices. Packers evidently had to have a few cattle, as they paid the prices asked, and trade ruled active, everything being out of first hands at an early hour.

There were only a few cornfed steers on sale and those were of rather inferior quality. Packers, however, bought them up freely at an advance of 10@15c over Tuesday's prices, or fully 15@25c higher than Monday. In some cases sales were made that looked even higher than that. It was very evident that buyers wanted some cattle and owing to the light receipts they had to pay fancy prices in order to get them.

The cow market was also rather excited and higher. As compared with Monday it is safe to call the market fully 15@25c higher, with occasional sales showing a still greater advance. In view of the liberal demand the twenty cars that were on sale this morning were soon disposed of. The demand was not limited to the better grades, as canners and medium kinds also sold freely at the advance noted above.

Bulls that were good enough for killers were in good demand this morning and prices were a little better than on Tuesday. Stags also sold at higher prices, while veal calves were active and strong.

There were only a few bunches of stockers and feeders in the yards this morning, but there was plenty to supply the demand. The choicer grades sold without much difficulty at close to steady prices, but none but the most desirable grades were wanted and sellers found it almost impossible to move the common cattle at any price. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	730	2 35	68	1055	4 55
4	810	2 60	20	1056	4 65
1	1170	4 00	3	1140	4 90
5	954	4 25	10	1084	5 05
9	844	4 25	4	1095	5 15
5	1080	4 40	9	1082	5 25

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
23	943	4 00

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1070	1 25	2	855	2 75
4	912	2 00	5	1038	2 75
2	935	2 15	8	938	2 80
8	957	2 25	1	1080	3 00
26	808	2 25	1	1000	3 00
24	905	2 30	2	950	3 00
3	963	2 35	3	1113	3 00
2	1035	2 35	1	780	3 00
1	1020	2 40	1	1000	3 00
2	1005	2 50	9	1090	3 10
3	926	2 50	13	1015	3 10
3	1023	2 50	1	1160	3 25
1	1010	2 60	10	1094	3 25
1	1070	2 60	1	1010	3 25
3	943	2 60	4	1085	3 40
6	985	2 70	20	1038	3 45
1	880	2 75	12	1051	3 65
13	941	2 75	1	1690	3 85
14	956	2 70			

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
2	630	2 75

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	703	2 10	1	530	2 85
6	638	2 50	3	883	3 40
5	728	2 85			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1320	2 25	1	1350	3 00
1	1000	2 40	1	1260	3 00
1	1420	2 50	1	1100	3 00
2	1405	2 60	1	1430	3 25
1	1300	2 65	2	1110	3 50
2	1175	2 85	1	1280	3 60
1	1720	2 85	1	1700	3 75
1	1510	2 85			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	210	2 25	1	130	6 00
1	180	5 00			

STOCK COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	530	2 25	10	634	2 60
10	531	2 30	5	642	2 65
1	630	2 30	5	400	2 75
3	383	2 50	3	830	3 10

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	496	3 25	1	940	3 25
2	370	3 00	9	587	3 25
1	670	3 00			

COLORADO.

24 feeders	823	4 00	5 cows	1140	3 80

F. A. Van Pelt—Neb.

26 cows	870	2 25	1 bull	1320	2 25
59 cows	907	3 00			

Swan Land and Cattle Co.—Wyo.

63 cows	775	2 25	4 bulls	1138	2 25
8 cows	718	2 15	1 bull	1280	2 25
1 cow	1040	2 15	1 cow	800	2 15

A. B. Critchblow—Colo.

17 cows	872	2 50	12 steers	1154	4 25
16 cows	965	3 40	4 bulls	1275	2 35
2 cows	1005	3 40	1 cow	910	2 50
1 cow	740	2 50			

I. T. Stewart—Colo.

10 cows	1008	3 45	11 steers	870	3 75
4 cows	962	2 85			

G. P. Kimball—Colo.

22 feeders	872	3 80	3 cows	950	2 75
2 feeders	955	3 10	1 feeder	930	3 10

HOGS—There was a very light run of hogs here today, and as advices from other points were favorable to the selling interests the market advanced about a dime all around. The hogs sold more freely than they have for some little time, as all the packers wanted a few and the light run made it necessary for them to buy early. The prime heavyweights sold largely from $6.35 to $6.60. Good medium weight hogs sold in most cases from $6.15 to $6.30, and the lighter loads went from $6.15 down. The lightweight hogs advanced as much as did the heavier grades, but still toward the close the market was a little dull on the loads weighing much under 200 pounds. That class of hogs, however, are selling very unevenly, and for that reason it is difficult to tell much about the condition of the market. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
30	105	...	4 75	73	204	...	6 15
47	131	...	5 00	72	197	...	6 15
10	106	...	5 00	85	206	160	6 20
78	117	...	5 10	59	233	160	6 20
12	121	...	5 25	81	222	160	6 20
89	121	...	5 30	71	218	40	6 20
127	132	...	5 40	82	219	240	6 20
51	146	40	5 45	78	215	80	6 20
67	150	...	5 55	64	224	120	6 20
32	129	...	5 75	85	200	...	6 20
19	156	...	5 85	74	218	240	6 20
80	159	120	5 85	69	237	200	6 25
78	154	160	5 85	73	214	40	6 25
86	176	80	5 95	94	215	80	6 25
91	174	240	6 00	77	217	80	6 25
90	189	40	6 05	69	237	200	6 25
103	184	...	6 05	80	197	40	6 25
71	194	40	6 06	79	222	160	6 25
80	183	...	6 10	62	257	120	6 25
70	205	160	6 10	72	233	80	6 25
98	178	80	6 10	79	220	40	6 25
77	196	160	6 10	67	259	200	6 30
88	181	...	6 10	76	232	...	6 30
73	199	...	6 12½	67	256	...	6 30
84	213	40	6 12½	62	259	80	6 40
48	226	80	6 15	37	295	80	6 40
99	186	160	6 15	60	255	80	6 40
84	203	160	6 15	62	256	200	6 40
82	202	40	6 15	68	244	120	6 40
86	203	40	6 15	54	325	80	6 55
71	185	...	6 15	53	321	280	6 60

SHEEP—There were only about three cars of sheep and lambs on the market today, and as packers all wanted fresh supplies the market ruled active and higher. As compared with the close of last week prices are fully 10@20c higher. Owing to the active demand and light receipts everything was sold in good season. Ewes sold as high as $3.30, wethers brought $4.10 and lambs $5.00.

There were not enough feeders offered to make a test of the market, but it is safe to call the market steady.

Quotations: Choice lightweight yearlings, $4.00@4.25; good to choice medium weight yearlings, $3.75@4.00; fair to good yearlings, $3.50@3.75; choice wethers, $3.60@4.00; fair to good wethers, $3.30@3.60; choice ewes, $3.00@3.25; fair to good ewes, $2.75@3.00; common ewes, $1.00@2.00; choice lambs, $5.00@5.25; fair to good lambs, $4.60@5.00; feeder wethers, $2.75@3.00; feeder lambs, $3.50@4.00. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
2	native bucks	156	2 55
1	native buck	250	3 12½
89	native ewes	120	3 30
127	native lambs	74	5 00
30	native ewes	102	2 90
134	native ewes	103	2 90
78	native wethers	91	4 10

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Active—Hogs Higher—Sheep Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 12,000 head natives, 600 head Texans; opened active and strong at Monday's prices and closed dull; good to prime, $6.40@7.55; poor to medium, $3.75@6.00; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.25; cows, $1.00@4.65; heifers, $1.50@5.25; canners, $1.00@2.20; bulls, $1.75@4.50; calves, $2.50@6.00; Texas fed steers, $3.12½@4.12½.

HOGS—Receipts, 16,000 head; estimated tomorrow, 28,000 head; left over, 2,500 head; active and 10c higher; mixed and butchers, $5.80@6.35; good to choice heavy, $6.25@6.60; rough heavy, $5.90@6.15; light, $5.25@5.90; bulk of sales, $5.80@6.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 8,000 head; market 10@15c higher; lambs, 15@25c higher; good to choice wethers, $3.70@4.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.00@3.75; western sheep, $3.00@4.25; native lambs, $2.50@5.85.

RECEIPTS — Official, Tuesday: Cattle, 3,962 head; hogs, 30,256 head; sheep, 5,921 head.

SHIPMENTS—Official, Tuesday: Cattle, 1,242 head; hogs, 1,650 head; sheep, 1,978 head.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head natives, 200 head Texans, 200 head calves; market 10@15c higher; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.75@6.60; fair to good, $4.75@5.70; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.25; western fed steers, $4.65@6.00; western range steers, $3.50@5.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.00@4.50; Texas cows, $2.25@3.50; native cows, $2.50@4.50; heifers, $3.25@5.00; canners, $1.50@2.40; bulls, $2.25@4.25; calves, $3.25@6.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,500 head; market 15@25c higher; top, $6.70; bulk of sales, $5.75@6.60; heavy, $6.60@6.70; mixed packers, $6.15@6.60; light, $5.35@6.35; pigs, $4.00@5.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, none; tendency higher; today's prices nominal; fed lambs, $4.50@5.50; fed wethers, $3.50@4.40; yearlings, $3.75@4.65; ewes, $3.00@3.75; culls and feeders, $2.25@3.50.

SECRET SERVICE EXPENSES

Chief Not Required to Divulge Names of Persons to Whom Money Goes.

"During the present year just $150 has been drawn for secret service work. This is the allowance which might be drawn for three months under a resolution of the city council, providing that $50 per month may be spent by the chief of police in paying private detectives who carry on work which cannot well be made known to the public," said Chief J. J. Donahue. "The names of the persons to whom this money is paid are not made public because such action would defeat the purpose of the work and make it possible for crooks to tell exactly what is going on by looking at the records.

"In 1900 the police department used $550, the secret service appropriation for eleven months. These expenditures were made after a consultation with City Attorney Connell. He said that it would not be necessary to get receipts from the persons to whom this money was paid and, in fact, stated that it would be far better not to get receipts signed by the real names of the persons who carried on this secret service, as the receipts would be liable to make all our plans public.

"It has been reported that I drew the money, disguised my handwriting and signed any name I might think of. This is false. The money was paid to detectives who did work for the city. They did not sign their own names to the receipts, as I did not wish to allow their names to enter the records in the city comptroller's office, where they might be found by anyone who cared to investigate."

In discussing the resolution authorizing Chief Donahue to spend not more than $50 each month in securing information which could not be secured by the regular members of the detective force, City Attorney W. J. Connell said:

"I advised Chief Donahue to make expenditures under this resolution without reporting the names of the men to whom the money was paid. The aim of the resolution is to secure secret work and it would be foolish to defeat its purpose by reporting how the money was spent. Such action would give criminals a tip concerning the unknown employes of the police department. In my opinion the chief need not show any receipts whatever for the money spent from this fund. All that is required of him is a report showing how much has been paid out.

"The money would be wasted if the chief were required to tell how he spent it. It was the intention of the councilmen that the head of the police department was to use his judgment in paying out the funds allowed him for secret service. This was a confidence placed in the chief and he is not required to tell in what particular way he spends the money set aside for secret service."

SAYS REPORT IS RIDICULOUS

Barrett Discredits the Statement Made by Mexican Press Regarding His Departure.

FREEPORT, Ill., Dec. 26.—Regarding the statement of El Tempo, a Mexican newspaper, that John Barrett, delegate of the United States to the Pan-American conference, had determined to go to Washington because the Latin countries did not show docility in accepting the leadership of the United States, Barrett, who has just arrived here from Mexico, said today:

Such a report is too ridiculous to require specific denial. It is an example of the methods of the anti-American element of the Latin press to discredit the conference or it is one of those foolish stories about American politics that sometimes originate, nobody knows how, in foreign capitals. I have returned to the United States by express permission of Secretary Hay to attend to certain personal business matters requiring attention and I may add that the Pan-American conference, even if it does not accomplish all that could be desired, will undoubtedly have promoted the friendly relations existing between the United States and its sister republics.

Mining Exchange Defies Court.

DENVER, Dec. 26.—The Denver Mining exchange held the usual call for the purchase and sale of mining stocks today in defiance of the order given by Sheriff Jones, acting under instructions from Judge Johnson, that it suspend operations pending investigation by the grand jury as to the legality of its transactions. The pool rooms and bucket shops are also doing business as usual.

ABOUT FOUR DOLLARS' WORTH

All the Stock Edward Sterricker Wants in Claim for Millions.

HE IS STILL WORKING FOR A LIVING

Omaha Heir to Baker Estate Says the Claim is an Old One and Has Been Worked to a Finish.

"I wouldn't give $4 for the chances of the Baker family to get in on that fortune," said Edward Sterricker of this city when asked concerning his participation in a claim to an estate in Philadelphia worth several hundred million dollars.

"However," he continued, "the information as published in The Bee this morning is substantially correct. It is true that there is a Baker estate in Philadelphia and that the Baker descendants are after it. I have always heard its value, however, quoted at $350,000,000, instead of $215,000,000.

"The whole trouble is that we cannot trace back our lineage sufficiently far. If this could be distinctly defined clear back to the original Colonel Baker we would have had the property long ago. My mother was a Baker. That's how I get in.

"This is not a new matter. Different members of the family have been working on it for a quarter of a century. It was twenty-five years ago that some of my uncles back in New York state determined to try and get their claims recognized and the attempt has been carried on off and on ever since that time.

"Just now some cousins in New York and my sister in Elgin, Ill., Mrs. Goddard, are pushing the matter. An attorney in Elgin has taken the case on a contingent percentage fee and he is going over once more the path that has been trod so many times by different ones of the Baker heirs.

He is Hopeless.

"Personally, I do not believe there is any hope of winning out, nor have I ever thought so. The thing is too old. I have never spent a dollar in it, nor will I now unless there are some new developments of which I do not know. It may be that the newspaper dispatch this morning means that something new has been unearthed and if that is the case I shall doubtless hear of it by mail from my sister in a short time. Till then I'm a skeptic and I'm still working for a living.

"There are 104 heirs interested in this estate, which is the third of three. The other two were both in Philadelphia also, and after long litigation have finally been settled. That was about a year ago, and the claimants in those cases were able to establish everything satisfactorily.

"This third estate gives more trouble and I do not believe the snarl can ever be untangled. It is larger than either of the others. It was last summer that the Elgin attorney took the matter. I went to New York in August, and also conferred with my sister at Elgin. We went over the thing and I made up my mind it was useless to try to do anything.

"The description of the location of the property given in The Bee is correct, as far as my understanding of the matter goes. I believe our claim is perfectly good, but do not think we can prove it sufficiently. If we did that $350,000,000 would be plenty even for 104 of us."

HAS BEEN ADJUDGED INSANE

Woman Believed to Be Suffering from Religious Melancholy Has Large Sum of Money.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The young woman known as "Frances Ross," who is supposed to have escaped from a Portland, Ore., convent, was adjudged insane here today, experts testifying that the woman is suffering from religious melancholy. It is believed by physicians at the hospital that treatment may restore her reason. Miss Ross will say nothing to establish her identity. When taken into custody she had nearly $3,500 in cash on her person.

Remove the Ban from Sloane.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—According to the Journal Tod Sloane will be seen in the saddle again on the Metropolitan turf next spring. He has received assurances that the English Jockey club will restore him to good standing within a few weeks, with the stipulation, however, that he is to ride no more in England.

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