COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

All Grains and Provisions Finally Close Somewhat Higher.

WHEAT IS DULL, THOUGH PRICES RISE

Oats and Provisions Find Many Buyers, but Local Interests Practically Do All the Business in Corn.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Trading in wheat was extremely dull at times today, but prices were toward a higher level, the May option closing ½c higher, while corn was up ⅝@⅞c higher and oats ⅛c better. January provisions showed a gain of from 17½c to 30c.

Reports of heavy rains in Argentine, causing a delay in harvesting, caused shorts in wheat much anxiety and there was considerable covering throughout the session, resulting in a strong tone to the situation. Firm cables, small receipts, together with large clearances and a good export demand, were also factors in maintaining the better prices. May opened ⅝@¾c to ⅞@⅞c higher at 75⅝c to 75⅞c, sold up to 75⅞@76⅛c, but on realizing declined again to 75⅝c, only to rally during the latter part of the session to 76c. The close was ½c higher at 75¾@75⅞c. Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 923,000 bu., compared with 460,000 a year ago. Primary receipts were 802,000 bu., against 1,081,000 last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 1,015 cars, with local receipts of 55 cars, with one of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 1,070 cars, against 738 last year.

Trading in corn was of that moderate volume and was confined principally to local interests. There was considerable manipulation in the December delivery and that option ruled strong. Firm cables, small receipts and a good demand were strengthening factors. May opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at 43⅛@43⅛c and sold between 43⅛c and 43⅝c, closing 43¾@¾c better at 43¾@43⅝c. Local receipts were 149 cars, with seven of contract grade.

The principal feature in oats was an excellent cash demand, which was the main support to the market. Commission houses were fair buyers of May, but there appeared to be enough for sale around 32⅝c to supply all needs. Although December was only about steady, at the close May was firm and ⅛c higher at 32½c, after selling between 32⅜c and 32⅝c. Local receipts were 141 cars.

Provisions ruled strong throughout the day, higher prices at the yards being responsible for a firm opening, and a good demand for all products, and especially for lard, added strength to the situation, the close being near the top, with January pork 35c higher at $16.35 and lard and ribs each up 17½c at $9.80 and $8.87½, respectively.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 135 cars; oats, 180 cars; hogs, 30,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	72⅝-3⅛	73⅞	72⅝	73¼@¼	73
May	75½@⅝	76	75½@⅝	75⅞	75¼@¾
July	73¼@½	73⅞	73¼	73⅝@¾	73¼
*Corn—					
Dec.	54⅛	55⅝	54⅝	54⅞	54½
Jan.	48 @⅛	48⅛	47⅝	47⅞	48
May	43⅛@¼	43⅝	43⅛	43¼@⅝	43¼
*Oats—					
†Dec.	30⅞	31⅛	30½@⅝	30½@⅝	31
May	32⅝@½	32⅝	32⅜	32½	32⅜
Pork—					
Jan.	16 00	16 35	16 00	16 35	16 00
May	15 20	15 40	15 20	15 40	15 12½
Lard—					
Dec.	10 27½	10 35	10 27½	10 35	10 22½
May	9 67½	9 80	9 67½	9 80	9 62½
May	8 92½	9 02½	8 92½	9 02½	8 90
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 27½	8 37½	8 27½	8 37½	8 20
May	8 10	8 25	8 10	8 25	8 05

*No. 2. †New.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Market steady; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.10@3.20; clears, $2.70@3.10; spring specials, $4.40@4.20; patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $2.30@3.20; bakers, $2.50@2.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74c; No. 3 spring, 69@72½c; No. 2 red, 75½c.

CORN—No. 2, 54⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 56c.

OATS—No. 2, 31@31¼c; No. 3 white, 31½@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 49c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 35@38c; fair to choice malting, 45@55c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.14; No. 1 northwestern, $1.10; prime timothy, $3.65; clover, contract grade, $10.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $16.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.65@10.70. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.75@9.00. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.87½@9.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.75@9.00.

Following were the receipts and shipments of the principal grains yesterday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	20,300	15,000
Wheat, bu.	150,300	5,400
Corn, bu.	123,600	10,900
Oats, bu.	190,950	174,700
Rye, bu.	19,000	5,500
Barley, bu.	65,300	4,200

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creameries, 18@23c; dairies, 17@24c. Eggs, steady, loss off, cases returned, 24c. Cheese, firm, 10½@12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—FLOUR—Receipts, 32,539 bbls.; exports, 29,448 bbls.; more active and firmer; winter patents, $3.60@3.85; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.15; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.40; winter extras, $2.55@3.10; winter low grades, $2.40@2.60. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $3.05@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.50@3.75. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.30@2.35, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $1.24; city, $1.22. Brandywine, $3.40@3.55.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 58c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2, 54@54½c. On track: State, 54c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 39@40c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 48@60c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 66,300 bu.; exports, 86,426 bu.; sales, 1,850 bu. futures, 10,000 bu. spot. Spots firmer. No. 2 red, 77c, f. o. b., afloat. No. 2 red, 77c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 83½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 84½c, f. o. b., afloat. Options had a quiet day, but were generally firm and higher on light sales and covering. Bullish influences embraced firm cables, big seaboard clearances, heavy export trade, rumors and rain in Argentine, the close being firm at ⅝@⅞c net advance. Sales included: No. 2 red May, 79¼@79⅝c, closed at 79⅝c; December, 79 9-16@80¼c, closed at 80¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 24,150 bu.; exports, 340 bu. Spot firm; No. 2, 64c, elevator, and 65c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 66c; No. 2 white, 67c. Options were fairly active and also higher on unfavorable weather, firm cables, export talk, covering, the wheat strength and poor grading at the close; firm at ⅛@⅜c net advance; January, 54c, closed at 54c; May, 48 5-16@48 9-16c, closed at 48½c; December, 60⅝@60¾c; closed at 60¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 148,200 bu.; exports, 300 bu. Spot firm; No. 2, 36c; standard white, 37½c; No. 3, 35½c; No. 2 white, 37½c; No. 3 white, 37c; track mixed western, nominal; track white western, 37@42c; track white state, 37@42c. Options quiet but firmer with corn; May closed at 37⅝c; December closed at 37⅞c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 95c@$1.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1902 crop, 29@33c; 1901 crop, 24@28c; olds, 7@12½c; Pacific coast, 1902 crop, 26@32c; 1901 crop, 23@27c; olds, 7@12½c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 24@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $16.00@18.00; mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet, $14.00@15.00; city extra India mess, $25.00@28.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 10¼@11½c; pickled shoulders, 8½c; pickled hams, 11¾@12c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $11.35; December closed, $11.20, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $11.40; South America, $11.75; compound, 7 5-8@7¾. Pork, firm; family, $18.50@19.00; short clear, $21.00@23.00; mess, $18.00@18.50.

TALLOW—Quiet; city ($2 per pkg.), 6c; country (pkgs. free), 6¼@6⅝c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6¾c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,356 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 20@21c; creamery, extra, 23c; creamery, common to choice, 20@23c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,783 pkgs.; firm; fancy large, new state full cream, colored and white, September, 13¼@13½c; late make, 12¾@13c; fancy small, colored and white, September, 13¼@13½c; late make, 12¾@13c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,218 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 28@29c; western, poor to fancy graded, 20@27c.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; chickens, 12½c; turkeys, 10@11c; fowls, 13½c. Dressed, weak; western chickens, 13@15½c; western fowls, 12¼@13c; western turkeys, 16c.

METALS—Tin recovered 6s 7d of its loss in today's London market, closing firm at £113 5s for spot and £113 2s 6d for futures. The local market was easy and slightly higher, closing $24.87½@24.90. Copper prices in London advanced 1s 3d to £50 11s 3d for spot and £51 18s 9d for futures. The local market was also higher, but remained dull and nominal. Standard was quoted at 24.75, lake at $11.65, electrolytic and casting were both held at $11.45. Lead was quiet in London at £10 12s 6d and at $4.12½ in the local market. Spelter was 2s 6d lower in London, the close there being at £19 15s, while the market locally continued dull and unchanged at $5.10. The English iron markets were largely nominal. The local market for iron was quiet and unchanged. Warrants continue nominal. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $21.25. No. 2 foundry northern, No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft, $22.00@22.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Candled stock, 23@24c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7½@8c; old roosters, 4c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; spring chickens, per lb., 8½@9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 8c; young chickens, 11c; turkeys, 12@14c; ducks and geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 16@18½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 20@21c; separator, 25@26c.

FRESH CAUGHT FISH—Trout, 8c; herring, 6c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch, 6c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 3c; bluefins, 8c; whitefish, 10c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters boiled, per lb., 30c; lobsters, green, per lb., 25c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; hallout, 11c.

ONIONS—New 40c.

OATS—32c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

BRAN—Per ton, $13.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $8.50; No. 1 medium, $7.50; No. 1 coarse, $6.00. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand, fair; receipts, light.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 28c; extra selects, per can, 35c; New York counts, per can, 42c; buisn, extra selects, per gal., $1.75; buisn, standards, per gal., $1.30.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; Utah, per doz., 40c; California, per doz., for stalks weighing from 1 to 1½ lbs., each, 40@50c.

POTATOES—New, per bu., 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, per bbl., $3.25.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 30c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1c.

BEETS—Per basket, 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per doz. bunches, 40c.

RADISHES—Southern, per doz. bunches, 40c.

WAX BEANS—Per bu. box, $3; string beans, per bu. box, $1.50.

CABBAGE—Mex. Holland seed, per lb., 1½c.

ONIONS—New home grown, in sacks, per bu., 90c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.00.

TOMATOES — New California, per 4-basket crate, $2.75.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.75.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Fall varieties, per box, $2.00; Colorado, per box, $2.25.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $2.25; eating, $2.50; Jonathans, $4.00; New York stock $4.25; California delicious, bu. box, $1.60.

GRAPES—Catawbas, per basket, 18c; Malagas, per keg, $6.00@6.00.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $9.00; Bell and Bugles, $10.00; per box, $3.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@3.00.

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

ORANGES—Florida Brights, $3.75; California Navels, $4.00@4.50.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c; per case of 50-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, $1; Turkish, per 30-lb. box, 14@18c.

GRAPE FRUIT—Florida, $6.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—New Utah, per 24-frame case, $3.75.

CIDER—New York, $4.50; per ½-bbl., $2.75.

SAUERKRAUT—Wisconsin, per ½-bbl., $3.25; per bbl., $6.75.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 7c; No. 2 green, 6c; No. 1 salted, 8c; No. 2 salted, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 18 lbs., 8c; dry hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@40c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

PECANS—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; Brazils, per lb., 12c; nilberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 10c; cocoanuts, per doz., 60c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 6@8c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per lb., $1; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpirn quotes the following prices: Iron, country, mixed, per ton, $11; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8; copper, per lb., 8½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 8½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 8c; zinc, per lb., 2½c; rubber, per lb., 6½c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, nominal; track, 74@74½c; December, 68⅝c; May, 74⅝@74½c; No. 3 hard, 67@71c.

CORN—Easy; No. 2 cash, 45⅞c; track, 45⅝@45⅞c; December, 46c asked; May, 39⅝c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2, 32c bid; track, 32@33c; December, 31⅝c bid; May, 31⅞c bid; No. 2 white, 36c.

RYE—Firm at 48½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.30@3.50; fancy and straight, $3.00@3.25; clear, $2.85@2.95.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.90@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $2.40.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 70@72c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $11.00@14.50; prairie, $10.00@11.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.07½.

BAGGING—6 5-16@7 1-16c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork: Jobbing, standard mess, $18. Lard, higher, $10.62½. Dry salt meats (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $10; clear ribs, $10; short clear sides, $10.25. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $11; clear ribs, $11; short clear, $11.25.

METALS—Lead: Quiet; $4.00, sellers. Spelter: Dull; $4.70, sellers.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 9c; spring, 10½c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 12c; geese, 8½c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 23@29c; dairy, 18½@22c.

EGGS—Lower at 22c, loss off.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	10,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.	30,000	61,000
Corn, bu.	94,000	69,000
Oats, bu.	8,000	33,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4. — WHEAT — Spot, firm; No. 2 red western, winter, 5s 10d; No. 1 northern, spring, no stock; No. 1 California, 6s 1½d. Futures, steady; December, 5s 11¾d; March, 6s; May, 5s 11⅞d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 5s 5d. Futures, steady; January, 4s 5¾d; March, 4s 2½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy, winter, quiet, 23s.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, firm, £6 15s@£7.

PEAS—Canadian, steady, 6s 7½d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, strong; extra India mess, 112s. Pork, strong; prime mess, western, 95s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., quiet, 54s 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., dull, 48s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., dull, 55s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., quiet, 53s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., easy, 54s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., quiet, 56s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 63s. Shoulders, 110 to 130 lbs., dull, 46s 6d. Lard, American refined, in pails, steady, 59s; prime western, in tierces, firm, 60s.

BUTTER—Nominal.

CHEESE—Strong; American finest white and colored, 78s.

TALLOW—Price city, firm, 28s 9d; Australian, in London, firm, 34s 3d.

The Provision exchange here will be closed on December 25, 26 and 27.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Trading began this morning at the Chamber of Commerce with conditions as to outside communication not very much improved over yesterday.

WHEAT—Opened at 73⅛@73⅜c and sold directly at 73⅛c, a dip of ⅜c from the high point at the opening yesterday. Support came out promptly and the market stuck at 73⅛c, reacting later to 73⅛@73⅜c. The market was strong near the close; May closed at 74¼c; December, 72⅝c; January, 74⅝c. An excellent demand ruled for the cash wheat and buyers, after stripping the market of everything desirable on spot, came in for wheat to arrive and bought freely on the basis; No. 1 hard, spot, 73⅝@74⅝c; No. 1 northern, 73⅛@73⅝c; No. 2, 72@72½c; No. 1, to arrive, 73⅛@74c; No. 2, to arrive, 72@73⅛c; No. 3, 69@71c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.85@3.95; second patents, $3.70@3.80; first clears, $2.90@3.00; second clears, $2.30@2.40.

FLAX—Cash, $1.18; to arrive, $1.12; December, $1.16½; May, $1.21½.

BRAN—In bulk, $12.00@12.25.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, Dec. 4.—WHEAT—Dull, higher; cash, 77½c; December, 77½c; May, 80c.

CORN—Dull, higher; December, 45c; May, 43½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; December, 32½c; May, 33½c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

SEED—Clover, dull, lower; December, $6.65; January and March, $6.70; prime timothy, $1.75; prime alsike, $8.25.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 4.—WHEAT—Cash, 71⅝c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 70½c; No. 3 spring, 68½c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 73½c; No. 1 northern, 73½c; December, 71⅝c; May, 76½c. Macaroni: No. 1, 61⅝c; No. 2, 58⅝c.

OATS—December, 31c; May, on track and to arrive, 31½c.

RYE—May, 50c, on track and to arrive, 48c.

BARLEY—35@51c.

FLAX—Cash, on track, to arrive and December, $1.17½; January, $1.17⅝; May, $1.22.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—WHEAT—The market opened firm, with early trading inclined to dullness. Offerings of the May were free, but support from local bulls held prices, and later scored fractional advances. Northwest receipts were 540 cars, against 375 last year. Local receipts, 175 cars. There were reports of good export sales at the seaboard. Argentine news bullish.

CORN—The trade in corn has been comparatively light and chiefly local. Cables were firm and a good cash demand held prices firm during the early session, with but small decline at the close. Local receipts were 149 cars, of which seven only were contract. Wheat strength was also a help to corn.

OATS—Were in sympathy with other markets, though subjected to some selling pressure at the opening. Local receipts were 141 cars.

PROVISIONS—We.e higher, with a good demand for lard and ribs. Prices at the yards were a trifle higher.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 4.—WHEAT—December, 63½@63⅝c; May, 69⅝@69¾c; cash, No. 2 hard, 65½@66½c; No. 3, 64c; No. 2 red, 66c; No. 3, 63@65c.

CORN—December, 39⅝@39¾c; May, 37⅝@37½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 40½c; No. 2 white, 40½c; No. 3, 39½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

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

BUTTER—Creamery, 24@26c; dairy, 21c.

EGGS—Fresh, 21½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	36,000	57,600
Corn, bu.	31,200	87,300
Oats, bu.	8,000	10,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; extra western creamery, 26c; extra nearby prints, 31c.

EGGS—Firm, fair demand; fresh nearby, 27c, loss off; fresh western, 27c, loss off; fresh southwestern, 25@26c, loss off; fresh southern, 24c, loss off.

CHEESE—Quiet; New York full creams, prime small, 13½c; fair to good small, 12⅝@13¼c; fair to good prime large, 13¼c; fair to good, 12⅝@13c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4.—WHEAT—Market firmer; No. 1 northern, 75½c; No. 2 northern, 74c; May, 75⅝@75⅞c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 51½@52c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 64½c; sample, 35@58c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 4.—CORN—Steady; new, No. 3, 43½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 31⅜c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Brokers Fruitlessly Attempt to Boost Prices Early in the Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—There was another attempt put up the prices of stocks this morning, but it did not succeed and the market soon became weak. Final prices were considerably lower than last night. The principal part of the day's business on the Stock exchange had become completed by the end of the first hour and there was no further activity until an active selling movement developed in the last hour and carried prices to the lowest of the day. In the interval there were occasional periods of absolute idleness on the floor of the exchange.

Many of the most prominent stocks were not quoted at all from hour to hour. The aggregate transactions for the day dwindled still further from yesterday's small total. The business was almost entirely in the hands of professional room traders and many of the more conspicuous commission houses had not as much as 1,000 shares to execute in the market. The effort to advance prices was apparently based on the somewhat easier tone which developed late yesterday in the call loan market, but the developments of the day precluded any hope of early easiness in money and prompted the traders to change their position. They then sold stocks to force a lower level of prices for the simple reason that they were unable to advance prices without meeting large sales to realize.

The sub-treasury statement for today shows that the banks have lost to that institution since last Friday over $5,000,000. This did not include the $1,000,000 withdrawn today for shipment to South America. This month the sub-treasury was a creditor at the clearing house for $416,981 on account of some heavy internal revenue collections. It will be seen, therefore, that the week's decline in bank reserves will be between $6,000,000 and $7,000,000. The tone of the time money market, while continues very firm, is convincing evidence that no relaxation of the money market is expected before the turn of the year. As the local trust companies do not make weekly reports of their condition, that element in the situation is not known to the public, but there is no evidence that they are offering any of their resources in the money market at the present time and the tendency is believed to be rather on the side of contraction in their case.

The Bank of England retained its 4 per cent minimum discount rate this week and the private rate went lower in the London market, but the bank's weekly statement discloses that the government has disbursed over $9,000,000 of its deposits, together with the shipping combine payments, accounts for the present easier tendency in London. However, the bank has lost gold to the extent of about $75,000 during the week. Notwithstanding today's shipment of $1,000,000 gold from here to South America, which was in response to a demand diverted from London, the Bank of England sold today $1,000,000 in gold for South America and $600,000 to Egypt. The Bank of France also shows a loss of about $600,000 in gold but its loans have been contracted about 736,000,000, although the note issues have increased over $10,000,000. There was no transfer of currency to the interior through the sub-treasury today and exchange at Chicago rose from par to 5c premium.

The advance in the price of refined sugar and in the price of copper, both here and in London, made Sugar and Amalgamated Copper comparatively firm. Fort Worth & Denver City rose on the prospect of a dividend disbursement in February. Reports from the trade of a shortfall of a downward tendency in the price of iron products and a holding back of orders on account of high cost was a rather depressing influence.

Bonds were dull and in sympathy with stocks. Total sales were $2,290,000. United States 3s, registered, declined 2 points on the last call.

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

Atchison	82	Amalgamated	56⅝
do pfd	93½	Bingham	26
Bal. & Ohio	38⅝	Calumet & Hecla	424
do pfd	92	Centennial	16
Canadian Pacific	127½	Copper Range	55⅛
Canada So.	85	Dominion Coal	127½
Ches. & Ohio	46	Franklin	8
Chicago & Alton	33	Mohawk	37½
do pfd	70¼	Old Dominion	75½
Chicago & E. Ill.	213	Osceola	80
Chicago & G. W.	23⅛	Parrot	22
do 1st pfd	84	Quincy	160
do 2d pfd	56½	Rio Grande Gold	17
Chicago N. W.	200	Rio Grande Western	75
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	17	Santa Fe Copper	1⅛
do pfd	32	Tamarack	142
C. C. C. & St. L.	95½	Trinity	8⅝
Colorado So.	23½	United States	21⅞
do 1st pfd	48	Utah	22¼
do 2d pfd	42½	Victoria	5
Del. & Hudson	153	Winona	3
Del. L. & W.	245	Wolverine	37½
Denver & R. G.	39¼	Allouez	2¼
do pfd	89¼	Daly West	35
Erie	34⅝	Ontario	30
do 1st pfd	68	Pennsylvania	80½
do 2d pfd	47	Rand Mines	10⅞
Great Nor. pfd	185½	Reading	38⅝
Hocking Valley	97½	do 1st pfd	44½
do pfd	94½	do 2d pfd	38½
Illinois Central	155½	Southern Railway	33⅛
Lake Erie & W.	38	do pfd	94½
do pfd	118	Southern Pacific	64⅝
L. & N.	128⅛	Union Pacific	102½
Manhattan L.	148	do pfd	94
Met. St. Ry.	140½	United States Steel	27⅛
Mex. Central	22⅝	do pfd	85⅝
Mex. National	15½	Wabash	29⅝
Minn. & St. L.	107½	do pfd	44⅝
Mo. Pacific	105⅛		
M. K. & T.	35⅝		
do pfd	56⅝		
N. J. Central	165		
N. Y. Central	153½		
Norfolk & W.	76⅝		
do pfd	81½		
Ontario & W.	29⅝		
Pennsylvania	154⅝		
Reading	59		
do 1st pfd	84⅝		
do 2d pfd	72½		
St. L. & S. F.	72		
do 1st pfd	80		
do 2d pfd	79		
St. L. S. W.	26½		
do pfd	61½		
St. Paul	174		
So. Pacific	48⅝		
So. Railway	31⅞		
do pfd	91⅞		
Texas & Pacific	41⅝		
Toledo, St. L. & W.	29¼		
do pfd	46		
Union Pacific	99¼		
do pfd	86		
Wabash	28		
do pfd	46		
Wheeling & L. E.	23½		
do 2d pfd	43		
Wis. Central	25⅝		
do pfd	50½		
Adams Ex.	200		
American Ex.	236		
United States Ex.	128		
Wells-Fargo Ex.	210		
Amal. Copper	56⅝		
Am. Car & F.	34⅛		
do pfd	91⅛		
Amer. Lin. Oil	14		
do pfd	41		
American S. & R.	38⅝		
do pfd	85		
Anac. Mining Co.	46		
Brooklyn R. T.	64⅝		
Colo. Fuel & I.	45		
Cons. Gas	211		
Cont. Tobacco pfd	116		
Gen. Electric	178		
Rocking Coal	19⅛		
Inter. Paper	17⅛		
do pfd	72⅛		
Inter. Power	45		
National Biscuit	45⅛		
National Lead	20⅝		
No. American	118		
Pacific Coast	68		
Pacific Mail	35½		
People's Gas	100⅝		
Pressed S. Car	45⅛		
do pfd	92		
Pullman P. Car	227		
Republic Steel	19½		
do pfd	77⅝		
Sugar	129		
Tenn. Coal & I.	56½		
Union Bag & P.	12½		
do pfd	75		
U. S. Leather	12		
do pfd	88		
U. S. Rubber	16		
do pfd	56½		
U. S. Steel	38		
do pfd	93½		
Western Union	87⅝		
Amer. Locomotive	34		
do pfd	90⅝		
K. C. Southern	31⅝		
do pfd	65		
Rock Island	31⅝		
do pfd	61⅝		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 4.—Bank clearings, $1,165,873.87; corresponding day last year, $1,349,106.75; decrease, $183,831.88.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Clearings, $28,549,884; balances, $1,509,913; New York exchange, 20c premium; foreign exchange, sterling posted at $4.85 for sixty days and at $4.88½ for demand.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Clearings, $24,352,063; balances, $1,765,343.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Clearings, $19,536,608; balances, $3,062,764; money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 4.—Clearings, $4,364,665; balances, $496,695; money, 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Clearings, $7,831,621; balances, $604,934; money, steady, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 15c premium.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Clearings, $272,177,924; balances, $11,562,481.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—MONEY—On call, firm, 3½@5½ per cent; closing, 3½@4 per cent. Time, very firm; sixty days, 6 per cent; ninety days, 6 per cent; six months, 5¾@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady at decline, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8715@4.8720 for demand and at $4.83@$4.8360 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85; commercial bills, $4.82@4.84.

SILVER—Bar, 47⅝c; Mexican dollars, 37c.

BONDS—Government, easier; railroad, easier.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	107⅝	L. & N. uni. 4s	101⅛
do coupon	108⅛	Mex. Central 4s	79
do 3s, reg.	107⅛	do 1s inc.	34⅛
do coupon	108⅛	Mich. C. & St. L. 4s	102⅝
do new 4s, reg.	135½	M., K. & T. 4s	98⅝
do coupon	135½	do 2s	82
do old 4s, reg.	109½	N. Y. Central 3s	102⅝
do coupon	109½	do gen. 3½s	108⅛
do 5s, reg.	103⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	136½
do coupon	103⅝	No. Pacific 4s	103⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	101⅝	do 3s	72⅝
Can. So. 2d 5s	107⅛	N. & W. con. 4s	96⅝
Bal. & Ohio 4s	100⅝	Reading gen. 4s	96⅛
do 3½s	94⅝	St L. & I M c. 5s	113½
do conv. 4s	104½	St. L. & S. F. 4s	100
Canada So.	107⅝	St. L. S. W. 1s	88⅝
Central of Ga. 5s	108⅝	do 2s	85
do 1s inc.	78	S. A. & A. P. 4s	88
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	104⅛	So. Pacific 4s	91
Chicago & A. 3½s	79⅛	So. Railway 5s	118
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	95⅝	Texas & Pacific 1s	118
C. M & St P g. 4s	119	T., St. L. & W. 4s	79
C. & N. W. c. 7s	144⅛	Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
C., R. I. & P 4s	105⅛	do conv. 4s	105⅛
C C C & St L g. 4s	99	Wabash 1s	111⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	88½	do 2s	108
Colorado So. 4s	90⅝	do deb. B	75⅝
Denver & R. G. 4s	100⅛	West Shore 4s	113½
Erie prior lien 4s	97½	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	95
do general 4s	78	Wis. Central 4s	91½
F. W. & D. C. 1s	169	Con. Tobacco 4s	63⅛
Hocking Val. 4½s	107⅝		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Call loans, 5¼@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds: