COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

All Grains and Provisions Rise During Day's Trading.

WHEAT RULES EXTREMELY FIRM ALL DAY

Clear, Cold Weather Forces Corn Up and Other Cereals Carry Oats with Them, While Increased Hog Receipts Elevate Provisions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Wheat was strong throughout the entire session today, notwithstanding a rather quiet, and at times, a dull market, the close being strong, with May up ⅝@⅞c. Corn closed ⅝@¾c higher, with oats ¼c better. January provisions closed from 2½c to 10c higher.

Statistics in general were bullish and wheat ruled extremely firm all day. The lack of any material trading was the means of preventing any great advance resulting from the higher cables, decreased receipts, bullish Argentine advices and a small increase in the visible supply, when a large one had been anticipated. The markets in the northwest were strong, adding to the strength of the situation, while a decrease of from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels in the official estimate of the crop of Manitoba from the private estimate previously given also aided in boosting the market. The close was strong and near the top on May, the final figures being ⅝@¾c higher at 75⅞@76c, after opening unchanged to ¼c higher at 75¼@75⅝c, and advancing steadily to 76c. The world's shipments for the week were 8,844,000 bushels, compared with 8,497,000 bushels a year ago. The visible supply for the week showed an increase of only 858,000 bushels and clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 412,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 1,459,500 bushels, against 1,515,700 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 1,116 cars, which with local receipts of 88 cars, 3 of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 1,204 cars, against 1,697 cars last week and 988 a year ago.

There was considerable strength in corn, due to higher cables and clear, cold weather throughout the west. Prominent commission houses bought freely of May, but the offerings were rather limited, the fears of manipulation causing the local traders to hold back. There were special features in the trading and the volume of business on the whole was close. The close was strong and at the top, May closing ⅝@⅞c higher at 43⅝c, after selling between 43⅛@43¼c and 43¾c. Local receipts were 122 cars, with 7 of contract grade.

Strength in other grains and a continued good cash demand caused oats to rule strong throughout the session and there was a fair amount of business transacted, commission houses taking on quite freely of May. The increased receipts were a bear factor and caused some selling, but the offerings were readily taken. May closed ¼c higher at 32c, after ranging between 32⅝@32¾c and 33c. Local receipts were 336 cars.

Provisions were offered freely at the opening on the increased hog receipts and the lower prices at the yards and an easier tone prevailed early. Later a good demand for lard developed and with the strength in grains a firmer feeling was manifested, the close being firm, with January pork 5c higher at $16.35. Lard was up 2½c at $9.77½, while ribs were 10c higher at $8.35@8.37½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 70 cars; corn, 350 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	72⅝@¾	73⅛	72⅝	73⅜	72¼@⅝
May	75⅛@⅜	76	75⅛	75⅞@76	75⅛
July	72⅝@⅞	73⅛	72⅝	73⅛	72⅝
*Corn—					
Dec.	54¼	55	54½	55	55
Jan.	47⅛@⅜	47⅝	47⅛	47⅝	47⅝
May	43⅛@⅜	43⅝	43⅛@⅜	43⅝	43⅛@⅜
*Oats—					
Dec.	31¼	31⅝	31¼	31⅝@¾	31⅝
May	32⅝@⅞	33	32⅝@⅞	33	32⅝
Pork—					
Jan.	16 22½	16 35	16 20	16 35	16 30
May	15 15	15 32½	15 15	15 32½	15 22½
Lard—					
Jan.	9 65	9 80	9 65	9 77½	10 45
Dec.	10 35	10 35	10 30	10 32½	9 75
May	8 85	8 97½	8 85	8 77½	8 96
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 25	8 37½	8 25	8 37½	8 27½
May	8 10	8 20	8 10	8 20	8 12½

*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, $2.90@3.20; bakers, $2.25@2.75.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74½@75½c; No. 3, 69@74c; No. 2 red, 72⅝@73½c.

CORN—No. 2, 55c; No. 3, 54c; No. 2 yellow, 55c.

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

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 36@39c; fair to choice malting, 45@58c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.14; No. 1 northwestern, $1.20; prime timothy, $3.65; clover, contract grade, $10.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $16.62½@16.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.00@10.65. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.50@8.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.25@8.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.75@9.00.

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

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	17,600	12,900
Wheat, bu	83,600	8,800
Corn, bu	119,200	56,300
Oats, bu	256,700	169,400
Rye, bu	23,400	1,000
Barley, bu	65,000	13,300

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 18@28c; dairies, 17@24c. Eggs, firm, loss off, cases returned, 24c. Cheese, steady, 11¼@12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,933 bbls.; exports, 29,989 bbls.; market dull, but firmly held with wheat; winter patents, $3.60@3.90; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.15; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $3.20@3.35; winter low grades, $2.65@2.90. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.00@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.50@3.55. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.30@2.35, spot and to arrive.

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

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 58c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2, 54@54½c, track; state, 54@54½c, c. i. f. New York.

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

WHEAT—Receipts, 75,075 bu.; exports, 147,770 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 80¾c, elevator; No. 2 red, 78c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 84c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 85c, f. o. b., afloat. Throughout the entire session wheat maintained a firm undertone. Bulls supported the market freely on higher cables, a good decrease on passage, northwest buying, export rumors and rather light interior receipts, the close being firm at ⅝@¾c net advance. May, 79⅛@79 13-16c, closed at 79⅜c; July closed at 78c; December, 80⅛@81⅛c, closed at 81¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 92,400 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 64c, elevator, and 63c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 66c; No. 2 white, 67c. Options opened a trifle easy on the weather, but later developed strength on small western receipts, the wheat advance, steady cables, poor grading and covering. The close was firm at ¼@½c net advance. January, 55c, closed at 55c; May, 48⅛@48⅞c, closed at 48⅞c; December, 61⅜c, closed at 61⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 151,500 bu.; exports, 50,002 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 36⅝c; standard white, 37½@37⅝c; No. 3, 35½c; No. 2 white, 37½@37⅝c; No. 3 white, 37@37½c; track mixed western, nominal; track white, 37@42c. Options steady all day, but quiet; May closed at 37½c; December, 38½c, closed at 38½c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 90c@$1.

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

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

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 24@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $16.00@18.00; mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet, $14.00@16.00; city extra India mess, $25.00@28.00. Cut meats, irregular; pickled bellies, $9.75@10.75; pickled shoulders, $8.50; pickled hams, $11.75@12.00. Lard, steady; western steamed, $11.30; refined, steady; continent, $11.50; South America, $11.75; compound, $7.50@7.75. Pork, steady; family, $18.00@18.25; short clear, $21.00@23.00; mess, $18.00@18.50.

TALLOW—Quiet; c'ty, 6c; country, 6¼@⅜c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6¾c; Japan, 4⅝@6¼c, nominal.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy hand picked, 4⅝@5c; other domestic, 3¼@4¼c.

CABBAGE—Steady; domestic, per 100, white, $1.50@2.50; red, $1.50@3.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,325 pkgs.; firm; state dairy, 20@27c; creamery, extra, 26c; creamery, common to choice, 21@26c.

CHEESE — Receipts, 477 pkgs.; strong; fancy large, state full cream, colored and white, September, 13½c; late made, 13c; fancy small, colored and white, September, 13⅝c; late made, 13c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,946 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 26c; western, poor to fancy grades, 20@23c.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; chickens, 12½c; turkeys, 10@11c; fowls, 13½c; dressed, firm; western chickens, 12½@14c; western fowls, 11@13c; western turkeys, 16½@17c.

METALS—There was a decline of 7s 6d in the English tin market today, leaving quotations there at £113 10s for spot and £113 2s 6d for futures. The local market for tin was easy in tone at $24.90 for spot. Transactions reported included 10 tons spot at $24.90 and 10 tons December delivery at $24.75. Copper advanced 5s in London, closing at £50 17s 6d for spot and £51 5s for futures, but remained dull and nominal here, with standard quoted at $10.75, lake at $11.05, and electrolytic and casting at $11.45. Lead was quiet and unchanged here at $4.12½ and in London at £10 12s 6d. Spelter advanced 2s 6d in London, closing at £19 17s 6d, but remained weak locally, with quotations lowered to $4.95. Iron in Glasgow was unchanged at 48s 3d, while Middlesborough was 3d higher at 48s 6d. The local iron market was quiet and unchanged; No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $23.00@25.00; No. 2 foundry northern, No. 1 foundry southern, No. 1 foundry southern soft at $23.00@23.00.

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, 10c; young chickens, 11c; turkeys, 12@14c; ducks and geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 16@16½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 20@21c; separator, 28@29c.

FRESH CAUGHT FISH—Trout, 9c; 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., 28c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

CORN—New 46c.

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, $7.00. 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; bulk, extra selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, standards, per gal., $1.30.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

TREES—4 to 5 feet, per dozen, $1.75; 7 to 9 feet, $2.50; 5 to 7 feet, $2.50; 9 to 10 feet, $4.50; large for school and church purposes, 12 to 14 feet, each, $1.00@1.50; extra large, 15 to 20 feet, each, $2.00@4.00.

HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of 2x2x4 feet (about 50 lbs.), $4; per barrel, $1.50.

LONG NEEDLE PINES—Per dozen, $2.50@3.00.

MISTLETOE BRANCHES—Per lb., 30c.

EVERGREEN WREATHING—In coils of 20 yards, per coil, 90c; five-coil lots, 85c.

WREATHS—Magnolia and galax wreaths, per dozen, $1.50@2.00; evergreen wreaths, per dozen, $1.50@2.00; holly wreaths, per dozen, $1.50@2.00.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; Utah, per doz., 45c; California, per doz., for stalks weighing from 1 to 1½ lbs., each, 45@75c.

POTATOES—New, per bu., 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, per bbl., $2.25.

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, 45c.

RADISHES—Southern, per doz. bunches, 45c.

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

CABBAGE—Misc. Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c.

ONIONS—New home grown, in sacks, per bu., 60c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.60.

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

CALIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50.

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, $3.25; California Bellflowers, bu. box, $1.60.

GRAPES—Catawbas, per basket, 18c; Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $9.50; Bell and Bugles, $10.50; per box, $3.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

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

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

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, $1; Turkish, per 25-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., $2.25; per bbl., $3.75.

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 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

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; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 12c; cocoanuts, per doz., 50c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; 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., 5c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 4c; zinc, per lb., 2½c; rubber, per lb., 6½c.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

110-111 Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb—Telephone 1516.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—There has been a firm wheat market, prices at their best ⅝@¾c over Saturday, with the December up the most. The bull helps have been slightly higher cables all around and reports of unsettled weather in Argentine. The visible increased only 858,000 bushels, which was much less than expected. The local stock—7,510,000 bushels—increased 57,000. On passage decreased 556,000 bushels. World's shipments were 9,080,000 bushels. Seaboard reports 66 loads taken for export. A cargo of No. 3 red sold here. Clearances, 412,000 bushels. Primary receipts, 1,459,000 bushels, against 1,516,000 last year. The Manitoba official crop report estimates the yield at 50,000,000 bushels, or 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 under recent estimates. Northwest receipts were large—1,750 cars, against 928 last year, and this was about the only bearish feature. Local receipts, 88 cars, with 3 contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 70 cars.

CORN—Market has been higher for May, up at its best ¼c, but the near futures have barely kept steady. Market has been somewhat of a surprise, as lower prices were expected, with the low temperatures everywhere. There has been buying of May by Armour and Harris-Gates, and the impression is that the former interest is long a considerable amount of this future. Local receipts, 122 cars, with 7 contract. There were 75,000 bushels contract out of private houses. Estimates for Tuesday, 550 cars. Visible supply increased 958,000 bushels. Local stock, 764,000 bushels, increase, 265,000. On passage increased 114,000 bushels. The world's shipments, 2,548,000 bushels; clearances, 248,000 bushels. The seaboard markets were up ¼c. Cash market here was up ¼c early, but lost the advance. New York reports 29 loads taken for export.

OATS—Notwithstanding the heavy receipts, the market has been firm and ⅛@¼c higher. Local receipts, 336 cars, with 47 cars standard. Estimates for Tuesday, 200 cars. Only 2 cars standard out of private houses. Local stock decreased 34,000 bushels. Visible decreased 300,000 bushels. Clearances, 50,000 bushels. There were plenty of May oats for sale at around 33c. It is supposed the cash position has been improved some by recent deliveries and shipping sales.

PROVISIONS—With receipts of hogs exceeding expectations and market 10c lower, the provision market is somewhat higher than Saturday's closing. This shows a strong position. Lipton sold lard and pork, packers bought products. Quite a premium is bid for cash lard over January price, shipments first week of January. There were 52,000 hogs here; estimates for Tuesday, 28,000. Weight of hogs for the week, 224 lbs., against 207 last year. Hogs in the west today, 88,800, against 79,500 last week and 98,400 last year.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The visible supply of grain December 6, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

WHEAT—45,940,000 bu.; increase, 857,000 bu.

CORN—3,329,000 bu.; increase, 957,000 bu.

OATS—6,585,000 bu.; decrease, 258,000 bu.

RYE—1,321,000 bu.; increase, 75,000 bu.

BARLEY—3,674,000 bu.; decrease, 187,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—December, 63½c; May, 69½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 66@68c; No. 3, 63½@64c; No. 2 red, 67c; No. 3, 64½c.

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

OATS—No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3 mixed, 32c.

RYE—45@46c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.00@11.00; choice prairie, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 25@27c.

EGGS—Fresh, 21½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	137,600	37,600
Corn, bu	139,200	53,600
Oats, bu	27,000	6,000

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, nominal; track, 71@71¼c; December, 69¼c; May, 74¾c; No. 2 hard, 67@70c.

CORN—Strong; No. 2 cash, 45c; track, 45c; December, 45¼c; May, 46c asked.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 33c bid; track, 34¼@34½c; December, 32½c; May, 32¾c; No. 2 white, 35½c.

RYE—Steady 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, $2.30.

BRAN—Weak; sacked, east track, 67@70c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $10.00@15.00; prairie, $10.00@11.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.07½.

BAGGING—6 5-16@7 1-16c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, standard mess, $17.80. Lard, lower at $10.60. Dry salt meats, boxed, extra shorts, $9.12½; clear ribs, $9; short clears, $9.50. Bacon, steady; boxed, extra shorts, $10.50; clear ribs, $10.50; short clear, $11.

METALS—Lead, firm at $4. Spelter, dull at $4.60.

POULTRY—Easy; chickens, 8½c; springs, 8½@9c; turkeys, 10@11c; ducks, 12c; geese, 9c.

BUTTER — Steady; creamery, 26@29c; dairy, 18½@23c.

EGGS—Steady; 21c, loss off.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	16,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	96,000	100,000
Corn, bu	211,000	62,000
Oats, bu	36,000	20,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Spot; Firm; No. 2 western red, 5s 10d; No. 1 California, 6s 7½d. Futures: Quiet; December, 5s 11¼d; March, 6s ½d; May, 6s.

CORN—Spot: Quiet; American mixed, 4s 5½d. Futures: Quiet; January, 4s 5¼d; March, 4s 2¾d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady, 6s 7½d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 115s. Pork, firm; prime mess western, 52s 6d. Hams, short cut, 46 to 52 lbs., 54s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., quiet, 46s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., dull, 53s; long clear middles, light, 22 to 30 lbs., quiet, 54s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., quiet, 53s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., dull, 53s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 52s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., dull, 45s 6d. Lard, prime western, in tierces, firm, 59s; American refined, in pails, steady, 60s.

BUTTER—Nominal.

CHEESE—Strong; American, finest white and colored, 59s.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 28s 6d; Australian in London, firm, 34s 3d.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—BUTTER—Firm, ¼c higher; extra western creamery, 30c; extra nearby prints, 30c.

EGGS—Firm and 1c higher; fresh nearby, 27c at the mark; fresh western, 27c, loss off; fresh western, 25@26c, loss off; fresh southern, 24c, loss off.

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

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Dull and higher; cash, 77c; December, 77c; May, 80c.

CORN—Dull and steady; December, 44¾c; May, 43⅞c.

OATS—Dull and higher; December, 33c; May, 34c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

SEEDS—Clover, fairly active and lower; December, $6.67½; January, $6.62½; March, $6.67½. Prime timothy, $1.75. Prime alsike, $8.25.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—December, 72⅝@72¾c; May, 74¼@74½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 74⅝c; No. 1 northern, 73⅝@74c; No. 2 northern, 72½c.

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.

BRAN—In bulk, $12.00@12.25.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, 75½c; No. 2 northern, 74@75c; May, 75½c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 1, 52c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 65c; sample, 35@64½c.

CORN—May, 43⅝c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 8.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 72⅝c; No. 2 northern, 69⅝c; No. 1 northern, 71⅝c; December, 71⅝c; May, 74⅝@74¾c.

OATS—December, 31½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 8.—CORN—Strong; No. 3, 44½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 31½c.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—MONEY—On call, firm, but closed easier; ranged between 3 and 6% per cent, closing at 3 per cent; time money firm; sixty days, ninety days and six months, 6 per cent and commission; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm at $4.8725 for demand and at $4.8350 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½ and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83¾.

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

BONDS—Government, firm; state, steady; railroad, irregular.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	107⅝	L. & N. uni. 4s	101
do coupon	108¼	Mex. Central 4s	78
do 3s, reg	107⅝	do 1s inc	23⅝
do coupon	107⅝	Minn. & St. L. 4s	102⅝
do new 4s, reg	135½	M., K. & T. 4s	94½
do coupon	135½	do 2s	81⅝
do old 4s, reg	108⅝	N. Y. Central 1s	103
do coupon	109⅛	do gen. 3½s	104
do 5s, reg	107⅝	N. Y. C. gen. 5s	136
do coupon	107⅝	No. Pacific 4s	102⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	101⅞	do 3s	73⅝
do adj. 4s	90½	N. & W. con. 4s	100
Bal. & Ohio 4s	101	Reading gen. 4s	96¼
do 3½s	94	St L & I M c. 5s	114
do conv. 4s	104½	St. L. & S. F. 4s	97
Canada So. 2s	107⅝	St. L. & S. W. 1s	86½
Central Pac. 4s	101½	do 2d inc. 4s	37
do 1s inc	75	S. A. & A. P. 4s	88
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	104⅝	So. Pacific 4s	99½
Chicago & A. 3½s	79½	So. Railway 5s	119
C., I. & G. 4s	95⅝	Texas & Pacific 1s	117½
C., M. & St P g. 4s	113	T., St. L. & W. 4s	75
C. & N. W. c. 7s	134	Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
C., R. I. & P. 4s	103⅝	do conv. 4s	106⅝
C C C & St L g. 4s	99½	Wabash 1s	115⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	86	do 2s	105
Colorado So. 4s	80⅝	do deb. B	73⅝
Denver & R. G. 4s	100⅝	West Shore 4s	112
Erie prior lien 4s	96	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	91
do general 4s	64½	Wis. Central 4s	91⅝
F. W. & D. C. 1s	109½	Con. Tobacco 4s	63⅝
Hocking Val. 4½s	108⅝	Adams	45

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	100⅝	U. S. Steel	32½
Gas 1s	94½	Westingh. Common	57
Mex. Central 4s	78	Adventure	13½
Atchison	82⅝	Allouez	7⅝
do pfd	94⅝	Amalgamated	38½
Boston & Albany	256½	Bingham	36
Boston & Me.	192	Calumet & Hecla	440
Boston Elevated	152	Copper Range	56⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	223	Dominion Coal	129
Fitchburg pfd	142	Mohawk	53
Union Pacific	99⅝	Old Dominion	16
Mex. Central	21⅝	Osceola	90
American Sugar	129½	Parrot	22
do pfd	117	Quincy	162
American T. & T.	163½	Santa Fe Copper	1⅛
Dominion Iron & S.	54⅝	Tamarack	142
Gen. Electric	179	United States	21⅝
Mass. Electric	33½	Utah	10
do pfd	94	Victoria	5
United Fruit	108	Winona	8½
Daly West	37	Wolverine	57½
*U. S. Steel	35½	United Copper	26½

*Ex-dividend.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Closing quotations:

Consols for money	92⅝	New York Central	137⅛
do account	92½	Norfolk & Western	73⅛
Anaconda	4⅝	do pfd	93½
Atchison	84⅝	Ontario & Western	20
do pfd	101	Pennsylvania	60⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	101	Rand Mines	2⅞
Canadian Pacific	137⅛	Reading	39⅛
Chesapeake & Ohio	47⅛	do 1st pfd	43⅛
Chicago G. W.	25⅛	do 2d pfd	44⅛
C., M. & St. P.	174⅝	Southern Railway	32⅝
DeBeers	19⅝	do pfd	94⅛
Denver & R. G.	40⅝	Southern Pacific	64
do pfd	91⅝	Union Pacific	101⅝
Erie	34⅝	do pfd	94
do 1st pfd	67⅝	United States Steel	37
do 2d pfd	46⅛	do pfd	93⅛
Illinois Central	147	Wabash	23⅛
Louisville & Nash	120½	do pfd	44
M., K. & T.	25⅝		

BAR SILVER—22d per ounce.

MONEY—2@3½ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills 3⅝ per cent and for three months' bills is 3⅝@3¾ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 8.—Bank clearings today, $1,324,876.10; corresponding day last year, $1,194,556.26; increase, $129,319.84.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $142,901,129; balances, $8,428,723.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $28,045,574; balances, $1,610,222; New York exchange, 15c premium; foreign exchange, unchanged; sterling posted at $4.84½ for sixty days and at $4.88 for demand.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $13,612,969; balances, $1,722,186.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $2,360,381; balances, $585,635; money, 6 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $13,834,893; balances, $1,607,525; money, 6 per cent.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $4,775,900; money, 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, nominally at 10@15c premium.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Clearings, $5,869,813; balances, $959,424; money, steady at 5@6 per cent; New York exchange, 30c premium.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Business Dwindles to Aggregate of Quarter Million Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Business on the Stock exchange today dwindled to an aggregate of barely more than 250,000 shares sold. Even with this small total transactions were considerably congested in a few prominent stocks. These were firm as a rule and their tone had a sympathetic effect upon the general list. Amalgamated Copper was a conspicuous feature and rose in common with the copper stocks at other important financial centers. A rumor of an approaching settlement between the great contending interests in the copper trade accompanied the advance. These rumors were denied in statements to which a semblance of official authority was given. There was a violent advance also in the price of raw copper in London. Other centers of strength were the local Traction, in which Manhattan was the leader. St. Paul was also advanced. The Hocking Valley stocks rose 2⅞ for the common and 9⅞ for the preferred on renewed reports of a project for change of control. A jump of 5 points in Great Northern preferred accompanied an active demand for Northern Securities on the curb. At the same time there was some heavy selling of Oregon Short Line participating 4 per cent bonds, the collateral for which consists of Northern Securities stock. The movement in the stock seemed designed to facilitate realizing in the bonds. Today's market was practically made up of such movements in a few special stocks. Some favorable effect was produced by the cold wave, owing to the stimulating effect likely to be produced upon seasonable business. A large day's business was reported in exports of dry goods and cotton, which serves to emphasize the favorable effect of last week's outward movement. Mexican securities were still under pressure on account of the depression in the silver market. The increasing supply of grain bills in the exchange market was favorably regarded and there were large offerings also of loan bills by bankers, which the advancing rates for money here attract. There was no appreciable change in the money situation and the large requirements in prospect keep the speculative activity at a low ebb. It is now generally considered that this will continue to be the case until the end of the year at least. An additional transfer today through the subtreasury of $400,000 to San Francisco was the occasion for much comment. The surmise is made that the extraordinary demand from that point may be caused by an active land speculation said to be in progress on the Pacific coast. There are some misgivings, indeed, that this kind of speculation has been widespread throughout the west, and is responsible in some part for the unusual retention of funds in the interior. Today's stock market closed firm.

Bonds were dull and irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,615,000.

United States old 4s, registered, advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

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

Atchison	83½	So. Railway	32
do pfd	98⅝	do pfd	92
Bal. & Ohio	98⅝	Texas & Pacific	41
do pfd	93	Toledo, St. L. & W.	28⅛
Canadian Pacific	128	do pfd	46½
Canada So.	75	Union Pacific	99⅝
Ches. & Ohio	46	do pfd	92
Chicago & Alton	33½	Wabash	23⅛
do pfd	70⅝	do pfd	42⅛
Chicago, Ind. & L.	74	Wheeling & L. E.	22
do pfd	96	do 1st pfd	84⅛
Chicago & E. Ill.	216	Wis. Central	25⅛
Chicago & G. W.	25	do pfd	50⅛
do 1st pfd	85½	Adams Ex.	200
do 2d pfd	36½	American Ex.	230
Chicago & N. W.	230½	United States Ex.	126
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	16	Wells-Fargo Ex.	213