

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Usual Inactivity Prevails Grain Pit on Board of Trade. DEMAND FOR MAY OATS EXCEEDS SUPPLY

High-Priced Hogs and Lack of Selling Pressure Keep Provisions Firm on Market Which is Quite Active.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The usual inactivity pervaded the grain pits on the Board of Trade today, but prices were firm, May wheat closing a shade higher, and the market was up a fraction and oats were high.

Wheat was extremely dull, with practically no outside business. The foreign situation was quiet, with a few small shipments being light and a large amount of increase in passage being recorded.

Provisions were firm on the absence of any particular selling pressure and on higher prices for corn, while the offerings were light. Corn, however, was the best buyer of May, but a prominent long also bought, while the market was a dull influence, but receipts were larger and had a depressing effect.

On the Produce exchange today the market was quiet, with a few creameries, 160,000; dairies, 170,000; eggs, firm, loss off, cases returned, 25. Cheese, firm, 180,000.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 1,000,000 bushels; market steady, with a fair inquiry for spring patents, \$2.00; winter patents, \$1.95; Minnesota patents, \$1.90; Minnesota bakers, \$1.85; Minnesota flour to good, \$1.80; flour to fancy, \$1.75.

CORN—Receipts, 50,000 bu.; exports, 25,000 bu.; spot, steady, \$1.30; elevator, \$1.25; No. 2 white, 60c. The option market was the wheat advance, but the market was quiet.

PROVISIONS—Market has been strong, although not very active. Trade has been fair, with little disposition to sell. There were 36,000 hogs; market firm and steady, \$12.00; extra shorts, \$11.00; against \$11.75; December, \$11.00.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, elevator, 90c; No. 2 white, 85c; No. 3 white, 80c; No. 4 white, 75c; No. 5 white, 70c.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Board of Trade. EGGS—Candled stock, 24c. LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 70c; old roosters, 50c; spring chickens, 1.00; turkey, 1.50; ducks, 1.00.

CHICKEN—Packing stock, 1.20; choice pair, 1.50; separator, 2.00. BUTTER—Creamery, 20c; packed, 15c; pickled, 10c; white, 10c; yellow, 10c; butter, 10c.

WHEAT—No. 2 white, 1.30; No. 3 white, 1.25; No. 4 white, 1.20; No. 5 white, 1.15; No. 6 white, 1.10; No. 7 white, 1.05; No. 8 white, 1.00.

CORN—No. 2 white, 1.00; No. 3 white, .95; No. 4 white, .90; No. 5 white, .85; No. 6 white, .80; No. 7 white, .75; No. 8 white, .70.

SOYBEANS—No. 1, 1.50; No. 2, 1.45; No. 3, 1.40; No. 4, 1.35; No. 5, 1.30; No. 6, 1.25; No. 7, 1.20; No. 8, 1.15.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Clearings, \$2,307,000; New York exchange, \$1,141,375; 2c premium; foreign exchange unchanged; 2c premium; gold, 100; silver, 100.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market Shows Considerable Strength Before Good Volume of Business. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—There was a good volume of business in stocks today and the market showed strength and breadth.

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RAILWAY TIME CARD—Continued.

BURLINGTON STATION—10TH & MARION. Burlington & Missouri River. Leave. Arrive.

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