COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Board of Trade Reflects General Dullness Following Annual Holiday.

PRICES ALL RISE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Anxious Shorts Help December Corn Slightly, Fair Exports Help Wheat, While Bull Aids Oats.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Trading on the Board of Trade today was extremely dull, but wheat held about steady, May closing a shade higher. May corn was also up a fraction, while oats were ⅜@½c higher. May provisions closed 7½@10c to 2½ higher.

The holiday dullness which was manifested in all the pits was especially noticeable in wheat, and trading at times was almost at a standstill, but in spite of the extreme inactivity prices were steady. Owing to there being no cables, the opening was easier, with May a shade to ⅛@¼c lower, at 77@77⅛c. A strong market at St. Louis and a fair export demand helped to maintain a firm tone, although crop journals were bearish and Argentine advices more encouraging. May sold up to 77⅝@77½c. There was a little decline toward the close and final figures were a shade higher, at 77¼c.

According to Bradstreet's, the exports for the week, of wheat and flour, were equal to 3,560,000 bu., compared with 3,256,000 bu. last week. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 568,000 bu. Primary receipts were 1,288,000 bu., against 620,000 bu. a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 530 cars, which, with local receipts (for the three days) of 143 cars, three of contract, made total receipts 673 cars, against 421 cars last week and 513 cars a year ago.

The only feature in the corn trade was an advance of 2c in the December option, caused by the anxiety of belated shorts to get to cover, but as soon as their wants were supplied the market dropped back to about its former position. The weather was good for the movement and receipts were liberal, but, notwithstanding these bearish influences, the market had a firm undertone, and May closed a shade higher, at 43⅝c. after selling between 43¼c and 43½@43⅝c. Local receipts were 491 cars, with six of contract grade.

Oats ruled firm throughout, and toward the close considerable activity was shown and local operators seemed disposed to bull the market, which, under circumstances, was an easy matter, trade being light and offerings small. The selling was mainly by pit scalpers and commission houses were the main buyers. The close was steady at the higher level, May closing ⅜@½c higher, at 34c, after ranging between 33½@33⅝c and 34¼c. Local receipts were 370 cars.

Provisions were strong the entire day, due mostly to the smaller receipts of hogs and higher prices at the yards, though a fair demand from brokers and covering by shorts also helped in maintaining the better tone. Receipts at the principle western points showed a marked decrease, and the shipment of meats was liberal. The close was strong, with May pork up 27½c, at $16.47½. May lard and ribs were each 7½@10c higher, closing at $9.50@9.52½ and $8.67½ respectively.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 255 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs, 17,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	T'sy.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	74⅝	75⅛	74⅝	74⅝	74⅝
May	77@77⅛	77⅝@½	77	77¼@⅜	77¼@⅜
July	73⅝	74¼	74@74⅛	74⅛	74@74⅛
*Corn—					
*Dec.	45⅛	47½	45	45½	45½
Jan.	44@44⅛	45	44	44⅝	44⅞
May	43⅛@⅜	43½@⅝	43⅛	43⅝	43⅛@⅝
*Oats—					
**Dec.	32	32⅛	32	32⅛	31⅞
May	33⅛@⅜	34⅛	33⅛@⅜	34	33⅛@⅜
Pork—					
Jan.	16 70	17 25	16 70	17 02½	16 60
May	16 30	16 50	16 30	16 47½	16 20
Lard—					
Dec.	10 15	10 30	10 15	10 30	10 17½
Jan.	9 82½	9 97½	9 82½	9 92½	9 80
May	9 47½	9 58½	9 42½	9 52½	9 42½
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 47½	8 55	8 47½	8 52½	8 45
May	8 65	8 72½	8 62½	8 67½	8 60

*No. 2. **New.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull but steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.10@3.30; spring patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $2.90@3.20; bakers, $2.25@2.75.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 73@75½c; No. 3, 69c; No. 2 red, 74¾@75⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 45¼c; No. 2 yellow, 48c.

OATS—No. 2, 32¼@32½c; No. 3 white, 31½@34c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 35@42c; fair to choice malting, 41@63c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.16; No. 1 northwestern, $1.24; prime timothy, $3.75. Clover, contract grade, $10.85.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $17.00@17.10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.15@10.30. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.50@8.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.25@8.50; short clear sides (boxed), $8.87½@9.00.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain Saturday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	490,000	43,300
Wheat, bu.	266,100	22,800
Corn, bu.	677,200	2,225
Oats, bu.	487,450	471,200
Rye, bu.	44,600	4,800
Barley, bu.	278,100	53,700

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easier; creameries, 18@27½c; dairies, 17@25c. Eggs, steady, loss off, cases returned, 25c. Cheese, firm, 13@13¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—FLOUR—Receipts, 7,622 bbls.; exports, 7,622 bbls.; market firm, with a moderate trade; winter patents, $3.60@3.90; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; winter extras, $2.85@3.15; winter low grades, $2.65@2.95; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.20; Minnesota bakers, $3.25@3.40. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.10@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.50@3.60. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.30@2.35, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $1.20; city, $1.18; Brandywine, $3.40@3.55.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 59c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 39@40c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting 48@66c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 143,325 bu.; exports, 81,169 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 84c, elevator, and 79⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 86⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 87⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Options had a slow, uneventful day, but maintained a steady to firm tone. A cold wave menaced the unprotected winter wheat plant, receipts were light, export demand fair and the late corn market a help. The market closed ¼c net higher. May, 81¼@85 1-16c, closed at 81¼c; July, 78¾@78⅞c, closed at 78⅞c; December, 84⅜@84½c, closed at 84½c.

CORN—Receipts, 57,750 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 63c, elevator, and 59c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 59½c; No. 2 white, 60c. The option market opened easy on fine weather, but later developed a scare of December shorts that rushed up the price over 3c a bu., and steadied the whole list. December closed 3½c net higher and May ⅛c up. January, 53⅞@54½c, closed at 54½c; March closed at 51½c; May, 48¼@48½c, closed at 48⅛c; December closed at 64c.

OATS—Receipts, 120,000 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 38@38½c; standard white, 39⅛c; No. 3, 37½c; No. 2 white, 39½c; No. 3 white, 38⅛@38⅝c; track mixed western, nominal; track white, 38@34c. Options were quiet but generally firm on light offerings. December closed at 39½c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 95c@$1.00.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1902, 29@37c; 1901, 24@26c; olds, 70@72½c; Pacific coast, 1902, 25@31c; 1901, 23@28c; olds, 7@12½c.

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

LEATHER—Quiet.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; 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, dull; pickled bellies, $8.75@9.75; pickled shoulders, $8.25@8.50; pickled hams, $11.25@11.50. Lard, steady; western steamed, $10.70; refined, quiet; continent, $10.90; South America, $11.50; compound, $7.50@7.75. Pork, steady; family, $18; short clear, $21.00@22.00; mess, $18.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 5⅜c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,555 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 20@28c; creamery, extra, 28c; creamery, common to choice, 21c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,230 pkgs.; steady; average best, 28c; western, poor to fancy, 20@26c.

POULTRY — Alive, nominal; dressed, steady and unchanged.

METALS—The absence of English market cables naturally exerted a restrictive effect on the local metal trade, but most descriptions were firm and higher. Tin advanced to $26.00@26.25, but was very quiet. While copper prices were raised, the market continues nominal, with standard quoted at $11, lake at $11.75 and electrolytic and casting at $11.62½. Lead was unchanged at $4.12½ and spelter remained dull and easy at $4.75. Iron was dull and warrants continue nominal, with No. 1 foundry quoted at $23.00@25.00 and No. 2 northern, No. 1 southern and No. 1 southern soft foundry at $22.00@23.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Candled stock, 24c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; old roosters, 4@5c; turkeys, 12@13c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7½@8c; spring chickens, per lb., 9@9½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 8@9c; young chickens, 9@10c; turkeys, 15@17c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 17@17½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 20@21c; separator, 29@30c.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 9@10c; herring, 5c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch, 6c; buffalo, dressed 7c; sunfish, 3c; bluefins, 3c; whitefish, 9c; 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, 37c.

OATS—34c.

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., $1.45.

VEGETABLES.

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

POTATOES—Per bu., 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa Muscatines, per bbl., $3.25; Kansas, $2.25.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 40c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1c.

BEETS—Per basket, 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per dozen, $1.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per lb., 1c.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c.

RADISHES—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c.

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

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

ONIONS—New home grown, in sacks, per bu., 75c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.60.

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

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50.

FRUITS.

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

APPLES—Western, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $4; New York stock, $3.25; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.60.

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

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $10; Bell and Bugles, $11; per box, $3.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50.

ORANGES—Florida Brights, $3.75; California navels, $3.50; California sweet Jaffas, all sizes, $2.75.

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 35-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.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; 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., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 50c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1.00; 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.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—There has been a dull but firm wheat market, with the whole range only ½c. At its best the market was ¼c over Tuesday's close. There has been some buying by Armour and some selling by St. Louis, but only in a small way. Clearances were 565,000 bu. for two days. Primary receipts for three days were 1,288,000 bu. Northwest receipts were 530 cars, against 449 last year. Local receipts for three days, 143 cars, with 3 contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 60 cars. There were no cables, and will be none till Monday. Price Current and Modern Miller both said wheat is holding a high condition everywhere. Demand for wheat is good, but all rail shipments from here is an impossibility. There was about 40,000 bu. worked from Galveston and some milling sales at St. Louis. Russian crop declared in bad condition. Argentine cables say movement already delayed 3 weeks and no improvement in the weather. Clearances for the week, 3,560,000 bu. There was apparently buying by St. Louis and some selling here, as the St. Louis market was relatively strong.

CORN—Has been neglected and yet it has been firm. The December advanced quickly from 45c to 47½c on practically nothing but a few bids. It did not hold the advance, however. There has been a moderate trade in January and Armour bought some May. Receipts for three days were 591 cars, with 6 contract. Estimates for tomorrow, 255 cars. Clearances for three days, 733,000 bu.; for the week, 1,562,000 bu. Primary receipts for three days, 1,342,000 bu., against 453,000 last year. Weather more favorable for movement.

OATS—Market has shown unexpected strength and activity. There has been continued buying by the Howe party and presumably some for Patten by brokers. Prices at their best were ½c higher and held the advance. Local receipts were 370 cars for three days, with 23 contract. Estimates for Saturday, 165 cars. Clearances, 12,000 bu. The reports are that supplies of oats in country houses are smaller than usual. The demand keeps up in the sample market at prices only a little under the May.

PROVISIONS—Market opened steady, but sold off on local offerings. Shorts covered January product. Armour and Cudahy bought liberally. The market has been strong, with an upward tendency. There were 20,000 hogs, with prices 5@10c higher. Estimates for Saturday, 17,000. Hogs in the west today, 52,500, against 90,500 last week and 63,000 last year.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 72c; track, 74@74½c; May, 76⅝c bid; July, 72⅝c; No. 2 hard, 69@73½c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 cash, 45¼@45⅝c; track, 45¼@45⅝c; December, 46¼c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 32c bid; track, 33@33½c; May, 33⅝c; No. 2 white, 35c.

RYE—Firm at 49@49½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.30@3.50; extra fancy and straight, $3.05@3.30; clear, $2.90@3.00.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 71@73c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $12.00@15.00; prairie, $10.50@12.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.07½.

BAGGING—6 5-16@7 1-16c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork: Higher; jobbing, standard mess, $18.30. Lard: Higher at $10.32. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed extra shorts and clear ribs, $9; short clears, $9.37½. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts and clear ribs, $10; short clear, $10.50.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 8½c; springs, 8½c; turkeys, 11½c; ducks, 12c; geese, 8c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 23@30c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—Higher at 22½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	8,000	8,000
Wheat, bu.	96,000	58,000
Corn, bu.	148,000	263,000
Oats, bu.	74,000	48,000

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—December, 73⅜c; May, 75¼@75⅜c. On track: No. 1 hard, 75½c; No. 1 northern, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 73c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.65@3.85; second patents, $3.45@3.65; first clears, $2.90@3.10; second clears, $2.30@2.40.

BRAN—In bulk, $12.50@12.75.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 northern, 77¼c; No. 2 northern, 75½@76½c; May, 77¼c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 51⅜c.

BARLEY—Firm; standard, 56c; sample, 40@55c.

CORN—May, 43⅝c.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Dull, but steady; cash and December, 78c; May, 78¼c.

CORN—Dull, firm; December, 46c; May, 43⅝c.

OATS—Dull, steady; December, 34c; May, 34⅝c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

SEEDS—Clover, dull, steady; January, $6.70; March, $6.85; prime timothy, $1.90; prime alsike, $8.15.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—December, 68c, May, 69¼@69⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 67@68c; No. 3, 64@66c; No. 4, 56@60c; No. 1 hard, 56@60c; No. 2 red, 67c; No. 3, 65@65½c.

CORN—December, 36⅝c; May, 37½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 37@37½c; No. 2 white, 37½@37⅝c; No. 3, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 34c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 2 mixed, 37¼c.

RYE—Choice timothy, 12.00@12.50; choice prairie, $8.90@10.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 25@27c; fancy dairy, 22c.

EGGS—Fresh, 21½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	103,200	28,000
Corn, bu.	249,600	128,000
Oats, bu.	52,000	13,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; extra western creamery, nearby, 30c; fresh, nearby, 28c, loss off; fresh western, 68c, loss off; fresh southwestern, 26@27c; fresh southern, 25c.

CHEESE—Firm, but quiet; New York full creams, prime, small, 13¾@14c; New York full creams, fair to good, small, 13@13½c; New York full creams, prime, large, 13⅝c; New York full creams, fair to good, large, 13@13½c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 26.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 73½c; No. 1 northern, 73¼c; December, 73¼c; May, 76⅛c.

OATS—December, 31½c; May, 33½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 26.—CORN—Lower; new No. 3, 41c.

OATS—Dull; No. 3 white, 31½c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Buoyant Market Surprises Operators and Helps Prices to Rise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The activity of the buoyant tone developed today came as something of a surprise. The market started off in as dull and listless a manner as possible. It was taken as a matter of course that the remnant of the week left after the Christmas holiday would be idly spent, as many brokers left town on Wednesday to be gone until Monday. The tightness of the money market was looked to as an additional factor to suppress speculation, and this was the case early in the day, at which the call loan rate rose to 12 per cent, with loans reported at 15 per cent. Later in the day it developed that lenders were over supplied and were left with considerable funds on their hands, as a result of holding out for high rates. The grounds of the animation in the stock market were not entirely plain. The early stages of the movement were congested in a few stocks and the principal buying in these was by brokers often employed by large and well known speculative interests, including the so-called western contingent. This was notably true of the buying of Erie, which was continued up to the close of the market, sustaining the general dilist by sympathy. The ground of the buying was not stated, but claims were circulated of large earnings in prospect. Rumors persisted of a "melon cutting" for Great Northern. A Montana judicial in a copper case gave size to the ultimate claims of advantage by both contending factions, and St. Paul's rise was accompanied by renewed claims that early action was to be taken on the new stock authorized. St. Paul ran off sharply at the close, when the directors had adjourned their regular monthly meeting without action. The movement in People's Gas was attributed to the reports that American Gas magnates are to embark in the Paris field. The upward movement became too general, however, to be attributed to a merely sympathetic effect from the strength of individual stocks. Low priced stocks came into special favor and many of them were taken up successfully and sharply advanced. The announcement that President Roosevelt was not to undertake the arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute had a reassuring effect, as it was felt to eliminate some risks of complications. There were undoubtedly a general confidence also that the danger of serious trouble in the money market between now and January 1 is practically past, owing to the issuance against urgency provided by the bankers' $50,000,000 pool and the stage to which preparations have reached for January 1 settlements. Confident estimates show that probably $1,000,000 or $2,000,000 will be disbursed during January in the New York market. The rather disappointing figures of the week's grain exports were disregarded. Preliminary estimates of the week's currency movement only extend to Wednesday evening, but the return of Christmas funds into the deposits of the banks is expected to make a notable impression on reserves, as the Christmas retail trade has been of almost unprecedented proportions. Some conjectures were current as to whether today's rise in call money to 15 per cent constituted an emergency sufficiently serious to cause the bankers' pool to draw on their $50,000,000 fund, but no authoritative statement was made on this point. The market closed firm and active.

There was some investment demand for bonds, especially among some of the well sustained issues. Total sales, par value, $2,200,000. U. S. 2s and new 4s advanced ¼ and the 3s, coupon, ½ on the last call.

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

Atchison	83⅞	St. Paul	178¼
do pfd	99½	do pfd	192
Bal. & Ohio	99½	So. Pacific	63⅝
do pfd	93	So. Railway	36¼
Canadian Pacific	131⅞	do pfd	92
Canada So.	92	Texas & Pacific	40
Ches. & Ohio	47⅝	Toledo, St. L. & W.	26½
Chicago & Alton	33⅞	do pfd	45½
do pfd	70⅝	Union Pacific	99⅞
Chicago, Ind. & L.	74	do pfd	93
Chicago & E. Ill.	191	Wabash	28⅜
Chicago & G. W.	45	do pfd	43⅛
do 1st pfd	80	Wheeling & L. E.	24
do 2d pfd	39	do 2d pfd	33½
Chicago & N. W.	216½	Wis. Central	25⅞
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	17½	do pfd	52½
do pfd	32⅝	Adams Ex.	200
C. C. C. & St. L.	95	American Ex.	220
Colorado So.	27⅜	United States Ex.	133
do 1st pfd	69½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	132
do 2d pfd	42½	Amal. Copper	59⅞
Del. & Hudson	166	Amer. Car & F.	34
Del. L. & W.	252	do pfd	90
Denver & R. G.	40	Amer. Lin. Oil	15½
do pfd	88⅜	do pfd	40
Erie	36⅝	Amer. S. & R.	41
do 1st pfd	66⅝	do pfd	91
do 2d pfd	49	Anac. Mining Co.	90
Great Nor. pfd	190	Brooklyn R. T.	68⅜
Hocking Valley	97	Colo. Fuel & Iron	80⅝
do pfd	96	Cons. Gas	211
Illinois Central	145	Cont. Tobacco pfd	114
Iowa Central	39	Gen. Electric	178
do pfd	69⅝	Hocking Coal	19⅝
Lake Erie & W.	46	Inter. Paper	18¼
do pfd	110	do pfd	70
L. & N.	125⅝	Inter. Power	68
Manhattan L.	147	National Biscuit	44¼
Met. St. Ry.	139⅝	National Lead	26⅝
Mex. Central	22⅝	No. American	118
Mex. National	16⅝	Pacific Coast	76½
Minn. & St. L.	106	Pacific Mail	39¼
Mo. Pacific	107½	People's Gas	104⅝
M., K. & T.	26⅝	Pressed S. Car	60½
do pfd	56⅛	do pfd	92
N. J. Central	170	Pullman P. Car	228
N. Y. Central	151⅞	Republic Steel	19½
Norfolk & W.	72½	do pfd	76¼
do pfd	91½	Sugar	129⅛
Ontario & W.	31	Tenn. Coal & Iron	57⅞
Pennsylvania	155⅞	Union Bag & P.	12½
Reading	65⅝	do pfd	76
do 1st pfd	86½	U. S. Leather	12¼
do 2d pfd	77½	do pfd	88¼
St. L. & S. F.	72⅝	U. S. Rubber	15½
do 1st pfd	88⅛	do pfd	54
do 2d pfd	80⅝	U. S. Steel	65¼
St. L. S. W.	27	do pfd	84⅝
do pfd	61	Western Union	88¼

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—MONEY—On call, firm, 6@15 per cent, closing at 8 per cent. Time money, firm; sixty and ninety days, 6 per cent; six months, 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, firm.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with business in bankers' bills at $4.8665@4.8680 for demand and at $4.83¼ for sixty days. Commercial bills, $4.82½@3.00.

SILVER—Bar, 48c; Mexican dollars, 38c.

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

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	108	L. & N. uni. 4s	101
do coupon	108½	Mex. Central 4s	78
do 3s, reg.	107½	do 1s inc.	24
do coupon	108	Minn. & St. L. 4s	102½
do new 4s, reg.	135½	M., K. & T. 4s	97½
do coupon	135½	do 2ds	82
do old 4s, reg.	110	N. Y. Central 1s	102½
do coupon	110	do gen. 3½s	104
do 5s, reg.	103⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	135¼
do coupon	103⅝	No. Pacific 4s	103⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	102	do 3s	72¼
do adj. 4s	90⅛	N. & W. c. 4s	99⅝
Bal. & Ohio 4s	102½	Reading gen. 4s	97
do 3½s	95⅝	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	113⅝
do conv. 4s	104⅝	St. L. & S. F. 4s	97
Canada So. 2s	108	St. L. S. W. 1s	95
Central of Ga. 5s	106	do 2s	85½
do 1s inc.	78½	S. A. & A. P. 4s	86½
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	103⅝	So. Pacific 4s	90⅝
Chicago & A. 3½s	82	So. Railway 5s	120
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	96⅞	Texas & P. 1s	116
C., M. & St. P. g. 4s	112	T., St. L. & W. 4s	75½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	135½	Union Pacific 4s	104⅛
C., R. I. & P. 4s	108½	do conv. 4s	105⅛
C. C. C. & St. L. g. 4s	98	Wabash 1s	116⅛
Chicago Ter. 4s	86	do 2s	108
Colo. & So. 4s	92	do deb. B	78
Denver & R. G. 4s	101⅛	West Shore 4s	112⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	99	W. & L. E. 4s	91
do gen. 4s	86	Wis. Central 4s	91
F. W. & D. C. 1s	109½	Con. Tobacco 4s	65½
Hocking Val. 4½s	109		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 26.—Bank clearings today, $1,463,469.83; corresponding day last year, $1,064,196.25; increase, $339,273.58.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Money, 6 per cent. New York exchange, 40c bid; no sales. Clearings, $3,991,250.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $284,208,430; balances, $9,809,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $20,610,874; balances, $1,363,708.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $30,679,687; balances, $2,215,759. New York exchange, 20@25c premium. Foreign exchange, sterling, posted, at $4.84 for sixty days and at $4.87½ for demand.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $22,275,229; balances, $3,211,257. Money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $4,462,560; balances, $841,268. Money, 6 per cent.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Clearings, $9,113,532; balances, $713,889. Money steady, 5@6 per cent. New York exchange, 30c premium.

WEEKLY CLEARING HOUSE TABLE.

Summary of Business Transacted by the Associated Banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended December 25, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

CITIES.	Amount.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,150,136,313		2.2
Chicago	138,254,025		2.7
Boston	101,113,032		2.8
Philadelphia	106,412,929	16.5	
St. Louis	38,302,955		16.6
Pittsburg	37,095,602	1.7	
Baltimore	18,231,555		1.4
San Francisco	29,014,000	56.4	
Cincinnati	17,206,900	8.4	
Kansas City	17,789,367	15.9	
Cleveland	12,422,636	7.0	
Minneapolis	13,701,018	5.0	
New Orleans	14,787,298	7.3	
Detroit	8,058,582		21.4
Louisville	7,710,334		7.5
Indianapolis	10,024,983	24.7	
Providence	5,865,500		
OMAHA	5,939,076		6.3
Milwaukee	6,226,681	3.6	
Buffalo	5,295,290		2.8
St. Paul	5,365,188		12.1
St. Joseph	4,281,074	4.2	
Denver	3,477,184		6.3
Richmond	4,051,025	15.1	
Savannah	4,363,891	6.8	
Salt Lake City	3,639,554	7.8	
Albany	2,465,223		23.3
Los Angeles	4,137,139	28.0	
Memphis	4,785,848	96.1	
Fort Worth	3,135,929	28.5	
Seattle	2,013,886		5.7
Washington	3,300,807	31.8	
Hartford	1,970,308		7.0
Peoria	2,574,843	5.0	
Toledo	2,388,381	7.4	
Portland, Ore.	3,324,028	53.7	
Rochester	1,914,670	4.2	
Atlanta	3,056,791	16.1	
Des Moines	1,426,115	4.9	
New Haven	1,278,824		
Worcester	1,281,327		
Nashville	1,849,648	26.8	
Springfield, Mass.	1,194,832		4.4
Norfolk	1,503,345	17.0	
Grand Rapids	1,424,630	28.5	
Scranton	1,120,813		22.7
Portland, Me.	1,090,217		1.5
Sioux City	1,354,825		4.9
Augusta	1,860,879	12.0	
Syracuse	1,501,267		14.2
Dayton, O.	1,396,740	18.7	
Tacoma	1,919,405	75.8	
Spokane	2,076,080	81.3	
Topeka	1,496,380	32.7	
Davenport	688,795		8.1
Wilmington, Del.	1,112,052	25.3	
Evansville	1,262,630	100.6	
Birmingham	1,403,701	12.7	
Fall River	1,001,758	5.8	
Macon	858,000	9.1	
Little Rock	1,043,962	22.7	
Mansfield, O.	174,628		
Helena	597,180		16.0
Knoxville	886,466	45.4	
Lowell	447,681		28.8
Akron	619,000	40.7	
Wichita	667,684	19.9	
Springfield, Ill.	681,628		
Lexington	465,436		6.0
New Bedford	295,424		6.3
Chattanooga	574,370	43.8	
Youngstown	470,244	2.6	
Kalamazoo	516,158	31.2	
Fargo	493,943	22.0	
Binghamton	324,600	8.0	
Rockford	482,229	20.8	
Canton	348,000	9.7	
Jacksonville, Fla.	296,099		4.5
Springfield, O.	323,686	6.2	
Chester	320,568	2.5	
Quincy	267,290		
Bloomington	285,212	11.3	
Sioux Falls	172,591		26.8
Jacksonville, Ill.	154,166		4.3
Fremont	141,024	63.9	
†Houston	12,355,318	9.2	
†Galveston	7,586,000		11.6
†Columbus, O.	7,005,100	18.1	
§Wheeling	604,061	3.6	
§Wilkesbarre	679,489		14.4
Decatur, Ill.	109,592		
Utica	2,392,352		
Greensburg, Pa.	539,392		
Totals, U. S.	$1,851,694,309	.3	
Outside New York	701,557,996	5.0	

CANADA.

	Amount.	Inc.	Dec.
Montreal	$20,556,185	49.3	
Toronto	12,528,518	21.7	
Winnipeg	5,102,593		
Halifax	1,364,792		16.6
Vancouver, B. C.	1,165,421	62.0	
Hamilton	786,929	7.5	
St. John, N. B.	711,412	4.0	
Victoria, B. C.	925,568	87.6	
§Quebec	1,205,777		2.9
Ottawa	1,603,273	7.2	
London	732,748		
Totals, Canada	$45,950,468	31.9	

†Not included in total because containing other items than clearings.

§Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—Call loans, 5½@7 per cent; time loans, 6@7 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	100½	Allouez	2½
Gas 1s	99	Amalgamated	59⅞
Mex. Central 4s	75	Bingham	28½
Atchison	83⅝	Calumet & Hecla	495
do pfd	99⅝	Centennial	16⅝
Boston & Me.	194	Copper Range	56⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	224	Dominion Coal	127
Fitchburg pfd	141	Isle Royale	10½
Union Pacific	99⅞	Mohawk	37½
Mex. Central	22½	Old Dominion	15⅝
American Sugar	12⅞	Osceola	53½
do pfd	121¼	Parrot	25½
American T. & T.	120	Quincy	108
Dominion I. & S.	163¼	Santa Fe Copper	1⅝
Gen. Electric	59¼	Tamarack	150
Mass. Electric	177	Trimountain	94
do pfd	35½	Trinity	9⅝
N. E. G. & C.	93	United States	22
United Fruit	110	Utah	25¼
Daly West	109⅝	Victoria	4½
U. S. Steel	35½	Winona	4½
do pfd	84⅝	Wolverine	59½
Westingh. Common	97	United Copper	29
Adventure	13½		

New York Mining Quotations.

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

Adams Con.	15	Little Chief	9
Alice	20	Ontario	600
Breece	40	Ophir	130
Brunswick Con.	3	Phoenix	5
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	20
Con. Cal. & Va.	135	Savage	12
Horn Silver	125	Sierra Nevada	45
Iron Silver	85	Small Hopes	30
Leadville Con.	3	Standard	330

Foreign Financial.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Prices were firm on the bourse during the greater part of the day. Internationals were in demand, especially Turks. Rentes were active and advanced on covering. Spanish 4s reacted on the rumor of the receipt of bad news from Morocco. Governments closed weaker in sympathy. The private rate of discount was 2 15-16 per cent. Three per cent rentes, 99f 55c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 14½c for checks.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—WOOL—The Commercial Bulletin, in describing the wool trade of the country, will say:

The receipts of wool in Boston since January 1, 1902, have been 310,964,767 lbs., against 262,819,600 lbs. for the same period in 1901.

The Boston shipments to date are 281,130,745 lbs., against shipments of 261,630,377 lbs. for the same period in 1901.

The stock on hand in Boston January 1, 1902, was 77,340,463 lbs.; the total stock today is 107,164,485 lbs. A huge business has been done this week in quarter blood and other unwashed medium wools. Ohio quarter blood was sold at 25c in one instance. Ohio delaine has been sold at 35c, an advance of 1c. The stock of South American crossbreeds is practically cleaned out. A line of 490,000 lbs. of Falkland Island and Punta Arenas brought over 25c.

The Australian clip is short over 200,000 bales. Sales of American, so far, amount to 28,000 bales.

The adoption of wool serge as the United States army uniform has helped to boom all medium wools.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—WOOL—Firm; medium grades and combing, 17@20½c; light fine, 16@19c; heavy fine, 13@15c; tub washed, 18@29c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—WOOL—Firm.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—DRY GOODS—Reopened after the holiday with a slow spot trade on home account, but a fair volume of orders otherwise. The general tone was firm, and advices were quoted in some lines of quilts and domestics.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Light and Beef Steers Held About Steady, with Cows Higher.

HOGS ADVANCE NEARLY A DIME

Only About Six Cars of Sheep and Lambs on Sale and Quality Common, but Market Ruled Active and Strong All Around.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 26.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,506	5,423	4,232
Official Tuesday	2,429	6,091	5,731
Official Wednesday	1,366	7,255	1,130
*Official Thursday	....	....	....
Official Friday	2,256	3,996	1,450
Five days this week	8,557	22,765	12,543
Same days last week	16,961	46,227	43,407
Same week before	27,033	49,110	43,390
Same three weeks ago	21,470	42,481	45,408
Same four weeks ago	18,622	30,019	41,083
Same days last year	6,859	30,546	4,765

* Indicates holiday.

The following table shows the average price of hogs sold on the South Omaha market the last several days, with comparisons with former years:

Date.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Dec. 1	6 09	*	4 63	3 71	3 25	3 23	3 19
Dec. 2	6 06½	5 95	*	3 76	3 28	3 25	3 09
Dec. 3	6 13⅛	5 88	4 64	*	3 29	3 19	3 16
Dec. 4	6 22⅛	5 92	4 68	3 81	*	3 21	3 18
Dec. 5	6 24⅝	6 05	4 77	3 80	3 37	*	3 09
Dec. 6	6 16⅝	6 09	4 84	3 88	3 35	3 25	*
Dec. 7	*	6 04	4 81	3 81	3 28	3 23	3 00
Dec. 8	6 07⅞	*	4 78	3 83	3 30	3 17	3 19
Dec. 9	6 05⅞	6 11	*	3 90	3 29	3 13	3 21
Dec. 10	6 12	6 13	4 85	*	3 31	3 13	3 21
Dec. 11	6 08	6 14	4 82	3 92	*	3 15	3 17
Dec. 12	5 96⅝	6 16	4 77	3 95	3 37	*	3 20
Dec. 13	5 98⅝	6 21	4 81	3 96	3 38	3 20	*
Dec. 14	*	6 21	4 86	3 96	3 33	3 23	3 28
Dec. 15	6 09⅝	*	4 84	3 95	3 27	3 24	3 17
Dec. 16	6 16⅛	6 26	*	4 01	3 30	3 29	3 17
Dec. 17	6 22⅝	6 34	4 83	*	3 26	3 31	3 17
Dec. 18	6 14⅞	6 28	4 73	3 98	*	3 31	3 15
Dec. 19	6 01⅝	6 12	4 77	3 92	3 28	*	3 18
Dec. 20	6 07⅞	6 04	4 79	3 94	3 28	3 23	*
Dec. 21	*	6 06	4 81	4 01	3 32	3 28	3 17
Dec. 22	6 16½	*	4 80	4 02	3 34	3 24	3 74
Dec. 23	6 18¾	6 06	*	4 04	3 37	3 21	3 17
Dec. 24	6 26⅞	6 09	4 86	*	3 47	3 26	3 19
Dec. 25	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dec. 26	6 36¼	6 19	4 89	4 11	3 50	*	3 20

* Indicates Sunday.
** Indicates holiday.

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

Roads.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P.	3	2	..	..
Missouri Pacific	..	..	..	1
Union Pacific	21	8	2	..
C. & N. W.	4	20	1	1
F., E. & M. V.	14	4	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	36	2	3	..
B. & M.	7	4	..	..
C., B. & Q.	3	2	3	..
C., R. I. & P., east	8	..	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west	4	1	..	..
Illinois Central	..	1	..	..
Total receipts	100	44	9	2

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.	347	307	415
Swift and Company	562	504	922
Armour & Co.	281	502	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	462	521	....
Armour, from Sioux C.	....	2,334	125
Vansant & Co.	8	....	....
Lobman & Co.	18	....	....
Wolf & Murnan	108	....	....
Other buyers	41	....	....
Total	1,827	4,168	1,442

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year, to date, and comparisons with last year:

	1902.	1901.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	998,159	810,626	187,533	....
Hogs	2,201,740	2,382,651	....	180,911
Sheep	1,724,677	1,307,303	417,374	....

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle were very light this morning, so that it only took a comparatively short time for practically everything in the yards to change hands. Buyers took hold quite freely and the market was active from start to finish.

About the usual proportion of the receipts consisted of cornfed steers and some of the cattle showed considerable quality. As high as $5.30 was paid, which is the highest price in some little time. They were western cattle, but were good and fat. As a general thing the market did not show much change from Wednesday, but sellers were calling it all the way from barely steady to strong. It was evident that packers did not like the idea of paying the prices asked, but, as they had to have a few cattle, the kinds that suited them sold to good advantage, while the kinds that did not strike them as favorably were hard to dispose of at steady prices.

The cow market was active and stronger from start to finish. Buyers were all out early and bought up everything that was offered in good season. The prices paid looked all the way from strong to a dime higher. Bulls, veal calves and stags also sold at fully as good prices as were in force last Wednesday.

There were very few stockers and feeders in the yards and not many were wanted. Speculators were not looking for much of a demand the remainder of this week and as a result they did not want any cattle unless they could by them lower. The market could probably best be described by calling it slow and weak. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	600	2 50	9	1100	4 30
1	840	3 25	18	1096	4 30
2	790	3 40	20	1073	4 35
1	810	3 50	6	1161	4 35
2	695	3 95	40	1240	4 40
23	1173	3 75	42	1125	4 65
2	1185	3 75	18	1311	4 65
4	910	3 80	41	1176	4 65
17	961	4 00	20	1226	4 65
8	1027	4 00	17	1210	4 70
46	1098	4 15	39	1137	4 70
22	1203	4 20	9	1336	4 75
42	1200	4 20	20	1266	4 75
1	1010	4 25	18	1251	4 80
6	1151	4 25	38	1332	4 85
16	964	4 25	19	1267	4 90
49	1154	4 25	20	1510	5 30

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	684	3 40	35	1064	4 25
19	1105	4 06	12	1140	4 50

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	650	1 75	1	1070	3 00
3	530	1 75	18	877	3 00
1	700	2 00	12	987	3 00
1	850	2 10	2	1115	3 00
11	1000	2 10	1	1200	3 00
16	652	2 20	1	1070	3 00
1	790	2 25	4	695	3 00
5	878	2 25	9	875	3 00
8	1092	2 30	26	901	3 05
12	889	2 35	18	1070	4 10
1	1170	2 40	17	843	3 10
15	693	2 40	9	977	3 10
8	888	2 40	1	990	3 10
11	786	2 40	6	1090	3 10
15	802	2 50	2	1170	3 25
1	1090	2 50	13	1126	3 25
1	980	2 50	12	1240	3 25
4	881	2 50	1	1040	3 25
1	970	2 50	18	964	3 30
20	865	2 50	10	928	3 30
9	928	2 55	10	984	3 30
6	903	2 60	16	941	3 30
1	1200	2 75	9	888	3 35
1	990	2 75	1	1260	3 35
3	868	2 75	10	1124	3 40
2	970	2 75	1	860	3 40
7	874	2 75	2	1100	3 40
7	1000	2 75	6	871	3 45
4	1005	2 75	4	1240	3 50
3	1123	2 75	20	816	3 50
3	1123	2 75	1	1000	3 50
1	1020	2 75	6	970	3 50
1	1070	2 85	14	1160	3 60
14	908	2 85	1	870	3 60
2	985	2 90	3	1293	3 60
1	1005	2 90	40	1084	3 65
2	785	3 00	12	1134	3 70
12	912	3 00	14	1076	3 70
1	960	3 00	42	1077	3 75
13	813	3 00	4	975	3 75
1	850	3 00	19	1171	4 00
3	1086	3 00	5	1200	4 00
2	1060	3 00	2	880	4 00
1	1160	3 00	1	880	4 25

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	570	2 25	9	755	3 25
7	654	2 50	8	872	3 35
1	540	2 60	3	676	3 65
3	528	2 90	19	891	3 90
12	626	3 00	1	920	4 00

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	840	2 15	1	900	3 00
1	940	2 20	1	1080	3 10
2	1185	2 25	1	1770	3 10
1	1300	2 40	1	970	3 15
1	1060	2 50	1	1470	3 15
1	1180	2 50	1	1690	3 20
1	1200	2 50	1	1220	3 25
1	1170	2 50	1	1500	3 40
1	1610	2 50	1	1520	3 50
1	1140	2 75	1	1710	3 50
1	1080	2 80	1	1740	3 60
1	1470	3 00	1	1670	3 90
1	1330	3 00	1	1350	4 00

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	130	4 75	2	165	5 00
1	100	5 00	2	125	5 25
1	150	5 00	2	100	5 50
1	260	5 00	2	200	6 00

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
40	1458	3 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	410	2 50	5	836	3 40
16	552	3 20	1	770	3 50
2	815	3 25	1	870	3 50

COLORADO.

28 feeders.. 743 3 55

HOGS—There was a light run of hogs here this morning and besides that about 18 cars were consigned direct to local packers and not offered on the market. Packers all needed fresh supplies and the market advanced right close to 10c. Packers started out bidding only about a nickel higher and a few hogs sold that way, so that the general market was 5@10c higher. The bulk of the sales went from $6.32½ to $6.37½ and prime loads sold from $6.40 to $6.42½. Trading was active after buyers and sellers finally got together, so that the light offerings soon brought the market to a close. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
93	173	40	6 00	62	253	...	6 35
14	130	...	6 00	24	259	40	6 35
27	226	...	6 22½	70	214	...	6 35
43	201	...	6 32½	59	261	40	6 37½
29	200	...	6 32½	73	257	160	6 37½
69	260	80	6 35	72	315	160	6 37½
52	262	80	6 35	61	268	40	6 37½
74	258	200	6 35	16	250	...	6 40
76	282	...	6 35	62	263	80	6 40
66	247	80	6 35	53	303	80	6 40
71	248	120	6 35	15	244	...	6 40
55	225	280	6 35	57	301	80	6 40
54	267	200	6 35	71	235	...	6 40
63	247	...	6 35	55	305	...	6 42½

SHEEP—Owing to the destruction of the sheep barn by fire yesterday morning the sheep that arrived today were yarded in the new hog division. The pens are well covered, so that the sheep are given as good protection from weather as though they were housed in the regular barn. The capacity is sufficiently large to handle all the sheep that will arrive for the next several months, so that patrons of the market will be given the same service that they have always received.

There were only six cars of sheep and lambs on sale and the quality of the most of them was rather inferior. Three cars of Mexican ewes that were in just fair condition brought $3.65 and some western ewes sold at $3.00 and western wethers at $4.00. Considering the quality the market was pronounced steady to strong and everything sold in good season.

There were not enough feeders on sale to tell anything about the market, but, being so near the end of the week, there were not many buyers in sight.

Quotations for fed stock: Choice lambs, $5.00@5.25; fair to good lambs, $4.50@5.00; choice yearlings, $4.00@4.50; fair to good yearlings, $3.75@4.00; choice wethers, $3.60@4.00; fair to good, $3.25@3.60; choice ewes, $3.50@4.00; fair to good, $3.00@3.50; feeder lambs, $3.00@4.00; feeder yearlings, $3.00@3.50; feeder wethers, $2.75@3.25; feeder ewes, $1.50@2.25. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.
215 native ewes	94	3 00
415 Mexican ewes	83	3 65
25 native wethers	94	4 00
662 yearling wethers	84	4 25

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Hogs, Sheep and Lambs Are Higher, but Cattle Stay Slow.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 6,000 head; slow; good to prime steers, $5.50@6.50; poor to medium, $3.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.50; cows, $1.25@4.60; heifers, $2.00@5.35; canners, $1.25@2.40; bulls, $2.00@4.40; calves, $3.00@7.00; Texas fed steers, $3.75@5.00.

HOGS—Receipts today, 19,000 head; left over, 3,000 head; 5@10c higher; mixed and butchers', $6.00@6.45; good to choice heavy, $6.45@6.65; rough heavy, $6.10@6.45; light, $5.85@6.20; bulk of sales, $6.15@6.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 11,000 head; 10@15c higher; good to choice wethers, $4.00@4.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.00@4.00; western sheep, $4.00@4.50; native lambs, $4.00@6.00; western lambs, $4.25@6.00.

Official Wednesday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Cattle	13,946	4,619
Hogs	25,409	288
Sheep	11,775	815

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 natives; everything steady to strong; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.20@6.15; fair to good, $2.75@5.10; stockers and feeders, $2.90@4.00; western feed steers, $2.75@5.25; Texas and Indian steers, $2.75@4.25; Texas cows, $1.75@3.00; native cows, $1.75@4.25; native heifers, $2.40@4.50; canners, $1.00@2.50; bulk, $2.25@4.25; calves, $2.75@6.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; market 5@10c higher; top, $6.55; bulk of sales, $6.40@6.50; heavy, $6.37½@6.55; mixed packers, $6.00@6.50; light, $6.05@6.35; yorkers, $6.25@6.35; pigs, $5.35@6.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,200 head; market steady to strong; native lambs, $4.00@5.45; western lambs, $3.85@4.85; fed ewes, $3.00@3.95; native wethers, $3.00@4.60; western wethers, $3.00@4.20; stockers and feeders, $2.00@2.35.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,109 head; generally 10c higher; fat bulls and cows, steady to firm; medium and thin cows, slow; some sales lower; native steers, $4.90@6.15; fat oxen, $4.40@5.40; bulls, $2.50@4.50; cows, $1.50@3.80. Cables quoted live cattle dull at 12½@13½c per lb., dressed weight; sheep, firm, at 12½@13¾c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef, slower, at 10@10½c per lb. Shipments tomorrow, 1,166 cattle, 1,281 sheep and 5,925 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Receipts, 683 head; firm; veals, $5.00@5.90; little calves, $4.00@4.50; westerns, $4.25; city dressed veals, 11@14c per lb.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,834 head; higher; state hogs, $6.50; choice light hogs, $6.60; western, nominal.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 10,639 head; sheep, slow; good lambs, firm; others dull; sheep, $2.50@3.80; lambs, $4.80@6.00.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000 head, including 700 Texans; market strong; native spring and export steers, $4.90@6.00; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@5.15; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.00; cows and heifers, $3.00@4.50; canners, $1.50@2.50; bulls, $3.00@4.00.

CALVES—$4.00@7.25; Texas and Indian steers, $2.75@4.85; cows and heifers, $2.55@3.65.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; market 5@10c higher; pigs and lights, $6.10@6.35; packers, $6.25@6.50; butchers, $6.40@6.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,100 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.60@4.00; lambs, $4.45@5.50; culls and bulls, $2.75@4.00; stockers, $1.50@2.50; Texans, $2.75@3.75.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., December 26.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,350 head; natives, $3.75@6.35; Texas and westerns, $3.35@5.75; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.35; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.35.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,329 head; medium and heavy, $6.00@6.60; pigs, $4.50@6.25; bulk, $6.40@6.55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 607 head; steady; quality common.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 200; steady; beeves, $3.50@5.25; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.00; yearlings and calves, $2.25@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 600; 5@10c higher at $5.80@6.35; bulk, $6.00@6.25.

Stock in Sight.

The following were the receipts of live stock at the six principal cities yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,256	3,996	1,450
Chicago	6,000	19,000	11,000
Kansas City	3,000	4,000	1,200
St. Louis	1,000	4,000	1,100
St. Joseph	2,350	3,329	607
Sioux City	200	600	....
Totals	14,806	34,925	15,357

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Opened dull at a decline of 1c to an advance of 1c. It rallied to a net rise of 1@4 points and eased off, with the close quiet and steady at a net loss of 3 points to a net advance of 1 point, as was to be expected in consequence of a local holiday and the Liverpool and New Orleans markets being closed for the day, and both to remain closed until Monday. Business was of moderate proportions, with the situation featureless. The total transactions, however, were increased by some special trading in January and March, popularly attributed to undoing of "hedges," the net result of which was an alleged reduction in the January long interest, following a material increase in the New York stocks, of which the running account was 147,740 bales, against 96,599 on December 1, with the warehouse stock at 112,153 bales, against 82,862 on December 1, including a certified stock of 108,203, against 65,908 on December 1. This material increase in the local stock is said to be in anticipation of large deliveries to be made Monday on January contracts. Total sales, 75,000 bales. The general undertone of the market was quite firm on a disappointing movement and bullish week-end statistics.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 8¼c; sales, none; receipts, none; shipments, none; stock, 27,196 bales.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 26.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.51; certificates, no bid; sales, 105,969 bbls.; average, 90,092 bbls.; runs, 197,467 bbls.; average, 78,824 bbls.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26.—OIL—Unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—OIL—Cottonseed, quiet. Petroleum, firm. Rosin, firm. Turpentine, dull.

Whiskey Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—WHISKY—Steady at $1.31.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—WHISKY—Steady at $1.32.

PEORIA, Dec. 26.—WHISKY—On the basis of $1.31 for finished goods.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods on basis of $1.31.

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HOLIDAY TRADE CONTINUES

Dunn Says Merchants Were Unable to Ship Christmas Orders in Time.

CHINESE EMPIRE DEMANDS MUCH COTTON

Heavy Woolen Goods Buoyant, While Small Requests for Lighter Makes Serve to Keep Prices Steady All Around.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Trade and speculation experienced the customary holiday quiet, except in Christmas goods, which sold freely, many packing and shipping departments being still engaged on this class of work, which could not be completed at the specified time. Industrial undertakings are interrupted in many cases by inventory taking, while other plants are closed because fuel cannot be obtained. Orders still come forward freely and the new year will open with more business on the books than ever before.

Prices of commodities are firmly held by the steady domestic demand and there is a good export movement of the leading staples. In this, as in many other instances, however, there is still the drawback of inadequate transportation facilities, which restrict shipments to the seaboard. Financial conditions are satisfactory. Railway earnings thus far this month surpass those of last year by 5 per cent and those of 1900 by 11.6 per cent.

Iron Should Do Well.

Quiet conditions in the iron and steel industry, unaccompanied by any action of weakness, testify to the healthy tone and suggest a bright outlook for the coming year. Furnaces and mills will extend the season of idleness beyond the usual time, not because orders are lacking, but in order to accumulate a moderate supply of coke. The situation in regard to shipments from Connellsville has not improved. A large amount of orders will be carried over into next year; probably more than in any previous season. Contracts have come forward more slowly of late, mainly because of the uncertainty as to date of delivery, although there are prospective purchasers who still anticipate better terms in 1903. Foreign pig iron is offered slightly below domestic quotations, but neither imported nor home made iron is available for immediate use in large quantities. Independent steel mills claim they are unable to pay present prices for billets, which cost $31 or more for early shipment.

Big Demand for Shoes.

New England shoe factories are in full operation and have liberal orders on hand. Quotations are firm, but without change, as there is little new business coming forward at this time to produce fluctuations. Leather dealings have been restricted less than usual by the holiday shoe manufacturers coming into the market for large quantities of hemlock sole.

An unexpectedly favorable feature has appeared in the market for cotton goods. After a long season of stagnation in the export division, the demand for China suddenly became considerable, notwithstanding the depression in silver and liberal stocks of cottons in Shanghai. Domestic trade is limited to immediate requirements, as is seasonable, yet there is sufficient buying in most lines to prevent unfavorable accumulation of supplies.

In woolen goods there is a good demand, overcoatings providing the chief feature, but cloak manufacturers have also bought freely, especially of light colored lines. Woolen and worsted dress goods are quiet, but steady, and light supplies sustain flannels. Wool is strong, with a further advance anticipated next year.

Failures for the week number 209 in the United States, against 250 last year, and twenty-one in Canada, compared with twenty-three a year ago.

HOPE NEXT YEAR IS AS GOOD.

Bradstreet Says High Prices and Wages Restrict Profits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Satisfaction with the old and confidence with the new are the features as the year draws to a close. The enormous holiday trade, exceeding in most respects all precedents, proved a fitting crown to a year of almost unprecedented business. Except in some sections of the south and southwest, where crop and weather conditions had led to a modification of otherwise sanguine expectation, the volume of business is in most respects satisfactory. In the east, west, northwest and on the Pacific coast there is but one note, and that satisfaction with the results achieved during the last few weeks.

Additional reports received of trade distribution for the year confirm those hitherto given of an enormous volume of business, modified, it is true, in some respects by higher cost of materials and wages limiting profits. With the large turnover, however, and the active demand in most lines, the profit side has not been entirely lost sight of and it is safe to say that equally satisfactory returns in years to come would prove acceptable.

Reports of results in banking circles this year are that good profits have been gained as a result of comparatively high and, at the same time, steady, rates for money.

The holiday spirit has ruled in wholesale lines this week. Most of the salesmen are in from the road and except for reorders to repair depleted stocks jobbers are quiet and stock-taking is the main interest. Industrial operations have naturally slowed down, except where conditions, as in railway traffic, are such as to demand the straining of effort to keep up with business offered and prevent a midwinter congestion, which in the present small supply of fuel the country over might result in serious derangement. Not only are spring goods being ordered with freedom and confidence, but prompt delivery of the same is being urged.

Weather conditions the last week have favored the rubber and foot wear trades. The covering of snow over the winter wheat has increased and the demand for oil stoves is said to be far in excess of supply. The increased use of oil is enabling producing interests to reap a harvest.

Textile trades generally return satisfactory reports, though seasonable quiet rules in distribution. Textile manufacturers note an increase of from 8 to 15 per cent in woolens and yarns over a year ago. Cottons are rather quiet except where accumulations in bleached goods have been moved at slight reductions.

In men's woolens the conditions are excellent. Machinery is well employed. Raw wool is strong and rather more interest is noted in low grades at leading centers this week. Australian advices are bad, because of the drouth, and a great shortage in production of wool is expected in that country.

The lumber interest is satisfactory.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending December 24 aggregate 3,560,486 bu., against 3,256,037 bu. last week, 4,291,543 bu. this week last year and 3,858,165 bu. in 1900.

Wheat exports since July 1 aggregate 127,324,019 bu., against 144,927,556 bu. last season and 93,999,518 bu. in 1900.

Corn exports aggregate 1,502,551 bu., against 1,526,141 bu. last week, 424,330 bu. last year and 4,011,105 bu. in 1900.

For the fiscal year exports are 8,188,878 bu., against 20,555,245 bu. last season and 94,393,079 bu. in 1900.

Among the great industries, iron and steel are naturally quiet at this season of the year; still the continued fuel scarcity is affecting production of merchant furnaces east and west. The larger interests, which control primary sources of fuel, are, however, doing well, and the net reduction in output, due to the coke trouble, will be smaller than earlier anticipated. The better tone noted in the demand last week still continues. Structural iron still leads in strength and demand. Some heavy orders are being placed. Plates, like rails, are heavily sold ahead. Higher wages for coke workers are an item of increased cost, but the disposition to advance ore prices will probably be combatted by the larger interests. Foreign pig iron has weakened and the outlook abroad generally is rather poor. Railway building has been active this year—the heaviest, in fact, for fifteen years past—and showing a 12 per cent increase in mileage over a year ago. Speculative feeling in copper is better, and talk of an improvement in the metal itself is heard.

Business failures for the week ending Thursday number 161, as against 225 last week, 215 in this week last year, 213 in 1900, 213 in 1899 and 220 in 1898.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet. Refined, quiet. Molasses, quiet.

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