COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Trading Again Active and Strong on Board of Trade.

CORN AND OATS, HOWEVER, GO LOWER

Wheat is Up and Provisions Easier, May Pork and Lard and Ribs Falling Few Cents on Day.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Trading was active again in the grain pits today and wheat ruled strong, May closing ¾c higher. May corn was ¼c lower and oats were ¼c lower. Provisions were easier, May pork closing 15c lower, while May lard was off 5@10c and ribs down 5c.

There was an active trade in wheat and the market at times exhibited considerable excitement. In spite of heavy liquidation by locals and outsiders prices maintained a higher level, although there was a slight decline early on general selling, brought on by the rumor that the leading long was unloading his enormous holdings. Instead of disposing of any long stuff, however, the leader of the bulls added still further to his long line, which fact was mainly responsible for the strength in the situation. May opened 34@¾c to ⅝@¾c higher at 78@78¼c, but sold off to 77⅞c easily, only to rally again to 78@78⅛c. Renewed selling caused another decline to 74⅞c, but a good export demand resulted in a late bulge, and the close was near the top, with May ⅝c higher at 78⅛@78¼c. The early strength was on higher cables and reports of unfavorable weather in Argentine. Exports of wheat and flour for the week, according to Bradstreet's, were 4,879,000 bushels, against 4,695,000 bushels last year. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 352,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 570,300 bushels, against 499,300 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 388 cars, which with local receipts of 34 cars, made total receipts for the three points 422 cars, against 314 cars last week and 439 cars a year ago.

There was heavy realizing in corn throughout the day, and the market generally was weaker, with the January option especially weak, although covering by shorts and a fair export demand brought out a rally late in the day and part of the early loss was regained. January opened unchanged to ¼c higher at 48⅝@48½c, but heavy selling caused a decided increase in the cash offerings from the country, resulting in a break to 46¾c, but a firmer tone developed later, the close being 1⅛c lower at 47¼c. May ranged between 44c and 44⅝c and closed ⅛c lower at 44⅛@44⅜c. Cables were easier and Argentine advices were bullish, a larger crop being predicted. Local receipts were small, 281 cars, with only 1 of contract grade.

Following a strong opening the oats market developed considerable weakness under enormous realizing sales by commission houses and local longs. Cash houses were also large sellers, the increased offerings from the country being an incentive. On the close there was a firmness, with part of the loss regained. May was ⅛c lower at 36⅝c, after selling between 35¾c and 36¾c. Local receipts were 192 cars.

Provisions were dull and the market was weaker, due to profit-taking both on local and outside account. The opening was firm on a strong hog market, and the strength in grains. May pork closed 15c lower at 16.42½. May lard was off 5@7½c at $9.50@9.52½, while ribs were 5c lower at $9.05.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 215 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	74⅝	74
May	78 @¾	78¼	77⅞@⅞	78⅛@¼	77⅞@⅞
July	74⅛@¼	74½	73⅞	74⅛@¼	74 @⅛
*Corn—					
Jan.	48⅝@½	48½	46¼	47¼	48⅝
May	44½@⅝	44⅝	44	44⅛@⅜	44½@⅝
July	43⅝@½	43½	43	43¼	43⅝
*Oats—					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	34¼	34½
May	35½@¾	36¾	35⅝	36¼	35⅞
July	32¼@¾	32¾	32	32⅛	32⅜
Pork—					
Jan.	18 00	18 00	17 90	17 90	17 95
May	16 57½	16 62½	16 42½	16 42½	16 57½
Lard—					
Jan.	10 05	10 07½	10 00	10 00	10 02½
May	9 60	9 60	9 50	9 52½	9 57½
July	9 47½	9 47½	9 37½	9 37½	9 45
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 95	8 95	8 90	8 90	8 95
May	9 07½	9 10	9 05	9 05	9 10

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Market stronger; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.10@3.30; spring patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $3.20@3.30; bakers, $2.25@2.75.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 75@78c; No. 3 spring, 72@73¼c; No. 2 red, 73⅝@74½c.

CORN—No. 2, 47c; No. 2 yellow, 47c.

OATS—No. 2, 34¼c; No. 3 white, 35@36c.

RYE—No. 2, 49@50c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 45@48c; fair to choice malting, 50@58c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.18; No. 1 northwestern, $1.24; prime timothy, $3.85; clover, contract grade, $11.30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $17.90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.02½. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.77½@9.02½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.37½@8.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.25@9.37½.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	14,900	31,600
Wheat, bu.	58,400	37,600
Corn, bu.	455,500	174,600
Oats, bu.	245,100	237,100
Rye, bu.	8,600	1,000
Barley, bu.	72,000	27,600

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easier; creameries, 18@23c; dairies, 17@18c. Eggs, easy, loss off, cases returned, 25½c. Cheese, dull, steady, 13@14c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,880 bbls.; exports, 3,556 bbls.; market firm, but quieter; winter patents, $3.65@4.00; winter straights, $3.45@3.60; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.25; winter extras, $2.80@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $3.25@3.40; winter low grades, $2.60@2.90. Rye flour, steady; sales, 100 bbls.; fair to good, 3.00@3.35. Buckwheat flour, steady, $2.20@2.35, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, $1.18, city, $1.16; brandywine, $3.00@3.55.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 59c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 56@57, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 42@45c, f. o. b., afloat; malting, 47@60c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 30,400 bu.; exports, 112,225 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 82½c, elevator, and 81⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 88⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 89⅝c, f. o. b., afloat. Options were considerably irregular today, owing to profit-taking operations. It counteracted the bull news at hand and made the market easy at times, although frequent rallies occurred. There was another fair export trade and cables came strong. Near the close, however, prices rallied on covering and were finally a quarter of a cent net higher. March closed at 84¼c; May, 81 9-16@82 3-16c, closed at 82⅛c; July, 79 5-16@79⅜c, closed at 79⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 26,000 bu.; exports, 5,486 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 60c, elevator, and 60c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 59½c; No. 2 white, 59½c. The option market eased off in face of a big export trade, as bulls were disposed to take profits. January had an early sharp rise on covering, after which it too reacted, but was finally strong again, closing ⅜c higher, against ⅛c decline on May. January, 59@59⅛c, closed at 59⅛c; February, 56 3-16@56⅛c, closed at 56⅛c; March, 54⅝@55c, closed 55c; May, 49¾@49 11-16c, closed at 49½c; July, 48⅝@48 1-16c, closed at 48⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 58,500 bu.; exports, 3,850 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 41c; standard white, 43½c; No. 3, 40½c; No. 2 white, 42⅝c; No. 3 white, 42¼c; track mixed western, nominal; track white, 43@45½c. Options were active and higher west, and later reacting with other markets. May closed at 41⅞c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, $9.50@10.05.

HOPS—Firm, state, common to choice, 1902 crop, 29@32c; 1901 crop, 24@26c; olds, 8@12c; Pacific coast, 1902 crop, 25@29c; 1901 crop, 23@26c; olds, 8@12½c.

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

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 24@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $15.00@17.00; mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet $14.00@15.00; city extra India mess, $24.00@27.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $8.50@10.00; pickled shoulders, $8.25; pickled hams, $11.00@11.25. Lard, quiet; western steamed, $10.45; January closed at $10.30, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $10.55; South America, $11; compound, $7.50@7.75. Pork, quiet; family, $18; short clear, $19.25@22.12.50; mess, $18.00@18.50.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 6c; country, 6¼@6⅜c.

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

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,095 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 20@26c; extra creamery, 28c; common to choice creamery, 26@27c.

EGGS—Receipts, 344 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, average best, 20@21c; western, poor to fancy, 22@29c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 292 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large, state, full cream, colored and white, fall made, 14¼c; late made, 13¾c; fancy, small, colored, fall made, 14¼@14½c; late made, 13¾@14c, white, fall made, 14¼@14½c; late made, 13¾c.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; turkeys, 14@15c; fowls, 13c; dressed, firm; western chickens, 13¼@14c; western fowls, 13½c; turkeys, 18@19c.

METALS—London tin prices were again higher today, the close showing a gain of 12s 6d to £129 5s for spot and £129 10s for futures. The local market, partially influenced by the foreign strength, was also firmer, spot closing at $28.25@28.50. Copper was higher in London at £53 5s 3d for spot and £53 12s 3d for futures, but remained quiet and unchanged here, where standard is quoted at $11.50, lake at $12.25, electrolytic at $12.12½ and casting at $12. Lead was quiet and unchanged locally at $4.12½ and in London at £11 6s 3d. Spelter was dull and a shade lower on the asked prices locally, being quoted at $4.90@5.00, while in London it remained unchanged at £20 2s 6d. Iron in Glasgow closed at 53s 9d and in Middlesborough at 47s 9d. Locally iron was quiet and unchanged, with No. 1 northern foundry quoted at $23.00@23.25 and No. 2 northern, No. 1 southern and No. 1 southern soft foundry at $22.00@23.00. Warrants remained nominal.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh stock, 24c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 9@10c; old roosters, 4@5c; turkeys, 12@13c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7½@8c; spring chickens, per lb., 10@11c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Young chickens, 11@12c; hens, 10@11c; turkeys, 14@16c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 16½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 18@20c; separator, 28@30c.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 23c; extra selects, per can, 30c; New York counts, per can, 42c; bulk, extra selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, standards, per gal., $1.45.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 9@10c; herring, 5c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch, 6c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 2c; bluefins, 5c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 20c; lobsters, green, per lb., 18c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

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. Rye straw, $6. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair, receipts light.

CORN—35c.

OATS—34c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c; California, per doz., 45@75c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa, Kansas, $2.25.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 40c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1½c.

BEETS—Per bu., 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $2.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

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—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; Florida, per 6-basket crate, $5.00.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Fall varieties, per box, $3; Colorado, per box, $2.25.

APPLES—Western, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $4; New York stock, $3.25; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.50.

GRAPES—Malagas, per keg., $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $10; Bell and Bugler, $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, $2.50; choice, $3.

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.

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, 7½c; No. 2 saltcd, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 15@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; 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., 5½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 8c; zinc, per lb., 2½c; rubber, per lb., 6½c.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—There has been an active and broad wheat market, with the northwest still furnishing the reasons for strength. Notwithstanding considerable profit-taking, the market sold ⅝@¾c higher on the day and at its weakest it showed ¼@⅜c under Thursday. Cables were all strong. There were further rains in Argentine. The seaboard reports from 50 to 65 loads taken for export. Local cash sales, 25,000 bu. Clearances, 232,000 bu. Primary receipts, 570,000 bu., against 534,000 last year. In the northwest 388 cars, against 414 a year ago. Minneapolis reported 1,250,000 bu. purchased of country houses for the mills and also reported the mills making further purchases from store. Exporters talk bullishly of the demand, especially for spring grades. Clearances for the week were 4,878,000 bu. Local receipts, 34 cars, with none contract. Estimates for Saturday, 40 cars.

CORN—Market has been irregular, influenced by increased country offerings and a break in the cash. May at one time was ½@⅝c under Thursday, but recovered half of this. The January at one time was 2c lower than Thursday, but recovered more than half of it. The selling seemed partly in the way of profit-taking and was also by cash houses against acceptances west. The seaboard reports 118 loads taken for export. Local cash sales, 175,000 bu. Clearances, 554,000 bu., and for the week, 2,394,000 bu. Primary receipts were 662,000 bu., as against 499,000 last year. Local receipts, 281 cars, with 1 of contract. Estimates for Saturday, 375 cars. There were only 46,600 bu. contract out of private houses.

OATS—There has been about the same market in oats as in corn, influenced by profit-taking and selling of May on larger country offerings. Prices opened ⅜c higher, declined a cent and recovered a part of the loss. Country offerings were the largest for some time, but cash prices were no lower, indicating a good demand. Local receipts, 192 cars, with 14 contract. Estimates for Saturday, 215 cars. Clearances, 11,000 bu.

PROVISIONS—Market opened strong. Commission houses general sellers. Cudahy bought May pork through brokers. Gregson sold May lard and ribs. Trade after the opening became dull and was weak, in sympathy with grains. There were 32,000 hogs, with the market 5@10c higher. Estimates for Saturday, 20,000 head. Hogs in the west today, 70,200, against 62,900 last week and 86,000 last year.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—Spot; Firm; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 11½d; No. 1 California, 6s 8½d. Futures: Steady; March, 6s 2¾d; May, 6s 1¾d.

CORN—Spot: American mixed, new, quiet, 4s 11d; old, firm, 5s 5½d. Futures: Quiet; January, 4s 7¾d; March, 4s 4½d; May, 4s 2¾d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady, 6s 7d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 3d.

PIGS—At London (Pacific coast) firm, £6 15s@£7 2s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; extra India mess, 107s 6d. Pork, easy; prime mess, western, 75s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 52s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., firm, 47s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., quiet, 47s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., firm, 47s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., firm, 48s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., firm, 47s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., quiet, 45s 6d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., steady, 39s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, quiet, 51s; prime western, in tierces, quiet, 52s; American refined, in pails, quiet, 46s 6d.

BUTTER—Nominal.

CHEESE—Firm; American finest white and colored, strong, 62s.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 286,000 centals, including 145,000 American; receipts of American corn during the last three days, 55,000 centals.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—May, 69¼@69⅝c; July, 67¼@67⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 69@69c; No. 3, 66¼@66c; No. 4 hard, 60@64c; rejected, hard, 57@58c; No. 2 red, 69@70c; No. 3, 67@68c.

CORN—January, 38⅝c; May, 38⅝@38¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 39½@40c; No. 2 white, 40½c; No. 3, 40c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 35@36c; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $13.00; choice prairie, $9.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 25@28c; dairy, fancy, 22c.

EGGS—Fresh, 21½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	111,200	34,400
Corn, bu.	93,600	88,000
Oats, bu.	15,000	22,000

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—Higher; No 2 red, cash, elevator, 71½c; track, 74½@75c; May, 76⅝c, July, 72⅝c; No. 2 hard, 68@71c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 41⅝c; track, 41⅝@43c; May, 41⅝@41¾c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 cash, 35c; track, 36@36½c; May, 36⅛@36¼c; No. 2 white, 37c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.35@3.50; extra fancy and straight, $3.00@3.20; clear, $2.80@3.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $3.00@3.50.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 80@82c.

HAY—Timothy, higher at $10.00@15.50; prairie, steady at $9.50@11.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.07½.

BAGGING—4 5-16@7 1-16c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; jobbing, standard mess, $17.80. Lard, unchanged at $9.60. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed extra shorts, $9; clear ribs, $9; short clears, $9.25. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts, $9.87½; clear ribs, $10; short clears, $10.25.

METALS—Lead, firm at $3.97½. Spelter, firm at $4.75.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 9½c; turkeys, 14@15c; ducks, 12c; geese, 7½c.

BUTTER—Dull; creamery, 22@29c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—Lower at 21½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	5,000	4,000
Wheat, bu.	64,000	70,000
Corn, bu.	159,000	80,000
Oats, bu.	69,000	45,000

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—Active, steady; cash and January, 78½c; May, 82c.

CORN—Dull, steady; January, 46½c; May, 44½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; January, 36¼c; May, 37c.

RYE—No. 2, 53c.

SEED—Clover, dull, firm; January, $7.62½; March, $7.12½; prime timothy, $10.50; prime alsike, $8.35.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—May, 77⅝c; July, 78¼c. On track: No. 1 hard, 78¼c; No. 1 northern, 77⅝c; No. 2 northern, 76⅝c.

FLOUR—Firmer; first patents, $3.75@3.95; second patents, $3.55@3.75; first clears, $3.00@3.20; second clears, $2.40@2.70.

BRAN—In bulk, $14.00@14.25; in sacks, $14.25@15.50.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 16.—WHEAT—Firmer; No. 1 northern, 79c; No. 2 northern, 77@77½c; May, 78⅝c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 51½@52c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 67c; sample, 48@56c.

CORN—May, 44¼c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Jan. 16.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 76⅝c; No. 2 northern, 73⅝c; No. 1 northern, 76⅝c; May, 78⅝c; July, 79c.

OATS—May, 36c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 16.—CORN—Quiet; No. 3, 42½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 32½@33c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Seems Bewildered, Backing and Filling All Day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Backing and filling was the favorite term to express the condition of today's stock market, which reflected the same state of bewilderment that has been evident in the speculative mind for several days past. The trade was later quite apathetic.

The few stocks which developed a show of strength had very little sympathetic effect upon the list in general and their gains were not quite held. The most prominent of these was Missouri Pacific, which seemed to be effected by prevailing gossip that the great "Missouri" project was to be announced at an early date. Reading was advanced, and Southern Railway, Atchison, Sugar and a few less conspicuous stocks had their period of strength.

Although the earlier events of the week were considered to demonstrate that there was no immediate prospect of attracting public interest to the market, the professionals themselves exceedingly wary of venturing to go short of the market.

Covering of some of the short lines put out early was a factor in holding prices firm in today's exceedingly dull market.

The mystery attaching to Erie served to intimidate the bears. The enormous volume of dealings in this stock at the higher levels was believed to point to manipulation and realizing. But its firmness since the continued rumors regarding it point to some development going on. The apparent policy to pair out the anthracite coal properties among the great trunk line powers, as in the case of Reading, would point to some plan regarding Erie. There is faith in the rumor regarding Wabash or Rock Island or both to secure an Atlantic outlet for the Erie.

J. P. Morgan's testimony yesterday into the Louisville transfer was seen to express an adverse opinion against the buying up of railroads over night and to show a partiality for the extension of voting trusts for the insurance of control. But Mr. Morgan has demonstrated in the case of the Northern Securities that he will adopt extreme measures to prevent the wresting of control from him of a property of the overnight class of purchasers. If the recent vigility in Erie represented a contest in the sudden passage of control from the dominant Morgan interest or whether in the progress of parcelling out the property as in the case of Reading are two possible contingencies that present themselves to the conjectures of Wall street.

There is every probability of a strong bank statement tomorrow, as the yield to the banks on sub-treasury operations of $2,081,000 has been supplemented by currency from the interior estimated at $5,000,000 or over.

The strength of St. Paul and of Chicago Great Western seemed to be due to rumors that the former had acquired control of the latter.

The bond market was generally firm, but with some issues slightly lower. Total sales, par value, $9,165,000. United States new coupons declined ½ per cent on the last call.

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

Atchison	87¼	So. Railway pfd.	95½
do pfd.	99⅝	Texas & Pacific	41½
Bal. & Ohio	44½	Toledo, St. L. & W.	20¼
do pfd.	87½	do pfd.	45
Canadian Pacific	137	Union Pacific	102⅝
Canada So.	73	do pfd.	93½
Ches. & Ohio	51⅛	Wabash	20⅛
Chicago & Alton	35	do pfd.	45½
do pfd.	72½	Wheeling & L. E.	25½
Chicago & E. Ill.	190	do 2d pfd.	55
Chicago & G. W.	27⅛	Wis. Central	26⅝
do 1st pfd.	84⅛	do pfd.	45⅝
do 2d pfd.	44	Adams Ex.	200
Chicago & N. W.	223	American Ex.	250
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	15	United States Ex.	142
do pfd.	48	Wells-Fargo Ex.	225
C., C., C. & St. L.	97½	Amal. Copper	63½
Colorado So.	29⅝	Amer. Car & F.	39⅝
do 1st pfd.	76½	do pfd.	90⅝
do 2d pfd.	46½	Amer. Lin. Oil	16⅝
Del. & Hudson	171	do pfd.	45
Del. L. & W.	271	American S. & R.	44⅝
Denver & R. G.	41	do pfd.	94⅝
do pfd.	91	Anac. Mining Co.	37
Erie	41	Brooklyn R. T.	65½
do 1st pfd	77½	Colorado Fuel & I.	74½
do 2d pfd.	67½	Cons. Gas	217½
Great Nor. pfd.	263½	Cent. Tobacco pfd.	117
Hocking Valley	104½	Gen. Electric	185⅝
do pfd.	97½	Hocking Coal	29
Illinois Central	148½	Inter. Paper	18½
Iowa Central	44⅝	do pfd.	72½
do pfd.	73½	Inter. Power	42
Lake Erie & W.	36½	Laclede Gas	80
do pfd.	112	National Biscuit	45⅝
L. & N.	128⅝	National Lead	26⅝
Manhattan L.	144	No. American	118
Met. St. Ry.	140⅝	Pacific Coast	63
Mex. Central	26½	Pacific Mail	49
Mex. National	19½	People's Gas	104½
Minn. & St. L.	109	Pressed S. Car	43½
Mo. Pacific	113	do pfd.	93
M., K. & T.	28½	Pullman P. Car	214
do pfd.	61½	Republic Steel	21½
N. Y. Central	146	do pfd.	93
N. Y. Central	152⅝	Sugar	130⅝
Norfolk & W.	74½	Tenn. Coal & I.	61⅝
do pfd.	90	Union Bag & P.	13⅝
Ontario & W.	34½	do pfd.	78
Pennsylvania	153	U. S. Leather	12⅝
Reading	62	do pfd.	80⅝
do 1st pfd	86	U. S. Rubber	17
do 2d pfd	75½	do pfd.	58
St. L. & S. F.	72	U. S. Steel	27⅛
do 1st pfd	78	do pfd.	88⅝
do 2d pfd	70½	Western Union	91⅛
St. L. S. W.	29	Amer. Locomotive	29⅝
do pfd.	63½	do pfd.	93½
St. Paul	179⅝	K. C. Southern	25⅝
do pfd	193	do pfd.	60⅝
So. Pacific	65⅝	Rock Island	20⅝
So. Railway	36⅝	do pfd.	62½

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Jan. 16.—Bank clearings today, $1,212,314.07; corresponding day last year, $1,200,537.96; increase, $11,776.11.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $34,303,202; balances, $2,438,024.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $22,182,730; balances, $2,623,065; money, 6 per cent.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $29,902,369; balances, $3,198,872; New York exchange, par; foreign exchange, sterling posted at $4.84½ for sixty days and $4.84½ for demand.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $313,901,273; balances, $12,212,409.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $5,103,285; balances, $457,862; money, 6 per cent.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $4,031,100; money, 4½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 15c premium.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 16.—Clearings, $7,800,453; balances, $769,586; money, easier at 4 per cent; New York exchange, 35c premium.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—MONEY—On call, steady, 3½@4½ per cent, closing 4@4½ per cent; time, easier; sixty days, 4 per cent; ninety days, 4 per cent; six months, 5 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5¼@5¾ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88@$4.88⅛ for demand and at $4.83⅝@4.83⅞5 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½ and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82¼@4.83¾.

SILVER—Bar, 46⅝c; Mexican dollars, 37½c.

BONDS—Government, easy; railroad, irregular.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	100	Mex. Central 4s	77
do coupon	100	do 1s inc.	26
do 3s, reg.	106⅝	Mian. & St. L. 4s	102¼
do coupon	107⅝	M., K. & T. 4s	98⅝
do new 4s, reg.	134⅝	do 2s	84¼
do coupon	138½	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	104
do old 4s, reg.	109⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	118
do coupon	111⅝	No. Pacific 4s	103⅝
do 5s, reg.	107¼	do 3s	72⅝
do coupon	108	N. & W. con. 4s	101¼
Atchison gen. 4s	102⅝	Reading gen. 4s	98
do adj. 4s	92¼	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	114
do conv. 4s	95⅝	St. L. & S. F. 6s	94½
Canada So. 2s	106⅝	St. L. S. W. 1s	85½
Central of Ga. 5s	108¼	do 2s	83
do 1s inc.	80	S. A. & A. P. 4s	88
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	105¼	So. Pacific 4s	91
Chicago & A. 3½s	78	So. Railway 5s	117⅝
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	94¼	Texas & Pacific 1s	117
C. M. & St P. g. 4s	112	T., St. L. & W. 4s	78½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	134½	Union Pacific 4s	107⅝
C., R. I. & P. 4s	107⅝	do conv. 4s	108
C C C & St L. g. 4s	102	Wabash 1s	117⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	84	do 2s	110½
Colorado So. 4s	91¼	do deb. B	77½
Denver & R. G. 4s	98½	West Shore 4s	116½
Erie prior lien 4s	97½	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	92½
do general 4s	86½	Wis. Central 4s	97½
F. W. & D. C. 1s	111¼	Colo. Fuel con. 5s	94½
Hocking Val. 4½s	104⅝	Con. Tobacco 4s	67½
L. & N. uni. 4s	103⅝		

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Call loans, 5@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Gas 1s	106½	Bingham &	21½
Atchison	87¼	Calumet & Hecla	540
do pfd	99⅝	Centennial	24⅝
Boston & Albany	258	Copper Range	64⅝
Boston & Me.	191½	Dominion Coal	130
Boston Elevated	152½	Franklin	10
N. Y., N. H. & H.	222	Isle Royale	16
Union Pacific	102⅝	Mohawk	46⅝
Mex. Central	26⅝	Old Dominion	55⅝
American Sugar	130⅝	Osceola	62
do pfd	121	Parrot	27
American T. & T.	164¼	Quincy	110
Dominion I. & S.	34	Santa Fe Copper	35
Gen. Electric	185	Tamarack	140
Mass. Electric	36	Trinity	11⅝
do pfd	94¼	United States	22
U. S. Steel	27⅛	Utah	22⅝
do pfd	88⅝	Victoria	6¼
Westingh. Common	104	Winona	1¼
Adventure	15	Wolverine	68
Allouez	34	Daly West	42
Amalgamated	64½		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Closing quotations:

Consols for money	91⅞	New York Central	157
do account	93	Norfolk & Western	75⅞
Anaconda	5	do pfd.	94
Atchison	83⅞	Ontario & Western	35
do