GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Heavy Liquidation Causes a Decline in Price of Wheat.

BOTH SIDES OF MARKET SELL CORN

As a Result the Price Declines, as Does Also the Price of Oats, with Provision Market Strong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Heavy liquidation caused a decline in the price of wheat today. May closed at a loss of ⅛@⅝c. May corn is off ⅛@⅜c, and oats ⅜@½c. Provisions closed 10c to 25c higher.

Trading in wheat was of a nervous character. Prices showed rapid changes. The market was influenced by the situation in the far east and by conflicting figures on the world's shipments, as well as by the action of the leading long. There was considerable selling at the start by small holders on increased receipts in the northwest. The big bull interest was also an early seller, and prices ruled easier, after a steady opening. A good demand developed later from commission houses on the strength in foreign markets as well as on the advances in outside domestic markets. May selling up to 83⅝c, after opening ⅛@⅜c lower to a shade higher, at 83¼@83⅜c. During the latter part of the session there was renewed selling on the part of the big operator, several million bushels being reported as taken over by shorts. In the face of only a small increase in the visible supply when a large one was quite generally expected, prices sagged gradually in the latter part of the day, and the low mark was registered at 82⅜@82½c. The close was at 82⅝, a loss of ⅛@⅜c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 419,6.0 bu. Primary receipts were 1,711,800 bu., against 1,263,000 bu. a year ago. The amount on passage increased 152,000 bu., and the visible supply increased 153,000 bushels. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 267 cars against 654 cars last week, and 1,512 cars a year ago.

Corn was weak, with a good deal of selling by bear operators, and some more by local bulls, who were tired of holding their lines. Better weather and the prospect of larger receipts made the sentiment bearish. The weakness in wheat was also an important influence. The buying was largely by shorts. After opening a shade to ⅛c higher, at 44⅛c to 44¼@44⅜c, May sold between 43⅝c and 44⅛c, closing at 43¾c. Local receipts were 259 cars, with one of contract grade.

Oats were without support and active selling by a prominent commission house caused weakness. The market was influenced also by the action of other grains. The demand was scattered and of limited volume. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 37⅜@37¼c, to 37⅛c and after ranging between 37c and 37⅜@37⅝, closed at 37@37⅛c. Local receipts were 242 cars.

Provisions were strong, notwithstanding the liberal run of hogs. There was a good demand for outside account and shorts were also good buyers. An active demand existed for May pork, which was said to come from an eastern speculator. Closing prices showed good gains with pork leading the list, the May pork up 25c, at 12.20@12.22½c. May lard was 10@10½c higher at $6.75, while ribs were 10c better, at $6.45.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 115 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 33,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y.
*Wheat—					
July	77¾@78	78 @⅛	77¼@⅜	77⅝@¾	80⅛
a Dec.	80¾@81	81	80½	80¾	83⅝@¾
May	83¼@⅜	83⅝	82⅜@½	82¾	77⅞
*Corn—					
Dec.	42@42⅛	42⅜	41½	41⅞	42⅜
May	44@44⅛	44⅛	43⅝	43¾ 44	43⅝
July	43½@⅝	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛	43⅜
*Oats—					
Dec.	35⅛	35¼	35	35	35⅛
May	37¼@⅜	37¼@⅜	37	37 @⅛	37½
July	34½	34⅝	34⅛	34½	34⅞
Pork—					
Jan.	11 70	11 80	11 70	11 80	11 55
May	12 00	12 22½	12 00	12 22½	11 97½
Lard—					
Jan.	6 47½	6 52½	6 47½	6 52½	6 45
May	6 67½	6 75	6 67½	6 75	6 65
Ribs—					
Jan.	6 20	6 25	6 20	6 25	6 20
May	6 37½	6 45	6 37½	6 45	6 35

*No. 2. a New.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull, but steady; winter patents, $4.00@4.20; winter straights, $3.70@4.10; spring patents, $4.00@4.80; spring straights, $3.50@3.75; bakers, $2.30@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 80@83c; No. 2 spring, 73@78c; No. 2 red, 83@85c.

CORN—No. 2, 43¼c; No. 2 yellow, 45c.

OATS—No. 2, 35¼@36½c; No. 3 white, 35¾@37½c.

RYE—No. 2, 53¼c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 35@38½c; fair to choice malting, 43@52c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, 93c; No. 1 northwestern, $1.00; prime timothy, $2.85; clover, contract grade, $11.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.75 @11.87½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.47½@6.52½. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.12½@6.37½; short clear ribs (boxed), $6.25@6.37½.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	22,400	10,900
Wheat, bu.	57,700	22,400
Corn, bu.	324,900	27,400
Oats, bu.	159,500	60,200
Rye, bu.	6,000	2,900
Barley, bu.	64,800	6,100

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easy; creameries, 16@23c; dairies, 14@21c. Eggs, easier at mark, cases included, 27@28½c. Cheese, firm at 10@10¾c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,108 bbls.; exports, 6,164 bbls.; market firmly held, but no higher, closing unsettled; winter patents, $4.00@4.35; winter straights, $4.00@4.10; Minnesota patents, $4.55@4.75; winter extras, $3.15@3.40; Minnesota bakers, $3.70@3.95; winter low grades, $2.90@3.20. Rye flour, firm; fair to good, $3.25@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.45@3.60. Buckwheat flour, steady, $2.25@2.35.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, $1.02; city, $1; kiln dried, $3.0@3.05.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2 western, 63½c, f. o. b., afloat; state and Jersey, 56@58c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 39c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 45@50c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 148,175 bu.; exports, 3,2.5 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 93¼c, elevator, and 94¼c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 90¾c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm on further war talk, influenced by higher cables and lower consols. They subsequently weakened under small clearances, rumored Armour selling and liberal southwest receipts, but were steadier after midday on bullish visible supply figures. Finally prices broke under liquidation and closed ⅛c lower, except December, which is ⅜c up. May, 85⅞@86⅜c, closed at 85⅞c; July, 82⅜@82⅞c, closed at 82⅝c; December, 92⅝@93⅝c, closed at 93⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 86,450 bu.; exports, 7,288 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 53c, elevator, and 53c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 57¼c; No. 2 white, 53c. The option market was inactive all day and after a steady opening, eased off under western selling and good weather news, and closed easy at a partial ⅛c net decline. May, 49⅝@50⅛c, closed at 49⅝c; December closed at 51⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 91,500 bu.; exports, 135 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 42c; standard white, 42½c; No. 3, 40c; No. 2 white, 43½c; No. 3 white, 42½c; track white, 41@46c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 65@75c; good to choice, 85@92½c.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 26@34c; 1902 crop, 19@24c; olds, 7@12c; Pacific coast, 1903 crop, 22@29c; 1902 crop, 19@24c; olds, 7@11c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 13½c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 23@25c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00 @11.00; mess, $8.00@9.00; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; city extra India mess, $15.00@17.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $8.25@9.00; pickled shoulders, $5.50@6.00; pickled hams, $10.00@10.75. Lard, firm; western steamed, $7.00; refined, firm; continent, $7.10; South America, $7.75; compound, $5.25@5.50. Pork, steady; family, $15.25@15.50; short clear, $13.00@15.50; mess, $13.75@13.50.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾ @7c; Japan, nominal.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅜c; country, 4⅜@4⅝c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,834 pkgs.; quiet; creamery, 15@23c; state dairy, 15@20c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 5,166 pkgs.; quiet; state full cream, fancy, large and small, colored and white September, 12c; late made, 10c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,229 pkgs.; steady; western, 20@30c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—On track, No. 1 northern, 81½c; No. 2 northern, 78c; No. 3 spring, 73c; December, 80c; May 82c.

OATS—On track and to arrive, 35c.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 21.—CORN—Easy; new No. 3, 38½c; new No. 4, 37½c; No. 3, 43c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red, western winter, 6s 5d; futures, steady; December, nominal; March, 6s 4⅝d; May, 6s 4d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 4s 2¼d; futures, steady; January, 4s ⅜d; March, 4s ⅜d.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts more liberal; fresh stock, 23@25c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, 7c; spring chickens, 8c; roosters, according to age, 4@5c; turkeys, 13@14c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7@8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 16@17c; old toms, 16@17c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 9@10c; chickens, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½@13c; choice to fancy dairy, in tubs, 14@16c; separator, 24c.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 10c; pickerel, 7c; pike, 8c; perch, 7c; bluefish, 15c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 11c; haddock, 10c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 11c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 30c; lobsters, green, per lb., 28c; bullheads, 11c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20@25c; halibut, 13c; crappies, 12c; herring, 5c; white bass, 13c; bluefins, 8c.

OYSTERS—New York counts, per can, 45c; per gal., $2.40; extra selects, per can, 35c; per gal., $1.75; standard, per can, 27c; per gal., $1.35.

BRAN—Per ton, $14.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association. Choice No. 1 upland, $7.50; No. 2, $7.00; medium, $6.50; coarse, $6.00. Rye straw, $6.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair and receipts light.

CORN—39c.

OATS—37c.

RYE—No. 2, 50c.

EVERGREEN WREATHING—In coils of twenty yards, per coil, $1.00.

WREATHS—Magnolia and galax wreaths, per dozen, $1.50; evergreen wreaths, per dozen, $1.50; holly wreaths, per dozen, $1.50. These designs are twelve inches in diameter.

HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of 2x2x4 feet, about fifty pounds, $4.50; per bbl., $1.50.

LONG NEEDLE PINES—Per dozen, $2.00 @2.50.

MISTLETOE—Branches, per 5-lb. box, $1.25; per lb., 30c. Mistletoe orders will be filled about December 20 and shipped by express only.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Colorado, 85c; Dakota, per bu., 70@75c; native, 65@70c.

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

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.25.

CELERY—Small, per doz., 25@35c; large California, 65@75c.

ONIONS—New home grown, dry, per lb., ¾c; Spanish, per crate, $1.50; Colorado yellow and red, 1¼c.

CABBAGE—Wisconsin Holland, 2¼c.

TURNIPS—Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; white, per bu., 50c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 50c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 50c.

BEETS—Per bu., 50c.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.75.

TOMATOES — California, per 4-basket crate, $2.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.

FRUITS.

APPLES—California Bellflowers, per box, $1.60; New York Greenings, Baldwins and other varieties, $3.50.

GRAPES—Pony Catawbas, 20c; imported Malagas, per keg, $5.00@6.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, per bbl., $7.50; per box, $2.75; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $9; Bell and Cherry, $8.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Florida Brights and Russets, all sizes, $3.25; navels, large size, $3.00@3.50.

LEMONS—California fancy, 300 to 360 sizes, $4; choice, 240 to 270 sizes, $3.50.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, 85c; imported Smyrna, 3-crown, 14c; 5-crown, 16c; 7-crown, 18c.

COCOANUTS—Per sack, $4; per doz., 60c.

DATES—Persian, per box of 30 pkgs., $2; per lb., in 60-lb. boxes, 5¼c; Oriental stuffed dates, per box, $2.40.

BANANAS—Per medium-sized bunch, $2.00 @2.50; Jumbo, $2.75@3.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHEESE—Wisconsin twins, full cream, 12½c; Wisconsin Young Americas, 13¼c; block Swiss, 15c; Wisconsin brick, 13½c; Wisconsin limberger, 12c.

HONEY—Nebraska, per 24 frames, $3.25; Utah and Colorado, per 24 frames, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Ohio, per lb., 10c.

CIDER—Per bbl., $5.75; per ½-bbl., $3.25.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2½c; shelled, 3@3½c.

HORSE RADISH—Per case of 2 doz., packed, 80c.

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., 11c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 13c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5¾c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; Chili walnuts, 12@13c; large hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; shell barks, per bu., $2; black walnuts, per bu., $1.25; Italian chestnuts, per lb., 12c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry salted hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, nominal; track, 88½c; December, 88c; May, 82½c; July, 76⅝c; No. 2 hard, 77@78c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 44c; track, 44c; December, 44c; May, 42¾c; July, 42⅝c.

OATS—Steady; track, 37@37½c; May, 38½c; No. 2 white, 39c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $4.35 @4.55; extra fancy and straight, $3.90@4.20; clear, $3.40@3.60.

SEED—Timothy steady, $2.25@2.90; prime, higher.

CORNMEAL—Quiet, $2.30.

BRAN—Strong; sacked, east track, 78@80c.

HAY—Heavy; timothy, $8.50@12.50; prairie, $5.00@9.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5¾@6¼c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $12.20. Lard, steady, $6.37½. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $7.25; clear ribs, $7.50; short clear, $7.75.

POULTRY—Slow; chickens, 7c; springs, 7c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 10c; geese, 5c.

BUTTER—Fair demand; creamery, 18@26c; dairy, 13@20c.

EGGS—Quiet at 27c, case count.

POULTRY—Alive, unsettled; dressed, firm; western chickens, 12c; fowls, 11½@12c; turkeys, 17@20c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	12,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.	156,000	46,000
Corn, bu.	27,000	14,000
Oats, bu.	53,000	35,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—December, 65⅝@66⅛c; May, 69¾@69⅝c; cash No. 2 hard, 69½@72c; No. 3, 67@70c; No. 4, 60@65c; rejected, 57@61½c; No. 2 red, 82@83c; No. 3, 78@82c.

CORN—December, 38c; May, 37⅝c; cash No. 2 mixed, 37c; No. 2 white, 37½c; No. 3, 37@37½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 36@37c; No. 2 mixed, 34@35c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00; prairie, $7.50 @7.75.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@21c; dairy, fancy, 19c.

EGGS—Weak; Missouri and Kansas cases returned, 26½c; new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 27c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	35,200	34,400
Corn, bu.	24,800	16,800
Oats, bu.	14,000	13,000

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—EVAPORATED APPLES—The market is firm with demand good; common are quoted at 4@6c prime, at 5¾@6¼c; choice at 6@6½c; fancy at 7c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Prunes rule firm on bullish coast advices concerning the attitude of holders who are said to be looking for better prices; quotations range from 3¾c to 6½c, according to grade. Apricots are quiet, with choice quoted at 9½@9¾c; extra choice at 9¾@10½c and fancy at 11@15c. Peaches also are quiet; choice are quoted at 7¼@7¾c; extra choice at 7¾@8¼c and fancy at 9¼@10½c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—BUTTER—Quiet and steady; extra western creamery, 23½c; nearby prints, 27c.

EGGS—Steady; fair demand; fresh nearby, 30c at mark; western, 25c loss off; southwestern, 24@25c; southern, 20@23c.

CHEESE—Dull; New York full creams fancy, 11⅝c; choice, 11¼c; fair to good, 10¾ @11¼c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—December, 80¼c; May, 82⅛c; July, 81¾@81⅞c. On track, No. 1 hard, 82⅝c; No. 1 northern, 81½@82c; No. 2 northern, 79½c; No. 3 northern, 74@77½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.45@4.55; second patents, $4.30@4.40; first clears, $4.30@3.40; second clears, $2.20@2.40.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.50@13.75.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 1 northern, 84c; No. 2 northern, 81 @82c; May, 83¼c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 63c; sample 35@60c.

CORN—⅛@⅜c lower; No. 3, 40@45c; May, 43¾c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 21.—SEEDS—Clover, cash, December and January, $7.02½; February, $7.07½; March, $7.10. Prime timothy, $1.40. Prime alsike, $6.60.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Gathering War Cloud in Far East Has but Little Effect.

OPERATIONS ARE SOMEWHAT SMALLER

Talent Seems to Think that Considerable Issue of Railroad Securities May Be Expected and Avoid Dealing in Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Whatever influences were in operation in today's stock market, the issue was an almost immoveable market, the whole interest converged in a handful of stocks. Dullness is seasonable at this time when the year-end money problems are working themselves out, but the extraordinary ease of the money market at present practically eliminates the money situation as a factor in the dullness. The merely sentimental effect of the approach of the holidays may be reckoned to induce part of the dullness. A more substantial factor in today's market was the gathering of the war cloud in the far east, which took on so lowering an aspect today as to lead to a general conviction in Wall street that an early outbreak of hostilities could not be avoided. The conviction seemed to be without any markedly depressing effect on our securities market, except as London's more active interest in the situation led to selling of stocks in New York. The effect here was more to discourage operations on either side of the market. This effect conforms well to the uncertainty felt as to the effect of war between Russia and Japan upon our situation. Of any directly harmful results there is no apprehension, but the point of doubt is as to how far the placing of war loans in the money market will upset the expected demand for our mercandise products and for our railroad securities. That considerable issues of new railroad securities are imminent is the general feeling in Wall street and accounts for the lack of response in today's stock market to the extraordinarily large offerings of funds.

Money brokers assert that money on call was more freely offered this morning than at any other to corresponding period for many years past. All departments of the money market were affected, sixty and ninety-day loans and even thirty-day loans being effected at below 6 per cent. Mercantile paper for prime grades also was offered at below 6 per cent. Mercantile paper for prime grades also was offered at 5½ per cent, thus breaking the 6 per cent rate which has been determinedly held for some time past. Sentiment was affected by the opinions expressed by eminent banking authorities when questioned regarding the likelihood of a Russian or Japanese loan finding subscribers here, to the effect that we are likely to need money resources in our own market. There was some heaviness shown by Atchison on the ground of its bond issue and the small grain movement affected this and other grangers to some extent.

The Atchison bond issue also played a part in the sharp upward movement of the railroad equipment stocks, owing to the intimation conveyed in the official announcement of the sale of the Atchison bonds, that a part of the proceeds would be used for the purchase of locomotives and new equipment. The depression of United States Steel preferred was accompanied by further discussions of the dividend prospects for the stock and the expression of discouraging opinions as to these prospects. There was some accumulation of the coalers, atttributed to better trade conditions. The speculation in the New York public utilities continued without any new features, and Amalgamated, after advancing slightly reacted sharply with the rest of the market. The closing was dull and heavy.

The bond market was dull and generally steady, but some of the active issues were heavy. Total sales, par value, were $1,860,000. United States 2s, 3s and old 4s advanced ⅛ and the new 4s declined ¼ on the last call.

Following are the closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	27,700	67⅜	66⅞	67⅛
do pfd.	2,600	92⅝	91½	91⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	6,850	79⅛	78⅝	78⅝
do pfd.	224	88¼	88¼	87⅝
Canadian Pacific	960	119	118⅝	118⅝
Cent. of New Jersey	420	160	159½	159
Chesa. & Ohio	2,000	33⅛	33	33
Chicago & Alton	1,900	35	35	35¼
do pfd.	600	70½	69⅞	70
Chi. Great Western	620	15⅜	15⅛	15⅜
do B pfd.	....	....	....	27⅜
Chi. & Northwestern	1,030	167	166¼	166⅝
Chi. Term. & Trans.	....	....	....	8⅞
do pfd.	100	17½	17½	17½
Big Four	100	77⅛	77⅛	75
Colorado Southern	100	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
do 1st pfd.	....	....	....	52½
do 2d pfd.	....	....	....	22½
Dela. & Hudson	1,300	165	163	163½
Dela., Lack. & West.	2,600	265½	261	262
Denver & Rio Grande	....	....	....	20½
do pfd.	200	72⅝	72⅝	70
Erie	22,300	30⅛	29½	29¾
do 1st pfd.	2,040	68½	68	67⅞
do 2d pfd.	1,200	51⅛	50¼	50⅝
Great Northern pfd.	....	....	....	160
Hocking Valley	100	73½	73½	73
do pfd.	....	....	....	83
Illinois Central	160	129¾	129⅝	129⅝
Iowa Central	200	20½	20½	20½
do pfd.	....	....	....	38
Kan. City Southern	....	....	....	18¼
do pfd.	....	....	....	34
Louis. & Nashville	1,250	107	106⅝	106¾
Manhattan L.	100	141½	142⅝	141½
Metro. St. Railway	300	122⅝	121⅞	122½
Minn. & St. Louis	....	....	....	60
Missouri Pacific	10,800	93⅝	93	93⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas	500	39½	39	38½
Nat. R. R. Mex. pfd.	....	....	....	37
New York Central	700	119	118	118⅛
Norfolk & Western	900	57⅝	57¼	57½
do pfd.	....	....	....	85
Ontario & Western	5,050	22⅜	22	22
Pennsylvania	45,050	118½	117⅝	118
Pitts., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	60
Reading	58,620	46½	45½	45⅝
do 1st pfd.	200	78⅝	77⅝	77
do 2d pfd.	400	60⅞	60⅜	60
Rock Island	13,150	24⅜	23⅝	24¼
do pfd.	700	60⅜	60⅜	60⅛
St. L. & S. Fran. pfd.	....	....	....	60
do 2d pfd.	100	42⅛	42⅜	41½
St. Louis Southwest.	....	....	....	13
do pfd.	100	33	33	32
St. Paul	10,717	143⅝	142¾	142¾
do pfd.	....	....	....	171⅝
Southern Pacific	11,325	48¼	47⅞	47⅞
Southern Railway	4,600	21⅛	20⅝	20⅝
do pfd.	400	78⅜	77⅜	77½
Texas & Pacific	800	25½	25	24⅝
Toledo, St. L. & West.	300	22	22	22
do pfd.	100	35	35	34
Union Pacific	14,150	78⅜	78¼	78¼
do pfd.	....	....	....	88
Wabash	400	20⅛	20	19⅝
do pfd.	625	37⅛	36⅝	37
Wheel. & Lake Erie.	....	....	....	15⅝
Wisconsin Central	300	17⅛	17⅛	17
do pfd.	....	....	....	37½
Adams Express	....	....	....	223
American Express	....	....	....	180
U. S. Express	....	....	....	101
Wells-Fargo Express	100	210	210	205
Amal. Copper	22,625	48⅛	47⅝	47⅜
Amn. Car & Foundry	6,915	20⅛	18⅞	19⅜
do pfd.	2,100	68⅜	67⅝	68
Amn. Linseed Oil	....	....	....	9
do pfd.	....	....	....	28
Amn. Locomotive	2,500	18¼	16	17⅞
do pfd.	1,710	79	77⅜	77⅝
Amn. Smelt. & Refin.	2,200	49⅛	48⅝	49
do pfd.	1,173	92⅝	91⅜	92⅛
Amn. Sugar Refin.	3,200	124¼	123⅞	123¾
Anaconda Min. Co.	100	75	75	76
Brook. Rapid Transit	44,040	51	50	50⅜
Colo. Fuel & Iron	300	27	26¼	26⅞
Colum. & Hock. Coal	1,020	14¾	14	14¼
Consolidated Gas	3,550	191½	188¾	190
General Electric	600	166	165	164
Inter. Paper	400	11¾	11	11
do pfd.	....	....	....	62
Inter. Pump (ex-div.)	....	....	....	28
do pfd.	....	....	....	70
National Biscuit	....	....	....	36⅝
National Lead	....	....	....	15⅝
North American	100	76	75	75⅝
Pacific Mail	100	25	25	24
People's Gas	1,820	98	97⅛	97⅝
Pressed Steel Car	1,001	29⅜	27⅞	28
do pfd.	225	67⅛	67	67
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	215
Republic Steel	200	6⅞	6½	6⅝
do pfd.	1,500	40⅛	39⅞	39⅝
Rubber Goods	350	17⅞	17⅛	17⅛
do pfd.	200	71⅜	71	71½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	1,900	34⅞	33⅛	33⅞
U. S. Leather	150	7¼	7⅛	7⅛
do pfd.	400	76	75⅞	75⅜
U. S. Rubber	....	....	....	10
do pfd.	200	39½	39⅛	39
U. S. Steel	6,020	10⅝	10⅛	10¼
do pfd.	23,350	55⅜	54½	54⅝
Western Union	420	85⅛	85⅛	85
Northern Securities	....	....	....	89⅝

Total sales for the day 460,100 shares.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Money was in good demand in the market today and borrowers were entirely dependent on the Bank of England. Discounts were firm, owing to the condition of the short loan market and continental exchanges.

Trading on the Stock exchange was beclouded by the news from the far east. In the absence of definite news alarmists rumors were plentiful. While the operators hope for a peaceful solution, the uncertainty checks business. Consols were weak and home rails were dull. Americans opened steady at below parity, with a hardening tendency on satisfactory bank and trade advices. They subsequently became irregular, occasionally were easier in the absence of business and closed quiet. Japanese declined 1½@2 points and Russians went down half a point. Kaffirs were heavy on the increasing outcry against the increase of Chinese labor in South Africa. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £25,000.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The feeling on the bourse today continued depressed, owing to unsatisfactory reports regarding the Russo-Japanese situation. All internationals were affected, Russian securities the most. Toward the close a calmer feeling prevailed on the report that Japan was seeking to transfer the negotiations to St. Petersburg. Industrials shared in the depression, Rio Tintos losing 12f. Three per cent rentes, 97f 60c, for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 16c, for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Prices on the bourse today were weak. Exchange on London, 20m 42pfgs, for checks.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—MONEY—On call, easy, 3@4½ per cent, closing bid 3 per cent, offered at 3½ per cent. Time loans, easier; 60 and 90 days, 5¼@6 per cent; 6 months, 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8475@4.8480 for demand and at $4.8125@4.8140 for 60-day bills; posted rates, $4.82 and $4.85½; commercial bills, $4.81¼@4.81¾.

SILVER—Bar, 54⅛c; Mexican dollars, 42½c.

BONDS—Government, irregular; railroad, steady.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	108	L. & N. uni. 4s	100⅝
do coupon	108⅛	Manhattan c. g. 4s	102
do 3s, reg.	107⅞	Mex. Central 4s	70½
**do coupon	108	*do 1st inc.	14⅞
do new 4s, reg.	132⅝	Minn. & St. L. 4s	97
do coupon	133⅝	M., K. & T. 4s	96⅞
do old 4s, reg.	109⅝	*do 2s	77
do coupon	110½	N. R. R. of M. c. 4s	75
do 5s, reg.	101⅝	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	99⅞
do coupon	101⅝	N. J. C. g. 5s	130⅞
Atchison gen. 4s	99¼	No. Pacific 4s	102⅞
**do adj. 4s	87	do 3s	70⅞
Atlantic C. L. 4s	89⅜	N. & W. c. 4s	96⅜
B. & O. 4s	101	O. S. L. 4s & par	91⅞
*do 3½s	95	Penn. conv. 3½s	95⅜
Central of Ga. 5s	105⅜	Reading gen. 4s	96⅝
do 1st inc.	68	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	111¼
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	105⅛	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	84⅝
*Chicago & A. 3½s	74	*St. L. S. W. 1s	92
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	92⅞	Seaboard A. L. 4s	77½
*C. M. & S. P. g. 4s	110	So. Pacific 4s	88
*C. & N. W. c. 7s	130⅝	So. Railway 5s	114¼
C., R. I. & P. 4s	68⅞	Texas & P. 1s	114⅛
do col. 5s	74⅛	T., St. L. & W. 4s	70
C.C.C. & St. L. g. 4s	96	Union Pacific 4s	102⅞
*Chicago Ter. 4s	75	do conv. 4s	96⅛
Con. Tobacco 4s	56⅜	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	69⅝
Colo. & So. 4s	85¼	Wabash 1s	114¼
D. & R. G. 4s	98⅝	do deb. B	61⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	98⅛	*W. & L. E. 4s	87
do gen. 4s	84⅝	Wis. Central 4s	90
F. W. & D. C. 1s	102⅝	Colo. Fuel c. 5s	71
Hocking Val. 4½s	106⅝		

*Offered. **Bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Call loans, 5½@6½ per cent; time loans, 5@6½ per cent. Official closing prices on stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	98½	Allouez	4⅛
Mex. Central 4s	69½	Amalgamated	46⅜
Atchison	67	Daly West	23⅞
do pfd	91⅛	Bingham	20⅞
Boston & Albany	244	Cal. & Hecla	439
Boston & Maine	166	Centennial	14⅜
Boston Elevated	140	Copper Range	46⅞
N. Y., N. H. & H.	186	Dominion Coal	76
Fitchburg pfd	136	Franklin	7
Union Pacific	78⅛	Isle Royale	6
Mex. Central	9⅛	Mohawk	36
Amer. Sugar	123⅞	Old Dominion	8
do pfd	120⅝	Osceola	57⅛
Amer. T. & T.	128⅛	Parrot	23
Dominion I. & S.	8⅛	Quincy	84
General Electric	165	Santa Fe Copper	1½
Mass. Electric	18⅞	Tamarack	88
do pfd	75	Trinity	4⅝
United Fruit	100	United States	19⅛
U. S. Steel	10⅛	Utah	29⅛
do pfd	54⅞	Winona	6⅜
Westing. common	75	Wolverine	65
Adventure	3⅛		

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Closing:

Consols, money	86⅞	N. Y. Central	122⅝
do account	86⅞	Norfolk & W.	59⅝
Anaconda	3⅝	do pfd	90
Atchison	69⅞	Ontario & W.	22⅝
do pfd	94⅛	Pennsylvania	61
Baltimore & Ohio	81⅛	Rand Mines	9
Canadian Pacific	122⅛	Reading	23⅝
Ches. & Ohio	34⅛	do 1st pfd	40
Chicago Gt. W.	16⅛	do 2d pfd	30⅝
C., M. & St. P.	147⅛	So. Railway	22⅝
DeBeers	20⅛	do pfd	80⅝
Denver & R. G.	21⅛	So. Pacific	49⅞
do pfd	74⅛	Union Pacific	80⅝
Erie	30⅛	do pfd	91
do 1st pfd	70⅛	U. S. Steel	11⅛
do 2d pfd	52	do pfd	57
Illinois Central	133⅛	Wabash	21
Louis. & Nash.	110	do pfd	38
M., K. & T.	18⅛		

SILVER—Bar, steady, 25¼d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@4 per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅞@4 per cent; for three months' bills 3⅞@3⅞ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con	25	Little Chief	6
Alice	15	*Ontario	400
Breece	30	Ophir	190
Brunswick Con	4	Phoenix	16
Comstock Tunnel	5¼	Potosi	16
Con. Cal. & Va.	100	Savage	26
Horn Silver	110	Sierra Nevada	44
Iron Silver	170	Small Hopes	15
Leadville Con	2	Standard	150

*Offered.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—Bank clearings for today were $1,404,265.45, an increase of $24,-734.61 over the corresponding day last year.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—COTTON—The market opened steady at a decline of 4 points to an advance of 5 points, the irregularity being due to the opposing influences of lower cables and bullish advices from southern spot markets; together with Saturday's heavy export and expectations of a decrease in the interior movement. There was heavy liquidation right from the opening, but at first there was also a good demand for covering and considerable bull support, so that for a time the market ruled comparatively firm and was soon 6 to 8 points net higher on the active propositions. Following this the market began to sag under commission house selling, presumably for profits, and as prices dropped down stop-loss orders were reached, so that the decline soon became a rout and inside of three-quarters of an hour prices were net 19 to 26 points lower on the active months. At the lowest level, however, there seemed to be a good demand, the local bull leader bought openly and aggressively on New Orleans bullish messages, while news circulating freely from interior southern points as to a falling off in the movement and the tendency of planters to hold for still higher prices.

After recovering part of the early loss the market ruled very irregular for a time, but broke again in the afternoon under rumors that the bulls were unloaded, and while finally steady was net 16 to 26 points lower. Sales were estimated at 1,100,000 bales, trade having been active in spite of the approaching holidays. Port receipts for the day were large, the weather fine and estimates for tomorrow heavy.

On the other hand exports were big, the interior movement small and southern spot markets firm to a little higher, though generally quiet. In the early break the report of a more serious turn in the far eastern situation was a factor, but opinion is divided as to the ultimate effect on prices of an actual war between Russia and Japan, it being argued that the probable decrease in demand from China, which country is believed most likely to be the scene of positive warlike operations, would be partially offset by the demand for fitting out troops.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Quiet; sales, 1,400 bales; ordinary, 10 3-16c; good ordinary, 11¼c; low middling, 11¾c; middling, 12⅛c; good middling, 13 1-16c; middling fair, 13 7-16c. Receipts, 16,715 bales; stock, 380,396 bales. Futures were steady: December, 12.61@12.82c; January, 12.85@12.86c; February, 13.03@12.05c; March, 13.18@13.19c; April, 13.28@13.30c; May, 12.38@13.39c; June, 12.40@13.45c; July, 13.40@13.50c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 12⅝c. Sales, 600 bales; receipts, 500 bales; shipments, 126 bales; stock, 15,552 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Spot in limited demand and prices unchanged; American middling, 7.14d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 4,800 American. Receipts, 12,300 bales, all American. Futures opened excited and closed irregular; American middling, g. o. c., December, 6.91@6.92d; December-January, 6.87 @6.88d; January-February, 6.83@6.84d; February-March, 6.81@6.82d; March-April, 6.80d; April-May, 6.79d; May-June, 6.78d; June-July, 6.75@6.76d; July-August, 6.73d; August-September, nominal.

Oil and Rosin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—OILS—Cottonseed firm; prime crude nominal; prime yellow, 37c. Petroleum, firm; refined New York, $9.50; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $9.45; prime in bulk, $6.55.

ROSIN—Steady; strained common to good, $2.55.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 58½@60c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 21.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 56c.

ROSIN—Firm; quoted: A, B, C, D, E, F, $2.35; G, $2.40; H, $2.55; I, $2.85; K, $2.90; M, $2.90; N, $3.05; W. G., $3.25; W. W., $3.50.

OIL CITY, Dec. 21.—OILS—Credit balances, $1.90; certificates, no bid; shipments, 122,244 bbls., average, 77,281 bbls.; runs, 139,876 bbls., average, 71,069 bbls.; shipments, Lima, 158,496 bbls., average, 68,347 bbls.; runs, Lima, 100,635 bbls., average, 52,787 bbls.

Whisky Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 21.—WHISKY—Steady on basis of $1.27 for distillers' finished goods.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—WHISKY—Steady at $1.27.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—WHISKY—Steady on basis of high wines, $1.31½.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods quiet on basis of $1.27.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Moderate and Prices Held Generally Steady.

HOGS SOLD A LITTLE STRONGER

Good Light Weight Sheep and Lambs Sold Readily at Steady Prices, but Part Fat Kinds and Heavy Weights Slow and Weak.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 21.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,679	5,005	4,853
Same day last week	4,446	9,026	13,366
Same week before	4,002	6,246	13,227
Same three weeks ago	4,823	6,425	17,533
Same four weeks ago	7,857	15,043	6,641
Same day last year	2,506	5,423	4,232

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

	1903.	1902.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	1,052,990	989,609	63,381	......
Hogs	2,167,691	2,189,464	......	21,773
Sheep	1,831,558	1,712,324	119,234	......

Average prices paid for hogs at South Omaha for the last several days with comparisons:

Date.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Dec. 1	4 34⅝	6 09	*	4 63	3 74	3 35	3 28
Dec. 2	4 33⅝	6 05	5 96		3 76	3 28	3 21
Dec. 3	4 40⅝	6 13	5 88	4 64	*	3 29	3 19
Dec. 4	4 42⅝	6 22	5 92	4 68	3 81	*	3 21
Dec. 5	4 37⅝	6 24	6 05	4 77	3 80	3 37	*
Dec. 6	*	6 16	6 09	4 84	3 86	3 35	3 25
Dec. 7	4 36⅝	*	6 04	4 81	3 81	3 28	3 22
Dec. 8	4 32⅝	6 07	*	4 78	3 83	3 30	3 17
Dec. 9	4 33⅝	6 05	6 11	*	3 90	3 29	3 13
Dec. 10	4 46⅝	6 12	6 13	4 85	*	3 31	3 13
Dec. 11	4 47⅝	6 08	6 14	4 82	3 92	*	3 15
Dec. 12	4 48⅝	5 98	6 16	4 77	3 95	3 37	*
Dec. 13	*	5 94	6 21	4 81	3 96	3 18	3 20
Dec. 14	4 44⅝	*	6 21	4 86	3 95	3 33	3 21
Dec. 15	4 39⅝	6 09	*	4 84	3 95	3 37	3 24
Dec. 16	4 36⅝	6 16	6 36	*	4 01	3 30	3 29
Dec. 17	4 34⅝	6 22	6 34	4 83	*	3 36	3 31
Dec. 18	4 36⅝	6 14	6 26	4 73	3 98	*	3 31
Dec. 19	4 30	6 01	6 12	4 77	3 92	3 28	*
Dec. 20	*	6 07	6 04	4 79	3 94	3 28	3 33
Dec. 21	4 34	*	6 06	4 81	4 01	3 32	3 28

*Indicates Sunday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	2	17	..	..
Mo. Pac. Ry.	1	..	..	..
Union Pacific system	12	2	10	1
C. & N. W. Ry.	3	17	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R.	13	14	6	1
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	4	12	5	..
B. & M. Ry.	58	4	1	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	2	5	..	..
K. C. & St. J.	..	..	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	..	2	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west	2	2	..	1
Illinois Central	..	3	..	..
Chicago Great Western	3	..	..	..
Total receipts	102	79	22	3

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	190	610	1,486
Swift and Company	607	705	1,892
Cudahy Packing Co.	490	797	580
Armour & Co.	291	829	1,214
Cudahy, Sioux City	...	592	....
Armour, Sioux City	...	1,690	....
Vansant & Co.	145	....	....
Carey & Benton	100	....	....
Lobman & Co.	62	....	....
W. I. Stephen	402	....	....
H. F. Hamilton	86	....	....
L. F. Husz	13	....	....
Wolf & Murnan	99	....	....
Sam Wertheimer	14	....	....
Lee. Rothschild	31	....	....
Sol Degan	8	....	....
Haggerty & Co.	11	....	....
Other buyers	256	....	675
Total	2,785	5,123	5,846

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle this morning were very moderate, but the demand was also limited. The same as was the case last week packers were rather indifferent buyers. While prices were not a great deal different from the close of last week there was no life to the trade and the morning was well advanced before a clearance was made.

There were very few corn-fed steers on sale and none that could be called good to choice. Packers bought up the few shortfeds that were on sale and paid generally steady prices for them as compared with the close of last week. What they would have done with good stuff cannot be told, as there were none offered.

The big bulk of the offerings consisted of butcher stock of just fair quality. Buyers did not take hold with any life, but on the average prices were about steady. There seemed to be considerable unevenness to the trade, so that sales were made that looked all the way from a shade lower to a shade stronger. The market could best be described by calling it slow but generally steady.

Bulls, veal calves and stags all sold in about the same notches they did late last week.

Stockers and feeders were in limited supply, and as speculators carried over very few from the close of last week they were anxious for a few good cattle this morning. Anything desirable could be quoted steady to strong, with common kinds about steady. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
13	1035	3 60	14	987	3 30
1	560	2 75	4	532	3 55
1	1170	3 65	3	756	3 35
14	1071	3 10	2	815	3 80

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	830	1 75	8	962	2 50
1	930	1 75	7	1128	2 40
1	700	1 75	6	981	2 50
2	875	1 90	4	1130	2 60
6	788	2 00	7	1038	2 60
11	865	2 00	16	994	2 65
4	864	2 00	3	1064	2 65
1	820	2 00	1	790	2 65
1	900	2 00	1	1149	2 65
2	1065	2 10	9	984	2 65
1	1030	2 25	1	1080	2 70
1	1280	2 25	19	989	2 80
3	1116	2 25	1	1090	3 00
1	1090	2 25	1	1400	3 00
1	710	2 50	23	929	3 15
9	1150	2 50	3	1296	3 20

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
9	612	1 90	1	580	2 15
1	540	2 00	2	1010	2 35
3	633	2 15	9	721	2 50
1	770	2 15	1	560	2 60
6	714	2 15			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1380	2 65

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	210	2 75	1	100	4 75
1	210	3 00	2	136	5 00
1	310	4 75			

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1580	2 10

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	660	2 40	48	863	3 25
1	1190	2 90	10	1004	3 35
12	1019	3 20	5	994	3 35

NEBRASKA.

18 feeders	930	3 15	9 cows	951	2 00
1 feeder	630	3 15	11 feeders	780	3 05

WYOMING.

1 feeder	940	2 80	1 cow	960	2 90
17 feeders	1022	3 50	5 feeders	900	2 05
4 cows	975	2 25	4 cows	955	1 85

SOUTH DAKOTA.

1 cow	1110	2 25	1 cow	980	2 00
23 feeders	1127	3 15			

MONTANA.

22 cows	988	2 25	1 cow	970	2 15
1 cow	970	2 25	1 cow	820	2 25
3 cows	890	2 10	4 cows	1029	2 10
1 steer	980	2 25	26 feeders	1046	3 15

T. Tobin—Nebraska.

1 heifer	620	2 00	8 cows	836	2 00
42 heifers	837	2 60	20 cows	969	2 25
1 bull	1580	2 00	2 calves	160	5 00
1 calf	320	3 00	4 calves	380	4 00
1 cow	1060	1 75	1 feeder	1210	3 20
13 calves	450	2 65	8 heifers	615	2 30
10 heifers	436	2 15	7 heifers	648	2 60

A. M. Carr—Neb.

6 cows	842	2 10	12 cows	810	2 50
7 cows	835	1 90	3 feeders	983	3 10

W. S. Cowgill—Neb.

4 heifers	742	2 35	3 heifers	600	2 00
2 feeders	843	2 75	10 calves	364	3 65
1 bull	940	2 35	7 cows	900	1 90
9 cows	974	2 10			

D. M. Doutheri—Neb.

4 feeders	826	3 25	11 heifers	678	2 40
2 cows	1000	3 30	5 cows	1080	2 60

J. W. Miller—Mont.

42 feeders	1080	3 00	4 cows	777	2 20
1 cow	900	2 20	7 steers	1117	2 65
17 steers	1196	3 30	21 steers	969	2 65

J. M. Miller—Mont.

23 cows	900	2 20	2 cows	1250	1 75
2 cows	915	1 75	26 feeders	1016	3 10
5 feeders	948	2 75	27 steers	1045	3 85

J. Wagner—Colo.

26 feeders	908	3 20	17 cows	901	2 45
10 cows	881	2 15			

J. S. Robinson—Kan.

2 bulls	920	2 05	1 bull	1000	2 05
4 bulls	1115	1 90	7 cows	797	2 10
9 feeders	714	2 15	3 feeders	543	1 75
2 cows	830	1 50	11 cows	707	1 70

HOGS—Receipts were not liberal this morning, and as the demand was in good shape the market ruled quite active with prices a little better. The market could best be described by calling it strong to 2½c higher. The bulk sold at $4.22½ and $4.35 and as high as $4.40 was paid. Some of the commoner and light mixed loads sold from $4.30 down. The trains arrived in good season and as all the buyers took hold quite freely practically everything was disposed of in good season.

The average cost of the hogs today was about the same as on last Thursday or about a dime lower than a week ago. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
71	236	80	4 30	64	209	80	4 35
54	167	..	4 30	77	209	80	4 35
53	262	80	4 32½	63	230	200	4 35
69	289	120	4 32½	60	263	160	4 35
57	294	210	4 32½	63	333	80	4 35
66	311	80	4 32½	63	319	160	4 35
61	283	200	4 32½	63	268	80	4 35
62	271	480	4 32½	62	254	...	4 35
64	234	80	4 32½	57	233	40	4 35
71	207	80	4 35	35	236	240	4 35
68	280	80	4 35	52	268	160	4 37½
66	238	80	4 35	50	283	120	4 37½
58	283	40	4 35	58	270	...	4 40

SHEEP—There was a limited number of sheep and lambs in sight this morning and, as the quality of a large share of the offerings was rather inferior, good stuff was in light supply. Packers took hold of the light-weight sheep and yearlings, as well as the good light-weight lambs, quite freely, and prices were steady. When it came to the part-fat kinds, though, and heavy weights the market was slow. The prices paid were, perhaps, not much different from last week's mean close, but they were around a quarter lower than the prices paid early last week. It took some time for salesmen to dispose of all the common kinds that arrived.

There were only a few feeders on sale and they were mostly common. Good stuff could be quoted steady and others very slow.

Quotations for corn-fed stock: Choice western lambs, $5.00@5.50; fair to good lambs, $4.50@5.00; good to choice yearlings, $3.75@4.25; fair to good yearlings, $3.50@3.75; good to choice wethers, $3.25@3.50; fair to good wethers, $3.00@3.25; good to choice ewes, $2.85@3.10; fair to good ewes, $2.40@2.80; choice feeder lambs, $3.60@4.10; fair to good feeder lambs, $3.25@3.60; baby lambs, $2.00@3.00; feeder yearlings, $3.25@3.50; feeder wethers, $3.15@3.35; feeder ewes, $1.75@2.25; culls, $1.00@1.75. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
80	western cull ewes	94	1 75
48	western cull ewes	95	1 75
150	western ewes	89	2 50
307	western ewes	110	2 75
187	western ewes	114	2 75
2	western ewes	110	2 75
450	western ewes	113	2 75
5	western ewes	113	3 25
18	western ewes	147	3 25
187	western wethers	114	3 25
328	western yearlings	89	3 65
358	western yearlings	91	4 00
22	western lambs	64	4 25
11	western lambs and yearlings	63	4 25
21	western lambs and yearlings	71	4 25
127	western lambs	75	5 00
24	western lambs	84	5 25
2	western lambs	120	5 50
24	western cull ewes	82	1 40
30	western ewes	97	1 90
23	western ewes	97	2 50
219	western ewes	110	2 70
2	western ewes	80	3 00
1	western ewe	70	3 00
265	western wethers	101	3 25
206	western yearlings	84	4 10
6	western lambs	70	4 25
18	western ewes	82	1 65
12	western ewes	106	1 75
15	western ewes	104	2 75
1	western wether	80	3 25
18	western wethers	91	3 25
265	western wethers	93	3 35
17	western wethers	127	3 50
2	western yearlings	75	3 75
2	western yearlings	75	3 75
59	western lambs	62	4 75
126	western lambs	73	5 25
23	western lambs	90	5 25

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Fair Receipts of All Stock, with Steady Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 15,000 head. The market was 10@15c higher; good to prime steers, $4.90@5.75; poor to medium, $3.25@4.80; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.00; cows, $1.50@3.50; heifers, $2.00@4.75; canners, $1.50@2.30; bulls, $1.75@4.25; calves, $2.00@5.75.

HOGS—Receipts today, 47,000 head; estimated tomorrow, 30,000 head; mixed and butchers', $4.35@4.60; good to choice heavy, $4.45@4.55; rough heavy, $4.30@4.45; light, $4.15@4.45; bulk of sales, $4.35@4.45.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 20,000 head. The market for lambs was steady; good to choice wethers, $3.50@4.00; fair to choice mixed, $2.75@3.50; western sheep, $2.75@4.00; native lambs, $4.00@5.85; western lambs, $3.75@5.40.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—BEEVES—Receipts, 4,386 head. The market for steers was steady, opening slow and closing more active; for bulls, steady to strong; for thin cows, 10c higher; for others, steady; steers, $3.75@5.15, one car, $5.40; oxen, $3.00@4.50; bulls, $2.70@3.80; cows, $1.35@3.40; few fat Ohio, $4.30@4.35. Cables quoted live cattle selling at 11@12c per pound, dressed weight; sheep, 11@12c; lambs, 13c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8½c per pound.

CALVES—Receipts, 1,407 head. The market for veals was steady to strong; barnyard, steady; westerns, active. Veals, $4.00@8.62½; choice and extra, $8.75@8.87½; barnyard stock, $2.75@3.25; westerns, $3.00 @4.00; city dressed veals, firm, at 7½@12c per pound; country dressed, 6@11½c.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,631 head. The market was weak; state and Pennsylvania hogs, $4.75@4.90.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 13,666 head. The market for sheep was 10@15c lower; for lambs, 10@25c lower; some sales, 25c lower. Sheep, $2.50@3.80; fed yearlings, $4.50; lambs, $5.50@6.50; general sales, $5.75 @6.40; Canada lambs, $5.85@6.00.

Exports tomorrow: Cattle, 1,124 head; sheep, 1,676 head, and 4,400 quarters of beef.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,500 head, including 120 head of southerns. The market was 10@15c higher. Export and dressed beef steers, $4.00@4.55; fair to good, $3.50@3.95; western fed steers, $3.25@3.90; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.00; southern steers, $2.50@3.40; southern cows, $1.50@2.65; native cows, $1.50@4.00; native heifers, $2.50@4.00; bulls, $2.00@3.25; calves, $2.50@6.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head. The market was steady to 5c higher; top, $4.42½; bulk of sales, $4.20@4.40; heavy, $4.30@4.42½; packers, $4.32½@4.37½; pigs and light, $4.15@4.32½.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,000 head. The market was steady; native lambs, $4.50@5.50; western lambs, $4.25@5.00; fed ewes, $2.75@3.50; western fed yearlings, $3.50@4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.50.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000 head, including 2,200 Texans; market slow, steady; native shipping and export steers, $4.25@5.50; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.50@5.25; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.75; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.25; fancy corn fed heifers, $4.50; canners, $1.75@2.10; bulls, $2.25 @3.75; calves, $2.75@6.75; Texas and Indian steers, $2.25@3.85; cows and heifers, $2.00@2.70.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,500 head; market easy; pigs and lights, $4.25@4.40; packers, $4.30@4.45; butchers and best heavy, $4.30@4.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,000 head; market slow, steady to strong; native muttons, $3.10@3.75; lambs, $4.00@5.85; culls and bucks, $2.00@4.00; stockers, $2.00@2.75.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,300 head; market mostly 5c higher; natives, $3.25@5.10; cows and heifers, $1.00@4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.85.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,970 head; steady to 2½c higher; light, $4.30@4.35; medium and heavy, $4.25@4.35; bulk of sales, $4.25@4.32½.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,080 head; lambs, steady at $5.00; wethers, $4.00.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000; steady; stockers slow; beeves, $3.75@5.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $2.00@3.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.50; calves and yearlings, $2.25@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000; steady, selling at 4.15@4.40; bulk, $4.25@4.30.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts of live stock at the six principal western cities yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,679	5,005	4,852
Chicago	15,000	47,000	20,000
Kansas City	5,500	6,000	2,000
St. Louis	4,000	8,500	2,000
St. Joseph	1,300	1,970	1,080
Sioux City	2,000	5,000	....
Totals	32,479	73,475	29,732

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—METALS—London reported a good demand for tin, said to be largely for Chinese account, and prices there were £3 10s higher, with spot closing at £129 10s and futures at £130 10s. Locally tin was influenced by the advance abroad and closed 75 points higher at $28.00@28.50, though there was little demand at the higher level. Copper advanced 2s to £56 17s 6d for spot in London and futures were 5s higher at £56 10s. Locally copper was quiet and unchanged. Lake is quoted at $12.37½@12.62½; electrolytic at $12.25@12.50; casting at $12.12½@12.37½. Lead closed unchanged at £11 5s 3d in London and was quiet here with spot quoted at $4.37½. Spelter declined 2s 6d in London to £21 7s 6d and remained unchanged here with spot quoted at $5.00. Iron closed at 48s 9d in Glasgow and at 42s 9d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was unchanged. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $15@16; No. 2 foundry northern at $14@15; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft at $13.50@14.00.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—METALS—Lead, firm at $4.17½; spelter, quiet at $4.85.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3 11-16@3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16c; molasses sugar, 3 13-16@3¾c; refined, steady; No. 6, 4.65c; No. 7, 4c; No. 8, 3.95c; No. 9, 3.90c; No. 10, 3.85c; No. 11, 3.80c; No. 12, 3.75c; No. 13, 3.70c; No. 14, 3.65c; confectioners' A, 4.30c; mould A, 4.70c; cut loaf, 5.05c; crushed, 5.05c; powdered, 4.55c; granulated, 4.45c; cubes, 4.70c.

MOLASSES—Firm. New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 31@38c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—SUGAR—Steady; open kettle, 2⅝@3c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3 3-16@3⅝c; centrifugal whites, 3⅞@3 15-16c; yellows, 3⅜@3 11-16c; seconds, 2⅜@3¼c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; open kettle, 19@30c; centrifugal, dull, 7@21c. Syrup, quiet at 22 @25c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—COFFEE—Spot Rio firm; mild firm. The market for futures opened steady at an advance of 5@10 points on good outside buying, support by leading bull operators and covering, including, it was said, buying for short account by houses with European connections. The advances were also encouraged by higher European and Brazilian cables and small primary receipts, and the market ruled generally steady to firm during the forenoon, but turned rather quiet and easy after midday, closing steady, net unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales were 136,000 bags, including January at 6.60@6.75c; February, 6.75@6.80c; March, 6.85@7c; May, 7.20@7.35c; June, 7.35c; July, 7.40@7.50c; September, 7.55@7.75c; October, 7.65c; November, 7.80c.

Smelting Company Passes Dividends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The directors of the United States Reduction and Refining company have passed the January dividend on the preferred stock. In a circular letter to holders of the preferred shares the statement is made that the business of the company has been seriously affected by labor troubles since February last at which time a strike was declared in a Colorado City works of the company by the Western Federation of Miners.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—DRY GOODS—Activity of a marked character is evident as the week opens, and the buyer is determined to take no more than is absolutely necessary for immediate requirements. Buying is at asking prices and in a quiet way considerable merchandise is being moved. Jobbers are experiencing only a moderate business and are busy making preparations for annual clearance sales.

Wool Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, 28@32c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—WOOL—Nominal; medium grades combing and clothing, 17@21c; light fine, 15@17½c; heavy fine, 12@14½c; tub washed, 20@31c.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, December 19, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

Wheat, 34,567,000 bu., decrease, 237,000 bu.
Corn, 5,687,000 bu., increase, 94,000 bu.
Oats, 8,529,000 bu., increase, 1,252,000 bu.
Barley, 3,944,000 bu., increase, 12,000 bu.

GOSSIP ON COMMISSION ROW

Prospects Still Good for Hearty Christmas Dinner to Those with the Price.

Christmas dinner prospects still are favorable. Turkeys—the best stock, dressed, in the proper mode—for shipping and city orders, are now wholesaling at 18 cents a pound, but it is not improbable that the price will drop to 15 cents the day before. The same effort will be made, it is thought, which spoiled the money at Thanksgiving. Birds are now scarce on the market, but letters are being received from various turkey men saying that they are waiting until the last moment to catch the top market.

Oysters are going to be plentiful and are not rising in price, as far as present indications as a guarantee. The standards run at $1.35 per gallon. Celery also is going to be as reasonable as possible and will not rise from the present wholesale rate of 45 and 75 cents. The cranberries are, if anything, a trifle weak, and any change that is made will be toward a lowering market.

The Christmas trees may last through the crisis, but there is sure to be a shortage in some special sizes. Nearly all the trees have been taken from the commission district, but they are now in the hands of the retailers or decorators. Probably there will be enough in standard sizes.

Some holiday popcorn has come to town. It is red and will be very ornamental when popped. It will be as beautiful as is red lemonade and will, moreover, be more wholesome. The price is not to be exorbitant.

Oranges are cheaper this year than for many a season. The foothill crop from northern California is about all on the market and the southern California crop has come on very early. Then Florida is in town with a larger string of fruit than has been on sale for many a year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Deeds filed for record yesterday as furnished by the Midland Guarantee and Trust company, bonded abstracter, 1614 Farnam street:

M. J. Rusk and wife to Archibald Rush, lots 7 and 8, block 3, Lawnfield add.	$1,000
Sheriff to David C. John, lot 3, block 15, Shull's 2d add.	206
Anna Corrigan to James and Lillian McCabe, lot 14, block 5, Logan Place	375
Continental National bank of Chicago to Mary H. Upjohn, n½ lot 4, block 44, city	2,000
Thomas E. D. Bradley and wife to Beatrice Bowman, lots 40, 41 and 42, block 2, and lots 31 and 32, block 4, Saunders & Himebaugh's add. to Walnut Hill	800
Mary J. C. Ryan and husband to Alfred Vance, nw¼ block 2, 2d add. to Corrigan Place	800
Aaron B. Detweiler and wife to Herman Koch, lots 13, 14 and 15, block 10, East Millard	180
William T. Detweiler and wife to same, lot 16, block 10, same	100
Hans Mortensen to Mrs. Anna O. Christensen, lot 3, block 34, Albright's Choice	300
Albert Hartsuff and wife to United States of America, part sw¼ sw¼ 27-15-13	3
Sheriff to Judson E. Shepherd, s30 feet n80 feet lot 1, block 102, city	3,200
John H. Levy and wife to Emma W. J. Telford, lot 6, block 2, 1st add. to Mt. Douglas	250
Nathan D. Mann to Hannah Hurley, n30 feet lot 6, block 33, South Omaha	300

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