GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat Advances on Report of Drouth in Texas and Export Demand.

CORN FOLLOWS WHEAT MARKET CLOSELY

Firm Market for Oats on Fair Cash Buying and Strength in Other Grains, with Provision Market Strong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Reports of drouth in Texas and an improved export demand today caused strength in wheat. The May delivery closed ¼c higher. May corn is up ¼c, oats ⅛c and provisions 12½@20c.

The wheat market was more or less of a "one-man" affair today, being to a large extent dependent upon the action of the big bull interest. The leading long sold on all sharp rallies only to buy back again on all breaks. Opening prices were steady on small local receipts, May being unchanged to a shade higher at 82⅝@82⅞c. The big long bought openly at the start, but because two or three prominent commission houses were free sellers at the same time the impression was created that he was selling more than he bought. This belief led to a small decline, May going down to 82⅛c. Shorts became active buyers at this figure and the price rallied. During the latter part of the session the market developed considerable strength on advices from Dallas claiming that wheat is dying all over Texas on account of the drouth. Better inquiry from foreigners was reported at New York and this tended to encourage holders here. May advanced to 83⅛c, but heavy realizing quickly caused a reaction. The close, however, was firm, with May ¼c higher at 83⅛c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 285,000 bu. Primary receipts were 1,229,000 bu., against 985,200 bu. a week ago, compared with a holiday last year. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 587 cars, against 582 cars last week.

Corn was influenced by the late strength in wheat, but outside of that there was little in the way of news to affect prices. Commission houses were the principal buyers and the offerings came largely from scalpers. Receipts were still small and the weather favorable for the movement, although predictions were for rain or snow in the west and southwest. Closing prices were firm. After opening unchanged at 45⅝c, May sold between 45⅝@44⅝c, closing at 44c. Local receipts were 154 cars, with 2 of contract grade.

Fair buying of oats by cash and commission houses, together with the strength in wheat caused a firm market. Scalpers with small profits were the chief sellers. The close was firm. May opened unchanged to a shade higher at 37@37⅛c, ranged between 36⅞ and 37⅛@37⅜c, closing at 37⅛c. Local receipts were 136 cars.

Provisions ruled strong on a good demand from commission houses and local shorts. Packers were moderate buyers of lard. Smaller receipts of hogs than expected with higher prices at the yards were instrumental in giving prices an upward tendency early in the day, and the advance was well maintained. May pork closed 30c higher at $12.35, May lard was up 15c at $6.82½, while ribs were 12½@15c higher at $6.62½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 50 cars; corn, 195 cars; oats, 135 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Art cles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	80½	81	80	80⅞	80⅛
May	82⅝@⅞	83⅛	82½	82⅞	82⅝
July	77⅝	77⅞@78	77¼	77⅝	77⅛@⅜
*Corn—					
Dec.	41⅛	41⅝	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛
May	43⅝	44⅛	43⅝	44	43⅝
July	43⅝	43⅝@⅞	43½@⅝	43⅝@⅞	43⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
Dec.	34⅛	35	34⅛	35	34⅞
May	37⅛@⅛	37⅛@⅜	36⅞	37⅛	37
July	34	34⅛	34	34⅛	34
Pork—					
Jan.	11 85	12 00	11 85	11 92½	11 62½
May	12 10	12 40	12 10	12 35	12 05
Lard—					
Jan.	6 50	6 65	6 50	6 60	6 45
May	6 72½	6 85	6 70	6 82½	6 67½
Ribs—					
Jan.	6 25	6 37½	6 25	6 35	6 12½
May	6 45	6 57½	6 45	6 52½	6 40

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Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Slow and easy; winter patents, $4.00@4.20; winter straights, $3.70@3.90; spring patents, $4.00@4.25; spring straights, $3.60@3.75; bakers, $2.15@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2, 79@80½c; No. 2 red, 82@86c.

CORN—No. 2, 41½c; No. 2 yellow, 42½c.

OATS—No. 2, 35½@36½c; No. 3 white, 34½@37½c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 36@36c; fair to choice malting, 42@53c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, 93c; No. 1 northwestern, $1; prime timothy, $2.90; clover, contract grade, $11.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.87½@12.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.60@6.62½. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.12½@6.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.37½@6.50.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	49,300	25,500
Wheat, bu.	375,000	33,300
Corn, bu.	343,900	129,800
Oats, bu.	294,400	75,400
Rye, bu.	8,700	5,700
Barley, bu.	203,100	18,700

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and easy; creameries, 16@22c; dairies, 14@21c. Eggs, steady; at mark, cases included, 20@27½c. Cheese, steady, 10@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,680 bbls.; exports, 6,114 bbls.; sales, 12,700 packages. The market was moderately active and firm. Winter patents, $4.00@4.35; winter straights, $4.00@4.10; Minnesota patents, $4.50@4.75; winter extras, $2.70@3.00; Minnesota bakers, $3.40@3.65; winter low grades, $2.30@2.70. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.25@4.40; choice to fancy, $4.40@4.60. Buckwheat flour, easy, $2.20@2.35.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, $2.60; city, $2; kiln-dried, $2.00@2.05.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 Western, 62c, f. o. b., afloat; state and Jersey, 56@56c.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 36c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 46@50c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 75,000 bu.; exports, 33,544 bu.; sales, 1,200,000 bu. The market for spot was firm. No. 2 red, 83½c elevator, and 84½c, f. o. b., afloat. No. 1 northern Duluth, 86½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened a little unsettled and for a time acted easy, but before midday turned strong in noteworthy support at Chicago, various war rumors and light offerings. They continued very firm all day and at the close showed a net advance. December being strongest on a further scare of shorts. Sales included No. 2 red May, 83 15-16@84c, closed 84⅛c; July, 82⅞@83c, closed 82⅞c; December, 82⅞@83⅛c, closed at 83⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 46,200 bu.; exports, 47,232 bu.; sales, 40,000 bu. futures; 16,000 bu. spot. The market was steady. No. 2, 52c, elevator, and 53c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 57½c; ungraded mixed, 52c. Options were firm all day, owing entirely to the wheat strength and local covering. The close was ⅛c net higher. May, 49⅝@50c, closed at 50c; December closed at 51½c.

OATS—Receipts, 51,000 bu.; exports, 2,475 bu. The market for spot was steady. No. 2, 42½c; standard white, 42½c; No. 2, 40½c; No. 2 white, 43½c; No. 3 white, 42½@43½c; track white western, 42@45½c; track white state, 42@45½c. Options nominal.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60@75c; good to choice, 85@95c.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 29@34c; 1902 crop, 19@26c; olds, 7@12c; Pacific coast, 1903 crop, 22@29c; 1902 crop, 16@24c; olds, 7@12c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 15c; Texas dry, 24 to 25 lbs., 15½c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 29@25c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $16.00@$17.00; mess, $14.00@$9.00; beef hams, $25.50@$27.00; city extra India mess, $18.00@$17.00. Cut meats, irregular; pickled bellies, $6.25@$6.75; pickled shoulders, $5.50@$6.00; pickled hams, $8@$9.75. Lard, firm; western steamed, $7.10; refined, firm; continent, $7.25; South America, $7.75; compound, $5.25@$5.50. Pork, firm; family, $18.25@$18.50; short clear, $19.00@$19.50; mess, $12.75@$13.50.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@5¼c; Japan, nominal.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 5c; country, 4⅝@5⅛c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,223 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 15@22c; state dairy, 14@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,797 pkgs.; quiet; state full cream, fancy, large and small, colored and white, September, 12c; late made, 10c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,860 pkgs.; firm; western, 26@30c.

POULTRY—Alive, nominal; dressed, weak; western chickens, 11½@11c; fowls, 11@11½c; turkeys, 13@17c.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—EVAPORATED APPLES—The market is quiet but steady. Common are quoted at 3@3½c; prime at 5½@6½c; choice at 6@6½c and fancy at 7c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Prunes are in fair jobbing demand and rule firm at prices ranging from 2½@6½c, according to grade. Apricots are quiet, with choice quoted at 9½@9½c; extra choice at 9½@10½c and fancy at 11@11½c. Peaches are quiet, with choice still held at 7½@7½c; extra choice at 7½@8½c and fancy at 9½@10½c.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts more liberal; fresh stock, 30@32c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7c; spring chickens, 8c; roosters, according to age, 4@6c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 9@9c; geese, 8@9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts, liberal; turkeys, 12@15c; old toms, 14c; ducks, 9@11c; geese, 8@9c; chickens, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 14@16c; choice to fancy dairy, in tubs, 18@19c; separator, 24c.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 10c; pickerel, 6c; pike, 9c; perch, 7c; bluefish, 15c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 15c; haddock, 10c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 15c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 30c; lobsters, green, per lb., 20c; bullheads, 11c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20@25c; halibut, 13c; crappies, 12c; herring, 5c; white bass, 12c; bluefins, 8c.

OYSTERS—New York counts, per can, 45c; per gal., $2.00; extra selects, per can, 35c; per gal., $1.75; standard, per can, 25c; per gal., $1.25.

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, $5.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair and receipts light.

CORN—35c.

OATS—37c.

RYE—No. 2, 56c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Colorado, 55c; 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, 40@75c.

ONIONS—New home grown, dry, per lb., ¼c; Spanish, per crate, $1.50; Colorado yellow and red, 1½c.

CABBAGE—Wisconsin Holland, 3½c.

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

CARROTS—Per bu., 60c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

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—Pun Tokays, 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, 5½c; 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, 12½c; 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., 16c.

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., 14c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 13c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; 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., $1.35; 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. 23.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, nominal; track, 81@83c; December, 81⅝c; May, 82⅛@82⅜c; July, 79½c; No. 2 hard, 76@77½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 43½c; track, 43½c; December, 43½c; May, 42½@42⅝c; July, 42⅝c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 36c; track, 37c; December, 36½c; May, 38½c; No. 2 white, 38c.

FLOUR—Quiet. Red winter patents, $4.25@4.35; extra fancy and straight, $3.90@4.20; clear, $2.40@2.60.

SEED—Timothy, nominal, $2.25@2.70; prime higher.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Firmer, sacked east track, 79@81c.

HAY—Dull. Timothy, $6.00@12.00; prairie, $5.00@8.50.

IRON CUTTON TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $12.50. Lard, higher; steam rendered, $6.45. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts, $7.25; clear ribs, $7.50; short clear, $7.75.

POULTRY—Dull; chickens, 6½c; springs, 8½c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 10c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER—Slow; creamery, 18@25c; dairy, 13@20c.

EGGS—Steady, 27c, case count.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	8,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.	12,000	44,000
Corn, bu.	24,000	10,000
Oats, bu.	79,000	25,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—December, 69⅝c; May, 76c; cash No. 2 hard, 69@71c; No. 3, 66@68c; No. 4, 60@66c; rejected, 37@61c; No. 2 red, 82@83c; No. 3, 78@81c.

CORN—December, 37½c; May, 37⅝@37¾c; cash No. 2 mixed, 36@36½c; No. 3 white, 36½@37c; No. 3, 35@35½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 36@37c; No. 2 mixed, 34@34½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $7.25@7.75.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

EGGS—Steady; Missouri and Kansas, cases returned, 24½c; new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 25c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20@21c; dairy, fancy, 19c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	353,000	108,000
Corn, bu.	52,200	24,900
Oats, bu.	15,000	17,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—BUTTER—Steady, fair demand; extra western creamery, 23½c; nearby prints, 27c.

EGGS—Quiet, and nearby le lower; fresh nearby, 25c, at the market; western, 25c loss off; southwestern, 24@25c; southern, 23@23½c.

CHEESE—Quiet, but steady; New York full creams, fancy, 11¾c; choice, 11½c; fair to good, 10¾@11¼c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—December, 79½c; May, 82¼@82⅝c; July, 81⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 82½c; No. 1 northern, 81½c; No. 2 northern, 79½c; No. 1 northern, 80@82c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.40@4.55; second patents, $4.30@4.40; first clears, $3.20@3.40; second clears, $2.20@2.40.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.75@14.00.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red, western winter, 6s 3d; futures, quiet; December, nominal; March, 6s 3¼d; May, 6s 3¼d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 4s 2d; futures, quiet; January, 4s 1½d; March, 3s 11½d.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 northern, 84@86c; No. 2 northern, 80@82c; May, 83½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 57c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 62c; sample, 36@66c.

CORN—Steady; No. 3, 40@45c; May, 44c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 23.—SEEDS—Clover, cash, December and January, $7.00; March, $7.05; February, $7.02½; prime alsike, $6.65; prime timothy, $2.40.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 23.—CORN—Lower; new, No. 2, 37½c; new, No. 4, 35½c; No. 3, 41½c.

Oil and Rosin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—OILS—Cottonseed, firm; prime crude nominal; prime yellow, 27c. Petroleum, firm; refined New York, 10.50; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 10.45; prime in bulk, $6.35.

ROSIN—Steady; strained common to good, $2.35.

TURPENTINE—Quiet at 59@59½c.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 23.—TURPENTINE—Firm at 56½c.

ROSIN—A, B, C, D, E, F, $2.25; G, $2.30; H, $2.35; I, $2.55; J, $2.90; M, $3.90; N, $4.25; W. G., $4.25; W. W., $4.50.

OIL CITY, Dec. 23.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.30; certificates, no bid. Shipments, 73,472 bbls.; average, 77,102 bbls. Runs, 62,172 bbls.; average, 59,323 bbls. Shipments, Lima, 98,629 bbls.; average, 69,666 bbls. Runs, Lima, 65,294 bbls.; average, 62,596 bbls.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market Quiet Because of Near Approach of the Holidays.

SOME TALK OF RAILROAD BOND ISSUES

War Cloud in Far East Casts a Shadow Over the Market, Causing Increase of the Expected Dullness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The stock market for the most part continues in a state of hibernation. Practically all of the circulation in India's market was within the Stock exchange body itself, without any perceptible share from outside sources.

The feature of the day's news was the increase announced in the Lake Shore semi-annual dividend from 2½ to 4 per cent. The other Vanderbilts responded to this news and it had a mild tonic effect on the general market. The 3 points drop in Lake Erie & Western was a marked exception among the Vanderbilts. As a Lake Shore controlled company, the Lake Shore dividend increase seemed without encouraging effect on Lake Erie & Western stockholders, on the supposition that the benefit from operation to the controlling company would be a first consideration. The yearly statement of the Lake Shore earnings was the subject of wide-spread comment in connection with the dividend increase, the surplus after charges and dividends (partly estimated) falling to $752,013, compared with $2,272,098 for the previous year. The movement in the Vanderbilts and the appearance of the earnings statements of the various Vanderbilt roads revived discussion of the necessities of the New York Central to be financed in connection with the extensive terminal improvements projected in this city.

The subject of future railroad bond issues was kept alive by the suppositions as to the disposition of the proposed Rock Island consolidated refunding issue of $250,000,000. Any rumors on this subject were various and conflicting as between the adoption of the plan, its complete rejection and the issue of a separate mortgage on unmonded property of the system for more immediate needs. The general contention that heavy borrowings by various railroad systems for the purpose of funding temporary loans and for other purposes are ahead of the money market is a prime factor in aggravating the holiday dullness of the trading. Another is the far eastern war cloud, which is casting a shadow over the world's financial markets. The opinion holds in financial circles that with a possibility of a peaceful outcome, the chances are on the side of war.

Much speculative attention was diverted to the cotton market, where the realizing of profits was effected in the desire to reduce commitments for the approaching holiday interval. Sterling exchange weakened further today and the demand for remittance was light, the period available for remittance to cover January 1 obligations have practically expired. The speculative movement in the local tractions was carried on in a rather listless fashion and some of the high grade dividend stocks which figure largely in the surplus accounts of great financial corporations were marked up without encountering much opposition. The broad market was firm. Rock Island 6s and Central of Georgia incomes being bought up to a higher level. Total sales, par value, $2,025,000. Government bonds were unchanged on the last call.

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

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	11,850	69⅝	67½	68¼
do pfd	970	92¼	91⅞	92
Baltimore & Ohio	5,450	79⅝	78⅝	78⅝
do pfd				87⅞
Canadian Pacific	1,400	118⅞	118¼	118½
Cent. of New Jersey	200	162½	161½	162
Ches. & Ohio	500	22½	22⅛	22
Chicago & Alton	200	34⅞	34⅝	34⅝
do pfd	200	69½	69½	69½
Chi. Great Western	100	15⅞	15½	15½
do B pfd				27⅞
Chi. & Northwestern	2,000	168	166⅝	167½
Chi. Term. & Trans.				8⅞
do pfd	420	17⅞	17½	17⅞
Big Four	2,440	78⅝	77⅞	77
Colorado Southern	350	34	33⅞	33⅞
do 1st pfd	300	52½	52	52
do 2d pfd	100	23	23	23½
Delaware & Hudson	5,120	168⅝	168½	167½
Del., Lack. & West.	1,000	263	260½	262⅝
Denver & Rio Grande				20⅞
do pfd				72
Erie	6,850	27½	25⅝	26⅝
do 1st pfd	1,275	48½	47⅝	48½
do 2d pfd	300	50½	50⅛	50⅝
Great Northern pfd				160
Hocking Valley				72
do pfd	300	84	84	84
Illinois Central	1,133	130⅝	129⅝	130
Iowa Central	200	21	20½	20
do pfd				39
Kan. City Southern				34½
do pfd				19
Louis. & Nashville	1,500	107¼	106	107¼
Manhattan L	10,940	145¼	142	143
Metro. St. Railway	6,300	124½	123¼	124⅝
Minn. & St. Louis				85
Missouri Pacific	9,250	94½	93⅝	94
Mo., Kansas & Texas	200	17⅞	17⅞	17½
do pfd	220	39	38⅝	38⅝
Nat. R. R. Mex. pfd	500	36	35	35½
New York Central	6,400	119	118⅝	119⅝
Norfolk & Western	1,800	57⅝	56⅝	57⅝
do pfd				85
Ontario & Western	2,450	22½	22⅛	22½
Pennsylvania	24,000	118⅝	117⅞	118⅝
Pitts., C., C. & St. L.				60
Reading	12,300	45½	44⅝	45⅝
do 1st pfd				76½
do 2d pfd	100	60½	60½	60½
Rock Island	18,610	23⅝	22⅝	23⅝
do pfd	2,900	59⅝	59⅛	59
St. L. & S. Fran pfd.				69
do 1st pfd	700	40⅝	39⅝	39⅝
St. L. Southwestern				13½
do pfd	500	32½	32	32
St. Paul	14,850	142½	142⅛	142⅝
do pfd	300	172½	172½	172½
Southern Pacific	5,200	48⅝	47⅝	47⅞
Southern Railway	1,576	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝
do pfd	250	78	78	78
Texas & Pacific	600	25½	24⅝	25
Toledo, St. L. & West	1,284	23	21⅝	22⅝
do pfd	500	35½	35	35
Union Pacific	13,600	79⅝	78	78½
do pfd	200	88	88⅝	88⅝
Wabash	100	20	20	20
do pfd	800	37	36½	37
Wheel. & Lake Erie				16½
Wisconsin Central	100	17	17	17
do pfd	200	38	37½	38
Adams Express				223
American Express	150	187	185	185
U. S. Express				191
Wells-Fargo Express				207
Amal. Copper	22,450	48⅞	47⅞	48⅝
Am. Car & Foundry	1,500	29	28⅝	29⅝
do pfd	150	68½	68½	127½
Am. Linseed Oil				9½
do pfd				28
Am. Locomotive	1,250	18⅝	18	18½
do pfd	750	78⅝	78	78⅝
Am. Smelt. & Refin.	1,700	49½	48⅝	49⅝
do pfd	500	92⅞	92⅝	92⅝
Am. Sugar Refin.	27,300	132	128	132⅞
Anaconda Min. Co.	700	75½	75	77
Brook. Rapid Tran.	26,850	57½	57⅛	58
Colo. Fuel & Iron	200	38⅝	38½	38⅝
Colum. & Hock Coal	100	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Consolidated Gas	7,710	196⅝	192	196½
General Electric	1,730	169⅝	165	168
Inter. Paper				19⅝
do pfd	100	63	63	63
Inter. Pump	300	28	28	27
do pfd				79
National Biscuit	100	37½	37½	36⅝
National Lead	600	14⅝	14⅛	14⅝
North American				76½
Pacific Mail				29
People's Gas	4,900	99	97½	98⅝
Pressed Steel Car	800	28⅝	28	28⅛
do pfd				68½
Pullman Palace Car				215
Republic Steel				6½
do pfd	200	40	40	40
Rubber Goods	300	17⅞	17⅞	17½
do pfd				71½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	7,970	35⅝	33	35⅝
U. S. Leather	700	7½	7	7
do pfd	200	79	78	78⅝
U. S. Rubber				19
do pfd				39
U. S. Steel	3,100	10⅝	10½	10⅝
do pfd	38,100	54⅝	54⅛	55⅛
Western Union	400	86½	85½	85½
Northern Securities				88⅝

Total sales for the day 385,000 shares.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con	25	Little Chief	4
Alice	11	Ontario	400
Bruce	16	Ophir	130
Brunswick Con	4	Phoenix	21
Comstock Tunnel	1½	Potosi	15
Con. Cal. & Va.	80	Savage	16
Horn Silver	115	Sierra Nevada	40
Iron Silver	34	Small Hopes	15
Leadville Con	2	Standard	180

*Offered.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—MONEY—Was in increased demand in the market today and the supply was more plentiful owing to the large borrowings from the Bank of England. Discounts were easier. Business on the Stock exchange was dull. The outlook in the far east being regarded as gloomy, but the slackness of business prevented a severe fall in prices. Consols opened with a better tone, subsequently eased slightly and closed steady. Home rails were heavy. Americans opened dull and then hardened. Denver & Rio Grande and Norfolk & Western common were the features. The operations were confined to the narrowest limits owing to the stagnation in the New York market. Americans closed easier. Foreigners were chiefly influenced by the fluctuations in Japanese securities. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £7,000.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Operators on the bourse today shared in the optimistic feeling that a settlement of the Russo-Japanese difficulty was likely and the tone of the market greatly improved. Prices opened firm and remained buoyant and tending upward. Russians were in specially good demand and the other internationals and the industrials shared in the improvement. Rio Tintos gained 5f. The private rate of discount was 2 15-16 per cent. Three per cent rentes, 97f 62½c for the account; exchange on London 25f 16c for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Prices on the bourse today were firmer. Exchange on London, 20 marks 42pfgs for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 2½ per cent; three-months' bills, 3⅛ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—MONEY—On call, easy at 3½@4; closing bid, 3½; offered at 4. Time loans, steady; sixty and ninety days, 5½@6; six months, 5@5½.

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STERLING EXCHANGE—Heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.84@4.8420 for demand and at 4.86@4.8630 for sixty days' bills; posted rates, 4.81½@4.82 and 4.85@4.88½; commercial bills, 4.80½@4.80⅝.

SILVER—Bar, 52½c; Mexican dollars, 42½c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, firm.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106	L. & N. uni. 4s	100⅝
do coupon	106⅝	Man. C. 4s	100
do 3s, reg.	107⅝	Met. Central 4s	93
do coupon	107⅝	Mo. Pac. 1st, con.	94⅝
do new 4s, reg.	135⅝	Minn. & St. L. 4s	97
do coupon	135⅝	M., K. & T. 4s	96⅝
do old 4s, reg.	109⅝	do 2s	74⅝
do coupon	110⅝	N. R. R. of M. c. 6s	75
do 5s, reg.	101⅝	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	99⅝
do coupon	101⅝	N. J. C. g. 5s	130⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	99⅝	No. Pacific 4s	102⅝
do adj. 4s	87⅝	do 3s	76⅝
*Atlantic C. L. 4s	93⅝	N. & W. c. 4s	96⅝
B. & O. 4s	102	O. S. L. 5s & per	91⅝
do 3½s	98	Penn. conv. 3½s	98⅝
**Central of Ga. 5s	108⅝	Reading gen. 4s	96⅝
do 1st inc.	79	**St. L. & I. M. con. 5s	111⅝
*Ches. & O. 4½s	109⅝	St. L. & S. F. R. R. 6s	124⅝
Chicago & A. 3½s	75⅝	St. L. S. W. 1s	92⅝
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	102⅝	Seaboard L. 4s	72⅝
**C. M. & S. P. g. 4s	116⅝	*So. Pacific 4s	89
**C., R. I. & P. c. 4s	101⅝	So. Railway 5s	114⅝
C., R. I. & P. 4s	87	Texas & P. 1s	115⅝
do col. 5s	74	**T., S. L. & W. 4s	68
CCC. & St. L. g. 4s	96	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
**Chicago Ter. 4s	77⅝	do conv. 4s	95⅝
Con. Tobacco 4s	55⅝	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	97⅝
Colo. & So. 4s	85⅝	**Wabash 1s	114⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	93⅝	do deb. B	61⅝
**Erie prior lien 4s	96	W. & L. E. 4s	87⅝
do gen. 4s	76⅝	Wis. Central 4s	91
**F. W. & D. C. 1s	102⅝	Colo. Fuel c. 5s	70
Hocking Val. 4½s	110		

*Offered. **Bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6½ per cent. Official closing prices on stocks and bonds:

Atchison	69⅝	Allouez	4⅝
Mex. Central	68⅝	Amalgamated	69⅝
Atchison	68⅝	Bingham	21⅝
do pfd	92⅝	Cal. & Hecla	425
Boston & Albany	246⅝	Centennial	18
Boston Elevated	166	Copper Range	46⅝
Boston Elevated	140	Dominion Coal	77⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	195	Franklin