

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Reported Crisis in the East Prevailing Factor in the Grain Pitts.

WHEAT RULES FIRM ON B. D. MARKET

Free Profit Taking in Oats Keeps Prices Back, While Provisions Advances Fairly on Active Buying.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The crisis in the far east was the almost exclusive factor in grain markets today. May wheat closed higher, but corn is up 1/2¢, oats 1/4¢ and provisions a shade 1/2¢ higher.

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NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Stocks Long Quiet Get a Move on Them-selves in Festive Session.

RUMORS OF INCREASE IN DIVIDENDS

Cotton Reaches the Highest Price in New York Since Civil War, Affecting Wall Street Investors.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Today's stock market showed points of strength scattered all through it, but the room traders who had the most to do with the market, reported this as a part of the festive session, almost as much as the strains of the brass band that had accompanied the proceedings during the last hour of the session.

In many cases the gains noted were the result of the fact that these sleeping securities had been quiet and had risen up points at a time when the market was otherwise dull.

The action of the market in wheat markets in response to the war rumors, which look on an alarming note, was not such as to cause the market to be anything but a quiet one.

The bond market was firm, but not very active. Total sales, par value, \$20,000,000. United States 7 1/2% bonds advanced 1/4¢ per cent and the new 7 1/2% bonds advanced 1/2¢ per cent.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Prunes appear to be in demand, while firm and steady. Choice are quoted at 10¢ per bushel.

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