GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Delay in Harvesting in Argentine Causes Strength in Wheat Market.

CORN PRICES ARE SOMEWHAT HIGHER

Oats Are Firm, with Both Longs and Shorts Purchasing, While Provisions Keep the Prices Up.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Delay of harvesting in Argentine due to rains was a cause of strength in wheat today. The market closed firm, with May up ⅝@¾c. May corn is ⅝@¾c higher, and oats ⅜@½c up. Provisions gained 5@12½c.

The wheat market opened strong and for a time prices continued to advance on a good demand from commission houses, local bulls and shorts. Reasons for the advance were various. The one most frequently mentioned at the start was the possibility of near weather in Argentine. Another thing of more immediate influence, however, was a report from Argentine that heavy rain was again prevailing in the wheat districts and that harvesting was being delayed. Foreign markets showed gains as a result of these advices, and the higher prices abroad were largely responsible for the strength here. After opening ¼@⅝c higher, at 87¼@87½c, May advanced steadily to 88⅝c, an advance of 1c from the low point. Liberal selling by longs and some by shorts resulted in an easier tone. General selling set in during the last half hour on a rumor that the big bull operator was unloading and much of the advance was lost. A firm undertone, however, prevailed at the close and final figures on May were at 88⅛@88¼c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 984,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 2,082,000 bushels, against 1,095,000 bushels a year ago. The amount on passage decreased 1,272,000 bushels, while the visible supply increased 1,818,000 bushels. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 1,382 cars, against 987 cars last week, and 897 cars a year ago.

Corn was firm at the opening due to higher cables and light receipts. The market increased in strength throughout the session, with only small offerings. Reports from the country drew attention to the poor results of husking and the demand from feeders at higher prices than could be obtained elsewhere. In spite of favorable weather local receipts were still small and no improvement in grading was apparent. Some scalpers were inclined to fight the advance and sold early, but offerings were readily taken by commission houses and longs. The demand was of such a character that the early sellers covered later in the day, adding to the strength. The close was strong, with May at 47⅝c after opening ⅛@¼c higher, at 46⅝@46¾c and selling between 46⅝c and 47⅛c. Local receipts were 337 cars, with three of contract grade.

Oats were firm, with local shorts doing considerable covering and the long interest taking a hand in forcing the advance. The strength in wheat and corn contributed bull efforts. There was moderate realizing on the upturn and part of the advance was lost, although the close was strong. May opened ⅛c to ⅛@¼c higher, at 37⅝c to 37⅝@37⅞c, and after ranging between 37⅝c and 37⅞@38c closed at 37⅞@37⅞c. Local receipts were 464 cars.

With hogs selling at 10c advance and grains all acting strong, shorts in provisions deemed it wise to cover, and their efforts in this direction caused a strong opening. There was good buying for investment account and prices were all well maintained, despite important selling in the wake of profit taking. The close was strong with May pork 12½c higher, at $12.35. May lard was up 7½c, at $6.97½@6.99, while ribs were 5c higher, at $6.37½@6.40.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 75 cars; corn, 270 cars; oats, 155 cars; hogs, 21,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'dy.
*Wheat					
Dec.	83⅝	83⅞	83⅛	83⅛	83⅛
May	87⅝@⅞	88⅝	87⅝	88⅛@¼	87⅝
July	78⅛@⅞	79⅛	78⅛	78⅝	78⅞
*Corn—					
Dec.	47⅝	47	46⅝	46⅝	47⅛
May	46⅝@⅞	47⅝	46⅝	47⅛@⅜	46⅝
July	46⅝@⅞	46⅝	46⅛	46⅝	46⅝
*Oats—					
Dec.	34⅝	35⅛	34⅝	35	34⅝
May	37⅝@⅞	37⅞@38	37⅝	37⅞@⅜	37⅛
July	34⅝	35⅛	34⅝	34⅞@⅜	34⅝
*Pork—					
Jan.	12 35	12 37½	12 20	12 20	12 05
May	12 55	12 65	12 50	12 65	12 42
Lard—					
Jan.	6 75	6 77½	6 70	6 72½	6 70
May	6 95	7 00	6 90	6 92½	6 90
Ribs—					
Jan.	6 30	6 35	6 20	6 20	6 25
May	6 40	6 65	6 37½	6 60	6 55

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.00@4.20; winter straights, $3.70@3.80; spring patents, $4.00@4.20; spring straights, $3.50@3.75; bakers, $2.25@2.30.

WHEAT—No. 1 spring, 83c; No. 2, 78@80c; No. 3, 75@78c; No. 2 red, 88½@89c.

CORN—No. 2, 47½c; No. 2 yellow, 46½c.

OATS—No. 2, 35½@35¾c; No. 3 white, 35@37½c.

RYE—No. 2, 83½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 35@36c; fair to choice malting, 43@52c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, 98c; No. 1 northwestern, $1; prime timothy, $3.90; clover, contract grade, $11.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.35@12.37½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.70@6.75. Short ribs, sides (loose), $6.25@6.37½. Short clear sides, (boxed), $6.37½@6.50.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	100,000	61,000
Wheat, bu	147,700	46,400
Corn, bu	441,000	162,500
Oats, bu	519,100	209,500
Rye, bu	1,900	4,000
Barley, bu	146,800	22,700

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and steady. Creameries, 16@25c; dairies, 14@22c. Eggs steady at mark cases included, 20@24c. Cheese steady, 10@10½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,377 bbls.; exports, 6,603 bbls.; sales, 15,700 bbls. The market was fairly active and stronger; winter patents, $4.00@4.25; winter straights, $3.60@3.75; Minnesota patents, $4.25@4.75; winter extras, $3.15@3.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@2.85; winter low grades, $2.60@2.85. Rye flour, firm; sales, 700 bbls.; fair to good, $3.25@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.60@3.65. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.15@2.25.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, $1.62; city, $1.60; kiln dried, $2.90@3.00.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 68c nominal, f. o. b. afloat; state and Jersey, 86@88c.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 55c, c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 64@65c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 182,000 bu.; sales, 2,600,000 bu. The market for spot was steady; No. 2 red, 88½c, f. o. b. afloat; elevator; No. 1 red, 89½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 96½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b. afloat. Options were strong and active until midday, when a big visible supply increase and better weather in Argentine caused sharp reactions. Early advices were based on war news, reports of heavy rains in Argentine, higher cables, bullish foreign statistics. The close was unsettled at ⅝@⅞c net higher. Sales included No. 2 red, May, 87⅝@87 11-16c, closed, 87⅞c; July, 78⅝@78⅞c, closed, 78⅞c; December, 84⅝@85c, closed, 84⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 162,900 bu.; exports, 26,879 bu.; sales, 115,000 bu. futures. The market for spot was firm; No. 2, 53½c elevator and 54½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 55c; ungraded mixed, 54½c. The option market was active and higher most of the day on good western support, better cables, the war news, strength in wheat, and covering, but eventually eased off slightly, closing ⅛c net higher; May, 52⅝@52 3-16c, closed, 52c; December closed 52c.

OATS—Receipts, 412,500 bu.; exports, 5,000 bu. The market for spot was firm; No. 2, 42½c; standard white, 42c; No. 3, 40½c; No. 2 white, 43½c; No. 3 white, 42c; track white, western, 42@49½c; track white, state, 40@49½c. Options were nominal.

FEED—Easier; spring bran, $19.25@19.50; middlings, $20.50@22.00; city, $20.00@20.50.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 60@75c; good to choice, $1.05@1.10.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1903 crop, 26@35c; 1902 crop, 28@35c; olds, 20@15c; Pacific coast, 1903 crop, 28@32c; 1902 crop, 26@30c; olds, 20@22c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20@ to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21@23 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 19c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 25@28c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@5½c; Japan, nominal.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $18.00@21.00; mess, $8.00@9.00; beef hams, $20.50@21.00; packet, $9.00@10.00; city, extra India mess, $15.00@17.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 6½@6¾c; pickled shoulders, 6@6½c; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $7.22; December closed at $7.25, nominal; refined, firm; continent, $7.40; South America, $8; compound, $5.25@5.50. Pork, firm; family, $24.50@25.00; short clear, $19.50@21.75; mess, $18.25@19.00.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 5c; country, 4⅞@5c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,146 pkgs.; quiet; state full cream, fancy, large and small, colored and white September, 12c; late made, 10c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 1,734 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 16@23c; state dairy, 16@23c.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,89? pkgs.; firm; western, 28@30c.

POULTRY—Alive, firm; western chickens, 12c; fowls, 12c; turkeys, 12c. Dressed, steady; western chickens, 10@16c; fowls, 10@11c; turkeys, 14@17c.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Products.

EGGS—Receipts more liberal; fresh stock 26c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7c; spring chickens, 8c; roosters, according to age, 4@5c; turkeys, 12c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 14@16c; old toms, 14c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 9@10c; chickens, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12½@13c; choice to fancy dairy, in tubs, 16@18c; separator, 24c.

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

OYSTERS—New York counts, per can, 40c; per gal., $2.00; 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, $6.00; coarse, $5.00. Rye straw, $6.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair and receipts light.

CORN—26c.

OATS—37c.

RYE—No. 2, 46c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Colorado, 55c; Dakota, per bu., 70@75c; native, 65@70c.

SWEET POTATOES—Illinois, per bbl., $3.50.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.25.

CELERY—Small, per doz., 25@35c; large California, 40@60c.

ONIONS—New home grown, dry, per lb., 3c; Spanish, per crate, $1.50; Colorado yellow and red, 75c.

CABBAGE—Wisconsin Holland, 75c.

TURNIPS—Canada rutabagas, per lb., 75c; white, per bu., 50c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 60c.

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., $1.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—California Bellflowers, per box, $1.90; New York Greenings, Baldwins and other varieties, $3.50.

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

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, per bbl., $7.50; per box, $2.50; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $9.00; Bell and Cherry, $8.00.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Florida Brights and Russets, all sizes, $2.50; navels, all sizes, $2.25@3.25.

LEMONS—California fancy, 300 to 360 sizes, $4.00; choice, 300 to 270 sizes, $3.50.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, 80c; imported Smyrna, 3-crown, 14c; 4-crown, 16c; 5-crown, 18c.

COCOANUTS—Per sack, $4.00; per doz., 60c.

DATES—Persian, per box of 50 pkgs., $2.00; per lb., in 60-lb. boxes, 2½c; Oriental stuffed dates, per box, $2.40.

BANANAS—Per medium-sized bunch, $1.00@1.50; Jumbo, $2.75@3.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHEESE—Wisconsin twins, full cream, 12½c; Wisconsin Young Americas, 13½c; block Swiss, 15c; Wisconsin brick, 14½c; Wisconsin limburger, 13c.

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.

HORSERADISH—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., 11c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 13c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 7½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; Chili walnuts, 14@15c; large hickory nuts, per bu., $1.00; shell barks, per bu., $2.00; 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 11 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6½c; dry salted hides, 8@10c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.00.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2, red, cash, elevator, nominal; track, 85@87½c; December, 82½c; May, 87⅝@87¾c; July, 79c; No. 2 hard, 75@78½c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2, cash, 47½c; track, 46½@47c; December, 45½c; May, 46c; July, 47¾c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 36½c; track, 37c; December, 36½c; May, 38½c; No. 2 white, 39c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $4.25@4.35; ex. fancy and straights, $3.80@4.00; clear, $2.40@3.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.75@2.80; prime higher.

CORNMEAL—Steady at $2.30.

BRAN—Quiet and firm; sacked, east track, 69@72c.

HAY—Dull; timothy, $6.00@12.00; prairie, $6.00@9.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.05.

BAGGING—5½@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $12.60. Lard, steady; steam rendered, $6.85. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts, $7.25; clear ribs, $7.50; short clear, 7.75.

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

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

EGGS—Steady at 27c, case count.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	22,000	4,000
Wheat, bu	276,000	48,000
Corn, bu	122,000	36,000
Oats, bu	159,000	61,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—December, 77½c; May, 79½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 74@76c; No. 3, 69@72c; No. 4, 62@66c; rejected, 59@61c; No. 2 red, 82@85½c; No. 3 red, 80@83c.

CORN—December, 37½c; May, 38½@38¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 39@39½c; No. 2 white, 39½c; No. 3, 39@39c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 35½@35c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20@25c; dairy, fancy, 18c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $7.50@7.75.

RYE—No. 2, 45@46c.

EGGS—Weak; Missouri and Kansas cases returned, 25½c; new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 26c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	187,200	34,400
Corn, bu	46,400	1,600
Oats, bu	5,000	5,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—BUTTER—Firmer and good demand; extra western creamery, 25½@26c; extra western nearby prints, 27c.

EGGS—Firm and 2c higher; fresh nearby, 34c at mark; western, 34c loss off; southwestern, 32@34c loss off; southern, 32@33c loss off.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady; New York full creams fancy, 12½c; choice, 11½c; fair to good, 10@10½c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—December, 80½c; May, 87½c; July, 87½c. On track: No. 1 hard, 86½c; No. 1 northern, 84@85½c; No. 2 northern, 80½c; No. 3 northern, 76@79½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.05@4.25; second patents, $3.90@4.00; first clears, $3.20@3.40; second clears, $2.30@2.40.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.75@14.00.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Firmer; No. 1 northern, 85@86c; No. 2 northern, 83@85c; May, 84½@84¾c bid.

CORN—Steady; No. 3, 39@41c; May, 42@42½c bid.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 50@52c.

BARLEY—Steady; standard, 52@56c; sample, 40@60c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 4s 3d. Futures, quiet; December, nominal; March, 4s 4½d; May, 4s 4½d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, 4s 3d. Futures, quiet; January, 4s ½d; March, 4s ¼d.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—On track: No. 1 northern, 83½c; No. 1 northern, 79½c; No. 2 spring, 79½c; December, 80½c; May, 83½c; July, 83½c.

CATS—On track and to arrive: 34½c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 28.—SEEDS—Clover, cash, December and January, $6.80½; February, $6.87½; March, $6.62½. Alsike, prime, $6.00. Timothy, prime, $2.45.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 28.—CORN—Higher; new, No. 2, 50½c; new, No. 4, 47½c.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 28.—Bank clearings for today were $1,359,365.71, an increase of $21,294.22 over the corresponding day last year.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Beginning Irregular, There in Comprehensive Advance in Prices on 'Change.

PROFIT TAKING CAUSES SOME DECLINE

Market Closes Firm, with Prices but Little Lower Than Highest for Day, with Dull Stock Moving.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Beginning in a somewhat irregular way, today's stock market gained strength and breadth and made a comprehensive advance in prices. A reaction on profit-taking in the last hour was followed by a recovery and a firm closing, although prices were not at the best all around. The movement during the early part of the day was not very convincing, owing to the character of the stocks which made the most brilliant movements, most of them being rarely seen in a conspicuous place in the market and the wide movements in their price being effected on light volume of dealings. The electric stock, high priced coalers, United States Express, New York Air Brake, Realty preferred, North American, Colorado Fuel and some of the stocks of minor railroads were amongst those which moved upward from 2 to 10 points. This failed at first to overcome the position of the rest of the market caused by the threatening outlook in the far east and by the heavy loan expansion disclosed by the bank statement published on Saturday while the Stock exchange was closed.

The market turned definitely upward when the announcement was made of gold engagements in London for import. Succeeding engagements brought the total for the day up to $2,700,000 and this was the persisting influence in lifting prices of the more prominent stocks and overcoming the doubts caused by the bank statement.

The loan expansion was generally attributed to corporation borrowings and was supposed to be the forerunner of new issues of securities, such as the $40,000,000 of Lake Shore bonds offered for sale. The offering price of 99 for this high grade 4 per cent bond was interpreted as expressing the opinion of the banking community that the 4 per cent rate for time money is likely to be the minimum for a considerable time. The report was made by the Lake Shore in connection with the new bond for its holdings of subsidiary stocks, especially of Readings, was a bullish influence upon those stocks and also upon New York Central, which rose more than 2 points but lost 1 point of the rise. St. Paul made an upward rush of 3¾ points, with an important effect on professional sentiment, which is inclined to draw conclusions as to the market attitude of important interests from the movement of this stock.

The feature of the closing market was the jump of 2½ points in United States Steel preferred on very heavy takings. Speculative inquiry was very alert for light on the showing to be made by the corporation in its report of earnings for the past quarter, which is expected to appear during the first week in January. Until its appearance speculation in the preferred stock is expected to be active.

Bonds were active and firm. Total sales, par value, $1,778,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

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

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	29,835	69½	67⅞	68⅞
do pfd	1,300	92⅞	92⅛	92⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	12,900	80	78½	79⅞
do pfd	200	88⅛	88⅛	88⅛
Canadian Pacific	6,910	133⅞	131⅞	133⅛
Cent. of New Jersey	500	164½	162½	162
Ches. & Ohio	2,300	32⅞	32⅛	32⅞
Chicago & Alton	900	35⅞	35	35⅞
do pfd	1,700	74½	71½	73⅞
Chi. Great Western	1,850	18⅞	18⅛	18⅞
do B pfd	700	27½	27⅛	27⅞
Chi. & Northwestern	4,000	171	168⅞	170½
Chi. Terminal & Transp.	900	8	8⅛	8⅛
do pfd	200	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
Big Four	500	79½	79⅛	79⅛
Colorado Southern	500	14⅞	14⅛	14⅞
do 1st pfd	200	52½	52½	52½
do 2d pfd	300	22½	22½	22½
Del. & Hudson	8,900	172½	169⅞	170
Del., Lack & West	600	272	266	270
Denver & Rio Grande				20½
do pfd (ex-div.)	200	70⅞	70½	70⅞
Erie	20,425	30⅞	27⅞	29⅞
do 1st pfd	2,714	69⅞	68⅞	68⅞
do 2d pfd	1,300	64½	61	61
Great Northern pfd				175
Hocking Valley	800	73⅞	72	72⅞
do pfd	100	84⅞	84⅞	84⅞
Illinois Central	5,025	151⅞	150⅞	151⅞
Iowa Central	100	21	21	20
do pfd				38
Kan. City Southern	100	19⅞	19⅞	19⅞
do pfd	500	36	35½	35
Louis. & Nashville	9,650	110	107⅞	109⅞
Manhattan L	6,425	144½	143⅞	144½
Met. Street Railway	7,975	125⅞	124½	125⅞
Minneapolis & St. L.	700	63½	61	63
Missouri Pacific	20,900	95⅞	94½	95½
Mo., Kan. & Texas	200	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
do pfd	1,000	40⅞	39	40
Nat. R. R. Mex. pfd				36⅞
New York Central	7,700	132⅞	131⅞	132⅞
Norfolk & Western	2,900	58⅞	57⅞	57⅞
do pfd				85
Ontario & Western	6,725	32⅞	32⅛	32⅞
Pennsylvania	51,004	119⅞	118⅞	119⅞
Pitts., C., C. & St. L.	700	66½	65½	64
Reading	38,120	47⅞	45⅞	46⅞
do 1st pfd				70⅞
do 2d pfd				66⅞
Rock Island	12,950	34½	33⅞	34⅞
do pfd	400	60⅞	60	60
St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd				69
do 2d pfd	800	40½	40	40
St. L. Southwestern	300	13⅞	13⅞	13⅞
do pfd	900	32⅞	32⅞	32⅞
St. Paul	41,425	149⅞	142⅞	146
do pfd	200	175	175	175
Southern Pacific	29,258	49	47⅞	48⅞
Southern Railway	4,700	23⅞	22⅞	23⅞
do pfd	1,650	79½	78⅞	79⅞
Texas & Pacific	2,700	27⅞	25	25⅞
Toledo, St. L. & West	1,610	24⅞	23⅞	24⅞
do pfd	2,900	39	36⅞	38⅞
Union Pacific	44,825	80⅞	78⅞	79⅞
do pfd	100	88	88	88
Wabash	950	20⅞	20⅞	20
do pfd	1,600	38	37	37⅞
Wheel. & Lake Erie	400	17⅞	17	17
Wisconsin Central	1,000	17⅞	16⅞	17⅞
do pfd	1,025	38⅞	38	38⅞
Adams Express				224
American Express				350
U. S. Express	350	117	116½	115
Wells-Fargo Express				216
Amer. Copper	25,670	49½	48⅞	48⅞
Am. Car & Foundry	600	30⅞	29⅞	29⅞
do pfd	700	88⅞	88	88
Am. Linseed Oil				9
do pfd				32
Am. Locomotive	2,700	19⅞	18⅞	19⅞
do pfd	1,100	79⅞	79	79⅞
Am. Smelt. & Refin.	1,000	50⅞	50	50
do pfd	300	86⅞	86⅞	86⅞
Am. Sugar Refin.	12,000	127⅞	126⅞	127⅞
Anaconda Mining Co.	100	77⅞	77⅞	77
Brook. Rapid Transit	27,000	54⅞	52	54⅞
Colo. Fuel & Iron	1,400	52	47½	50⅞
Colum. & Hock Coal	300	35⅞	34⅞	35
Consolidated Gas	2,600	138⅞	136⅞	136⅞
General Electric	5,325	179	175½	177
Inter. Paper	100	11⅞	11⅞	10⅞
do pfd				92
Inter. Pump	300	29	29	29
do pfd				70
Nat. Biscuit (ex-div.)	100	36⅞	36⅞	36⅞
National Lead	300	14⅞	14⅞	14
North American	3,070	82⅞	79	82
Pacific Mail	400	29⅞	29	29
People's Gas	1,950	99⅞	98⅞	99⅞
Pressed Steel Car	1,300	21	20⅞	20⅞
do pfd	300	68	68	68⅞
Pullman Palace Car	139	218	218	218
Republic Steel	400	9⅞	9⅞	9⅞
do pfd	1,095	41⅞	40⅞	41⅞
Rubber Goods	2,100	19⅞	18	19⅞
do pfd	300	74	72⅞	72
Tenn. Coal & Iron	4,420	58⅞	57⅞	57⅞
U. S. Leather	1,075	7⅞	7⅞	7⅞
do pfd	2,100	77⅞	77	76⅞
U. S. Rubber	650	11⅞	11	11
do pfd	1,300	41⅞	39⅞	40⅞
U. S. Steel	8,675	11⅞	10⅞	11⅞
do pfd	78,600	97⅞	95⅞	97⅞
Western Union	200	85⅞	85⅞	85⅞
Northern Securities				198

Total sales for the day 700,900 shares.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Closing:

Consols for money	89	N. Y. Central	122⅞
do account	89⅞	Norfolk & W	19⅞
Anaconda	7⅞	do pfd	73⅞
Atchison	70	Ontario & W	19⅞
do pfd	90⅞	Pennsylvania	61
Baltimore & Ohio	81⅞	Rand Mines	9⅞
Canadian Pacific	132⅞	Reading	23⅞
Ches. & O.	34⅞	do 1st pfd	41
Chi. G. W.	19	do 2d pfd	21
C., M. & St. P.	149⅞	So. Railway	22
DeBeers	20⅞	do pfd	40⅞
Denver & R. G.	37⅞	So. Pacific	49⅞
do pfd	74⅞	Union Pacific	47⅞
Erie	29⅞	do pfd	81
do 1st pfd	69⅞	U. S. Steel	11⅞
do 2d pfd	61	do pfd	94⅞
Illinois Central	152	Wabash	21
Louis. & Nash.	111	do pfd	38⅞
M., K. & T.	19⅞		

SILVER—Bar, steady, 25 15-16d per ounce.

MONEY—3¼@4 per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¼@3⅞ per cent; for three months' bills is 3¼@3⅞ per cent.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—MONEY—Was light here today for year-end accounts. Operations on the Stock exchange were occupied with the settlement and trading was under the influence of the holidays, there being a disinclination to resume active business until 1904 is fairly started.

Argentine rails as an exception were buoyant.

The general tone was uncertain regarding far eastern affairs. Consols were easier and Americans opened steady and quiet, while awaiting the receipt of New York's opening prices, when they hardened and closed quiet. Japanese dropped. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balance today was £37,000. Rand mines, 9⅝; DeBeers, 20⅝.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Prices on the bourse today opened stronger on more reassuring advices from the far east. There was a reaction later, internationals and industrials becoming steady. At the close stocks were feeble. The private rate of discount was 2 15-16 per cent. Three per cent rentes, 87f 42c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 16c for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Trading on the bourse here today was light. Exchange on London, 20m 42pfgs. for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 4 per cent; three months' bills, 3⅞ per cent. The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand decreased 15,026,000 marks; treasury notes decreased 4,400,000 marks; other securities increased 52,900,000 marks; notes in circulation increased 62,880,000 marks.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—MONEY—On call, firm at 4@4½ per cent closing bid, and offered, 4 per cent. Time loans, steady; 60 and 90 days, 5 per cent; 6 months, 5@5½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8350@4.8365 for demand and at $4.8600@4.8650 for 60 days' bills; posted rates, $4.85@4.86; commercial bills, $4.83⅞.

SILVER—Bar, 52½c. Mexican dollars, 42c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, firm.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106	L. & N. un. 4s	103⅞
do coupon	106⅞	Manhattan c. s. 4s	102⅞
do 3s, reg	107⅞	*Mex. Central 4s	71
do coupon	107⅞	do 1st 2s	57⅞
do new 4s, reg	137⅞	**Mex. N. & N. L. 4s	87
do coupon	138⅞	M., K. & T. 4s	96⅞
do old 4s, reg	106⅞	do 2s	73⅞
do coupon	110⅞	*N. R. R. of M. c. 6s	75
do 5s, reg	107⅞	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	99⅞
do coupon	107⅞	*N. J. C. g. 5s	130⅞
Atchison gen. 4s	99⅞	Nor. Pac. 4s	102
*do adj. 4s	87⅞	do 3s	73⅞
Atlantic C. L. 4s	97⅞	N. & W. c. 4s	96⅞
B. & O. 4s	102	Penn. conv. 3½s and 2	82
do 3½s	94	Penn. conv. 3½s	90⅞
Central of Ga. 5s	100	Reading gen. 4s	97
**do 1st inc.	70	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	112
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	102⅞	St. L. & S. F. fg. 6s	116
Chicago U. T. 4s	90⅞	St. L. & I. M. 5s	107
C., B. & Q. 4s	102⅞	Seaboard A. L. 4s	73
*C. M. & S. P. g. 4s	110⅞	*So. Pacific 4s	97⅞
*C. & N. W. s. f. 5s	122⅞	So. Railway 5s	114⅞
C. R. I. & P. 4s	101	Texas & P. L. N. 5s	116
do coll. 5s	74⅞	*T., St. L. & W. 4s	89
C., O. & S. L. g. 4s	98	Union Pacific 4s	103
Chicago Ter. 4s	79	do conv. 4s	97⅞