GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Bulls Claim Northwestern Mills Will Get Winter Wheat.

RUST PREDICTED FOR RED RIVER CROP

Foreign Corn Demand to Increase and Many Cargoes Reported—Corn Shorts Are in Trouble.

OMAHA, Dec. 22, 1904.

A shortage in milling wheat which will put many of the winter wheat mills out of business in from four to six weeks and keep others working half time is one of the bull arguments advanced. It is said the northwestern millers will have a monopoly of the domestic flour trade from February to July. They will, it is said, have the demand and prices about as they want them. The northwestern millers are absorbing all the high grade Canadian wheat. East Ontario is said to be nearly empty now of winter wheat. The Minneapolis wheat stocks have increased 850,000 bushels in five days and it is thought by some to be a question if there is storage capacity there and at Duluth. Carefulness was manifest Wednesday in the purchase of low grade wheat by mill agents. They seemed to prefer only the high grade stuff. Waterman, the Albany miller who took the wheat on the July delivery this year, has been credited with having a line now of 1,000,000 bushels. The Minneapolis Miller says the flour output for the week decreased 15,000 barrels. The amount was 264,290, as against 241,460 for last year. There has been a heavy falling off in orders since the first of the month, but the demand is still fully up to the average for this season. The mills this year will stop for only twenty-four hours holiday in place of the usual six days. Prof. MacMillan of the University of Minnesota finds every indication of disastrous wheat rust in 1905, which will materially effect the crop on the Red river valley. He has made a long study of the indication and says the farmers must get new seed. The December wheat in Chicago opened up at $1.13½, slightly stronger than the Wednesday close, and advanced during the early hours to $1.14½. The market was narrow and professional and a number of stop orders uncovered easily broke it to $1.11½. Later it rallied a little and at noon stood at $1.12.

That European and Argentine corn stocks are well used up there seems little doubt and the foreign market must turn to America for its corn until the new Argentine crop comes in. The outlook is good and large amounts have already been engaged for shipment. Ocean rates have advanced and the shipping companies are some of them unable to take more grain. New York reported a cargo Wednesday for Russia and a cargo of No. 2 yellow was sold the same day in Chicago to go from New Orleans in March for Roumania. Chicago is said to have sold 750,000 bushels during the day. There were plenty of acceptances today of corn on Wednesday's advance. With the strong foreign and domestic demand, if the farmers do not sell more freely, a further advance seems probable. The car shortage will contribute to this. It is also going to pinch some of the shorts who have corn in the country, but cannot get it to Chicago in time to have it cleaned for December delivery. The shorts who have drying houses will come out all right, but the great majority will have to go in the open market and cover their lines. The December advanced a point before noon.

The oat market is stirring a little. There has been a considerable buying of the July and it is said to be for Cudahy. This has brought the remote option more strength than the near by.

The Omaha Grain exchange, together with all of the other grain markets, except Minneapolis, will close both Saturday and Monday. Minneapolis closes only the latter day.

Omaha Cash Sales.

Wheat—No. 3 hard, 1 car, 57 lbs., $1.00½; 1 car, 55½ lbs., 99c. Corn—No. 3, 1 car, 39c; 1 car, 38¾c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.02@1.05; No. 3 hard, 95c@$1.01; No. 4 hard, 89@94c; No. 3 spring, $1.03.

CORN—No. 2, 39c; No. 3, 38¾@39c; No. 4, 37½@38c; no grade, 33@37c; No. 2 yellow, 39c; No. 3 yellow, 39c; No. 2 white, 39c; No. 3 white, 38¾c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, 28c; No. 3 mixed, 27c; No. 4 mixed, 26c; No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 28½c; No. 4 white, 27½@28c; standard, 28½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	44	605	72
Kansas City	60	69	5
St. Louis	27	53	57
Minneapolis	493	..	..
Duluth	50	..	..
Omaha	25	125	8

Grain Markets Elsewhere.

Closing prices of grain today and Wednesday at the markets named were as follows:

CHICAGO.

	—Close— Today.	Wed'y
Wheat—		
December	1.10½	1.13⅛
May	1.11½A	1.11⅜
July	98⅛	98⅝
Corn—		
December	45⅞B	46¼B
May	45⅜A	45⅝B
July	45⅞A	45⅝B

KANSAS CITY.

	Today.	Wed'y
Wheat—		
May	1.02⅞	1.03¼
July	89⅞	90¼
Corn—		
July	42⅛	

ST. LOUIS.

	Today.	Wed'y
Wheat—		
May	1.14⅛B	1.14¼
July	95½	96¼
Corn—		
May	43⅛	45⅝
July	43⅜A	43⅝

MINNEAPOLIS.

	Today.	Wed'y
Wheat—		
May	1.13⅛	1.13¼
July	1.11⅛	1.12½

DULUTH.

	Today.	Wed'y
Wheat—		
May	1.12⅝	1.13

NEW YORK.

	Today.	Wed'y
Wheat—		
May	1.12⅞	1.13⅛
July	1.02⅝	1.03

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—FLOUR—Receipts, 26,215 bbls.; exports, 12,549 bbls. The market was quiet and steady; Minnesota patents, $5.85@6.10; Minnesota bakers, $4.40@4.75; winter patents, $5.85; winter straights, $5.25@5.40; winter extras, $3.65@4.30; winter low grades, $3.45@4.10. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $4.40@4.70; choice to fancy, $4.75@5.00. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.10@2.20.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.30@1.35, coarse, $1.24@1.26; kiln dried, $2.90@3.10.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 44¼c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 44@51c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 57,000 bu. Spot market steady; No. 2 red, nominal elevator and $1.18½ f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.22⅝ f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, $1.08 f. o. b., afloat. Options opened steadier on unfavorable Argentina weather news, steady cables and smaller northwest receipts. Later they eased off under prospects for liberal Argentina shipments and liquidation, closing partly ⅛c net lower; May, $1.12⅝@1.13½, closed at $1.12⅞; July, $1.02⅝@1.03¼, closed at $1.02⅝; December closed at $1.18⅝.

CORN—Receipts, 96,675 bu.; exports, 87,925 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2, 55½c elevator and 53½c f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 53½c; No. 2 white, 53⅝c. Option market was quiet here and barely steady, closing ⅛c net lower; May, 51¼@51⅜c, closed at 51¼c; December closed at 56¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 34,500 bu.; exports, 2,725 bu. Spot market firm; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 35@36c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 36½@37c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 38@40c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 77@85c.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1904 crop, 29@37c; 1903 crop, 30@33c; olds, 14c; Pacific coast, 1904 crop, 29@36c; 1903 crop, 30@33c; olds, 14@17c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14½c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 24@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@12.00; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $22.00@23.50; packet, $10.50@11.00; city, extra India mess, $14.50@16.50. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, $7.25@7.75; pickled shoulders, $6.75; pickled hams, $9.00. Lard, quiet; western steamed, $7.25; refined, steady; continent, $7.30; South American, $8; compound, $5.12½@5.50. Pork, quiet; family, $14.00@15.00; short clear, $13.75@16.50; mess, $13.00@13.75.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4⅝c; country, 4¾@4⅞c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 2⅞@5¼c; Japan, nominal.

BUTTER—Firm; street price, extra creamery, 27@27½c; official price, creamery, common to extra, 17@26½c.

EGGS—Dull; western fancy selected, 28c; western average best, 27c.

CHEESE—Firm; state full cream, small September, colored and white, fancy, 12c; state, late made, poor to choice, 8½@11c; state, large, September, colored and white, fancy, 13¼c; state, late made, colored, good to choice, 10@10¾c; state, late made, white, fancy, 10½c; state, poor to prime, 8@10c.

POULTRY—Alive, easy; western chickens, 9c; fowls, 10½c; turkeys, 12@15c. Dressed, steady; western chickens, 10@13c; fowls, 10@10½c; turkeys, 13@15c.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Indications of increasing shipments from Argentina had a weakening influence on the wheat market here today. At the close May wheat was off ⅛c. Corn is down ⅛c. Oats are practically unchanged and provisions 2½@7½c lower.

The wheat market was strong at the opening, May being up ⅛@⅝c at $1.11⅞@1.12⅛. Strength at Liverpool, resulting from a report of unfavorable harvest weather in Argentina, was the principal source of the initial firmness. For a time there was fairly active buying by commission houses and bull traders. Shorts were urgent bidders for the December delivery, causing a sharp upturn in the price of that month. Before the demand was satisfied May had advanced to $1.12⅝. As the session progressed considerable pressure of December offerings developed, causing a reaction. Later in the day the decline in that delivery became quite pronounced, and in consequence distant futures were materially affected. Realizing sales by pit traders sent the price of May down to $1.11⅛. Argentina exports for the week were estimated by a British crop expert at 1,200,000 bushels and as the previous week's shipments were 864,000 bushels some selling was done on that account. The market closed easy, with May at $1.11½. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 98,300 bushels. Primary receipts were 773,800 bushels, compared with 1,119,300 a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 586 cars, against 457 last week and 687 a year ago.

Covering of December by shorts caused a firm tone in the corn market early in the day. The firmness was made noticeable in view of the local liberal receipts. Later in the day offerings became quite free and in consequence an easier tone developed. May opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at 45⅝@45¾c, sold off to 45⅜c and closed at the lower point. Local receipts were 605 cars, with 2 of contract grade.

The feature of trading in oats was the buying of July by a local provision interest. As a result of this demand the market was firm throughout the entire session. May opened a shade higher at 31½c, sold between 31⅜@31½c and 31½@31⅝c and closed at 31½c. Local receipts were 72 cars.

The market for provisions was dull and the tendency of prices was downward. Lower prices for hogs at the yards, resulting from liberal receipts, were the main influence. At the close May pork was off 5c at $12.87½. Lard was down 2½c at $7.10@7.12½. Ribs were 5@7½c lower at $6.67½@6.70.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 32 cars; corn, 483 cars; oats, 76 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	112½-¾	1.14½	1.10½	1.10½	1.13⅛
May	1.11⅞@ 1.12⅛	1.12⅝	1.11⅛	1.11½	1.11⅜
July	98⅜@ 98¾@⅞	98⅞	98⅛	98⅛	98⅝@¾
*Corn					
Dec.	47¼	47½	45⅞	45⅞	46¼
May	45⅝@¾	45⅝	45⅜	45⅜	45⅝
July	45⅞@ 45⅞@46	46	45½@⅝	45⅝@⅞	45⅝@⅞
*Oats					
Dec.	29¼	29⅜	29¼	29⅜	29¼
May	31½	31½@⅝	31⅜@½	31½	31⅜@½
July	31⅜@½	31⅝	31⅜	31½	31⅝
Pork—					
Jan.	12.55	12.55	12.52½	12.55	12.57½
May	12.92½	12.92½	12.87½	12.87½	12.92½
Lard—					
Jan.	6.85	6.87½	6.85	6.85	6.90
May	7.12½	7.12½	7.10	7.12½	7.15
Ribs—					
Jan.	6.42½	6.45	6.40	6.42½	6.47½
May	6.72½	6.72½	6.67½	6.70	6.75

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $5.10@5.20; straights, $4.80@5.00; spring patents, $4.90@5.50; straights, $4.60@4.90; bakers, $2.70@3.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.08@1.15; No. 3, 98c@$1.12; No. 2 red, $1.12¼@1.17.

CORN—No. 2, 46@46½c; No. 2 yellow, 46@46½c.

OATS—No. 2, 29⅜c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 30½@31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 73c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 37@38c; fair to choice malting, 41@48c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.16; No. 1 northwestern, $1.23½; prime timothy, $2.73½; clover, contract grade, $12.75.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.35@11.45. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.80. Short ribs sides (loose), $6.25@6.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.62½@6.75.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	33,300	17,200
Wheat, bu.	84,000	49,100
Corn, bu.	583,700	245,700
Oats, bu.	124,600	107,200
Rye, bu.	2,000	4,600
Barley, bu.	125,700	27,200

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 16@26½c; dairies, 16@22c. Eggs, steady, at mark, cases included, 19@22c; fresh, 22c; prime firsts, 24c; extras, 26c. Cheese, steady; 11@12c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, $1.14½; track, $1.14½@1.15; May, $1.14⅛; July, 95½c; No. 2 hard, $1.10@1.12.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 43c; track, 44c; December, 42⅞c; May, 43¼@43⅜c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 30c; track, 31c; December, 30c; May, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32c.

FLOUR—Steady. Red winter patents, $5.25@5.40; special grades, $5.50@5.60; extra fancy, $4.90@4.95.

SEED—Timothy, nominal; $2.00@2.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady; $2.40.

BRAN—Dull; sacked, east track, 90c.

HAY—Firm for best grades; timothy, $7.00@13.00; prairie, $6.00@9.50.

IRON COTTONTIES—93c.

BAGGING—7⅛c.

HEMP TWINE—6½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; jobbing, $11.80. Lard, unchanged; prime steam, $6.55. Dry salted meats, steady; boxed extra shorts, $6.75; clear ribs, $7.12½; short clears, $7.37½; bacon, steady; boxed extra, $7.62½; clear ribs, $7.87½; short clear, $8.12½.

POULTRY—Dull and weak; chickens, 7c; springs, 7c; turkeys, 11½c; ducks, 10c; geese, 7½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 20@26½c; dairy, 15@23c.

EGGS—Lower at 22c, case count.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	7,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.	27,000	24,000
Corn, but.	53,000	41,000
Oats, bu.	38,000	17,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.03½; May, $1.02⅞@1.03; July, 90⅞@91c; cash, No. 2 hard, $1.04@1.06; No. 3, $1.02@1.04; No. 4, 93c@$1.00. No. 2 red, $1.07@1.08; No. 3, $1.05@1.07.

CORN—Steady; December, 40⅞c; May, 42⅛@42¼c; July, 42⅛@41¼c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 41½c; No. 3, 41@41¼c; No. 2 white, 41½c; No. 3, 41@41¼c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $9.00@9.75; choice prairie, $7.75@8.00.

RYE—Steady, 75c.

EGGS—Lower; Missouri and Kansas, new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 21c; case count, 20c; cases returned, ½c less.

BUTTER—Creamery, 21@23c; dairy, 17c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	28,400	43,200
Corn, bu.	68,000	148,400
Oats, bu.	5,000	8,000

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—December, $1.09; May, $1.13¼; July, $1.11⅞@1.12; September, 93⅝c; No. 1 hard, $1.12⅞; No. 1 northern, $1.10⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.05⅛.

FLOUR—First patents, $5.95@6.05; second patents, $5.75@5.85; first clears, $4.15@4.35; second clears, $2.70@2.80.

BRAN—In bulk, $15.25.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 28½@29c; extra nearby prints, 31c.

EGGS—Steady; nearby fresh, at mark; western fresh, 29@30c, at mark.

CHEESE—Unchanged; New York full creams, fancy, 12½c; choice, 11¾@12c; fair to good, 11@11½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, $1.13@1.15; No. 2 northern, $1.05@1.08; May, $1.11⅛.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 72½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 52c; sample, 36@50c.

CORN—Firm; No. 3, 43@44c; May, 45⅜c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—Spot, nominal; December, nominal; March, 7s 1⅛d; May, 7s 1⅛d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 7½d; American mixed, old, 4s 10½d. Futures steady; January, 4s 4d; March, 4s 3½d.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 22.—WHEAT—To arrive: No. 1 northern, $1.09⅞; No. 2 northern, $1.07⅞. On track: No. 1 northern, $1.09⅞; No. 2 northern, $1.07⅞; December, $1.09⅞; May, $1.12⅝.

OATS—To arrive and on track, 29¼c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 22.—SEED—Clover, cash and December, $7.92½; February, $7.98¾; March, $8.07½. Alsike, prime, $8.05. Timothy, prime, $1.30.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market is Stagnant and Price Level Again Moves Downward.

DULLNESS DUE TO APPROACH OF HOLIDAYS

Entire Lack of Participation of Outside Interests Causes Uncertain and Fluttering Movement of Values.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—There was a further downward swing in the price level today, but the trading became so listless and nearly stagnant as to demonstrate the inertia of the market. The languid interest is attributed by the hopeful element among the traders to seasonable causes, especially the near approach of a triple holiday and the week intervening between Christmas and New Years, with the usual attractions to draw away attendance at the Stock exchange. This element continues to talk in sanguine strain of the upward price movement which is to follow the holiday interval. At present operations are in the hands of smaller professionals. The entire lack of outside participation in the market leaves no medium for working in and room traders find no adequate returns in dealing with each other. The fluttering and uncertain movement of prices is a natural result of this state of affairs and does not need other explanation.

Actual news developments certainly played little part in today's market. The unfavorable influence of the report of the commissioner of corporations lingered and the subject was actively discussed in all quarters of the financial world. The method of proclamation of trouble to come in the market which has attracted so much attention of late, had some revival. It was considered that the published exchanges which have grown out of this attack have not conduced to stimulate general operations in the stock market owing to the revelations made by some past transactions from which analogies can be drawn to arouse suspicion of new movements. It had been loudly claimed by some enthusiasts that the Reading dividend was to be at the rate of 4 per cent a year and the announcement made yesterday after the closing of the market of a 3 per cent rate brought a good dealing of the stock, whether by those who had foretold a 4 per cent or by those who had bought stock from them did not appear clearly. The additional advances in lines of iron and steel products did not hold the prices of the United States Steel stocks, and the only news of conditions that could account for their heaviness was of the trouble from drouth and water supply for mills in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. The report that anthracite mines would close down during the holidays modified the effect of the reports of very active demand for coal.

Some further gold went out, but large arrivals of gold from India were reported in London and a sharp rise in sterling at Berlin marked the cessation of the German capital's demands for gold. Money here was extremely easy, but without power to stimulate the stock market. The market fell into practical stagnation in the latter part of the day and closed heavy and lifeless.

Bonds were easy, with total sales, par value, $2,385,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

The following were the sales and range of prices on the Stock exchange today:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	11,000	85⅝	84⅝	85
* do pfd	1,000	101¼	101	101
Baltimore & Ohio	4,700	99⅝	99	99⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	95
Canadian Pacific	1,500	130	129¼	129½
Central of N. J.	100	190	190	190
Chesapeake & Ohio	800	47⅜	46⅝	46⅝
Chicago & Alton	300	43	42¾	42¾
do pfd	....	....	....	78
Chicago G. W.	1,100	22¼	21⅞	21⅞
Chicago & N. W.	200	205½	203½	204½
C., M. & St. P.	8,100	169½	168¼	168¼
do pfd	....	....	....	181
Chicago T. & T.	300	12	11⅝	11⅝
do pfd	500	22¼	21⅞	22
C., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	....	89½
Colorado Southern	100	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
do 1st pfd	300	59⅝	59⅝	59½
do 2d pfd	700	36⅜	36	35⅝
Delaware & Hudson	100	185	185	185
Delaware, L. & W.	....	....	....	330
Denver & Rio Grande	....	....	....	39
do pfd	600	88	87½	87½
Erie	7,100	36⅝	36⅛	36
do 1st pfd	2,700	74⅝	73⅞	74
do 2d pfd	1,300	54⅞	53⅞	54
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	90
do pfd	100	93¼	93¼	93
Illinois Central	1,100	153⅜	153¼	153⅜
Iowa Central	....	....	....	28
do pfd	....	....	....	53½
K. C. Southern	....	....	....	28
do pfd	700	52	52	52
L. & N.	300	138¾	138½	139¼
Manhattan L.	....	....	....	162
Met. Securities	700	79½	78½	78⅝
Metropolitan St. Ry.	5,400	121½	120⅝	121
Mexican Central	3,100	20½	19¾	20⅛
M. & St. L.	....	....	....	58
M., St. P. & S. St. M.	200	89	89	89
do pfd	....	....	....	89
*Missouri Pacific	9,100	106⅛	106⅛	105¼
Missouri, K. & T.	400	31⅛	30½	30
do pfd	....	....	....	62
N. R. R. of M. pfd	....	....	....	39½
New York Central	1,900	140¼	139¼	139⅝
Norfolk & Western	1,000	78½	78	78⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	92
*Ontario & Western	1,000	40½	40	40
Pennsylvania	17,000	136⅜	135¾	135⅞
P., C., C. & St. L.	200	76½	75¼	75
Reading	78,800	77½	77¼	76
do 1st pfd	600	91	90½	90½
do 2d pfd	400	82	81½	81
Rock Island Co.	10,100	33⅜	32⅞	33
do pfd	200	85	85	84
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	....	....	....	66½
St. L. Southwestern	300	24⅝	23¾	24
do pfd	....	....	....	55
Southern Pacific	10,800	63½	62½	62⅝
do pfd	1,000	118⅜	118⅛	118⅛
Southern Railway	2,500	34	33⅞	33¾
do pfd	....	....	....	96½
Texas & Pacific	200	34	34	33½
T., St. L. & W.	....	....	....	45½
do pfd	200	53⅞	53⅝	53¼
Union Pacific	23,700	110⅝	109⅛	109½
do pfd	500	96	96	95¼
Wabash	100	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜
do pfd	200	42½	42⅜	42
Wheeling & L. E.	....	....	....	18½
Wisconsin Central	100	21⅜	21⅜	21½
do pfd	....	....	....	44½
Adams	....	....	....	236
American Express	....	....	....	203
U. S. Express	....	....	....	118
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	237
Amalga. Copper	27,900	65¾	64½	65
American C. & F.	2,400	34⅝	33½	33¾
do pfd	700	92⅝	92½	92½
American Cotton Oil	1,600	36½	36	34¼
do pfd	....	....	....	94
American Ice	500	6⅞	6½	6½
do pfd	1,000	38¼	37⅛	37⅛
American Linseed Oil	....	....	....	15
do pfd	....	....	....	37
Amer. Locomotive	2,500	34¼	33⅝	33½
do pfd	....	....	....	102⅞
American S. & R.	4,500	80¼	79¼	79⅝
do pfd	100	113	113	113
Amer. Sugar Refin.	17,400	143	141⅜	141½
Anaconda M. Co.	200	100	100	98
Brooklyn R. T.	3,500	59¼	59	59⅛
Colorado F. & I.	4,200	45¼	44	44⅛
Consolidated Gas	12,700	196	193½	194⅝
Corn Products	500	20⅝	20⅛	20
do pfd	1,200	79½	78¾	79
Distillers' Securities	1,500	37	36½	36¾
General Electric	100	185½	185½	183
International Paper	300	24¼	24	24
do pfd	800	77⅞	77	76½
International Pump	....	....	....	28
do pfd	....	....	....	85
National Lead	400	24⅛	23¾	23⅝
North American	100	100	100	100
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	47½
Peoples Gas	1,400	106	105½	105⅝
Pressed Steel Car	....	....	....	38½
do pfd	....	....	....	89
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	233
Republic Steel	500	16¼	16	16⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	67½
Rubber Goods	400	26½	26	25¾
do pfd	100	93½	93½	92
Tennessee C. & I.	4,700	71	69¼	69¾
U. S. Leather	2,100	14⅛	14	14
do pfd	7,100	101¼	100½	101⅛
U. S. Realty	....	....	....	77
U. S. Rubber	....	....	....	31½
do pfd	1,400	94¼	93	94
U. S. Steel	30,800	28⅞	28	28
do pfd	60,100	91⅜	90⅝	90¾
Westinghouse Elec.	100	180	180	180
Western Union	100	92½	92½	93¼

*Ex-dividend.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Closing quotations on stocks and bonds:

Consols, money	85 1-16	Illinois Central	158⅝
do account	85 3-16	Louis. & Nash.	143
Anaconda	8¼	M., K. & T.	31½
Atchison	87⅛	N. Y. Central	142½
do pfd	106⅜	Norfolk & W.	80½
Baltimore & Ohio	102⅛	do pfd	94½
Canadian Pacific	133⅝	Ontario & W.	41⅝
Ches. & Ohio	48½	Pennsylvania	69⅝
Chicago Gt. W.	22⅜	Rand Mines	11⅛
C., M. & St. P.	173⅝	Reading	39⅝
DeBeers	166⅛	do 1st pfd	45½
D. & R. G.	21½	do 2d pfd	41½
do pfd	90	Southern Railway	34⅝
Erie	37½	do pfd	98
do 1st pfd	76	Southern Pacific	65
do 2d pfd	56	Union Pacific	112⅝

SILVER—Bar, steady, 28 3-16d per ounce.

MONEY—3@3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3 15-16@4 per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅞@4 per cent.

Bank of England Statement.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased £2,[illegible]; circulation, increased £2[illegible]; bullion, decreased £[illegible]; other securities, increased £[illegible]; other deposits, decreased £1,111,[illegible]; public deposits, increased £[illegible]; notes reserve, decreased £2,21[illegible],000; government securities, unchanged. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liabilities this week is 41.36 per cent, as compared with 45.27 per cent last week.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—MONEY—On call, steady at 2½@2¾ per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2½ per cent; time loans, easy; sixty days, ninety days and six months, 3¼@3¾ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, closed easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8720 for demand and at $4.8465 for sixty-day bills; posted rates, $4.85½ and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.84⅛.

SILVER—Bar, 61⅛c; Mexican dollars, 48⅛c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, easy.

Total sales for the day, 412,500 shares.

The following are the quotations on stocks and bonds:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104¼	*L. & N. uni. 4s	102½
do coupon	104⅜	*Manhattan c. g. 4s	105
do 3s, reg.	104¼	*Mex. Central 4s	78½
do coupon	104¼	*do 1st inc.	21⅝
do new 4s, reg.	129⅝	Minn. & St. L. 4s	97½
do coupon	129⅝	M., K. & T. 4s	100
do old 4s, reg.	105⅜	do 2s	84⅝
do coupon	106⅜	N. R. R. of M. c. 4s	81¼
Atchison gen. 4s	102⅝	*N. Y. C. g. 3½s	101
*do adj. 4s	94½	N. J. C. g. 5s	126¼
Atlantic C. L. 4s	99¾	No. Pacific 4s	105¼
Bal. & Ohio 4s	102¼	*do 3s	75
* do 3½s	96	N. & W. c. 4s	101
*Central of Ga. 5s	111	O. S. L. 4s & par.	104
do 1st inc.	92½	Penn. conv. 3½s	102⅝
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	107¾	Reading gen. 4s	102⅞
Chicago & A. 3½s	82	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	116⅝
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	100	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	89½
C. M. & S. P. g. 4s	112	St. L. S. W. 1s	97½
*C. & N. W. c. 7s	129	Seaboard A. L. 4s	84
C., R. I. & P. 4s	90¾	So. Pacific 4s	94
do col. 5s	87⅞	*So. Railway 5s	119
CCC. & St. L. g. 4s	101	*Texas & P. 1s	119¼
Chicago Ter. 4s	85	T., St. L. & W. 4s	82
Con. Tobacco 4s	75	Union Pacific 4s	106¼
Colo. & So. 4s	92½	do conv. 4s	110⅝
*D. & R. G. 4s	102	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	91⅝
Erie prior lien 4s	101½	*Wabash 1s	117½
*do gen. 4s	91½	do deb. B	67
*F. W. & D. C. 1s	107¾	W. & L. E. 4s	94
*Hocking Val. 4½s	111	Wis. Central 4s	93
		*Colo. Fuel c. 5s ctfs.	84

*Bid.

Boston Stock Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Call loans, 3@4 per cent; time loans, 3⅝@5 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison adj. 4s	92¾	Adventure	1½
do 4s	101⅝	Allouez	17¾
Mex. Central 4s	75	Amalgamated	65⅛
Atchison	85¼	American Zinc	12
do pfd	100⅞	Atlantic	10½
*Boston & Albany	190½	Bingham	33⅝
Boston & Maine	170½	Cal. & Hecla	630
Boston Elevated	153¼	Centennial	22¼
Fitchburg pfd	140	**Copper Range	64
Mexican Central	20¼	Daly West	11⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	96	**Dominion Coal	64
**Pere Marquette	78	Franklin	10⅝
Union Pacific	109⅝	Granby	4⅞
Amer. Argr. Chem.	21	Isle Royale	24½
do pfd	86	Mass. Mining	8⅝
**Amer. Pneu. Tube	5¼	Michigan	9
Amer. Sugar	141¼	Mohawk	48
do pfd	138	Mont. C. & C.	4⅛
Amer. T. & T.	146	Old Dominion	28½
Amer. Woolen	20½	Osceola	91
do pfd	93½	Parrot	26
Dominion I. & S.	17½	Quincy	105
Edison Elec. Illu.	253	Shannon	8¼
Mass. Electric	13	Tamarack	118
do pfd	57	Trinity	8¼
Mass. Gas	37¾	U. S. Mining	32¼
United Fruit	107	U. S. Oil	11
United Shoe Mach.	59	Utah	41
do pfd	31	Victoria	4¼
U. S. Steel	28	Winona	11
do pfd	90⅝	Wolverine	104
Westing. common	90		

*Bid. **Asked.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Adams Con	20	Little Chief	5
Alice	60	Ontario	375
Breece	7	Ophir	335
Brunswick Con	9	Phoenix	8
Comstock Tunnel	8	Potosi	12
Con. Cal. & Va.	140	Savage	16
Horn Silver	150	Sierra Nevada	37
Iron Silver	190	Small Hopes	35
Leadville Con	3	*Standard	290

*Offered.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—MONEY—Money was in demand in the market today. Discounts were steady. The sum of $5,000,000 in gold from India has been landed at Plymouth. On the Stock exchange trading was uneventful, the fog being a deterrent to business. Consols were fairly steady. Home rails were depressed on poor traffic returns, the principal companies showing big decreases.

Americans opened weak and mostly below parity, the market being unsettled in sympathy with New York. Trading was inactive and prices closed steady. Foreigners were dull. Russians were weak. Japanese were firm. Imperial Japanese government sixes of 1904 were quoted at 96½.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Trading on the Bourse today was light owing to the fact that the holiday has begun.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Trading on the Bourse today was inactive. At the close the tone was firm, following a contradiction of rumored international disorder in Russia. Russian Imperial fours were quoted at 91.05 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 502. The private rate of discount was 2 9-16 per cent.

Statement Bank of France.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, decreased 37,225,000f; treasury accounts current, increased 12,075,000f; gold in hand, increased 1,300,000f; bills discounted, decreased 17,300,000f; silver in hand, decreased 925,000f.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $140,977,743; gold, $82,977,476.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—COFFEE—Market for futures opened steady at a decline of 5@20 points under active liquidation, promoted by the lack of responses in the Brazilian markets to the recent gains in speculative circles, indifferent European cables and moderately full receipts. Trading was very active. Importers appeared to be buying on the initial decline and shortly before midday three or four brokers with important Wall street connections entered the ring and bid in a sensational manner with prices goig up in jumps to about the previous high point, or a net advance of some 10@20 points on sales of the active months. Shortly after midday this aggressive support was withdrawn and the market again sagged off to very near last night's point, was rallied again in the later trading by a renewal of Wall street buying and was finally steady, net unchanged to 10 points higher. Sales were reported of 304,750 bags, including Jan., 7.35@7.55c; Feb., 7.70@7.75c; March, 7.00@7.85c; May, 7.90@8.20c; June, 8.05c; July, 8.10@8.30c; August, 8.45c; September, 8.35@8.50c; November, 8.45@8.50c. Spot Rio, steady; No. 7, 8⅞c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—METALS—The London tin market ruled firmer, with spot advancing about £1, while futures gained half as much, the former closing at £132 5s and the latter at £131 10s. This steadied the local market, which continued quiet and closed at 29@29.35c. Copper was unchanged at £66 for spot, while futures were a shade lower at £66 6s 3d in the London market. Locally the market was dull and nominally unchanged. Lake is quoted at $14.87½@15.12½; electrolytic, $14.75@15.12½, and casting, $14.50@14.75. Lead was unchanged at $4.50@4.70 in the local market. London reported a slight advance, with spot closing at £12 11s 3d. Spelter was also unchanged locally. The London quotation remains at £24 12s 6d. Iron closed at 52s 6d in Glasgow and at 49s in Middlesboro. Locally iron was unchanged and firm; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft are quoted at $17.25@17.75; No. 2 foundry northern, $16.50@17.25.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—METALS—Lead, steady; $4.55@4.62½. Spelter, higher; $5.80.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refined, 4⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅝c; molasses sugar, 4⅜c; refined firm; No. 6, 5.05c; No. 7, 5c; No. 8, 4.90c; No. 9, 4.85c; No. 10, 4.80c; No. 11, 4.70c; No. 12, 4.65c; No. 13, 4.55c; No. 14, 4.50c; confectioners' A, 5.20c; mould A, 6c; cut loaf, 6.65c; crushed, 6.35c; powdered, 5.75c; granulated, 5.65c; cubes, 5.70c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 30@37c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—SUGAR—Market firm; white clarified, 4 15-16@5c; open kettle, 3⅝@4⅛c; open kettle centrifugal, 4⅛@4⅝c; centrifugal whites, 4 13-16c; yellows, 4½@4⅝c; seconds, 3⅜@4⅛c.

MOLASSES—Market quiet; open kettle, 15@18c; centrifugal, 7@18c. Syrup, steady at 22@25c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 7.60c; middling gulf, 7.85c; sales, 400 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 22.—COTTON—Easy; sales, 4,400 bales; ordinary, 4 11-16c; good ordinary, 6c; low middling, 6⅝c; middling, 7 3-16c; good middling, 7 7-16c; middling fair, 7 15-16c; receipts, 17,758 bales; stock, 499,811 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—COTTON—Spot in moderate demand; American middling, 4.06d; the sales were 6,000 bales, of which 5,000 were American; receipts, 3,700 bales, including 2,600 bales American.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—COTTON—Quiet; market 1-16c lower; middling, 7 3-16c; sales, none; receipts, 705 bales; shipments, 165 bales; stock, 35,112 bales.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 22.—CORN—Lower; No. 3, 42½c; No. 4, 41½c; no grade, 41½c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Light Receipts Caused Cattle Market to Rule Active and Fully Steady.

HOGS CONTINUED BOWNWARD COURSE

Only a Few Fat Sheep and Lambs on Sale and They Brought Strong to a Dime Higher Prices. Feeders Just About Steady.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 22, 1904.

Receipts were.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	3,879	3,508	8,702
Official Tuesday	3,315	10,489	5,239
Official Wednesday	1,745	11,463	5,924
Official Thursday	2,000	13,000	1,000
Four days this week	10,939	28,460	20,865
Same days last week	19,748	33,586	22,993
Same days week before	15,451	41,032	17,167
Same three weeks ago	18,028	39,331	20,393
Same four weeks ago	24,197	40,699	34,566
Same days last year	8,729	28,324	12,894

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE.

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

	1904.	1903.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	932,817	1,058,153	......	125,336
Hogs	2,256,058	2,175,681	80,377	......
Sheep	1,747,234	1,837,521	......	90,287

The following table shows the average price of hogs at South Omaha for the last several days, with comparisons:

Date.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.
Dec. 1...	4 42¼	4 35	6 09	*	4 63	3 74	3 25
Dec. 2...	4 48⅝	4 32	6 08	5 96	*	3 73	3 28
Dec. 3...	4 47⅞	4 41	6 14	5 88	4 64	*	3 29
Dec. 4...	*	4 43	6 22	5 92	4 68	3 81	*
Dec. 5...	4 41¾	4 37	6 24	6 05	4 77	3 80	3 37
Dec. 6...	4 39⅝	*	6 17	6 09	4 84	3 88	3 35
Dec. 7...	4 35	4 37	*	6 05	4 81	3 81	3 29
Dec. 8...	4 28⅞	4 32	6 07	*	4 78	3 83	3 30
Dec. 9...	4 31⅞	4 33	6 08	6 11	*	3 90	3 29
Dec. 10...	4 38⅝	4 46	6 12	6 13	4 85	*	3 31
Dec. 11...	*	4 47	6 08	6 14	4 82	3 92	*
Dec. 12...	4 43½	4 49	5 96	6 15	4 77	3 95	3 37
Dec. 13...	4 41	*	5 98	6 21	4 81	3 96	3 38
Dec. 14...	4 38¾	4 45	*	6 21	4 86	3 96	3 33
Dec. 15...	4 38⅝	4 40	6 09	*	4 84	3 95	3 27
Dec. 16...	4 41⅝	4 28	6 16	6 26	*	4 01	3 30
Dec. 17...	4 45⅛	4 26	6 23	6 34	4 82	*	3 26
Dec. 18...	*	4 21	6 13	6 26	4 73	3 98	*
Dec. 19...	4 50⅛	4 30	6 01	6 12	4 77	3 92	3 28
Dec. 20...	4 50⅝	*	6 08	6 04	4 79	3 94	3 28
Dec. 21...	4 44⅝	4 34	*	6 06	4 81	4 01	3 32
Dec. 22...		4 39	6 16	*	4 80	4 02	3 34

* Indicates Sunday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
C., M. & St. P.	1	4	..	..
Wabash	2	3	..	..
Mo. Pac. Ry.	5	3	..	..
Union Pac. System	3	28	2	1
C. & N. W. Ry.	4	12	..	..
F., E. & M. V.	22	53	1	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	14	..	..
B. & M. Ry.	25	22	2	1
C., B. & Q. Ry.	3	10	..	..
C., R. I. & P., east	10	5	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west	..	2	..	..
Illinois Central	..	2	..	..
Chicago Gt. Western	1	3	..	..
Total receipts	83	205	5	2

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	96	1,012	....
Swift and Company	446	2,265	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	686	2,580	858
Armour & Co.	234	2,579	575
Cudahy Co., Sioux City	....	1,094	....
Armour & Co., Soo City	....	2,391	....
Vansant & Co.	24	....	....
Carey & Benton	73	....	....
Lobman & Co.	92	....	....
McCreary & Carey	1	....	....
W. I. Stephen	44	....	....
Hill & Huntzinger	71	....	....
H. F. Hamilton	129	....	....
L. F. Husz	86	....	....
Wolf & Murnan	196	....	....
J. B. Root & Co.	2	....	....
S. S.	...	638	....
Hagerty	21	....	....
Other buyers	152	....	....
Total	2,352	13,429	1,431

CATTLE—The supply of cattle was again small and with a fair demand trading ruled active on desirable grades, with prices fully as good as yesterday. Some of the trains were late in arriving, but aside from those an early clearance was made.

Cornfed steers could safely be quoted steady today and some sales were perhaps a little stronger where the quality and weight just happened to suit buyers. Most of the cattle on sale had been fed but a short time, but still there were some cattle good enough to bring $5. Warmed-up stuff sold unevenly, the same as usual, and trading on that kind was not particularly active, but prices were steady on the average.

Buyers took hold of the cow stuff quite freely and the market could probably best be described by calling it steady to strong. All the buyers seemed to want a few, and the light receipts forced them to pay strong prices for the kinds they all wanted. The less desirable grades, though, did not show a great deal of change. Practically everything was sold at an early hour.

Bulls, veal calves and stags sold without a great deal of trouble at generally steady prices.

The demand for stockers and feeders from the country yesterday was fairly good for the time of the year and as receipts were not at all heavy this morning the market ruled active and strong on the better grades, with others about steady. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
10	1104	3 10	20	1093	4 05
24	945	3 15	24	1173	4 15
1	1370	3 25	6	1015	4 20
1	850	3 25	2	1400	4 20
1	1020	3 50	46	1287	4 40
18	934	3 50	22	1155	4 50
2	955	3 50	40	1291	5 00
1	1210	3 75			

STEERS AND COWS.

15	939	4 15	26	1238	4 55

COWS.

1	800	1 25	1	900	2 50
1	1300	1 25	2	993	2 50
2	920	1 50	1	1250	2 60
1	700	1 50	14	1067	2 70
1	1050	1 50	9	920	2 70
3	963	1 65	36	1150	2 70
1	1030	1 65	1	1250	2 75
1	600	1 75	1	1310	2 75
2	830	1 75	19	1035	2 75
3	800	1 75	1	840	2 80
1	820	1 75	3	980	3 00
2	1030	1 75	1	1320	3 00
4	1117	1 75	15	1188	3 10
1	830	2 00	2	1265	3 10
6	555	2 00	1	1120	3 20
2	880	2 00	8	901	2 50
2	835	2 00	6	986	2 50
5	894	2 00	1	1200	2 50
1	1170	2 00	2	1140	2 50
1	900	2 15	1	1093	2 75
11	1007	2 15	1	1000	2 80
3	1036	2 15	15	887	2 80
1	1000	2 25	7	925	2 85
1	1010	2 25	1	1020	2 85
1	810	2 25	5	1190	2 90
6	870	2 25	1	920	3 15
2	1045	2 25	1	1100	3 15
14	1081	2 35	5	1142	3 15
16	868	2 35	2	1300	3 15
3	1046	2 35	1	1270	3 15
8	1065	2 40	10	1049	3 25
21	985	2 45	2	1310	3 25
1	920	2 45	2	1160	3 50
10	958	2 50	1	1670	4 00
1	1220	2 50	1	1260	4 00

COWS AND HEIFERS.

19	954	2 45	7	1045	3 50

HEIFERS.

2	840	2 00	4	645	2 45
5	606	2 05	3	643	2 60
2	480	2 10	1	550	2 75
1	420	2 25	5	570	2 90
4	575	2 25	4	657	2 95
1	270	2 25	2	620	3 00

BULLS.

2	1275	1 90	1	1340	2 75
1	820	2 25	1	1530	2 75
1	620	2 35	1	1410	2 75
1	1020	2 40	1	580	2 75
2	1290	2 40	1	1150	2 75
1	1800	2 50	1	1500	2 85
2	1518	2 60	2	1320	3 10
2	1045	2 65	1	1510	3 15
1	1200	2 65	1	1500	3 15
1	1310	2 75	1	1670	3 25
2	1406	2 75			

CALVES.

2	350	2 40	1	280	2 75
1	110	3 00	7	200	4 00
1	280	3 00	1	160	5 00
2	335	3 25	4	127	5 25
7	90	3 50	1	150	5 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

3	578	2 50	4	830	3 25
1	600	2 50	24	870	3 25
3	735	2 50	17	740	3 25
7	648	2 55	12	910	3 25
7	1010	2 75	24	816	3 30
4	1065	2 85	6	888	3 35
24	651	3 00	15	792	3 35
2	700	3 00	42	908	3 50
9	350	3 50	18	1005	3 50
29	576			1165	3 60

NEBRASKA.

1 bull	1350		1 heifer	930	$2 50
16 heifers	864	2 35	4 feeders	937	2 50
8 cows	945	2 65	7 steers	861	3 00
17 feeders	904	3 15	27 feeders	724	3 25
4 feeders	724	2 75	5 cows	1016	2 30
1 cow	900	1 75	5 cows	1084	2 80
2 steers	905	2 50	1 steer	880	2 50
6 feeders	708	3 15			

W. H. Davidson—Neb.

12 steers	1116	4 60	20 steers	1332	4 60

D. T. Coleman—S. D.

2 bulls	940	2 25	2 bulls	1615	2 10
16 feeders	836	3 15	12 cows	1069	3 00

Gorsuch Bros.—S. D.

17 feeders	789	3 35	15 cows	966	2 65
2 feeders	965	3 00	2 cows	985	2 65
1 heifer	770	2 10	1 bull	1390	2 10
4 heifer	540	2 10			

HOGS—There was another liberal run of hogs at all points this morning and consequently packers continued their bearish tactics. The market here opened about 2½c lower than the close yesterday, or 5@7½c lower than yesterday's average. Trading was fairly active at the decline, as salesmen saw no opportunity to prevent the decline in view of the unfavorable advices from other points. The bulk of the general run of hogs sold at $4.37½, with the choice hogs largely at $4.40 and from that up to $4.45. On the heavy packing grades packers were in some cases bidding as low as $4.35. The big end of the receipts was disposed of in fairly good season, but it was rather late before a clearance was made.

The same as yesterday, the close was slow and weak. At noon there were still several loads in first hands for which packers were offering only $4.35. This weakness on the close today makes the general market 5@10c lower than yesterday's average, with the range of prices from $4.35 to $4.47½, the latter price being paid for a choice load weighing 308 pounds. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
40	242	...	4 35	63	311	...	4 37½
29	117	...	4 35	64	289	200	4 37½
27	261	40	4 35	63	268	280	4 37½
52	292	120	4 35	62	275	80	4 37½
53	359	80	4 35	63	315	40	4 37½
45	275	200	4 35	59	281	80	4 37½
55	245	40	4 35	67	287	120	4 37½
47	320	80	4 35	58	310	120	4 37½
52	283	200	4 35	58	316	280	4 37½
57	289	...	4 35	60	264	240	4 37½
59	251	...	4 35	55	333	...	4 37½
60	251	...	4 37½	57	348	120	4 37½
61	285	...	4 37½	73	221	80	4 37½
60	267	40	4 37½	54	311	...	4 37½
69	272	80	4 37½	79	254	160	4 37½
55	248	...	4 37½	59	254	...	4 37½
64	246	40	4 37½	63	291	120	4 37½
72	253	200	4 37½	54	298	240	4 37½
59	291	80	4 37½	62	286	160	4 37½
55	306	120	4 37½	65	309	80	4 37½
73	256	80	4 37½	56	290	240	4 37½
68	229	...	4 37½	65	237	120	4 40
67	240	120	4 37½	64	283	...	4 40
51	318	80	4 37½	66	267	120	4 40
69	266	80	4 37½	70	216	...	4 40
58	209	...	4 37½	62	269	80	4 40
64	302	200	4 37½	75	229	120	4 40
47	297	...	4 37½	74	214	200	4 40
51	299	80	4 37½	80	194	80	4 40
42	245	80	4 37½	70	276	80	4 40
62	244	40	4 37½	67	238	40	4 40
61	268	...	4 37½	73	217	80	4 40
59	245	40	4 37½	73	241	160	4 40
55	273	...	4 37½	44	177	...	4 40
62	271	120	4 37½	68	253	200	4 40
70	253	...	4 37½	58	292	...	4 40
53	297	80	4 37½	61	267	...	4 40
78	278	80	4 37½	75	226	80	4 40
53	242	...	4 37½	59	266	...	4 40
63	251	80	4 37½	84	217	...	4 40
56	278	120	4 37½	32	292	...	4 40
65	294	320	4 37½	71	269	...	4 40
61	274	80	4 37½	66	248	40	4 40
64	269	160	4 37½	64	271	120	4 40
74	253	40	4 37½	66	214	40	4 40
45	275	...	4 37½	60	206	80	4 40
69	251	120	4 37½	81	229	120	4 40
51	328	160	4 37½	67	259	160	4 40
54	321	...	4 37½	48	284	120	4 40
53	283	80	4 37½	67	260	40	4 40
43	292	40	4 37½	77	229	...	4 40
52	307	...	4 37½	62	238	...	4 40
70	262	120	4 37½	73	265	40	4 40
68	251	120	4 37½	62	250	280	4 40
74	264	120	4 37½	70	222	...	4 40
45	240	120	4 37½	66	252	40	4 40
57	300	160	4 37½	69	244	120	4 40
64	296	320	4 37½	68	220	40	4 40
59	273	120	4 37½	66	262	80	4 40
65	280	120	4 37½	79	201	...	4 42½
49	278	40	4 37½	79	213	...	4 42½
75	273	120	4 37½	62	244	...	4 42½
74	246	120	4 37½	65	266	...	4 42½
66	250	120	4 37½	80	218	...	4 45
60	265	...	4 37½	84	191	...	4 45
50	292	120	4 37½	80	179	...	4 45
72	238	80	4 37½	66	207	...	4 45
70	204	240	4 37½	70	308	...	4 47½

SHEEP—A very small run of sheep arrived this morning and, as all the packers needed fresh supplies, the market ruled active and higher. Some sales, in fact, showed considerable advance. Good stuff, however, was rather scarce and that was particularly the case with lambs. Some Mexican wethers were sold to arrive at $5.40 from the same lot as those that were here on Tuesday, but they were not as heavy. Colorado fed wethers brought $5.25 and some fair lambs $5.75. With the exception of a few late arrivals everything was disposed of in short order. As compared with the close of last week the market is all the way from 10c to 25c higher, so that a good share of the decline of the latter part of last week has been regained.

There were not enough feeders here this morning to make a fair test of the market and the prices paid looked just about steady with yesterday.

Quotations for fed stock: Good to choice yearlings, $5.25@5.40; fair to good yearlings, $5.00@5.25; good to choice wethers, $4.90@5.15; fair to god wethers, $4.65@4.90; good to choice ewes, $4.15@4.35; fair to good ewes, $3.90@4.15; common to fair ewes, $3.50@3.90; good to choice lambs, $6.00@6.50; fair to good lambs, $5.75@6.00; feeder yearlings, $4.25@4.90; feeder wethers, $4.15@4.40; feeder ewes, $3.25@3.65; feeder lambs, $5.00@5.50. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
1	Colorado fed ewe	90	4 50
231	Colorado fed wethers	97	5 25
258	Colorado ewes	98	4 25
506	Mexican yearling wethers	84	5 30
366	western lambs	55	5 75

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Steady, Hogs Five Cents Lower, Sheep Strong and Lambs Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,500 head; market steady; prime to good steers, $6.30@6.25; poor to medium, $3.85@5.80; stockers and feeders, $2.15@4.15; cows, $1.35@4.40; heifers, $2.00@5.00; canners, $1.35@2.40; bulls, $2.00@4.00; calves, $3.50@6.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 38,000 head; estimated tomorrow, 30,000 head; market 5c lower; mixed and butchers, $4.30@4.60; good to choice heavy, $4.50@4.65; rough heavy, $4.30@4.40; light, $4.10@4.45; bulk of sales, $4.35@4.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 10,000 head; market for sheep strong; lambs, 10@15c higher; good to choice wethers, $4.60@5.15; fair to choice mixed, $3.75@4.05; western sheep, $3.50@5.15; native lambs, $4.75@6.85; western lambs, $5.50@6.75.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,400 head, including 100 head southerns; market steady to strong; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.65; fair to good, $3.50@5.00; western fed steers, $3.50@3.55; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.10; southern steers, $2.50@4.50; southern cows, $1.75@3.25; native cows, $1.75@4.25; native heifers, $2.50@5.00; bulls, $2.00@4.00; calves, $3.00@6.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,000 head; market 5@10c lower; top, $4.60; bulk of sales, $4.30@4.55; heavy, $4.50@4.60; packers, $4.40@4.45; pigs and lights, $3.75@4.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 400 head; market steady; native lambs, $5.00@6.50; native wethers, $4.50@5.25; native ewes, $4.00@5.00; western lambs, $5.00@6.35; western yearlings, $4.50@5.60; western sheep, $3.75@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.50.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head, including 500 Texans. Market strong. Native shipping and export steers, $5.00@6.75; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.00@6.00; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.75; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.50; canners, $1.50@2.00; bulls, $2.00@3.75; calves, $3.00@6.25; Texas and Indian steers, $2.00@4.40; cows and heifers, $1.75@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 9,500 head. Market lower on liberal supply. Pigs and lights, $3.75@4.25; packers, $4.40@4.50; butchers and best heavy, $4.55@4.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 500 head. Market strong, higher and active. Native muttons, $3.75@4.80; lambs, $4.35@4.60; culls and bucks, $2.50@4.25; stockers, $2.00@3.35; Texans, $3.00@5.00.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—BEEVES—Receipts, 68 head; no trading; feeling steady; dressed beef steady at 7@10c per pound; Christmas beef, 10½@11c; cables steady; exports, 620 cattle.

CALVES—Receipts, 122 head; market for veals, steady; westerns, slow; veals, 5@9c; barnyard calves, nominal; dressed calves, steady; city dressed veals, 9@13½c per pound; country dressed, 7@11c; dressed barnyard and fed calves, 4@6c.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,240 head. Market weak; few choice state hogs sold at $5.25 on extreme quotation.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,410 head; sheep steady, lower; lambs, 10@15c higher; common to prime sheep, $3.00@4.75; culls, $2.60; lambs, $5.50@7.10.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 22.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,189 head. Market steady to strong. Natives, $3.50@5.50; cows and heifers, $1.75@4.25; stockers and feeders, $2.50@2.90.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,301 head. Market 5@10c lower. Light, $4.25@4.55; medium and heavy, $4.40@4.62½.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 138 head. Market stronger. Lambs, $6.00.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 900 head; market steady; beeves, $3.50@6.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $2.25@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.60; calves and yearlings, $2.25@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,600 head; market 5c lower, selling at $4.25@4.42½; bulk, $4.32½@4.35.

Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the six principal western cities yesterday were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	2,000	13,000	7,000
Sioux City	900	6,600	.....
Kansas City	3,400	11,000	400
St. Louis	1,500	9,500	500
St. Joseph	1,189	10,301	138
Chicago	8,500	38,000	10,000
Totals	17,489	88,401	12,038

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Market shows little change. Common are quoted at 3½@4½c, prime at 4½@4¾c, choice at 5@5½c, fancy at 6@6½c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUIT—Prunes are receiving little attention locally, but there seems to be little pressure of offerings and the tone of the market is steady, with quotations ranging from 2c to 3¾c according to grade. Apricots are selling in small lots at recent prices. Choice are held at 10c, extra choice at 10½@11c, fancy at 11½@15. Peaches also are in moderate demand, with choice quoted at 9¾c, extra choice at 10½@10¾c, fancy at 11½@12c.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Candled stock, 23c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, 14c; ducks, 7c; geese, 9@10c; spring chickens, 8c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 16@18c; ducks, 10c; geese, 8½@9c; chickens, 8½@9c; roosters, 6c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 13½c; choice to fancy dairy, 17@19c; creamery, 24@26c; fancy prints, 27c.

FRESH FROZEN FISH—Trout, 10c; pickerel, 7c; pike, 9c; perch, 7c; bluefish, 12c; whitefish, 10c; salmon, 13c; redsnapper, 11c; lobster (green), 20c; lobster (boiled), 30c; bullheads, 11c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 12c; crappies, 12c; roe shad, $1; buffalo, 7c; white bass, 11c; frog legs, per doz., 25c.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.00.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $6.50; No. 2, $6.00; medium, $5.50; coarse, $5.00. Rye straw, $6.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality.

OYSTERS—New York counts, per can, 45c; extra selects, per can, 37c; standards, per can, 32c; bulk (standards), per gal., $1.40; bulk (extra selects), per gal., $1.75; bulk (New York Counts), per gal., $2.00.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

CHRISTMAS TREES—3 to 5 feet, per doz., $1.75; 5 to 7 feet, per doz., $2.50; 7 to 9 feet, per doz., $3.50; 9 to 11 feet, per doz., $4.50. Large, school and church purposes, each, $1 to $1.25; extra large, 15 to 20 feet, each, $2 to $5.

EVERGREEN WREATHING—In coils of 20 yards, per coil, 35c to $1.00.

WREATHS—Magnolia and galax wreaths, per doz., $1.25@1.50; evergreen wreaths, per doz., $1.25@1.50; holly wreaths, per doz., $1.25@1.50.

HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of 24x2x4 feet, about 50 lbs., $4.50; per bbl., $2.00.

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

MISTLETOE—Mistletoe branches, per 5-lb. box, $1.25; per lb., 30c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Florida, sizes 126, 156, 176, 200, 216 and 250, $2.00@2.25; California Redland navels, all sizes, $3.00; choice navels, $2.50@2.75.

LEMONS—California fancy, $2.75; 300 and 360, $4.25; choice, $3.50.

DATES—Per box of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.00; Hallowe'en, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½@6c.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. carton, 75@85c; imported Smyrna, 4-crown, 12½c; 5-crown, 14c; 6-crown, 16c; fancy imported (washed), in 1-lb. pkgs., 16@18c; California, per case of 36 pkgs., $2.25.

BANANAS—Per medium sized bunch, $2.00@2.50; jumbos, $2.75@3.50.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box of 54 to 64, $5.00@6.50.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Home-grown Jonathans, per bbl., $3.25; Ben Davis, $2.25; New York Kings, $3.25; New York Pippins, $2.75; New York Greenings, $2.60; New York Baldwins, $2.75; Colorado Jonathans, $1.65; Wine Saps, per bu. box, $1.50.

PEARS—Utah, Colorado and California, fall varieties, per box, $1.75@2.25.

CRANBERRIES — Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, per bbl., $8.50; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry and Jerseys, per bbl., $7.75; per box, $2.75.

GRAPES—Imported Malagas, per keg, $6.00@6.50.

TANGERINES—Florida or California, per ½-box, $2.50.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—New home-grown, in sacks, per bu., 40c; Colorado, per bu., 60c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 35c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1c.

CARROTS—Per bu., 40c.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

BEETS—Per bu., 40c.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $1.95@2.00.

ONIONS—Home-grown, in sacks, per bu., 90c@$1; Spanish, per crate, $2.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.75@2.00.

TOMATOES — California, per 4-basket crate, $2.75@3.00.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas kiln-dried, per bbl., $2.25.

SQUASH—Home-grown, per doz., 50c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@50c; California, 45c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 90c.

LETTUCE—Hothouse, per doz., 40@50c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SAUERKRAUT—Wisconsin, per keg, $2.50.

CIDER—New York, per bbl., $5.20; per ½-bbl., $3.25.

CHEESE—Wisconsin twins, full cream, 12½c; Wisconsin Young America, 13c; block Swiss, new, 15c; old, 16@17c; Wisconsin brick, 14c; Wisconsin limburger, 13c.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, new crop, per lb., 14c; hard shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 12c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 7c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 8c; Chili walnuts, per lb., 12@13½c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 17c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; chestnuts, per lb., 12½@15c; new black walnuts, per bu., 75@90c; shellbark hickory nuts, per bu., $1.75; large hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50.

Oils and Rosin.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 22.—OILS—Turpentine, steady, 50½c. Rosin, firm; A, B, C, $2.50@2.52½; D, $2.55; E, $2.55@2.57½; F, $2.57½@2.60; G, $2.60@2.62½; H, $2.72½; I, $3.25; K, $4; M, $4.30; N, $4.50; WG, $4.75; WW, $5.15.

OIL CITY, Dec. 22.—OIL—Credit balances $1.55; certificates, no bid; shipments, 126.778 bbls.; average, 78,694 bbls.; runs, 96,374 bbls.; average, 68,306 bbls.; shipments, Lima, 80,115 bbls.; average, 57,551 bbls.; runs, Lima, 67,[illegible] bbls.; average, 57,272 bbls.

If you have anything to trade advertise it in the For Exchange column of The Bee want ad page.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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

Margaret Conner to W. H. Dorrance, part of sw¼ se¼ 16-15-13	$ 1
Katherine Scott to Amanda Reynolds, lot 3, Swetman's subdiv	850
K. Thompson and wife to Interstate Investment and Trust, limited, s 37½ feet lot 11, block 7, Kountze's & Ruth's	6,300
J. H. Harte and wife to Interstate Investment and Trust, limited, lot 21, block 8, Kountze & Ruth's	5,000
A. E. Grimm and wife to W. C. Hopper, lots 6, 7 and 8, block 1, Saling's add to Elkhorn	180
F. H. Garvin to F. W. Krelia, e 30 feet of lot 5, block 3, Cottage Park	50
J. A. Murphy et al to W. P. Russell, undivided ½ of lot 14, Sherman's subdiv	300
W. C. Crawford and wife to Katie Rancka, lot 2, block 2, Corrigan Place	1,100
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company to Maud N. Hamilton, lot 2, block 10, Kountze & Ruth's	10,000
Winnett W. McIlvaine to F. J. Sterner et al, lot 7, Marion Place	300

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO WATER WORKS CONTRACTORS—WATER WORKS SYSTEM.

Sealed proposals will be received by the chairman and Village Board of Osceola, Neb., up to 8 o'clock p. m., of December 26, 1904, for furnishing machinery, material and labor for the construction of a water works system for the Village of Osceola, Neb.; the machinery and material to be furnished are as follows:

1. Sinking one 10 in. well about 200 ft. deep.
2. Erecting one brick pumping station complete.
3. Furnishing one 25 h. p. gasoline engine.

Furnishing one deep well power pump.

4. Furnishing and erecting one steel tank on steel tower, or

Furnishing and erecting one steel stand pipe, complete.

5. Furnishing and laying between three and four miles of water mains with hydrants, valves, etc., complete, all to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications adopted by the Board of Trustees.

A certified check of 10 per cent (but not over $1,000.00) of amount of bid, must accompany each proposal.

The plans and specifications are on file and may be seen at the office of the Village Clerk, Osceola, or at the office of M. A. Earl, 1416 First National Bank Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

KEENE LUDDEN,
Chairman Board Trustees.
FRANK D. MILLS, Village Clerk.
M. A. EARL, Consulting Engineer.
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