GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Foreign Exchanges Closed and No News Comes.

DULLNESS CHARACTERIZES THE TRADE

Liquidation in Wheat Apparently Over for Present—Corn Dull and Shade Lower for Current Month's Option.

OMAHA, Dec. 23, 1905.

With foreign markets closed and no news of importance developing, the market naturally was dull. The liquidation in the current delivery seems over for the time being. The range of prices in all lines was small, wheat closing a little higher, corn a shade lower and oats practically unchanged.

Corn was dull and a shade lower for the current deliveries, but steady for the far months. Of the Chicago cars today twenty-nine graded contract, which is an improvement on the recent proportion. Indications in the sample crowd pointed to more liberal arrivals of the deliverable grade next week.

Oats were steady, with practically no trade. There was no feature worth mentioning.

December wheat closed at 82⅞c, May at 87⅛@87⅜c and July at 83⅝@83½c.

Corn closed with December at 44¼c, old December at 48c, May at 44@44⅛c and July at 44⅜c.

December oats closed at 30½c, May at 31⅜c and July at 30⅜c.

Clearances were 2?3,000 bushels of wheat, 775,000 bushels of corn, 6,000 bushels of oats and 59,000 barrels of flour. Primary wheat receipts were 676,000 bushels and shipments 206,000 bushels. Corn receipts were 823,000 bushels and shipments 450,000 bushels. The day last year was a holiday.

No cables came from Liverpool, as the market there was closed for the holidays. Broomhall estimates the week's shipments Monday at 8,000,000 bushels, half of it from this country. He predicts a good increase on passage. Last week shipments were 9,168,000 bushels.

Australian wheat shipments were 32,000 bushels, against 144,000 bushels last week and 624,000 bushels last year.

Elevator interests figure that the December corn bulls will get 2,000,000 to 2,500,000 bushels of corn by the end of the month. Contract corn is going to Chicago from Kansas City and the country generally. The driers are making 200,000 bushels a day contract grade.

The price of wheat Friday night had dropped 8⅝c from the high point of October 28.

Frim the Inter Ocean: "The open withdrawal of the Armour interest in wheat is looked upon as a good feature for the market, as it will cause the operators to work on the news and the real situation instead of what they believe Armour or some other large trader is doing, so that it can have full swing. The market has run into a period of December liquidation, and with the large interests out of the market some of the best posted traders last night were looking for a break."

The props of the bulls have fallen one by one. Russian news has little effect for the time being, though it probably will influence trading later. The Argentina crop scare has been dissipated. The European demand for wheat has been disappointing, Manitoba supplying the greater part of it.

Omaha Cash Sales.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 1 car at 79c; No. 2 mixed, 1 car at 77½c.

CORN—No. 3, 5 cars at 38½c; no grade, 1 car at 36c.

OATS—No. 3, 1 car at 28½c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 77@78c; No. 3 hard, 74@77c; No. 4 hard, 70@74c; No. 2 spring, 76@78c; No. 3 spring, 72@76c.

CORN—No. 3, 38½c; No. 4, 36½@37½c; no grade, 36c; No. 3 yellow, 38c; No. 3 white, 38c.

OATS—No. 3 mixed, 28½c; No. 3 white, 28½@29c; No. 4 white, 28¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 61½c; No. 3, 60@60½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	22	400	214
Minneapolis	421	..	..
Kansas City	70	142	15
Omaha	30	136	42
Duluth	92	..	..
St. Louis	28	97	88

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,684 bbls.; exports, 8,938 bbls.; market dull; Minnesota patents, $4.60@5.00; Minnesota bakers, $3.60@3.90; winter patents, $4.20@4.55; winter straights, $3.90@4.10; winter extras, $3.85@3.25; winter low grades, $2.75@3.20. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.80@4.10; choice to fancy, $4.15@4.40. Buckwheat flour, dull, $2.10@2.20, nominal, spot and to arrive.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull, 63c, nominal, delivered New York.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.25; coarse, $1.14@1.16; kiln-dried, $3.00@3.10.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2 western, 75c, c. i. f., New York.

BARLEY—Feeding, 41½c, c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 45@52c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT — Receipts, 198,000 bu.; exports, 24,081 bu.; spot market steady; No. 2 red, 91½c elevator and 93½c f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 94¼c f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b., afloat. The wheat market was naturally dull today, but owing to prediction for light world's shipments was steady, closing partly ¼@⅜c net higher; May, 91⅛@91⅝c, closed at 91⅝c; July, 88@88⅛c, closed at 88⅛c; December, 94@94⅝c, closed at 94½c.

CORN—Receipts, 113,950 bu.; exports, 52,727 bu.; spot market steady; No. 2, 58c for old elevator and 51c f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 yellow, 51c; No. 2 white, 51½c. Option market was without transactions and closed net unchanged; January closed at 53⅝c, May at 50c and December at 56⅜c.

OATS—Receipts, 114,000 bu.; exports, 1,735 bu.; spot market steady; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 37@37½c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 37½@38c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 40@41½c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 80@85c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1905, 10@19c; 1904, 10@15c; olds, 5@8c. Pacific coast, 1905, 10@14c; 1904, 9@12c; olds, 5@8c.

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

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 26½@27½c.

PROVISIONS — Beef, steady; family, $11.50@12.50; mess, $9.50@10.50; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet, $10.50@11.50; city, extra India mess, $17.50@18.50. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, $8.50@9.50; pickled shoulders, $6.50@7.00; pickled hams, $9.25@9.75. Lard, steady; western steamed, $7.80@7.85. Refined, steady; continent, $8.00; South America, $8.65; compound, $5.62½@5.87½. Pork, quiet; family, $15.50; short clear, $15.00@17.00; mess, $14.50@14.75.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 4½c; country, 4½@4⅝c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, nominal.

POULTRY—Alive, steady; western chickens, 11c; fowls, 12½c; turkeys, 14c. Dressed, steady; western broilers, 14@20c; turkeys, 13@19c.

EGGS—Strong; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy, selected white, 36@38c; state choice, 33@35c; state mixed, extra, 32@33c; western, finest selected, 29@30c; state, average best, 28c; southern, 22@28c.

CHEESE—Firm; state full cream, small and large, colored and white, October best, 13@13½c.

BUTTER — Firm; street price, extra creamery, 25@25½c; official prices unchanged.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 89@91c; track, 92@93c; May, 86½c; July, 80⅞c; No. 2 hard, 82@85c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 40½c; track, 41½@42c; December, 40⅜c; May, 42@42½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 31c; track, 31½c; December, 30½c; May, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $4.40@4.50; extra fancy straights, $3.90@4.30; clear, $2.90@3.50.

SEED—Timothy, $2.50@2.60; prime, $2.80.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.50.

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

HAY—Steady; timothy, $8.00@15.00; prairie, $7.00@10.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—99c.

BAGGING—8¼c.

HEMP TWINE—7½c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $13.75. Lard, firm; prime steam, $7.30. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed extra shorts, $8.00; clear ribs, $8.12½; short clears, $9.00. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts, $8.75; clear ribs, $9.00; short clear, $9.25.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 7½c; springs, 8½@9c; turkeys, 14½c; ducks, 10½c; geese, 8 cents.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 21@25c; dairy, 18@21c.

EGGS—Steady, 22½c, case count.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	28,000	40,000
Corn, bu	97,000	44,000
Oats, bu	88,000	47,000

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—To arrive, No. 1 northern, 83c; No. 2 northern, 81c. On track, No. 1 northern, 83c; No. 2 northern, 81c; December, 82c; May, 85¼c.

OATS—To arrive and on track, 89½c.

BARLEY—35@45c.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—An estimated decrease of large proportions in the weekly shipments of world's wheat had a bullish effect today on the wheat market here. At the close wheat for May delivery was up ¼c. Corn was off ⅛c. Oats were unchanged and provisions showed a gain of 12½@30c.

Trading in the wheat pit was very light, but the market, after the first half hour, had a firm undertone. At the opening sentiment was somewhat bearish because of improved weather for the movement of the crop in the northwest. Offerings, however, were readily taken by commission houses and shorts and this soon resulted in a firmer feeling. Purchases of the May delivery by prominent bulls also strengthened the market. The most influential of the day's news was the estimate by an English statistician that the total exports of wheat from all countries for the week amounted to 8,000,000 bu., a large reduction from the shipments of last week. After fluctuating within a half cent range, the market closed firm. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 87c to 87@87⅛c, sold up to 87⅝@87¾c and closed at 87½@87⅝c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 550,000 bu. Primary receipts were 676,000 bu., compared with a holiday last year. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 535 cars, against 537 cars last week.

Sentiment in the corn pit was somewhat bearish because of the situation in the December delivery. The fact that the movement of the crop shows a tendency to increase and that a larger percentage of the receipts of contract grade was a depressing influence. Trading was small and confined chiefly to commission houses. The close was steady. May opened a shade lower at 44¼c, sold between 44@44⅛c and 44½c, and closed at the lowest point of the day. Local receipts were 400 cars, with 29 cars of contract grade.

Moderate demand by commission houses and pit traders held the oats market steady. Aside from some selling early in the day from cash houses, offerings were light. Export trade was reported as slightly improved. May opened unchanged at 31⅜@31⅞c, sold up to 31⅞c and closed at 31⅜@31⅞c. Local receipts were 214 cars.

Active buying by packers caused strength in provisions. A decrease in local stocks because of heavy shipments of meat and lard strengthened the situation. At the close May pork was up 30c at $13.90. Lard was up 12½c at $7.50@7.52½. Ribs were 15c higher at $7.37½@7.40.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 68 cars; corn, 964 cars; oats, 407 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

There will be no session of the Board of Trade Monday on account of Christmas day.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	82¼	82⅞	82¼	82⅞	82¼
May	87@87⅛	87⅝@87¾	87	87½@⅝	87@87⅛
July	83 @⅛	83⅝	83	83⅝@½	83@83⅛
*Corn—					
†Dec.	48⅜	48⅜	48	48	49
‡Dec.	44⅝	44½	44¼	44¼	44⅝
May	44¼	44½	44@44⅛	44@44⅛	44¼@½
July	44½	44½	44⅜	44⅜	44⅜@½
*Oats—					
Dec.	30⅜	30½	30¼@⅜	30½	30⅜
May	31⅜@⅞	31⅞	31⅜	31⅜@⅞	31⅜@⅞
July	30½	30½	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜
Pork—					
Jan.	13 60	13 75	13 60	13 75	13 47½
May	13 62½	13 90	13 62½	13 90	13 60
Lard—					
Dec.	7 55	7 55	7 55	7 55	7 45
Jan.	7 37½	7 45	7 37½	7 45	7 37½
May	7 40	7 52½	7 40	7 55¼	7 40
Ribs—					
Jan.	7 10	7 17½	7 10	7 17½	7 02½
May	7 25	7 40	7 25	7 40	7 22½
July	7 40	7 52½	7 40	7 52½	7 35

*No. 2. †Old. ‡New.

FLOUR—Dull and easy; winter patents, $3.85@4.10; straights, $3.65@3.90; spring patents, $3.75@4.10; straights, $3.60@3.80; bakers, $2.25@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 83½@86½c; No. 3, 81@85c; No. 2 red, 87@87¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 48c; No. 2 yellow, 48c.

OATS—No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, 31¼@32c; No. 3 white, 30@31¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 65@66c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 37½@38½c; fair to choice malting, 41@49c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.03; No. 1 northwestern, $1.08½; prime timothy, $3.35; clover, contract grade, $13.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.75@12.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.52½@7.55. Short ribs sides (loose), $7.00@7.15. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.12½@7.25.

The receipts and shipments of flour and grain were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	21,100	15,300
Wheat, bu	15,000	3,700
Corn, bu	406,000	214,000
Oats, bu	349,700	278,100
Rye, bu	4,000	1,600
Barley, bu	96,700	74,100

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 17@24½c; dairies, 17@20c. Eggs were firm, at mark, cases included, 18@23c; firsts, 22c; prime firsts, 26c; extras, 28c. Cheese was steady, 11½@13c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Steady; December, 77⅛c; May, 79¼c; July, 75⅜c; cash, No. 2 hard, 79@81c; No. 3, 77@79c; No. 2 red, 89@90c; No. 3, 83@89c. Receipts, 38 cars.

CORN—Steady; December, 39½c; May, 39⅜c; July, 39⅜c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 40c; No. 2 white, 40¼@40½c; No. 3, 40c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 31⅜@32c; No. 2 mixed, 30¼@31c.

RYE—Steady, 63½@65c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $12.25@12.50; choice prairie, $9.75@10.75.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 22c.

EGGS—Lower; Missouri and Kansas, new No. 2 whitwood cases included, 22½c; case count, 21c; cases returned, ½c off.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	53,000	98,000
Corn, bu	181,000	113,000
Oats, bu	16,000	11,000

The leading futures at Kansas City, as reported by the Von Dorn Grain company, ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec.	77⅛			77⅛	77⅛
May	79¼	79¼	79¼	79⅜	79¼@⅜
July	75⅜	75⅜	75¼	75⅜	75⅜
Corn—					
Dec.	39⅜			39⅜	39½
May	39⅜	39⅜	39½	39⅜	39⅜
July	39⅜	39⅜	39½	39⅜	39⅜
Oats—					
May	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜@⅞
Pork—					
Jan.	13 40	13 80	13 40	13 80	13 37
May	13 52	13 60	13 52	13 60	13 50
Lard—					
Jan.	7 40	7 40	7 35	7 40	7 39
May	7 35	7 45	7 35	7 45	7 32

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—FLOUR—Dull, prices unchanged.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.50@13.75.

(Superior quotations for Minneapolis delivery). The range of prices, as reported by F. D. Day & Co., 110-111 Board of Trade building, was:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
Wheat—					
Dec.	81	81	80⅞	80⅞	....
May	84½@⅝	85	84½	85	....
July	85⅜	85⅜	85⅛	85⅛	....
Flax—					
Dec.	1 07½			1 07½	....
May	1 10⅞	1 07⅝	1 10⅝	1 10⅞	....
July	1 12¼			1 12¼	....

Minneapolis Cash Close—Wheat: No. 1 northern, 82⅞c; No. 2 northern, 80⅞c. Flax: $1.07½.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 26c; extra nearby prints, 29c.

EGGS—Firm; nearby fresh and western fresh, 28c at mark.

CHEESE—Steady; New York full creams, fancy, 13¾@14c; choice, 13½c; fair to good, 12½@13¼c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 23.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 1 northern, 86@87c; No. 2 northern, 83@84½c; May, 87⅛@87¼c asked.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 60@68c.

BARLEY — Dull; No. 2, 54½c; sample, 37½@53c.

CORN—Quiet; May, 44⅛c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 23.—CORN—Higher; No. 3 yellow, 42c; No. 3, 42c; No. 4, 40c; no grade, 37c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 3 white, 30½c; No. 4 white, 29½@30c.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.30.

Holiday in England.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Today is a holiday on the Stock exchange.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The cotton, corn and provisions exchanges here are closed today.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market is Inactive on Approach of Holiday but Values Are Firm.

TRACTION ISSUES AGAIN THE FEATURE

Profit Taking Late in Session Gives List a Temporary Setback from Which it Partially Recovers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Operations in the stock market were naturally circumscribed by reason of the approaching holidays and the suspension of business on the leading European exchanges. There was, however, a moderate degree of activity with considerable strength in a number of the better known issues.

Interest continued to revolve largely around the local transportation stocks and the new deal concerning which there was still an absence of official information. There was much speculation as to the stability of the 7 per cent guarantee dividend on Metropolitan Street Railway, which has been the basis of more than one legal attack. Metropolitan stocks moved irregularly and Metropolitan Securities were heavy. Third Avenue, one of Metropolitan's leading lines, was very strong, presumably on the assumption that the new deal would strengthen its position. In the railway list Union Pacific, St. Paul, Atchison, Pittsburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland & St. Louis and the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie were the principal features of strength. The United States Steel issues were strong and active, the common advancing to a new high level on the present movement. Anaconda Copper also was in active demand at a high record price. Other active and strong features were American Smelting, Corn Products preferred and common, American Cotton Oil and Virginia-Carolina Chemical.

The bank statement aroused little interest but profit taking gave the list a temporary setback from which it only partially recovered. The feature of the late trading was Anaconda Copper, which, on rumors of another "rich find" in the company's mines, advanced to 216, closed at 214, a net gain of over 22 points. Anaconda is a "quarter" of $25 stock, however, so its gain in points represents only one-fourth that amount in dollars. Anaconda is practically controlled by Amalgamated Copper interests and that issue was naturally strong in sympathy. There were feverish fluctuations in the general list toward the end, especially in Metropolitan Securities and Third Avenue, but the closing though irregular was in the main strong.

Total sales of bonds, par value, $2,285,000.

Quotations on the New York Stock exchange ranged as follows:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express	......	..	..	235
Amal. Copper	52,900	100⅞	98⅝	100½
Amer. Car & F.	500	39⅛	39⅜	39⅛
do pfd	100	99⅜	99⅜	99½
Amer. Cotton Oil	4,200	37½	36	36½
do pfd	......	..	..	92¼
Amer. Express	......	..	..	221
Amer. Hide & L. pfd	1,900	42	40½	40½
Amer. Ice Securities	2,500	34⅝	33⅞	34½
Amer. Linseed Oil	......	..	..	20¼
do pfd	......	..	..	41⅞
Amer. Locomotive	3,300	68¼	68⅛	69
do pfd	......	..	..	115
Amer. Smelting & R.	24,500	164⅞	161¼	164⅛
do pfd	1,000	130⅝	128	130⅛
Amer. Sugar Ref.	6,500	152⅛	151¼	151⅞
Amer. Tob. pfd. cert.	300	106⅝	105¼	105⅛
Anaconda Mining Co.	45,200	216	193½	214
Atchison	15,500	89	85⅛	88⅞
do pfd	......	..	..	104⅛
Atlantic Coast Line	200	159¾	159	158¾
B. & O.	2,100	113	112½	112⅞
do pfd	......	..	..	97⅛
Brooklyn R. T.	13,900	90⅛	89⅛	89⅝
Canadian Pacific	9,500	175⅛	173⅞	173⅞
Central of N. J.	......	..	..	222
Ches. & Ohio	300	55	54⅞	54⅜
Chicago & Alton	......	..	..	31
do pfd	......	..	..	72
Chicago Gt. Western	200	21	20⅞	20⅞
C. & N. W.	500	223	222	221½
C., M. & St. P.	8,500	181½	180⅜	180⅜
Chicago T. & T.	......	..	..	14
do pfd	......	..	..	35
C., C., C. & St. L.	200	105¼	105¼	105¼
Colo. Fuel & Iron	4,800	56⅛	55½	55⅛
Colo. & Southern	200	28⅜	28	28⅛
do 1st pfd	......	..	..	67½
do 2d pfd	200	47⅜	47¼	47¼
Con. Gas	200	179	179	179
Corn Products	8,800	16¼	15¼	16¼
do pfd	2,900	59	56½	57⅜
Del. & Hudson	100	223	223	223
Del., L. & W.	......	..	..	450
D. & R. G.	200	37	36⅞	36⅞
do pfd	200	90	90	89⅜
Distillers' Securities	3,400	53¼	52⅜	52⅜
Erie	6,200	47⅛	46⅞	46⅞
do 1st pfd	600	79⅜	79⅛	79⅛
do 2d pfd	600	73	72⅜	73
General Electric	800	177	176½	176½
Hocking Valley	......	..	..	111
Illinois Central	300	176	175½	175½
Inter. Paper	1,100	23⅛	22½	22⅞
do pfd	1,000	85	84	83⅝
Inter. Pump	......	..	..	26
do pfd	100	80¼	80¼	78½
Iowa Central	......	..	..	27½
do pfd	......	..	..	57⅛
K. C. Southern	3,100	35¼	34⅜	34⅝
do pfd	1,700	67⅝	67¼	67⅝
L. & N.	100	151½	151½	151
Manhattan L.	200	164⅛	164	163
Met. Securities	24,200	82⅞	79⅜	80¼
Met. St. Ry.	26,600	128⅝	126⅜	127⅝
Mexican Central	1,400	25⅛	24⅞	25
Minn. & St. L.	200	79⅛	79⅛	79⅜
M. St. P. & S. Ste. M.	1,400	142½	140½	142¼
do pfd	500	167⅛	167	167½
Mo. Pacific	4,900	103⅛	102⅛	103
M., K. & T.	1,300	37⅜	37	37
do pfd	200	71	70⅛	70
Nat'l Lead	2,500	86⅛	86	86⅛
Nat'l R. R. of M. pfd	......	..	..	38¼
N. Y. Central	1,800	151⅛	151	151
N. Y., Ont. & W.	400	51⅜	51⅜	51⅜
Norfolk & W.	5,300	84⅛	83⅜	83⅞
do pfd	......	..	..	92
No. American	5,900	101¼	99⅝	100⅝
Pacific Mail	200	48½	48½	48⅛
Pennsylvania	61,200	143½	142⅜	143¼
People's Gas	2,200	104⅛	99⅝	100⅝
P., C., C. & St. L.	700	85	84	85½
Pressed Steel Car	600	55⅝	54¼	55⅛
do pfd	......	..	..	99½
Pullman P. C.	......	..	..	240
Reading	3,700	137⅜	136⅜	136⅞
do 1st pfd	100	91⅜	91⅜	91⅞
do 2d pfd	......	..	..	95
Republic Steel	100	32⅞	32⅞	33
do pfd	800	104	103	103⅜
Rock Island Co.	2,800	23⅜	23¼	23⅝
do pfd	300	62⅛	62	62
Rubber Goods	......	..	..	40¼
do pfd	......	..	..	102½
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	......	..	..	48½
St. L. S. W.	100	22⅜	22⅜	22½
do pfd	......	..	..	58
So. Pacific	7,100	66⅜	66	66⅛
do pfd	......	..	..	117
So. Railway	1,800	35⅜	35⅛	35⅛
do pfd	600	100⅛	100	100
Tenn. Coal & I.	1,500	136	135	135¼
Texas & Pacific	200	33½	33⅛	33⅜
Tol., St. L. & W.	200	36⅝	36½	36⅛
do pfd	200	58	58	57½
Union Pacific	39,600	148⅜	148⅛	148⅝
do pfd	200	98	98	98
U. S. Express	......	..	..	118
U. S. Realty	......	..	..	87
U. S. Rubber	100	53¼	53¼	53
do pfd	......	..	..	109⅞
U. S. Steel	10,100	39⅜	38⅞	39⅛
do pfd	23,600	106⅛	106	105⅛
Va. Caro. Chemical	5,600	50	49	49
do pfd	1,500	116¼	116	116½
Wabash	300	20⅛	20¼	20⅛
do pfd	100	40⅞	40⅞	40½
Wells-Fargo Express	......	..	..	227
Westingh. Electric	......	..	..	175
Western Union	400	92⅞	92½	92⅞
W. & Lake Erie	......	..	..	17½
Wis. Central	......	..	..	23½
do pfd	200	50⅜	50¼	50⅜
No. Pacific	900	206	204	204¼
Central Leather	500	45⅛	45	45
do pfd	......	..	..	102⅝
Sloss Sheffield	200	88	88	87⅞

Total sales for the day, 672,600 shares.

Clearing House Averages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Weekly statement of the clearing house banks for this week shows that the banks hold a surplus over the legal reserve requirements of $4,159,400. The statement is as follows: Loans, $1,006,107,100; increase, $1,543,100. Deposits, $985,028,400; increase, $1,139,900. Circulation, $53,049,700; decrease, $11,000. Legal tenders, $74,203,700; decrease, $1,510,400. Specie, $176,212,800; increase, $1,993,700. Reserve, $250,416,500; increase, $483,300. Reserve required, $246,257,100; increase, $284,975. Surplus, $4,159,400; increase, $188,325. Ex-United States deposits, $6,324,250; increase, $211,775.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Bank clearings for today were $1,586,425.14, and for the corresponding date last year $1,390,564.00.

	1905.	1904.
Monday	$2,055,984.10	$1,491,482.58
Tuesday	1,731,553.05	1,478,626.85
Wednesday	1,580,787.58	1,450,878.44
Thursday	1,780,732.65	1,683,037.25
Friday	1,607,935.59	1,521,119.12
Saturday	1,586,425.14	1,390,564.00
Totals	$10,323,463.11	$9,014,303.24

Increase, $1,309,164.87.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—MONEY—3@3½c. Discount rates: Short bills, 3⅞@4 per cent; 3-month bills, 3 13-16@3⅞ per cent. Bar silver, firm at 30⅜d per ounce. Bullion amounting to £8,000 was taken into the Bank of England today and £200,000 was withdrawn for shipment to the continent.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Prices on the Bourse today improved notably, Russians advancing on satisfactory Bourse advices from St. Petersburg and Berlin and on account of dispatches forecasting the failure of the Russian strike. French rentes were buoyant owing to the belief that an improvement has occurred in Franco-German relations over the Moroccan question. Russian imperial 4s were quoted at 77.90 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 472.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—On the bourse today prices in all departments were firm. Russian imperial 4s were 1½ and Russian bank shares were 5½ higher.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—MONEY—On call, nominal; no loans; time loans strong; demand good; sixty days and ninety days, 6 per cent and commission; six months, 6 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weaker, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8620@4.8630 for demand and at $4.8290@4.83 for 60-day bills; posted rates, $4.83½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.82¼@4.82⅝.

SILVER—Bar, 65½c; Mexican dollars, 50c.

BONDS—Government, firm; railroad, steady.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	102¾	Japan 6s, 2d series	95⅛
do coupon	103¼	do 4½s ctfs	92⅞
U. S. 3s, reg	102¾	do 2d series	92⅛
do coupon	103¼	L. & N. uni. 4s	106
U. S. old 4s, reg	102¾	**Man. c. g. 4s	103⅞
do coupon	103¼	*Mex. Central 4s	80
U. S. new 4s, reg	130¼	do 1st inc	24¾
do coupon	130½	*Minn. & St. L. 4s	97
Am. Tob. 4s	80¼	M., K. & T. 4s	100¾
do 6s	115	do 2s	90
Atchison g. 4s	102¾	*N. R. R. of M. c 4s	85
do adj. 4s	94	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	99⅞
Atlantic C. L. 4s	101¼	*N. J. C. g. 5s	134
Bal. & Ohio 4s	103¼	No. Pacific 4s	105⅞
do 3½s	96⅛	do 3s	77
Brk. R. T. c. 4s	100	N. & W. c. 4s	101½
Central of Ga. 5s	113½	Ore. S. L. rfg. 4s	95⅝
*do 1st inc	94	Penn. conv. 3½s	103¾
do 2d inc	81	Reading gen. 4s	101¼
**do 3d inc	76¾	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	118
*Ches. & Ohio 4s	108	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	87¾
Chicago & A. 3½s	82¼	St. L. S. W. c. 4s	79¾
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	102	Seaboard Air L. 4s	89¾
C., R. I. & P. 4s	80	So. Pacific 4s	93⅝
do col. 5s	87½	do 1st 4s ctfs	97⅝
CCC & St. L. g. 4s	103¼	So. Railway 5s	121
Colo. Ind. 5s, ser. A.	78¼	Texas & Pacific 1s	122½
do series B	77⅝	Tol., St. L. & W. 4s	83
Colorado Mid. 4s	77½	Union Pacific 4s	106⅛
Colo. & So. 4s	94	do conv. 4s	148⅝
Cuba 5s	106¼	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	96⅞
**D. & R. G. 4s	101¼	Wabash 1s	115¾
Distillers' Sec. 5s	83¾	*do deb. B	77½
*Erie prior lien 4s	101	Western Md. 4s	89½
do gen. 4s	93½	**W. & L. E. 4s	92
Hocking Val. 4½s	109¼	Wis. Central 4s	93
Japan 6s	99⅛		

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Call loans, 7@8 per cent; time loans, 5½@6 per cent. Official quotations on stocks and bonds:

Atchison adj. 4s	93	*Allouez	37
do 4s	101⅜	Amalgamated	99⅞
Mex. Central 4s	79	Amer. Zinc	14⅝
Atchison	88⅝	Atlantic	25
do pfd	104⅛	Bingham	34⅛
Boston & Albany	254	Cal. & Hecla	705
Boston & Maine	171	*Centennial	28⅜
Boston Elevated	154	Copper Range	79⅞
*Fitchburg pfd	143½	Daly West	17
Mexican Central	24⅝	**Dom. Coal	73⅛
N. Y., N. H. & H.	192½	Franklin	16⅝
Union Pacific	146½	Granby	1⅜
Am. Arge. Chemical	22¼	Isle Royal	22¾
**do pfd	93	Mass. Mining	9
Amer. Pneu. Tube	11	Michigan	15⅞
Amer. Sugar	151⅛	**Mohawk	61¼
do pfd	139	Mont. C. & C.	4⅝
Am. Tel. & Tel.	138¼	Old Dominion	32½
Amer. Woolen	42¾	Osceola	106½
do pfd	106½	**Parrot	33⅜
Dom. I. & S.	25⅛	Quincy	107
*Edison Ill. & Elec.	240	Shannon	7
General Electric	176	Tamarack	118
Mass. Electric	14	Trinity	10¼
do pfd	58	United Copper	69
**Mass. Gas	47	U. S. Mining	44⅞
United Fruit	104½	U. S. Oil	9½
United Shoe Mach.	72	Utah	53⅛
do pfd	31	Victoria	6⅛
U. S. Steel	38⅝	Winona	8
do pfd	105¼	Wolverine	130
Westing. common	87	North Butte	84⅞
*Adventure	5⅜		

*Bid. **Asked.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Closing quotations on mining stocks were as follows:

Adams Con.	25	Little Chief	7½
Alice	180	Ontario	275
Breece	40	Ophir	550
Brunswick Con.	57	Phoenix	1
Comstock Tunnel	8	Potosi	6
Con. Cal. & Va.	130	Savage	44
Horn Silver	175	Sierra Nevada	27
Iron Silver	375	Small Hopes	30
Leadville Con.	5	Standard	365

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh receipts, candled stock, 25c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7½@8c; roosters, 5c; turkeys, 13c; ducks, 8½c; spring chickens, 7½@8c; geese, 8@9c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 15@16c; old toms, 14@15c; chickens, 8@9c; old roosters, 7c; ducks, 11c; geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 15c; choice to fancy dairy, 18@19c; creamery, 21@21½c; prints, 21½c.

SUGAR—Standard granulated, in bbls., $5.21 per cwt.; cubes, $6.06 per cwt.; cut-loaf, $6.50 per cwt.; No. 6, extra C, bags or bbls., $5.05 per cwt.; No. 10, extra C, bag only, $4.99 per cwt.; No. 15 yellow, bags only, $4.85 per cwt.; XXXX powdered, $5.96 per cwt.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 10@11c; halibut, 13c; buffalo, dressed, 9c; pickerel, dressed, 6½c; white bass, dressed, 12c; sunfish, 6c; perch, scaled and dressed, 8c; pike, 10c; catfish, 13c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 11c; croppies, 12c; eels, 18c; bullheads, 11c; black bass, 25c; whitefish, 12c; frog legs, per doz., 35c; lobsters, green, 27c; boiled lobsters, 30c; shad roe, 45c; bluefish, 15c; herring, 4c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Feed company: No. 1 upland, $7.50; medium, $7.00; coarse, $6.00@6.50. Rye straw, $6.50.

BRAN—Per ton, $15.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

DATES—Per box of 30 1-lb. pkgs., $2.00; Hallowee, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c; Sayers, per lb., 5c; walnut-stuffed, 1-lb. pkgs., $2.00 per doz.; 9-lb. boxes, $1.00.

ORANGES—California Navels, all sizes, $2.75; Florida, all sizes, $2.50.

LEMONS — Limoniera, extra fancy, 240 size, $3.25; 300 and 360 sizes, $3.75.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. carton, 75@85c; imported Smyrna, 4-crown, 12c; 6-crown, 14c.

BANANAS—Per medium-sized bunch, $1.75@2.25; Jumbos, $2.50@3.00.

TANGERINES — Florida, per box of about 125, $2.50.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $5.50.

FRUITS.

PEARS — Lawrence and Mount Vernon, $2.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, $12.00 per bbl.; Bell and Bugle, $12.50.

APPLES — California Bellflowers, $1.40 per bu. box; Colorado Jonathans, $2.00 per bu. box; Ben Davis, $1.65 per bu. box; Winesaps, $2.00 per bu. box; other varieties, $2.00 per bu., New York apples, $4.50 per bbl.

GRAPES—Imported Malagas, $5.50@6.00.

OLD VEGETABLES.

POTATOES — Home-grown, per bu., 60@65c; South Dakota, per bu., 75c.

ONIONS—Home-grown, yellow and red per bu., 85c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.00.

LIMA BEANS—Per bu., 5½c.

CABBAGE—Home-grown and Wisconsin, in crates, per lb., 1¾@2c.

CARROTS, PARSNIPS AND TURNIPS—Per bu., 65@75c.

CELERY—Kalamazoo, per doz., 25c.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, per 3-bu bbl., $1.75.

NEW VEGETABLES.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.75.

TOMATOES—California, per crate of 20 lbs., $2.50.

WAX BEANS—Per hamper of about 34 lbs. net, $3.50.

STRING BEANS—Per hamper of about 30 lbs. net, $3.90@4.00.

EGG PLANT—Florida, per doz., $1.25@1.50.

GREEN PEPPERS—Florida, per hamper of about 10 doz., $2.50.

TURNIPS—Louisiana, per doz. bunches, 45c.

SHALLOTTS — Louisiana, per doz. bunches, 75c.

HEAD LETTUCE—Louisiana, per bbl., $8.00@10.00; per doz. heads, $1.00.

LEAF LETTUCE—Hot house, per box of 12 to 15 heads, 65c.

CUCUMBERS—Hot house, per doz., $1.25@1.50.

RADISHES—Hot house, per doz. bunches, 75c.

MUSHROOMS—Hot house, per lb., 50@75c.

BEEF CUTS.

No. 1 rib, 12½c; No. 2 rib, 8½c; No. 3 rib, 6c; No. 1 loin, 16c; No. 2 loin, 10½c; No. 3 loin, 7½c; No. 1 chucks, 5c; No. 2 chucks, 4c; No. 3 chucks, 3c; No. 1 round, 7c; No. 2 round, 6¼c; No. 3 round, 5½c; No. 1 plate, 4c; No. 2 plate, 3c; No. 3 plate, 2¼c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CIDER—Per keg, $3.75; per bbl., $6.75.

HONEY—Now, per 24 lbs., $3.50.

CHEESE—Swiss, new, 5c; Wisconsin brick, 14c; Wisconsin limberger, 13c; twins, 14½c; young Americas, 14½c.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shells, new crop, per lb., 15½c; hard shells, per lb., 13½c. Pecans, large, per lb., 14c; small, per lb., 12c. Peanuts, per lb., 7c; roasted, per lb., 8c. Chili walnuts, per lb., 12@13½c. Almonds, soft shells, per lb., 17c; hard shells, per lb., 15c. Shellbark hickory nuts, per bu., $2.25; large hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50. Chestnuts, per lb., 15c. Coconnuts, $4.50 per sack of 100.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 9c; No. 2 green, 8c; No. 1 salted, 11c; No. 2 salted, 10c; No. 1 veal calf, 11c; No. 2 veal calf, 9c; dry salted, 7@14c; sheep pelts, 25c@$1.00; horse hides, $1.50@3.00.

Holiday in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Today is a holiday on the cotton and coffee exchanges, also in the sugar market here.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Steers Ten Higher and Cows Barely Steady for the Week.

HOGS ACTIVE AND FIVE TO TEN HIGHER

Light Run of Sheep for the Week, with Killers Ten to Fifteen Lower and Feeding Sheep Steady to Strong.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 23.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	6,300	5,334	4,877
Official Tuesday	5,168	10,379	3,991
Official Wednesday	2,400	14,480	3,965
Official Thursday	1,849	11,510	4,401
Official Friday	1,423	11,337	.....
Official Saturday	72	8,300	.....
Total this week	18,212	61,840	17,213
Total last week	28,083	66,100	35,564
Same week before	21,716	51,567	33,776
Same three weeks ago	13,929	30,172	33,758
Same four weeks ago	19,478	34,319	42,419
Same week last year	12,334	53,346	21,143

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, comparing with last year:

	1905.	1904.	Inc.
Cattle	1,017,908	930,804	87,104
Hogs	2,255,927	2,254,298	1,629
Sheep	1,990,646	1,742,273	248,373

The following table shows the prices paid at the river markets for cattle:

Good to choice corn-fed steers	$5.00@5.75
Fair to good corn-fed steers	4.40@5.00
Common to fair corn-fed steers	3.75@4.40
Good to choice cows and heifers	3.25@4.25
Fair to good cows and heifers	2.40@3.25
Canners and cutters	1.75@2.40
Good to choice stockers & feeders	3.40@4.00
Fair to good stockers and feeders	3.00@3.40
Common to fair feeders	2.25@3.00
Veal calves	3.00@5.50

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

Date.	1905.	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.
Dec. 1	4 92	4 42	4 34	6 09	*	4 63	3 74
Dec. 2	4 87½	4 48	4 31	6 08	5 95	*	3 76
Dec. 3	*	4 47	4 40	6 13	5 88	4 64	*
Dec. 4	4 81½	*	4 43	6 22	5 92	4 68	3 81
Dec. 5	4 84	4 41	4 37	6 24	6 05	4 77	3 80
Dec. 6	4 83	4 39	*	6 16	6 09	4 84	3 86
Dec. 7	4 83	4 39	4 26	*	6 09	4 84	3 81
Dec. 8	4 87	4 28	4 32	6 07	*	4 78	3 83
Dec. 9	4 83½	4 31	4 33	6 05	6 11	*	3 90
Dec. 10	*	4 38	4 46	6 12	6 13	4 85	*
Dec. 11	4 78½	*	4 47	6 08	6 14	4 82	3 92
Dec. 12	4 83	4 43	4 48	5 96	6 16	4 77	3 95
Dec. 13	4 87½	4 41	*	5 98	6 21	4 81	3 96
Dec. 14	4 84½	4 33	4 44	*	6 21	4 86	3 96
Dec. 15	4 81½	4 38	4 39	6 09	*	4 84	3 95
Dec. 16	4 76	4 41	4 25	6 16	6 26	*	4 01
Dec. 17	*	4 45	4 34	6 22	6 34	4 83	*
Dec. 18	4 81⅛	*	4 26	6 14	6 28	4 73	3 98
Dec. 19	4 84½	4 50	4 30	6 01	6 12	4 77	3 92
Dec. 20	4 90	4 50	*	6 07	6 04	4 79	3 94
Dec. 21	4 88	4 44	4 34	*	6 06	4 81	4 01
Dec. 22	4 90	4 38	4 39	6 16	*	4 80	4 02
Dec. 23		4 38	4 45	6 18	6 06	*	4 04

*Indicates Sunday.

RANGE OF PRICES.

	Cattle.	Hogs.
Omaha	....	$4.40@5.02½
Chicago	$1.35@6.50	4.60@5.20
Kansas City	2.00@6.25	4.50@5.15
St. Louis	2.00@5.90	4.50@5.15
Sioux City	2.50@5.75	4.80@4.95

YESTERDAY'S SHIPMENTS.

The following list shows the number of cars of feeders shipped to the country yesterday and their points of destination:

CATTLE.	Cars
Ballinger & S., Sidney, Ia.—Q.	1
Gold Hendrix, Griswold, Ia.—Q.	2
G. A. Jobes, Cumberland, Ia.—Q.	1
W. E. Boyd, Tabor, Ia.—Q.	1
Paul Bostwick, Woodbine, Ia.—N. W.	5
Thomas Adams, Vail, Ia.—N. W.	3
Vail Mill and Elevator company, Vail, Ia.—N. W.	2
John Nellen, Malvern, Ia.—Wab.	1
C. Lorenson, Wisner, Neb.—F. E.	2
Tim Priest, Battle Creek, Neb.—F. E.	1
Carson & W., Aspenwall, Ia.—Mil.	1
J. Rogers, Ord, Neb.—U. P.	2

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

Roads.	Cattle.	Hogs.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P.	..	1	..
Missouri Pacific	..	3	..
Union Pacific system	..	25	1
C. & N. W., east	..	9	..
C. & N. W., west	..	26	1
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	6	..
C., B. & Q., east	..	18	..
C., B. & Q., west	2	22	2
C., R. I. & P., east	..	6	..
Illinois Central	..	2	..
C., R. I. & P., west	..	3	..
Total receipts	2	121	4

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.
Omaha Packing Co.	.....	1,262
Swift and company	40	1,994
Cudahy Packing Co.	2	1,565
Armour & Co.	.....	3,206
Kingan & Co.	.....	152
Other buyers	23	.....
Total	65	8,179

CATTLE—As usual at all market points there will be no market here on Monday, Christmas day. The yards will be opened for the receipt and care of stock, but nothing will be offered for sale and the sale houses will be closed.

There were no cattle of any consequence on the market today, only two cars being reported in up to noon. There was a rather light run of cattle this week, only about 18,200 head being received; this is about 10,000 head smaller than last week, but is almost 6,000 head larger than for the corresponding week one year ago.

The beef cattle market has been rather uneven all week and has been subject to violent fluctuations at times. Early in the week prices on good beef steers were strong and higher nearly every day, but towards the last of the week the demand was very poor and prices slumped. However, good choice beef steers closed the week generally a dime higher, and in some cases there was an advance of 10@15c over a week ago. There was considerable warmed-up and short-fed stock on the market this week. It is a mistake to ship this kind of cattle, as the packers do not want them and the cattle are generally sold at a loss.

The trading on cows and heifers was just about the same as on beef steers, excepting that it did not hold up quite so well. The week opened with a small increase over the previous week's close, but the latter part of the week all of this advance was lost and the market closed the week lower all around. It is possible that some strictly choice fat cows would bring prices that would be steady with a week ago, but the general run of stuff on the market is mostly a dime off.

The feeder market has been in pretty good shape all this week. Trading opened Monday with the lower yards nearly full and speculators carrying more cattle than they wanted. Receipts along this line were rather light all the week and there was a reasonably good demand from country buyers with the result that the lower division was pretty well cleaned up and there is very little to be carried over Christmas. The market closed with prices generally 15@25c higher, or practically all the loss of the previous week regained.

HOGS—There was a moderate run of hogs on the market today, 117 cars (about 8,000 head) being reported in up to noon. The receipts for the day are smaller than for last Saturday, but for the week they are larger than last week by about 5,500 head. In fact it was the largest run since the third week in July. The run for the week is also larger than for the corresponding week last year by about 8,300 head.

The market opened this morning with prices 5@10c higher and was active and brisk throughout. The run was fairly good, but the packers were evidently wanting a supply and they appeared anxious for hogs. Trading opened brisk and very active and continued so all the morning, closing steady with the advance. The bulk of the hogs brought in the neighborhood of $4.95@5.00 as against $4.87½@4.92½ yesterday. The top price paid at this point today was $5.02½ as against $4.97½ yesterday. Judging from this alone, it will be seen that the advance for the day was 5@10c.

The market all this week has been in very good condition and, in spite of the liberal runs, prices have advanced a little every day excepting Thursday, when the market slumped about 2½c. Packers have been rather bearish all week, but just the same prices have held up and the week closed with the average today about 22½c higher than a week ago. There was a good demand all week by the packers, as they were apparently short.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
29	51	...	4 40	65	245	200	4 97½
61	127	160	4 40	47	290	80	4 97½
66	227	240	4 92½	74	238	200	4 97½
84	207	40	4 95	75	244	80	4 97½
81	266	...	4 95	60	233	...	4 97½
56	240	...	4 95	87	214	40	4 97½
57	262	80	4 95	62	268	120	4 97½
65	221	120	4 95	56	270	120	4 97½
73	219	40	4 95	65	207	...	4 97½
79	215	200	4 95	67	203	...	4 97½
67	235	40	4 95	62	269	240	4 97½
80	230	...	4 95	69	222	...	4 97½
54	225	80	4 95	65	271	120	4 97½
81	193	...	4 95	57	299	160	4 97½
52	250	160	4 95	42	260	120	4 97½
64	258	80	4 95	62	250	...	4 97½
77	258	220	4 95	66	305	...	4 97½
52	274	160	4 95	71	236	...	4 97½
71	183	160	4 95	16	268	80	4 97½
91	190	...	4 95	62	248	80	5 00
42	185	...	4 95	56	247	80	5 00
52	294	120	4 97½	55	241	...	5 00
62	222	80	4 97½	61	217	120	5 00
67	207	80	4 97½	59	268	40	5 00
61	285	80	4 97½	50	244	120	5 00
75	247	...	4 97½	49	286	280	5 00
66	246	120	4 97½	67	270	40	5 00
67	198	40	4 97½	54	326	160	5 00
64	244	120	4 97½	56	214	80	5 00
67	260	80	4 97½	62	264	...	5 00
69	240	80	4 97½	54	213	160	5 00
64	235	...	4 97½	65	290	...	5 00
63	277	320	4 97½	68	232	80	5 00
73	194	...	4 97½	54	284	...	5 00
74	222	40	4 97½	63	273	120	5 00
76	208	...	4 97½	66	203	440	5 00
59	236	40	4 97½	66	262	...	5 00
70	229	40	4 97½	67	271	80	5 00
65	207	...	4 97½	51	280	40	5 00
60	249	80	4 97½	64	267	200	5 00
67	217	120	4 97½	67	258	40	5 00
67	217	120	4 97½	64	272	40	5 00
67	251	80	4 97½	68	256	120	5 00
86	200	...	4 97½	64	264	120	5 00
67	220	40	4 97½	77	269	40	5 00
65	210	40	4 97½	55	243	80	5 00
71	186	...	4 97½	55	275	80	5 00
63	215	40	4 97½	56	297	120	5 00
75	264	160	4 97½	70	246	120	5 00
62	229	80	4 97½	70	270	80	5 00
62	222	...	4 97½	60	216	80	5 00
70	230	40	4 97½	64	310	240	5 00
63	202	...	4 97½	67	273	80	5 00
74	238	40	4 97½	54	265	160	5 02½
60	236	80	4 97½	56	325	...	5 02½
63	226	...	4 97½	54	323	...	5 02½
70	268	80	4 97½				

SHEEP—There were no fresh receipts here this morning, and so far as could be judged from appearances, none were wanted. As noted yesterday, the usual holiday dullness has settled down over the sheep and lamb market. Packers have filled their orders for fancy Christmas mutton and are not in need of anything in that line. On the other hand, the holiday demand for cheap grades of mutton is always light, so that packers have no pressing call for the common to medium grades of sheep or lambs. In other words, there is not likely to be any very great demand either here or at any other market point for sheep or lambs until after the first of the year. It sometimes happens during the holiday season that a few loads of killers will sell to very good advantage to fill in where some packer happens to run short, but it is always a good plan for shippers intending to send in anything at this time to keep in close touch with their commission firms and act on their advice.

The sheep market has been in very satisfactory condition all this week on desirable kinds of fat sheep and lambs, prices remaining just about steady with previous week until Thursday, when packers seemed to get their orders filled and the market lost its wire edge, prices sagging all of 10@15c. Feeder sheep and lambs have been in very moderate supply all the week, while the demand was fully equal to the absorption of everything coming. In consequence of this the market, if anything, showed a little strength during the week.

Quotations for fed sheep and lambs are as follows: Good to choice lambs, Colorados, $7.40@7.65; westerns, $7.00@7.50; yearlings, $6.00@6.25; wethers, $5.50@5.75; ewes, $4.75@5.40.

Quotations for feeder sheep and lambs: Good feeding lambs, $5.75@6.25; yearlings, $4.75@5.40; wethers, $4.50@5.00; ewes, $3.75@4.30; breeding ewes, $4.50@5.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Steady—Hogs Strong to Higher—Sheep Steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,400 head. Market steady; beeves, $3.35@6.50; cows, $1.35@4.35; heifers, $2.15@4.80; calves, $5.50@7.25; good to prime steers, $5.25@6.50; poor medium, $3.25@5.20; stockers and feeders, $2.10@4.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,000 head; estimated Tuesday, 32,000 head. Market strong to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $4.90@5.17½; good heavy, $5.05@5.20; rough heavy, $4.85@4.95; light, $4.85@5.12½; pigs, $4.60@5.10; bulk of sales, $5.00@5.10.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,500 head. Market steady; sheep, $3.40@5.80; yearlings, $5.70@6.50; lambs, $5.65@7.85.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200 head, including 200 southerns. Market unchanged; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.25@6.25; fair to good, $3.75@5.00; western fed steers, $3.25@4.80; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.40; southern steers, $2.50@4.40; southern cows, $1.75@3.25; native cows, $2.00@4.00; native heifers, $2.75@4.80; bulls, $2.25@3.75; calves, $3.00@6.25. Receipts for the week, 47,500 head.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,600 head. Market 5c higher; top, $5.12½; bulk of sales, $4.95@5.10; heavy, $5.00@5.12½; packers, $4.95@5.10; pigs and lights, $4.50@5.00. Receipts for the week, 53,000 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 400 head. Market nominally steady; native lambs, $5.75@7.50; western lambs, $5.75@7.35; fed ewes and yearlings, $4.50@6.00; western fed yearlings, $5.50@6.35; western fed sheep, $ .25; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.75.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head, including 150 head of Texans; market strong; native shipping and export steers, $4.25@5.90; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.00@5.10; steers under 1,000 lbs., $2.90@4.45; stockers and feeders, $2.10@3.30; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.40; canners, $1.75@2.00; bulls, $2.50@3.00; calves, $2.75@7.50; Texas and Indian steers, $2.60@3.85; cows and heifers, $2.10@3.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,000 head; market 5@10c higher; pigs and lights, $4.50@5.10; packers, $4.75@5.05; butchers and best heavy, $5.05@5.15.

SHEEP AND LAMBS — Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady; native muttons, $5.00@5.50; lambs, $5.25@7.50; culls and bucks, $2.50@5.60; stockers, $3.10@3.75; Texans, $3.00@4.00.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—BEEVES—Receipts, 478 head; market slow but steady; prime native steers sold at $5.50 per 100 lbs.; dressed beef dull at 5½@9c per lb. for native sides. Exports, 1,160 head beeves and 6,718 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Receipts, 99 head; no trading of importance; feeling weak; city dressed veals slow at 8½@13c per lb.; country dressed, 8@11½c.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,104 head; the feeling in this market was steady.

SHEEP AND LAMBS — Receipts, 11,697 head; no sheep offered; lambs slow to 10c lower; common to prime lambs sold at $6.25@7.60; dressed mutton in poor demand at 7½@10c per lb.; dressed lambs, 11@13½c.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 268 head. Market steady; natives, $3.65@6.15; cows and heifers, $1.50@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.90.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,498 head. Market was mostly 5c higher; light, $4.80@4.95; medium and heavy, $4.90@5.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 8 head. Market steady.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; beeves, $3.50@5.75; cows, bulls and mixed, $2.25@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.85; calves and yearlings, $2.50@3.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,500 head; market 5c higher, selling at $4.80@4.95; bulk of sales, $4.90@4.92½.

Stock in Sight.

Receipts of livestock at the six principal western markets yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	72	8,300	......
Sioux City	200	4,500	......
Kansas City	1,300	4,600	400
St. Joseph	168	5,493	8
St. Louis	500	2,000	1,000
Chicago	1,400	15,000	1,500
Total	3,640	39,793	2,908

DRUIDING'S FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the information of parties who may be interested in speculative securities we have made arrangements with Mr. F. G. Druiding of Chicago, an expert writer on financial topics and delineator of stock exchange probabilities, to furnish a weekly review of the salient features of current financial topics gleaned from the various exchanges.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Firmness in the money market has acted as a check, combined with the usual tendency to liquidate over the holidays. When I look at the events of the last few weeks as from a panoramic standpoint I cannot help but find some amusement from such antics in Wall street, chief among which Brooklyn Rapid Transit must be mentioned. The buying frenzy for this stock was the result of carefully circulated rumors to the effect that Pennsylvania was to take over this line. Speculation in these shares at such a high level did not discontinue until President Cassatt of the Pennsylvania very generously made a statement in which he dispelled the illusion.

The next act of the play shifts to Tennessee Coal, Republic Steel and Sloss-Sheffield. To my immediate knowledge at three different times rumors were disseminated that a combination of these interests was to be effected, whereupon the speculative element immediately gobbled down this delicate morsel and refused to disgorge until such action was superinduced by events which showed conclusively that no consolidation of the kind would be made. Of course, National Lead has kept up this kind of thing until it is an old story.

The many rumors which were disseminated that Erie had gained control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton caused many speculators to look for very much higher prices in Erie, but before the stock could be boomed the public press began to declare that Morgan had bought a gold brick, which he subsequently turned over to the Erie, and which he must be under the necessity of turning back. It is distressing to realize that property such as the Hamilton & Dayton, which a few years ago no more valuable property existed, should, through connivances, finally come to such an ignominious end as a receivership.

The money situation has not yet been solved, and I look for no solution until the spring of the year. It is not at all unlikely that if the bull movement continues that there will be a movement of the conservative bankers, who will succeed in calling a halt to some of the wild antics in Wall street.

Of the pig iron market Rogers, Brown & Co. have this to say: "The quiet attitude of the market prevailing during the last week cannot be said to be unexpected, as the end of the calendar year usually marks the terminus of the fiscal year for many, and consumers are busy rounding up their internal affairs, and are not disposed to consider purchases except for immediate needs. The usual run of small orders was placed, but no large transactions are reported. Prices are being firmly maintained and it is generally felt that with the opening of the new year inquiry will develope for deliveries covering the second quarter and last half. One large stack of the local furnaces is out of blast for relining, which event will tend rather to strengthen prices in this district. The coke supply is covering all needs at the present time."

One of the most interesting rumors circulated recently was the rumor to the effect that the Standard Oil crowd are seriously contemplating a reorganization of Standard Oil so that prices will reach an ordinary investment level. The present $100,000,000 par value of capital stock, which is selling around 680, will be raised to about $600,000,000 par value, on which basis the stock would show a selling power of about 7 per cent a year, instead of 40.

It is expected that such an arrangement would have the effect of quieting public rumor. The reason for such a change of policy might further be attributed to the fact that Standard Oil people have been looking toward the Russian oil fields longingly for a number of years past. In order to secure the kind of control that the Standard Oil would want in the Russian fields it would be imperative to raise considerable capital, which might easily be done in the event of a reorganization.

Oils and Rosin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—OIL—Cotton seed oil, steady; prime crude, nominal; prime yellow, 29¼@29¾c. Petroleum, steady; refined New York, $7.60; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.55; prime in bulk, $4.65. Turpentine, quiet, 67½c.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to good, $3.60@3.60.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23.—OIL—Turpentine, firm, 65½c.

ROSIN—Firm; ABC, $3.45; D, $3.50; E, $3.60; F, $3.70; G, $3.75; H, $3.85; I, $3.95; K, $4.50; M, $5.00; N, $5.50; W.G., $5.75; W.W., $6.00.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 23.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.53. Runs, 89,127 bbls.; average, 66,669 bbls. Shipments, 79,717 bbls.; average, 70,691 bbls.

Runs, Lima, 57,897 bbls.; average, 27,516 bbls.; shipments, Lima, 63,433 bbls.; average, 66,917 bbls.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Market quiet. Common are quoted at 4@8½c; nearly prime, 9@9½c; prime, 9½@9¾c; choice, 10½c; fancy 11@12c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Prunes remain in fair demand, chiefly in the way of small lots for the interior, with quotations ranging from 4½c to 8c. Apricots are firmly held with choice quoted at 9½@10c; extra choice, 10¼@10¾c; fancy, 11@12c. Peaches show no fresh feature; extra choice are quoted at 10c; fancy, 10½@11c; extra fancy, 11½@13c. Raisins are quiet, with loose Muscatel quoted at 5¾@7¼c; seeded raisins at 6¼@9c, and London layers at $1.60.

Wool Market.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—WOOL—The arrivals of wool for the first series of the 1906 wool auction sales amount to 106,218 bales, including 54,000 bales forwarded direct to spinners. The imports this week were: New South Wales, 4,322 bales; Queensland, 2,676 bales; Victoria, 2,419 bales; South Australia, 5,756 bales; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 1,048 bales; China, 2,893 bales; Marseilles, 700 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—WOOL—Steady; medium grades, combing and clothing, 28@30c; light fine, 21@26c; heavy fine, 19@21c; tub washed, 33@41½c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—METALS—There was little doing in the various metal markets and prices were without change. Lake and electrolytic copper are quoted at $18.50@19.00 and casting at $18.12½@18.52½. Tin continued quiet at $35.90@36.10. Lead is quoted at $5.60 for fifty-ton lots to be shipped within thirty days, but spot supplies are scarce and the market ranges up to $6.10. Spelter, quiet, $6.50@6.65.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—METALS—Lead, quiet, $5.80@5.85; spelter, easier, $6.50.

Merchandise and Specie.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Total imports of merchandise and dry goods at the port of New York for the week ending today were valued at $17,513,599. Total imports of specie at the port of New York for the week ending today were $46,354 silver and $46,916 gold. Total exports of specie at the port of New York for the week ending today were $1,234,311 silver and no gold.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23. — SUGAR — Firm; open kettle, 3@3¼c; open kettle centrifugal 3¼@3⅝c; centrifugal whites, 3¾@4c; yellows, 3¼@3 11-16c; seconds, 2@3¼c.

MOLASSES—Open kettle, 15@33c; centrifugal, 16@22c. Syrup, 22@28c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 23. — SEEDS — Clover, cash and December and January, $8.15; February, $8.22; March, $8.30. Timothy, prime, $1.60. Alsike, prime, $8.00.

Two Miners Killed.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Lewis Liga and M. Deteres, Austrian miners, were run down in the shaft of Dietz mine No. 4 yetserday and ground to mincemeat by two runaway coal cars, which had broken their rope and were coming down the slant at a terrific pace. Liga and Deteres heard them coming, but could not get out of their way, and the cars knocked them down, tore them to bits and, jumping the track, were split into kindling wood. Both leave families.

Winslow Commands Kearsarge.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The command of the battleship Kearsarge, now stationed at League Island navy yard, was today transferred from Captain Raymond P. Rodgers to Captain Herbert Winslow. Captain Roberts has been ordered to shore duty at Washington, his two-year term of sea service having expired.

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