GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Persistent Bull Effort Gives Firm Tone to Wheat.

COLLAPSE OF DECEMBER CORN DEAL

Current Delivery Sells at Liberal Discount Under May and Eight Cents Below Previous Day—General Market News.

OMAHA, Dec. 30, 1905.

Bull effort in a market rather bare of offerings gave a firm tone and somewhat higher prices during the greater part of the session. Capital is being made of the reports of wet weather in Argentina and of possibilities of bull developments if the revolution continues in Russia. Neither feature seems to be taken seriously abroad, although European markets were steady. Liverpool closed ¼d lower.

The distant months in corn held steady, while the December deal went the way of many another in the past. The deal collapsed and both deliveries sold at a material discount under the May, and the new and old December were within ⅜c of each other at one time. Liverpool was ⅝@¾d lower and reported depressed from excessive supplies. There is considerable bull talk in respect to the May delivery and possibly an attempt may be made in the first of the year to advance prices, but under the conditions existing an advance cannot go far.

December shorts ran the current oats delivery up to 33c early in the day, but the price was let down later to under 32½c. The May meanwhile was steady. Receipts are moderate and domestic demand good.

December wheat closed at 83⅝c, May at 87⅝@88c, and July at 85⅝c.

December corn closed at 41c, old December at 42c, May at 44⅛c, and July at 44⅝c.

December oats closed at 31½c, May at 32⅝@32¾c, and July at 29⅝@29¾c.

Primary wheat receipts were 948,000 bushels and shipments 352,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 574,000 bushels and shipments of 269,000 bushels. Corn receipts were 935,000 bushels and shipments 418,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 544,000 bushels and shipments of 498,000 bushels.

Broomhall estimates the world's wheat shipments Monday will be about 8,800,000 bushels, of which Europe will take about 7,200,000 bushels. Last week shipments were 11,248,000 bushels, and last year 9,936,000 bushels. There will be a moderate decrease of the quantity on passage.

A letter just received at Chicago from St. Petersburg says pressure is being brought to bear on the executive to issue at once a ukase prohibiting grain exports. This confirms famine statement of Dr. Dillon, St. Petersburg correspondent of the New York Daily Telegraph.

There is no improvement in the car situation; the railroads are in bad shape. It is believed Chicago receipts will be lighter after the December option is out of the way.

The Von Dorn Grain company, through Pringle, Fitch & Rankin, received news from Argentina saying the harvest has been delayed by rains in many parts.

According to the Tribune a Chicago commission house has sent out the following: "We are of the opinion speculation will make its appearance in grains after January 1. Stocks in New York and Boston have held the stage for a good many months. The money situation, as we see it, will tend to restrict operations in this district, as it seems unlikely rates will reach a normal basis within sixty days. Wheat, corn and oats have been neglected, and to our mind should be watched closely, as conditions the world over are such as to warrant a material advance all along the line."

Omaha Cash Sales.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 1 car, 79c; No. 3 hard, 1 car, 79c; No. 4 hard, 1 car, 75c.
CORN—No. 3, 1 car, 37¾c.
OATS—Standard, 1 car, 28¾c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 77@80c; No. 3 hard, 73@77½c; No. 4 hard, 70@73½c; No. 2 spring, 76@78½c; No. 3 spring, 73@75½c.
CORN—No. 3, 38c; No. 2, 37½@38c; No. 4, 35½@37c; no grade, 30@36c; No. 3 yellow, 37½@38c; No. 3 white, 37½@38c.
OATS—No. 3 mixed, 28½c; No. 3 white, 28½@29½c; No. 4 white, 28½@29c.
RYE—No. 2, 61c; No. 3, 60c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	54	521	158
Kansas City	61	160	37
Minneapolis	522	...	...
Omaha	26	143	43
Duluth	77	...	...
St. Louis	34	54	46

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,894 bbls.; exports, 8,318 bbls.; market steady and unchanged; Minnesota patents, $4.50@6.00; Minnesota bakers, $3.60@3.90; winter patents, $4.15@4.35; winter straights, $3.90@4.00; winter extras, $2.85@3.35; 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, quiet, $2.10@2.15, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.25; coarse, $1.14@1.16; kiln dried, $3.60@3.50.

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

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 41c, c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 46@52c, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 63,000 bu.; exports, 123,700 bu. Spot market firm; No. 2 red, 92c, elevator; No. 2 red, 94c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 94¾c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal, f. o. b. afloat. Except for December, which fluctuated violently under manipulation, wheat, after an easy opening, due to poor cables, developed activity and strength. It advanced on covering, bull support, big clearances and small estimates for world's shipments, closing ½@¾c net higher; May, 91⅝@92 3-16c, closed at 92⅛c; July closed at 88c; December closed at 93⅝@93¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 102,125 bu.; exports, 149,573 bu.; sales, 25,000 bu. Spot market steady; No. 2, 57c, old elevator, and 59¾c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 59½c; No. 2 white, 51¼c. Option market was steady except for December, which advanced sharply on covering. The market otherwise closed net unchanged; May closed at 50¼c; July closed at 50⅝c; December, 58c.

OATS—Receipts, 58,500 bu.; exports, 7,580 bu. Spot market steady; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 36½@37c; natural, 30 to 32 lbs., 37½@38c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 40@41½c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 60@65c; 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., 29c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 26½@27½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; 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@9.25; pickled shoulders, $6.50@7.00; pickled hams, $9.25@9.75. Lard, steady; western steamed, $7.65@7.75; refined, quiet; continent, $7.80; South America, $8.65; compound, $5.75@5.87½. Pork, steady; family, $15.50; short clear, $15.50@17.00; mess, $14.50@14.75.

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

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

BUTTER—Steady; street price, extra creamery, 26@26c; official prices unchanged.

CHEESE—Strong; state full cream, small and large, colored and white, September fancy, 14c; state October best, 13½@13¾c; state late made, small colored and white, average best, 12c; state large, 12¼c; state fair, 11¼@11¾c.

EGGS—Easier; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected, white, 36c; state, choice, 33@34c; mixed fancy, 30@32c; western firsts, 27c; under grades, 20@26c; southerns, 20@27c.

POULTRY—Live, firm; western chickens, 11c; fowls, 13c; turkeys, 15c. Dressed, quiet; chickens, 8@10c; turkeys, 12@16c; fowls, 9@12½c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red, western winter, 6s 7d. Futures, quiet; December, nominal; March, 6s 10½d; May, 6s 9¼d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s 5¼d; American mixed, old, 4s 5d. Futures, quiet; January, 4s 2¾d; May, 4s 3¾d.

HOPS—In London (Pacific coast), quiet at £2 10s@£3 10s.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—BUTTER—Steady; extra western creamery, 26½@27c; extra nearby prints, 30c.

EGGS—One cent lower; nearby fresh, 28c at mark.

CHEESE—Firm; New York cream, fancy, 14c; New York cream, choice, 13½@13¾c; New York cream, fair to good, 12½@13¼c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 30.—SEEDS—Clover, cash December and January, $8.30; February, $8.37; March, $8.42. Timothy, prime, $3.65. Alsike, prime, $8.00.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 30.—WHEAT—To arrive, No. 1 northern, 83½c; No. 2 northern, 80¾c; on track, No. 1 northern, 83¾c; No. 2 northern, 80¾c; December, 82¾c; May, 85¾c.

OATS—To arrive and on track, 30c.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Political disorders in Russia exerted a bullish effect today on the local wheat market. At the close wheat for May delivery was up ⅛@⅜c. The termination of the December deal in corn resulted in a slump of 8c a bushel in the price of old December. New December sold off 3¼c. May corn closed ⅛c lower. Oats were practically unchanged and provisions were unchanged to 7½c lower.

With the exception of the first few minutes of trading the wheat market was strong for the entire day. At the opening local bears sold freely, partly as a result of lower prices at Liverpool and also because of the continued heavy movement of wheat in the northwest. Bull leaders, however, gave the market good support and prices soon made a substantial advance. Later the buying became more general because of increasing outbreaks reported in Russia, it being believed that the situation there will eventually lead to a great curtailment of shipments of wheat and other grains. Further advices from Argentina confirming previous reports of damage to the wheat crop by rains also lent strength to the market. An English statistician estimated the world's shipments for the week at 8,000,000 bushels against 11,000,000 bushels for the corresponding week a week ago. This was another feature which induced buying. The market closed firm. May opened a shade to ⅛c lower at 87½c to 87⅝@87¾c, advanced to 88⅝c and closed at 87⅞@88c. Clearances of wheat and flour were reported equal to 519,000 bushels (incomplete figures). Primary receipts were 948,000 bushels compared with 574,000 bushels one year ago. Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 623 cars against 523 cars last week and 340 cars one year ago.

At the opening of the corn market today it was apparent that there were few if any shorts who were not in position to fulfill their contracts by making deliveries of cash grain. The longs, therefore, made no attempt to support the market and the price for both new and old December fell steadily throughout the day. A decline of 8c a bushel from the closing figures of yesterday marked the end of the dealings of December corn. The selling was in small lots and transactions were from 10@2c apart. The close was at the lowest of the day. December old opened ⅛@¼c lower at 49⅝@49¾c, dropped to 44c within the first hour and then continued to sag until the close, which was at 42c. New December opened at 44⅛ and closed with a net loss of 3¼@4c. Future deliveries were not affected by the slump in the December option, May being steady from start to finish. May opened a shade to ⅛@¼c lower at 44⅛@44⅜c, sold up to 44⅝c and closed at 44⅛@44⅜c. Local receipts were 561 cars with 194 cars of contract grade.

Urgent demand by shorts caused a sharp bulge in the price of oats for December delivery. The prices for that option was bid up from 32½c, the opening quotation, to 35c before any quantity was offered for sale. At that price, however, many of the longs took profits, which brought about a quick reaction. Closing quotations were at 31½c, the lowest point of the day. Other deliveries were steady. May opened unchanged to ¼c lower at 32⅛@32¼c, sold up to 32⅜c and closed at 32⅛@32¼c. Local receipts were 158 cars.

Despite an advance of 50@10c in the price of live hogs, the provisions market was weak because of the persistent selling by local packers. At the close May pork was off 7½c at $13.75. Lard was unchanged at $7.47½. Ribs were 2½c lower at $7.37½.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 44 cars; corn, 397 cars; oats, 434 cars; hogs, 42,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	83⅝	84	83⅛	83⅝	83⅝@⅞
May	87½@⅝	88⅜	87⅛	87⅞@88	87⅝@⅞
July	83⅝@⅞	84½	83⅝	84⅛	83⅞@84
*Corn—					
†Dec.	49@49½	49½	42	42	50
‡Dec.	43⅞@44	44⅛	41	41	44¼
May	44⅛@⅜	44½	44⅛	44⅛@⅜	44⅜@½
July	44¾	44¾	44⅝	44⅝	44⅝
*Oats—					
Dec.	32½	35	31½	31½	32¼
May	32⅛	32¾	32⅛	32⅛@¼	32¼
July	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝@⅝	30⅝@⅝	30⅝
Pork—					
Jan.	13 52½	13 55	13 42½	13 47½	13 52½
May	13 82½	13 82½	13 72½	13 75	13 82½
Lard—					
Jan.	7 32½	7 32½	7 27½	7 27½	7 30
May	7 50	7 50	7 42½	7 47½	7 47½
July	7 52½	7 55	7 52½	7 55	7 57½
Ribs—					
Jan.	7 17½	7 20	7 15	7 20	7 20
May	7 40	7 40	7 32½	7 37½	7 40
July	7 45	7 50	7 45	7 50	7 52½

*No. 2. †Old. ‡New.

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

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 83½@86c; No. 3, 82@85c; No. 2 red, 87½@88c.

CORN—No. 2, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 42c.

OATS—No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 white, 32½@32¾c; No. 3 white, 30¾@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 64½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 31¾c; fair to choice malting, 41@49c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.10; No. 1 northwestern, $1.16; prime timothy, $3.37½; clover, contract grade, $13.00@13.15.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.70@13.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.30. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.30@7.35.

The receipts and shipments of flour and grain were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	14,900	20,300
Wheat, bu	43,000	8,000
Corn, bu	524,200	202,800
Oats, bu	303,500	213,700
Rye, bu	4,000	1,000
Barley, bu	32,250	36,500

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 19@24½c; dairies, 17@22c. Eggs, steady; at mark, cases included, 18@23c; firsts, 22c; prime firsts, 25c; extras, 27c. Cheese, strong; 11½@13c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Steady; December, 77⅝c; May, 80c; July, 76⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 75@81½c; No. 3, 77@79½c; No. 2 red, 88@89c; No. 3, 83@87c.

CORN—Lower; December, 39⅝c; May, 39⅝c; July, 40c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 40c; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 3, 40c.

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

EGGS—Steady; Missouri and Kansas new No. 2 white-wood cases included, 22c; case count, 20c; cases returned, ½c less.

HAY—Choice; timothy, $12.50@12.50; choice prairie, $9.75@10.00.

RYE—Steady; 61c.

BUTTER—Steady, creamery, 22c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	128,000	50,000
Corn, bu	80,000	172,000
Oats, bu	17,000	22,000

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.	77⅞	77⅞	77⅞	77⅞	.....
May	79½	80¼	79½	80¼	79¾
July	75⅞	76½	75⅞	76½	76
Corn—					
Dec.	40¼	40¼	39¾	39¾	39¾
May	39¾	39¾	39¼	39¼	39¾
July	40⅛	40⅛	40	40⅛	40⅛
Oats—					
Dec.	29½	29½	29¼	29⅝	29½
May	30½@¾	30⅝	30⅝	30½	30½
Pork—					
Jan.	13 45	13 45	13 32	13 35	13 37
May	13 72	13 72	13 65	13 67	13 72
Lard—					
Jan.	7 27	7 27	7 22	7 25	7 25
May	7 45	7 45	7 37	7 42	7 42

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 86@86c; track, 91½c; May, 86⅝c; July, 81½@81⅝c; No. 2 hard, 83@86c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 cash, 41c; track, 42c; December, 40c; May, 42½c.

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

FLOUR—Quiet and steady; red winter patents, $4.60@4.80; extra fancy and straight, $3.90@4.00; clear, $2.80@3.20.

SEED—Timothy, $2.50@2.80.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.50.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 51@52c.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $6.25@14.50; prairie, $6.00@10.50.

IRON COTTON TIES—$9c.

BAGGING—9¼c.

HEMP TWINE—8c.

POULTRY—Higher; chickens, 9½c; springs, 11½c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 12c; geese, 10½c.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 21½@26c; dairy, 18@21c.

EGGS—Steady, 22c, case count.

PROVISIONS—Firm, jobbing, $14. Lard, unsettled; prime steam, $7.15@7.25. Dry salt meats, steady; boxed extra short, $8; clear ribs, $8.12½; short clears, $9. Bacon, firm; boxed extra shorts, $8.75; clear ribs, $9; short clear, $9.25.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,325	5,400
Wheat, bu	34,150	46,770
Corn, bu	83,000	56,000
Oats, bu	56,000	56,270

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Market for Last Day of Year is Active and Unsettled.

LARGE SALES DUE TO PROFIT TAKING

Wide Advances of Week Prove Attractive to Speculators Who Fear Possible Complications Next Month.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The last day of the year proved a very active one on the Stock exchange, but the tone of the market was considerably unsettled. There was a disposition to realize the profits shown on the wide advances of the last few days and to escape the risks of the remaining uncertainties over the money market. The absorptive power of the market, however, proved good and the realizing was effected without material damage to prices. There was some decidedly feverish movements in the closing dealings, when hasty throwing over of holdings caused a number of rapid declines, followed in some cases by rapid recoveries. The range in Amalgamated Copper and Anaconda was especially wide and rapid. The immediate outlook in the money market remains obscured. The greatest reliance is placed for early relief from stringency on the disbursement of the dividend and interest due, for the payment of which great funds have been accumulated. The severity of this week's stringency is attributed principally to this preparation. It is also said that the accumulation of resources by the trust companies for the purpose of "window dressing" for the January statement of condition, which is required of those institutions, has played an important part in the construction of the week's money supply and prompt relief is hoped for from the release of funds accumulated for this purpose. On the other hand, there is some apprehension that very heavy obligations contracted in the course of the speculation may fall due next week and especially in the Foreign exchange market and will require to be met or renewed.

There was much discussion of the effect on sentiment of the December charges for interest, which will go out to the customers of Stock exchange commission houses next week, and which, it is believed, will disclose a high average of carrying charges. Little attention was paid to the bank statement, which conformed pretty closely to expectations in the cash change. The heaviest lending by the banks is supposed to have been done toward the end of the week and thus would have a diminished effect in the average changes for the week as a whole.

Total sales of bonds, par value, $1,950,000.

Quotations on the New York Stock exchange ranged as follows:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express				225
Amal. Copper	175,700	111¾	108⅞	110
Amer. Car & F.	4,100	41½	40¾	40¾
do pfd	500	100¼	100	100½
Amer. Cotton Oil	5,000	39¾	38¾	39¾
do pfd	100	91	91	91
Amer. Express				223
Amer. Hide & L. pfd	500	42	41½	41½
Amer. Ice Securities	1,000	35	34½	34½
Amer. Linseed Oil				21½
do pfd				42
Amer. Locomotive	17,800	76¼	73½	75¾
do pfd	300	117½	117	117
Amer. Smelting & R.	25,600	105⅝	98¼	99⅝
do pfd	800	130	129	129
Amer. Sugar Ref.	14,000	153½	152	152½
Amer. Tob. pfd certif	600	106	105⅝	105⅞
Anaconda Mining Co.	49,300	296	280	288½
Atchison	8,600	89¼	88½	88⅞
do pfd	100	105	105	104⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	500	158	158	158
B. & O.	5,700	113⅞	113	113
do pfd				97½
Brooklyn R. T.	7,300	89⅝	88½	88⅝
Canadian Pacific	3,300	154¼	153⅝	153¾
Central of N. J.	700	224	223	223
Ches. & Ohio	2,200	56⅞	56	56¼
Chicago & Alton	100	32	32	32
do pfd				69
Chicago Gt. Western	1,300	21⅞	21⅝	21¾
C. & N. W.	2,100	224	223	223½
C., M. & St. P.	8,000	182¼	181⅝	181⅝
Chicago T. & T.				14
do pfd				31
C., C., C. & St. L.	1,100	108⅝	107½	105
Colo. Fuel & I.	5,600	57½	56⅛	56⅛
Colo. & Southern	10,500	30⅞	29¼	29⅞
do 1st pfd	2,100	69⅞	69	69½
do 2d pfd	3,100	54⅞	53	54¼
Con. Gas	2,700	183	181	181
Corn Products	4,500	19⅝	18¾	18⅝
do pfd	1,200	62¼	61	61
Del. & Hudson				220
Del., L. & W.				400
D. & R. G.	2,000	39⅝	39⅛	39¼
do pfd	400	88⅝	88	88
Distillers' Securities	1,700	54	53	53
Erie	20,800	49⅝	48⅝	48⅝
do 1st pfd	1,000	81¼	81	80½
do 2d pfd				74½
General Electric	300	177¼	177	176
Hocking Valley	400	120¼	117½	117
Illinois Central	100	175¼	175¼	175¼
Inter. Paper	8,800	23⅞	22¾	23⅛
do pfd	1,000	85½	84¾	85
Inter. Pump				26
do pfd				78
Iowa Central	1,000	29¾	29½	29½
do pfd	1,000	59¼	58½	58½
K. C. Southern	800	35½	34¾	34¾
do pfd	100	67	67	67¼
L. & N.	900	152⅝	152	151⅞
Manhattan L.	300	163¼	162¼	162
Met. Securities	2,800	74⅝	73¼	73½
Met. St. Ry.	6,000	125	124	124½
Mexican Central	2,300	25½	25¼	25⅜
Minn. & St. L.	400	81¾	81¼	81
M., St. P. & S. Ste. M.	1,400	144	144	145½
do pfd	1,300	173	168¾	171¾
Mo. Pacific	1,600	101¼	99¾	100⅞
M., K. & T.	2,000	37⅞	37⅝	37
do pfd	100	71	71	70½
Nat'l Lead	1,700	85½	84½	85½
Nat'l R. R. of M. pfd				38
N. Y. Central	5,100	153½	152⅞	152⅞
N. Y., Ont. & W.	2,600	52⅞	52⅛	52¼
Norfolk & W.	5,500	85½	84½	84¾
do pfd				92½
No. American	4,100	99½	99	99½
Pacific Mail	100	48⅞	48½	48
Pennsylvania	29,300	144⅞	143⅝	143½
People's Gas	1,700	101	100⅝	100⅞
P., C., C. & St. L.				83
Pressed Steel Car	3,200	55½	54½	55
do pfd	200	106	106¼	106
Pullman P. C.				211
Reading	65,100	139½	137	138⅝
do 1st pfd				92
do 2d pfd	1,000	96½	96½	96½
Republic Steel	9,400	34½	33¾	34
do pfd	4,200	107¼	106	106¼
Rock Island Co.	5,600	24½	24	24
do pfd	300	63½	62	62¼
Rubber Goods				40
do pfd				101
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	200	48½	48½	47¼
St. L. S. W.	200	22¼	22¼	22
do pfd	200	55¾	55¾	55¾
So. Pacific	4,900	66¾	65	65
do pfd	100	117¾	117¾	117¾
So. Railway	7,100	36⅛	35⅝	35⅝
do pfd	500	100¼	100¼	100
Tenn. Coal & I.	300	132	131½	131½
Texas & Pacific	600	33⅝	33½	33¾
Tol., St. L. & W.	400	36⅝	36	36¼
do pfd	600	57⅝	57	57¼
Union Pacific	57,700	151½	150¼	150½
do pfd	500	99½	99	99
U. S. Express				118
U. S. Realty				33
U. S. Rubber	700	54	53¾	53½
do pfd	300	109½	109¼	109
U. S. Steel	151,400	43¼	42⅝	43
do pfd	19,200	107	106½	106½
Va. Caro. Chemical	7,100	57¾	56	56⅞
do pfd	300	117	117	116¾
Wabash	200	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
do pfd	100	41	41	40⅞
Wells-Fargo Express				220
Westingh. Electric				170
Western Union	200	92⅝	92⅝	93
W. & Lake Erie	500	18¾	18½	18½
Wis. Central				20½
do pfd	300	91	90¾	90¾
No. Pacific	100	20¾	20¾	20¾
Central Leather	1,400	45⅝	45⅛	45⅛
do pfd	200	104	104	102
Sloss-Sheffield	200	89½	89½	89½

Total sales for the day, 1,007,900 shares.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Money was in keen request in the market today, although the pressure was somewhat relieved by the Bank of England releasing much of the money taken off the market within the past fortnight. Discounts eased slightly in anticipation of easier money next week, though the foreign demand for gold is still active. Prices on the Stock exchange generally were firm and transactions mostly consisted of closing up engagements over the holidays. There were few important movements. Consols hardened. Home rails were bought on dividend prospects. Americans opened steady and inactive and were mostly upheld at a fraction above parity under the belief that the year turn will relieve the New York monetary situation. Prices closed strong. Internationals were firm. Russians were in good request at 83. Couper shares hardened. Anaconda's closed easier on realizations over the holiday. Japanese imperial 6s of 1904 were quoted at 102¾.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Prices on the Bourse today had an upward tendency, owing to favorable foreign advices. The market closed firm. Russian imperial 4s were quoted at 81.50 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 483.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Prices on the Bourse today were firm. Russians were fractionally higher.

Clearing House Averages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The statement of the clearing house banks for the five days this week shows that the banks hold a surplus over the legal reserve requirements of $4,297,875. The statement is as follows: Loans, $1,001,025,000; decrease, $5,082,100. Deposits, $977,931,300; decrease, $7,377,100. Circulation, $52,096,000; increase, $46,300. Legal tenders, $75,699,800; increase, $1,696,100. Specie, $172,003,600; decrease, $3,329,300. Reserve, $248,795,400; decrease, $1,711,100. Reserve required, $244,412,825; decrease, $1,844,575. Surplus, $4,292,875; increase, $133,175. Ex-United States deposits, $6,400,050; increase, $75,800.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—MONEY—On call, nominal; no loans; time loans strong; sixty days, ninety days and six months, 6 per cent and commission for the shorter periods, making the rate 7 per cent or more.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8540@$4.8550 for demand and at $4.82@$4.8225 for sixty days bills; posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.86½@$4.87; commercial bills, $4.81¾@$4.81¾.

SILVER—Bar, 64⅝c. Mexican dollars, 50c.

BONDS—Government steady; railroad steady.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s. reg.	102⅞	Japan 6s, 2d ser.	98⅞
do coupon	103⅞	do 5½s, ctfs	92⅞
U. S. 3s. reg.	102¼	do 2d series	93⅞
do coupon	103	L. & N. uni. 4s	106
U. S. old 4s, reg.	104	*Man. c. g. 4s	103⅞
do coupon	104	Mex. Central 4s	81
U. S. new 4s reg.	130¼	do 1st inc.	27⅞
do coupon	130¼	*M. & St. L. 4s	97
Am. Tobacco 4s	85⅞	M., K. & T. 4s	100⅞
do 6s	115	do 2s	89½
Atchison g. 4s	102	N.R.R. of Mex. 4s	81½
do adj. 4s	91	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	99⅞
At. C. L. 4s	103¼	N. J. C. g. 5s	134⅛
B. & O. 4s	102¼	No. Pacific 4s	102¼
do 3½s	92	do 3s	77¼
Brk. R. T. c. 4s	99	N. & W. c. 4s	101¾
Cen. of Ga. 5s	113¼	O. S. L. rfdg. 4s	96
do 1st inc.	93½	Penn. c. 3½s	103½
*do 2d inc.	81½	Reading g. 4s	103⅞
do 3d inc.	75½	S. L. & I. M. c. 5s	116⅛
*Ches. & O. 4½s	108	S. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	87¾
Chicago & A. 3½s	80	St. L. S. W. c. 4s	81¾
C. B. & Q. n. 4s	101⅞	S. A. L. 4s	89
C. R. I. & P. 4s	79⅞	So. Pacific 4s	94
do colo. 5s	88	do 1st 4s ctfs	93⅞
CCC. & S.L. g. 4s	102	So. Railway 5s	120½
Col. 1. 5s, ser. A	78½	do con. & P. 1s	121⅞
do settle 4s	75	T. St. L. & W. 4s	81½
Colo. Mid. 4s	77	Union Pacific 4s	106⅞
Colo. & So. 4s	93⅞	do conv. 4s	159½
*Cuba 5s	105⅞	U. S. S. 2d 5s	96¼
**D. & R. G. 4s	101⅞	Wabash 1s	115⅞
Dis. Sec. 5s	83	do deb. B	74
Erie g. 1. 4s	101¼	Wabash Mo. 4s	88
do gen. 4s	84	W. & L. E. 4s	91
Hock. Val. 3½s	109¼	Wis. Central 4s	95
Japan 6s	99½		

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Call loans, 7@9 per cent; time loans, 5½@6 per cent. Official quotations on stocks and bonds:

*Atchison adj. 4s.	93	Allouez	40½
do 4s	101½	*Amalgamated	109½
Mex. Central 4s	79	American Zinc	15
Atchison	88⅞	Atlantic	26
do pfd	104½	Bingham	36
Boston & A.	254	Cal. & Hecla	710
*Boston & Me.	171	Centennial	29
Boston Ele.	155	Copper Range	83¾
*Fitchburg pfd	142	Daly West	17
Mex. Central	25½	**Dominion Coal	81
N. Y. N. H. & H.	186	Franklin	17½
Union Pacific	150½	Granby	95
Amer. A. Chem.	32½	Isle Royale	24½
do pfd	91	Mass. Mining	10½
Amer. P. Tube	12½	Michigan	17¼
Amer. Sugar	152	**Mohawk	61
do pfd	139	Mont. C. & C.	4⅝
Amer. T. & T.	137	Old Dominion	35
Amer. Woolen	42	**Osceola	90
do pfd	106	Parrot	44
**Dominion I. & S.	27½	Quincy	108
*Edison Elec. Il.	245	Shannon	7
Gen. Electric	176