

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

All Cereals Open with Firm Tone and Higher.

NONE IS PRESSING FOR SALE

Fit is Devoid of Offerings and Prices are Bid Up Sharply—Estimate Lighter Winter Shipments Feature.

OMAHA, Dec. 28, 1907. The grain markets all opened firm and higher, no grain pressing for sale and the bid was bid of offerings and prices are bid up sharply.

The wheat market light world's shipments, most of which will be America's, is the one dominating feature. The wheat market ignored weak conditions and opened with a rush. Commission houses were good buyers and the bull factors showed light world's shipments being the influence. May wheat opened at \$1.04 and closed at \$1.05.

Increased demand for corn opened at \$1.04 and a prospective light movement of demand for the coming week prices up. May corn opened at \$1.04.

Primary wheat receipts were 60,000 bushels and shipments were 250,000 bushels against receipts last year of 25,000 bushels and shipments of 250,000 bushels.

Clearances were 1,000 bushels of corn, 500 bushels of oats and wheat and flour equal to 25,000 bushels of wheat.

Liverpool closed bid to bid lower on wheat and bid higher on flour. The market was steady on the whole.

Board reported 7,000 bushels of wheat and 15,000 bushels of corn taken for export. Local range of options.

Articles Open, High, Low, Close, Yesterday. Wheat, Corn, Oats, Flour, etc.

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NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Killing Cattle of All Kinds Show Advance for Week.

HOGS BIG TEN HIGHER FOR WEEK

Sheep and Lambs in Light Receipt All Week, Closing Twenty-Five to Fifty Cents Higher Than Week Ago.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28, 1907. Receipts were Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Official Monday, 1,200; Tuesday, 1,300; Wednesday, 1,400; Thursday, 1,500; Friday, 1,600; Saturday, 1,700.

Six days this week, 1,200; five days last week, 1,100; four days last week, 1,000; three days last week, 900; two days last week, 800; one day last week, 700. The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year to date compared with last year:

Table showing receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year to date compared with last year. Columns include Year, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 30 head, including 15 Texas; 100 head, including 50 Texas; 200 head, including 100 Texas; 300 head, including 150 Texas; 400 head, including 200 Texas; 500 head, including 250 Texas; 600 head, including 300 Texas; 700 head, including 350 Texas; 800 head, including 400 Texas; 900 head, including 450 Texas; 1,000 head, including 500 Texas.

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ANCIENT WAYS OF SHOPPING

Transactions Between Natives and Traders Made in Perfect Silence.

Among the many objects of interest to the foreigner visiting this country the stores come first. After seeing the magnificent structures and modern business methods that are being carried on in all our large cities they conclude that this is a country for doing business. They are surprised to find rare merchandise and brought from every part of the world and brought under one roof.

They see displays that out rival the great fairs known to Europe in earlier days. The magnificence of these store shows the advancements made in manufactures, arts and business methods during the century. This truth is emphasized especially by the fact that there are parts of the earth where stores are still unknown, primitive barter being the only means of trade.

The most primitive form of barter is silent trade, which is common today. It is carried on by persons who do not address or see each other. In many parts of Africa this is the only form of trade known to the people. It is carried on in some such way as this: When the traveler arrives he lays down his wares on a certain place and then goes away. Next day he returns and finds other articles placed opposite to his goods.

If satisfied with what he finds he takes his merchandise and goes off; if not he leaves it and the inhabitants of the country do as they please. Sometimes the natives take back their goods and leave the goods of the merchant. The natives are especially fond of red cloth and consider this a worthy commodity of exchange. With some tribes the merchant lays his goods down at an appointed place, first writing on a certain piece of paper the names of the goods and the value of the goods. The merchant then comes with their wares, places them opposite the merchant's, and sound a gong. The foreigner returns and if satisfied carries off his wares, leaving those of the native behind. The merchant calls the natives to savages in order to barter.

The Veddas when they want axes or arrows, make models of them and carry them by night to the armorer's door and leave them with a half hour before sunrise and the armorer makes the weapons and hangs them up where the Veddas were laid, and the Veddas takes them away the following night.

Some of the peoples in the Mosquito territory have even more confidence in the honesty of the trader. They plant their goods in a certain place and attach to the mouth of a tributary, and place at the surrounding tree bunches of plantain baskets of maize, coffee, and skin, each article having affixed to it a certain number of beads. If these articles remain in the baskets, the Indians bring them to the coast village. Even when natives and traders meet these transactions are made in perfect silence. This is true of some of the African traders, as well as in Abyssinia, where the natives and the trader meet. When the merchants and their wares arrive they unload their wares on the beach and the natives come with their wares. They place their goods opposite to those of the merchants to show what they want in exchange. The trader then makes an offer, small at first, but gradually increases it. If the merchant hesitates about adding more the native accepts it as sufficient, snatches it up and darts off to a neighboring village. These places are made definite. In Guinea the line is drawn upon the sand between the trading parties. Yams are laid on one side of the line, and bread, or tobacco, or whatever is to be on the other. If the trader is satisfied he steps across the line and takes his article, leaving the trader his yams.

Ontaha is a great meeting place for the African tribes, who come together to deal with Europeans. A motley crowd of gesticulating negroes going and coming covers the banks of the river in places covered with canvas. The scene is busy and curious; at one place women exhibit calicoes at another calabashes of salt. The men walk about arranging today bargains for palm oil or ivory and exchanging their goods for what they need. —Chicago Tribune.

Italian Shoos Police Man. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—White Police Lieutenant Robert J. Conroy, who was arrested by New York detectives were attempting to arrest Nicola Bonanni, an alleged murderer at the scene of the shooting of the Italian Cavalry and then shot himself. Lieutenant Conroy is not thought to be fatally hurt, but Bonanni probably will die.

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