

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Shorts Cover on General Revision of the Sentiment.

NO LARGE LINE TAMPERED WITH

Better Tone is Evident in the Wheat Market—Values Go Lower, However, After Selling Gets Under Way.

OMAHA, Dec. 9, 1908. Shorts were covering during the early trading on a general revision of sentiment.

The liquidation in December corn continued and the further options eased off in features of the decline.

There was a noticed firmness in the first trading in the wheat pit, shorts were coming in and a general change of sentiment was evident.

At the close, however, the bear leaders were active and pounded prices down for a decided drop.

Corn values took another slump today, liquidation due to increased sentiment a week wheat market, caused heavy selling, which resulted in lower values.

The cash market was strong and the demand was only local. December corn opened at 85c and closed at 84c.

Primary wheat receipts were 44,000 bushels and shipments were 1,025,000 bushels.

Corn receipts were 735,000 bushels and shipments were 600,000 bushels.

Clearances were 250,000 bushels of corn, 100,000 of oats, and wheat and flour equal to 200,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed 1/4 higher to 1/2 lower on wheat and unchanged to 1/2 lower on corn.

Seaboard reported 175,000 bushels of wheat taken for export.

Local range of options: Articles, Open, High, Low, Close, Yes.

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 97 1/2; No. 2 hard, 97; No. 3 hard, 96 1/2; No. 4 hard, 96; No. 5 hard, 95 1/2.

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Oats—No. 1 white, 47 1/2; No. 2 white, 47; No. 3 white, 46 1/2; No. 4 white, 46; No. 5 white, 45 1/2.

Barley—No. 1, 70; No. 2, 70; No. 3, 70; No. 4, 70; No. 5, 70.

Carrot Receipts: Chicago, 10; Minneapolis, 10; Omaha, 10; St. Louis, 10.

Chicago Grain and Provisions: Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Wheat prices on the local exchange declined sharply today, the July delivery being the only one to show a gain.

The severe slump in wheat prices occurred late in the day, after a steady decline from the first hour of trading.

The local market was active, although with the exception of a brief period during the first hour, sentiment in the pit was bearish all day.

The decline in wheat prices was 1/2 to 3/4 higher from the high point of the day, July delivery, which sustained the close.

The close was weak at the lowest point of the day, with July at 95c and May at 87c.

Provisions were bid and steady. At the close prices were 1/2 to 3/4 higher.

The leading futures are as follows: Articles, Open, High, Low, Close, Yes.

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Transactions were very large in a number of securities that have not appeared on the tape before in months past and only a few of the background raised forward to the conclusion.

The consequence was a very large volume of business, and some sensational price changes when compared with preceding quotations.

There was a corresponding retreat into comparative obscurity of many of the stocks which have furnished the staple for speculative activity for many months.

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There was a noticeable demonstration in the trunk line group, including the Western Union.

This was the only notable exception to the predominance of the low-grade stocks in the market.

Attention was attracted to the report of a trace in the Illinois Manufacturers' association's fight against the proposed increase in the rate of the Illinois State Street Railway.

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There was an extraordinary series of vague and unverified rumors affecting several prominent business concerns.

A good impression was made also by the increase in the revenue of the Western Union to their accepted reliability as an index of general business conditions.

Allowance had to be made, however, for the comparison with the period last year when revenues were still affected by the depression.

Prices advanced at all the principal centers and foreign exchange rates here recovered strongly.

While the closing tone of the market was irregular from selling to take profits, most of the day active.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, \$7,500,000.

Number of sales and leading quotations on stocks were:

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Best Cattle Steady, with Other Kinds Slow to Lower.

HOGS FAIRLY ACTIVE AND HIGHER

Fat Lambs Active and Strong to Ten Higher—Fat Sheep Strong, with Highest Top in Several Months.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 9, 1908. Receipts were: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

Three days this week 18,370, 23,961, 23,900 same days last week 18,300, 23,900, 23,900.

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

Table with columns: Date, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903. Includes Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

The following table shows the average price of hogs at South Omaha for the last several days, with comparison with last year.

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

Table with columns: Road, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

OMAHA PACKING CO. Receipts: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

SWIFT AND COMPANY. Receipts: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

ARMOUR & COMPANY. Receipts: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, etc.

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Our "Christmas-Chimes" can also stand by themselves, so that parties who do not desire to go to the trouble of fixing up a Christmas Tree can place one or more on a table and arrange presents, flowers, etc., around them with the same wonderful effect.

As our "Christmas-Chimes" are unbreakable they can be used the whole year round on many other occasions, as balls, parties, birthdays and other festivities, when they always will bring joy to the participants.

We offer these beautiful "Christmas-Chimes" to our subscribers for only 50 cents. Out-of-town subscribers add 11 cents for postage and we will send them by mail.

THE OMAHA BEE, 1702 Farnam Street, Omaha, Neb.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

In other parts of this paper will be found advertisements of the different retail merchants of the city, who shoppers to do their Christmas shopping early.

We also urge the public to take time by the forelock and shop in comfort by shopping early.

In a short while, when there is but little time left before Christmas, everybody will hurry down town and return on the cars loaded down with packages and bundles; and although we will make every effort to provide adequate facilities to carry the crowds, we know there is bound to be severe congestion. Therefore, take advantage of this splendid weather, the unbroken stocks of merchandise at the stores and the opportunity to travel in safety and comfort before the rush commences.

OMAHA & COUNCIL BLUFFS STREET RAILWAY COMPANY

REPRESENTATIVE SALES: BEEF STEERS, etc.

WESTERN-COLORADO, etc.

STOCKS AND FEEDERS, etc.

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