GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Congestion in December Wheat is Making Many Bulls.

RECEIPTS CONTINUING LIGHT

Corn Begins Moving More Freely Because of Eastern and Southern Demand—Wheat Advances Strong at Close.

OMAHA, Dec. 18, 1909.

The congestion in the December wheat and the advancing cash market is making plenty of bulls, while the bear faction is becoming scarcer on every advance. Receipts have not been as liberal as was expected when crop estimates were made and will not be now until spring and will make it hard for the shorts.

Corn is moving more freely and stocks are accumulating owing to the light eastern and southern demand. The outlook favors the bears for the time being.

Wheat continues to advance with support good. The bull movement as brought out words of new buying power and sensational news from Argentina, which has not been confirmed, closed the market very strong.

Corn was weak and prices were a shade under yesterday. Selling was heavy and receipts are increasing steadily and a good movement is expected during the rest of the month.

Primary wheat receipts were 451,000 bushels and shipments were 227,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 432,000 bushels and shipments of 170,000 bushels.

Primary corn receipts were 712,000 bushels and shipments were 327,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 830,000 bushels and shipments of 301,000 bushels.

Clearances were 242,000 bushels of corn, 2,500 bushels of oats and wheat and flour equal to 208,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed ⅝@¾c lower on wheat and ⅛d lower on corn.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec.	1 10¾	1 12	1 10¾	1 12	1 10¾
May	1 07	1 08	1 07	1 08	1 07
Corn—					
Dec.	58¾	58¾	58¼	58¼	58¾
May	62¼	62¾	62½	62½	62¾
Oats—					
Dec.	41½	....	....	41½	41½
May	42¼	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.10@1.11½; No. 3 hard, $1.08@1.10; No. 4 hard, $1.02@1.06; No. 2 spring, $1.08@1.11; No. 3 spring, $1.05@1.09; No. 2 durum, 98@99c; No. 3 durum, 96@98c.

CORN—No. 2 white, 60@61c; No. 3 white, 59@60c; No. 4 white, 57½@58½c; No. 3 color, 58@59c; No. 4 color, 56@58½c; No. 2 yellow, 59@60c; No. 3 yellow, 58@59c; No. 4 yellow, 55@56½c; No. 2, 58½@59c; No. 3, 58@59c; No. 4, 56@58c; no grade, 51@55½c.

OATS—Standard, 42½c; No. 3 white, 41½@42½c; No. 4 white, 41@41½c; No. 2 yellow, 41¾@42½c; No. 4 yellow, 40½@41½c; No. 3 mixed, 40½@41½c.

BARLEY—No. 4, 55@56½c; No. 1 feed, 54@55½c.

RYE—No. 2, 72@72½c; No. 3, 71½@72c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	21	265	110
Minneapolis	247		
Omaha	11	50	15
Duluth	42		

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wheat prices soared to new heights today, owing to sensationally bullish news from Argentina. The December delivery advanced to $1.19 and the May to $1.14½, gains of 1½c and ⅜c, respectively, compared with the previous high records. Corn and oats showed little response to the bulge in wheat and closed steady. Provisions closed weak.

The report from Argentina which started wheat prices here on their long upward stride was an official dispatch claiming that the closing price at Buenos Ayres yesterday showed a gain of 1⅛@1¼c, compared with the final figures of the previous day. The inference generally derived from this unusual advance was that the wheat crop of the South American country had been injured by unfavorable weather to a greater extent than at first realized. The market was rather weak at the start, owing to a decline of ⅝@⅞c at Liverpool, December being at $1.16⅝ and May at $1.12⅞. Within the first fifteen minutes, however, the price of December shot up to $1.17¾. The more distant deliveries in the meantime dropped about ⅛c below the opening figures. A few minutes before the close December touched $1.19, which is almost 10c above the closing figure of a week ago. May at the same time sold at $1.14½, a gain of 3c within the week. The market closed remarkably strong, with December at $1.19 and May at $1.14, the former price being up 2⅛c and the latter 1@1⅛c compared with yesterday's close. July ranged between $1.01½@1.04⅛ and closed at $1.04.

The tremendous strength of wheat was insufficient to offset in the corn market the effect of the cold wave now prevailing in the country. As a result prices were inclined to sag. At the close prices were ⅛@⅜c to 1⅛c below the final quotations of the previous session.

The oats market closed steady, with prices unchanged to ⅛@¼c.

Provisions were weak all day. Prices at the close were 5@12½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	1 16¾	1 19	1 16½	1 19	1 16¾
May	1 13	1 14½	1 12	1 14	1 13
July	1 02	1 04⅛	1 01⅝	1 04	1 02@⅛
*Corn—					
Dec.	61@61⅜	61⅝	60⅝	61⅛	61⅝
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
*Oats—					
Dec.	43¼	43¾	43	43¼	43¼
May	44⅝@¾	45⅛	44⅝@¾	44⅞	44⅞
July	42	42⅝	42	42⅜	42@42⅛
Pork—					
Jan.	22 65	22 65	22 35	22 37½	22 85
May	22 10	22 10	21 85	21 95	22 15
Lard—					
Jan.	12 85	12 90	12 77½	12 80	12 95
May	12 12½	12 12½	11 95	11 95	12 12½
July	12 05	12 05	11 95	11 97	12 12½
Ribs—					
Jan.	11 90	11 95	11 85	11 90	12 10
May	11 52½	11 52½	11 42½	11 47½	11 60
July	11 50	11 50	11 42½	11 42½	11 60

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $5.10@5.60; winter straights, $4.90@5.35; spring straights, $4.70@4.90; bakers, $3.90@5.20.

RYE—No. 2, 77½c.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, 56@62c; fair to choice malting, 64@70½c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 southwestern, $1.87; No. 1 northwestern, $1.97. Timothy, $2.50@3.60. Clover, $9.50@14.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $22.70@22.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $12.80@12.85. Short ribs, sides (loose), $11.50@12.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $12.25@12.50.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 208,000 bu. Primary receipts were 451,000 bu., compared with 432,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 14 cars; corn, 324 cars; oats, 85 cars; hogs, 42,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, $1.28@1.32; No. 3 red, $1.20@1.26; No. 2 hard, $1.16@1.20; No. 3 hard, $1.10@1.17; No. 1 northern spring, $1.18@1.20; No. 2 northern spring, $1.16@1.19; No. 3 spring, $1.15@1.17. Corn: No. 4 yellow, 57½@58c. Oats: No. 3 white, 44@45c; No. 4 white, 43½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 27@34c; dairies, 25@30c.

EGGS—Strong; receipts, 2,025 cases; at mark, cases included, 25½@30½c; firsts, 33c; prime firsts, 36½c.

CHEESE—Firm; daisies, 16½@16¾c; twins, 16@16¼c; young Americas, 16¾c; long horns, 16¾c.

POTATOES—Strong; choice to fancy, 42@45c; fair to good, 35@40c.

POULTRY—Strong; turkeys, 15c; chickens, 11½c; springs, 11½c.

VEAL—Strong; 50 to 60-lb. weights, 8@9c; 60 to 85-lb. weights, 9@10½c; 85 to 110-lb. weights, 10½@11½c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Closed, spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 2½d; futures quiet; December, 8s 2½d; March, 8s; May, 7s 10d.

CORN—Spot, steady; New American mixed, via Galveston, 5s 5d; old American mixed, via Galveston, 5s 10½d; futures quiet; January, mixed, 5s 5⅝d; January, plate, 5s 6⅛d.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 18.—CORN—Firm; No. 2 yellow, 59½c; No. 3, 59½c; No. 4, 57½c; no grade, 51@55c.

OATS—Steady; standard, 44c; No. 3 white, 43½c; No. 4 white, 43½c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Close, $1.14; May, $1.13⅜@1.13½; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.15½@1.15¾; No. 1 northern, $1.14⅜@1.15¼; No. 2 northern, $1.12⅜@1.13⅜; No. 3, $1.11@1.12⅜.

FLAXSEED—Closed at $2.00.

CORN—No. 3, 61½@61¾c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 41¾@41⅞c.

RYE—No. 2, 77½@77¾c.

BRAN—In 100-lb. sacks, $21.00.

FLOUR—First patents (in wood, f. o. b. Minneapolis), $5.60@5.90; second patents, $5.40@5.60; first clears, $4.30@4.65; second clears, $3.40@3.60.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—FLOUR—Market quiet but firm; spring patents, $5.40@5.80; winter straights, $5.20@5.30; winter patents, $5.40@5.80; spring clears, $4.40@4.85; Kansas straights, $4.90@5.10; receipts, 30,225 bbls.; shipments, 12,210 bbls. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $4.20@4.25; choice to fancy, $4.40@4.50. Buckwheat flour, steady; bulk, $2.70, nominal, per 100 lbs.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.55@1.60; coarse, $1.45@1.50.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 84½c, nominal, f. o. b., New York.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 63@66c, nominal, c. i. f., New York.

WHEAT—Spot market easy; No. 2 red, $1.27 in elevator, domestic, and $1.26¾, f. o. b., afloat, nominal; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.26 and No. 2 hard winter, $1.21, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. Options was easier earlier under lower sales, but later the market was very nervous on conflicting reports from Buenos Ayres, some cables reporting a big advance, while others reported the market lower, and operators were waiting for confirmation. At the close prices were ⅛c net higher for December and ⅜@⅝c net lower for other positions; December closed at $1.25; May closed at $1.19⅛; July closed at $1.09; receipts, 12,600 bu.; shipments, 24,000 bu.

CORN—Spot market firm; No. 2, 70½c in elevator, domestic, 71c delivered and 69c, f. o. b., afloat, nominal. Option market was quiet but steady, closing unchanged to ⅛c net advance. December, 70⅝c; May closed at 73½c; receipts, 17,275 bu.

OATS—Spot market steady; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 46½c; natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., 47@50c; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 48@52c.

HAY—Firm; prime, $1.05.

HIDES—Quiet; Central America, 22½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlocks, firsts, 26@29c; seconds, 23@27c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; mess, $23.00@23.50; family, $26.00@27.00; short clears, $25.00@27.00. Beef, steady; mess, $11.00@11.50; family, $13.00@13.50; beef hams, $24.00@26.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 10 to 14 lbs., 13½@14c; pickled hams, 12@12½c. Lard, weak; middle west, prime, $13.50@13.60; refined, barely steady; continent, $14.25; South America, $15.00; compound, $10.25@10.50.

TALLOW—Steady; prime city hogsheads, 6¾c; country, 6⅜@6⅝c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, 2⅜@5c; Japan, 3¼@4c.

BUTTER—Very strong; creamery specials, 36c; extras, 35c; thirds to firsts, 28@34c.

CHEESE—Firm; state, new, fall cream specials, 17¼@18c.

EGGS—Irregular; state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, white, fancy, 46@48c; western, extra firsts, 34@36c; firsts, 31@33c.

POULTRY—Alive, dull; western chickens, 15c; fowls, 15c; turkeys, 15@20c. Dressed, firm; western chickens, 18@23c; fowls, 13@17½c; turkeys, 22@25½c.

WEATHER IN THE GRAIN BELT

Fair Tonight and Sunday in Omaha, with Rising Temperature.

OMAHA, Dec. 18, 1909.

The cold wave has extended east and south during the last twenty-four hours, and is being felt this morning to the eastward over the Ohio valley and lake region, and to the southward over the extreme lower Mississippi valley. Another cold night prevailed throughout the central valleys last night, and temperatures have continued to fall over the valleys and throughout the west since the preceding report. The temperature was 5 degrees below zero at Omaha at 7 a. m., and it ranged from 8 to 10 degrees below out in the state. It is much colder in the mountains and a temperature of 30 below zero reported from Wyoming. The weather is generally clear over the central valleys and west, except light snows are falling on the northern Rocky mountain plateau. Light snow is falling in Arkansas, and rains are general along the gulf coast. The temperature will rise slowly in this vicinity tonight, followed by a more rapid moderation Sunday, with continued fair weather tonight and Sunday.

Record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.
Minimum temperature	-5	19	26	6
Precipitation	.00	T	.00	.00

Normal temperature for today, 27 degrees.

Excess in precipitation since March 1, 4.52 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1908, 4.18 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1907, 7.16 inches.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Higher; track, No. 2 red, cash, $1.23@1.32; No. 2 hard, $1.15@1.20; December, $1.17¾; May, $1.14⅛.

CORN—Steady; track, No. 2 cash, 62½c; December, 62⅛c; May, 63⅛@63⅜c; No. 2 white, 63c.

OATS—Weak; track, No. 2 cash, 44½c; December, 43⅛c; May, 44⅝c; No. 2 white, 46½c.

RYE—Higher at 78c.

FLOUR—Unchanged; red winter patents, $5.70@6.10; extra fancy and straight, $5.10@5.60; hard winter clears, $3.90@4.20.

SEED—Timothy, $2.50@3.50.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, $1.10@1.12.

CORNMEAL—$3.00.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $14.00@17.50; prairie, $11.00@13.00.

BAGGING—6⅜c.

HEMP TWINE—5c.

PROVISIONS—Pork lower; jobbing, $22.00. Lard lower; prime steam, $12.90@12.10. Dry salt meats lower; boxed extra shorts, $12.50; clear ribs, $12.50; short clears, $13.75. Bacon, lower; boxed, extra shorts, $14.75; clear ribs, $14.75; short clears, $15.00.

POULTRY—Weak; chickens, 10½c; springs, 10½c; turkeys, 17½c; ducks, 12c; geese, 7½c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 30@35c.

EGGS—Higher, 28½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,300	2,800
Wheat, bu	42,000	75,000
Corn, bu	112,000	12,000
Oats, bu	59,200	22,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 37c; extra nearby prints, 38c.

EGGS—Firm; Pennsylvania and other nearby first, free cases, 32c, at mark; Pennsylvania and other nearby current receipts, returnable cases, 31c, at mark; western firsts, free cases, 32c, at mark; western current receipts, free cases, 27@31c, at mark.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full creams, choice, 17½c; New York full creams, fair to good, 16½@17c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Cash 1c to 2c higher; No. 2 hard, $1.09@1.11; No. 3, $1.07@1.10; No. 2 red, $1.25@1.26; No. 3, $1.20@1.25; December, $1.09¼ bid; May, $1.08¼@1.08⅜ bid; July, 97½c, sellers.

CORN—Unchanged to ⅛c lower; No. 2 mixed, 62c; No. 3, 61½@62c; No. 2 white, 63@63½c; No. 3, 62@62½c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 44@46c; No. 2 mixed, 43@44c. Close, corn: December, 61¼c; May, 64¼ bid; July, 64@64¼ bid.

RYE—70c.

HAY—Choice timothy, unchanged, $12.50@13.00; choice prairie, 75c@$1.00 lower, $10.50@10.75; choice alfalfa, $1 higher, $17.50@18.00.

WHEAT—Receipts, 31 cars.

BUTTER—Creamery extras, 32½c; firsts, 32c; seconds, 30c.

EGGS—Extras, 32c; firsts, 30c; seconds and dirties, 19c; current receipts, 29c.

Options at Kansas City:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	32,000	37,000
Corn, bu	45,000	10,000
Oats, bu	7,000	11,000

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December	1 09½	1 09½	1 09¼	1 09¼B
May	1 08⅜@¾	1 08¾	1 07⅞	1 08¼B
July	96⅞	97½	96⅞	97⅜A
Corn—				
December	61⅞	61⅞	61	61¼A
May	64⅝@¾	64¾	64⅛	64¼B
July	64⅞	64⅞	63⅝	64B

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.17@1.17½; No. 2 northern, $1.14½@1.15; May, $1.14¾.

OATS—44½c.

BARLEY—Samples, 60@67c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—December, $1.12⅝; May, $1.12⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.14⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.12⅝.

OATS—43c.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; muscovado, 89 test, 3.92c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.12c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 3.42c. Refined steady; crushed, 5.65c; granulated, 5.15c; powdered, 5.25c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Approach of Holidays Makes Market Dull and Uninteresting.

COPPER MERGER A FEATURE

Combination of Number of Guggenheim Corporations Causes Realizing in that Group—Money is Irregular.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The stock market was affected by the approach of the Christmas holidays and was dull and uninteresting. Continued activity in Atlantic Coast Line, Louisville & Nashville and the Atlantic Line collateral bonds secured by Louisville & Nashville stock kept alive conjecture over possible plans of financial readjustments. The merger of a number of the so-called Guggenheim copper mining properties prompted some realizing in the group, which have risen violently on the prospect.

Attention was directed again to the Rock Island's sale of the St. Louis & San Francisco by the report that the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific had sold treasury bonds to the amount of $7,500,000, the proceeds to go for the redemption of the company's 5 per cent collateral bonds. The inference would follow that the price realized for the stock had come that far short of providing the amount required for the redemption of the bonds. The fact was taken in connection with the terms of the original purchase by the Rock Island of the St. Louis & San Francisco stock, which, besides the $60 per share of the bonds now being redeemed at 102½, included $30 per share in Rock Island common stock. Rock Island common and preferred, nevertheless, rallied briskly from the decline of the last few days.

The money market showed some strength, but the closing tone was irregular. The heavy loan expansion reported by the banks proved something of a surprise and may be traceable to taking over loans from trust companies, as indicated by their loan contraction and from foreign lenders who have been paid off through the medium of the foreign exchange market during the week. The deposit increase was not fully commensurate with the combined loan and cash increase, although there was another slight reduction in the excess of loans over deposits.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,300,000. United States 2s have advanced ⅛ and the 3s ¼ per cent in the bid price on call since last week.

Closing quotations on New York bonds were as follows:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis-Chalmers pfd	700	52	51	50½
Amalgamated Copper	4,400	93¾	87¾	88
Am. Agricultural				47
Am. Beet Sugar	100	47	47	46½
Am. Can pfd	100	82	82	81½
Am. C. & F.	400	72¼	72¼	72¾
Am. Cotton Oil	100	69¾	69¾	69¼
Am. H. & L. pfd	100	45¼	45¼	45
Am. Ice Securities	1,100	26¼	25¾	26
American Linseed	200	16¾	16¼	16
American Locomotive				60½
Am. S. & R.	5,900	102¾	101½	102¼
Am. S. & R. pfd	100	113½	113½	113½
Am. Sugar Refining	1,700	125¾	125	125
Am. T. & T.	700	142¼	142⅝	142¼
Am. Tobacco pfd				
American Woolen	400	38¾	37	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	1,300	50¼	49⅝	50
Atchison	5,000	122¾	122⅜	122½
Atchison pfd	400	104⅜	104⅛	104
Atlantic Coast Line	2,100	138	136½	137¼
Baltimore & Ohio	2,300	118¾	118⅜	118½
Bal. & Ohio pfd				91
Bethlehem Steel	100	34½	34½	34
Brooklyn Rapid Tr	2,100	80⅝	79¾	80
Canadian Pacific	200	180¼	180⅛	180½
Central Leather	700	46⅞	46½	46½
Central Leather pfd	100	108¾	108⅝	108
Central of New Jersey				315
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,100	87⅞	87	87
Chicago & Alton				67½
Chicago Great Western ctfs	900	21¾	21¼	21½
Chicago & N. W.	200	182	182	182
C., M. & St. P.	300	158	158½	158⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	900	80½	79⅝	80½
Colorado F. & I.	2,900	51⅝	51½	51½
Colorado & So.				56
Colo. & So. 1st pfd				82
Colo. & So. 2d pfd				80
Consolidated Gas	11,100	162⅝	162	161¾
Corn Products	500	22	21¾	21⅞
Delaware & Hudson	100	184⅞	184⅜	182¾
Denver & Rio Grande	11,200	52⅛	51⅜	51⅞
D. & R. G. pfd	12,100	87⅜	86½	86¾
Distillers' Securities	300	38¼	37¼	37¼
Erie	300	34⅜	34	34
Erie 1st pfd	200	50¾	50½	50¼
Erie 2d pfd				40½
General Electric	100	159¾	159¾	159¾
Great Northern pfd	1,000	143⅞	143½	143¾
Great Northern Ore ctfs	1,200	81¾	80⅝	81¼
Illinois Central	1,100	149½	149	147
Interborough Met.	2,900	24¾	24	24¼
Int. Met. pfd	1,800	61⅝	60¼	60½
International Harvester	900	117⅞	117½	117½
Int. Marine pfd	100	24	23⅞	23⅞
International Paper	200	15⅞	15⅝	15⅝
International Pump				50½
Iowa Central	400	30	29¾	29½
Kansas City So.	2,100	44⅝	44⅝	44½
K. C. So. pfd	100	72¾	72¾	71½
Louisville & N.	10,600	159⅛	157⅛	158¾
Minn. & St. Louis	300	54⅜	54	52
M., St. P. & S. S. M.				140
Missouri Pacific	12,000	72⅜	71⅜	72⅜
M., K. & T.	2,600	49⅜	49⅛	49½
M., K. & T. pfd				74
National Biscuit				112½
National Lead	400	88⅛	87⅝	87⅝
N. R. R. of M. 1st pfd	200	58½	58¼	58⅛
New York Central	2,600	125⅞	125¼	124¼
N. Y., O. & W.	1,400	48⅝	48⅜	48⅜
Norfolk & Western	2,700	100¼	100	100⅛
North American	400	85	84	85½
Northern Pacific	1,400	146	145⅝	145⅜
Pacific Mail	200	42½	42	42
Pennsylvania	48,100	136⅝	135¾	136⅝
People's Gas	1,400	115⅝	115⅛	115⅝
P., C., C. & St. L.	400	99	98½	98½
Pressed Steel Car	400	52	51⅝	52
Pullman Palace Car				192
Railway Steel Spring	700	52	51⅝	51½
Reading	23,100	170⅝	169⅝	169⅞
Republic Steel	200	46½	46½	46½
Republic Steel pfd				108
Rock Island Co.	1,400	44⅝	42	44⅜
Rock Island Co. pfd	2,100	90½	88½	90⅛
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	200	59	59	59
St. Louis S. W.	400	34½	34	33⅝
St. L. S. W. pfd	100	80¼	80½	80
Sloss-Sheffield S. & I.	200	86⅝	86½	85½
Southern Pacific	14,300	135⅝	135	134⅞
Southern Railway	4,700	32⅝	32⅜	32⅝
So. Railway pfd	400	74½	74⅜	74⅜
Tennessee Copper	300	38⅝	38⅜	38
Texas & Pacific	200	35½	35⅛	34¾
T., St. L. & W.	200	53⅝	53⅜	52⅞
T., St. L. & W. pfd	400	70⅝	70⅜	69½
Union Pacific	18,100	200⅞	200⅛	200⅛
Union Pacific pfd	700	104⅝	104¼	104⅝
U. S. Realty				81½
U. S. Rubber	300	54⅝	54	54⅞
U. S. Steel	74,400	[illegible]	92⅝	90¾
U. S. Steel pfd	1,000	125¾	125	125⅝
Utah Copper	4,200	61½	58⅝	60
Va.-Carolina Chemical	200	50⅜	49⅝	50½
Wabash	200	21⅝	21⅛	21⅛
Wabash pfd	1,200	54⅜	53⅝	52
Western Maryland ctfs	1,800	54½	54⅛	53½
Westinghouse Electric	900	82¾	82¼	81½
Western Union	700	78½	78⅛	78¼
Wheeling & L. E.	200	9⅜	9	9
Wisconsin Central	100	49	49	48

Total sales for the day, 384,300 shares.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Money, call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent.

Atchison adj. 4s	94	Amalgamated	88¼
do 4s	99¾	Arizona Com.	46½
Atchison R. R.	122¾	Atlantic	12
do pfd	104⅛	Butte Coalition	28½
Boston & Albany	229	Cal. & Arizona	100
*Boston & Maine	147	Cal. & Hecla	610
*Boston Elevated	129	Centennial	39
*Fitchburg pfd	129	Copper Range	82½
N. Y., N. H. & H.	158¾	Daly West	9½
Union Pacific	201	Franklin	16½
Am. Arge. Chem.	45½	Granby	103
do pfd	104¼	Greene Cananea	11¼
Am. Pneu. Tube	7½	Isle Royale	27¾
Amer. Sugar	125¼	Mass. Mining	7
do pfd	121½	Michigan	7½
Am. T. & T.	142	Mohawk	65
Amer. Woolen	37	Nevada	26¾
do pfd	103	Old Dominion	54¾
Dom. I. & S.	71½	Osceola	159
Edison Elec. Illu.	249	Parrot	29¾
General Electric	158	Quincy	85
Mass. Electric	16½	Shannon	16¾
*do pfd	82	Tamarack	70
Mass. Gas	91	Trinity	10
United Fruit	167½	U. S. Mining	54¾
United S. M.	67¼	U. S. Oil	37½
**do pfd	50	Utah	48
U. S. Steel	92¾	Victoria	4½
do pfd	126	Winona	11½
Adventure	7½	Wolverine	145
Allouez	57	North Butte	36¾

*Bid. **Asked.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 18.—Bank clearings for today were $2,255,805.27 and for the corresponding date last year, $2,194,835.50.

	1909.	1908.
Monday	$ 2,298,921.71	$ 2,605,731.64
Tuesday	2,342,608.30	1,939,739.01
Wednesday	2,425,747.77	2,413,580.12
Thursday	2,309,071.29	2,505,550.05
Friday	2,566,389.45	2,406,641.55
Saturday	2,255,805.27	2,194,835.50
Totals	$15,347,903.74	$14,062,141.26

Increase over the corresponding week last year, $1,285,762.48.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Closing quotations on mining stocks were as follows:

Alice	200	*Leadville Con.	5
*Brunswick Con.	15	*Little Chief	6
Com. Tunnel stock	21	Mexican	190
*Com. Tun. bonds	21	Ontario	225
Con. Cal. & Va.	130	Ophir	160
Horn Silver	70	Standard	30
Iron Silver	165	Yellow Jacket	125

*Offered.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows: Trust Funds—Gold coin, $876,030,869; silver dollars, $489,006,000; silver dollars of 1890, $3,901,000; silver certificates outstanding, $489,006,000.

General Fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund, $517,225; current liabilities, $109,190,989; working balance in treasury offices, $32,561,590; in banks to credit of treasurer of the United States, $37,211,760; subsidiary silver coin, $15,685,269; minor coin, $1,607,947; total balance in general fund, $79,125,496.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—MONEY—On call, nominal. Time loans, steady; sixty days, 4½ per cent; ninety days, 4½ per cent; six months, 4¼@4½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8440@4.8450 for sixty-day bills and at $4.88 for demand; commercial bills, $4.83⅝@4.84⅛.

SILVER—Bar, 52¼c; Mexican dollars, 44c.

BONDS—Government, firm; railroad irregular.

Closing quotations on New York bonds were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	101¾	Int. Met. 4½s	80½
do coupon	101¾	Int. M. M. 4½s	79⅝
U. S. 3s registered	101¾	Japan 4s	88
do coupon	101⅝	do 4½s	94½
U. S. 4s registered	114½	*K. C. So. 1st 3s	72⅝
do coupon	115½	L. S. deb. 4s 1931	94⅝
Allis-Chal. 1st 5s	84¼	L. & N. uni. 4s	100½
*Am. Ag. 5s	101½	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	99⅝
Am. T. & T. cv. 4s	103⅝	*do gen. 4½s	[illegible]
Am. Tobacco 4s	77½	Mo. Pacific 4s	82
do 6s	114	N. R. R. of M. 4½s	94
Armour & Co. 4½s	94⅝	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	92
Atchison gen. 4s	99⅝	do deb. 4s	95⅝
do cv. 4s	121½	N. Y., N. H. & H.	
do cv. 5s	122	cv. 6s	134⅝
At. C. L. 1st 4s	94½	N. & W. 1st c. 4s	98⅝
Bal. & Ohio 4s	98	do cv. 4s	102
do 3½s	92¾	No. Pacific 4s	102
Co. B. W. 3½s	80⅝	do 3s	71
Brk. Tr. cv. 4s	87½	O. S. L. rfdg. 4s	94
*Cen. of Ga. 5s	109½	Penn. cv. 3½s 1915	96¾
Cen. Leather 5s	98⅝	do con. 4s	104⅝
*C. of N. J. g. 5s	124⅝	Reading gen. 4s	99¼
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	102	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	83
*do ref. 5s	107⅝	do gen. 5s	79
Chicago & A. 3½s	73⅝	St. L. S. W. 4s	88½
C. B. & Q. j. 4s	97⅜	*do 1st gold 4s	90½
do gen. 4s	98⅝	*Seaboard A. L. 4s	84¾
C. M. & S. P. g. 3½s	89⅝	So. Pacific col. 4s	92¾
C. R. I. & P. r. 4s	80½	do cv. 4s	104¼
do col. 5s	16⅞	do 1st ref. 4s	94⅝
do rfg. 4s	90½	*So. Railway 5s	110¼
*Colo. Ind. 5s	84½	do gen. 4s	82⅝
*Colo. Mid. 4s	80¼	Union Pacific 4s	102⅞
C. & S. r. & e. 4½s	97⅝	do cv. 4s	116⅝
D. & H. cv. 4s	102	do 1st & ref. 4s	98⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	95¾	U. S. Rubber 6s	104⅝
do ref. 5s	94⅝	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	104⅞
*Distillers' 5s	78	Va.-Caro. Chem. 5s	98⅝
Erie p. l. 4s	87⅝	Wabash 1st 5s	111⅞
do gen. 4s	76½	do 1st & ex. 4s	76¼
*do cv. 4s, ser. A	81½	Western Md. 4s	85½
do series B	73⅞	West. Elec. cv. 5s	93
Gen. Elec. cv. 5s	147½	Wis. Central 4s	94¼
Ill. Cen. 1st ref. 4s	99⅞		

*Bid. **Offered.

Local Securities.

Quotations furnished by Samuel Burns, jr., 614 New York Life building, Omaha:

	Bid.	Asked.
Beatrice Creamery Com.	87	91
Beatrice Creamery pfd	89	90
City of Omaha 4½s, 1929	[illegible]	
Columbus, Neb., E. L. 5s 1925	94½	95
Commonwealth Fire Ins.	19	20
City Gas & E., Waterloo	87	88
Central C. & C. pfd	94	95½
German Fire Ins. Co.	100½	101½
International Con. Co.	62	63
Kansas City R. & L. pfd	78	80
Kansas City Stock Yards	100	101
Long Bell Lmbr. Co. 6s, 1922	99	100
Nebraska Tel. Stock 6 per cent	101½	101
Omaha Water Co. 5s, 1946	93½	94½
Omaha B. of T. pfd	100	....
Omaha Gas 5s, 1937	98	99
Omaha E. L. & P. 5s, 1933	95½	100
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry. 5s, 1928	99½	100
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry pfd 5 p. c.	82½	85
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry. com.	72	76
Sioux City Stock Yards pfd 6 p.c.	100	....
South Omaha ref. 4½s, 1911	100½	100¾
Swift & Co. 5s, 1914	100	101
Tri-State Land Co.	85	90
Union Stock Yards, S. O., 6 p. c.	91	96½

Clearing House Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $10,443,700 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of $481,500 in the proportionate cash reserve, as compared with last week. The statement follows:

		Increase.
Loans	$1,191,041,600	$ 9,046,800
Deposits	1,172,712,200	11,602,200
Circulation	52,765,500	*182,300
Legal tenders	74,630,500	1,712,400
Specie	222,991,500	2,149,900
Reserve	302,622,000	3,882,300
Reserve required	293,178,200	2,400,800
Surplus	10,443,750	481,500
Ex-U. S. deposits	10,875,150	485,350

* Decrease.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 25.62.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that those institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,236,227,400, total cash on hand $140,127,000, and loans amounting to $1,188,441,300.

London Closing Stocks.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—American securities opened steady on the Stock exchange here today and ruled steady on small buying orders. The close was firm and well above parity.

London closing stocks:

Consols, money	82 1-16	Louisville & N.	160⅛
do account	82¼	M., K. & T.	50½
Amal. Copper	90⅝	N. Y. Central	128½
Anaconda	10⅜	Norfolk & W.	102⅜
Atchison	125⅞	do pfd	93
do pfd	109	Ontario & W.	49¾
Baltimore & Ohio	121⅛	Pennsylvania	69⅝
Canadian Pacific	185¼	Rand Mines	9⅜
Chesapeake & O.	89⅝	Reading	86⅝
Chicago G. W.	21⅞	Southern Ry.	33¾
Chi. Mil. & St. P.	162½	do pfd	107
De Beers	18⅞	Southern Pacific	137⅞
Denver & Rio G.	52½	Union Pacific	205⅝
do pfd	89⅝	do pfd	107
Erie	35	U. S. Steel	94⅝
do 1st pfd	52½	do pfd	129
do 2d pfd	42⅝	Wabash	22½
Grand Trunk	21⅝	do pfd	57⅝
Illinois Central	153	Spanish 4s	96

SILVER—Bar, steady at 24 1-16d per oz.

MONEY—3⅛@3¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4@4⅛ per cent; for three months' bills, 3 15-16@4 per cent.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—COTTON—The market opened steady at a decline of 1 to 3 points in response to somewhat disappointing cables. Trading was quiet, but the news aside from the Liverpool showing was considered encouraging owing to the favorable accounts from the dry goods trade and reports of steadiness in the interior markets, and shortly after the opening prices here worked up to a net advance of about 6 to 7 points on covering and bull support. The official National Ginner's figures confirmed yesterday's report of 9,429,000 bales ginned to December 13.

Futures opened steady: December, 14.75c bid; January, 14.90c; March, 15.27c; April, 15.40@15.42c; May, 15.57c; July, 15.57c; August, 15.25c; September, 14.86@14.90c; October, 12.44c.

Futures closed steady: December, 14.83c; January, 14.95c; February, 15.12c; March, 15.31; April, 15.42c; May, 15.60c; June, 15.50c; July, 15.16c; August, 15.22c; September, 13.80c; October, 12.40c. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 15.10c; middling gulf, 15.35c. Sales, 100 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 18.—COTTON—Steady at 15c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18.—COTTON—Spots were quiet and steady; low ordinary, 11⅝c, nominal; ordinary, 12 3-16c, nominal; good ordinary, 13⅝c; strict good ordinary, 14 1-16c; low middling, 14⅝c; strict low middling, 14 15-16c; middling, 15 1-16c; strict middling, 15 3-16c; good middling, 15 5-16c; strict good middling, 15½c; middling fair, 15⅝c; middling fair to fair, 16c; fair, 16⅜c, nominal. Receipts, 3,125 bales; stock, 155,282 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—COTTON—Dull; middling, 15¼c. Sales, none; receipts, 4,941 bales; shipments, 4,712 bales; stock, 41,422 bales.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—METALS—No change was reported in the metal markets and prices were practically nominal, as usual on Saturday. Tin was easy at $32.75@33.10. Copper, dull; lake, $13.25@13.62½; electrolytic, $13.12½@13.37½; casting, $13.00@13.25. Lead was firm, spot being quoted at $4.57½@4.62½. Spelter was quoted at $6.20, asked. Iron was unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—LEAD—Firm, $4.50@4.60; spelter, firm, $6.12½@6.15.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep and Lambs Are Steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head; market steady; beeves, $3.90@8.90; Texas steers, $3.80@4.70; western steers, $4.00@6.30; stockers and feeders, $3.10@5.10; cows and heifers, $2.00@6.40; calves, $7.00@9.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 17,000 head; market steady; light, $8.00@8.50; mixed, $8.25@8.67½; heavy, $8.30@8.70; rough, $8.25@8.45; good to choice heavy, $8.45@8.70; pigs, $7.00@8.00; bulk of sales, $8.35@8.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts 1,000 head; market steady; native, $2.50@5.60; western, $2.75@5.65; yearlings, $4.35@7.50; lambs, native, $5.75@8.60; western, $5.75@8.60.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 300 head. Market unchanged.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,900 head. Market opened steady and closed lower; range of prices, $8.00@8.35; bulk of sales, $8.10@8.25.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cornfed Cattle About Fifty Cents Lower for the Week.

HOGS STRONG TO FIVE HIGHER

Fat Lambs Steady to Stronger Than Last Week, While Good Fat Sheep Are Steady and Others a Trifle Weak.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 18, 1909.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	5,461	5,127	10,021
Official Tuesday	7,837	13,250	18,734
Official Wednesday	7,016	11,028	5,549
Official Thursday	4,121	9,646	9,728
Official Friday	1,438	6,046	945
Estimate Saturday	152	3,184	1,049
Total this week	26,281	45,284	41,033
Total last week	29,361	37,122	31,371
Total two weeks ago	35,578	23,194	37,013
Total three weeks ago	13,498	8,517	13,917
Total four weeks ago	35,288	26,366	29,465
Total year ago	24,034	40,422	21,098

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

	1909.	1908.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	1,096,970	1,012,297	84,673	......
Hogs	2,084,132	2,359,669	......	275,547
Sheep	1,117,802	1,070,523	47,279	......

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

Date.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.	1903.
Dec. 7	8 21⅛	5 41	4 62	6 21	4 50	4 35	4 37
Dec. 8	8 21⅝	5 42	*	6 15	4 57	4 38	4 33
Dec. 9	8 20⅝	5 48	4 47	*	4 84	4 32	4 34
Dec. 10	8 20⅝	5 34	4 34	6 21	*	4 28	4 46
Dec. 11	8 24⅝	5 41	4 49	6 14	4 79	*	4 47
Dec. 12	*	5 32	4 71	6 02	4 83	4 43	4 49
Dec. 13	8 29	*	4 49	6 06	4 86	4 41	*
Dec. 14	8 23⅝	5 38	4 26	6 06	4 85	4 39	4 45
Dec. 15	8 08⅝	5 37	*	6 11	4 81	4 38	4 40
Dec. 16	[illegible]	5 40	4 22	*	4 70	4 42	4 38
Dec. 17	8 26⅝	5 34	4 47	6 18	*	4 47	4 34
Dec. 18		5 32	4 40	6 13	4 81	*	4 37

*Sunday.

Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union Stock yards, South Omaha, Neb., for twenty-four hours at 2 p. m. yesterday:

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P.	2	4	..
Mo. P. Ry.	..	1	..
U. P. R. R.	1	11	..
C. & N. W. (west)	..	15	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	1	..
C., B. & Q. (east)	..	5	..
C., B. & Q. (west)	..	8	..
C., R. I. & P. (east)	..	1	2
C., R. I. & P. (west)	1	2	..
Illinois Central Ry.	..	2	..
Chicago Gt. Western	..	1	6
Total receipts	5	51	8

DISPOSITION.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	....	507	....
Swift and Company	45	516	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	89	470	....
Armour & Co.	....	742	....
St. L. Ind. Pkg. Co.	....	743	....
Cudahy, from country	....	....	743
Hill & Son	5	....	....
L. F. Husz	2	....	....
McCreary & Carey	31	....	....
Lehmer Bros.	26	....	....
Kline	1	....	....
Other buyers	4	....	270
Totals	214	2,690	1,013

CATTLE—Receipts of cattle, as usual on a Saturday, were very light this morning, there not being enough of any kind in sight to make a market. On the other hand receipts for the week have been quite liberal, showing a considerable gain over a year ago, although a little short of last week's record.

It has been a long time since the market has been in such disastrous condition for sellers as it was during the early part of the present week. Receipts at all points were large, and the fact that the receipts the week before were excessive and the markets badly demoralized made the present week's receipts more burdensome than they would otherwise have been. Thus prices everywhere declined rapidly, the markets on some days being badly demoralized, with salesmen finding it hard work to dispose of all of their holdings even at reduced figures. During the latter part of the week as receipts became more moderate there was a slight reaction in the market and the trade at the close was in a more healthy condition. Still prices were around 50c lower than the close of the previous week.

This decline was felt on practically all kinds of cornfed steers and the great big bulk of cows and heifers. The only kind of killing cattle that did not show so much decline were range steers that were given the preference over cornfeds and hence did not show very much decline. Range cows and heifers sold to good advantage as compared with natives and hence held up better.

Stockers and feeders suffered a severe decline last week and the lower prices prevailing appeared to encourage country buying, with the result that there was a very fair demand all this week for cattle of that description. Prices gradually firmed up until at the close of the present week the general run of stockers and feeders can safely be quoted 15@20c higher than at the close of last week.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice cornfed steers, $6.25@7.50; fair to good cornfed steers, $5.25@6.25; common to fair cornfed steers, $3.75@5.25; good to choice range steers, $5.50@6.20; fair to good range steers, $4.50@5.50; common to fair range steers, $3.75@4.60; good to choice cornfed cows and heifers, $4.00@5.00; fair to good cornfed cows and heifers, $3.25@4.00; common to fair cornfed cows and heifers, $1.50@3.25; good to choice range cows and heifers, $3.75@4.40; fair to good range cows and heifers, $3.25@3.75; common to fair range cows and heifers, $2.50@3.25; good to choice stockers and feeders, $4.80@5.20; fair to good stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.40; common to fair stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.60; stock heifers, $2.75@3.50; veal calves, $3.50@7.40; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.40.

Representative sales:

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	200	4 50	1	270	6 00
1	500	4 50			

FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
2	744	4 00

HOGS—Receipts of hogs this morning were very light, the early estimate calling for only forty-three cars. As a matter of fact, only about half that number of cars was really in sight when it was time for the market to open. Buyers orders did not appear to be very urgent, and they seemed inclined to await later receipts and reports from other selling points so that it was after 10 o'clock before they really started out to buy anything and even then the market was slow. Most of the packers seemed to be bearish in their views, while sellers were asking more money for their holdings.

When buyers and sellers finally got together it was on the basis of prices that were strong to 5c higher. When the ice was once broken and a start given to the trade the market became fairly active and at the best time a good many hogs sold 5c higher. The early arrivals soon changed hands, but there were close to half of the estimated receipts still back at midday, with a prospect of their not arriving until late in the afternoon.

The market this week has fluctuated quite wildly back and forth and at the close prices are around 5@10c lower than at the close of last week.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
86	146	...	8 15	65	239	280	8 30
61	204	80	8 20	71	231	...	8 30
63	171	40	8 22½	67	158	40	8 30
73	180	...	8 25	71	[illegible]	...	8 30
74	246	120	8 25	65	275	...	8 35
64	205	120	8 25	75	260	...	8 35
71	247	120	8 27½	70	264	...	8 35
68	218	80	8 27½	64	287	...	8 37½
63	180	40	8 27½	58	290	...	8 37½
74	246	160	8 27½	53	430	...	8 40
65	267	280	8 27½	61	270	...	8 40
65	225	200	8 27½	54	280	80	8 40
62	241	160	8 30				

SHEEP—There were not enough sheep received today to afford anything like a broad test of values, as is usually the case on a Saturday. Four cars were reported in, but two were consigned direct to a packer.

The week's supplies have been fairly liberal for this time of year. The official count is right around 41,000 head, as compared with 31,000 head of last week, and almost 20,000 head for the same week last year. The big bulk of offerings has consisted of stocks from corn belt feed lots and corn fields, around 41,000 head, as compared with 30,000 head of last week, and almost 22,000 head for the same week last year. The big bulk of offerings has consisted of stocks from corn belt feed lots and corn fields, although there were two or three good sized delegations of fat rangers included in the mid-week supply. Strictly prime killers with plenty of finish have been in rather limited supply.

Badly clogged eastern markets at the opening of the week resulted in declines at all points. A raft of medium and common short-feds at Chicago Monday and Tuesday met with a decidedly cool reception, and prices were hammered severely. The situation was little different at this point and eastern depression did not serve to improve it. Values on practically all kinds of killers broke 15@25c during the first two days and demand was feeble at the decline. Improvement featured Wednesday's trade, however, and prices have been mending since that time until all of the early decline has been regained and current quotations are little different from those at last week's close. The best kinds of fat lambs are possibly a little higher with good mutton material about steady and common grades a shade lower.

There have not been enough feeders on sale this week to arouse much interest in buying circles. It is evident that good kinds of stock sheep and lambs are still wanted, but the outlet is by no means as broad as it has been lately and the poorer grades are more or less neglected. Suitable feeder stock is quotably firm with a week ago.

Quotations on fat sheep and lambs: Good to choice lambs, $7.90@8.00; fair to good lambs, $6.75@7.85; good light yearlings, $6.50@7.00; good heavy yearlings, $5.75@6.50; good to choice wethers, $5.10@5.50; fair to good wethers, $4.70@5.10; good to choice ewes, $4.90@5.25; fair to good ewes, $4.00@4.90.

Quotations on feeder stock: Good to choice lambs, $6.15@6.60; fair to good lambs, $5.65@6.15; light yearlings, $5.00@5.50; heavy yearlings, $4.50@4.75; good to choice ewes, $3.25@3.75; breeding ewes, $3.75@5.50; yearling breeding ewes, $5.50@6.00.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000 head, including 800 Texans. Market was steady; native shipping and export steers, $6.60@8.25; dressed beef and butcher steers, $5.25@6.45; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.75@4.90; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.60; cows and heifers, $3.25@6.75; canners, $2.00@2.70; bulls, $2.85@5.00; calves, $5.50@8.75; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@5.15; cows and heifers, $2.30@4.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head. Market was steady; pigs and lights, $6.00@8.30; packers, $8.15@8.40; butchers and best heavy, $8.45@8.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 100 head. Market steady; native muttons, $3.75@5.50; lambs, $6.00@8.00; culls and bucks, $2.75@5.80; stockers, $3.00@4.00.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head, including 500 southerns; market steady; native steers, $5.30@7.25; southern steers, $3.40@5.50; southern cows, $2.75@4.15; native cows and heifers, $2.75@6.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.60; bulls, $3.25@4.75; calves, $3.50@8.25; western steers, $3.75@6.75; western cows, $2.75@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,000 head; market steady to strong; bulk of sales, $8.20@8.50; heavy, $8.45; packers and butchers, $8.25@8.50; light, $8.00@8.25; pigs, $6.75@7.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; muttons, $4.25@5.75; lambs, $6.50@8.25; fed western wethers and yearlings, $4.75@7.15; fed western ewes, $4.25@5.25.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 900 head; market steady; steers, $4.25@7.50; cows and heifers, $2.50@5.50; calves, $3.50@8.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market steady to strong; top, $8.60; bulk of sales, $8.10@8.45.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—No sheep on sale; lambs, $7.00@8.25.

Stock in Sight.

Receipts of live stock at the six principal western markets yesterday:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	1,438	6,046	945
Kansas City	2,000	1,000	500
Sioux City	300	2,900	......
St. Joseph	900	3,500	......
St. Louis	1,000	4,000	100
Chicago	1,500	17,000	3,000
Total	7,038	36,346	4,545

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Staple and Fancy Produce Prices Furnished by Buyers and Wholesalers.

BUTTER—Creamery, No. 1, delivered to the retail trade in 1-lb. cartons, 34c; No. 1, in 60-lb. tubs, 33½c; No. 2, in 1-lb. cartons, 31c; in 60-lb. tubs, 30½c; packing stock, 24c; fancy dairy, tubs, 20@23c; Market changes every Tuesday.

POULTRY—Dressed broilers, $5 a doz.; springs, 14c; hens, 14c; cocks, 10c; ducks, 20c; geese, 8c; turkeys, 25c; pigeons, per doz., $1.25. Alive, broilers, under 2 lbs., 16c; over 2 lbs., 10½c; hens, 10½c; cocks, 5c; ducks, full feathered, 8c; geese, full feathered, 7c; turkeys, under 8 lbs., 15c; over 8 lbs., 18c; guinea fowls, 30c each; pigeons, 50c per doz.

OYSTERS—Selects, small cans, 22c; large, 40c; gallon, $1.55; New York Counts, small, 35c; large, 45c; gallon, $1.95; Baltimore standards, small, 22c; large, 25c; gallon, $1.25.

FISH—Fresh caught, almost all are dressed: Halibut, 12c; buffalo, 8c; trout, 14c; bullheads, 14c; catfish, 11c; crappies, sunfish, 8@9c; black bass, 25c; whitefish, 14c; pike, 12c; salmon, 13c; pickerel, 11c; frog legs, 40c. Fresh frozen whitefish, No. 1, 11c; pickerel, dressed and headless, 9c; pike, dressed, 12c; redsnappers, 13c; Spanish mackerel, 18c; native mackerel, 25c each.

FRUITS—Oranges: Extra fancy, highly colored navels, 96s and 112s, per box, $3.00; extra fancy, highly colored navels, 126s, per box, $2.85; extra fancy, highly colored navels, 150s, 176s, 200s, 216s, per box, $3.00; extra fancy Valencias, 96s, per box, $3.25; extra fancy Valencias, 126s, per box, $3.50; no small sizes to be had. Lemons: Extra fancy 300s, 360s, per box, $5.00; extra fancy choice 300s, 360s, per box, $4.75. Grape Fruit: Florida Indian river, 36s, 46s, 54s, 64s, 80s and 96s, per box, $4.00. Tangerines: Florida, 144s and 168s, per box, $3.00. Pineapples: Florida Indian river, 24s and 30s, per crate, $3.50. Kumquats: Florida, per quart, 20c. Apples: Ben Davis, Colorado, very fine quality, per large bu. box, $1.65; Wine Saps, Colorado, very fine good red, large size, box, $1.50; Jonathans, Colorado, very fine, good color, fine eating, per box, $1.50; Greenings, Colorado, per box, $1.50; Missouri Pippins, Colorado, very fine quality, per box, $1.25; Genitons, Colorado, per box, $1.50; ten-box lots, assorted, 10c less. Iowa Jonathans, extra fancy, per bbl., $5.50; Iowa Wine Saps, extra fancy, per bbl., $5.00; Iowa Missouri Pippins, extra fancy, per bbl., $5.25; Iowa Ben Davis, extra fancy, per bbl., $4.75; Ben Davis, strictly No. 1 Missouri, per bbl., $4.00; Missouri Pippins, strictly No. 1, per bbl., $3.50; Ganos, strictly No. 1 Missouri, per bbl., $3.50; Greenings, New York, No. 1, per bbl., $4.50; ten bbl. lots 10c less. Grapes: Malaga, extra choice imported, per bbl., $6.00; fancy imported, per bbl., $6.00; extra fancy, extra heavy imported, per bbl., $6.50; extra fancy tinted, highly colored, imported, per bbl., $5.00; Natoma, extra fancy, per crate, $1.75; Emperor, California, red, per crate, $1.75. Bananas: Extra fancy Port Limon or Changuinola, finest and largest, per bunch, $2.50; extra fancy special 75 lb. bunches, per bunch, $3.00; extra fancy, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; special 8-hand bunches, $1.75. Cranberries: Extra fancy, long-keeping, per bbl., $7.50; Wisconsin, ripe, good for immediate use only, per bbl., $6.75. Pears: California, extra fancy Easter Beurre, per box, $2.50. California cauliflower, per crate, $2.75. Honey: Colorado, per crate, $3.25. Kansas sweet potatoes, the finest heavy weight, two-bu. bbl., $2.50. Celery: Extra fancy Michigan, per doz., 25c; Jumbo, California, per doz., 75c. Head lettuce, per hamper, $2.50. Rutabagas: Canadian, per lb., 1¼c. Cabbage: Wisconsin genuine Holland seed, per lb., 1½c; in 1,000-lb. lots or more, 1¼c; red cabbage, per lb., 2½c. Florida tomatoes, six basket crates, $5.00. Onions: Indiana Red Globe, per bu., $1.00; yellow, Oregon, per lb., 2c; Spanish onions, per crate, $1.50. Figs: New imported, 7 crown, per lb., 15c; 4 crown, per lb., 13c; 10-12 oz. packages, per box, 85c; 50-6 oz. package, per box, $2.00; imported, per 1 lb. basket, 15c. Almonds: Drake seedlings, per lb., 15c. Cocoanuts, per sack, $4.50; each, 5c. Brazils, large, per lb., 14c. Filberts, large, per lb., 13½c. Pecans: Louisiana, per lb., 17½c; Jumbo Texas, per lb., 16c; medium Texas, per lb., 12½c. Black walnuts, per lb., 2½c. Hickory nuts, small, per lb., 6c; large, 4c. California walnuts: No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 16c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 13c. Peanuts: Raw, per lb., 6c; jumbo, raw, per lb., 8½c; roasted, per lb., 8c; salted, per box, $1.25. Dates: 30 1-lb. packages, per box, $2.00; new Hallowe'en, per lb., 6½c; sugar walnut, per box, $1.25; Fard, per lb., 10c. Mott's cider, per keg, $2.50. White rice popcorn, per lb., 3c.

Beef Cuts—No. 1 ribs, 16½c; No. 2 ribs, 13c; No. 3 ribs, 8½c; No. 1 loin, 18c; No. 2 loin, 13½c; No. 3 loin, 9½c; No. 1 chuck, 7c; No. 2 chuck, 6c; No. 3 chuck, 5½c; No. 1 round, 9c; No. 2 round, 7½c; No. 3 round, 6½c; No. 1 plate, 6¼c; No. 2 plate, 5¼c; No. 3 plate, 4½c.

CHRISTMAS TREES—3 to 5 feet, per doz., $1.50; 7 to 9 feet, per doz., $3.00; 5 to 7 feet, per dozen, $2.00; 9 to 11 feet, per doz., $4.00; single trees for church purposes, schools and other public institutions, owing to beauty, $1.00 to $5.00. Christmas decorations: Standard evergreen wreathing, 20-yard coils, natural, coil 75c; 20-yard coils, dyed, coil 75c; fire proof wreathing, 20-yard coil, natural, $1.10. Wreaths: Holly, Delaware, wound, rattan rings, per doz., $1.50; wire rings, per doz., $1.25; holly, southern, wound, wire rings, per doz., $1.25; evergreen and holly mixed, rattan rings, per doz., $1.50; wire rings, per doz., $1.50; evergreen, decorated with moriella, wire, per doz., $1.25; rattan, per doz., $1.50; Magnolia, decorated with moriella, rattan, per doz., $1.50; Magnolia, rattan, plain, per doz., $1.50; galax, green, bronze or mixed, rattan, with moriella, per doz., $1.50; Delaware holly, fine quality, large crates, $4.50; southern holly, good quality, large crates, $4.00; mistletoe, best quality, per lb., 20c; magnolia leaves, per bbl., $10.00; southern needle pine, 3 to 5 feet, per doz., $2.00 to $3.00.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—WOOL—Unchanged; territory and western mediums, 24@28c; fine mediums, 21@25c; fine, 12@20c.

Seeks to Enjoin Seizure of Liquor

Oklahoma Statute Attacked as in Violation of the Federal Constitution.

MUSKOGEE, Okl., Dec. 18.—In the United States circuit court here today seven state officials were temporarily enjoined from seizing and confiscating liquor being transported into Oklahoma by the Missouri Kansas & Texas Railroad company.

The railroad company in petition for the order alleged that the federal statutes make it incumbent upon them to accept the liquor for shipment and that they must give a bill of lading and assume liability for delivery. The company holds that the seizure of interstate shipments is in violation of the federal constitution.

December 22 was set for the hearing of the application for a permanent injunction.

ONE ARREST IN ASH CASE

Sheep Herder Held at Cody as Murder Suspect—Search Continues.

CODY, Wyo., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Bert Lampitt, a husky, red-haired, sheep-herder, is now under guard in the town jail as a suspect in the Ash murder case, which has lost none of its interest for Big Horn county.

As yet he has neither retained counsel or asked for a hearing and appears to be undisturbed by his arrest.

The most damaging evidence against him, so far as known, is furnished by one "Booker" Dodge, a barkeeper. According to Dodge, prior to or about the time Ash was killed by the trap gun set in his shack, Lampitt came into the saloon and after ordering a drink walked off and left it.

Admittedly, any man in Cody, who deliberately walks off and leaves a drink lays himself open to suspicion, but whether a jury would regard this as a penitentiary or hanging offense cannot now be determined.

The officers appear to have abandoned the theory that two men were involved and the supposition now is that one of the footprints in the snow which looked as though someone had dropped a ham was made by the local officer, Joe Isham, while boosting a young man with a lantern through the side window of the shack, explaining naively "that he didn't want to get his head blowed off." Another fact urged against Lampitt is that he once set a trap gun and killed a mountain lion.

A rumor that an odd coin carried by him as a pocketpiece was found outside the window has been denied. It is stated that the shotgun has been traced to the last man who owned it. It is a single-barreled shotgun of a make practically unknown in this section—the kind of a gun a "dude" might bring into the country or one which a boy might order from a mail order house.

The sheriff and his deputies are still working upon the case.

Apportionment of School Funds.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The state land department has made the December semi-annual distribution of the income fund to the different counties of the state for the support of the schools. The total amount sent out is $119,192.15. This was apportioned on a school population of 191,057, an increase of 3,207 over the figures taken for the basis last year. With the combined June and December apportionments for this year the department has sent out over $500,000 for the support of the schools of the state, making $3.39 for each pupil. This is an increase of 24 cents on each pupil over last year's apportionment, regardless of the increase in population.

Y. M. C. A. at Huron.

HURON, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—W. M. Parsons of Minneapolis has been in conference with prominent Huron people with reference to the establishment of a Young Men's Christian association for this city. He was so impressed with the outlook that he believes such an institution will be in operation here before many months. Mr. Parsons says the record of the present year will show a great advancement in every department of the association activities and he predicts that it will not be long before every progressive city in South Dakota will have a Young Men's Christian association building.

Diamonds—FRENZER—15th and Dodge.

COY AMES CO-EDS SHY AT PROPOSED NEW DORMITORY

Girls Fear it Will Break Matrimonial Truce Now in Control of Male Hearts.

AMES, Ia., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—An eastern paper comes out recently with the statement that Ames is one of the foremost matrimonial centers in the country, the amount of business done along this line being limited only by the number of available girls. Conditions are really worse than the writer of that article had any idea of. Recent developments have shown that the girls at the University of Iowa have developed a fullfledged trust, a virtual monopoly in restraint of trade.

The facts came to light in connection with the crusade that was started not long ago for the purpose of securing a new girl's dormitory. There was a strange apathy among the girl students toward a movement in which they should have been especially interested. Investigation brought out the fact that they did not desire what would be the inevitable result of the erection of such a building. It would mean two or three hundred more girls, and that would dilute the present supply to such an extent the present holdup methods could be no longer enforced.

At the present time there is about one girl to every seven men. This makes Ames a paradise for girls, as they have an opportunity for selection seldom found elsewhere. Athletes, debaters, pluggers and flunkers all line up before the critical eyes of the fair trust magnates. The way each girl keeps her seven admirers in hot water would gladden the heart of any lover of the artistic. They juggle with hearts in a way that would put an East Indian acrobat to shame. To try to capture one of them is like trying to capture a bushel basket full of moonbeams. Once in awhile some lucky senior reaches the goal of four years of constant effort and bon-bons, and leads a blushing co-ed to the altar. In the meantime the other six stand by with saddened expressions and talk of appealing to Roosevelt or the Sherman anti-trust law.

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