GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Congestion Relieved, Wheat is Not as Erratic as it Has Been.

RECENT BULGES BRING RESULTS

Values Are Strong, but Late Bulls Are Changing Over Into More Distant Future and Predicting Reaction.

OMAHA, Dec. 28, 1909.

The wheat market was not so erratic this morning, the congestion being somewhat relieved during the recent bulges. Values are strong, however, but late bulls are changing over into the more distant futures and predict a reaction after the December option closes.

The transportation facilities are figuring strongly in the corn situation, while sentiment is generally bullish and gives more strength.

Wheat started high on firm cables and early buying orders. As soon as the first orders were filled selling was general and values sagged back to yesterday's level and the market lacked support at the close.

Corn weakened sharply and was sold lower. Receipts were liberal and offerings were heavy and of enough volume to ease the tone of the market. With liberal receipts from now on the cash market should decline.

Primary wheat receipts were 1,078,000 bu. and shipments were 259,000 bu., against receipts last year of 336,000 bu. and shipments of 284,000 bu.

Primary corn receipts were 805,000 bu. and shipments were 384,000 bu., against receipts last year of 1,163,000 bu. and shipments of 472,000 bu.

Clearances were 1,000 bu. of corn, none of oats and wheat and flour equal to 331,000 bu.

Liverpool closed ⅝@¾d higher on wheat and ⅝@¾d higher on corn.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec...	1 12½	1 12½	1 12	1 12	1 12½
May...	1 05½	1 05½	1 04⅝	1 04⅝	1 05½
Corn—					
Dec...	60	60	59⅝	59⅝	60
May...	64⅛	64⅛	63⅛	63½	64⅛
Oats—					
Dec...	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾
May...	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.06@1.08; No. 3 hard, $1.04@1.06; No. 4 hard, 98c@$1.03; rejected, hard, 94c@$1.00; No. 2 spring, $1.04½@1.07½; No. 3 spring, $1.00@1.04; No. 2 durum, 84½@86c; No. 3 durum, 83@84c.

CORN—No. 2 white, 61@62c; No. 3 white, 59@59½c; No. 4 white, 56½@57½c; No. 2 yellow, 61@62c; No. 3 yellow, 59@59½c; No. 4 yellow, 56@57c; No. 2, 61@62c; No. 3, 58¾@59½c; No. 4, 56@57c; no grade, 50@55c.

OATS—Standard, 43¼@43½c; No. 3 white, 43@43½c; No. 4 white, 42@43c; No. 3 yellow, 42½@43½c; No. 4 yellow, 41½@42½c; No. 3 mixed, 41½@42½c.

BARLEY—No. 3, 57@58½c; No. 4, 57@58c.

RYE—No. 2, 73@73½c; No. 3, 71@72½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	87	404	174
Minneapolis	286	...	...
Omaha	38	91	19
Duluth	140	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Reports of unfavorable weather in Argentina gave the wheat market a strong start here today, but prices declined sharply in the final half of the session owing to profit-taking. Closing quotations showed net losses of ¼c to ⅝@¾c. Coarse grain and provisions also developed considerable weakness and closed at about the bottom.

The principal factor responsible for the strong opening in wheat was a dispatch telling of frost in the southern portion of Buenos Ayres Province, where the crop is now within about two weeks of maturity. A later decline was precipitated by the selling of December by a prominent cash interest, which resulted in quite general realizing. During the day December sold between $1.17⅝ and $1.19½. May ranged between $1.10⅝ and $1.12⅝. The market closed weak at almost the lowest point.

Liquidation by leading holders caused weakness in corn following moderate firmness at the start. Shorts were fairly active bidders for December at the opening, which resulted in an advance of 1c in that option, but the bulge prompted liberal realizing sales which soon caused a reaction. The weakness became more pronounced during the final half. Prices at the close were ⅝@¾c below the final figures of the previous day.

Oats were fairly firm, owing to buying, but the market finally yielded to the weakness of wheat and corn, closing quotations being a shade higher to ½c lower.

Provisions closed at 7½@25c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec...	1 19	1 19½	1 17⅝	1 18	1 18½
May...	1 11⅝	1 12⅝	1 10⅝	1 10⅝	1 11⅝@⅝
July...	1 02⅛@⅜	1 02⅝@⅝	1 01⅜	1 01½	1 01⅞
*Corn—					
Dec...	63⅛@64	64⅛	62½	62⅝	62
May...	67@⅛	67⅛	66⅝	66⅝@⅝	67@⅛
July...	67 @⅞	67⅛	66⅛	66⅛@⅜	66⅞@67
*Oats—					
Dec...	44½	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛	41⅝
May...	45⅝@⅞	45⅞	45⅜	45⅜	45⅜
July...	43⅝	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛@⅜	43½
Pork—					
Jan...	21 85	21 85	21 55	21 60	21 85
May...	21 90	21 90	21 52½	21 62½	21 77½
July...	21 70	21 70	21 50	21 50	....
Lard—					
Jan...	12 40	12 40	12 22½	12 25	12 35
May...	11 95	11 97½	11 75	11 85	11 95
July...	11 87½	11 90	11 67½	11 80	11 90
Ribs—					
Jan...	11 30	11 35	11 30	11 32½	11 50
May...	11 47½	11 47½	11 22½	11 32½	11 40
July...	11 40	11 42½	11 25	11 32½	11 40

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $5.10@5.60; winter straights, $4.60@5.35; spring straights, $4.70@4.90; bakers, $3.05@5.20.

RYE—No. 2, 79½c.

BARLEY—Feed and mixing, 58@61c; fair to choice malting, 66@72c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 southwestern, $1.85; No. 1 northwestern, $1.96. Timothy, $3.75. Clover, $9.50@13.50.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $22.00@22.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $12.40@12.50. Short ribs sides (loose), $11.25@11.62½; short clear sides (boxed), $11.75@12.00.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 331,000 bu. Primary receipts were 1,078,000 bu., compared with 336,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago. The world's visible supply as shown by Bradstreet's, increased 531,000 bu.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 59 cars; corn, [illegible] cars; oats, 2,261 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, $1.23@1.25½; No. 3 red, $1.18@1.23½; No. 2 hard, $1.15@1.18; No. 3 hard, $1.12@1.15; No. 1 northern spring, $1.17@1.20; No. 2 northern spring, $1.15@1.18; No. 3 spring, $1.12@1.17. Corn: No. 3 cash, 61c; No. 4 cash, 55½@59½c; No. 3 white, 61½@62c; No. 3 yellow, 61½@61¾c; No. 4 yellow, 65½@60½c. Oats: No. 3 cash, 44½c; No. 3 white, 44½@45½c; No. 4 white, 44@44½c; standard, 45@46c.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 27@35c; dairies, 25@30c.

EGGS—Firm; at mark, cases included, 24½@28c; firsts, 32c; prime firsts, 35c.

CHEESE—Steady; daisies, 16¼@16⅝c; twins, 16@16½c; young Americas, 16½c; long horns, 16½c.

POTATOES—Steady; choice to fancy, 45@48c; fair to good, 38@42c.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 17c; chickens, 12½c; springs, 14c.

VEAL—Steady; 50 to 60-lb. wts., 8@9c; 60 to 85-lb. wts., 9@10c; 85 to 110-lb. wts., 10@11c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Market quiet and steady; spring patents, $5.40@5.65; winter patents, $5.40@5.90; winter extras, No. 1, $4.60@4.90; Kansas straights, $4.90@5.15; winter straights, $5.25@5.35; spring clears, $4.40@4.85; winter extras, No. 2, $4.40@4.65. Receipts, 44,88 bbls.; shipments, 15,000 bbls. Rye flour steady; fair to good, $4.20@4.35; choice to fancy, $4.30@4.50. Buckwheat flour, steady; bulk, $2.10, nominal, per 100 lbs.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.55@1.60; coarse, $1.45@1.50; kiln dried, $3.35.

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

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 63@65c, nominal, c. i. f. New York.

WHEAT—Spot market irregular; No. 2 red, $1.27, elevator, domestic; and $1.26½, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.24¾, and No. 2 hard winter, $1.29¾, all nominal to arrive. Options were firm early on the cables, the strike situation and reports of damage in Argentina, but later developed weakness, declining sharply under liquidation on larger receipts than expected and a poor cash demand, closing ⅜c net lower. December closed at $1.25; May closed at $1.18; July closed at $1.09⅛. Receipts, 9,200 bu.; shipments, 4,775 bu.

CORN—Spot, easy; No. 2, 70½c, elevator, domestic; 70½c, delivered, and 68½c, f. o. b., afloat, nominal. Option market was without transactions, closing unchanged. December closed at 70½c; May closed 75¼c. Receipts, 161,250 bu.; shipments, 1,474 bu.

OATS—Spot market steady; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 47c; natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., 48@51c; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 49@53c. Option market was without transactions, closing unchanged. May closed at 50⅝c. Receipts, 35,075 bu.

HAY—Steady; prime, $1.05; No. 1, $1.00; No. 3, 85@90c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1909, 20@25c; 1908, 15@20c; Pacific coast, 1909, 20@27c; 1908, 17@21c.

HIDES—Quiet; Central America, 22½c; Bogota, 21½@23½c. Leather, quiet; hemlock, firsts, 28@29c; seconds, 25@27c; thirds, 23@25c; rejected, 20@21c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; mess, $24.50@24.75; family, $26.00@27.00; short clears, $25.00@27.50. Beef, quiet; mess, $11.50@12.50; family, $15.50@16.00; beef hams, $24.00@26.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 10 to 14 pounds, $13.00@13.50; pickled hams, $13.50. Lard, weak; middle west, prime, $12.75@12.85. Refined, barely steady; continent, $12.90; South America, $14.60; compounds, $10.37½@10.75.

TALLOW—Firm; prime, 6½c; country, 6½@7c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, 2⅝@5⅝c; Japan, 6½@7c.

BUTTER—Steady; western factory, seconds and firsts, 24@25c; western imitation creamery, 26@28c.

CHEESE—Firm; state, new full cream, special, 17½@18c; state, new full cream, September, fancy, 17c; state, new full cream, October, best, 16½c; state, new full cream, late best, 15½c; state, new full cream, common to good, 13@15½c; skims, full to special, 5@14½c.

EGGS—Steady; refrigerators, 23@25½c.

POULTRY—Dressed, weak; western chickens, 16@22c; fowls, 12@17c; turkeys, 21@24c.

WEATHER IN THE GRAIN BELT

Partly Cloudy Wednesday and Colder in West Portion of Nebraska.

OMAHA, Dec. 28, 1909.

A barometric depression overlies the lake region and the middle Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, with its center over the lower lake region. Unsettled weather attends the depression, and snows are general this morning from the Mississippi river east over the lake region and Ohio valley. High winds prevailed in the upper Mississippi and upper Missouri valleys during the night, and snow flurries are general in the upper valleys this morning. An area of high pressure overlies the west from the Rocky mountains to the Pacific coast, and generally fair weather prevails throughout the west, except scattered snow flurries are reported in Montana and Idaho. It is colder in the upper Missouri valley, and temperatures are generally lower in the extreme northwest. It is warmer in the lower Missouri valley and throughout the southwest. The weather will probably be fair in this vicinity tonight and Wednesday, with not much change in temperature.

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

	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.
Minimum temperature....	10	29	17	23
Precipitation	.04	.00	.00	.00

Normal temperature for today, 22 degrees.

Excess in precipitation since March 1, 4.82 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1908, 4.48 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1907, 7.44 inches.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Cash unchanged to 1c lower; No. 2 hard, $1.06@1.14; No. 3, $1.04@1.10; No. 2 red, $1.22@1.25; No. 3, $1.17@1.22; December, $1.05¼, sellers; May, $1.05⅝, bid; July, 95⅝@95½c bid.

CORN—Unchanged to 2c lower; No. 2 mixed, 64c; No. 3, 62½@63c; No. 2 white, 63½@63¾c; No. 3, 63½c; December, 63½c, sellers; May, 65c, sellers; July, 64⅝c, sellers.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 46½c; No. 2 mixed, 43@44c.

RYE—68@70c.

HAY—Unchanged; choice timothy, $12.50@13.00; choice prairie, $10.25@10.50; choice alfalfa, $17.50@18.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 36c; firsts, 34c; seconds, 32c; packing stock, 23c.

EGGS—Extras, 34c; firsts, 32c; current receipts, 31c; seconds and dirties, 19c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	92,000	45,000
Corn, bu	41,000	16,000
Oats, bu	5,000	6,000

Options at Kansas City:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December	1 06½	1 06½	1 04⅝	1 05¼A
May	1 06⅝	1 07⅛	1 05½	1 05⅝B
July	96⅛	96⅛	95	95⅝B
Corn—				
December	64⅛B	64⅛	63⅝	63⅝B
May	65⅛@⅝	65⅝	64⅞	65A
July	65⅛A	65⅝	64⅞	64⅝A

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Futures, lower; cash, steady; track, No. 2 red cash, $1.23@1.28; No. 2 hard, $1.13@1.18; December, $1.14⅝; May, $1.11⅛.

CORN—Lower; track, No. 2 cash, 62½c; No. 2 white, 63½c; December, 62½c; May, 66½@66¼c.

OATS—Weak; track, No. 2 cash, 45c; No. 2 white, 46@46½c; December, 44¼c; May, 45⅛@45⅝c.

RYE—Unchanged, 78c.

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

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.50@3.50.

CORNMEAL—$3.10.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked, east track, $1.11@1.13.

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

BAGGING—6⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—7c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; jobbing, $21.75. Lard, lower; prime steam, $12.20@12.40. Dry salt meats, higher; boxed extra shorts, 13⅝c; clear ribs, 13⅝c; short clears, 13⅝c. Bacon, higher; boxed extra shorts, 14⅝c; clear ribs, 14⅝c; short clears, 14⅝c.

POULTRY—Higher; chickens, 12c; springs, 12c; turkeys, 21c; ducks, 14c; geese, 9½c.

BUTTER—Creamery, 31@33c.

EGGS—Higher, 33c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	127,000	13,000
Wheat, bu	418,000	92,500
Corn, bu	114,400	105,500
Oats, bu	40,000	96,000

Available Supplies of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following chances in available supplies as compared with previous account:

Available Supplies—Wheat, United States east of Rockies, decreased, 877,000 bushels; Canada increased, 708,000 bushels. Total United States and Canada, decreased, $169,000 bushels. Afloat for and in Europe, increased, 1,000,000 bushels; total American and European supply increased, 831,000 bushels. Corn, United States and Canada, increased, 1,367,000 bushels. Oats, United States and Canada, decreased 1,083,000 bushels.

The leading increases and decreases reported this week follow:

Increase: Port Huron, 850,000 bushels; Goderich, 445 bushels; Port Colborne, 152,000 bushels; Manitoba, 89,000 bushels; Lincoln and vicinity, 82,000 bushels.

Decreases: Portland, Me., 465,000 bushels; Midland, 384,000 bushels; Chicago private elevators, 341,000 bushels; Fort Worth, 88,000 bushels; Omaha, 76,000 bushels.

The visible supply of wheat in Canada last Saturday was 8,985,000 bushels, a decrease of 844,000 bushels.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—BUTTER—Quiet; extra western creamery, 39c; extra western creamery, nearby prints, 40c.

EGGS—Firm; good demand, Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, 34c at mark; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, current receipts, in returnable cases, 32c at mark; western firsts, free cases, 34c at mark; western firsts, current receipts, free cases, 28@32 at mark.

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

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Closing, spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 2½d; futures, quiet; December, 8s 1¾d; March, 7s 11¾d; May, 7s 9¾d.

CORN—Spot, new American mixed, via Galveston, quiet, 5s 8½d; old American mixed, quiet, 5s 9½d; futures, quiet; January mixed, 5s 5¾d; January plata, 5s@7s ¾d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady, 7s 9d.

FLOUR—Winter patents, steady, 33s.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 28.—CORN—Steady; No. 3, 61c; No. 4, 59c; no grade, 53@54½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 45½c; No. 3 white, 44⅝c; No. 4 white, 44c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—December, $1.09⅝@1.09⅞; May, $1.10⅝@1.10⅞; No. 1 northern, $1.11⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.09⅝.

OATS—43½c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Rock Island Drops Into Background After Sensational Movements.

SCANDAL BEING INVESTIGATED

Probable Action by State and Federal Lawmakers Causes Dullness in All Dealings in Futures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In the stock market proper Rock Island fell into the background today after its highly sensational performances of yesterday. Those performances left an impression on the minds of traders that security capable of such eccentric and inexplicable action might carry with it hazards in the handling which discouraged attempts to experiment with it.

As to the episode itself, not much fear was felt of direct consequences for harm from it. The supposition continued to gain force that reckless and blundering misapplication of manipulative methods were at the bottom of the incident. On this supposition it would follow that the buying of the stock up to 81 came, not from frightened shorts, but from the speculative party which has managed the advance. The matter having taken on the proportions of a scandal and the Stock exchange committee appointed to investigate being engaged during the day on the work, the subject was kept conspicuous. It was remembered that the Hughes commission had secured assurances from the Stock exchange authorities of their confidence in their ability to control and prevent flagrant manipulation such as led up to the A. O. Brown & Co. failure in 1908 and to the appointment of the state commission. It was the character of these assurances that influenced the commission to recommend against attempts to regulate the abuse by legislation.

From Washington came a report that the federal authorities were showing renewed interest in the question of possible regulation of speculative dealings in futures. This was accompanied by intimations of an early submission to congress of the special messages of the president dealing with proposed measures for the regulation of corporations. These considerations and the continued preparation for the annual money settlements kept the stock market operations under restraint. This, while keeping dealings small, did not depress prices.

Individual stocks advanced briskly from particular causes not always specified. The coppers were strong and were influenced by a rise in the London price of the metal. The quick sale of the Delaware & Hudson refunding bonds made a good impression on the investment situation, although the general bond market continued dull and unresponsive.

The failure to settle the switchmen's strike on northwestern railroads was discussed without causing any signs of apprehension in the stock market. The grain markets, however were affected by fears of delay in deliveries.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,779,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Number of sales and range of prices on the New York Stock exchange:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis-Chalmers pfd.	500	54⅝	54⅛	54½
Amalgamated Copper	34,000	89⅝	87⅝	89⅛
Am. Agricultural	700	48¾	48⅜	48½
Am. Beet Sugar	500	46⅝	46	46⅝
Am. Can pfd.	100	81⅛	80⅝	81
Am. Car & Foundry	200	71⅝	71⅝	71 1
Am. Cotton Oil	400	68⅛	66	67⅛
Am. Hide & Leather pfd.	3,000	48⅝	47	48⅝
Am. Ice Securities	100	25	25	26
Am. Linseed	1,200	17⅝	17½	17½
Am. Locomotive	1,000	59⅝	58	59⅝
Am. Smelting & Ref.	42,400	103⅝	102	103⅛
do pfd.	1,700	111⅜	110⅝	111⅜
Am. Sugar Refining	100	122	122	122⅛
Am. Tel. & Tel.	1,400	142⅝	142⅜	142⅝
Am. Tobacco pfd.	....	....	....	96
Am. Woolen	1,500	37⅝	37⅛	37
Anaconda Mining Co.	36,500	53⅛	51⅝	53½
Atchison	3,900	121	121⅛	121⅝
do pfd.	900	106⅝	106⅛	106⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	....	....	....	135
B. & O.	1,600	117⅝	117⅛	117⅛
do pfd.	100	92	92	92
Bethlehem Steel	200	34	33½	33⅝
Brooklyn R. T.	1,300	79⅛	79⅛	79⅛
Canadian Pacific	400	179½	179⅝	179½
Central Leather	17,700	48⅛	47⅛	47⅛
do pfd.	100	108⅛	108⅛	107½
Central of N. J.	....	....	....	315
Ches. & Ohio	2,700	86⅝	86⅛	86⅝
Chicago & Alton	100	66½	66½	66
Chicago Gt. Western, new	17,200	37⅛	34⅛	36⅛
C. & N. W.	400	181	181	181⅝
C., M. & St. P.	1,400	157⅝	157	157
C., C., C. & St. L.	400	83⅝	83⅛	81
Colo. Fuel & Iron	1,200	50⅛	49⅝	50
Colo. & Southern	....	....	....	53
do 1st pfd.	....	....	....	81
do 2d pfd.	....	....	....	80
Consolidated Gas	5,100	158⅝	157	157⅛
Corn Products	700	22⅝	22⅛	22⅛
Del. & Hudson	700	185⅛	185	184⅝
D. & R. G.	2,300	51⅛	51	51⅛
do pfd.	100	87	86⅝	86½
Erie	1,800	33⅛	33	33
do 1st pfd.	300	49⅝	49	49⅝
do 2d pfd.	....	....	....	38⅝
General Electric	300	159⅛	159⅛	159½
Great Northern pfd.	2,600	143⅝	142⅝	142⅝
do Oregon ctfs.	700	80⅛	80	80½
Illinois Central	....	....	....	147½
Inter. Met.	6,900	25	24⅝	24⅛
do pfd.	2,900	62⅝	62	62
Inter. Harvester	300	116⅛	116⅛	116⅛
Inter. Marine pfd.	900	24⅛	23⅛	24
Inter. Paper	....	....	....	15⅝
Inter. Pump	600	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛
Iowa Central	200	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛
K. C. Southern	1,300	43⅛	43	43⅛
do pfd.	200	71	71	70⅝
L. & N.	300	156⅛	156	156⅛
Minn. & St. L.	300	54	53⅝	53
Minn., St. P. & S. Ste. M.	150	139⅛	139⅛	139
Missouri Pacific	300	71⅛	71	71
M., K. & T.	5,700	49⅛	48⅝	48⅝
do pfd.	....	....	....	73
Nat'l Biscuit, ex-div	....	....	....	114⅛
Nat'l Lead	2,100	89⅛	88⅛	88⅛
Nat'l R. R. of M. 1st pfd.	1,600	59⅝	58⅝	59⅛
N. Y. Central	19,700	126	124⅛	124⅛
N. Y., Ont. & W.	400	48⅛	48⅛	48⅝
Norfolk & W.	230	99	98⅛	99⅝
North American	....	....	....	84⅛
No. Pacific	2,800	144⅛	144	144
Pacific Mail	400	42⅝	41⅛	42
Pennsylvania	10,200	137	136⅛	136⅛
People's Gas	1,800	115⅛	115⅛	114⅝
P., C., C. & St. L.	200	99⅛	99	99
Pressed Steel Car	100	50⅝	50⅝	51
Pullman Palace Car	....	....	....	190
Railway Steel Spring	600	51⅛	51⅛	51
Reading	17,100	171	170	170
Republic Steel	500	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝
do pfd.	100	104⅛	104	104
Rock Island Co.	12,700	51⅛	48⅝	49⅛
do pfd.	2,000	91	90	89
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	300	58⅛	59	59⅝
St. Louis S. W.	100	33	32	31⅛
do pfd.	100	79⅛	79⅛	79⅛
Sloss-Sheffield S. & I.	100	87⅛	87⅛	86⅛
So. Pacific	18,400	134⅛	133⅛	133⅛
So. Railway	1,800	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
do pfd.	....	....	....	73⅛
Tenn. Copper	100	38	38	38⅛
Texas & Pacific	300	35⅛	35	34⅛
T., St. L. & West.	1,200	53⅛	52⅛	53⅛
do pfd.	900	70⅛	70⅛	70⅛
Union Pacific	25,700	202⅝	201	201⅛
do pfd.	300	103⅛	103⅛	103⅛
U. S. Realty	500	82	82	82
U. S. Rubber	500	53	52⅛	52⅛
U. S. Steel	58,900	91⅛	90⅛	90⅛
do pfd.	1,400	125⅛	125⅛	125
Utah Copper	2,400	60⅛	59⅛	59⅛
Va.-Caro. Chemical	7,300	56⅛	55⅛	56
Wabash	2,700	25⅛	24⅛	24⅛
do pfd.	10,200	60⅛	59⅛	59⅛
Western Maryland, offered	300	53⅛	53⅛	52⅛
Westinghouse Electric	1,000	83⅛	81	81
Western Union	200	76⅛	76⅛	76⅛
W. & Lake Erie	200	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
Wisconsin Central	....	....	....	48
Pittsburg Coal	15,900	29⅛	27⅛	28⅛
Am. Steel Foundry	500	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛
United Dry Goods	500	124	122⅛	122⅛

Total sales for the day, 412,600 shares.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—American securities opened steady and during the first hour gradually hardened on fair buying. At noon the tone was steady, with prices ranging from unchanged to a point above yesterday's New York closing. The market was not affected by the Rock Island incident in Wall street yesterday. Rock Island shares opened here at 53½ and later declined to 52½.

London closing stocks:

Consols, money	82⅝	Louisville & N.	160⅛
do account	82 13-16	M., K. & T.	50⅛
Amal. Copper	91⅜	N. Y. Central	128⅛
Anaconda	10⅝	Norfolk & W.	101
Atchison	125⅛	do pfd.	92
do pfd.	107⅝	Ontario & W.	50⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	120⅝	Pennsylvania	70⅛
Canadian Pacific	184⅛	Rand Mines	8⅛
Chesapeake & O.	88⅛	Reading	87⅛
Chicago G. W.	36⅛	Southern Ry.	32⅛
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	161	do pfd.	75
De Beers	19⅛	Southern Pacific	136⅛
Denver & Rio G.	53	Union Pacific	207⅛
do pfd.	89	do pfd.	106⅛
Erie	34⅛	U. S. Steel	93⅛
do 1st pfd.	50⅛	do pfd.	128⅛
do 2d pfd.	41	Wabash	25
Grand Trunk	21⅝	do pfd.	62
Illinois Central	151	Spanish 4s	95

SILVER—Bar, steady at 24⅛d per ounce.

MONEY—4@4½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅝ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 27.—Bank clearings for today were $1,964,390.55 and for the corresponding date last year $1,702,379.55.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows: Trust funds—Gold coin, $875,308,869; silver dollars, $488,000,000; silver dollars of 1890, $3,955,000; silver certificates outstanding, $488,000,000. General fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund, $1,421,931; current liabilities, $108,040,426; working balance in treasury offices, $34,100,265; in banks to credit of treasurer of the United States, $37,676,442; subsidiary silver coin, $15,559,903; minor coin, $1,019,393; total balance in general fund, $78,333,015.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—MONEY—On call, firm, 5@6 per cent; ruling rate, 5 per cent; closing bid, 5 per cent; offered at 5½ per cent.

TIME LOANS—Quiet and steady; sixty days, 4½@4¾ per cent, and ninety days, 4½ per cent; six months, 4½@4¾ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5 to 5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weaker, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8435@4.8450 for sixty-day bills and at $4.8740 for demand; commercial bills, $4.83⅝@4.84⅛.

SILVER—Bar, 52⅝c; Mexican dollars, 44c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad irregular.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	101½	Ill. Central 1st r. 4s	99
U. S. ref. 2s, coupon	101½	Inter. Met. 4½s	82⅝
U. S. 3s, reg.	101½	Inter. M. Marine 4½s	79⅝
U. S. 3s, coupon	101½	*Japan 4s	91⅝
U. S. 4s, reg.	114½	*do 4½s	94⅛
U. S. 4s, coupon	115½	*K. C. Southern 1st 3s	73⅛
Allis-Chalmers 1st 5s	84	Lake Shore d. 4s, 1931	95
*Am. Agricultural 5s	101½	L. & N. uni. 4s	100
Am. T. & T. cv. 4s	106	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	99⅛
Am. Tobacco 4s	77⅝	do gen. 4½s	81⅛
do 6s	106⅝	Mo. Pacific 4s	82
*Armour & Co. 4½s	94⅛	Nat'l R. R. of M. 4½s	94⅛
Atchison gen. 4s	99⅛	N. Y. Central g. 3½s	91
do cv. 4s	121⅛	*do deb. 4s	95⅛
*do cv. 5s	121	N. Y., N. H. & H. cv. 6s	134⅛
*Atlantic C. L. 1st 4s	95	Norfolk & W. 1st c. 4s	98⅛
B. & O. 4s	99⅛	do cv. 4s	91⅛
do 3½s	92⅛	No. Pacific 4s	102⅛
do S. W. 3½s	90⅛	do 3s	74⅛
Brooklyn Tr. cv. 4s	86⅛	Oregon S. L. rfdg. 4s	94⅛
Central of Ga. 5s	108⅛	Penn. cv. 3½s, 1915	96⅛
Central Leather 5s	99	*do con. 4s	104⅛
Central of N. J. g. 5s	124⅝	Reading gen. 4s	99⅛
*Ches. & Ohio 4½s	103⅛	*St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	85
do ref. 5s	100	do gen. 5s	88⅛
*Chicago & A. 3½s	73⅛	St. Louis S. W. c. 4s	79
C., B. & Q. jt. 4s	96⅛	*do 1st gold 4s	93⅛
do gen. 4s	99⅛	*Seaboard A. L. 4s	82
**C., M. & St. P. gen. 3½s	89⅛	So. Pacific col. 4s	91⅛
C., R. I. & P. c. 4s	84	do cv. 4s	103⅛
do col. 5s	102⅛	do 1st ref. 4s	94⅛
do rfg. 4s	91⅛	So. Railway 5s	111⅛
Colo. Industrial 5s	82⅛	do gen. 4s	91⅛
*Colo. Midland 4s	80⅛	Union Pacific 4s	101⅛
Colorado & Southern		do cv. 4s	115⅛
ref. & ext. 4½s	97⅛	*do 1st and ref. 4s	97⅛
Del. & Hudson c. 4s	102⅛	U. S. Rubber 6s	104⅛
**D. & R. G. 4s	95⅛	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	106
do ref. 5s	94⅛	Va.-Carp. Chem. 5s	98⅛
Distillers' 5s	74⅛	Wabash 1st 5s	113
*Erie prior lien 4s	86⅛	do 1st and ext. 4s	77⅛
do gen. 4s	76	Western Md. 4s	85⅛
*do cv. 4s, series A	81⅛	Westingh. Elec. c. 5s	93
do cv. 4s, series B	72⅛	*Wis. Central 4s	93⅛
Gen'l Elec. cv. 5s	147		

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Money, call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Closing quotations:

Atchison adj. 4s	94	Atlantic	11⅝
do 4s	99⅛	Butte Coalition	25⅛
Atchison R. R.	121⅛	Calumet & Ariz.	102⅛
do pfd.	106⅛	Calumet & Hecla	680
Boston & Albany	228	Centennial	37
Boston & Maine	147	Copper Range	84
Boston Elevated	132⅛	Daly West	6⅛
Fitchburg pfd.	132	Franklin	18
N. Y., N. H. & H.	157⅛	Granby	106
Union Pacific	201⅛	Greene Cananea	11⅛
Am. Arge. Chem.	48⅛	I. R. Royale	37⅛
Am. Pneu. Tube	7⅛	Mass. Mining	6⅛
Am. Sugar	122	Michigan	7
do pfd.	121	Mohawk	67
Am. Tel. & Tel.	142⅛	Nevada	26⅛
Am. Woolen pfd.	103⅛	Old Dominion	54⅛
Dominion I. & S.	79⅛	Osceola	168½
Edison Elec. Ill.	261	Parrot	19⅛
Gen'l Electric	159	Quincy	88
Mass. Electric	16	Shannon	16½
Mass. Gas	82⅛	Tamarack	68
United Fruit	167	Trinity	7⅛
United Shoe Mach.	68	U. S. Mining	54⅛
do pfd.	30	U. S. Oil	36⅝
U. S. Steel	90⅛	Utah	45½
do pfd.	125⅛	Victoria	5⅛
Adventure	6	Winona	10⅝
Allouez	56⅛	Wolverine	145
Amalgamated	89	North Butte	46⅛
Arizona Commercial	49⅝		

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	106½	106¾
Columbus, Neb., E. L. 5s, 1925	94½	96
Commonwealth Fire Ins.	19	20
City Gas and Electric, Waterloo	87	98
Cudahy Packing Co. 5s, 1924	100	100½
German Fire Insurance Co.	100½	101½
International Con. Co.	48	62
Kansas City Stock Yards	100	101
Long Bell Lumber Co. 6s, 1922	98	101
Nebraska Tel. Stock, 6 per cent	99½	101
Omaha Water Co. 5s, 1946	94	96
Omaha Gas 5s, 1917	98	99
Omaha E. L. & P. 5s, 1933	99½	100
Omaha C. B. St. Ry. 5s, 1928	99½	100
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry., pfd. 5 p. c.	84	85½
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry., com.	76	77
Omaha E. L. pfd. 5 per cent	82½	84½
Omaha & C. B. R. & B. 5s, 1928	99	100
Sioux City S. Y. pfd. 5 per cent	88	90
South Omaha ref. 4½s, 1911	100½	100⅝
Swift & Co. 5s, 1914	100	101
Union Stock Yards, So. Omaha, 6 p. c.	93	96½
Western Fire Ins. Co.	45	....

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Closing quotations on mining stocks:

Alice	180	*Leadville Con.	2
*Brunswick Con.	5	*Little Chief	6
Comstock T., stock	28	Mexican	175
*do bonds	31	Ontario	237
Con. Cal. & Va.	145	Ophir	205
Horn Silver	75	Standard	50
Iron Silver	160	Yellow Jacket	140

*Offered.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—COTTON—The market opened firm at an advance of 5 to 28 points, in response to very strong demand. Trading was very heavy and there was much realizing at the initial advance, under which prices reacted partially, but spot houses were good buyers and there was a big demand from some of the leading bulls, with the market during the middle of the morning, with a net advance of about 9@14 points.

Futures opened firm, December, 15.55c; January, 15.60c; March, 15.91c; May, 16.13c; July, 16.12c; August, 15.75c; September, 14.63c; October 13.92c.

Futures closed steady. Closing bids: December, 15.55c; January, 15.57c; February, 15.74c; March, 15.87c; April 15.96c; May, 16.12c; June, 16.03c; July, 16.11c; August, 15.69c; September, 14.65c; October, 13.8c.

Spot closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 15.85c; midling gulf, 16.10c.

GALVESTON, DEC. 28.—COTTON—Higher, 15 5-16c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Higher; middling, 15⅝c. Sales, 142 bales; shipments, 61 bales; receipts, 616 bales; stock, 42,147 bales.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—WOOL—The demand for all classes of wool on the local market continues unusually brisk for this season of the year. Inquiry runs through all grades and comes from both clothing and combing customers. Quarter-blood fleeces are in particular demand, both eastern and territory. Values hold steady in spite of the short supply. Bidding for the new clip is in full swing in the west, especially in Utah, Wyoming and eastern Montana. Kentucky, Indiana and Missouri three-eighths-blood, 34c; quarter-blood, 32@33c. Secured values,: Texas fine twelve months, 75@78c; fine, six to eight months, 68@70c; fine fall, 60@62c; California northern, 68@70c; middle county, 53@65c; fall free, 50@62c; Oregon eastern No. 1 staple, 75@78c; eastern clothing, 70@72c; valley No. 1, 57@58c. Territory fine staple, 77@80c; fine medium staple, 70@72c; fine clothing, 70@72c; fine medium clothing, 66@68c; half-blood, 73@76c; three-eighths-blood, 68@70c; quarter-blood, 67@68c. Pulled, extra, 73@75c; fine A, 66@70c; A supers, 60@65c.

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

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Close: December, $1.10; May, $1.10½@1.10⅝; cash wheat; No. 1 hard, $1.11⅝@1.12⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.11⅝@1.12⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.09⅝@1.10⅝; No. 3 northern, $1.07⅝@1.09⅝.

FLAX—Closed, $2.02⅝.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 58⅝@59½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 42⅝@42½c.

RYE—No. 2, 74½@74⅝c.

BRAN—In 100 pound sacks, $21.00.

FLOUR—First patents (in wood f. o. b., Minneapolis), $5.50@5.70; second patents, $5.40@5.60; first clears, $4.25@4.45; second clears, $3.20@3.50.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—COFFEE—Futures closed steady, net unchanged. Sales were reported of 23,750 bags, including December at 6.65c, March at 6.60c; May at 6.90@6.95c; July at $7.00c; September at $7.00@7.05c. Spot, steady; No. 7 Rio, 8⅝@8 11-16c; No. 4 Santos, 9c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9@11½c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 28.—SEEDS—Clover, cash, $8.90, December, $8.90; February, $9.00; March, $9.05; April, $8.95; October, $6.70; No. 2, $8.45; repected, $8.27½. Timothy, prime, $1.85. Alsike, prime, $7.95; December, $7.95; March, $8.10.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Raw, quiet; Muscovado, 89 test, 3.52c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.02c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 3.27c; refined, quiet; crushed, 5.65c; granulated, 4.95c; powdered, 5.05c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.16⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.14@1.15; May, $1.10⅝c, asked.

OATS—44@46c.

BARLEY—Samples, 63@69½c.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts of Cattle Continue Light, Killers Good Sellers.

HOGS SELL FIVE CENTS HIGHER

Good Fat Sheep Steady to Strong, with Common Light Lambs Slow to a Little Lower Than on Monday.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 28, 1909.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday..........	3,143	1,787	3,270
Estimate Tuesday..........	3,600	3,700	4,000
Two days this week....	6,743	5,487	7,270
Same days last week....	5,973	11,684	12,534
Same days 2 weeks ago..	13,574	18,490	23,745
Same days 3 weeks ago..	11,425	4,665	13,846
Same days 4 weeks ago..	19,647	13,852	21,025
Same days last year.....	7,868	16,892	12,471

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	1,118,428	1,026,628	93,900	......
Hogs	2,118,993	2,391,317	......	272,324
Sheep	2,145,341	2,086,636	58,705	......

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. 18...	8 31¼	5 32	4 40	6 18	4 81	*	4 27
Dec. 19...	*	5 31	4 34	6 19	4 84	4 50	4 33
Dec. 20...	8 26	*	4 22	6 18	4 90	4 50	*
Dec. 21...	8 28	5 36	4 33	6 09	4 88	4 44	4 33
Dec. 22...	8 08	5 34	*	6 08	4 99	4 38	4 59
Dec. 23...	8 03	5 36	4 44	*	4 98	4 39	4 66
Dec. 24...	8 11	5 47	4 38	6 13	*	4 42	4 48
Dec. 25...	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dec. 26...	*	5 60	4 39	6 21	5 06	4 43	4 54
Dec. 27...	8 29½	*	4 39	6 15	5 09	4 52	*
Dec. 28...	....	5 66	4 44	6 16	4 92	4 55	4 61

*Sunday. **Holiday.

Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union stock yards, South Omaha, for twenty-four hours ending at 3 p. m. yesterday:

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P.	5	2	..
Wabash	1	..	..
Missouri Pacific	3	..	3
Union Pacific	37	11	3
C. & N. W., east	20	4	1
C. & N. W., west	25	17	1
C., St. P., M. & O.	11	3	5
C., B. & Q., east	6	2	..
C., B. & Q., west	26	11	4
C., R. I. & P., west	13	..	3
Illinois Central	7	..	2
C. G. W.	7	..	1
Total receipts	162	50	23

DISPOSITION.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	336	437	617
Swift and company	711	728	1,086
Cudahy Packing Co.	926	783	2,193
Armour & Co.	682	1,228	1,013
Cudahy from S. St. Paul	....	.....	237
Morrell	15	.....	.....
Benton Vansant & Lush	54	.....	.....
Hill & Son	28	.....	.....
F. B. Lewis	3	.....	.....
J. B. Root & Co.	25	.....	.....
J. H. Bulla	3	.....	.....
L. F. Huss	24	.....	.....
L. Wolf	5	.....	.....
McCreary & Carey	280	.....	.....
H. F. Hamilton	13	.....	.....
Sullivan Bros.	63	.....	.....
Mo. & Kan.-Cal. Co.	51	.....	.....
Other buyers	350	.....	10
Totals	3,562	3,176	5,156

CATTLE—There was a decent run of cattle here this morning, the supply being generally just about equal to the demand, so that the trade was in a fairly satisfactory condition as a whole.

The proportion of beef steers among the receipts was not so large as yesterday, but still there was a fair showing. Buyers all seemed to want a few good killers and as a rule were out in the yards in fair season cleaning up the early arrivals some little time before midday. The prices paid were steady to strong as compared with yesterday.

Cows and heifers were also in very good demand, and they, too, sold quite freely at steady to strong prices. The early arrivals sold in good season and the market as a whole was satisfactory.

The only unsatisfactory feature of the cattle trade was the poor demand for feeders and stockers, but that was to be expected under existing conditions. The trade in consequence was slow and dull, with the tendency of prices lower.

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, $4.60@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, $4.00@5.20; fair to good stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.00; common to fair stockers and feeders, $2.75@3.50; stock heifers, $2.75@3.50; veal calves, $3.50@7.00; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.40.

Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	811	4 35	15	1150	5 70
20	1116	5 75	17	1212	5 75
5	880	4 10	56	1283	5 75
7	844	4 40	18	1278	5 80
12	948	4 85	20	1123	5 85
22	1066	5 40	22	1248	5 90
20	1111	5 60			

STEERS AND STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
23	1098	5 10	31	1,106	5 00
4	1037	4 35			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	900	2 00	4	907	3 10
3	875	2 60	26	898	3 10
3	860	2 70	12	995	3 10
1	900	2 85	5	970	3 55
2	1000	2 90	8	928	3 75
22	834	3 00	4	1176	3 75
7	929	3 50	20	821	3 75
1	800	3 50	3	1060	3 80
20	822	3 75	15	1119	3 85
1	1000	3 90	1	1000	3 90
23	944	4 50	22	944	4 50
17	813	2 60	21	984	4 50
11	831	2 80	2	1081	4 50
11	900	2 90	14	1160	4 95
5	880	3 00			

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
6	798	2 90

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	700	3 00	5	875	3 15
3	790	3 75	4	697	3 15
7	857	4 25	5	820	3 15
8	557	2 60	8	686	3 15
8	532	2 90	7	564	3 35
3	426	2 90	19	724	3 40
2	550	2 95			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1150	3 50	1	1380	3 40
1	1230	3 25	1	1380	3 50
1	1620	4 00	1	1660	4 00
3	725	3 30	1	2000	4 75

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
6	1490	4 35

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	130	5 75	1	160	5 50
2	190	7 25	2	130	6 25
10	368	2 75	1	120	7 00
4	257	3 00	2	150	7 00
15	265	3 75	1	190	7 50
4	275	4 50	1	150	7 50

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	738	3 00	8	876	3 55
10	518	3 20	22	745	3 65
2	840	3 25	9	746	3 70
24	640	3 35	7	640	3 75
14	600	3 50	4	790	3 85
5	623	3 50	25	840	4 15
49	738	3 50	24	885	4 15

WESTERN—COLORADO.

66 steers....1120 5 25

HOGS—Receipts of hogs were light this morning and sellers taking note of that fact and the further fact that advices from other selling points were encouraging started out asking decidedly higher prices than yesterday. On the other hand, prices being already close up to the high point of the year, packers were slow about putting on anything. They wanted the hogs, but they did not seem to want to bid up very much higher. The result was that the market opened slow, but gradually prices stiffened up until the more desirable of the hogs possessing some weight sold about 5c higher. The light and underweight loads did not sell quite so readily and it took more work to get buyers to raise prices on that kind. Still the hogs kept selling a load or two at a time and the early receipts were cleaned up in fair season.

Hogs are selling so high that packers are buying them as it were under protest, and hence the natural thing to expect is that they will take advantage of any opportunity afforded to cheapen up their purchases. Late trains which arrived at the yards after the more urgent orders are filled and some of the buyers have dropped out afford the very best opportunity for this cheapening up of droves. The result is that the market closes lower nearly every day. Today the same old program was in force. While the early market was higher, as noted above, the later market eased off, buyers trying to pick up the late arrivals at prices quite a little lower, making the trade slow and unsatisfactory toward the close.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
69	180	80	8 30	69	251	160	8 32½
34	327	...	8 30	23	196	...	8 30
83	209	40	8 35	73	248	...	8 35
77	253	160	8 35	31	252	...	8 35
45	261	120	8 37½	57	260	...	8 35
71	276	...	8 37½	71	265	400	8 35
74	227	240	8 40	77	183	160	8 35
70	271	120	8 40	80	208	...	8 35
68	262	80	8 40	69	260	400	8 37½
67	265	280	8 42½	14	251	40	8 37½
30	151	...	8 00	42	265	...	8 37½
82	160	360	8 30	25	221	80	8 37½
73	152	...	8 27½	69	264	160	8 37½
18	207	120	8 30	63	249	160	8 40
66	209	80	8 30	59	287	200	8 40
70	206	192	8 30	47	280	80	8 40
50	219	40	8 30	27	244	...	8 40
82	195	80	8 30	50	248	40	8 42½
60	218	...	8 32½	20	211	...	8 42½
58	221	...	8 32½	72	243	...	8 45
58	205	...	8 32½				

PIGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
19	102	...	7 00

SHEEP—Yesterday's sharp advance in live mutton prices left pretty strong ideas of valuation in selling circles and salesmen as a rule were inclined to ask somewhat higher prices this morning, as a result. Packers were not disposed to further elevate the price list, however, and opening trade was rather quiet. With the yarding of the original estimate, some 4,500 head, the talent settled on a trading basis and bulk of receipts changed hands in very good season. Most sales were just about steady with yesterday with the trend of values possibly a shade stronger on some of the better classes of sheep.

There was a greater number of common lambs in today's run and the tendency of prices on stock of this description, was, if anything, somewhat easier. Nothing very toppy was included in offerings, one string of some of the best lambs here selling for $7.80. Fed western ewes changed hands at $5.10 and yearlings realized $6.70.

A few strings of short-fed stuff and rangers were sold for feeding purposes, but the volume of business in the feeder branch of the trade was hardly large enough to afford a broad idea of the actual situation. The demand for anything suitable for finishing has been active lately at good, firm figures and it is safe to call today's market fully steady with last week's close.

Quotations on fat sheep and lambs: Good to choice lambs, $7.50@8.25; fair to good lambs, $7.15@7.65; 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, $5.00@5.50; fair to good ewes, $4.50@5.00.

Quotations on feeder stock: Good to choice lambs, $6.35@7.00; fair to good lambs, $5.85@6.35; light yearlings, $5.00@5.50; heavy yearlings, $4.50@5.00; old wethers, $4.50@4.75; good to choice ewes, $3.25@4.00; breeding ewes, $3.75@5.50; yearling breeding ewes, $5.50@6.00.

No.		Av.	Price.
9	western lambs, culls	47	5 50
164	western lambs	65	7 30
299	Montana ewes	91	4 35
99	Montana ewes	97	4 35
405	Montana ewes	97	4 35
194	fed yearlings	104	6 40
10	fed wethers	104	5 75
202	fed ewes	100	5 10
60	western lambs	74	7 75
6	western lambs, culls	[illegible]	[illegible]
8	western ewes	128	5 25
15	western ewes, culls	[illegible]	[illegible]
183	western ewes	94	5 10
324	western lambs	67	7 80
10	western lambs, culls, feeders	60	6 00
1	western buck	140	6 00
1	western ewe	150	5 25
251	native lambs	68	7 75
110	native lambs	70	7 80
106	native lambs	72	7 80
118	native lambs	70	7 80
132	native lambs	73	7 80
125	native lambs	71	7 80
133	western ewes	90	4 65
15	western ewes, culls	90	3 00
70	western ewes	97	4 65
185	western lambs	70	7 75
145	western lambs	70	7 75
98	western lambs	69	7 75
28	western yearlings, wethers and ewes	69	7 00
14	native ewes	115	4 50
153	native yearlings	93	6 70
3	native wethers	100	5 50
4	native ewes, culls	85	3 00
3	native ewes	90	4 00
30	native lambs, culls	53	5 50
41	native lambs	77	7 25
51	native lambs	73	7 25
18	native ewes, culls	86	3 50
163	native ewes	101	4 85
22	native yearlings	89	6 70
63	native lambs	81	8 00
15	native lambs, culls	64	6 50
22	native ewes	116	4 85
10	native ewes, culls	96	3 50

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Steady—Hogs Higher—Sheep and Lambs Lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 7,000 head; market steady; steers, $5.00@9.00; cows, $3.50@5.00; heifers, $3.40@6.00; bulls, $3.40@4.75; calves, $3.00@9.75; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 12,000 head; market 5c higher; choice heavy, $8.60@8.75; butchers, $8.55@8.70; light mixed, $8.25@8.40; choice light, $8.35@8.50; packing, $8.35@8.55; pigs, $7.50@8.25; bulk of sales, $8.40@8.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 15,000 head; market for sheep 10@15c lower; lambs, steady; sheep, $4.00@5.75; lambs, $6.25@8.40; yearlings, $5.25@7.60.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 11,000 head, including 100 southerns; market for steers, 15@25c lower; for calves, cows, packers and feeders, firm; choice export and dressed beef steers $6.00@7.25; fair to good $4.80@6.00; western steers, $4.00@6.25; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.90; southern steers, $4.00@6.00; southern cows, $2.75@4.25; native cows, $2.25@5.25; native heifers, $3.25@6.25; bulls, $3.25@4.; calves, $5.00@8.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; market 10c higher; top, $8.60; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.50; heavy, $8.45@8.60; packers and butchers, $8.35@8.52½; light, $8.25@8.47½; pigs, $6.25@7.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,000 head; market 5c higher; lambs, $8.20; western yearlings, $7.10; lambs, $6.50@8.20; yearlings, $6.00@7.10; wethers, $5.25@5.85; ewes, $4.50@5.35; stockers and feeders, $3.50@6.25.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 8,5.0 head, including 200 Texans; market steady; native shipping and export steers, $6.35@8.40; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.50@6.75; steers under 1,000 pounds, $4.00@5.20; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.75; cows and heifers, $2.25@6.25; canners, $2.15@2.80; bulls, $3.40@4.55; calves, $6.00@8.75; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@5.50; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.40.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,000 head; market 10c higher; pigs and lights, $6.10@8.25; packers, $8.40@8.50; butcher and best heavy, $8.50@8.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,900 head; market strong; native muttons, $3.75@5.50; lambs, $6.25@8.40; culls and bucks, $3.50@6.90; stockers, $3.25@4.60.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,600 head; market steady. Steers, $4.50@7.00; cows and heifers, $2.50@6.00; calves, $3.00@8.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,909 head; market, 5c to 10c higher. Top, $8.55; bulk of sales, $8.15@8.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep, none. Lambs, $4.55@7.70.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,700 head. Market steady.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,100 head. Market 5@10c higher; range of prices, $8.15@8.40; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.30.

Stock in Sight.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	3,600	3,700	4,000
Sioux City	1,700	2,100	.....
St. Joseph	1,600	3,000	.....
Kansas City	11,000	6,000	5,000
St. Louis	8,500	6,000	1,900
Chicago	7,000	12,000	15,000
Totals	33,400	32,800	25,900

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—METALS—Standard copper was firm today. Local dealers quote Lake at $13.25@13.62½, electrolytic at $13.12½@13.37½ and casting at $13.00@13.25. London market closed firm and a shade higher than last Friday, with spot at £61 and futures at £62 2s 6d. Tin was firm; spot, $33.87½. London market firm and higher; spot, £153 17s 6d; futures, £155 7s 6d. Lead, firm; spot closed at $4.67½@4.72½. London market higher at £13 5s. Spelter, quiet; spot, $6.10@6.30. London market unchanged, £23 2s 6d. Iron unchanged at 51s 4½d for Cleveland warrants in London. Local market unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—METALS—Lead, quiet, $1.65; spelter, dull, $6.10.

Oils and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 28.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.43; runs, 31,888 bbls.; average, 139,222 bbls.; shipments, 186,419 bbls.; average, 203,961 bbls.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 28.—OIL—Turpentine, firm; 54½@54⅝c.

ROSIN—Firm; quote: B, $3.95; D, $3.97½; E, $4.00@4.02½; F, $4.05; G, $4.07½@4.10; H, $4.15; I, $4.97½; K, $5.65; M, $5.90; N, $6.15; WG, $6.25; WW, $6.75.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Many retail buyers are in the dry goods market in attendance at the semi-annual clearance sales. Cotton goods and yarns are very strong, but trading is going on in small lots, principally for spot and nearby delivery. Men's wear markets are active in fancy overcoatings, and some lines of suitings are opened. Export markets are quiet. Yarns are firm and quiet.

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, 36c; No. 1, in 60-lb tubs, 35½c; No. 2, in 1-lb cartons, 34c; in 60-lb tubs, 33½c; packing stock, solid pack, 23c; fresh rolls, 24c; fancy dairy, tubs, 26c. Market changes every Tuesday.

POULTRY—Dressed: Broilers, $5 a doz.; springs, 14c; hens, 14c; ducks, 7c; ducks, 12½c; geese 10c; turkeys, 22c; pigeons, per doz., $1.25. Alive: Broilers, under 2 lbs., 15c; over 2 lbs., 11c; hens, 10½c; cocks, 6½c; ducks, full feathered, 10c; geese, full feathered, 8c; turkeys, 18c; guinea fowls, $3 a doz.; pigeons, 60c per doz.

OYSTERS—Selects, small cans, 25c; large, 40c; gallon, $1.85; New York Counts, small, 33c; large, 45c; gallon, $1.95; Baltimore standards, small, 22c; large, 35c; gallon, $1.35.

FISH—All frozen: Trout, 13c; white fish, 11c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 10c; eel, 15c; haddock, 12c; Spanish mackerel, 15c; red snapper, 12c; bluefish, 15c; codfish, 15c; flounders, 12c; shad roe, 75c; salmon, 10c; halibut, 11c.

FRUITS—Oranges: Extra fancy, highly colored navels, 96s and 112s, per box, $4.00; extra fancy, highly colored navels, 126s, per box, $3.55; extra fancy, highly colored navels, 150s, 176s, 200s, 216s, per box, $3.00; extra fancy Valencias, 96s, per box, $3.75; extra fancy Valencias, 126s, per box, $4.00; 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, $2.50. Pineapples: Florida Indian river, 24s and 30s, per crate, $3.50. Kumquats: Florida, per quart, 25c. Apples: Ben Davis, Colorado, very fine quality, per large bu. box, $1.35; Wine Saps, Colorado, very fine blood red, large size, box, $1.85; Jonathans, Colorado, very fine, good color, fine eating, per box, $1.85; Greenings, Colorado, per box, $1.50; Missouri Pippins, Colorado, very fine quality, per box, $1.75; 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., $5.50; 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., $3.50; 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., $3.50; ten bbl. lots 10c less. Grapes: Malagas, extra choice imported, per bbl., $5.50; fancy imported, per bbl., $6.00; extra fancy, extra heavy imported, per bbl., $6.50; extra fancy tinted, highly colored, imported, per bbl., $8.00; 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, $3.50; extra fancy special 75 lb. bunches, per bunch, $3.00; extra fancy, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; special 3-hand bunches, $1.75. Cranberries: Extra fancy, long-keeping, per bbl., $7.50; Wisconsin, ripe, good for immediate use only, per bbl., $6.25. 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., $2.00. Celery: Extra fancy Michigan, per doz., 35c; Jumbo, California, per doz., 75c. Head lettuce, per hamper, $2.50. Rutabagas: Canadian, per lb., 1½c. Cabbage: Wisconsin genuine Holland seed, per lb., 1½c; in 1,000-lb. lots or more, 1½c; red cabbage, per lb., 2½c. Florida tomatoes, six basket crates, $5.50. Onions: Indiana Red Globe, per bu., $1.00; yellow, Oregon, per lb., 3c; Spanish onions, per crate, $1.50. Figs: New imported, 7 crown, per lb., 15c; 4 crown, per lb., 13c; 12-12 oz. packages, per box, 80c; 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., 12½c. 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., 15c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 11c. Peanuts: Raw, per lb., 6c; jumbo, raw, per lb., 7½c; roasted, per lb., 8c; salted, per box, $1.25. Dates: 30 1-lb. packages, per box, $2.00; new Halloween, per lb., 6½c; sugar walnut, per box, $1.25; Fard, per lb., 10c. Mott's cider, per keg, $3.50. White rice popcorn, per lb., 5c.

Beef Cuts—No. 1 ribs, 16½c; No. 2 ribs, 12c; 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, 6½c; No. 2 plate, 5½c; No. 3 plate, 4½c.

Dakota Editors at Sioux Falls

Program for State Meeting Next Month Includes Interesting Features.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The program has been completed for the annual midwinter meeting of the South Dakota Press association, which will be held in Sioux Falls on Thursday and Friday, January 27 and 28. The dates have been fixed at a time when it is easy for every publisher to get away from home, and an unusually large attendance is looked for. The following is the literary program which has been prepared for the meeting:

President's address, C. M. Day, Argus-Leader, Sioux Falls.

"Soldiering an Editor," Harry Wentzy, Press-Reporter, Pukwana.

"The Province of the Country Newspaper," Mrs. Christina S. Thorp, Britton, member of the Women's National Press association, Washington, D. C.

"What I Know About the Law of Libel," Thomas W. Taubman, Herald, Plankinton.

"The Standing or Dignity of the Country Press," H. A. Sturges, Republic, Beresford.

"Does Printing Cost Anything to Produce?" This will be the subject of an address by F. J. Ellick of Omaha.

On Thursday evening, January 27, the visiting newspaper men will be guests at a theater party at the New theater, the play for the occasion being "Little Johnnie Jones." Friday forenoon all the members of the state press association who are in the city will be given a ride over the lines of the new electric street railway system. Stops will be made at several points of interest, such as the Sioux Falls penitentiary.

A business session of the association will be held in the afternoon of the second day, and a reception given all women in attendance by the women of Sioux Falls. In the evening the visiting newspaper men will be guests at another theater party, this time at the Majestic theater. Following this there will be a smoker and addresses will be made by a number of prominent members of the association.

Egan Libel Suit Transferred.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A libel suite instituted in the state circuit court of Sanborn county a few months ago by Mrs. M. M. Ross of this city, who edits the Soo Critic, a local weekly newspaper, the defendant bing George W. Egan, the local attorney whose troubles have been before the public at various times during the past year, has been transferred to the state circuit court in Sioux Falls, and will be tried at the April term. Mrs. Ross seeks to recover damages in the sum of $10,000 from Mr. Egan for statements repeatedly made by him is his newspaper in reference to her. The motion for the transfer of the suit from Sanborn to Minnehaha county was made by Mr. Egan. The attorneys for the plaintiff at once assented, and the ground that the Egan sentiment in Minnehaha county had subsided so not ceably that a fair trial could now be had in this county. This action was taken by her attorneys on request of Mrs. Ross.

Big Fee in Kaufmann Case.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—For the last two days a rumor has been in circulation to the effect that Aikens & Judge, a local law firm, is about to institute an action against Moses Kaufmann for the recovery of attorney fees in the sum of $20,000 for conducting the two trials of the now famous case of Mrs. Emma Kaufmann. Aikens & Judge acted as chief counsel for Mrs. Kaufmann. When seen by a newspaper man they refused to affirm or deny the rumor.