[GRAIN] AND PRODUCE MARKET

[Under]tone is Weak on Wheat, but Cables Are Strong.

THEY GIVE STEADIER FEELING

Sentiment is More Bearish, Owing to the Slump in the Cash Market, Where Sales Are Slower.

OMAHA, Dec. 30, 1909.

The undertone was weak on the wheat market, but strong cables gave a steadier feeling and checked an early decline. Sentiment is more bearish, owing to the slump in the cash market, where sales are slower and demand less urgent, cash values falling off from the recent advance.

Corn values are weaker under selling by leading longs and renewed hammering by the bears, who have withstood the advance.

Higher closing cables gave strength to the wheat market and it took only small orders to advance the futures. Cash wheat was unchanged and proved slow, with no feature to attract buyers.

Corn was practically unchanged and ruled steady and slow, with no feature. Cash corn was firm, but unchanged, values growing a little steadier with the advance in wheat.

Primary wheat receipts were 631,000 bushels and shipments were 171,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 355,000 bushels and shipments of 136,000 bushels.

Primary corn receipts were 421,000 bushels and shipments were 319,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 466,000 bushels and shipments of 288,000 bushels.

Clearances were 80,000 bushels of corn, none of oats and wheat and flour equal to 245,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed ¼d to 1d higher on wheat and unchanged to ⅛d higher on corn.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec....	1 11¾	1 12⅜	1 11¾	1 12⅜	1 11¾
May....	1 05⅝	1 06⅛	1 05⅝	1 06⅛	1 05⅝
Corn—					
Dec....	59⅝	60	59⅝	60	59⅝
May....	63⅝	64	63⅝	64	63⅝
Oats—					
Dec....	42	42¼	42	42¼	42
May....	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.06½@1.07½; No. 3 hard, $1.03@1.06; No. 4 hard, 97c@$1.02; rejected hard, 93@98c; No. 2 spring, $1.00@1.07; No. 3 spring, $1.00@1.04; No. 2 durum, 89@92c; No. 3 durum, 88@90c.

CORN—No. 2 white, 61@62c; No. 3 white, 60½@61c; No. 4 white, 57½@59½c; No. 2 yellow, 61@62c; No. 3 yellow, 59@59½c; No. 4 yellow, 56½@57½c; No. 2, 61@62c; No. 3, 59@59½c; No. 4, 56½@57½c; no grade, 50@54c.

OATS—Standard, 43½@44c; No. 3 white, 42@43½c; No. 4 white, 42@43c; No. 3 yellow, 42½@43½c; No. 4 yellow, 41½@42½c; No. 3 mixed, 41½@42½c.

BARLEY—No. 4, 57½@58½c; No. 1 feed, 53@55c.

RYE—No. 2, 73½@74c; No. 3, 72½@73½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	47	313	190
Minneapolis	281	....	....
Omaha	33	53	1
Duluth	50	....	....

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Further reduction in the estimate of the amount of wheat in Argentina which will be available for export from the new crop caused considerable bullish sentiment in the market here today. At the close, prices showed net gains of ⅛c to ¾c. Corn and oats were affected by the strength of wheat and closed firm. Provisions were steady.

Although wheat manifested easiness at times owing to selling based on prospects of greatly increased receipts, sentiment was bullish because of the alarming reports from Argentina. One dispatch said the exportable surplus would not exceed 72,000,000 bushels, which is a much smaller amount than any previous estimate. Trading in December was light and the price of that option ranged between $1.17¼ and $1.19. May sold between $1.11⅜ and $1.12⅝. The market closed strong at about the high point, final quotations on May being $1.12¾. December closed at $1.18⅝.

Moderate weakness prevailed in corn early. The market apparently became over-sold and toward midday, when shorts started to cover, prices made substantial gains. An improved shipping demand from the east contributed to the late firmness. The close was firm, with prices ⅛@⅜c to ⅝c higher.

Trading in oats was dull and the market was inclined to follow the course of wheat and corn. The close was firm at almost the top, with prices ⅛@¼c to ¼c higher.

Provisions closed fairly steady, with prices a shade lower to 7½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Dec.	1 18⅝	1 19	1 17¾	1 18⅝	1 17¾
May	1 11⅝@¾ 1 12⅛	1 12⅝	1 11⅜	1 12¾	1 11⅝@¾
July	1 02⅛@¼	1 02⅝	1 01½	1 02	1 01⅞
*Corn—					
Dec.	62⅛@63	63	62⅛	62⅞	62⅝
May	66⅝@¾	67	66⅛	66⅞@67	66⅝
July	66⅛@¼	66⅝	66⅛	66⅝	66½
*Oats—					
Dec.	43⅝	44½	43⅝	44½	44
May	45⅝@¾	45⅞	45⅝	45⅞@46	45⅝
July	43⅜	43⅝	43⅜	43⅝	43⅜
Pork—					
Jan.	21 60	21 65	21 52½	21 62½	21 60
May	21 75	21 87½	21 65	21 80	21 72½
July				21 72½	
Lard—					
Jan.	12 35	12 40	12 35	12 30	12 27½
May	11 90	11 95	11 85	11 90	11 87½
July	11 85	11 90	11 80	11 85	11 85
Ribs—					
Jan.	11 35	11 40	11 32½	11 37½	11 32½
May	11 37½	11 42½	11 32½	11 40	11 35
July	11 40	11 42½	11 30	11 37½	11 35

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $5.10@5.60; winter straights, $4.60@5.35; spring straights, $4.40@4.90; bakers, $3.60@5.20.

RYE—No. 2, 79@80c.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, 58@62c; fair to choice malting, 66@72c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 southwestern, $1.89; No. 1 northwestern, $1.99. Timothy, $3.75. Clover, $13.50@13.50.

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

Total clearance of wheat and flour were equal to 245,000 bu. Primary receipts were 631,000 bu., compared with 357,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 12 cars; corn, 198 cars; oats, 119 cars; hogs 18,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, $1.24@1.27; No. 3 red, $1.17@1.25; No. 2 hard, $1.17@1.18; No. 3 hard, $1.10@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. 2 cash, 61½c; No. 4, 58½@60c; No. 2 white, 63½c; No. 3 yellow, 61½@62c; No. 4 yellow, 59@60c. Oats: No. 2 cash, 44½c; No. 2 white, 45½@46½c; No. 3 white, 44½@45½c; No. 4 white, 43@45½c; standard, 45@46c.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 27@36c; dairies, 25@30c.

EGGS—Steady, at mark, receipts, 1,798 cases, cases included, 24½c; firsts, 32c; prime firsts, 35c.

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

POTATOES—Strong; choice to fancy, 43@45c; fair to good, 40@43c.

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

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

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Market quiet and steady; spring patents, $5.40@5.65; winter patents, $5.40@5.80; winter extras, No. 1, $4.40@4.50; Kansas straights, $4.90@5.15; winter straights, $5.25@5.35; spring clears, $4.50@4.85; winter extras, No. 2, $4.40@4.15. Receipts, 17,625 bbls.; shipments, 2,600 bbls. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $4.20@4.25; choice to fancy, $4.30@4.50. Buckwheat flour, quiet; 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—Steady; feeding, 63@65c, nominal, c. i. f., New York.

WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1.27¾, elevator, domestic; and $1.27, f. o. b., afloat, nominal, to arrive; No. 2 hard winter, $1.21¾, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. Option market was nervous with a professional trading, but the undertone was firm on bullish Argentina news and covering by shorts. Receipts were larger, but cash markets were steady and December advanced sharply on covering by belated shorts. At the close prices were 3⅝c up for December and ⅝c up for other months. December, $1.28@1.29, closed at $1.29; May, $1.18⅞@1.19⅝, closed at $1.19⅝; July, $1.09⅝@1.10 3-16c, closed at $1.10. Receipts, 42,000 bu.; shipments, 104,100 bu.

CORN—Spot, firm; No. 2, 71c, elevator, 71½c, delivered, and 69¼, f. o. b., afloat, nominal. Option market without change. December closed at 70½c; May closed at 70½c. Receipts, 76,500 bu.

OATS—Spot, steady; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 46c; 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, 12,200.

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

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

HIDES—Dull; Central America, 22½c; Bogota, 21½@22½c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock, firsts, 28@29c; seconds, 25@27c; thirds, 22@25c; rejected, 20@21c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; mess, $24.50@24.75; family, $26.00@27.00; short clears, $25.00@27.50. Beef, steady; mess, $11.50@12.50; family, $15.50@16.00; beef hams, $24.00@26.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 10 to 14 pounds, $12.00@13.00; pickled hams, $12.50. Lard, steady; middle west, prime, $12.75@12.85. Refined, steady; continent, $13.50; South America, $14.00; compounds, $10.37½@10.75.

TALLOW—Firm; prime, 6¾c; country, 6¼@7c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, 2⅞@5½c; Japan, 4½@7c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, held, second to specials, 29@34c; process, first to special, 26@29c.

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, 12½@16c.

EGGS—Firm; western extra firsts, 35@36c; firsts, 32@34c; seconds, 30@32c; refrigerator, 24@26c.

POULTRY—Alive, firm; western chickens, 15c; fowls, 15½c; turkeys, 15@20c; dressed steady; western chickens, 16@22c; fowls, 12@17c; turkeys, 22@24c.

WEATHER IN THE GRAIN BELT

For Nebraska it Will Be Fair and Warmer in East Portion.

OMAHA, Dec. 30, 1909.

A remarkable rise in temperature occurred during the last twenty-four hours in the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and along the eastern Rocky mountain slope. A rise of fifty degrees occurred in North Dakota, changes of thirty to forty-four degrees are shown in South Dakota, and it is from twenty-two to twenty-four degrees warmer in northern and central Nebraska, this morning, than twenty-four hours previous. A general rise in temperature is shown west to the Pacific coast, and conditions are favorable for warmer in this vicinity tonight and Friday, with probably fair weather. The wave of cold weather has continued eastward, and temperatures ranging from zero to twelve below, prevail in the lake region and Ohio valley this morning, and temperatures are much lower everywhere east of the Mississippi river.

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

	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.
Minimum temperature....	zero	14	8	30
Precipitation	.00	.00	.01	.20

Normal temperature for today, 22 degrees.

Excess in precipitation since March 1, 4.80 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1908, 4.54 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1907, 7.35 inches.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Unchanged; No. 2 hard, $1.08@1.14; No. 3, $1.05@1.09; No. 2 red, $1.20@1.25; No. 3, $1.17@1.22; December, $1.06⅝ bid; May, $1.07⅞ sellers; July, 95⅝c bid.

CORN—Unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 63@63½c; No. 3, 26½c; No. 2 white, 63½c; No. 3, 63c; December, 63⅝c bid; May, 65⅝c sellers; July, 65¼c bid.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 45@47c; No. 2 mixed, 43@44c.

RYE—69@79c.

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, 22c.

EGGS—Extras, 35c; firsts, 28c; current receipts, 31c; seconds and dirties, 19c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	64,000	54,000
Corn, bu	30,000	44,000
Oats, bu	4,000	15,000

Options at Kansas City:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
December ...	1 06⅝	1 06⅝	1 06⅝	1 06⅝B
May	1 06⅝@¾	1 07⅞	1 06⅝	1 07⅞A
July	95⅝	95⅝	95⅛	95⅝B
Corn—				
December	63¼	63⅜	63¼	63⅜B
May	65¼	65⅝	64⅞	65⅝A
July	65@65⅛	65⅛	64⅞	65⅛B

A asked. B bid.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Higher; track, No. 2 red cash, $1.28@1.29; No. 2 hard, $1.13@1.17; December, $1.14¾; May, $1.12¾.

CORN—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 62½c; No. 2 white, 63c; December, 63¼c; May, 66½@66⅝c.

OATS—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 45c; No. 2 white, 47c; December, 44c; May, 45½@45⅝c.

RYE—Unchanged, 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.

CORNMEAL—$3.10.

BRAN—Sacked, east track, $1.12@1.14.

HAY — Steady; timothy, $14.00@17.00; prairie, $12.00@12.50.

BAGGING—6⅜c.

HEMP TWINE—7c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; jobbing, $21.75. Lard, steady; prime steam, $12.30@12.50. Dry salt meats, unchanged; boxed extra shorts, $12⅝c; clear ribs, 12¼c; short clears, 13⅝c. Bacon, unchanged; boxed extra short, 14⅝c; clear ribs, 14⅝c; short clears, 14⅝c.

POULTRY—Easier; chickens, 12½c; springs, 13c; turkeys, 21c; ducks, 15c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 31@37c.

EGGS—Steady at 31c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	5,700	10,800
Wheat, bu	48,000	49,900
Corn, bu	29,700	40,500
Oats, bu	19,200	60,200

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 30.—WHEAT—December, $1.12; May, $1.11⅝; cash: No. 1 hard, $1.12@1.13⅜; No. 1 northern, $1.12@1.13¼; No. 2 northern, $1.10@1.11¼; No. 3, $1.09@1.10⅝.

FLAX—Closed at $2.07¼.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 58⅝@59⅛c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 42⅝@42⅞c.

RYE—No. 2, 73⅝@74⅝c.

BRAN—In 100-pound sacks, $21.00.

FLOUR—First patents (in wood f. o. b. Minneapolis), $5.50@5.70; second patents, $5.20@5.50; first clears, $4.45@4.55; second clears, $2.40@3.30.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—BUTTER—Quiet but steady; extra western creamery, 39c; nearby prints, 40c.

EGGS—Firm, 1 cent higher; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, 37 cents at mark; current receipts, in returnable cases, 35c at mark; western firsts, free cases, 37c at mark; current receipts, free cases, 31@35c at mark.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full creams, choice, 17¼c; fair to good, 16¾@17c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 30.—CORN—Steady; No. 3 white, 60½c; No. 3 yellow, 60c; No. 3, 60c; no grade, 54c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 46c; No. 3 white, 44½c; No. 4 white, 43⅝c; standard, 44½@44⅝c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 30.—SEED—Clover, cash, $8.96; December, $8.95; February, $9.02½; March, $9.07½; April, $8.97½; October, $6.70; No. 3, $8.00; rejected, $8.35; no established grade, $7.20@8.15. Timothy, prime, $11.85. Alsike, prime, $7.95; December, $7.95; March, $8.10.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, $1.17@1.18; No. 2 northern, $1.14@1.16; May, $1.12¾.

OATS—45½c.

BARLEY—Sample, 64@70½c.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; Muscovado, 89 test, 3.32; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.02; molasses sugar, 89 test, 3.27; refined, steady; crushed, 5.65; granulated, 4.95; powdered, 5.05.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—December, $1.10½; May, $1.11⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.12⅝; No. 2 northern, $1.10⅝.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Preparations for Payment of Dividends Causes Tightness in Money.

CALL LOANS RISE 7 PER CENT

Realizing on Issues Which Have Been Active Keep the Price Movement Irregular—Bonds Are Firm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The close of the year was marked by characteristic developments in financial markets today. Preparations for the unprecedented disbursements of interest and dividend payments in January went forward more actively today and the restriction of money supplies which resulted in the stock market kept operations there under restraint. The 7 per cent rate touched for call loans marked a new high rate for the present year, comparing with the 6 per cent maximum on several former occasions. Last December, when but 4½ per cent was reached for call loans, the country was just emerging from its period of industrial and financial depression and demand for commercial credits was at a minimum.

Not only is the present condition one of comparative ease, but a supposition is fostered that marked relaxation is to occur after the turn of the year. The course of discount rates in foreign money markets and the weakness of the foreign exchange market, as well as the easy tone of the time money market give color to this supposition. Its certainty is not altogether conceded by bankers, who point to the heavy requirements for corporation financing which have to be met with the new year. In the cheerful stock market spirit there was a disposition to make a favorable interpretation even of the active money market.

Further returns of railroad earnings for November continued the favorable showing of the net return for that period. The tightness of the money market conduced to the special favor shown towards low-priced stocks, owing to the smaller amount required to carry blocks of those securities with commission houses. This class of securities was stimulated also by the special demand in evidence for the Wabash group, which carried an impression of determined accumulation and kept alive conjectures of special developments in progress regarding those properties. There was a certain amount of realizing going on in stocks in which past speculation has been active and this kept the price movement irregular.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $4,290,000. United States 4s, coupon, advanced ¼ per cent on call.

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

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis Chalmers pfd	600	55	54½	54
Amalgamated Copper	24,800	91¼	90	90
American Agricultural	100	46⅝	46⅝	46¼
American Beet Sugar	1,200	46⅝	46	44⅝
American Can pfd	600	82¼	81	81
Amer. Car & Foundry	1,400	72	71½	72
Amer. Cotton Oil	200	68⅝	68⅝	67¼
Amer. H. & L. pfd	2,100	46⅝	46	47¼
Amer. Ice Securities	100	25½	25½	25¼
American Linseed	4,200	18½	17½	17⅝
American Locomotive	100	61¼	60⅝	60⅝
Amer. S. & Ref.	19,500	105	104⅝	104
Amer. S. & R. pfd	400	112⅝	112⅝	112½
Amer. Sugar Ref.				123
American T. & T.	2,500	142½	142⅝	142
Amer. Tobacco pfd				99¼
American Woolen				37
Anaconda Mining Co.	16,100	54⅝	52	53⅝
Atchison	15,200	122⅝	122¼	122⅝
*Atchison pfd	200	105½	105¼	105
Atlantic Coast Line	500	136¼	136	135⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	2,800	118⅝	117⅝	117⅝
Baltimore & Ohio pfd				93
Bethlehem Steel	400	34½	34	34
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	900	80⅝	80	80
Canadian Pacific	800	182½	181⅝	181⅝
Central Leather	14,600	48⅝	47⅝	48¼
Central Leather pfd	100	108⅝	108⅝	108⅝
Central of N. J.	100	314	314	310
Chesapeake & Ohio	15,700	88⅝	88	88¼
Chicago & Alton	100	67¼	67¼	66⅝
Chi. Great West. ctfs	2,300	27¼	26⅝	26⅝
C. & N. W.	1,800	182⅝	182	182
C., M. & St. P.	2,400	158⅝	158⅝	158⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	400	81¼	81	81
Colo. Fuel & Iron	800	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝
Colorado & Southern	900	55⅝	55⅝	55⅝
Colo. & Southern 1st pfd	400	81¼	81¼	81¼
Colo. & Southern 2d pfd	100	80⅝	80⅝	80
Consolidated Gas	11,200	160⅝	158⅝	159⅝
Corn Products	1,400	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
Delaware & Hudson	1,200	184⅝	184⅝	184
Denver & R. G.	1,800	52⅝	52¼	51⅝
D. & R. G. pfd	700	85	84½	84½
Distillers' Securities	900	37¼	36½	36⅝
Erie	2,500	34⅝	33⅝	33⅝
Erie 1st pfd	2,300	51⅝	51¼	51¼
Erie 2d pfd	300	41⅝	41	40⅝
General Electric	300	160	160	160
Great Northern pfd	2,900	144	143½	143⅝
Great Northern ore ctfs	600	81⅝	81¼	81
Illinois Central	200	148	147⅝	147⅝
Interborough-Metropolitan	3,100	25⅝	24⅝	24⅝
Interborough-Met. pfd	1,400	62⅝	61⅝	61⅝
Inter. Harvester	1,700	118	116⅝	117¼
Inter. Marine pfd	400	24⅝	24	23⅝
International Paper	100	16⅝	16⅝	15⅝
International Pump	1,400	53⅝	52⅝	52⅝
Iowa Central	2,000	30	29⅝	29⅝
K. C. Southern	400	44⅝	43⅝	43⅝
K. C. Southern pfd	200	72⅝	72⅝	71
Louisville & Nashville	1,100	157⅝	157	157¼
Minn. & St. Louis				58
Minn., St. P. & S. Ste. M.	3,000	142⅝	140	141⅝
Missouri Pacific	1,200	72⅝	71⅝	71⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas	8,400	50	49⅝	49⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas pfd	200	74	74	73⅝
National Lead	3,100	90⅝	89	89⅝
N. R. R. of M. 1st pfd	1,200	62¼	61⅝	62⅝
New York Central	10,200	126⅝	125¼	125⅝
N. Y., O. & W.	2,100	49⅝	48⅝	48⅝
Norfolk & Western	400	99⅝	99	99⅝
North American	300	84⅝	84⅝	84⅝
Northern Pacific	2,500	146	145	145⅝
Pacific Mail	400	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝
Pennsylvania	8,500	137⅝	136⅝	136⅝
People's Gas	3,300	116	115⅝	115⅝
Pitts., C., C. & St. L.	900	98⅝	98⅝	98⅝
Pressed Steel Car	300	52⅝	51⅝	51⅝
Pullman Palace Car				199
Railway Steel Spring	300	51⅝	51⅝	51⅝
Reading	62,000	171⅝	170⅝	170⅝
Republic Steel	600	46⅝	45⅝	45⅝
Republic Steel pfd	300	104⅝	104⅝	104
Rock Island Co.	29,600	52⅝	50⅝	52⅝
Rock Island pfd	300	104⅝	104⅝	104
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	800	60	59⅝	59⅝
St. L. Southwestern	1,200	33⅝	32	32⅝
St. L. Southwestern pfd	1,300	80⅝	79⅝	79⅝
Sloss-Sheffield S. & I.	1,000	87⅝	86⅝	86⅝
Southern Pacific	11,800	133	131⅝	134⅝
Southern Railway	44,200	33⅝	32⅝	32⅝
Southern Railway pfd	2,500	73⅝	74	74⅝
Tennessee Copper	1,700	41	40⅝	40⅝
Texas & Pacific	29,200	37⅝	36⅝	36⅝
T., St. L. & W.	700	54	53⅝	53⅝
T., St. L. & W. pfd	4,200	72⅝	71⅝	71⅝
Union Pacific	2,600	204⅝	203⅝	203⅝
Union Pacific pfd	800	104⅝	103⅝	103⅝
United States Realty	100	83⅝	82⅝	82⅝
United States Rubber	500	53⅝	53	52⅝
United States Steel	62,600	92	91	91⅝
U. S. Steel pfd	2,500	125⅝	124⅝	125
Utah Copper	9,200	61⅝	60⅝	60⅝
Virginia-Carolina Chem.	8,400	58⅝	53	52⅝
Wabash	38,300	27⅝	26⅝	27⅝
Wabash pfd	12,600	61⅝	60⅝	60⅝
Western Md. ctfs	600	55⅝	55⅝	54⅝
Westinghouse Electric	200	82⅝	82⅝	82⅝
Western Union	200	77⅝	77	78⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie	3,700	10⅝	9⅝	10⅝
Wisconsin Central	100	49⅝	49⅝	48
Pittsburg Coal	1,900	28⅝	27⅝	27⅝
American Steel Foundry	700	65	64⅝	64⅝
United Dry Goods	100	122⅝	122⅝	122⅝

*Ex-Dividend.

Total sales for the day, 472,100 shares.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—MONEY—On call, strong and higher; 4½@7 per cent; ruling rate, 6 per cent; closing bid, 4½ per cent; offered at 4½ per cent. Time loans, easier; sixty days, 4½ per cent; ninety days, 4½ per cent; six months, 4¼ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@5¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83@4.8320 for sixty-day bills, and at $4.8690 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.83½@4.84.

SILVER—Bar, 52⅜c; Mexican dollars, 44c.

BONDS — Government, firm; railroad, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

Wisconsin Central 4s	93⅝	*Gen. Elec. cv. 5s	147
U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	100⅝	Ill. Central 1st ref. 4s	99¼
do coupon	100⅝	Inter. Met. 4½s	83⅝
U. S 3s, reg.	101⅝	Inter. Marine 4½s	77½
do coupon	101⅝	*Japan 4s	87⅝
U. S. 4s, reg.	114⅝	do 4½s	94⅝
do coupon	115⅝	*K. C. South. 1st 3s	74⅝
**Allis-Chalm. 1st 5s	84⅝	L. S. deb. 4s (1931)	95⅝
*Amer. Agricul 5s	101⅝	L. & N. un. 4s	100
Amer. T. & T. cv. 4s	105⅝	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	98⅝
Amer. Tobacco 4s	78	do gen. 4½s	91⅝
do 6s	107⅝	*Missouri Pacific 4s	90
Armour & Co. 4½s	94⅝	N. R. of M. 4½s	94⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	100⅝	N. Y. Cen. gen. 3½s	91
do cv. 5s	122⅝	do deb. 4s	95⅝
do cv. 4s	121⅝	N. Y. & N. H. cv. 6s	133⅝
*At. C. L. cl. 4s	95	Nor. & W. cv. 4s	101⅝
*B. & O. 4s	99⅝	*N. & W. cl. con. 4s	98
*do 3½s	92⅝	Northern Pac. 4s	102⅝
*B. & O. S. W. 3½s	91⅝	do 3s	74
*Br. Rap. Tran. cv. 4s	85⅝	O. S. L. rfd. 4s	94⅝
Cen. of Ga. 5s	109	Penn. cv. 3½s (1915)	96⅝
Central Leather 5s	99	*do con. 4s	104⅝
*Cen. of N. J. g. 5s	124⅝	Reading gen. 4s	99⅝
Ches. & O. 4½s	103⅝	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	84⅝
*do ref. 5s	100	do gen. 5s	90⅝
C. & A. 3½s	74	St. L. S. W. con. 4s	79
C., B. & Q. Jt. 4s	96⅝	do 1st gold 4s	91⅝
do gen. 4s	99	*Seaboard A. L. 4s	85
**C. & St. P. g. 3½s	99⅝	Southern Pacific c. 4s	97⅝
C., R. I. & P. c. 4s	83⅝	do cv. 4s	104⅝
do rfg. 4s	91⅝	do 1st ref. 4s	94⅝
do col. 5s	100⅝	**Southern Ry 5s	111⅝
Colo. Indus 5s	81	do gen. 4s	80⅝
Colo. Midland 4s	80⅝	Union Pacific 4s	103⅝
C. & S. r. & ev. 4½s	98	do cv. 4s	118⅝
*Del. & Hud. cv. 4s	100	do 1st & r. 4s	98
**D. & R. G. 4s	96⅝	U. S. Rubber 6s	104⅝
do ref. 5s	95	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	105⅝
Distillers' 5s	74⅝	Va.-Car. Chem. 5s	98⅝
*Erie pr. lien 4s	87	Wabash 1st 5s	112⅝
do gen. 4s	76⅝	do 1st & ex. 4s	73
do c. 4s ser. A	83	*West. Md. 4s	86⅝
*Bid. **Offered.		West. Elec. cv. 5s	86
do c. 4s ser. B	73⅝		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 30.—Bank clearings for today were $2,402,981.19 and for the corresponding date last year, $2,129,780.87.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Money, call loans, 5½@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Closing quotations:

Atchison adj. 4s	94	Amalgamated	89⅝
do 4s	99⅝	Atlantic	11⅝
*Mexican Central 4s	91	Ariz. Commercial	50⅝
Atchison	122⅝	Butte Coalition	28⅝
do pfd	103⅝	Calumet & Ariz.	102
Boston & Albany	229	Calumet & Hecla	680
*Boston & Maine	144	Centennial	37⅝
Boston Elevated	129	Copper Range	83⅝
Fitchburg pfd	131⅝	Daly West	9
N. Y., N. H. & H.	158	Franklin	21⅝
Union Pacific	204⅝	Granby	109
Am. Arge. Chemical	48	Greene Cananea	11⅝
do pfd	102	Isle Royale	28
Amer. Pneu. Tube	7⅝	Mass. Mining	6⅝
Amer. Sugar	123	Michigan	7⅝
do pfd	121	Mohawk	67⅝
Amer. T. & T.	142⅝	Mont. C. & C.	54
**Am. Woolen	38	Nevada	28
do pfd	103	Old Dominion	52
Dom. I. & S.	71	Osceola	169
Edison Elec. Illum.	251	Parrot	23⅝
Gen. Electric	160⅝	Quincy	90
Mass. Electric	17⅝	Shannon	17
do pfd	79⅝	Tamarack	69
Mass. Gas	80⅝	Trinity	10⅝
United Fruit	163	U. S. Mining	54⅝
United Shoe Mach.	69⅝	U. S. Oil	36⅝
do pfd	30	Utah	49⅝
U. S. Steel	91⅝	Victoria	5⅝
do pfd	124⅝	Winona	12⅝
Adventure	9⅝	Wolverine	151⅝
Allouez	57	North Butte	49⅝

*Bid. **Asked.

London Closing Stocks.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—American securities opened firm and higher today under the influence of good buying incuded by the strength in Wall street yesterday. Copper shares and the Harriman stocks led the advance. At noon the market was steady, with prices ranging from ⅛@¼ above yesterday's New York closing.

London closing stocks:

Consols, money	82 13-16	Louisville & N.	161⅝
do account	82¾	M., K. & T.	51⅝
Amal. Copper	93¼	N. Y. Central	131½
Anaconda	11¼	Norfolk & W.	102
Atchison	126	do pfd	96
do pfd	105⅝	Ontario & W.	50⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	121⅝	Pennsylvania	70⅝
Canadian Pacific	187	Rand Mines	7⅝
Chesapeake & O.	90⅝	Reading	88⅝
Chicago G. W.	28⅝	Southern Ry.	33⅝
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	162⅝	do pfd	76
De Beers	19⅝	Southern Pacific	137⅝
Denver & Rio G.	53⅝	Union Pacific	209
do pfd	86⅝	do pfd	107⅝
Erie	35	U. S. Steel	93⅝
do 1st pfd	53⅝	do pfd	128⅝
do 2d pfd	41⅝	Wabash	27⅝
Grand Trunk	21⅝	do pfd	62
Illinois Central	152	Spanish 4s	96⅝

SILVER—Bar, steady at 24⅛d per oz.

MONEY—4@4½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½ per cent.

Local Securities.

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Beatrice Creamery, com.	87	91
Beatrice Creamery, pfd.	98	99
City of Omaha 4½s, 1909	100⅝	100⅝
Columbus, Neb., E. L. 5s, 1935	94⅝	96
Commonwealth Fire Ins.	19	20
City Gas and Electric, Waterloo	27	28
Cudahy Packing Co. 5s, 1924	100	100⅝
German Fire Insurance Co.	100⅝	101⅝
International Con. Co.	62	63
Kansas City Stock Yards	109	101
Long Bell Lumber Co. 6s, 1922	99	101
Nebraska Tel. Stock, 6 per cent	99⅝	101
Omaha Water Co. 5s, 1946	94	95
Omaha Gas 5s, 1917	98	99
Omaha E. L. & P. 5s, 1933	99⅝	100
Omaha C. B. St. Ry. 5s, 1928	99⅝	100
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry., pfd. 5 p. c.	94	95⅝
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry., com.	75	77
Omaha E. L. pfd., 5 per cent	92⅝	93
Omaha & C. B. R. & B. 5s, 1928	99	100
Sioux City S. Y. pfd. 7 per cent	82	90
South Omaha ref. 4½s, 1911	100⅝	100⅝
Swift & Co. 5s, 1914	100	101
Union Stock Yards, So. Omaha, 6 p. c.	96	99⅝
Western Fire Ins. Co.	45	48

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust Funds—Gold coin, $874,120,869; silver dollars, $487,547,000; silver dollars of 1890, $3,862,000; silver certificates outstanding, $487,547,000.

General Fund—Standard silver dollars in general fund, $1,873,533; current liabilities, $107,129,994; working balance in treasury offices, $28,267,252; in banks to credit of treasurer of United States, $35,131,258; subsidiary silver coin, $15,465,298; minor coin, $1,084,178. Total balance in general fund, $83,727,361.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Closing quotations on mining stocks:

Alice	175	*Leadville Con.	5
*Brunswick Con.	5	*Little Chief	6
Comstock T'l. stock	29	Mexican	50
do bonds	11	Ontario	250
Con. Cal. & Va.	45	Ophir	200
Horn Silver	35	Standard	50
Iron Silver	160	Yellow Jacket	135

*Offered.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—COTTON—The cotton market opened barely steady at an advance of 1 to 19 points in response to very firm cables and a continued demand from spot people. Realizing was very heavy, with some of the largest longs taking profits, while commission houses were sellers. But offerings were very well absorbed and the market during the middle of the morning ruled within 2 or 3 points of the best. June sold at 15.75c and May at 16.30c on the call, with all positions making new high records for the season.

Futures opened barely steady; December, 15.75c, offered; January, 15.75c; February, 15.92c; March, 16.00c; May, 16.30c; June, 16.20c; July, 16.27c; August, 15.91c; September, 14.81c; October, 14.00c.

Futures closed steady; December, 15.76c; January, 15.79c; February, 15.94c; March, 16.10c; April, 16.12c; May, 16.39c; June, 16.30c; July, 16.40c; August, 15.99c; September, 14.73c; October, 12.99c.

Spot closed quiet, 20 points higher; middling uplands, 16.15c; middling gulf, 16.40c.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 30.—COTTON—higher; 15 9-16c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—COTTON—Unchanged; middling, 15½c; sales, 770 bales; receipts, 2,214 bales; shipments, 1,375 bales; stock, 42,536 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—COTTON—Spots were firm; low ordinary, 12c, nominal; ordinary, 12 13-16c; good ordinary, 14¼c; strict ordinary, 14 11-16c; low middling, 15¼c; strict low middling, 15 7-16c; middling, 15 11-16c; strict middling, 15 15-16c; good middling, 16¼c; strict good middling, 16¼c; middling fair, 16¾c; middling fair to fair, 16⅝c; fair, 17c, nominal. Receipts, 10,920 bales; stock, 17,128 bales.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—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. Scoured values: Texas fine twelve months, 73@75c; fine, six to eight months, 68@70c; fine fall, 60@62c; California northern, 68@70c; middle county, 63@65c; fall free, 50@52c; 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, 68@69c; half-blood, 73@76c; three-eighths-blood, 68@70c; quarter-blood, 67@68c. Pulled, extra, 72@75c; fine A, 68@70c; A supers, 60@65c.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—WOOL—Unchanged; territory and western mediums, 24@25c; fine mediums, 21@25c; fine, 12@20c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—METALS—Standard copper was firm today. Local dealers quote lake at $13.75@14.00; electrolytic, $12.50@12.75; casting, $12.25@12.50. London closed steady; spot, £61 10s; futures, £62 10s. Tin was easy; spot, $33.75@34.00. English market closed steady; spot, £153 10s; futures, £154 17s 6d. Lead, firm; spot, $4.67½@4.72½. London market higher at £13 12s 9d. Spelter closed quiet; spot, $6.10@6.20. London market unchanged at £22 2s 6d. Iron was unchanged at 51s 1½d for Cleveland warrants in London. Local market steady on anticipations of improved demand after the first of the new year: No. 1 northern foundry, $18.75@19.25; No. 2 northern foundry, $18.50@19.00; No. 1 southern and No. 1 southern soft, $18.50@19.25.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—METALS—Lead, steady at $4.55. Spelter, steady at $6.12½.

Oils and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 30.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.43; runs, 202,468 bbls.; average, 144,274 bbls.; shipments, 222,580 bbls.; average, 204,278 bbls.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 30.—OIL—Turpentine, quiet, 62½@65c.

ROSIN—Firm; B, $3.97½@4.00; D, $4.02½@4.05; E, $4.00@4.10; F, $4.12½@4.15; G, $4.17½@4.25; H, $4.15@4.20; K, $5.65; M, $5.90; WG, $6.05; WW, $6.75.

Liverpool Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Spot, closing dull; No. 2 red western winter, no stocks; futures, steady; December, 8s 7¾d; March, 8s 11¼d; May, 7s 11d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; new American mixed, 5s 9¼d; old American mixed, 5s 9½d; futures, steady; January mixed, 5s 5½d; January plate, 5s 7d.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Fat Cattle All Right, Feeders Very Poor Sellers.

NO GREAT CHANGE IN HOG PRICES

Liberal Receipts of Sheep and Lambs, with Moderate Demand, Give Values a Somewhat Dull and Weaker Tone.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29, 1909.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	3,142	1,797	3,278
Official Tuesday	3,985	2,748	5,632
Official Wednesday	2,217	4,280	4,945
Estimated Thursday	2,486	5,700	8,000
Four days this week	11,791	15,025	22,047
Same days last week	12,280	22,294	19,323
Same days 2 weeks ago	24,711	29,164	29,052
Same days 3 weeks ago	24,664	11,094	28,771
Same days 4 weeks ago	23,542	17,161	24,381
Same days last year	14,831	28,302	24,166

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	1,122,676	1,032,543	90,133	.....
Hogs	2,129,131	2,416,578	.....	287,447
Sheep	2,100,718	2,009,964	90,754	.....

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. 20...	8 26	*	4 23	6 13	4 90	4 50	*
Dec. 21...	8 28	5 36	4 32	6 09	4 85	4 44	4 33
Dec. 22...	8 08	5 34	*	6 08	4 88	4 38	4 39
Dec. 23...	8 02	5 36	4 44	*	4 98	4 39	4 46
Dec. 24...	8 11	5 47	4 36	6 12	*	4 42	4 48
Dec. 25...	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Dec. 26...	*	5 60	4 29	6 21	5 05	4 43	4 54
Dec. 27...	8 29½	*	4 29	6 21	5 09	4 52	*
Dec. 28...	8 35½	5 66	4 44	6 16	4 92	4 55	4 61
Dec. 29...	8 30½	5 58	*	6 22	5 09	4 51	4 49
Dec. 30...		5 56	4 50	*	5 08	4 52	4 51

*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.	H'r's.
C., M. & St. P.	5	6	..	..
Wabash	5	..	..	..
Union Pacific	14	22	6	..
C. & N. W., east	12	4	2	..
C. & N. W., west	34	19	8	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	11	4	4	..
C., B. & Q., east	6	1	..	1
C., B. & Q., west	11	15	14	2
C., R. I. & P., east	5	2	..	..
C., R. I. & P., west	2	2	..	..
Illinois Central	2	..	4	..
C. G. W.	9	2	..	1
Total receipts	114	77	38	4

DISPOSITION.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	466	742	1,944
Swift and company	445	1,058	1,761
Cudahy Packing Co.	709	1,421	2,561
Armour & Co.	600	1,522	2,339
Schwartz-Boien Co.	....	124	.....
St. Louis Ind. Pack. Co.	....	666	.....
Hill & Son	84	.....	.....
J. B. Root & Co.	15	.....	.....
L. F. Huss	4	.....	.....
McCreary & Carey	58	.....	.....
S. Wertheimer	26	.....	.....
Sullivan Bros.	17	.....	.....
T. J. Ingram	5	.....	.....
Mo. & Kans.-Cal. Co.	21	.....	.....
Other buyers	199	.....	526
Totals	2,848	5,357	9,040

CATTLE—There was a liberal run of cattle for a Thursday, while Chicago reported unusually heavy receipts for this time of the week owing to trains that should have been in earlier being delayed. With a great many more cattle on sale at Chicago than usual the market there broke badly and early reports were decidedly discouraging. That naturally had a weakening effect upon the market at this point.

The trade on beef steers for the reasons noted above were slow and the morning was well advanced before very much business was developed. Still the more desirable killers kept selling and in the end pretty much everything was cleaned up. The prices paid were weak to 10c lower as compared with yesterday.

Cows and heifers were in fair demand, but the trade was still slow to 10c lower than yesterday.

The feeder and stocker trade continues very dull and there is no immediate prospect of an improvement so long as weather conditions remain as at present. Prices are weak every day, but fortunately only a few cattle of that description are coming.

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@6.30; fair to good range steers, $4.90@5.50; common to fair range steers, $3.75@4.50; 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, $2.50@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.
11	686	3 50	20	1100	5 10
21	657	4 30	18	1058	5 10
7	925	4 50	30	1228	5 70
7	1066	4 55	19	1160	5 90
22	961	4 75			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	990	2 75	21	956	4 00
5	878	3 00	21	995	4 05
19	947	3 00	7	477	4 35
1	1014	3 00	5	1148	4 45
11	844	3 00	3	1062	4 45
11	924	3 50	17	1206	4 50
5	781	3 30	3	1172	4 50
5	986	3 50	2	1055	4 50
2	1040	3 50	4	1262	4 50
7	837	3 75	11	947	4 50
1	606	3 75	10	1419	5 25
10	900	3 80			

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	683	3 40	26	795	4 35
2	560	4 00	22	724	5 00

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	750	2 75	1	910	3 55
1	710	3 10	1	1420	3 75
1	1190	3 35	1	980	4 00
1	1420	3 40	1	1290	4 00
1	550	3 50	1	1270	4 15
1	730	3 50	1	1450	4 50
1	840	3 55			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	444	2 50	1	230	5 00
28	286	4 00	1	215	6 25
1	410	4 00	6	186	7 00
1	360	4 40			

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
14	551	3 25	2	616	3 50
2	428	3 25	2	946	3 50
11	570	3 35	2	790	3 80
6	561	3 50	2	1130	5 35

HOGS—The estimate for the day's receipts of hogs was quite large this morning, but as a matter of fact when the market opened there were in sight only about thirty cars and twelve of these were from a train that came in yesterday after the market had closed. The result was that the trade was slow in opening, buyers being inclined to wait until there were more hogs in sight before trying very hard to buy. When they did start out their bids were considerably lower than yesterday morning and as salesmen would not take off without a fight little business was transacted until the forenoon was well advanced.

As noted before in these columns prices are so high that buyers take the hogs every day as it were under protest. There is a constant fight or struggle against the prevailing prices and every opportunity to depress the market is taken advantage of as might be expected under the existing conditions. The poor train service also acts as a great delayer of business, the market being very much later than it would otherwise be on account of the late arrival of trains. These conditions, however, are not peculiar to this market, but are the same at all other selling points. The railroads are more or less blockaded everywhere with markets slow and buyers bearish by reason of the extremely high prices.

A few of the first hogs that changed hands at this point may have sold a little easier than yesterday, but as it became apparent that packers wanted the hogs and as it also became apparent that there was a very fair shipping demand the trade livened up. Buyers raised their bids and the market became fully steady by the time the trade was really under way. A little later on it firmed up, becoming a little stronger even than yesterday and that was where the market stood at midday. Up to that time sixty-two cars had arrived and been sold, but there were still several trains reported to have twenty or more cars back, with no one able to say whether they would arrive in time for today's market or not.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
25	186	...	8 05	66	232	280	8 20
61	172	40	8 10	76	213	160	8 20
51	174	80	8 10	60	222	80	8 20
62	177	80	8 15	65	244	80	8 20
3	174	...	8 15	6	273	...	8 20
27	181	...	8 20	67	231	...	8 22½
70	184	...	8 20	61	247	...	8 22½
69	175	...	8 20	80	208	...	8 22½
71	186	...	8 20	64	226	120	8 22½
13	185	...	8 20	71	263	80	8 22½
60	208	120	8 20	65	266	80	8 22½
72	177	...	8 20	19	277	...	8 25
73	212	...	8 20	58	239	...	8 25
20	227	...	8 20	15	220	...	8 25
76	276	...	8 20	61	231	...	8 25
58	232	...	8 20	60	236	40	8 25
62	221	120	8 25	85	194	...	8 35
70	216	...	8 27½	75	226	...	8 25
74	231	...	8 27½	65	226	80	8 25
71	247	120	8 27½	84	213	...	8 25
79	226	80	8 30	11	266	80	8 25
54	222	80	8 30	71	208	120	8 30
61	282	...	8 30	64	266	80	8 32½
62	246	...	8 30	65	274	...	8 40
71	216	...	8 30	62	226	...	8 40
63	283	40	8 30				

BOAR.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	550	...	3 50

SHEEP—Supplies were fairly liberal this morning for a Thursday, about 8,000 head being reported in besides quite a string of "drive-ins." Packers were not especially anxious for very much killing material, however, and the early trade was rather quiet. Several good bunches of killers, mostly lambs, were bought up at just about steady prices, but the undertone to trade was decidedly weak and the tendency of prices somewhat lower. Medium and common short-fed grades suffered more than finished kinds, of course, and it required some little effort to move stock of this description at figures that looked to be 10@15c lower than yesterday. Steady to a dime lower and not very active at the decline would just about describe the general situation. Three loads of fed western lambs were good enough to bring $8.00, ewes sold at $5.35 and a small string of goats at $4.70. This is within 15c of the highest price paid for killing ewes since the opening of the fed season and fully a half dollar higher than the best ewe values at this time last year. Lamb prices are $1.90@2.25 higher than a year ago.

Warmed-up stuff bought for feeding purposes this morning realized good firm prices as a rule. The more fleshy grades are naturally given preference by feeders and values are accordingly much higher on stock that may be easily finished.

Quotations on fat sheep and lambs: Good to choice lambs, $7.75@8.25; fair to good lambs, $7.25@7.75; good light yearlings, $6.65@7.25; good heavy yearlings, $5.90@6.65; good to choice wethers, $5.25@5.65; fair to good wethers, $4.90@5.25; good to choice ewes, $5.00@5.50; fair to good ewes, $4.50@5.00.

Quotations on feeder stock: Good to choice lambs, $7.25@7.50; fair to good lambs, $6.85@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.

Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
417	fed ewes	103	5 15
10	fed lambs	56	6 75
220	fed lambs	70	7 90
58	fed lambs	81	7 65
25	fed lambs, culls	64	6 50
7	fed ewes	94	4 35
3	fed ewes, culls	82	2 50
20	fed lambs, culls	65	6 75
625	fed lambs	77	8 00
112	fed ewes	101	5 00
281	fed lambs	73	8 00
7	fed ewes, culls	94	3 50
198	western ewes	106	5 35
182	western ewes	106	4 90
8	western ewes, culls	100	4 00
300	western ewes culls	100	3 65
8	bucks	171	5 50
415	western yearlings	104	6 60
15	western lambs, culls	55	5 50
182	western lambs	85	7 75
223	western lambs	86	7 75
22	western yearlings	69	6 75
179	western ewes, culls	108	4 40
86	fed ewes	101	5 35
438	Montana ewes	82	2 50
476	Montana ewes	78	2 50
21	Montana lambs	81	7 75
86	native ewes	110	5 00
14	native ewes	119	5 00
77	goats	72	4 70
258	native lambs	75	8 00
67	native lambs, culls	65	7 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Lower—Hogs Higher—Sheep Strong to Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—CATTLE—Receipts, 13,000 head. Market 10@15c lower; steers, $5.00@8.50; cows, $3.50@5.00; heifers, $3.00@6.00; bulls, $3.40@4.75; calves, $5.00@9.00; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 17,000 head. Market 10c higher; choice heavy, $8.55@8.70; butchers, $8.40@8.60; light mixed, $8.00@8.40; choice light, $8.20@8.45; packing, $8.30@8.55; pigs, $7.50@8.30; bulk of sales, $8.30@8.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 15,000 head. Market strong to 25c higher; sheep, $4.00@6.00; lambs, $6.40@8.65; yearlings, $5.25@7.80.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000 head, including 300 southerns; market for steers slow and steady; for cows and calves strong; for stockers and feeders dull; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.85@7.25; fair to good, $4.50@5.75; western steers, $4.00@6.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.80; southern steers, $4.00@5.75; southern cows, $2.75@4.40; native cows, $2.50@5.00; native heifers, $3.25@5.85; bulls, $3.00@5.10; calves, $4.00@9.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head; market steady; top, $8.52½; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.50; heavy, $8.40@8.52½; packers and butchers, $8.30@8.52½; light, $8.05@8.45; pigs, $6.25@7.45.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,000 head; market strong to 10c higher; lambs, $6.50@8.25; yearlings, $6.25@7.25; wethers, $5.25@6.00; ewes, $4.50@5.35; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.25.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000 head, including 1,400 Texans. Market steady to 10c lower. Native shipping and export steers, $6.75@8.40; dressed beef and butcher steers, $5.40@6.65; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.90@5.20; stockers and feeders, $3.10@4.85; cows and heifers, $3.25@6.25; canners, $2.15@2.80; bulls, $3.00@4.85; calves, $5.25@9.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.50@5.75; cows and heifers, $2.70@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,200 head. Market strong. Pigs and lights, $6.00@8.40; packers, $8.25@8.50; butchers and best heavy, $8.50@8.70.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,700 head. Market 10c higher. Native muttons, $4.20@5.75; lambs, $6.25@8.50; culls and bucks, $3.50@6.00; stockers, $3.25@4.00.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 30.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head; market steady; steers, $4.50@7.25; cows and heifers, $2.65@6.50; calves, $3.50@8.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,500 head; market steady to weak; top, $8.50; bulk of sales, $8.20@8.45.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,500 head; lambs, $7.00@8.15.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Dec. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 600 head; market weak.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,000 head; market strong; bulk of sales, $8.20@8.30.

Stock in Sight.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	2,486	5,700	8,300
Sioux City	600	2,000	.....
St. Joseph	2,000	6,500	2,500
Kansas City	4,000	8,000	3,000
St. Louis	4,000	8,200	2,700
Chicago	18,000	17,000	15,000
Totals	31,086	49,400	32,000

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Staple and Fancy Produce Prices Furnished by Buyers and Wholesalers

BUTTER—Creamery, No. 1, delivered to the retail trade in 1lb cartons, 36c; No. 1, in 60lb tubs, 35½c; No. 2, in 1lb cartons, 34c; in 60 lb tubs, 33½c; packing stock, solid pack, 32c; fresh rolls, 23c; fancy dairy, tubs, 28c. Market changes every Tuesday.

POULTRY—Dressed: Broilers, $5 a doz.; springs, 14c; hens, 14c; cocks, 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, 40c per doz.

OYSTERS—Selects, small cans, 25c; large, 40c; gallon, $1.85; New York Counts, small, 33c; large, 46c; gallon, $1.95; Baltimore standards, small, 22c; large, 35c; gallon, $1.25.

FISH—All frozen: Trout, 13c; white fish, 11c; pickerel, 9c; pike, 12c; eel, 18c; haddock, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 18c; red-snapper, 12c; bluefish, 15c; codfish, 13c; flounders, 12c; shad roe, 15c; salmon, 10c; halibut, 11c.

FRUITS—Oranges: Extra fancy, highly colored navels, 96s, 112s and 126s, per box, $2.85; extra fancy, highly colored, navels, 150s, 176s, 200s and 216s per box, $3.00. Lemons: Extra fancy, 300s, 360s, per box, $5.00; choice, per box, $4.75. Grape fruit: Florida Indian Rivers, 36s, 46s, 54s, 64s and 80s, per box, $4.00. Tangerines: Floridas, 144s and 168s, per box, $2.50. Pineapples: Florida Indian Rivers, 24s and 30s, per crate, $3.50. Apples: Ben Davis, Colorado, very fine quality, per box, $1.55; Wine Saps, Colorado, blood red, fine quality, per box, $2.00; Jonathans, Colorado, fine color, per box, $2.00; Greenings, Colorado, per box, $1.50; Missouri Pippins, Colorado, very fine quality, per box, $1.75; Genitans, Colorado, per box, $1.50 (10 box-lots 10c less); Iowa Jonathans, our own pack, extra fancy, per bbl., $5.50; Iowa Wine Saps, our own pack, extra fancy, per bbl., $5.50; Iowa-Missouri Pippins, our own pack, extra fancy, per bbl., $5.25; Ben Davis, strictly No. 1 Missouri, per bbl., $4.00; Greenings, New York No. 1, farmers' pack, per bbl., $3.60 (10-bbl. lots, $3.50). Malaga grapes, owing to quality and weight, per keg, $5.50 to $8.00. Bananas, Port Limon or Changuinola, per lb., 4c (5-bunch lots, 3¾c). Cranberries, extra fancy, long keepers, per bbl., $7.50; good for immediate use only, $6.25. Cabbage, Wisconsin Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c. Onions: Extra large Red Globes, per lb., 2¼c; medium size, Red Globes, per lb., 2c; Spanish, 50-lb. crate, $1.50. Sweet potatoes, Kansas, per 2-bu. bbl., $2.00. Celery, California Jumbo, per doz., 75c.

Beef Cuts—No. 1 ribs, 16½c; No. 2 ribs, 12c; No. 3 ribs, 8½c; No. 1 loin, 18c; No. 2 loin, 12½c; 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.

New High Record for Flaxseed.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—SEED—Cash flax today touched the highest point ever known on the floor of the Chamber of Commerce, when it went up to $2.08½. This is 2½c higher than May flax in Duluth, which is quoted there at $2.06. The high price is due to the shortage of flax all over the world and particularly in the northwest. Very little was offered at the price bid.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—COFFEE—Futures closed steady, net unchanged. Sales were reported of 7,000 bags, including December and January at 6.45c, May at 6.95@7.00c, July at 7.00@7.05c, September at 7.05c. Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 8⅝@8 11-16c; No. 4 Santos, 9c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 9@11½c.

Duel Wounds May Be Cause of Death

Former British Cabinet Member Dies in Paris—Family Says of Pneumonia.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Word is received here of the death at Paris today of Earl Percy (Henry Algernon George), formerly under secretary of state for foreign affairs.

According to the family, death was due to complications following an attack of pneumonia. It is widely reported here, however, that the earl's fatal illness followed wounds received during a duel in which he is said to have taken part in Paris some days ago.

Earl Percy was the eldest son and heir of the seventh duke of Northumberland. He had represented South Kensington in Parliament since 1895. In 1902-03 he was under secretary of state for India and in the two succeeding years under foreign secretary. He was born in 1871 and was unmarried. His home was in London.

PARCHMENT HID YEARS AGO FOUND BY GRAVEL WORKMAN

Document Concerning Land Grant Located by Means of Mysterious Tablet.

MOBRIDGE, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Rivalling Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island" or the fictitious tales of search for treasure buried by Captain Kidd and other buccaneers, is the story of the find, one mile east of Mobridge by A. W. Vail, general foreman of the Milwaukee road, of valuable parchments which may make him a rich man.

While prospecting for gravel for the road, Mr. Vail unearthed a grave containing the bones of a man, a woman and a stone tablet on which was engraved in French this wording:

One hundred feet north and 100 feet west of where this stone stood, you will find some papers that will do you lots of good.

Procuring a compass and tape line, Mr. Vail prospected 100 feet north and 100 feet west, and was surprised to dig up the thigh bone of some animal and in the bone, which was plugged at both ends, was a roll of parchment covered with writing in French. The exact wording of the matter on the closely written sheet of parchment Mr. Vail will not disclose, but he says that it pertains to a grant of land in Alabama made by the government to a man by the name of Pierre LaMoure. The parchment bears the date of 1838, while the tablet bears the date of 1842.

This country was settled by the French in the early days, many of the Indians having French names, and it is thought that LaMoure and his wife lost their lives nearly a century ago while prospecting in this part of the country.

It is Mr. Vail's intention to go to Alabama as soon as possible and trace the story of the land grant and secure possession if the same can be done.

Fessenden's Body Found.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The body of Edward Fessenden was discovered in the vicinity of Kennebec, west of the Missouri river. Fessenden had been in the town of Kennebec for several days and had been drinking to some extent. He wandered away from the town and for ten days nothing was heard of him. A search was instituted and his body was found by a man named Otto Brigel, who tracked the unfortunate man to a haystack, where he had burrowed into it to escape the storm and cold weather. The man could not make his way back to town or to any of the farmhouses and laid there and froze to death. The coroner's jury gave a decision to the effect that Fessenden came to his death by reason of exposure to the cold while in a state of intoxication.

May Deport Insane German.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—It is possible that Davison county will have a case of deportation on its hands in the person of Arthur Bruhn, who came to this country six weeks ago from Germany, and is now insane. He is not a citizen of the United States, and on that ground the county will probably refuse to care for him. His wife has been here two years. Before coming across Bruhn had been treated for nervous trouble by a Dresden specialist, and he was able to pass the inspection of the immigration officials in New York. The case will be taken under advisement until January 3, when it will be announced whether Bruhn will be sent back to Germany or whether relatives here will provide for his care.

Call for Treasury Warrants.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The state treasury has made a call for $281,000 of general fund state warrants for January 3. This call clears up less than half of the outstanding warrants and will leave a net debt of $900,000 for the state at the beginning of 1910. This cannot be reduced much before the middle of the year, and with the expenditures running as they have been doing it is very likely to carry through the year at somewhere near that figure.

A Serious Breakdown

results from chronic constipation. Dr. King's New Life Pills cure headache, stomach, liver and bowel trouble. 25c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

News from Alma Kellner.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—It is understood the parents of little Alma Kellner, who disappeared from her home three weeks ago, received a letter this afternoon from a person in an Ohio town promising to return the little girl if the family would pay $5,000 ransom. The Kellners refuse to reveal the name of the place in Ohio.

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