GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat Situation is Favorable to Bear Sentiment.

VALUES FOR WEEK ARE LOWER

Northwest's Stocks Are Ample Enough to Make Storage Space Scarce—Purchases in the Country Are Liberal.

OMAHA, Dec. 17, 1910.

Gossip on the wheat situation was favorable to the bear side, traders pointing to the liberal movement as primary points and the weakened cash situation. Values for the week just ending shows a loss of about 1¼c. It is the general opinion that the market will rule very quiet until after the holidays.

Bulls in corn have very little to encourage them beyond the stubborn action of the market which has held fairly firm in face of a bearish crop situation and free early movement of the new crop.

The statistical view on wheat continues of a bearish character. At some markets northwest, particularly, stocks are great enough to make storage room scarce and purchases in the country continue liberal. Rains were reported in the dry sections of the south wheat belt. Cash values locally were ⅛c lower.

The corn market was again dull and inactive, but had a heavy tone. Speculators are watching the movement, which is heavy and a general one, and seems to be limited only by the number of cars which can be obtained. The cash market was very heavy, with values ranging unchanged to ½c lower.

Primary wheat receipts were 675,000 bu. and shipments were 234,000 bu., against receipts last year of 451,000 bu. and shipments of 227,000 bu.

Primary corn receipts were 802,000 bu. and shipments were 480,000 bu., against receipts last year of 712,000 bu. and shipments of 827,000 bu.

Clearances were 49,000 bu. of corn, 2,000 bu. of oats and wheat and flour equal to 157,000 bu.

Liverpool closed unchanged on wheat and unchanged to ¼d lower on corn.

The following cash sales were reported:

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 1 car (semi-dark), 90½c; No. 2 hard, 7 cars (semi-dark), 90c; 1 car (dark), 91c; No. 3 hard, 2 cars, 89½c; No. 3 hard, 1 car, 89c; No. 2 mixed, 1 car, 90½c; No. 3 mixed, 1 car, 89½c; No. 3 mixed durum, 1 car, 82½c.

CORN—No. 3 white, 2 cars, 40c; No. 4 white, 1 car, 39½c; No. 3 yellow, 3 cars, 39¼c; No. 3 yellow, 6 cars, 39¼c; No. 3 mixed, 1 car (part old), 39½c; No. 3 mixed, 4 cars, 39¼c; No. 3 mixed, 3 cars, 39c; No. 4 mixed, 1 car, 38¾c; No. 4 mixed, 3 cars, 38½c; no grade, 1 car, 37¼c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 2 cars, 29¾c; No. 4 white, 3 cars, 29¼c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car, 29⅝c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car, 29¼c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 88¼@92c; No. 3 hard, 86½@91½c; No. 4 hard, 81½@88c; rejected, hard, 72@84½c; No. 2 spring, 89½@91c; No. 3 spring, 86½@90c.

CORN—No. 2 white, 42¼@43c; new, 39½@40c; No. 3 white, 40¼@42¾c; new, 39¼@40c; No. 4 white, 41¾@42¼c; new, 39@39¼c; No. 2 yellow, 40¾@41¼c; new, 39@39½c; No. 3 yellow, 40¾@41¼c; new, 39@39½c; No. 4 yellow, 40¼@40¾c; new, 38¼@39c; No. 2, 40¼@41c; new, 38¾@39¼c; No. 3, 40¼@41c; new, 38¾@39¼c; No. 4, 40@40¼c; new, 38¼@38¾c; no grade, 29@39½c; new, 37@38c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 29¾@30¼c; standard, 29½@30c; No. 3 white, 29¼@29¾c; No. 4 white, 29@29¼c; No. 3 yellow, 29¼@29¾c; No. 4 yellow, 28¾@29¼c.

BARLEY—No. 3, 70@76c; No. 4, 64@70c; No. 1 feed, 56@76c; rejected, 54@62c.

RYE—No. 2, 77½@78½c; No. 3, 76½@77½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	24	539	175
Minneapolis	319	...	...
Omaha	42	48	26
Duluth	31	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—With the Australian supply of wheat the largest on record and with primary receipts in this country greatly in excess of a year ago, the market here eased off a little today. The close was at a net decline of a shade to ⅝c. Corn and oats both finished ⅛@¼c to ¼@⅜c under last night. In provisions, latest figures were unchanged to 10c up.

At no time during the day was there any aggressive buying to lift up values in the wheat pit. The apparent reason was the official report of the crop of New South Wales bearing out assertions from merchandising quarters that the Australian yield is a large one and with 15,000,000 bushels carried over from the previous year makes the supply there the heaviest on record. On the other hand primary receipts in the United States were extremely liberal compared with twelve months back, so much so as almost to equal the volume of corn. The tone of the market as the day wore on was in the main fairly steady. May ranged from 96⅛ to 96⅞c and closed ¼c off at 96⅝c.

Corn weakened because the week's receipts here were nearly 2,000,000 bushels more than were shipped out. May sold from 47¾ to 47⅛c and finished ⅛@¼c off at 47½@47⅝. Cash demand was decidedly slack. No. 2 yellow closed at 50½@51c.

The Northwest sold a good deal of cash oats to local December shorts today, and predicted large arrivals here next week. May fluctuated between 33⅞ and 34⅛@34¼, with final sales ⅛@¼c down at 34c.

Provisions became strong and weak by turns. In the end there was a net rise of 2½ to 10c in pork; lard was unchanged to 5c higher and ribs were up 2½ to 5c.

Quotations on futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec....	91⅝	91⅝	91⅛	91⅛	91⅜
May....	95⅞@⅞	95⅞	95½	95⅝	96⅜
July....	93⅛	93⅜	93	93⅛	93⅛@¼
Corn—					
Dec....	45⅜	45⅜	45⅛	45½	45⅜@⅞
May....	47½@⅝	47⅝	47⅛	47½@⅝	47½
July....	48⅜	48⅜	48@⅛	48@⅛	48¼@⅜
Oats—					
Dec....	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛@¼	31⅛	31½@⅜
May....	34⅛@¼	34⅛@¼	33⅞	34	34⅛@¼
July....	33⅞	33⅞	33⅜	33⅞	34
Pork—					
Jan....	19 20	19 47½	19 20	19 47½	19 37½
May....	18 00-02	18 17½	17 97½	18 17½	18 15
Lard—					
Jan....	10 25	10 32½	10 25	10 30	10 25
May....	9 97½	10 05	9 95	10 02½	10 02½
Ribs—					
Jan....	10 12½	10 22½	10 10	10 20	10 17½
May....	9 55	9 65	9 52½	9 65	9 60

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.05@4.70; straights, $3.75@4.50; spring straights, $4.30@4.60; bakers, $3.45@4.95.

RYE—No. 2, 81½c.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, 60@73c; fair to choice malting, 82@88c.

SEED—Flax, No. 1 southwestern, $2.23; No. 1 northwestern, $2.36; timothy seed, $10.00; clover, $15.00.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $19.37½@19.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.30; short ribs, sides, loose, $9.87½@10.37½; short clear sides, boxed, $10.37½@10.50.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 159,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 675,000 bushels, compared with 451,000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 23 cars; corn, 491 cars; oats, 178 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, 93@93¾c; No. 3 red, 91@92½c; No. 2 hard, 93½@96c; No. 3 hard, 91@94c; No. 1 northern spring, $1.04@1.06; No. 2 northern spring, $1.00@1.05; No. 3 spring, 93c@$1.02. Corn: No. 2 cash, 48@48½c; No. 2 cash, 47½@48c; No. 2 white, 48@48½c; No. 3 white, 47½@48c; No. 2 yellow, 50½@51c; No. 3 yellow, 49½@50c. Oats: No. 2 cash, 31c; No. 2 white, 33@33¾c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c; No. 4 white, 31½@32c; standard, 32¾@33c.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 23@29c; dairies, 21@25c.

EGGS—Steady; receipts, 1,800 cases; at mark, cases included, 19½@22½c; firsts, 29c; prime firsts, 31c.

CHEESE—Steady; daisies, 14¾@15c; twins, 14@14¼c; young Americas, 14¾@15c; long horns, 14¾@15c.

POTATOES—Steady; choice to fancy, 43@45c; fair to good, 38@42c.

POULTRY—Easy; turkeys, live, 17c; turkeys, dressed, 22c; chickens, live, 10½c; chickens, dressed, 11½c; springs, live, 10c; springs, dressed, 12c.

VEAL—Steady; 50 to 60-lb. wts., 9@10c; 60 to 85-lb. wts., 11@11½c; 85 to 110-lb. wts., 12c.

Receipts Today—Wheat, 24 cars; corn, 537 cars; oats, 175 cars. Estimated tomorrow—Wheat, 23 cars; corn, 491 cars; oats, 178 cars.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; No. 2 red western winter, 7s 1½d; futures, quiet; December, 6s 10d; March, 7s ¼d; May, 7s ⅜d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, 5s 2½d; futures steady; January, 4s 5⅛d; February, 4s 3⅛d.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—FLOUR—Dull; spring patents, $5.15@5.50; winter straights, $4.15@4.30; winter patents, $4.40@4.75; spring clears, $4.15@4.40; winter extras, No. 1, $3.40@3.70; winter extras, No. 2, $3.25@3.40; Kansas straights, $4.60@4.75. Rye, firmer; fair to good, $4.20@4.35; choice to fancy, $4.40@4.55. Buckwheat, dull, $2.25.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.30@1.35; coarse, $1.15@1.20; kiln dried, $2.95.

WHEAT—Spot market barely steady; No. 2 red, 97¾c, both elevator and f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.17⅛c, f. o. b., afloat. Futures market was dull and featureless and prices were a shade lower on a poor cash demand and easier outside markets, closing ⅛c net lower. December closed at 97½c; May, $1.02¼; July, $1.00⅝.

CORN—Spot market steady; No. 2 new, 54c, spot, f. o. b. Futures without transactions, closing at ⅛@¼c net lower. December closed at 55c; May, 55⅛c.

OATS—Spot market steady; standard white, 38¾c; No. 2, 39½c; No. 3, 37¾c; No. 4, 37¼c. Futures market without transactions, closing ¼@⅜c net lower. December closed at 37⅜c; May, 39⅝c; July, 39¼c. Receipts, 82,350 bu., shipments, 3,375 bu.

HAY—Quiet; prime, $1.10; No. 1, $1.07½@1.10; No. 2, $1.00; No. 3, 80@85c.

HIDES—Steady; Central America, 21⅞c; Bogota, 22@23c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock firsts, 23½@25½c; seconds, 22½@23c. thirds, 19@20c; rejects, 16@17c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; mess, $20.30@21.00; family, $22.00@24.00; short clears, $20.00@22.00. Beef, steady; mess, $13.00@14.00; family, $18.00@18.50; beef hams, $24.50@27.00. Cut meats, dull, pickled bellies, 10 to 14 pounds, $13.50@15.75; pickled hams, $12.50. Lard, steady; middle west prime, $10.50@10.60; refined, steady; continent, $11.00; South America, $11.75; compound, $862½@9.00.

TALLOW—Quiet; prime city hhds, 7½c; country, 7¼@7⅝c.

BUTTER—Easy; creamery, specials, 31c; extras, 29½@30c; third to first, 23@28½c; held creamery second to special, 24½@30½c.

EGGS—Weak; western gathered white, 33@40c; fresh gatherd extra firsts, 34@35c; fresh gathered firsts, 32½@33c; fresh gathered seconds, 29@32c; refrigerator, special mark, fancy, in local storage, 25½@28c; refrigerator, firsts, in local storage, 24@25c; refrigerator, seconds, in lical storage, 22@23½c.

WEATHER IN THE GRAIN BELT

Slightly Cooler, with Cloudy and Unsettled Weather.

Temperatures have moderated slightly within the last twenty-four hours in the eastern states, but it still remains cold in that section, and zero weather is again reported along the Canadian border. There has been quite a decided change to warmer in the lake region and upper Mississippi valley, and it is slightly warmer generally in the lower valley and gulf states. A very decided drop in temperature is shown on the middle Rocky mountain slope and temperatures are lower generally everywhere west of the Missouri river. Light snows are falling in the lake region; it is raining in the west gulf states, and unsettled weather prevails in the upper valleys between the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. A very light rain was falling at Sioux City at 7 a. m. Cloudy and unsettled weather will probably continue in this vicinity during today and will be followed by fair tonight and Sunday, with slightly colder tonight.

Temperature and precipitation at Omaha during the last twenty-four house, compared with the corresponding period for the three preceding years:

	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.
Lowest last night	27	-2	29	22
Precipitation	.00	.00	.01	.08

Normal temperature for today, 27 degrees.

Deficiency in precipitation since March 1, 14.54 inches.

Excess corresponding period in 1909, 4.58 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1908, 4.15 inches.

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St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—Futures, weak; December, 94⅜c; May, 97c; July, 93½c. Cash, steady; track, No. 2 red, 99c@$1.01; No. 2 hard, 94c@$1.02.

CORN—Lower; December, 44⅜c; May, 47⅛c. Cash, lower; track, No. 2, 45c; No. 2 white, 45½c.

OATS—Lower; December, 31½c; May, 31⅝c. Cash, dull; track, No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 white, 33½c.

RYE—Unchanged, 81½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $4.40@4.75; extra fancy and straights, $3.80@4.30; hard winter clears, $3.25@3.60.

SEED—Timothy, $5.00@9.50.

CORNMEAL—$2.40.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, $1.05@1.06.

HAY—Timothy, $14.00@19.00; prairie, $12.00@13.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, $19.50. Lard, higher; prime steam, $10.00@10.10. Dry salt meats (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $10.75; clear ribs, $10.75; short clears, $11.25. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $12.25; clear ribs, $12.25; short clears, $12.25.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 9c; spring, 9c; turkeys, 17½c; ducks, 13c; geese, 9½c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 25@30c.

EGGS—Steady, 28c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	10,200	12,000
Wheat, bu	47,000	47,000
Corn, bu	84,000	44,000
Oats, bu	44,000	54,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—December, 89⅞c; May, 93⅜c, sellers; July, 89⅝@89¾c bid; cash unchanged to 1c lower; No. 2 hard, 90¾@98c; No. 3, 89@96c; No. 2 red, 96@97c; No. 3, 94@96c.

CORN—December, 43¼@43⅜c, sellers; May, 45⅝c, sellers; July, 46⅝c, sellers; cash, unchanged to ¾c lower; No. 2 mixed, 43@44c; No. 3, 42¼@43c; No. 2 white, 43½@43c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 32½@33½c; No. 2 mixed, 31¼@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 75c.

HAY—Unchanged; choice timothy, $14.00@14.50; choice prairie, $12.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 28c; firsts, 25c; seconds, 23c; packing stock, 19c.

EGGS—Extras, 29c; firsts, 27c; seconds, 18c.

POULTRY—Alive, nominal; dressed firm; western chickens, 12½@20c; fowls, 13@16c; turkeys, 18@24c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	71,000	85,000
Corn, bu	32,000	32,000
Oats, bu	16,000	2,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—BUTTER—Steady; extra western creamery, 33c; extra western nearby prints, 34c.

EGGS—Steady; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, 37c at mark; Pennsylvania and other nearby current receipts, returnable cases, 35c at mark; western firsts, free cases, 37c at mark; western current receipts, free cases, 35c at mark.

CHEESE—Firm; New York full creams, fancy September, 15½c; fancy October, 14⅞@15c; fair to good, 14@14½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.05@1.06; No. 2 northern, $1.04@1.04½; May, 95⅝c.

OATS—Standard, 32¼@33c.

BARLEY—Samples, 77½@83½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 17.—CORN—Unchanged; No. 3 yellow, 43½c; No. 3, 43½c; No. 4, 42c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 white, 32c; No. 4 white, 31½c; standard, 32c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—WHEAT—December, $1.00@1.00⅛; May, $1.03@1.03⅛; July, $1.04; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.02⅝; No. 1 northern, $1.01⅛@1.02⅛; No. 2 northern, 98⅝c@$1.00⅝; No. 3, 97⅛@99c.

FLAX—Closed at $2.32.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 42c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 30@30½c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.75@5.25; second patents, $4.65@5.15; first clears, $3.30@3.55; second clears, $2.15@2.75.

OMAHA WHOLESALE PRICES.

BUTTER—Creamery, No. 1, delivered to the retail trade in 1-lb. cartons, 31c; No. 1, in 30-lb. tubs, 29c; No. 2, in 1-lb. cartons, 29c; packing stock, solid pack, 19c; dairy, in 60-lb. tubs, 22@23c. Market changes every Tuesday.

CHEESE—Twins, 16½@17½c; young Americas, 18c; daisies, 17c; triplets, 18c; limburger, 18c; No. 1 brick, 18c; imported Swiss, 32c; domestic Swiss, 24c; block Swiss, 19c.

POULTRY—Dressed broilers, under 2 lbs., $5.00 per doz.; over 2 lbs. 12½c; hens, 13½c; cocks, 10½c; ducks, 18c; geese, 13c; turkeys, 23c; pigeons, per doz., $1.20; homer squabs, per doz., $4.00; fancy squabs, per doz., $3.00; No. 1, per doz., $3.00. Alive, broilers, under 2 lbs., 15c; over 2 lbs., 8½c; hens, 9@9½c; old roosters, 7c; old ducks, full feathered, 10c; geese, full feathered, 9c; turkeys, 13@18c; guinea fowls, 35c each; pigeons, per doz., 60c; homers, per doz., $3.00; squabs, No. 1, per doz., $1.50; No. 2, per doz., 50c.

FISH—(all frozen)—Pickerel, 11c; white, 15c; pike, 14c; trout, 14c; large crappies, 20c; Spanish mackerel, 18c; eel, 15c; haddock, 18c; flounders, 13c; green catfish, 20c; roe shad, $1.00 each; shad roe, per pair, 65c; frog legs, per doz., 50c; salmon, 13c; halibut, 11c.

BEEF CUTS—Ribs: No. 1, 16; No. 2, 12½c; No. 3, 8½c. Loins: No. 1, 17c; No. 2, 13½c; No. 3, 9½c. Chuck: No. 1, 7½c No. 2, 6½c; No. 3, 6½c. Round: No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 7¾c; No. 3, 7¼c. Plate: No. 1, 6⅜c; No. 2, 6c; No. 3, 5¼c.

FRUITS—Oranges, California navels, 96-126 sizes, per box, $3.75@3.00; small sizes, per box, $3.25; Florida, all sizes, per box, $3.25. Lemons, Limoniea brand, extra, fancy, 300 size, per box, $5.00; 360 size, per box, $5.50; choice, 300 size, per box, $4.75; 360 size, per box, $5.00; 240 size, 50c per box less. Grape fruit, Florida, 46-54-64-80 sizes, per box, $3.50@4.00. Bananas, fancy, select, per bunch, $2.25@2.50; Jumbo, bunch, $2.75@3.75. Pears, California Winter Nellis, per box, $2.85; New York Keifer, per bbl., $3.75@4.00. Apples, Home-grown cooking per bbl., $3.50@4.00; Missouri Jonathan, per bbl., $5.25; Missouri Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.25; Missouri Winesaps, per bbl., $4.50; Missouri Gano, per bbl., $4.50; other varieties, per bbl., $4.00; New York Greening and Baldwin, per bbl., $4.75; Colorado Jonathan, per box, $2.25; Washington Gravenstein, per box, $1.60; California Bellefiower, per box, $1.60; Washington Grimes Golden and Jonathan, extra fancy, $3 to 125 sizes, per box, $2.25. Pineapples, per case, $4.50. Grapes, Malaga, 60 to 65 lbs. gross, per keg, $7.00@8.00. Cranberries, per box, $3.50; Bell and Cherry brand, per bbl., $10.00; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle and Late Howe brands, per bbl., $11.50. Dates, Anchor brand, new, 30 1-lb. pkgs. in boxes, per box, $2.50; bulk in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6½c. Figs, new California, 12 12-oz. pkgs., 85c; 36 12-oz. pkgs., $2.40, 50 6-oz. pkgs., $2.0; Figs, Turkish, 7-crown, per lb., 16c; crown, per lb., 14c; 4-crown, per lb., 12c.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, early Ohio, in sacks, per bu., 90c; Iowa and Wisconsin, white stock, per bu., 75@85c. Sweet potatoes, Kansas, per bbl., $2.50. Onions, Iowa, red and yellow, per lb., 2c; Indiana white, per lb., 3c; Spanish, per crate, $1.40. Garlic, extra fancy, white, per lb., 15c; red, per lb., 16c. Egg plant, fancy Florida, per doz., $2.00. Celery, Michigan, per doz. bunches, 35c; California Jumbo, per doz. bchs., 75c. Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c. Cucumbers, hot house, 1½ and 2 doz., per box, $2.00. Tomatoes, California, per 4-bsk. crate, $1.75. Cabbage, new, per lb., 1½c. String and wax beans, per market basket, $1.50. Lettuce, extra fancy leaf, per doz., 40c. Parsley, fancy home-grown, per doz. bunches, 40c. Turnips, per market basket, 35c. Carrots, per market basket, 40c. Beets, per market basket, 35c.

MISCELLANEOUS—Walnuts, black, per lb., 3c. Hickorynuts, large, per lb., 5c; small, per lb., 6c. Cocoanuts, per sack, $5.50; per doz., 80c. Honey, new, 24 frames, $3.75. Cider, New York Mott's, per ½-bbl., $3.75; per bbl., $6.75. Christmas trees, 4 to 6 feet, 12 in bundle, per doz., $1.50; 6 to 8 feet, 12 in bundle, per doz., $2.25; 8 to 10 feet, 6 in bundle, per doz., $3.25; 11 feet, each, 50c. 12 feet, each, 75c; 13 to 14 feet, each, $1.25 to $1.50; 15 feet, each, $1.75 to $2.50; 18 feet, each, $2.75 to $3.50; 20 feet, each, $3.50 to $4.50. Wreaths, evergreen wreathing, natural or dyed, 20 yds. in coil, per coil, 90c; in 5-coil lots, 90c; natural, extra heavy, 20 yds. in coil, per coil, $1.00; 5 coils or more, per coil, $1.00; evergreen wreaths, with immortal flowers, per doz., $1.50; with holly, per doz., $1.50; holly wreaths, fancy Delaware, per doz., $1.50; extra fancy Delaware, extra heavy, per doz., $2.00; Magnolia wreaths, per doz., $1.25 to $1.50. Holly, holly branches, Delaware, 10 lbs. in bbl., per bbl., $1.50; heavy weight, size of cases, 2x1x4 feet, per case, $4.00; Mistletoe, per lb., 20c; needle pines, per doz., $2.00.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—DRY GOODS—Trading in cotton goods for future delivery is at a low ebb, but values are generally holding steady, with insufficient pressure from sellers to enhance the depression. Mill agents feel that prices are as low as they can go without adding to the losses mills will be called upon to bear from continued production, and they are disposed to wait for the turn of the year and see if the attitude of the buyers will not change. The goods under order are all wanted, and anticipations of deliveries on contracts for domestics and other staples are not uncommon. It is clear that stocks are not burdensome in distributing hands.

The retail holiday trade is active and the consequent release of capital may stimulate early buying in the new year. Reorders of fancy wash goods and ginghams are being tendered. Wide sheetings and tickings are very firm. Bleached sheetings are quiet and trading is light.

Prints are being shipped on old orders and fancy prints for spring are growing in favor. Napped cottons continue steady. Sales of print cloths at Fall River last week amounted to 80,000 pieces, of which 35,000 were for spot delivery. There has been a better business in underwear and hosiery and seasonable goods are moving out steadily.

Cotton yarns hold fairly firm on a moderate amount of bus'ness. Export trade continues quiet. Careful attention is being given by manufacturers of cotton goods to the danger of accumulating stocks from high price cotton and if there is not a sharp movement in the demand for merchandise soon after the turn of the year curtailment will be resorted to in New England and the south.

That goods are wanted is shown by the frequency with which orders at low prices are declined.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—MONEY—On call, nominal. Time loans, dull and weak; sixty and ninety days, 4 per cent; six months, 4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8235@4.8250 for sixty-day bills and at $4.8535 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.81¾@4.82¼.

SILVER—Bar, 54⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, steady.

Closing quotations on bonds today were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	100⅝	*Int. M. M. 4½s	82
do coupon	100⅝	*Japan 4s	88⅝
U. S. 3s, reg	102	do 4½s	96
do coupon	102	K. C. So. 1st 3s	73⅝
U. S. 4s, reg	115½	L. S. deb. 4s, 1931	93⅝
do coupon	115½	L. & N. uni. 4s	98½
Allis-Chal. 1st 5s	77½	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	97½
Am. Ag. 5s	102½	do 4½s	85½
Am. T. & T. cv. 4s	104⅞	**Mo. Pacific 4s	77½
Am. Tobacco 4s	80	N. R. R. of M. 4½s	94½
do 6s	106⅝	*N. Y. C. g. 3½s	88½
Armour & Co. 4½s	92¼	do deb. 4s	93⅜
Atchison gen. 4s	98⅝	N. Y., N. H. & H.	
do cv. 4s	105	cv. 6s	132⅞
do cv. 5s	108⅝	N. & W. 1st con. 4s	98⅝
A. C. L. 1st 4s	93½	do cv. 4s	101¼
Bal. & Ohio 4s	98⅝	No. Pacific 4s	100
do 3½s	92⅝	*do 3s	70½
*do S. W. 3½s	90	O. S. L. rfdg. 4s	92⅝
Brook. Tr. cv. 4s	82⅝	Penn. cv. 3½s 1915	96
Cen. of Ga. 5s	107⅞	do con. 4s	106½
Cen. Leather 5s	99½	Reading gen. 4s	98⅝
*C. of N. J. g. 5s	122	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	81
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	101½	*do gen. 5s	86
do ref. 5s	94⅝	St. L. S. W. c. 4s	78
Chicago & A. 3½s	70	*do 1st gold 4s	90
C. B. & Q. j. 4s	96⅝	S. A. L. 4s	74¼
do gen. 4s	97½	So. Pac. col. 4s	92
C. M. & S. P. g 3½s	92	*do cv. 4s	97¼
C. R. I. & P. c. 4s	73½	do 1st ref. 4s	94
do rfg 4s	89	So. Railway 5s	107½
Colo. Ind. 5s	75	do gen. 4s	75
Colo. Mid. 4s	68	Union Pacific 4s	101
*C. & S. r. & e. 4½s	91¼	do cv. 4s	102⅝
*D. & H. cv. 4s	98	do 1st & ref. 4s	97
D. & R. G. 4s	92½	U. S. Rubber 6s	102¼
do ref. 5s	40	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	104
Distillers' 5s	77½	*Va.-Caro. Chem. 5s	100¼
do gen. 4s	75⅝	*Wabash 1st 5s	106½
do cv. 4s, ser. A	72½	do 1st & ex. 4s	64¼
*do series B	68⅝	Western Md. 4s	86⅝
Gen. Elec. cv. 5s	149½	West. Elec. cv. 5s	97½
Ill. Ctn. 1st ref. 4s	97⅝	Wis. Central 4s	90
Int. Met. 4½s	80½	Mo. Pac. cv. 5s	91½

*Bid. **Offered.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 17.—DRY GOODS—The dry goods primary markets were quiet for the day. The holiday trade in retail stores is very active. Linens are firm; burlaps quiet. Fine and fancy cottons are being reordered moderately for spring.

LEGAL NOTICES

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING — OFFICE of Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware company, Omaha, Nebraska, December 9, 1910. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware Company that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the office of the said company, corner of Ninth and Harney streets, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, January, 10, A. D., 1911, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.

H. J. LEE, President.

Attest: W. H. GLASS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Stockholders' meeting of the Union Land company.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Land company, for the election of five directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the General Solicitor, Union Pacific Headquarters Building, Ninth and Farnam streets, Omaha, Nebraska, on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1911, at 10 o'clock a. m. The stock transfer books will be closed 10 days previous to the meeting.

ALEX. MILLAR, Secretary.

New York City, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1910.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Selling About Where They Were Last Week.

HOGS ARE TEN LOWER FOR WEEK

Choice Light Lambs Ten to Fifteen Lower for Week, with Sheep and Heavy Lambs Quarter to Fifty Lower.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 17, 1910.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	6,012	5,316	10,518
Official Tuesday	8,074	9,513	5,873
Official Wednesday	4,557	6,621	7,994
Official Thursday	3,010	4,152	3,984
Official Friday	1,669	4,910	1,382
Estimate Saturday	123	6,250	574
Six days this week	23,444	36,762	30,322
Same days last week	27,537	28,528	33,477
Same days 2 weeks ago	18,214	29,487	41,769
Same days 3 weeks ago	32,934	32,005	115,141
Same days 4 weeks ago	20,304	17,164	72,561
Same days last year	26,294	45,705	41,309

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

	1910.	1909.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	1,194,687	1,098,879	95,808	......
Hogs	1,832,970	2,084,084	......	251,114
Sheep	2,939,947	2,117,152	822,795	......

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

Dates.	1910.	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.	1905.	1904.
Dec. 8....	7 21¾	8 22	5 42	*	6 15	4 87	4 39
Dec. 9....	7 44½	8 30	5 48	4 47	*	4 84	4 32
Dec. 10....	7 53	8 32	5 53	4 34	6 21	*	4 38
Dec. 11....	*	8 25	5 41	4 49	6 14	4 79	*
Dec. 12....	7 58¼	*	5 52	4 71	6 03	4 83	4 43
Dec. 13....	7 40¾	8 29	*	4 49	6 06	4 88	4 41
Dec. 14....	7 38¼	8 23	5 38	4 26	6 08	4 85	4 39
Dec. 15....	7 56¼	8 09	5 37	*	6 11	4 81	4 39
Dec. 16....	7 52½	8 14	5 30	4 23	*	4 76	4 42
Dec. 17....	7 50¼	8 25	5 34	4 47	6 18	*	4 45

*Sunday.

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.	..	9	..
Wabash	..	3	..
Missouri Pacific	..	..	1
Union Pacific	1	13	..
C. & N. W., east	..	6	..
C. & N. W., west	..	28	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	2	..
C., B. & Q., east	..	6	..
C., B. & Q., west	3	30	1
C., R. I. & P., east	..	8	..
Illinois Central	..	1	..
Chicago Great West	..	2	..
Total receipts	4	98	2

DISPOSITION.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep
Omaha Packing Co	....	512	.....
Swift and Company	....	1,944	.....
Cudahy Packing Co	45	1,783	54
Armour & Co	....	1,733	.....
Other buyers	17	.....	545
Totals	62	5,972	599

CATTLE—The market was practically bare of cattle today, there being nothing of any consequence in sight. For the week receipts have fallen considerably short of last week's record and also of a year ago. The week, however, started out with very liberal receipts and as eastern markets were unfavorable, prices at this point suffered a sharp decline during the first half of the week. Later on as it became apparent that receipts were none too large to supply the local demand there was a gradual recovery until the loss was practically made up.

The beef steers coming this week have consisted very largely of cornfeds, the best heavy cattle selling up as high as $6.50, with a bunch of yearling steers and heifers as high as $7.15. The few range cattle that arrived met with very ready sale at satisfactory prices.

Although the market on cows and heifers was weak and lower yesterday, the market at the close of the week is about where it was last week. Good cows and heifers have sold fairly well, but the common and canning kinds which have been in very liberal supply have not been quite as active sellers as usual.

Ordinary light and medium weight stockers and feeders have been a little hard to move recently and the feeling on that kind is a little lower. On the other hand desirable kinds of cattle are closing fully as good as last week or even a little better. For this season of the year the trade in stockers and feeders has been very satisfactory throughout the week.

Quotations on native cattle: Good to choice beef steers, $6.20@6.75; fair to good beef steers, $5.40@6.20; common to fair beef steers $4.50@5.40; good to choice cows and heifers, $4.50@5.25; fair to good cows and heifers, $3.75@4.50; common to fair cows and heifers, $3.00@3.75; good to choice stockers and feeders, $4.50@5.60; fair to good stockers and feeders, $3.80@4.50; common to fair stockers and feeders, $3.25@3.80; stock heifers, $3.00@4.15; veal calves, $3.50@8.25; bulls, stags, etc., $3.25@5.00.

Quotations on range cattle: Choice to prime beeves, $5.50@6.25; good to choice beeves, $5.00@5.50; fair to good beeves, $4.40@4.80; common to fair beeves, $3.70@4.40; choice cows, $3.80@4.40; fair to good cows, $3.50@3.65; canners, $2.75@3.50.

Representative sales:

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	805	3 10	1	1060	2 50
2	1065	3 10	3	1063	4 10

HOGS—Hogs sold 5c lower this morning although first bids were in many cases as much as 10c lower. The trade was not particularly active, but still the hogs kept changing hands and a clearance was made in fair season. After orders had been filled and most of the buyers had left the yards, a few loads that were on sale late met with a still weaker market, buyers being unwilling to pay morning prices for the late stuff. Heavy hogs that sold largely at $7.40@7.50 yesterday, sold principally at $7.35@7.45 today. The medium weight and mixed hogs sold largely at $7.50, with good lights and light butcher weights as high as $7.60 and as high as $7.65 was paid, which was the top as against $7.70 yesterday.

Receipts of hogs this week have been very liberal, being the largest in a number of weeks back. On the other hand, they fell short of the corresponding period of a year ago by about 12,000 head. The market started out at the beginning of the week about steady, but eased off rapidly on Tuesday and Wednesday, reacting sharply on Thursday, but losing again on Friday and Saturday. At the close of the week the market is generally 10c lower than one week ago.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
24	458	720	7 30	61	265	...	7 50
46	291	80	7 30	65	226	30	7 50
46	280	160	7 35	67	264	200	7 50
59	290	...	7 40	44	267	80	7 50
64	289	160	7 40	56	207	40	7 50
45	330	...	7 40	67	259	40	7 50
23	288	...	7 40	66	260	80	7 50
40	315	200	7 40	63	260	120	7 50
60	310	200	7 40	81	191	...	7 50
30	244	40	7 40	62	246	80	7 50
56	313	200	7 40	48	267	40	7 52½
63	290	80	7 45	66	252	40	7 52½
65	274	...	7 45	77	230	80	7 52½
61	352	240	7 45	79	230	...	7 52½
53	322	...	7 45	69	207	...	7 55
67	290	40	7 45	75	204	...	7 55
55	271	120	7 45	71	228	40	7 55
60	287	160	7 45	74	207	...	7 55
72	266	240	7 45	88	241	...	7 55
70	279	...	7 45	54	242	80	7 55
49	293	280	7 45	77	221	...	7 55
31	270	120	7 45	88	196	...	7 55
52	311	120	7 45	70	234	...	7 55
61	293	120	7 45	71	262	...	7 55
63	272	40	7 45	68	248	...	7 55
52	305	120	7 45	56	273	...	7 55
49	264	40	7 45	79	222	160	7 55
51	329	160	7 45	77	224	40	7 55
66	258	...	7 47½	66	269	40	7 55
61	293	80	7 47½	47	210	...	7 55
51	286	40	7 47½	68	210	...	7 57½
49	278	80	7 50	69	242	...	7 60
50	246	160	7 50	74	202	80	7 60
68	237	160	7 50	55	221	...	7 60
81	224	160	7 50	79	199	...	7 60
72	273	240	7 50	65	223	...	7 60
63	252	...	7 50	77	240	...	7 60
77	229	120	7 50	72	239	...	7 60
73	249	120	7 50	65	246	...	7 60
79	291	280	7 50	62	222	...	7 62½
68	240	120	7 50	81	228	...	7 65
60	243	120	7 50	74	243	...	7 65
46	250	120	7 50				

PIGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
7	95	...	7 00	25	116	...	7 25

SHEEP—Today's receipts consisted of a couple of cars, most of them feeders, so that there was really not enough of anything on sale to make a market. The feeling was just about steady with yesterday.

Receipts for the week have only been moderate, showing a little decrease as compared with the last week and a very considerable falling off as compared with a year ago. While there have been a few feeders included in the run, the big bulk of the arrivals has been made up of fed sheep and lambs.

It will be remembered that last week's market closed sharply higher, prices being at the best point touched in a number of days. As the present week opened out with liberal receipts, buyers took advantage of the situation to pound the market a little, killers being quoted 10@15c lower. Although receipts during the next two days were moderate, eastern markets were so unfavorable that prices continued weak to lower and in spite of a little reaction on Thursday, the week closes with sheep and heavy lambs around 25@50c lower than the high point at last week's close. Best light have not suffered so much loss, but they are at least 10@15c lower. As already hinted, the decline this week has been due entirely to unfavorable conditions prevailing at eastern points. The consuming demand has proven rather disappointing and packers in consequence have not been as free buyers as usual and the market has declined for the want or better buying support. This, however, is nothing unusual for the holiday season of the year when the demand is always more or less fickle and prices correspondingly uncertain. The general feeling among operators, however, is by no means bad and if the country continues its present conservative policy in the matter of marketing stock, there is no reason why the trade should not continue in a good healthy condition.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Good to choice light lambs, $5.75@6.00; good to choice heavy lambs, $5.00@5.50; good feeding lambs, $5.25@5.60; fair feeding lambs, $4.50@5.00; light common lambs, $3.00@4.00; handy weight yearlings, $4.50@5.00; heavy yearlings, $3.80@4.50; feeder yearlings, $3.75@4.50; good to choice light wethers, $3.60@3.90; good to choice heavy wethers, $3.50@3.60; feeding wethers, $3.25@3.75; good to choice light ewes, $3.30@3.50; good heavy ewes, $3.00@3.30; feeding ewes, $2.25@2.65; canners, $1.50@2.00.

184 native lambs feeders, culls	44	4 25
11 native lambs feeders, culls	52	4 25
54 native butchers	123	2 00
201 native lambs feeders	57	5 35

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000 head, including 500 Texans. Market steady; native beef steers, $5.00@7.75; cows and heifers, $3.25@5.50; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.15; Texas and Indian steers, $3.75@6.50; cows and heifers, $3.00@4.25; calves in carload lots, $4.50@7.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,500; market steady; pigs and lights, $7.00@7.80; packers, $7.25@7.65; butchers and best heavy, $7.55@7.70.

No sheep.

Kansas City Live Stocke Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head, including 100 head of southerns. Market steady; native steers, $4.75@7.00; southern steers, $4.00@5.60; southern cows, $3.00@4.25; native cows and heifers, $2.60@6.00; stockers and feeders, $4.00@5.40; bulls, $3.50@4.75; calves, $4.00@8.00; western steers, $4.25@5.50; western cows, $2.75@4.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head. Market steady; bulk of sales, $7.50@7.60; heavy, $7.55@7.65; packers and butchers, $7.50@7.65; lights, $7.50@7.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,000 head. Market steady; muttons, $3.25@4.00; lambs, $5.25@6.25; fed wethers and yearlings, $3.50@4.75; fed western ewes, $3.00@3.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Demand for Cattle and Sheep Steady—Hogs Dull.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, estimated at 200 head; market steady; beeves, $4.45@7.35; Texas steers, $4.00; western steers, $4.00@6.55; stockers and feeders, $3.35@6.70; cows and heifers, $2.35@6.00; calves, $7.00@9.25.

HOGS—Receipts, estimated at 10,000 head; market dull at yesterday's average; light, $7.35@7.73½; mixed, $7.35@7.75; heavy, $7.30@7.70; rough, $7.30@7.45; good to choice heavy, $7.45@7.70; pigs, $6.70@7.65; bulk of sales, $7.55@7.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, estimated at 1,500 head; market steady; native, $2.40@3.60; western, $2.30@4.30; yearlings, $4.30@6.65; lambs, native, $4.25@6.30; western, $4.50@6.25.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head; market steady; steers, $4.75@6.35; cows and heifers, $3.00@5.50; calves, $4.00@8.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market weak to lower; top, $7.65; bulk of sales, $7.50@7.55.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—None on sale; lambs, $5.50@6.00.

Stock in Sight.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	100	6,200	500
St. Joseph	100	2,500	....
Kansas City	500	3,000	1,000
St. Louis	1,000	5,500	....
Chicago	200	10,000	1,500
Totals	1,900	28,200	3,000

Clearing House Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The statement of clearing house banks of the week shows that the banks hold $6,900,000 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of $3,241,000 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.

The following is the New York clearing house summary of the weekly statement of banks for the week ending December 17:

Clearing house banks' daily averages:

	Amount.	Decrease.
Loans	$1,221,071,000	$15,063,000
Deposits	1,181,544,000	13,196,000
Circulation	48,490,000	* 7,000
Specie	234,609,000	911,000
Legal tenders	67,677,000	* 852,000
Reserve	302,286,000	57,000
Reserve required	295,386,000	3,297,000
Surplus	6,900,000	* 3,241,000
Ex-U. S. deposits	7,322,000	* 3,246,000

*Increase.

Clearing house banks' actual condition this day:

	Amount.	Decrease.
Loans	$1,217,934,000	$8,294,000
Deposits	1,179,893,000	7,534,000
Circulation	48,494,000	* 41,000
Specie	235,679,000	* 1,096,000
Legal tenders	68,634,000	* 648,000
Reserve	304,313,000	* 1,745,000
Reserve required	294,473,000	1,883,000
Surplus	9,539,000	* 3,628,000
Ex-U. S. deposits	10,245,000	* 3,660,000

*Increase.

State banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house:

	Amount.	Increase.
Loans	$1,106,980,000	$2,527,000
Specie	117,800,000	* 159,000
Legal tenders	21,630,000	293,000
Total deposits	1,152,356,000	* 2,392,000

*Decrease.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—American securities opened on the stock exchange here today around parity. Business was meager owing to poor steel trade reports and fears of an unfavorable New York bank statement. The market closed dull.

Consols, money	79⅝	Louisville & N.	147½
do account	79¼	M., K. & T.	32½
Amal. Copper	65⅝	N. Y. Central	115⅝
Anaconda	8½	Norfolk & W.	102½
Atchison	104	do pfd	92
do pfd	105½	Ontario & W.	42
Baltimore & Ohio	109¼	Pennsylvania	66¼
Canadian Pacific	198⅝	Rand Mines	8⅝
Chesapeake & O.	82½	Reading	76½
Chicago G. W.	22⅝	Southern Ry.	26½
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	126	do pfd	62½
De Beers	17⅝	Southern Pacific	116
Denver & Rio G.	30⅝	Union Pacific	174⅜
do pfd	72	do pfd	95
Erie	28½	U. S. Steel	74⅝
do 1st pfd	46	do pfd	120
do 2d pfd	35	Wabash	16⅝
Grand Trunk	24¼	do pfd	35
Illinois Central	136	Spanish 4s	90

SILVER—Bar, steady at 25⅛d per oz.

MONEY—2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3½ per cent; for three months' bills, 3⅝@3 7-16 per cent.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—COFFEE—Closed steady, 3 points higher to 6 points lower. The selling appeared to be chiefly in the way of realizing. Sales, 71,000 bags. December, January and February, 11.10c; March, 11.15c; April, 11.07c; May, 11.03c; June, 10.95c; July, 10.91c; August, 10.84c; September, 10.77c; October, 10.69c; November, 10.64c. Spot coffee, steady; No. 7 Rio, 13½c; Santos No. 4, 13⅞c. Mild, steady; Cordova, 13⅜@15⅝c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Increased Demand for Bonds Most Important Feature of Week.

POLITICS WITHOUT INFLUENCE

Movement in Stock Market Again Irregular, with Alternate Manifestations of Strength and Weakness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Quite the most important and significant feature of the last week in the financial district was the increased demand for bonds. The movement doubtless gathered some momentum from the decision of the Georgia court of appeals, which distinctly favored holders of income bonds of the Central of Georgia railroad, and the additional fact that January interests and dividend disbursements invariably seek reinvestment in the higher grade securities. Altogether the revival of public interest in bonds was regarded as a happy augury.

In the stock market the movement was again irregular, with alternate manifestations of strength and weakness. The outcome was hardly satisfactory to either side, final prices in a majority of instances showing little change. There was some activity in the various specialties, but the market for issues of that class was largely manipulative and elicited practically no outside support. Trading throughout the week was of minor proportions, and, as has so long been the case, of an ultra professional character.

Political events of the week, which included the new supreme court appointments, resumption of tariff legislation, suit by the federal government against the Southern Pacific company and threatened action from the same quarter against the so-called Electrical trust, were without much influence marketwise.

Foreign exchange fell to the lowest point in almost three years, on heavy offerings of bankers' bills. The many reports of railroad earnings submitted reflected further reduction of operations by many of the larger systems, and excited some misgivings as to the stability of dividends. An acute stage seems to have been reached in the threatened strike of the western roads, which affects sixty-one transportation companies and 31,000 employes. Another phase of the labor situation developed in the decision of the United States Steel corporation to suspend operations at one of its largest mills because of the scarcity of business. The shutdown is not likely to be of long duration, but throws a strong light on prevailing conditions in that important industry. In other industrial lines, however, some improvement is shown, particularly in copper and lead.

The mercantile trade shows marked improvement, especially in the west, where record-breaking holiday business is reported.

Local Securities.

Quotations furnished by Burns, Brinker & Co., 449 New Omaha National bank building:

	Bid.	Asked.
City of Omaha 4s, 1912	98½	99
City Nat'l Bank Bldg. 6s, 1920	95	97½
Cudahy Packing Co. 5s, 1924	95⅝	98½
Columbus, Neb., E. L. 5s 1924	.....	92½
Colorado Tel. Co. (par. 50)	85	85½
Fairmont Creamery 1st g. 6 per cent	99	100
General Motor pfd 7 per cent	73	75
Iowa Portland Cement 1st 6s	98½	100
Kansas City H. Tel. Co. 5s, 1923	95⅝	87½
Met. St. Ry. 5s, 1913	.....	98
Michigan State Tel. 5s, 1924	99	100
Omaha Gas 5s, 1917	97¼	98
Omaha Water 5s, 1946	98	99
Omaha St. Ry. 5s, 1914	99	101
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry. 5s, 1928	94	97½
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry. pfd. 5 per cent	83	84
Omaha & C. B. St. Ry., com	65	68
Packers Nat. Bank stock, So. Omaha	140	150
Pacific T. & T. 5s, 1937	97¼	97½
Rocky Mt. Bell. Tel. Co	50	57½
Union Stock Yards stock	96	98
Western State Gas and Electric	.....	100

Boston Closing Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Closing quotations on stocks were as follows:

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Amal. Copper	63⅝	Nevada Con.	18¼
A. Z. L. & S.	26	Nipissing Mines	10⅝
Arizona Com.	14¼	North Butte	29
Atlantic	5	North Lake	6¼
B. & C. C. & S. M.	13	Old Dominion	37
Butte Coalition	19¼	Osceola	125
Cal. & Arizona	48	Parrott S. & C.	13
Cal. & Hecla	555	Quincy	71
Centennial	10	Shannon	11⅝
Copper Range C. C.	67	Superior	42½
East Butte C. M.	11⅝	Superior & B. M.	5½
Franklin	9¼	Superior & P. C.	128⅝
Giroux Con.	6⅝	Tamarack	50
Granby Con.	28½	U. S. S. R. & M.	35¼
Greene Cananea	6½	do pfd	46⅝
Isle Royale Copper	16¼	Utah Con.	12½
Kerr Lake	6¾	Utah Copper Co.	46
Lake Copper	34¼	Winona	5½
La Salle Copper	78	Wolverine	117

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 17.—Bank clearings for the week ending today were $15,357,650.20 and for the corresponding week last year they were $15,347,903.74. Daily clearings:

	1909.	1910.
Monday	$3,298,851.71	$ 2,652,740.12
Tuesday	2,345,008.30	2,588,251.31
Wednesday	2,439,787.72	2,534,772.09
Thursday	2,390,973.29	2,637,908.86
Friday	2,508,389.45	2,473,320.43
Saturday	2,355,893.27	2,491,217.39
Totals	$15,347,903.74	$15,357,650.20

Stock Exchange Firm Suspends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The suspension of the Stock exchange firm of Judson & Judson was announced on the floor of the exchange today. The liabilities and assets, while not announcedd, are not large. The firm was formed in 1901 and is composed of A. M. Judson, C. Y. Judson and Percy W. Sherman.

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