THE INDIANAPOLIS NATIONAL BANK
Designated United States Depository.
Corner Room Odd-fellows' Hall.
THOS. P. HAUGHEY, Pres't. E. E. REXFORD, Cash.

CONDITION OF THE MARKETS

Wheat Dull and Unsettled and a Little Lower at the Close than on Saturday.

Corn Quiet and Inactive, with Small Fluctuations—May Oats Fairly Active—Pork and Lard Suffer a Slight Decline.

MONEY, BONDS AND STOCKS.

A Bullish Feeling Which Tends to Make Higher Prices All Around.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call was easy at 2½@4 per cent., the last loan being made at 2½, closing offered at 1½.

Prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange dull but steady at $4.84½ for sixty-day bills and $4.88½ for demand.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 321,813 shares, including the following: Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 44,400; Erie, 7,650, Lake Shore, 10,885, Missouri Pacific, 15,325; Northwestern, 19,120; New Jersey Central, 9,190; Northern Pacific, preferred, 4,530; Reading, 70,840; Richmond & West Point, 6,850; St. Paul, 49,035; Union Pacific, 9,825; Western Union, 7,540.

The course of prices was steadily upward throughout the session without a setback of importance. There was a marked "bullish" feeling on the street. The foreigners had no effect upon the market. The buying of coal stocks and the grangers by insiders was very open. Mr. Armour was quoted as advising the purchase of his specialty, St. Paul, for a long pull. There was extensive covering of "shorts" later in the day, and the upward movement extended to the entire list. The anthracite shares were the features in the forenoon, and St. Paul especially showed a steady strength to which it had been a stranger for months. Outside of the two groups of stocks mentioned the market movements were few in number, except the specialties. Dullness occurred toward 2 P. M., but the list soon resumed its activity and strength, and the highest prices of the day were reached in the last hour. The principal advances are St. Paul, 2¼; Northwestern, 1½; Burlington & Quincy, 1¼; Lackawanna & Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred, 1¼; Reading & Missouri Pacific, 1¼; Jersey Central, 1⅜; Omaha preferred, and Lake Erie & Western, preferred, 1½; Atchison, 1½, and Manitoba and Delaware & Hudson, 1 per cent. each.

Railroad bonds were very dull. The sales of all issues aggregated only $789,000. St. Paul, seven-and-three-tenths rose 2, to 121, and Chattanooga seconds 2, to 110½.

Government bonds were dull and firm.

State bonds were dull and steady. Closing quotations were:

Four per ct. bonds	127	Kansas & Texas	13⅜
Four per cent. coup.	128	Lake Erie & West'n	16½
Four and a h'f per ct.	108¼	L. E. & W. pref.	50½
Four and a ½s coup.	108¼	Lake Shore	100
Pacific 6s of '95	119	Louv. & Nashville	54⅝
Louisi's stamped 4s	90	L. & N. A.	40
Missouri 6s	102½	Mem. & Charleston	53
Tenn. settlem'nt 6s	104	Michigan Central	85
Tenn. settlem'nt 5s	98	Mil., L. S. & W.	50½
Tenn. settlemn't 3s	72⅛	Mil., L. S. & W. pref	90½
Can. Southern 2ds	91½	Minn. & St. Louis	6
Central Pacific 1sts	115	Minn & St. L. pref.	13
Den. & Rio G. 1sts	119	Missouri Pacific	71⅜
Den. & Rio G. 4s	76¾	Mobile & Ohio	8¼
Den. & R. G. W. 1sts	79	Nashville & Chatta.	81
Erie seconds	97	New Jersey Central	93¼
M., K. & T. gen. 6s	62½	Norfolk & W. pref.	50½
M., K. & T. gen. 5s	57¾	Northern Pacific	24¼
Mutual Union 6s	95⅜	Northern Pac. pref.	58⅜
N. J. C. int. cert.	107¾	Chic. & Northwest'n	105⅞
North'n Pac. 1sts	118	C. & Northw'n pref.	138
North'n Pac. 2ds	111	New York Central	107⅜
Northwest'n cons'ls	142	N. Y., C. & St. L.	16¾
Northw't debe'n 5s	109	N. Y., C. & St. L. pref	68
Oregon & Trans. 6s	101⅜	Ohio & Mississippi	20⅞
St. L. & I. M. gen 5s	87	Ohio & Miss. pref.	83
St. L. & S. F. gen m	116	Ontario & Western	14¾
St. Paul consols	126½	Ore. Improvement	69
St. P., C. & Pac. 1sts	119	Oregon Navigation	90¼
Tex. Pacific 1sts	89⅜	Ore. & Transcontin'l	29¼
Tex. Pacific 2ds	38¾	Pacific Mail	35¼
Union Pacific 1sts	114½	Peoria, D. & E.	23½
West Shore	104¾	Pittsburg	155½
Adams Express	142	Pullman Palace-Car	171¾
Alton & T. Haute	40	Reading	47⅝
Alton & T. H. pref.	85	Rock Island	98
American Express	110	St. L. & San Fran.	24⅞
Bur., C. R. & N.	20	St. L. & S. F. pref.	64⅞
Canada Pacific	52¼	St. L. & F. 1st. pref	110½
Canada Southern	51¾	St. Paul	62½
Central Pacific	34¼	St. Paul preferred	102½
Chesapeake & Ohio	17⅜	St. Paul, M. & M.	99
C. & O. pref. 1sts	14½	St. Paul & Omaha	33¼
C. & O. 2ds	15½	St. Paul & O. pref.	99¼
Chicago & Alton	134	Tenn. Coal & Iron	34
C., B. & Q.	107¾	Texas Pacific	21⅛
C., St. L. & P.	13½	Toledo & O. C. pref.	50
C., St. L. & P. pref.	33	Union Pacific	62½
C., S. & C.	63	U. S. Express	73½
Clev'ld & Columbus	55	Wabash, St. L. & P.	13
Delaware & Hudson	127½	W., St. L. & P. pref	34
Del., Lack. & West.	138⅞	Wells & Fargo Exp.	140
D. & Rio Grande	16	W. U. Telegraph	83⅝
East Tennessee	9¾	Am. cot.-seed cert'f.	53¾
East Tenn. pref. 1sts	70	Colorado Coal	31⅝
East Tenn. pref. 2d.	24⅛	Homestake	12
Erie	26⅛	Iron Silver	300
Erie preferred	50	Ontario	23¼
Fort Wayne	151	Quicksilver	6½
Ft. Worth & Denver	15	Quicksilver pref.	33
Hocking Valley	24	Sutro	9
Houston & Texas	13	Bulwer	50
Illinois Central	113½	Rich. & W. Point	24⅛
L. B. & W.	13		

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Bar silver, 42½d per ounce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Bar silver, 93c.

TRADING AT CHICAGO.

The Ups and Downs of the Market, with the Range in Prices of Leading Articles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Trifling influences affected the wheat market, which ruled dull, and the feeling was somewhat unsettled. The opening was firm and prices ⅛@¼c higher, due to local buying and some "bull" talk about large traders consolidating their purchases. But after several fluctuations within ½c range, the market became weak and prices declined 1½c under rather free speculative offerings. There was no "short" interest that showed any uneasiness, and operators were evidently all more or less "long," and the weakness brought out this wheat. At the decline the market ruled steady, and the closing was about ½c lower than Saturday. The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were only moderate, and not as large as expected. Corn ruled quiet and inactive most of the session, fluctuations being limited to ½c range, and trading to a great extent, was local. The feeling was easy, the large receipts, both present and prospective, together with colder weather, had a tendency to increase offerings. A large local operator and several local houses sold freely, especially of May, but at 37c a good demand existed, and the market ruled steady at that figure. The surroundings of the oats market were bearish, but nevertheless, the market for May was fairly active, and, after an early decline of ¼c, all the offerings at inside figures were readily absorbed by "shorts," and the market remained steady the rest of the session. The near futures were neglected and ⅛@¼c lower. Early trading was fairly active in mess pork. The feeling was somewhat unsettled, and prices fluctuated considerably within a small range. Local operators sold fair quantities, and there was some realizing by outside "longs," while "shorts" purchased sufficient quantities to check any material decline in prices early in the day. During the latter part of the session the market weakened, and a reduction of 35@37½c was submitted to, and the close was rather tame. Quite a good speculative trade was reported in lard early, and the feeling was firmer and prices higher, especially for the near deliveries. Prices ruled .05@.07½c higher. Later a decidedly weak feeling prevailed, and prices declined .12½@.15c, and the market closed weak at inside figures. Trading was rather active in short-ribs sides. Prices ruled comparatively steady early, and a few sales were made at slight advances. Later the offerings were liberal, especially of January and May deliveries, and prices receded .12½@.15c. The market closed tame. The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—December.	$1.05½	$1.05½	$1.04¾	$1.04¾
January	1.06½	1.06⅝	1.05⅜	1.05⅝
May	1.11¼	1.11½	1.10⅜	1.10⅝
Corn—December	33⅜	.....	.....	33⅝
January	34⅛	34⅛	33¾	33⅞
May	37⅛	37¼	36⅞	36⅞
Oats—December	.....	.....	.....	25¾
January	26	.....	.....	25⅞
May	29⅛	29¼	29	29
Pork—December	.....	.....	.....	13.75
January	13.20	13.22½	12.80	12.85
May	13.60	13.60	13.22½	13.25
Lard—December	8.00	8.10	8.00	8.10
January	7.75	7.85	7.75	7.62½
May	7.85	7.87½	7.77½	7.77½
Short Ribs—Jan'ary	6.90	6.92½	6.77½	6.77½
May	7.00	7.05	6.90	6.90

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, $1.04½@1.04¾; No. 3 spring wheat, 94c; No. 2 red, $1.04½@1.04¾; No. 2 corn, 33½c; No. 2 oats, 25½@25¾c; No. 2 rye, 51c; No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.58; prime timothy-seed, $1.50; mess pork, per brl, $13; lard, per pound, 8c; short-rib sides, (loose), 6.85@6.90c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6.75@6 87½c; short-clear sides (boxed), 7.25@7.37½c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.20.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was easy but unchanged; eggs weak at 20@21c.

Receipts—Flour, 40,000 brls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 265,000 bu; oats, 211,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 76,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 9,000 brls; wheat, 7,000 bu; corn, 289,000 bu; oats, 166,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 33,000 bu.

Special Features of the Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The wheat market held fairly steady to-day, and while fluctuations in prices were frequent, they were within narrow limits, the extreme range covered by May property during the sessions being only about 1½c. Business is beginning to partake of the holiday character, and to-day's movement was not only under the average, but almost entirely local. The orders received by commission houses were smaller than they have been for several days past. Even the larger class of operators appeared to be doing little other than a "scalping" business, and as there was nothing sensational in the way of outside news the session was, for the most part, a tame and spiritless one. The increase in the visible supply was only about half the quantity shown for the corresponding period in 1887, but it proved a little more than expected, and had a depressing influence upon values after the secretary's figures were posted. Duluth and the Northwest were the strongest of all domestic markets to-day. The warmer weather, with rains in the Northwest, is variously interpreted on both sides as being favorable news. There is some talk of droughts being offset by rains, but there are serious fears of the growing crop being seriously damaged by severe weather.

In the pit Swartz and Dupee were credited with the largest selling to-day. Ream was also a heavy seller, and his offerings of round lots had a good deal to do with the early weakness. It was strongly suspected that both Ream and Hutchinson were "slugging" again in order to add to their lines on the "long" side at lower prices. While Maginn, one of Hutchinson's brokers, was offering 50,000-bushel lots for sale in one part of the pit, other brokers for Hutchinson were buying quietly all they could get. Roche covered some "short" wheat, it was said, and Ball, Mitchell, Baxter and others bought considerale wheat. Milmine, Bodman & Co. were sellers.

Fluctuations in prices, as previously stated, were frequent, but within a narrow range. Initial trades in May were at $1.11½, or ⅜c above Saturday's closings. The market then touched $1.11¾, sold off to $1.11½, up to $1.11¾, down to $1.11, then reacted to $1.11⅞@1.11½, broke to $1.10¾, and, between 12 and 1 o'clock, see-sawed back and forth between $1.10¾ and $1.11. At the final close $1.10¾ was bid, being a net decline for the day of ¼@⅜c.

AT NEW YORK.

Ruling Prices on Produce at the Seaboard's Commercial Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Flour—Receipts, 32,105 packages; exports, 159 brls, 9,112 sacks; dull and held steady; sales, 10,100 brls.

Corn-meal quiet and steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 28,600 bu; exports, none; sales, 648,000 bu futures, 11,000 bu spot. Spot market ½c higher and dull; No. 2 red, $1.05½@1.06½ elevator, $1.06½@1.07¼ afloat, $1.06½@1.07⅞ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99c; No. 2 Chicago, $1.11⅞@1.12c; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1.05; No. 1 white, $1.06; No. 1 red, $1.14. Options dull and irregular; early ⅛@1½c higher; declined ⅞@1¼, and closed steady at ⅛@⅜c over Saturday; No. 2 red, December, $1.05@1.05⅛, closing at $1.05; January, $1.06@1.06⅛, closing at $1.06⅛; February, $1.07½@1.08¼, closing at $1.07⅞; March, $1.09@1.09⅞, closing at $1.09; May, $1.11½@1.12⅞, closing at $1.11⅞; June closed at $1.11⅞.

Rye dull and nominal.

Barley unchanged. Barley malt nominal.

Corn—Receipts, 142,010 bu; exports, 171,747 bu; sales, 336,000 bu futures, 148,000 bu spot. Spot market ½@¾c higher on old, but weaker on new; moderate business. No. 2, 46½@47c elevator, 47½@48⅜c afloat; ungraded mixed, 37@48½c; No. 2 white, 47½c; steamer mixed, 43⅞@44½c elevator; No. 3, 40⅞@41½c. Options dull, ½c lower and steady; December, 46½c; January, 46⅞@46½c, closing at 46⅜c; February, 46½@46⅝c, closing at 46½c; March, 46½c; May, 45⅞@45½c, closing at 45½c.

Oats—Receipts, 127,000 bu; exports, none; sales, 140,000 bu futures, 124,000 bu spot. Spot market dull and easier. Options dull and lower; December, 30½c; January, 30½@31c, closing at 31c; February, 31⅛c; May, 33½c; spot No. 2 white, 34½@34⅝c; No. 1, 31c; No 1 white, 40c; mixed Western, 30@32c; white Western, 33@40c; No. 2 Chicago, 31½c.

Hay quiet and easy.

Hops about steady but dull.

Coffee—Options opened dull and irregular and closed barely steady at 30@45 points below Saturday. Sales, 42,000 bags, including December, 14.80@15c; January, 14.75@15.15c; February, 14.85@15.25c; March, 14.80@15.25c; April, 14.80@15.30c; May, 14.85@15.35c; June, 15.05@15.30c; July, 14.95@15.35c; August, 15@15.35c; September, 15.05@15.50c; October, 15@15.05c. Spot Rio weaker; fair cargoes, 16½c. Sugar—Raw dull and nominal; refined steady and quiet. Molasses—Foreign nominal; New Orleans in demand. Rice firm and active.

Tallow weak and dull; city, 6⅛c. Rosin strong and quiet.

Eggs quiet and steady for fresh; Western, 23@23½c; receipts, 3,265 packages.

Pork weak and quiet. Beef inactive. Beef hams quiet. Cut meats weak; pickled bellies, 7½@8c; pickled shoulders, 7½c; pickled hams, 9⅞@10c; middles unsettled; short clear, 7.65c. Lard—Spot and January higher; later deliveries weak; speculation dull. Sales Western steam, 8.40c; December, 8.38@8.40c; January, 8.09@8.17c; February, 8.03@8.11c, closing at 8c bid; March, 8.04@8.07c, closing at 8c bid: April, 8c; May, 8.01@8.10c; closing at 8.01c; June, 8.02c bid.

Butter steady and in moderate demand; Western dairy, 14@25c; Western creamery, 19@31c; Elgins, 34@35c. Cheese steady; Western, 10@11½c.

GRAIN AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Statement Showing the Visible Supply in the United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The visible supply of grain on Saturday, Dec. 15, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, was as follows:

Wheat, 37,213,000 bu, an increase of 613,632 bu; corn, 6,327,432 bu, a decrease of 248,587 bu; oats, 8,010,025 bu, an increase of 418,433 bu; rye, 1,613,641 bu, a decrease of 25,997 bu; barley, 2,424,498 bu, an increase of 186,593 bu.

The following is a statement of the visible supply of gain, in comparison with that of one week ago, as reported to the Chicago Board of Trade:

Wheat, 37,245,000 bu, an increase of 675,000 bu; corn, 6,327,000 bu, a decrease of 249,000 bu; oats, 7,970,000 bu, an increase of 378,000 bu; rye, 1,613,000 bu, a decrease of 27,000 bu; barley, 2,425,000 bu, an increase of 189,000 bu.

The Foreign Grain Trade.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Mark Lane Express, in its weekly review of the British grain trade, says: "Foggy and frosty weather has satisfactorily checked the undue forwarding of the growth of wheat, which will have a promising start. Notwithstanding much grumbling the millers are securing good quantities of fair milling English wheat at a level of 32s. The sales of English wheat during the past week amounted to 55,054 quarters at 30s 10d, against 69,645 quarters at 31s 2d for the corresponding week of last year. Flour was in improved request. The American shipments have been very moderate for several weeks. The trade in foreign wheat showed no marked change. At Liverpool the market improved 1d per cental for most sorts of foreign wheat, especially Californian. This is a healthy sign, indicating a belief that all fair to good foreign wheat obtainable by spring will be wanted, and will find a ready sale. Barley was quoted higher, averaging 31s 7d. Oats were so largely imported here that foreign currencies were difficult to maintain, and there was an occasional decline of 3d. Other markets were firm. Corn at Liverpool declined 10d per ton. Beans and peas were firm. To-day, the market was not largely attended, and the large arrivals were difficult to move. English wheat was in rather better supply, and prices were firm. Indian, especially white, was 6d dearer. Californian and Russian were held at 6d advance. Flour is hardening, but the good supply prevented an advance. Grinding barley and corn was 6d cheaper, and light oats 3d cheaper.

TRADE IN GENERAL.

Quotations at St. Louis, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Other Points.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Flour dull and easy but unchanged. Wheat—Cash firmer but quiet. Options opened ⅛@⅜c higher, but dull cables, the increase in the visible supply and declining markets elsewhere, depressed prices here, and the close was ⅜c below Saturday. No. 2 red, cash, $1.01⅛; May, $1.08⅜@1.09, closing at $1.08⅛@1.08¼; July, 97¼@97⅜c, closing at 96¾c asked. Corn was generally a fraction higher, but May went off a shade at the close. No. 2 mixed, cash, 30⅝@31c; December, 30½@30⅝, closing at 30⅜c bid; January, 30¾c; February, 30⅝@30½c; May, 34@34⅜c. Oats dull and easier. No. 2 mixed, cash, 25c; May, 28⅞@29c. Rye dull at 47½c bid. Barley unchanged. Sample lots of Wisconsin sold at 72c. Hay lower. Prairie, $7.50@9.50; timothy, $10.50@13.50. Bran lower; 65c at the mill. Flax-seed salable at $1.45. Butter dull. Creamery, 28@30c; dairy, 16@25c; choice Northern roll, 18@20c. Eggs dull at 20c. Corn-meal steady at $1.85@1.90. Whisky steady at $1.14. Bagging steady at 11½@13¾c. Iron cotton ties, $1.20@1.25. Provisions generally lower and only a job trade done. Pork, $13.75. Lard, 7.75c. Dry-salt meats (loose)—Twenty-day ribs, 6.80c f. o. b.; (boxed) short clear, 7.20@7.30c. Bacon—Shoulders, 7.50c; longs, 8.20c; ribs, 8.25c; short clear, $8.37½@8.40c; hams, 10.37½@13c. Receipts—Flour, 2,000 brls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 315,000 bu; oats, 50,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 17,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 15,000 brls; wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 218,000 bu; oats, 8,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 5,000 bu.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Flour dull; prices steady. Ohio and other Western clear, $4.75@5; Ohio and other Western straights, $5@5.50; winter patent, fair to choice, $5.50@6; Minnesota clear, $4.40@5.25; Minnesota straight, $5.50@6; Minnesota patent, $6.25@7. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, December, $1.01½@1.02; January, $1.02⅜@1.03⅛; February, $1.04@1.04⅛; March, $1.05⅛@1.06; May, $1.09@1.10. Corn—Option market ruled steady with fair export inquiry for future, leading to but little or no speculation. Car lots dull and lower. Old No. 2 mixed and higher grades in depot and elevator, 48c; new No. 2 high mixed and yellow, in grain depot, 43c; new No. 2, 63c; No. 2 mixed, December, 42¾@43c; January, 42½@42¾c; February, 42¾@43c; March, 43¾c; May, 43½@44½c. Oats—Car lots quiet; prices firm; No. 3 white, 33½c; No. 2 white, 35⅜c. Futures quiet and unchanged. Provisions in moderate demand. Pork—Mess, new, $17; prime mess, new, $16.50; mess, family, $17.50@18. Hams, smoked, 11½@12c. Lard—Pure, 9c. Butter dull; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 30@31c; Pennsylvania prints, extra, 34c. Eggs steady; Pennsylvania firsts, 24c. Cheese, firm; part skims, 6@8c. Receipts—Flour, 11,600 brls; wheat, 13,800 bu; corn 15,000 bu; oats, 5,900 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 10,500 bu; oats, 9,000 bu.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The sample tables made a fair showing of wheat again at the opening of the week, and the demand for wheat to grind was even less than on any day of last week. The absence of many of the local millers on the trip to Milwaukee cut down the attendance of that class of buyers, and shippers were not very active. Despite the advance of speculative wheat prices, samples were not put up successfully, and sales were made at about previous quotations. The liberal increase in local elevator stocks affected prices of milling wheat more than it did the speculative trade. Receipts were 452 cars, and 87 were shipped out. Following are the closing quotations: No. 1 hard, cash and December, $1.20; January, $1.21; May, $1.27½; on track, $1.21; No. 1 Northern, December, $1.10; January, $1.11; May, $1.16¾; on track, $1.12@1.14; No. 2 Northern, December, $1; January, $1.01; May, $1.08½; on track, $1@1.02.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Wheat—Western dull; No. 2 winter red, spot and December, 99c; January, $1.00¼@1.00⅜; February, $1.02¼@1.02½. Corn—Western easy; mixed, spot and year, 41⅝@42⅜c; January, 42⅜@42½c; February, 42¾@43c; steamer, spot, 39@39¼c. Oats dull and quiet undertone; Western white, 33@35c; Western mixed, 30@32c; graded No. 2 white, 34@34½c. Rye nominally firm at 60@61c. Hay—Prime to choice timothy, $17@18. Provisions steady; mess pork, $15.75. Butter quiet; Western packed, 18@24c; best roll, 20@24c; creamery, 26@32c. Eggs quiet at 22@23c. Receipts—Flour, 7,000 brls; wheat, 19,000 bu; corn, 106,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 500 brls; corn, 15,000 bu. Sales—Wheat, 38,000 bu; corn, 212,000 bu.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Flour—Demand light; family, $4.30@4.50; fancy, $4.90@5. Wheat quiet; No. 2 red, $1.04; receipts, 6,000 bu; shipments, 4,000 bu. Corn quiet; barely steady; No. 2 mixed, 35c. Oats strong and higher; No. 2 mixed, 27¾@28c. Rye in good demand and stronger; No. 2, 56½c. Pork dull at $14. Lard in fair demand at 7.90@8c. Bulk meats quiet; short ribs, 7.25@7.37½c. Bacon steady; short clear, 8.87½c. Whisky steady; sales, 994 brls of finished goods on a basis of $1.14. Butter quiet; fancy creamery, 35c; good to prime dairy roll, 16@18c. Linseed oil steady at 55@57c. Sugar in fair demand; hard refined, 7½@8¼c; New Orleans, 5¼@5½c. Eggs in fair demand at 18½@19c. Cheese in moderate demand; choice mild Ohio flat, 10½c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 17.—Wheat dull and lower; cash, $1.05; January, $1.05; May, $1.08½. Corn dull; May, 37⅜c. Oats dull; cash, 27c. Clover-seed dull and steady; cash and December, $5.10. Receipts—Wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 18,000 bu; oats, 2,000 bu; clover-seed, 505 bags. Shipments—Wheat, 5,000 bu; corn, 4,000 bu; clover-seed, 200 bags.

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—Wheat—No. 1 white, cash, $1.04; No. 2 red, December, $1.05; January, $1.05⅜; May, $1.11¾. Corn—No. 2, cash, 35½c; December, 35¾c; January, 35¼c. Oats—No. 2, 28c; No. 2, white, 30c. Receipts—Wheat, 13,800 bu; corn, 5,000; bu; oats, 5,400 bu.

Cotton

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands, 9 13-16c; middling Orleans, 10 1-16c; sales, 159 bales. Sales last week (not before reported) 823 bales for consumption and 18 bales for export. Futures closed steady; sales, 73,300 bales: December, 9.48c; January, 9.51c; February, 9.64c; March, 9.76c; April, 9.88c; May, 9.98c; June, 10.08c; July, 10.15c; August, 10.21c; September, 9.84.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—Cotton dull; middling, 9 7-16c; low middling, 8 15-16c; good ordinary, 8 3-16c; net receipts, 12,917 bales; gross receipts, 13,686 bales; exports to the continent, 14,556 bales; sales, 2,705 bales; stock, 269,290 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.—Cotton quiet and rather easier. Sales, 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export, and included 8,800 bales American.

Oil.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Petroleum opened weak at 92c, and after an advance of ⅝c in the early trading, gave way under selling orders from the West and declined to 91⅜c. The market closed firm at 91⅞c. Total sales, 1,585,000 brls. Turpentine quiet and steady at 46c.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 17.—National Transit certificates opened at 92c; highest, 92½c; lowest, 91½c; closed, 91⅝c; sales, 972,000 brls; clearances, 1,812,000 brls; charters, 31,978 brls; shipments, 109,313 brls; runs, 56,761 brls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 17.—Petroleum dull but steady. National Transit certificates opened at 91¾c; closed at 91⅝c; highest, 92⅝c; lowest, 91½c.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 17.—Turpentine firm at 43c.

Metals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Pig-iron firm. Copper heavy; lake, December, 17.20c. Lead nominal. Tin dull and easier; straits, 21.70c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Lead dull; 3.50c asked.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An irregular request took a fair quantity of stuff, but the market was barren of activity.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle in Light Supply and Unchanged—Hogs Quiet and Steady—Sheep Scarce.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.

CATTLE—Receipts, 25; shipments, 100. The supply was light. Market barely steady at about the same prices.

Good to choice shippers	$4.00@4.60
Fair to medium	3.35@3.75
Common	2.60@3.10
Feeders, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs	3.00@3.40
Stockers, 600 to 900 lbs	2.25@2.75
Good to choice heifers	2.75@3.25
Common to medium heifers	1.60@2.50
Good to choice cows	2.50@3.10
Fair to medium cows	1.75@2.25
Common old cows	1.00@1.50
Veals, common to good	3.00@4.50
Bulls, common to good	1.25@2.50
Milkers	18.00@38.00

HOGS—Receipts, 3,350; shipments, 1,750. Quality fair. Market opened about steady at Saturday's close. Trade ruled quiet. Closed steady.

Heavy	$5.10@5.15
Mixed packing	5.00@5.05
Light	5.00@5.05
Heavy roughs	4.25@4.75

SHEEP—Receipts, 100; shipments, 100. But little doing for the want of stock. Market steady at unchanged prices.

Good to choice	$3.75@4.25
Fair to medium	3.10@3.50
Common	2.25@2.75
Lambs	3.25@4.75
Bucks, per head	2.50@3.50

Elsewhere.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beeves—Receipts, 4,620, making 8,700 for the week. The fresh arrivals included 163 car-loads for the market, 69 car-loads for city slaughterers direct, and 58 car-loads for beef exporters. Good to choice steers sold fairly at about former prices, while inferior to medium dragged and closed weak and lower. Native steers ranged from $3.75@5.75 per 100 pounds, with one car-load sold at $6.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000, making 35,700 for the week. Market rather tame and the pens were not cleared. Common to extra sheep sold at $3.50@6 per 100 pounds; one car-load at $6.50; common to extra lambs at $5.20@5.37½, with one car-load at $7.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,300, making 37,100 for the week. Market nearly nominal for live hogs at $5.40@5.90.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—The Live Stock Indicator reports: Cattle—Receipts, 3,617; shipments, 2,762. Dressed beef and butchers' steers slow, weak and a shade lower; cows active; stockers and feeding steers quiet and steady. Good to choice corn-fed, $4.50@4.90; common to medium, $3.40@3.65; stockers and feeding steers, $2@3.20; grass-range steers, $2@2.80; cows, $1.25@2.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,615; shipments, 273. Opened steady, closing a shade lower. Mixed choice, $5@5.10; common to medium, $4.80@4.95.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,103; shipments, 261. Steady. Good to choice muttons, $3.50@3.75; common to medium, $1.50@3.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The Drovers' Journal reports. Cattle—Receipts, 16,000; shipments, 2,000. Market dull and 15@25c lower on account of excessive supplies. Beeves, $2.85@5.80; stockers and feeders, $2.15@3.30; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.30@3; Texas cattle, $2.25@3.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; shipments, 5,000. Markets opened 5@10c higher, but closed with the advance lost; mixed, $5@5.25; light, $4.95@5.25; heavy, $5.10@5.35; skips, $3.25@4.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 6,000; shipments, 1,000. Market quiet but steady; natives, $2.50@4.85; Westerns, $3.25@4.85; Texans, $2.10@3.10; lambs, $3.90@5.65.

EAST LIBERTY, Pa., Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,603; shipments, 1,325. Market strong on good; common dull and a shade off: supply mostly common. Twenty-six cars of cattle shipped to New York to-day.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,300; shipments, 5,300. Market slow. Philadelphias, $5.20@5.25; mixed, $5.15@5.20; Yorkers, $5.15@5.20; common to fair, $5@5.10; pigs, $5@5.10. Twenty-six cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; shipments, 3,600. Market firm at unchanged prices, same as last week.

BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Cattle active on all grades and 15@25c higher than last Monday. Receipts, 2,600 head through; 2,600 head for sale. Prime steers, $4.15; good butchers, $3.25@3.65; bulls steady; export, $3@3.50; stockers and feeders firm at $2.25@3.10.

Sheep and Lambs steady; receipts, 1,000 head through; 16,000 head for sale. Shipping sheep, $4.25@4.75. Lambs, Western, $5.50@6.25; Canadas, $6.50@6.90.

Hogs active and 5@10c lower. Receipts, 3,750 head through; 3,750 sale. Mediums to heavy, $5.10@5.25; Yorkers and pigs, $5.75.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500; shipments, 1,000. Market slow. Choice heavy native steers, $5@5.60; fair to good native steers, $4.40@5.10; butchers' steers, medium to choice, $3.30@4.30; stockers and feeders, fair to good, $2@3.10; rangers, corn-fed, $3@4.20; grass-fed, $2@3.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,600; shipments, 1,200. Market steady; choice heavy and butchers' selections, $5.15@5.25; packing, medium to prime, $5@5.15; light grades, ordinary to best, $4.90@5.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 600; shipments, 200. Market steady; fair to choice, $3@4.40.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400 shipments, 34. Market firmer for best grades; common to choice butchers', $1.25@4; shippers, $4@4.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 740. Market strong; common to choice, $2.50@4.50; extra wethers, $5@5.50. Lambs strong; common to fair, $3.50@5.75.

Hogs lower. Common and light, $4.50@5.10; packing and butchers', $4.90@5.10. Receipts, 10,700; shipments, 1,900.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Swine—Light supply and fairly good demand; quotations, 7@7⅜c; receipts, 5,821.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKETS.

Trade Brisk for December and Firm Prices Prevailing on Most Lines of Goods.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.

Trade opened briskly to-day and the business of the week promises well. Usually in mid-December trade falls off, except in the way of fancy good and notions, but this year seems to be an exception to the rule. Dry goods men, for instance, are selling more bills and larger ones than at the corresponding period of last year, and especially will this remark apply to woolen goods. Retail merchants have an idea that prices are more likely to go higher under the conditions of the market than lower, consequently they run no risk in stocking up liberally. Grocers, as well, are doing an excellent business. Coffees carry the strong tone of last week, and sugars move up to-day ⅛ of a cent, while in the East they are very firm at the advance of the last few days. Spices and canned goods are receiving a good deal of attention, while dried fruits are neglected. In the produce markets there is a good deal of activity. Poultry carries a firmer tone. One shipper advances the price on turkeys and chickens ½ cent, while the others adhere to last week's quotations. Choice butter continues very scarce, and will bring our best quotation. Eggs carry a weak tone, while prices are not quotably lower. Receipts are hardly as heavy as ten days ago. Choice apples are meeting with better sale. In potatoes the demand has lessened the last few days, and prices are barely steady, but unchanged. Sweet potatoes are in fair supply, but the demand is light. Oranges are arriving more freely, and prices are easier, but not quotably lower. Game continues to come in slowly, while the demand is large; prices are firm as quoted. The provision market is rather quiet, prices ranging as under the revision of Friday last. The hide market presents no new features, the market being active enough, but prices range so low that there is little money in handling them. In other markets there is nothing new to note.

GRAIN.

There was a fair attendance on 'Change, today, and some improvement was shown in the bidding over that of last week; still wheat and corn are unsettled, which makes buyers exceedingly cautious in their bidding, and the uncertainty as to what effect the advance