CONDITION OF THE MARKETS

Wheat Rules Quiet Most of the Day and Closes at a Slight Advance in Price.

Corn Devoid of Feature or Interest—Oats Steady, with Little Change in Quotations —Mess Pork Firm and Higher.

MONEY, BONDS AND STOCKS.

An Unusually Active Market, with the Highest Prices of the Week Realized.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Money on call was easy at 2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 5@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was dull but steady at $4.84¼ for sixty day bills, and $4.88½ for demand.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 137,375 shares, including the following: Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 18,050; Erie, 14,750; Lake Shore, 5,870; Missouri Pacific, 14,145; Northwestern, 6,671; Reading, 10,400; St. Paul, 14,400; Western Union, 5,270.

For a Saturday the stock market was unusually active to-day, and the strength of the past few days was again shown in the dealings, the net result of the day's trading being to leave the great majority of the list fractionally higher than last evening, while in most stocks the highest prices of the week were reached. The interest, as usual of late, was centered in the coalers and grangers, but, while the latter were strong throughout the session, the former receded a little from their position as leaders in the market, and Delaware & Hudson actually shows a material loss for the day. The principal buyers were the commission houses, while the sellers were the traders, taking profits, but there was no pressure of "long" stock at any time. The "bears" made a sudden and successful attack upon Omaha preferred, and got it down 3 per cent., upon which the rest of the list reacted a shade and closed off some from the best figures. The temper of the speculation, however, was decidedly bullish, although the general expectation of a very unfavorable bank statement was not wholly disappointing.

Prices at the opening were steady, but marked strength was developed immediately, and Missouri Pacific took the lead, advancing rapidly until its gain reached 1½ per cent., Erie & Northwestern following. The advance then met with a check, but after the close of the first hour, was resumed. The drop in the preferred set the list back fractionally, but a strength was shown in the final dealings, and market closed active and strong, generally at final gains for the day.

Bond books were quiet and active, to-day, but failed to respond to the strength of the share list, and prices remained fairly steady throughout the day, and final figures generally show insignificant gain. The sales were $712,000. The sales of stocks for the week were $5,717,000, against only $3,000 last week.

Government bonds have been dull but firm.

State bonds dull, but firm to strong. Closing quotations were:

Tenn. new set 6s	127	Kansas & Texas	13⅝
Tenn. new 3s	128	Lake Erie & West'n	17½
Virginia 6s	5	Lake Erie & West'n pf	51¾
Virginia 6s, new	5	Lake Shore	100⅜
Virginia 6s, ctfs of dep	2	Long Island	56½
Virginia 10s	30	L. & N. A.	38
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Mem. & Charleston	52½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Michigan Central	86
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Mil., L. S. & W.	52
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Mil., L. S. & W. pref	94
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Minn. & St. Louis	5
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Minn. & St. L. pref	14
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Missouri Pacific	73¼
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Mobile & Ohio	8
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Nashville & Chatta	82
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	New Jersey Central	94⅜
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Norfolk & W. pref	50
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Northern Pacific	24½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Northern Pac. pref	58¾
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Chic. & Northwest'n	106⅛
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	C. & Northw'n pref	140
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	New York Central	107⅛
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	N. Y., C. & St. L.	17⅜
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	N. Y., C. & St. L. pref	69¼
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Ohio & Mississippi	35
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Ohio & Miss. pref	83½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Ontario & Western	14½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Ore. Improvement	69½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Oregon Navigation	90
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Ore. & Transcontin'l	29⅜
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Pacific Mail	35¾
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Peoria, D. & E.	24
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Pittsburg	155½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Pullman Palace-Car	172½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Reading	48⅞
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Rock Island	99¼
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. L. & San Fran	24⅞
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. L. & S. F. pref	65⅞
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. L. & S. F. 1st. pref	111
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. Paul	62⅝
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. Paul preferred	103
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. Paul, M. & M.	98¾
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. Paul & Omaha	32⅜
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	St. Paul & O. pref	97½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Tenn. Coal & Iron	35⅝
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Texas Pacific	21⅝
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Toledo & O. C. pref	50
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Union Pacific	62¾
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	U. S. Express	73
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Wabash, St. L. & P.	12½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	W., St. L. & P. pref	24⅞
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Wells & Fargo Exp.	138
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	W. U. Telegraph	83
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Am. cot.-seed cert'f.	52¾
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Colorado Coal	32⅜
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Homestake	12½
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Iron Silver	300
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Ontario	33¼
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Quicksilver	6¼
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Quicksilver pref	36
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Sutro	6
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Salmer	50
Virginia 10s, ctfs of dep	2	Rich. & W. Point	24

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$2,297,600
Loans, increase	1,513,500
Specie, decrease	1,355,200
Legal tenders, decrease	1,513,200
Deposits, decrease	2,283,200
Circulation, decrease	83,000

The banks now hold $7,314,620 in excess of the 25 per cent. rule.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Bar silver, 92⅜c.

TRADING AT CHICAGO.

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—No speciality new features were developed in wheat to-day, and the market ruled quiet most of the session. The market opened ¼@⅜c lower than yesterday's closing, and sold off ⅛c more, at which figure there was moderate buying, sufficient to cause a slight rally, which, influenced by a rumor that six boat-loads had been taken at Baltimore for export, caused "shorts" to cover, and, with the aid of a little help by local "bulls," prices were advanced 1c. This advance brought out fair offerings, believed to be mostly "long" wheat, some local holders evidently feeling disposed to lighten their load. Prices settled back ⅜c, and the closing was ⅛@⅛c higher than yesterday. Corn was devoid of any particular feature, very little interest being manifested, and transactions were chiefly among room operators. The feeling was inclined to be easier, and trading was within a lower range than yesterday. About the only depressing influence was the rather free offerings of January, and there being but little disposition on the part of the local crowd to purchase, the market ruled easier in consequence. The market opened a trifle easier, and trading was within a lower range than yesterday, and gradually declined ¼@⅜c, reacted a trifle, and became active, and closed ¼@⅜c lower than yesterday. In oats there was only a moderate inquiry from local or outside traders, and a quiet and rather steady feeling prevailed, but the changes in prices were insignificant. A firm feeling prevailed in mess pork, and prices were higher. Opening sales were made at 5c advance, and a further appreciation of 10@12½c was gained later. Near the close the feeling ruled easier, and prices receded 10@12½c, and closed quiet. Quite a good business was done in lard, and there was considerable strength early in the day. Prices were advanced 7½@10c per 100 pounds, but the market weakened and the advance was lost. Trading was light in ribs and the feeling was steadier. Prices ruled 2½@5c higher and closed quiet at inside figures. The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—December	$1.01⅛	$1.02¼	$1.01⅛	$1.02⅛
January	1.02¼	1.03	1.02¼	1.02⅞
May	1.07¾	1.08½	1.07½	1.08¼
Corn—December	.....	.....	.....	33⅝
January	34⅛	34⅛	33¾	33⅞
May	37	.....	.....	37
Oats—December	.....	.....	.....	25⅝
May	29⅛	29⅛	29	29⅛
Pork—December	.....	.....	.....	13.12½
January	13.15	13.30	13.15	13.22½
May	13.55	13.67½	13.52½	13.55
Lard—December	8.40	8.45	8.25	8.25
January	7.92½	8.00	7.92½	7.92½
May	7.95	8.05	7.95	8.00
Short Ribs—Jan'ary	6.90	6.95	6.90	6.92½
May	7.02½	7.12½	7.02½	7.07½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm and unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, $1.02@1.02½; No. 3 spring wheat, 93@93c; No. 2 red, $1.02@1.02½; No. 2 corn, 33¼c; No. 2 oats, 25¼c. No. 2 rye, 50½c; No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.02; prime timothy-seed, $1.47@1.48; mess pork per bbl, $13.15@13.20; lard per pound, 8.30c; short-rib sides (loose), 6.50@6.95c; 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 dull and weak; creamery, 28@30c; good to choice, 23@24½c; fine dairy, 22@23c; good to choice, 20@22c. Eggs dull at 20c.

Receipts—Flour, 9,000 brls; wheat, 23,000 bu; corn, 229,000 bu; oats, 172,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 60,000. Shipments—Flour, 13,000 brls; wheat, 20,000 bu; corn, 263,000 bu; oats, 129,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 47,000 bu.

The Day Among the Wheat-Dealers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The wheat market had a very weak opening, but its later phases took on a better color. The volume of trade was about up to the recent average. Dealings were on a moderate scale most of the time, but there were seasons of life and activity, induced very largely by the movements of local people in the direction of preparation for the holidays. There will be no session of the board until Wednesday of next week, and scalpers do not, as a rule, like to go that long with an open interest. First trading in May was around $1.07¾. The "pit" sentiment leaned toward the soft side of the market, and the price gradually worked down to $1.07⅛. Not much business was done at the inside, however, and the market slowly recovered to $1.07⅞. It ranged $1.07⅞@1.07⅞ for quite a time. A diversion was occasioned by the receipt of news from Baltimore that 50,000 bushels of wheat had been brought there for export to the United Kingdom, 9⅝c being the price given, and the grade being No. 2 red. The effect of this gossip was to stimulate the local "sports" to cover, and the price was run up from $1.07⅞ to $1.08⅛—more at $1.08⅜ than at $1.08⅛, however. This was the liveliest passage of the day. The improvement was not held, the price working back to below $1.08, but the tone of the market was steady, and the closing a shade better than yesterday. The market was not panicky at any stage, and, except for the continued selling by Hutchinson, speculative offerings would have been called unusually small. Neither did there seem to be the slightest pressure of long wheat. Trade in December and June was very small. The taking of a little wheat at Baltimore for foreign shipment was the first decided reminder, served upon the local crowd, that seaboard markets are getting down to the neighborhood of a shipping basis. Later in the day New York parties advised their Chicago correspondents that some cash wheat had been picked up there for Antwerp, and that there had been some buying of futures for foreigners.

Foreign news was not significant. Except for a fiery little flurry in St. Louis, and a small-sized bulge in Duluth, nothing of note transpired at any of the Western markets. The panic in St. Louis was short-lived, and the bulge in Duluth is insignificant, because of the fact that prices are practically nominal. Minneapolis receipts tend to confirm statements that the rush of Northwestern wheat is over. Speculative sentiment up there is far from being unanimous, but there, as here, it is noticeable that the most bearish hubbub is being made by the same parties who were roaring and unreasoning "bulls" when the market was 10c higher.

AT NEW YORK.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Flour—Receipts, 15,674 packages; exports, 2,804 brls, 3,816 sacks. The market was barely steady and dull. Sales, 9,100 brls.

Corn-meal dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 8,800 bu; exports, none; sales, 640,000 bu futures, no spot. Spot market dull and nominal; No. 2 red, $1.03 in elevator, $1.04½ afloat, $1.03½@1.05¼ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1.07; No. 1 white, $1.03½; No. 1 red, $1.12; No. 2 Chicago and Milwaukee, nominal. Options dull, closing steady at last night's prices; No. 2 red, December, $1.02⅛@1.02¾, closing at $1.02¾; January, $1.02⅝@1.03¼, closing at $1.03⅛; February, $1.04⅛@1.04¾, closing at $1.04¾; March, $1.05⅝@1.06¼, closing at $1.06¼; April, $1.07¼@1.07¾, closing at $1.07¾; May, $1.08⅜@1.09¼, closing at $1.09; June, $1.08@1.08½, closing at $1.08½.

Rye dull; Western, 59@62c. Barley quiet and steady; No 1 Canada, 88@90c; No. 2, 85@89c. Barley malt dull.

Corn—Receipts, 217,800 bu; exports, 73,033 bu; sales, 80,000 bu futures, 89,000 bu spot. Spot market quiet, ¼@½c lower and weak; No. 2, 46¾@47c elevator, 48@48½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 37@48c; No. 2 white, 47½c; steamer, mixed, 43¼@44½c; No. 3, 40½@41c. Options dull, ¼@½c lower, and weak; December, 46½c; January, 46@46 5-16c, closing at 46c; February, 46@46¼c, closing at 46½c; May, 45½c.

Oats—Receipts, 7,000 bu; exports, 850 bu; sales, 165,000 bu futures, 96,000 bu spot. Spot market weak and lower. Options dull and a shade easier; January, 31⅛@31¼c, closing at 31⅛c; February, 32⅝c; May, 33⅜@33¾c, closing at 33⅝c; No. 2 white, January, 34⅜@34½c, closing at 34⅜c; spot No. 3, 29½c; spot No. 2 white, 32c; No. 2, 30½@30⅞c; No. 2 Chicago, 32c.

Hops quiet and steady.

Coffee—Options opened barely steady at 15@35 points down, and closed steady at 15@30 points below yesterday. Sales, 26,000 bags, including December, 15.25c; January, 15.30@15.40c; February, 15.35@15.50c; March, 15.35@15.45c; April, 15.40@15.50c; May, 15.45@15.60c; June, 15.50@15.60c; July, 15.60c; August, 15.60c; September, 15.60c; October, 15.60c; spot Rio firm; fair cargoes, 17c.

Sugar—Raw inactive and nominal; refined easy and slow. Rice in moderate inquiry and firm; domestic, 4¾@6¾c; Japan, 4¾@5½c.

Tallow unsettled and dull. Rosin inactive; common to good strained, $1.02½@1.07½.

Eggs quiet and steady; Western, 23@24c. Receipts, 14,363 packages.

Pork steady and dull. Middles firm; short clear, 7.50c. Lard higher and strong, with a better export demand; sales Western steam, spot, at 8.65c, closing at 8.65c; December, 8.64@8.68c, closing at 8.64c; January, 8.35@8.40c, closing at 8.35c asked; February, 8.24c asked; March, 8.23@8.25c, closing at 8.23c; April, 8.24c asked; May, 8.24@8.25c, closing at 8.25c asked.

Butter firm and in fair demand; Western dairy, 14@25c; Western creamery, 19@31c; Elgins, 34@35c. Cheese firm and in moderate demand; Western, 10@11c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Western fairly active and higher; No. 2 winter red, spot, 97@97¼c; January, 97⅜@98c; February, $1@1.00¼; March, $1.02@1.02½. Corn—Western easier; mixed, spot, 41⅝c; sales, January, 42¼@42⅜c; February, 42¾@43⅞c; March, 43¼@43½c; steamer, 39⅜c. Oats dull and unchanged; Western white, 33@35c; Western mixed, 30@32c. Rye steady at 60@61c. Hay—Prime to choice timothy, $16.50@17.50. Provisions steady and unchanged. Butter steady; best roll, 20@22c; creamery, 26@32c. Eggs firm at 22@24c. Coffee firm; fair Rio, 17@17¼c. Receipts—Flour, 8,000 brls; wheat, 2,000 bu; corn, 112,000 bu; oats, 3,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,000 brls; corn, 9,000 bu. Sales—Wheat, 165,000 bu; corn, 85,000 bu.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle in Light Supply, with No Material Change in Prices—Hogs Quiet.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.

CATTLE—Receipts, 302; shipments, 250. The supply was light for Saturday. Quality only fair. Market about the same on all decent stock, and ready sale at no material change in prices, while common was slow at no better prices. About everything cleaned up at the close. No fancy shippers on sale; $4.50 was the top for the kind that was here.

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, 4,175; shipments, 2,700. Quality fair. Market opened quiet. Few sold at about steady prices, but later weak and closed quiet.

Heavy shipping	$5.10@5.17½
Light	5.05@5.15
Mixed	5.00@5.10
Heavy roughs	4.25@4.75

SHEEP—Receipts, 750; shipments, 750. Fair supply, and the quality was only fair. Market was stronger on good heavy grades, but common are dull at quotations.

Good to choice	$4.00@4.50
Fair to medium	3.25@3.75
Common	2.25@3.00
Lambs	3.50@5.00
Bucks, per head	2.50@3.50

Elsewhere.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22.—The Live Stock Indicator reports: Cattle—Receipts, 701; shipments ——. Supply light and market stronger. Dressed beef and butcher's steers strong to 10c higher. Cows steady to 10c stronger. Stockers and feeders steers quiet and steady. Good to choice corn-fed, $4.50@4.90; common to medium, $3.20@4.40; stockers and feeding steers, $2.@3.30; cows, $1.25@2.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,710; shipments, 1,415. Strong, active and 5@10c higher, mainly 10c. Good to choice, $5.05@5.10; common to medium, $4.75@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 74; shipments, —. Weak and a shade lower. Good to choice muttons, $3.75@4; common to medium, $2@3.40.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The Drovers' Journal reports. Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; shipments, ——. Market slow and steady; beeves, $4.50@4.90; steers, $3@3.40; stockers and feeders, $1.90@3.25; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@2.85; Texas cattle, $1.60@2.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; shipments, 1,500. Market steadier; mixed, $4@4.25; heavy, $4.10@5.35; light, $5@5.25; skips, $3.25@5.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,500; shipments, 400. Market steady; natives, $2.75@4.80; Westerns, $3@4.60; Texans, $2.05@3.30; lambs, $2.65@6.

EAST LIBERTY, Pa., Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 789; shipments, 646. Nothing doing; all through consignments. Twenty-four cars cattle shipped to New York to-day.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,200; shipments, 2,000. Market firm on light and slower on heavy; Philadelphias, $5.20@5.25; mixed, $5.20@5.25; Yorkers, $5.15@5.25; common to fair, $5.10@5.15; pigs, $5@5.25. Eleven cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,400; shipments, 600. Market firm on best grades; slow on common; prices unchanged.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 116; shipments, 75. Market quiet and easy.

Sheep—Receipts, 180; shipments, 260. Market quiet and steady. Lambs in fair demand; firm at $3.50@5.75.

Hogs in fair demand and steady. Common and light, $4.50@5.15; packing and butchers', $5.05@5.20; receipts, 6,900; shipments, 2,300.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, ——; shipments, ——. Market steady at yesterday's figures.

Hogs—Receipts, ——; shipments, ——. Market shade stronger. Choice heavy, $5.10@5.25; packing, fair to choice, $4.95@5.10; light grades, ordinary to best, $4.85@5.00.

Sheep—Receipts, ——; shipments, ——. Market unchanged.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400 head through; 140 head for sale. Feeling weak on export and shipping; nothing sold.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 600 head through; 1,000 head for sale. Sheep firm; shipping, $4.25@4.75. Lambs a shade higher; Western, $5.50@6.10; Canadas, $6.50@6.90.

Hogs—Active and 5@15c higher. Receipts, 3,000 head through; 3,000 head for sale. Mediums, $5.15@5.20; Yorkers, $5.30@5.35.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKETS.

Trade a Little Off, Owing to the Near Approach of Christmas and Holiday Week.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.

In all departments nearly, it is noticeable that trade lacked the snap which has characterized it for a few days past, which is expected with the near approach of a holiday. The wholesale men will now give the retail merchants a chance to unload. In prices, to-day, there were no fluctuations of importance. In dry goods there is a firm tone to prices, and as stocks have been largely depleted by the business of the last two months, there is no reason for thinking that a break in prices is near at hand. Staple groceries, as well, carry a strong feeling, coffees having recovered from the weakness of Wednesday last. Sugars presented a firm front. Teas are moving well at unchanged prices, while canned goods have an upward tendency. Hog products are unsettled, and move out slowly in a jobbing way. After the holidays an improved condition of things with this market is looked for. The hide market is a problem. It is active, but prices have a weakening tendency, and one slight decline is followed by another, prices now ranging 30 per cent. lower than one year ago. The produce markets, of course, are active. Receipts of poultry are large and so is the demand, and no surplus stock has yet accumulated. Eggs are coming in freely, but the local demand takes most of the arrivals. Apples, bananas and oranges are selling freely at unchanged but firmer prices. Vegetables of all kinds are firmer in tone, but not quotably changed. Cranberries are a drug on the market, so large a per cent. being inferior quality. Game is scarce, and will readily bring our quotations, and really fresh receipts will bring a shade better prices, yet our quotations cover the situation on any shipments which are likely to arrive in the next three days.

GRAIN.

It was an off day in the local market. The attendance on 'Change was small, and the bidding spiritless, but better things are looked for after the holidays are over. The receipts of wheat were but three cars, and the market was quiet at the following range of prices:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.01@1.02. No. 3 red is salable at 93@97c, rejected at 74@86c for poor to good samples, and choice at 87@92c.

Corn—The offerings for shipment are quite free, and demand fair. New No. 2 white we quote at 33c; new No. 3 white, one color, is salable at 32@32½c; new No. 3 white, two colors, 31@31½c; new No. 4 white is salable at 29@31c, new No. 3 yellow at 29½@30c, new No. 3 mixed at 29@29½c, new No. 4 mixed at 27½@28½c; new ear mixed, 27½@28c; white, 29@31½c.

Oats—The market is quiet, demand being supplied easily, although offerings are limited. We quote No. 2 white, 28½@29½c; No. 3 white, 27½@28c; No. 2 mixed is salable at 26¾@27c; rejected salable at 23½@25c.

Hay and Straw—Offerings are free, and the market continues dull. No. 1 timothy, $13.25 bid spot, held at $13.75 to arrive; No. 2 timothy, $10.00@12.00; mixed, $8.50@9.50. No. 1 prairie, $8.00@8.50. We quote straw at $5.00; rye straw, $6.00.

Feeds—Bran—Market firm; offerings light; we quote at $12.75. Hominy feed salable at $12.00@12.50.

The Jobbing Trade.

COAL AND COKE.

Anthracite, $7.25 and $7.50 ₱ ton; Jackson lump, $4.00 ₱ ton; nut, $3.50; Brazil block, $3.50 ₱ ton; nut, $3.00; Pittsburg, $4.00 ₱ ton; nut, $3.75; Raymond and Winifrede, $4.00 ₱ ton; nut, $3.75; Duggar lump, $3.25 ₱ ton; nut, $2.75; Island City lump, $3.25 ₱ ton; nut, $3.00; Highland lump, $3.00 ₱ ton; nut, $2.50; Piedmont and Blossburg, $5.00 ₱ ton; Indiana cannel, $7.00 ₱ ton; gas-house coke, 11c ₱ bu, or $2.75 ₱ load; crushed coke, 12c ₱ bu, or $3.00 ₱ load.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

APPLES—Per brl, choice, $1.50@2; common, 75c@$1.25; selling in bulk on track, 30@40c ₱ bu.

CRANBERRIES—Per brl, $5.50@7.50; bushel boxes, choice, $2.50@2.75.

GRAPES Malagas, $5.00 for heavy weight, $4.00 for light weight; Fenly, $7.

ONIONS—$1.25@1.40 ₱ brl; Spanish, $1.00 ₱ crate.

POTATOES—Per brl, $1.25@1.50; from car, 35@45c per bu.

SWEET POTATOES—Jerseys, $3.75@4.00 ₱ brl; Kentucky, $1.75@2.00 ₱ brl.

GROCERIES.

COFFEES—Ordinary grades, 16@17c; fair, 17½@18c; good, 18½@19½c; prime, 20½@21½c; strictly prime to choice, 21½@22¼c; fancy green and yellow, 22½@23½c; old government Java, 31½@32½c; ordinary Java, 27½@28½c, imitation Java, 25½@26½c; roasted coffees, 22¼c.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@35c; choice, 40@50c. Sorghum, 30@40c.

FLOUR SACKS—No. 1 drab, ¼ brl, $33 ₱ 1,000; ½ brl, $17; lighter weight, $1 ₱ 1,000 less.

LEAD—7@8c for pressed bars.

DRIED BEEF—11@13c.

SPICES—Pepper, 18½@19c; allspice, 10@12c; cloves, 24@28c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 70@85c ₱ lb.

STARCH—Refined pearl, 3@3½c ₱ lb; Eureka, 5@6c; Champion gloss lump, 3½@4c; improved corn, 5½@6c.

RICE—Louisiana, 5@7c.

SHOT—$1.45@1.50 ₱ bag for drop.

SUGARS—Hards, 7⅞@8⅞c; confectioners' A, 7⅛@7⅝c; off A, 7¼@7½c; white extra C, 7⅛@7¼c; fine yellows, 6¾@7⅛c; good yellows, 6¾@6⅞c; fair yellows, 6½@6¾c; common yellows, 6⅜@6½c.

SALT—In car lots, 90c; small lots, $1.00@1.05.

TWINE—Hemp, $12@18c ₱ lb; wool, 8@10c; flax 20@30c; paper, 18c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 16@25c.

WOODENWARE—No. 1 tubs, $7.75@8.00; No 2 tubs, $6.75@7.00; No. 3 tubs, $5.75@6.00; 3-hoop pails, $1.75@1.80; double washboards, $2@2.75; common washboards, $1.20@1.85; clothes-pins, 50@85c ₱ box.

WOODEN DISHES—Per 100, 1 lb, 20c; 2 lbs, 25c 3 lbs, 30c; 5 lbs, 40c.

WRAPPING-PAPER—Crown straw, 18c ₱ bundle; medium straw, 27c; double-crown straw, 36c; heavy-weight straw, 1¾@2c ₱ lb; crown rag, 20c ₱ bundle; medium rag, 30c; double-crown rag, 40c; heavy-weight rag, 2¼@3c ₱ lb; Manila, No. 1, 8@9c; No. 2, 5½@6½c; print paper, No. 1, 6@7c; book paper, No. 2, 8, 8, & C., 10@11c; No. 2, S. & C., 8@9c; No. 1, S. & C., 7¼@8c.

IRON AND STEEL.

Bar iron (rates), 2@2.25c; horse-shoe bar, 3.25c Norway rail rod, 8c; German steel plow-slabs, 4c American drill steel, 10@12c; Sanderson toe steel 16c; tire steel, 4c; spring steel, 6c; horse shoes ₱ keg $4.25@4.50; mules shoes ₱ keg, $5.25@5.50 horse nails ₱ box, 8d., $5; steel nails, 10d. and larger, $2.25@2.35 ₱ keg; other sizes at the usual advance; wire nails, $2.90.

TINNERS' SUPPLIES—Best brand charcoal tin, IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $6.75; IX, 10x14, 14x20 and 12x12, $8.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $5.25; IC, 20x28, $10.50; block tin, in pigs, 27c; in bars, 29c. Iron—27 B iron, 3½c, 27 C iron, 5c; galvanized, 50 and 10 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 7c. Copper bottoms, 30c. Planished copper, 36c; solder, 16@18c.

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches—Standard, 3-pound, $1.80@2.00; 3-pound seconds, $1.40@1.60. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 80@90c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.15@1.80; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, $14.0@2.50; seconds, 2-pound, $1.10@1.20; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, 95c@$1; light, 65@70c; 2-pound, full, $1.70@1.80; light, 90c@$1; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, $1.20@1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.20@1.40; small, $1.50@1.75; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, 95c@$1.10; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), $1.90@2.50.

LEATHER, HIDES AND TALLOW.

LEATHER—Oak sole, 33@37c; hemlock sole, 26@32c; harness, 30@35c; skirting, 37@38c; black bridle, ₱ doz, $60@65; fair bridle, $60@78 ₱ doz.; city kip, $60@80; French kip, $85@120; city calf-skins, 85@$1.10; French calf-skins, $1.15@1.80.

HIDES—Green, 5c; green salt, 6c; green salt kip, 5@5½c; green salt calf, 6@6½c; dry flint, 8c; dry salt, 7c.

SHEEPSKINS—Pelts, 25c@$1.00.

TALLOW—No. 1, 5¼c; No. 2, 4½c.

GREASE—Brown, 2½c; yellow, 2¾c; white, 4½c.

PRODUCE.

BEANS—Choice hand-picked navy, $2.25 ₱ bu; medium hand-picked, $2.00@2.15.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@20c; choice, 22@24c; fancy creamery, 28@32c; country, 15@16c; common, 7@9c.

EGGS—Shippers paying 18c; selling from store at 19@20c.

FEATHERS—Prime geese 35c ₱ lb; mixed duck, 20c ₱ lb.

GAME—Ducks, mallard, $2.75 ₱ doz; prairie chickens, $4.50@5.00 ₱ doz; quails, $1.25@1.50 ₱ doz; squirrels, $1.00@1.25 ₱ doz; venison, 18c ₱ lb; whole deer, 10c ₱ lb; rabbits, $1.

POULTRY—Hens, 6½c; chickens, 6½c; turkeys, 7½c; toms, 6c; roosters, 3c; geese, full-feathered, ₱ doz, $4.80@5.40; plucked, $3.50@4.20; ducks, old and young, 6c.

WOOL—Tub-washed and picked, 33@35c; unwashed, medium and common grades, if in good order, 22c; unwashed fine, 17@28c; fleece washed, if light, well washed and in good order, 28@30c; burry and unmerchantable, according to their value.

PROVISIONS.

JOBBING PRICES—Smoked meats—Sugar-cured hams, 10 to 12 lbs average, 12½c, 15 lbs average, 12½c; 17½ lbs average, 12½c; 20 lbs average, 11¾c; 22 lbs average, 11½c; English-cured breakfast bacon, light or medium, 12c; sugar-cured shoulders, 10 to 12 lbs average, 10½c; California hams, light or medium, 10½c; dried beef hams, 11c; dried beef hams, knuckle pieces, 10½c; dried beef hams, thin pieces, 8½c. Bacon—Clear sides, medium average, 10c; clear backs, medium average, 9½c; clear bellies, medium weight, 10c. Dry salt and Pickled Meats—Clear sides (unsmoked), 9½c; clear backs (unsmoked), 9½c; clear bellies (unsmoked), 9½c; clear pork, ₱ brl 200 lbs, $17.00; ham or rump pork, ₱ brl 200 lbs, $15.50; Bologna—Skin, large or small, 7½c; cloth, large or small, 7c. Lard—Pure winter leaf, kettle rendered, in tierces, 10c; in one-half brls, 10¼c; in 50-lb cans in 100-lb cases, 10½c; in 20-lb cans in 80-lb cases, 10¾c. Refined Lard—In tierces, 9¼c; in 50-lb cans in 100-lb cases, 9½c. Fresh Meats—Shoulders, 9c; cottage hams, 9c; pork backs, suitable for chops, fat on, 9c; do, fat off, 9½c; ground sausage, in 20-lb pails, 8c; ground sausage, in links, 9c; sausage meat, 7c; shoulder boxes, 3c.

SEEDS.

Clover—Red, choice, 60 lb bu, $4.50@4.75; English, choice, $4.60@5.00; common, $4.10@4.75; White, choice, $6.75@7.50; Alsike, $6.75@7.50; Alfalfa, choice, $5.00@7.50. Timothy—Choice, 45 lb bu, $1.75@2.25. Blue grass—English, 10c ₱ lb; fancy, 14 lb bu, 80c@$1.00. Orchard grass—Extra clean, 14 lb bu, $1.25@1.50. Red top—Choice, 14 lb bu, 80c@$1.00. English blue grass, 24 lb bu, $1.25@1.50. Acme lawn grass, 14 lbs, $1.75@2.25. Seed rye, 56c ₱ bu. Flaxseed, selected, $1.30@1.50 per bu. Hemp, 3¼c. Canary, 3c. Rape, 7c ₱ lb. New popcorn, 1@2c ₱ lb.

FRATERNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

Masonic.

The semi-annual constitutional meeting of the Scottish Rite bodies will be held on Tuesday evening of this week.

Preparations are in progress for a musical and social entertainment in the Scottish Rite parlors, on the evening of Jan. 11. Later in the season the dramatic society of the Rite will ent