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SHARES WERE LOWER

Atchison and New England Stocks the Depressing Features.

Declines on Wall Street Ranged from 1-8 to 3 Per Cent.—Indianapolis Wagon Wheat Drops to 56c.

At New York yesterday, money on call went at 1@1½ per cent., the last loan being at 1@1½, closing at 1@1½ per cent.

Mercantile paper, 3½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was dull with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86½@4.86¾ for demand and at $4.84¼@4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.83@4.83¼.

Silver certificates, 69⅝c bid. Bar silver closed at 69c per ounce. Total sales of stocks amounted to 246,400 shares.

The placing in the hands of receivers late on Saturday of the Santa Fe road was one of the several factors which depressed the speculation on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Another depressing influence was the uncertainty of the situation in regard to New England. The payment of the January disbursement is yet in doubt and there were uncomfortable rumors that the control of the road will, in the near future, if it has not already, been taken out of the hands of the present management. There were free selling movements in both stocks. Atchison, after a drop of 1¾c at the opening, rose 1 per cent. on purchases of 6,600 shares. Then the selling began anew and the improvement was lost. During the rest of the day the stock was firmly held, fluctuating between 13@13¾c, and closing at 13⅝c, which is only 1⅛c below the closing price of Saturday. The general trend of sentiment seems to be that the receivership will not be of very long duration, and that the interest of the stockholders will be carefully looked after. The Stock Exchange at London being closed to-day, possibly prevented heavier selling, as London is a large holder of Atchison securities, particularly of the bonds, which were very weak in this market, the fours declining 4½ per cent. and rallying 1 per cent., the seconds selling down 3½ and recovering ¾ per cent. The announcement that the St. Paul earnings for the third week in December showed a decrease of over $173,000 served to depreciate the value of the shares, large blocks of which changed hands. Distilling was heavy, and many holders parted with their shares when it became known that the company had issued a confidential circular to its customers, saying that it was not likely an increase in the wholesale prices of whisky would be made. The other granger shares were also heavy. Sugar opened ¼ down, rose ½ and receded ⅞. Then came reports that a modification in the tariff bill was in progress which would assist the sugar refiners, and good buyers came into the market, whose purchases sent Sugar shares up 3 per cent. Realization of profits and some short sales caused a reaction of 1⅜ during the afternoon, with a final rally of ⅞, the gain of the day being 1⅝ per cent. The only other shares which at the close showed an advance were: American Tobacco, 3½; Sugar preferred, 1, and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and Manhattan, ½ per cent. The decline, compared with Saturday's closing, ranges from ¼ to 3 per cent.. Distilling leading the downward movement. Rubber is down 2¾, Minneapolis & St. Louis preferred and Great Northern preferred 2½, Illinois Central 2 and Pittsburg, Chicago & St. Louis 1¾. Louisville & New Albany preferred 1⅞, Reading, New York, Chicago & St. Louis, Pullman and Cordage preferred 1¼, Louisville & Nashville and Union Pacific 1¼, and Chicago Gas, Lead preferred, Consolidated Gas, Lake Erie & Western preferred, Mobile & Ohio and Wisconsin Central 1 per cent. The market closed weak.

The railway and miscellaneous bond market was weak all day.

Government bonds were dull. State bonds were inactive.

The following table, prepared by James E. Berry, Room 16, Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

Name.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	150
Alto & Terre Haute	....	....	....	18
Alton & T. H. pref	....	....	....	145
American Express	....	....	....	110
Atchison	13	14	13	13⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	....	....	....	67¾
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	76¾
Canada Southern	50½	50½	50	50
Central Pacific	....	....	....	18
Chesapeake & Ohio	16½	16½	16½	16¼
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	135
C., B. & Q.	74½	74⅞	73¾	73½
C. & E. I. pref	....	....	....	96½
Chicago Gas	61¼	61¾	60⅝	60⅞
C., C., C. & St. L.	35¼	35½	35¼	35½
Cotton Oil	27	28	27	27¼
Delaware & Hudson	128½	128½	127⅞	128½
D., L. & W.	160½	161½	160½	161½
Dis. & C. F. Co.	21⅞	23¾	19½	20¼
Edison Gen. Elec	37	37⅞	36½	36⅞
Erie	14½	14½	14¼	14¼
Erie pref	61½	62	61½	62
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	148
Great Northern pref	....	....	....	100
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	18½
Illinois Central	89½	89½	89	89
Lake Erie & W.	....	....	....	14½
Lake Erie & W. pref	....	....	....	62
Lake Shore	122	122¼	122	122¼
Lead Trust	22¼	22¼	21⅝	21⅝
Lead Trust pref	66½	66½	66½	66½
Louis. & Nashville	47⅝	47⅝	46⅝	46¾
Louis. & New Albany	9	9	9	9
Manhattan	122¾	122¾	122¾	123
Michigan Central	....	....	....	99
Missouri Pacific	21	21⅜	21	21¼
National Cordage	....	....	....	16½
National Cordage pref	....	....	....	40
New Jersey Central	....	....	....	112
New York Central	98½	98⅝	97⅞	98¼
N. Y. & N. E.	16	17	15¼	15¼
Northern Pacific	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝	4⅝
Northern Pacific pref.	18⅞	19	18⅝	18⅝
Northwestern	99¼	99¼	97¾	98
Northwestern pref	....	....	....	134
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	13
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	4¾
Pullman Palace	163½	163½	162	162
Reading	18½	18½	17	17¼
Rock Island	64	64¼	63	63⅝
St. Paul	57⅝	58¼	56¾	57
St. Paul pref	....	....	....	116
Sugar Refinery	80	82⅝	79¾	81⅝
U. S. Express	....	....	....	50
Wabash, St. L. & P.	....	....	....	6¾
W., St. L. & P. pref	12¾	13	12¼	12½
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	125
Western Union	81¾	82¼	81	81¼
U. S. fours, reg	....	....	....	112⅝
U. S. fours, coup	....	....	....	114

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The Local Market Was Dull and Without Special Feature.

In the local markets but little was doing yesterday, and prices ruled weak. Changes will be noted in dry goods, drugs and game. The poultry and provision market are weak in tone, but unchanged.

The local grain market showed but little life. Attendance on 'Change was small. Wheat was weak, wagon wheat dropping to 56 cents. Some grades of corn were a shade stronger. Track bids yesterday ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 56½c; No. 3 red, 54c; rejected, 40@45c; wagon, 56c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 36c; No. 2 white, 35½c; No. 3 white, one color, 36c; two colors, 35½c; No. 4 white, 30c; No. 2 white mixed, 35½c; No. 3 white mixed 34½c; No. 4 white mixed, 30c; No. 2 yellow, 35½c; No. 3 yellow, 35½c; No. 4 yellow, 30c; No. 2 mixed, 35½c; No. 3 mixed, 35c; No. 4 mixed, 30c; ear corn, 36c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31c; No. 2 mixed, 30c; rejected, 23@25c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $12.50; No. 1, $11.75; No. 2, $9.50; No. 1 prairie, $6.75; mixed, $8; clover, $9.

Feed—No. 2, 45c for car lots; 40c for wagon rye.

Bran, $12.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices Paid by Dealers.)

Poultry—Hens, 5c per lb; young chickens, 5c per lb; turkeys, toms, 5c per lb; hens, 6½c per lb; fancy fat young tom turkeys, 6c; small and poor, 5c; ducks, 6c per lb; geese, $4.20@4.80 per doz, for choice; rabbits, 75@80c per doz.

Eggs—Shippers paying 22c.

Butter—Choice, 14@15c; mixed, 10@12c.

Honey—New, 16@18c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 40c per lb; mixed duck, 20c per lb.

Beeswax—20c for yelow; 15c for dark.

Wool—Unwashed medium wool, 16c; unwashed coarse or braid, 13@14c; unwashed fine merino, 10@13c; tub-washed, 18@23c; burry and cotted wool, 3c to 6c less than above prices.

RAW FURS.

Following is the price list for central and northern Indiana and Ohio for prime skins: Extra coon, $1@2; large coon, 80c; medium coon, 60c; small coon, 40c; large mink, $1.25; medium mink, 80c; small mink, 50c; black skunk, $1@1.25; half stripe skunk, 80c; narrow stripe skunk, 35c; broad stripe skunk, 15c; opposum, 5@20c; rat, 3@13c; red fox, 50c@$1.25; grey fox, 40@65c; otter, $3@8; Kentucky skins, 10@20 per cent. lower than prices quoted above

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 G. S. hides, 3¾c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 2¾c; No. 1 calf hides, 5c; No. 2 calf hides, 3½c.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4¾c; No. 2 tallow, 4c.

Greese—White, 4½c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 3c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of wholesale dealers.)

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 6½c per lb; common mixed, 6½c; G. A. R. mixed, 7½c; Banner mixed, 10c; cream mixed, 10c; old-time mixed, 7½c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 15c; Brazil nuts, 12c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 14c.

Canned Goods.

Peaches — Standard, 3-pound, $1.85@2; 3-pound seconds, $1.30@1.40; 2-pound pie, 90@95c; California standard, $2.25@2.50; California seconds, $1.85@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-pound, 90@95c; raspberries, 2-pound, $1.20@1.25; pineapple, standard, 2-pound, $1.25@1.35; choice, $2@2.25; cove oysters, 1-pound, full weight, 95c@$1; light, 65@70c; 2-pound full, $1.80@1.90; light, $1.10@1.20; string beans, 85@95c; Lima beans, $1.10@1.30; peas, marrowfat, $1.10@1.30; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.20@1.30; salmon (lbs), $1.45@2.20; 3-pound tomatoes, $1.15@1.20.

Coal and Coke.

Anthracite coal, all sizes, $7.50 per ton; Pittsburg and Raymond City, $4.25 per ton; Jackson, $4.25; block, $3.25; Island City, $3; Blossburg and English cannel, $5. All nut coals 50c below above quotations.

Coke — Connellsville, $3.75 per load; crushed, $3.25 per load; lump, $3 per load.

Dried Fruits.

Figs—Layer, 14@15c per lb.

Peaches—Common sun-dried, 6½@7c per lb; common evaporated, 10@11c; California choice, 11½@12c; California fancy, 12½@13c.

Apricots—Evaporated, 16@18c.

Prunes—Turkish, 8@9c per lb; California, 7@10c.

Currants—5½@6c per lb.

Raisins—Loose Muscatel, $1.75@1.85 per box; London layer, $1.85@2 per box; Valencia, 8@8½c per lb; layer, 9@10c.

Drugs

Alcohol, $2.20@2.40; asafetida, 34c; alum, 4@5c; camphor, 60@65c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 60@65c; copperas, brls, 85c@$1; cream tartar, pure, 26@28c; indigo, 80@90c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@45c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz., 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz., $2@2.25; madder, 16@18c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.28@1.30; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3.25; opium, $2.60; quinine, P. & W., per oz., 32@37c; balsam copaiba, 60@65c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@12c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 16@20c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 40@45c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonidia, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 22@26c.

Oils—Linseed oil, 46@49c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 7@14c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c. Lard oils— Winter strained m barrels, 75c per gal; in half barrels, 3c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6½c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 6¾c; Capital, 6c; Cumberland, 7½c; Dwight Anchor, 7¾c; Fruit of Loom, 8c; Farwell, 7c; Fitchville, 6½c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 5½c; Gilded Age, 7c; Hill, 7c; Hope, 6¾c; Linwood, 7½c; Lonsdale, 8c; Lonsdale Cambric, 10c; Masonville, 8c; Peabody, 5¾c; Pride of the West, 11½c; Quinebaugh, 6½c; Star of the Nation, 6c; Ten Strike, 6½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 20c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 20½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 22½c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6½c; Argyle, 5c; Boott C, 4¾c; Buck's Head, 6½c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 7½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7c; Dwight Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 6c; Great Falls J, 5c; Hill Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6½c; Lawrence LL, 4¾c; Lockwood B, 5½c; Pepperell R, 5½c; Pepperell E, 6¼c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperel, 10-4, 18c; Androsperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 10-4, 18c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 18½c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 20½c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 5½c; Allen's staples, 5c; Allen TR, 5½c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 5¼c; American robes, 6½c; Arnold LLC, 7½c; Arnold LCB, 8½c; Arnold Gold Seal, 10c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4¾c; Hamilton fancy, 5½c; Manchester fancy, 5½c; Merrimac fancy, 5½c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 6c; Pacific fancy, 5½c; Pacific robes, 6c; Pacific mourning, 5½c; Simpson Eddystone, 5½c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; Simpson's grays, 5½c; Simpson's mournings, 5½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5¾c; Amoskeag Persian Dress, 6½c; Bates Warwick Dress, 6½c; Johnson BF Fancies, 8½c; Lancaster, 5¾c; Lancaster Normandies, 6½c; Carrolton, 4½c; Renfrew Dress, 7½c; Whittenton Heather, 6½c; Calcutta Dress Styles, 5½c.

Prime Cambrics—Manville, 4¾c; S. S. & Son's, 4½c; Masonville, 4¾c; Garner, 4¾c.

Kid finished cambrics, Edwards, 4c; Warren, 3¾c; Slater, 4c; Genessee, 4c.

Ticklings—Amoskeag, ACA, 12½c; Conestoga, BF, 13½c; Cordis, 140, 13½c; Cordis, FT, 12½c; Cordis, ACE, 12½c; Hamilton, awning, 10c; Kimono Fancy, 17c; Lenox Fancy, 10½c; Methuen AA, 12c; Oakland, AF, 7c; Portsmouth, 11½c; Susquehanna, 13½c; Shetucket SW, 7½c; Shetucket F, 8c; Swift River, 5½c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $14.50; American, $13.50; Franklinville, $16.50; Harmony, $13.50; Stark, $18.50.

Game.

Game—Prairie chickens, $3.50@4; grouse, $2.25@2.50; mallard ducks, $2.25; black, $1.75@2; quail, $1.50; venison saddles, 15@17c; carcass, 10@11c; rabbits, 90c@$1.

Flour.

Straight grades, $2.70@3; fancy grades, $2.90@3.15; patent flour, $3.50@4; low grades, $1.50@2.

Groceries.

Sugar—Hard sugars, 4⅞@5¾c; confectioners' A, 4⅝@4⅝c; off A, 4⅝@4¾c; A, 4½@4⅝c; extra C, 4⅛@4⅜c; yellow C, 4⅛@4¼c; dark yellow, 3¾@4c.

Coffee—Good, 20½@21c; prime, 22@23c; strictly prime, 24@26c: fancy green and yellow, 26@27c; ordinary Java, 29@30c; old government Java, 32@33c; roasted, 1-pound packages, 24.44c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 30@40c; choice, 40@45c; syrups, 25@35c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $1.90@2 per bu; medium hand-picked, $1.80@1.90; limas, California, 4@4½c per lb.

Rice — Louisiana, 3¾@5c; Carolina, 4½@6½c.

Honey—New York stock, 1-pound sections, 16@18c per lb.

Spices — Pepper, 16@18c; allspice, 12@15c; cloves, 20@25c; cassia, 10@12c; nutmegs, 70@80c per lb.

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

Salt—In car lots, 80@85c; small lots, 90@95c.

Shot—$1.50@1.55 per bag for drop.

Lead—7@7½c for pressed bars.

Wooden Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.20; No. 2, $2.50; No. 3, $2.80; No. 5, $3.50.

Wooden Ware—Sacks (paper)—Plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.50; 1-16 brl, $5; ⅛ brl, $8; ¼ brl, $16; No. 2 drab, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $4.25; 1-16, $6.50; ⅛, $10; ¼, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32, per 1,000, $7; 1-16, $8.75; ⅛, $14.50; ¼, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $8.50@7; No. 2 tubs, $5.50@6; No. 3 tubs, $4.50@5; 3-hoop pails, $1.60@1.65; 2-hoop pails, $1.35@1.40; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.50@1.85; clothes pins, 50@85c per box.

Iron and Steel.

Bar iron, 1.70@1.80c; horseshoe bar, 2¼@3c; nail rod, 6c; plow slabs, 3c; American cast steel, 9c; tire steel, 2¾@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Oil Cake.

Oil cake, $25.25 per ton; oil meal, $25.25.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@28c; harness, 26@38c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, 41c; black bridle, per doz, $60@66; fair bridle, $60@78 per doz; city kip, 55@75c; French kip, 85c@$1.10; city calfskins, 85c@$1; French calfskins, $1@1.80.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $1.30; wire nails, $1.60 rates; horseshoes, per keg, $4; mule shoes, per keg, $5; horse nails, $4@5.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples—Northern spies, Baldwins and greenings, No. 1, $5@5.50; No. 2, $4.50@5 per brl.

Cranberries—Cape Cod, $7@8 per brl; Jersey, $6.50@7 per brl.

Celery—25@30c per bunch.

Cabbage—$1.25@1.50 per brl.

Sweet Potatoes—Eastern Jerseys, $3.75@4; Cobden, $3.75; Virginias $3 per brl.

Onions—$1 per bu or $2.25 per brl.

Grapes—Malaga, $6@6.50 per keg according to quality.

Potatoes—$2@2.25 per brl; from car, 60@65c; from store, 65@70c.

Florida Pineapples—$1.50@2 per doz.

Bananas—$1.25@1.75 per bunch, according to size and quality.

Lemons—Choice, $4.50 per box; fancy, $5.50.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12½@14c; skims, 5@7c per lb.

Florida Oranges—$1.75@2 per box, according to size and quality.

Cider—Duffy brand, 32-gal brl, $5; 16-gal brl, $3.

Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 50 lbs average, 9¼c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 9¾c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 10¼c; clear bellies, 18 to 20 lbs average, 9c; 16 lbs average, 9½c; 12 lbs average, 10¼c; clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 9½c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 10c; light, 9 lbs average, 10½c.

Shoulders—English cured, 12 lbs average, 9½c; 16 lbs average, 8½c.

California Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 7¾c.

Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 10¼@10½c; 15 lbs average, 11c; 12½ lbs average, 11½c; 10 lbs average, 12c; block hams, 10¼@11c.

Boneless Hams—Sugar-cured, 8½c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl, 200 lbs, $18; family pork, $16; rump pork, $14.50 per brl.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear, English cured, 13½c.

Lard—Kettle-rendered, in tierces, 10c; Indiana, 8½c.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60-lb bu, $4.65@4.90; prime, $4.65@4.95; English, choice, $4.50@4.75; Alsike, choice, $7.50@8; Alfalfa, choice, $5.55@6. Timothy—45-lb bu, choice, $2@2.15; strictly prime, $1.85@2. Bluegrass—Fancy, 14-lb bu, $1.15@1.20; extra clean, 85@90c. Orchard grass—Extra, $1.35@1.50. Red top—Choice, 50@60c; extra clean, 38@40c. English bluegrass, 24-lb bu, $2.40@2.50.

Tinners' Supplies.

Best brand charcoal tin IC, 10x14, 14x20, 12x12, $7@7.50; IX, 10x14, 14x20 and 12x12, $9@9.50; IC, 14x20, roofing tin, $6@6.50; IC, 20@28, $12@12.50; block tin, in pigs, 25c; in bars, 27c. Iron—27 B iron, 3c; C iron, 4c; galvanized, 70 per cent. discount. Sheet zinc, 5¾@6c. Copper, bottoms, 20c. Pianished copper, 24c. Solder, 15@16c.

MORE JAIL HISTORY.

A Month When It Held No City Prisoners, and the Reason Thereof.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

Those were interesting reminiscences of the old jail which appeared in the Journal recently, but they were all of the sorrowful class. There is a brighter chapter, hardly suspected by the present generation, and almost wholly forgotten by the few who remain that were eye-witnesses to it. It will seem almost incredible that there ever was a period of more than a month during which there was not a single occupant of that jail under charge of having violated any city ordinance, though at that time it served as the city lockup and entertained the whole of the motley crew which now find crowded accommodation at the city station house and the work house. This period was from June 12, 1855, to late in July. At one time the entire number was reduced to three, who were awaiting trial for larceny, but which increased to five on the same charge early in July.

As this is too incredible a condition to be left to the testimony of the few old men whose memory might mislead them, I submit the following from those who knew what they were talking about, and whose credibility cannot be called in question. The Indianapolis Sentinel of June 15, 1855, said, editorially: "The temperance law, so far, has been universally and faithfully observed." The local editor, the same day, said: "The new liquor law has knocked police items into a cocked hat. Not a single item is to be obtained now on account of John Barleycorn." On the 20th, the same paper said, referring to the popularity of the law: "That the people of Indiana desire and will have a reasonable and constitutional law for the suppression of the evils of intemperance none are blind enough to deny." Recurring to the workings of the law again on the 28th of June, it said: "During the past fifteen days there has not been a single commitment to the county jail for the violation of the city ordinances, and in the way of arrests by the city police there is little or nothing doing."

The Indianapolis Locomotive of June 23, said: "There has not been a single arrest or commitment to prison since June 12. The Mayor sits quietly in his official chair and the night watch doze on the store boxes." Four weeks later, July 21, the Locomotive said: "The temperance law has nearly abolished rioting, drunkenness and rowdying, and the tax-payers are reducing expenses" (referring to the fact that the night watch had been reduced one-half.)

The Indianapolis Journal, of July 24, referring to the same fact, said: "The reduction of the night watch was on account of the diminution of disturbance and expense resulting from the enforcement of the prohibitory law." Aug. 20, the Journal said: "The law diminished crime, reduced drunkenness, saved money and emptied jails, until the Supreme Court took hold of it." The Indianapolis Evening Republican, of June 29, said: "Drunkenness and profanity permeate the streets making night hideous, and the watchmen have little to do."

There remain only a few who were eye witnesses to that empty jail for more than a month, not one of whom, under the most searching cross-examination, will contradict the above statements of the only papers then published in the city. That new jail is something to be proud of. It is beautiful in its architectural construction, a monument to the social conditions which make it and the work house and the police station a necessity; well its internal appointments for the comfort of the inmates, speak well for our Christian civilization, which provides such good accommodations for those who are entertained there, while their wives and children are so abundantly provided for by our well ordered organized charities. Now and then you meet a skinflint taxpayer who grunts under the burden which such monuments cost. They should remember that the saloon tax alone will pay the whole cost in a few years, and that is a tax which nobody feels. It is collected in small driblets from the drinking men and women of the city who pay it voluntarily, no matter whether or not the children have shoes or clothes or food. If they have not, our Christian charities supply them. The whole speaks volumes for our Christianity as well as our sound business sense. We could return to that month's history, if we wanted to, but that would leave our liberal investments for monuments all wasted, not to speak of leaving our organized charities with but little if anything to call out the virtue of giving to the destitute.

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ONE SORT OF ANARCHISTS.

Madmen or Followers of Madmen's Visionary Theories.

John Gilmer Speed, in the Outlook.

In the talks I have had with professed Anarchists, I have found two kinds of men. The majority are weak-headed people, of nervous temperament, incapable of correct thinking. They have become Anarchists because they happened to be thrown under the influency of stronger men who were Anarchists. We find men similar to these in all political parties and also in all churches. They have not the faintest conception why they are so zealous, but they are, and that is all there is about it. They belong to that great body that Carlyle, with angry impatience, was fond of calling fools. This class of Anarchists would not be dangerous in themselves, but the zeal of a fool will go very far when directed by a madman with a purpose. The other and smaller class is composed of men who have pondered much on problems too hard for them, until their brains have become addled. Take an uneducated man without much mental force and let him try to think out unaided a theory of government through which all suffering, all crime, all unhappiness, all injustice, would be eliminated, and he is sure to make a mess of it. He knows next to nothing of the history of nations, and peoples, and men, and of the experiences of the past. He has nothing to guide him except his own crude notions. But with this sorry equipment he formulates a theory that is to regenerate the world. The effort made a madman of him, and the unwillingness on the part of society to accept his ideas confirms him in his insanity. He meets some of the incapables just alluded to, and in a little while there is a new group of Anarchists. By some peculiar attraction these men of addled minds come in contact with each other, and there is a bond of sympathy which unites them in opposition to all constituted authority. As a matter of fact, each group differs from each other as much as all of them differ from the established governments. If by any chance they should ever be able to overturn society they would surely then turn upon one another with the same mad ferocity which is their present characteristic in common, but which is now directed against accepted law.

These people live in tenement houses usually, and frequently there are little colonies of them. But the fact that they attach much more importance to their doings than any one else does induces many of them to make a mystery of their living places. Pretty nearly all of them are foreigners—indeed, I have never happened to meet one who was not. I am not alluding to any of the various kinds of Socialists, but to the Anarchists who believe that society should be overturned by force. Many of the Socialists—even American Socialists—sympathize, to an extent at least, with these Anarchists, though they say that they believe that the Anarchists are entirely wrong in the methods which they propose to use. No one could see much of these misguided people without feeling profoundly sorry for them. They are not the wild beasts that they are frequently represented to be, unless a man they super entirely sane is a wild beast. The strong among them are merely mad; the weak are merely misguided fools. No political crime could be greater than to pander to this madness; no social crime could be more cruel than they are pandered to these people as responsible criminals. Enlightened charity has erected and supports the insane asylums for just such unfortunates as these. In these days of distress, these men and women not enjoying a full equipment of intelligence are the worst sufferers in the community. They are powerless to influence the sane and honest poor, who live closer to them than others and understand them better, and their condition to-day is one worthy to excite only the pity of those upon whom the Anarchists look as their enemies and the enemies of society.

SURPRISES IN WHEAT

Visible Showed a Small Decrease, Holding Prices Steady.

The Leading Cereal Started with a Slump, Firmed Up and Then Declined Again Before the Close.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A decrease in the visible supply of wheat turned that market from weak to steady to-day, and May closed but ¼c below Friday's closing figures. Corn closed ¼c lower, oats ¼@¼c higher, and provisions practically unchanged. A holiday quietness prevailed in all the markets.

Wheat began the day weak with May ⅜c off at 65½c. After advancing ⅛c it dropped to 65⅜@65½c. Receipts at Chicago and in the Northwest were heavier, and this, with the consequent selling caused the early slump, and the expectation of an increase in the visible held prices down for a time. The visible figures as they began to come in, however, indicated a possible decrease, and the market began to firm up. When, with only Duluth, Detroit and Baltimore to hear from, the other places showed an aggregate decrease of 600,000 bushels, the market became firmer, and May sold at 66⅛c. McPerrin, Lindblom, Gifford, Lester and other traders bought freely, and prices held firm with May near 66c, until the visible report was complete. It showed a net decrease of but 104,000 bushels, and prices dropped again, May holding firm near 65⅞c, where it closed, midway between the top and bottom figures of the day. May opened at 65½c, lost ⅛c, advanced ⅛c, sold up ½c, then ⅛c, and lost ⅜c, to close at 65¾c.

Corn opened with May ⅛c lower at 38⅛c on heavy Chicago receipts. There was an advance of ⅛c on wheat's bulge and a loss of ⅛c on an increase in the visible supply of corn, and May closed where it had opened, fluctuations having been confined to a range of ⅛c.

Oats were firmer on light offerings and a good demand from shorts. Trading was light. May opened unchanged at 29⅞c, and after selling up ⅜c to 30¼c, reacted ⅛c to close at 30⅛c.

The provisions market opened strong on light hog receipts and an advance in prices at the yards. After advancing for a time January lard was sold freely, which weakened the whole list and sent prices back to about Friday's closing figures. Compared with Friday night January pork is 2½c lower, January lard 2½c higher, and January ribs unchanged.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow are: Wheat, 220 cars; corn, 1,000 cars; oats, 350 cars; hogs, 28,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open-ing	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—Dec	60¼	60⅞	60¼	60½
May	65½	66⅛	65⅜	65¾
Corn—Dec	34⅝	34½	34⅜	34⅝
Jan	34¼	34⅝	34¼	34⅝
May	38¼	38⅝	38⅛	38⅜
Oats—Dec	27⅝	28	27¾	27⅞
Jan	28	28⅛	28	28
May	30	30¼	29⅞	30⅛
Pork—Jan	$12.50	$12.60	$12.37½	$12.37½
May	12.70	12.72½	12.52½	12.55
Lard— Jan	7.85	7.90	7.77½	7.77½
May	7.65	7.67½	7.60	7.60
S'ribs—Jan	6.52½	6.52½	6.40	6.40
May	6.55	6.57½	6.47½	6.47½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 60½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 60@61¾c; No. 2 red, 60½c; No. 2 corn, 34½@34⅝c; No. 3 yellow, 34c; No. 2 oats, 27⅞c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c; No. 3 white, 29@30½c; No. 2 rye, 45½c; No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 3, 39@50c; No. 4, 37@44c; No. 1 Flaxseed, $1.32½; prime timothy seed, $4.25; mess pork, per brl, $12.60@12.75; lard, per lb, 8.10c; shortrib sides (loose), 6.62½@6.75c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6.25@6.50c; short-clear sides (boxed), 6.75@7c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.15; sugars, cut loaf, 5.41c; granulated, 4.70c; standard A, 4.60c.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was dull; creameries, 21@26½c; dairies, 18@22c. Eggs dull; strictly fresh, 21@22c.

Receipts—Flour, 28,000 brls; wheat, 163,000 bu; corn, 837,000 bu; oats, 482,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 103,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 33,000 brls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 475,000 bu; oats, 379,000 bu; rye, 12,000 bu; barley, 48,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Flour—Receipts, 96,700 brls; exports, 10,500 brls; sales, 7,000 packages. The market was dull and barely steady. Southern flour dull. Buckwheat flour dull and weak at $2.90. Buckwheat dull; Canadian ex-bond, 83c, nominal. Cornmeal—Sales, 650 brls; market steady. Rye nominal. Barley dull. Barley malt dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 31,800 bu; export, 121,700 bu; sales, 735,000 bu futures, 128,000 bu spot. Spots were dull, but steady; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 66⅛@66¼c; afloat, 67½c; ungraded red, 63¾c; No. 1 Northern, 71c. Options opened dull and easy; trade small and local all day, closing quiet at practically unchanged prices; No. 2 red, January, 66⅛c, closing at 66⅛c; February, 68¾@68 15-16c, closing at 68¾c; May, 70@71¼c, closing at 71c; December closed at 66⅛c.

Corn—Receipts, 223,300 bu; exports, 116,500 bu; sales, 325,000 bu futures, 53,000 bu spot. Spot market dull, but steady; No. 2, 43c in elevator, 44c afloat. Option market dull, but firm early on covering and light arrivals, easing off later, closing dull; January, 42½@42 9-16c, closing at 42½c; February, 42 15-16@43c, closing at 42¾c; May, 44⅛@44⅜c, closing at 44⅛c; December closed at 42¾c.

Oats—Receipts, 160,700 bu; exports, none; sales, 40,000 bu futures, 65,000 bu spot. Spot quiet and a shade firmer; No. 2, 33@33⅜c; No. 2 delivered, 34¼@34⅜c; No. 3, 32½c; No. 2 white, 34¾@35c; No. 3 white, 33c; track mixed Western, 34@35c; track mixed Western and State, 35@40c. Option market dull, but firm and quiet, closing at ⅛@¼c net advance; January, 33¼@33½c, closing at 33½c; February, 33⅜@33⅞c, closing at 33⅞c; May, 34⅜@35c, closing at 34⅞c; December closed at 33⅜c.

Hay dull; shipping, 60c; good to choice, 60@85c.

Hops dull. Hides steady. Leather dull.

Beef dull. Cut meats steady. Lard steadier; Western steam closed at 8.45c. Sales, 50 tierces at 8.40c. Option sales none; December closed at 8.40c nomin