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# STOCKS IMPROVING

## Pressure to Sell in Wall Street Not So Pronounced.

## General Market on 'Change Opened Weak, but Firmed Up Later—No Calls for Indianapolis Grain.

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

Prime mercantile paper, 3½@5½.

Sterling exchange was dull with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¼@4.86 for demand and at $4.83¾@4.85 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.82¾@4.82¾.

Silver certificates not quoted. Bar silver closed at 68c per ounce. At London, bar silver was offered at 31¾d January; bar gold lower, at 77s 9½d per ounce.

Total sales of stocks amounted to 188,600 shares. The temper of speculation on the Stock Exchange was much improved, the pressure to sell was at no time pronounced, except, perhaps, as to Atchison. London was a considerable buyer of the arbitrage specialties more particularly of Louisville & Nashville, and a majority of the shares traded in recorded an advance on the day's transactions. Atchison was sold freely on a report that the plan of reorganization to be proposed would call for an assessment of $10 a share. This, coupled with a rumor that a big block of the stock was to be marketed, induced a movement to sell, which was participated in by both the long and short interest. The result was a decline of 2¼ per cent., the lowest point being touched in the final dealings, and there was only ¼ per cent. rally at the close. Boston and the West were both sellers of Atchison. Louisville & Nashville opened ¾ higher, reacted ¼, and then began to move upward, showing an advance of 2¼ shortly after noon. During the afternoon a reaction of ⅞ per cent. took place, followed by a recovery of ½ per cent. in the final dealing, the last sale being at an advance of 1⅞ on the day. There was an active speculation in St. Paul, and the bears made several determined drives at the stock, but never depressing the price more than ¾ per cent. below the opening. There was strong buying in the shares before delivery hours, but in the final dealings a fractional reaction ensued, and the stock lost ¼ per cent. on the day. Of other grangers shares Chicago, Burlington & Quincy recorded an advance of 1 per cent., St. Paul & Omaha, 1½, and Rock Island & Northwest, ¾. New England was comparatively neglected. There was some selling during the morning, resulting in a decline of ¾ per cent., which was quickly recovered. In the afternoon the trading in shares was comparatively light, and there was a reaction of ⅜ per cent., which was the net loss on the day. The short interest in the General Electric became frightened at the strong support given to the shares, and rushed to cover, sending the stock up 1¾ per cent. Then some realizing occurred, which brought about a reaction of ⅝. In the final dealings a recovery of ¾ per cent. ensued, leaving a net gain of ⅞ per cent. The general market opened weak, but closed fairly firm, and in the interim the fluctuations, which were frequent, but not very wide as a rule, tended toward higher figures, and the final dealings showed a pretty general advance of ¼@1⅞ per cent., in which Louisville & Nashville, Delaware & Hudson, St. Paul & Omaha, Chicago Gas and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy were most prominent. In exception to the upward movement Cordage declines were recorded of 3 per cent. in Minneapolis & St. Louis preferred, 2½ in Tobacco and St. Paul & Duluth preferred, 2 in Atchison, 1½ in Lackawanna and Louisville & New Albany, 1⅜ in Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred and 1 per cent. in Baltimore & Ohio and Consolidated Gas.

The bond market was weak. Government bonds were steady. State bonds were dull.

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 | .... | .... | .... | 147 |
| Alton & T. Haute | .... | .... | .... | 18 |
| A. & T. H. pref | .... | .... | .... | 145 |
| American Express | .... | .... | .... | 115 |
| Atchison | 11¾ | 11¾ | 10⅛ | 10½ |
| Baltimore & Ohio | .... | .... | .... | 81½ |
| Canada Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 76¼ |
| Canada Southern | *49 | 49 | 47½ | 47½ |
| Central Pacific | .... | .... | .... | 16½ |
| Ches. & Ohio | .... | .... | .... | 15⅛ |
| Chicago & Alton | .... | .... | .... | *130 |
| C., B. & Q. | 74½ | 76¼ | 74½ | 75⅝ |
| C. & E. I. pref | 96½ | 96½ | 96½ | 96½ |
| Chicago Gas | 59⅞ | 61½ | 59½ | 61½ |
| C., C., C. & St. L. | 34¾ | 35⅝ | 34¾ | 35¼ |
| Cotton Oil | 27 | 27 | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| Del. & Hudson | 128 | 129¾ | 128 | 129¾ |
| D., L. & W. | .... | .... | .... | 161½ |
| Dis. & C. F. Co. | 22¼ | 22½ | 22 | 22⅝ |
| Edison Gen. Elec. | 32¼ | 34⅛ | 32¼ | 33¾ |
| Erie | 15⅞ | 15⅞ | 14¼ | 14¼ |
| Erie pref. | .... | .... | .... | 30 |
| Fort Wayne | .... | .... | .... | 148 |
| Great North. pref. | .... | .... | .... | 100 |
| Hocking Valley | 18½ | 18½ | 18½ | 18½ |
| Illinois Central | 89¾ | 89¾ | 89¾ | 89¾ |
| Lake Erie & W. | 14½ | 14½ | 14½ | 14½ |
| L. E. & W. pref. | .... | .... | .... | 61½ |
| Lake Shore | *119½ | 120 | 119½ | 119½ |
| Lead Trust | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| Louisville & Nash. | 40¾ | 42¼ | 40½ | 41⅞ |
| Louis. & New Albany | .... | .... | .... | 8½ |
| Manhattan | 122 | 122¾ | 120½ | 121⅞ |
| Michigan Central | *96¼ | 96¼ | 96¼ | 96¼ |
| Missouri Pacific | 20½ | 21¼ | 20¼ | 20¾ |
| National Cordage | .... | .... | .... | 19⅝ |
| Nat. Cord. pref. | .... | .... | .... | 45 |
| New Jersey Central | 113 | 113 | 112 | 112 |
| New York Central | *97⅞ | 98 | 97⅜ | 97⅜ |
| N. Y. & N. E. | 12⅝ | 13 | 12½ | 12⅝ |
| Northern Pacific | 4¼ | 4⅜ | 4 | 4¼ |
| North. Pac. pref. | 19⅞ | 19 | 18¾ | 18¾ |
| Northwestern | 97⅞ | 98½ | 97½ | 98 |
| Northwest. pref. | .... | .... | .... | 134 |
| Pacific Mail | .... | .... | .... | 19¾ |
| Peoria, D. & E. | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ | 4½ |
| Pullman Palace | 162 | 163½ | 162 | 163 |
| Reading | 17 | 17½ | 17 | 17½ |
| Rock Island | 63 | 63½ | 62½ | 63¼ |
| St. Paul | 56⅞ | 57⅜ | 56¼ | 56⅝ |
| St. Paul pref. | .... | .... | .... | 116 |
| Sugar Refinery | 81¼ | 83⅜ | 81 | 82 |
| U. S. Express | .... | .... | .... | 48 |
| Wab. St. L. & P. | .... | .... | .... | 6¼ |
| W., St. L. & P. pref. | 12¾ | 12⅞ | 12¾ | 12⅞ |
| Wells-Fargo Express | .... | .... | .... | *120 |
| Western Union | 81¾ | 82⅞ | 81¾ | 82¼ |
| U. S. Fours, reg. | .... | .... | .... | 112¾ |
| U. S. Fours, coup. | .... | .... | .... | 113½ |

*Ex. dividend.

Bradstreet's statement of bank clearings for the week ending Dec. 28, with the percentage of increase or decrease, as compared with the corresponding week of last year in the leading cities, is as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | $419,762,642 | Decrease | 20.2 |
| Chicago | 67,236,241 | Decrease | 24.6 |
| Boston | 67,731,064 | Decrease | 23.0 |
| Philadelphia | 49,495,747 | Decrease | 20.7 |
| St. Louis | 20,329,703 | Decrease | 3.8 |
| Baltimore | 10,716,159 | Decrease | 2.7 |
| Pittsburg | 10,895,304 | Decrease | 11.4 |
| Cincinnati | 10,920,350 | Decrease | 13.3 |
| Detroit | 4,765,680 | Decrease | 28.0 |
| Louisville | 4,753,902 | Decrease | 27.6 |
| Cleveland | 4,752,764 | Decrease | 26.5 |
| Indianapolis | 2,895,145 | Decrease | 22.2 |
| Columbus | 2,821,400 | Decrease | 6.6 |

Total clearings in the United States amounted to $778,596,129, being a decrease of 26.8 per cent. Total exclusive of New York amounted to $358,543,487, a decrease of 22.3 per cent.

## LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

### Dullness the Feature in All Lines with Unchanged Prices.

"Trade unusually quiet," is the remark on all sides, and little improvement is looked for until after New Year's, and then it is feared the reaction toward busier times is to be slow. In prices there were no important changes. Eggs are weak at the reduction of Thursday, with receipts large. Poultry is not coming in as freely, but Eastern markets are overstocked, and this results in a dull market here. On Commission row business is very quiet and prices, except on apples, easy in tone. Concessions are made to sell even small bills. The seed market is more active, and prices advancing.

The local grain market is tame, with little interest shown in cereals, if the bidding on 'Change be taken as a criterion. Track bids yesterday ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 56½c; No. 3 red, 54c; rejected, 40@45c; wagon, 55c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 36c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, one color, 35½c; two colors, 35c; No. 4 white, 39c; No. 2 white mixed, 35½c; No. 3 white mixed 34½c; No. 4 white mixed, 30c; No. 2 yellow, 35½c; No. 3 yellow, 35c; No. 4 yellow, 39c; No. 2 mixed, 35½c; No. 3 mixed, 35c; No. 4 mixed, 30c; ear corn, 36c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 30c; No. 2 mixed, 29c; rejected, 22@25c.

Oats — No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31c; No. 2 mixed, 30c; rejected, 27@28c.

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

Rye—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 20c.

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, $2.25; 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, $5@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, 3½c; No. 2 G. S. hides, 2½c; No. 1 calf hides, 5c; No. 2 calf hides, 3½c.

Tallow—No. 1 tallow, 4½c; No. 2 tallow, 4c.

Grease—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@1.20; early June, $1.25@1.50; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, $1.20@1.25; strawberries, $1.30@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., $1.65@1.90; 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, 3@6c; saltpeter, 8@20c; turpentine, 36@40c; glycerine, 16@20c; iodide potassium, $3.60@3.70; iodide 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, 9@11c; bank, 40c; best straits, 50c; Lardador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 20@30c; miners', 45c. Lard oils—Winter strained in barrels, 75c per gal; in half barrels, 3c per gal extra.

**Dry Goods.**

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6½c; Berkeley, No. 60, 9c; 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, 6c; 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, 5½c; Lockwood B, 5½c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; 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, 5¼c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 5½c; 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, 5½c; Lancaster, 5¾c; Lancaster Normandies, 6½c; Carrollton, 4¾c; Renfrew Dress, 7½c; Whittenton Heather, 6½c; Calcutta Dress Styles, 5½c.

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

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

Tickings—Amoskeag, ACA, 12½c; Conestoga, BF, 13½c; Cordis, 140, 13½c; Cordis, FF, 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@5¼c; confectioners' A, 4¾@4⅞c; off A, 4⅝@4¾c; A, 4½@4⅝c; extra C, 4¼@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.

Flour 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.

Woodware—No. 1 tubs, $6.50@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@55c per box.

**Iron and Steel.**

Bar iron, 1.70@1.80c; horseshoe bar, 2¾@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, 25@28c; skirting, 31@32c; single strap, 41c; black bridle, per doz, $60@95; 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@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 per brl.

Grapes—Malaga, $5@6 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, $6.

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

Florida Oranges—$1.75@2.25 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; 20 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, 10¾c; clear backs, 20 to 25 lbs average, 9½c; 12 to 20 lbs average, 10c; light, 9 lbs average, 10¼c.

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

California Hams—Sugar-cured, 10 to 12 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, 8¾c.

**Seeds.**

Clover — Choice recleaned, 60-lb bu, $5@5.25; prime, $5@5.25; English, choice, $5@5.25; 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, $8@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. Planished copper, 24c. Solder, 15@16c.

## The Robber Tariff.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

Our free-trade friends say that "protection is robbery," and they therefore call the McKinley law "the robber tariff." Now, in order to consummate a felony of that kind there must be a robber and the robbed. Who is this monster who is forcibly relieving his victims of their own? Why, it is the malignant and thieving American manufacturer. He is the rascally chap who makes the wage earner and the consumer "stand and deliver." And how does the wicked manufacturer accomplish his villainous purpose? Easy enough. He has Congress to pass a law placing a duty of say 50 per cent. on the kind of goods he manufactures, which amount he adds to the price of his productions. This increased price he compels the poor consumer to pay, while he complacently pats it in his ponderous pocket, as a part of his profits. And this is the kind of exaggerated nonsense that is being talked by Democratic orators from Cleveland down to Bynum.

Ananias has something of a reputation as a prevaricator, but he would hardly be able to "hold a candle" to one of our modern free-trade fallacists. The McKinley law added about 25 per cent. to the dutiable list, according to the highest Democratic authority. But has the American manufacturer added 25 per cent. to the price of his productions? Most certainly not. And is the consumer paying one-fourth more for his supplies than he did before the McKinley law was enacted? Not at all. Then who is paying the 25 per cent. that was added by that odious enactment?

If some "tariff reformer" will figure out the answer to this question he will know more about the practical workings of a protective tariff than he ever dreamed of before. If he cannot solve this proposition let him exercise his ingenuity on the following conundrum. How does the foreign manufacturer come by the belief that he pays the duty? That he has such an impression is certain, and I have always been anxious to have some free-trader explain just how the foreigner became possessed of such an idea.

But these "robbers," it appears, are to have a respite, a stay of execution, as it were. The "reformers" have graciously consented that the Wilson bill shall not go into effect until July 1894, probably on the principle that we do the thing now, without giving him a little time for preparation. The "robbers" should be very thankful. It gives them an opportunity to ply their vocation six months longer. You certainly would not stop a "robber" from robbing all at once.

But these reformers apologize for the Wilson bill by saying that it does not entirely destroy protection to American industries. That is to say they are willing that the rascally manufacturer shall continue to steal from the unfortunate consumer, but at a less rate—commit petit larceny, so to speak.

When Mr. Bynum had the duty on tin plate increased one-fifth of a cent per pound so that the people could be robbed by just that much more, did he not make himself an accessory before the fact?

JOHN B. GLOVER.

Indianapolis, Dec. 29.

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## "Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense."

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

We still occasionally meet human beings of such extremely delicate mental fibre and such fastidious moral "timber" that we naturally wonder how they manage to subsist on the common air and coarse dietary allotted to those men and women in this rude and uncanny world of ours. I refer to those rarefied and sublimated creatures to whom it is an agony to realize that their bodies are composed of such vulgar things as legs, bones, shanks, bowels, kidneys, etc., and (they might add) with so little to compensate in the way of true modesty and real brains. These are the people who prefer the art which wears the garb of fiction to the shocking crudity of a naked fact; who deprecate as "awfully beastly" all pastoral rhymes that allude to passionate perfumes or the pollen of the corn; who have a distaste for any science that imposes the task of delving into the bowels of the earth; who instinctively detest all furniture with legs and drawers; whose only objection to champagne bottles is that they suggest "tights;" who can only regard fowl a "delicacy" when dressed, and who tolerate the favorite Boston edible in deference to the Hub's "culchah," but with the mental reservation that it must not be discussed in polite society. To this same class belong the wry-visaged amateurs who strain at literary microbe and swallow a Boccaccio; who discard whole chapters of the Bible as unchaste and (secretly) pore over the week's effusions of Balzac and Zola. Apropos to this is the story of the priggish young art student who, in company with a veteran artist, was inspecting a piece of nude statuary.

"Don't you really think," remarked the novice, "that this figure is vulgar?"

"No, but your remark is," was the dry retort.

Another pertinent anecdote is the one related of Dr. Noah Webster. A prudish old lady, meeting him shortly after the publication of his dictionary, exclaimed:

"Ah, Mr. Webster, I'm so glad to find that you have left all the vulgar words out of your dictionary."

"And I am so sorry," replied the Doctor, "to find that you have been looking for them."

J. C. O.

Marion, Ind., Dec. 28.

## The Annie Wagner Acquittal.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

The editorial of to-day entitled "Annie Wagner's Case" brings up a very grave question of social justice. Annie Wagner was falsely accused and falsely imprisoned for months. Her good name has been unspeakably maligned. She is now declared innocent. Whether she was defended by Marion county as a poor person and by attorneys paid under the statute I know not. But ought not, in such cases, the State to make reparation for such terrible injustice as has been done her, of which the above named imprisonment, libels and expense, to say nothing of her mental sufferings, are only a part? Has an innocent person falsely accused any rights of redress? The only one I know of in the present sad case is an action for false imprisonment against her accuser, but this would prove a barren and exceedingly expensive remedy, such as no lawyer would be willing to undertake, for it is not likely that malice could be shown, especially as his wife and children perished by what it may be was an accident. Any jury would take such an unspeakable calamity into consideration in a suit for false imprisonment. I again ask, is not our law horribly defective in its not being able to afford this poor girl any redress for her unspeakable wrongs? An innocent person unjustly prosecuted ought, in morals and justice, to be compensated by some one for such sufferings as Annie Wagner has been called upon by the State of Indiana—her natural protector—to endure. And such instances of false accusation and triumphant vindication are by no means infrequent.

D. P. BALDWIN.

Logansport, Dec. 29.

# CEREALS IN DEMAND

## Higher Foreign Markets Sent Chicago Quotations Up.

## Visions of a Blasted Crop Owing to a Threatened Blizzard in the Northwest Assisted the Bulls.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29. – John Cudahy and other shorts bought freely to-day and New York also bought vigorously. Prices advanced at Berlin and Paris and wheat went up here and closed with a gain of ¼c. Corn gained a like amount, and provisions were firm without much change in prices. With free offerings at the opening, May began the day at a decline of ⅛c, starting at 65c, and losing another ⅛c within the first few minutes of trading. There was soon buyers for the wheat that was thrown on the market, however, and prices began to advance. A cold wave was reported as sweeping down on the winter wheat belt, and visions of a blasted crop set the bulls to smiling. Northwestern receipts were under last year's, Minneapolis and Duluth receiving but 361 cars in all, compared with 400 on the corresponding day last year. After the first advance the price settled back to 65c on offerings rather too free to be immediately absorbed, but the general feeling among the traders was bullish, and a reaction soon occurred. Reports of heavy purchases at the seaboard set the shorts to buying again. The export clearances were fairly liberal, and were another bullish influence. Prices advanced until May reached 65⅝c, and then there was a temporary reaction. Reports of an advance at Berlin and Paris firmed up the market again, however, and May closed but a ¼c from the top figures of the day. May opened at 65c, lost ⅛c, advanced ¼c, lost ¼c, advanced ½c, then ⅛c, lost ⅝c and reacted ⅛c to close at 65⅜c.

Corn was firm. May opened unchanged at 38¼c, and with free buying, led by Capt. Phillips, advanced rapidly to 38⅝c. Liberal selling by Patton Brothers prevented a further advance, and prices held firm, May closing but ⅛c from the top at 38½c.

Oats were active and prices higher. May opened ⅛c off, at 29⅞c, but free buying by shorts sent prices up and May advanced to 30¼c, closing at the day's top figures and ¼c higher than last night.

Provisions were firm but quiet. Hog receipts were under the estimate, and this induced some buying, which sustained prices. Compared with last night January pork is 7½c higher, January lard unchanged and January ribs .02½c higher.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow are: Wheat, 95 cars; corn, 310 cars; oats, 150 cars; hogs, 14,000. The leading futures ranged as follows:

| Articles. | Open-ing | High-est. | Low-est. | Clos-ing. |
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| Wheat—Dec | 59⅝ | 60⅝ | 59⅝ | 60⅝ |
| May | 65 | 65⅝ | 64⅞ | 65⅝ |
| Corn—Dec | 34⅝ | 34¾ | 34½ | 34¾ |
| Jan | 34¾ | 34¾ | 34¾ | 34¾ |
| May | 38⅜ | 38⅝ | 38¼ | 38½ |
| Oats—Dec | 29 | 29⅛ | 29 | 29 |
| Jan | 28 | 28 | 28 | 28 |
| May | 29⅞ | 30¼ | 29⅞ | 30¼ |
| Pork—Jan | $12.50 | $12.55 | $12.50 | $12.52½ |
| May | 12.65 | 12.72½ | 12.62½ | 12.67½ |
| Lard—Jan | 7.85 | 7.85 | 7.85 | 7.85 |
| May | 7.42½ | 7.65 | 7.62½ | 7.62½ |
| Sh'ribs—Jan | 6.45 | 6.55 | 6.45 | 6.52½ |
| May | 6.50 | 6.60 | 6.50 | 6.55 |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 60¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 56@61c; No. 2 red, 60⅝c; No. 2 corn, 34½@34¾c; No. 2 oats, 28½c; No. 2 white, 30½@31½c; No. 3 white, 30¼c; No. 2 rye, 45@45½c; No. 2 barley nominal; No. 3, 40@47c; No. 4, 37@42c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1.49; prime timothy seed, $4.25@4.30; mess pork, $12.75@12.85; lard per pound, 8.20@8.25c; short-rib sides (loose), 6.60@6.70c; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6.25@6.50c; short-clear sides (boxed), 6.75@7c; whisky, distillers' finished goods, $1.15; sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange, to-day, the butter market was dull; creameries, 20@26½c; dairies, 18@22c. Eggs dull and unchanged.

Receipts—Flour, 12,000 brls; wheat, 64,000 bu; corn, 319,000 bu; oats, 248,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 62,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 13,000 brls; wheat, 24,000 bu; corn, 275,000 bu; oats, 187,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 44,000 bu.

## AT NEW YORK.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 31,000 brls; exports, 16,200 brls; sales, 7,500 packages. The market was dull, closing steady. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat flour dull at $2.80@2.90. Buckwheat and corn meal dull. Rye nominal. Barley and barley malt dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 15,500 bu; exports, 57,500 bu; sales, 1,375,000 bu futures, 170,000 bu spot. Spots were steadier, with a fair demand. No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 65½@65¾c; afloat, 67c; f. o. b., 66½c. No. 3 red, 64c; ungraded red, 62½c; No. 1 Northern, 71½c; No. 1 hard, 72½c. Options opened steady, selling up on foreign buying of futures, reacted, but later advanced on covering and some local buying with a fair export inquiry, closing at ¼@½c net advance; No. 2 red, January, 65¼@65¾c, closing at 65⅝c; February, 67¾@68¼c, closing at 68¼c; May, 70⅛@70⅝c, closing at 70½c; December, 65⅝@65⅝c, closing at 65⅝c.

Corn—Receipts, 204,000 bu; exports, 108,800 bu; sales, 250,000 bu futures, 70,000 bu spot. Spots were quiet, closing steady; No. 2, 42½c elevator, 43¼@43½c afloat; steamer mixed, 42½c; No. 3, 41½c. Option market opened steady, ruled dull all day and closed firm from unchanged to ¼c net advance. January closed at 42¼c; February, 42¾@42⅞c, clos