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STOCKS MORE ACTIVE

Trading on Wall Street Monopolized by the Professionals.

Western Union and Sugar Trust Again in a Prominent Position—Indianapolis Grain Unchanged.

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

Prime mercantile paper, 2½@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.86 for demand and $4.84@4.84¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.82¾@4.83.

Silver certificates, 69⅝c. Bar silver closed at 68⅝c per ounce; at London, 32d.

Total sales of stocks amounted to 292,390 shares. A marked change in the temper of speculation characterized the dealings on the Stock Exchange yesterday, and despite the efforts of the bears to depress the market by means of rumor, innuendo and direct offensive movements on the weaker properties, prices moved upward in solid phalanx, with but few of the active stocks lagging behind. In the early dealings the short interest depressed St. Paul a fraction on report that the decrease in earnings for the fourth week in December would be much heavier than for any of the preceding weeks, but when the figures were published and did not fulfill mournful prophecies the revulsion of feeling carried the stock upward, forcing the bears to cover in quick order, large blocks being bought at advancing quotations. Early in the day an earnest effort was made to force the bull pool in Western Union to liquidate by vigorous selling, and strong hopes were indulged in of uncovering stop orders which should cause a serious break, but the buying was too heavy for the short interest, and the result was that sellers of the morning became purchasers in the later dealings, thus materially assisting in the consequent appreciation of the shares. Sugar was not in good tone in the opening dealings, and broke 1¼ per cent. on a much smaller volume of business than is usually required to affect this stock, the depression being mainly due to lack of inside support. Subsequently the general buoyancy carried Sugar up 1¾, but in the later dealings there was reaction of 1 per cent., and the last sale was ⅞ below Wednesday night's price. Distilling sagged off a small fraction during the morning for the lack of buying orders, grew strong in the afternoon on purchases largely for Western account, due to rumors that the probability is that the tax on spirits will be materially increased, some figures placing the increase at 25c, and also to a realization of the fact that a lengthening of the bond period is in the interest of the Distilling company. London was a buyer of Wisconsin, which was firmly held all day, closing at ⅜ advance, the impression gaining ground that the receivership will be brief and a reorganization effected on a sound basis. Coal stocks were all strong. Reading was largely bought on Philadelphia orders, Delaware, Lackawana & Western and New Jersey Central being assisted to higher values by a reported traffic agreement calculated to increase the business of both companies. Northern Pacific preferred was heavy on reports unfavorable to the earning capacity of the company, and also owing to the contest over the receivership. The general market was benefited by advices from Chicago of a concerted effort to be made to maintain railroad rates. At the very opening of the day the market was a raising one, and although occasional reactions temporarily checked the advance, the losses were quickly recovered, and the late dealings were characterized by an activity and firmness which continued to the close, an advance being recorded on the day of ¼@25 per cent., the latter Minneapolis & St. Louis preferred; Pittsburg, C., C. & St. Louis, 2¼, and Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred 1¾.

The miscellaneous and railway bond market was very active and firm during the day, closing strong.

Government bonds were steady. State bonds were quiet.

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

Name.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	147
Alton & T. H.	....	....	....	19
A. & T. H. pref.	....	....	....	145
American Express	....	....	....	110
Atchison	11⅜	11¾	11	11½
Baltimore & Ohio	....	....	....	67½
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	72
Canada Southern	47½	48¾	47½	48¾
Central Pacific	....	....	....	13¾
Ches. & Ohio	....	....	....	16¾
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	130
C., B. & Q.	75	76¼	74½	75½
C. & E. I. pref.	....	....	....	95
Chicago Gas	61¼	62½	61¼	62⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	35	35½	35	35
Cotton Oil	28½	29⅜	28½	29⅜
Del. & Hudson	132	135	132	133¼
D., L. & W.	162¼	165	162¼	165
Dis. & C. F. Co.	22	23½	21¾	23¼
Edison Gen. Elec.	32¾	34¼	31¼	33¼
Erie	13⅝	13⅞	13¼	13¾
Erie pref.	....	....	....	28½
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	148
Great North. pref.	....	....	....	100
Hocking Valley	20	20	20	20
Illinois Central	....	....	....	99
Lake Erie & W.	14	14	14	14
L. E. & W. pref.	....	....	....	62
Lake Shore	120	120½	120	120½
Lead Trust	22½	24½	22½	24½
Lead Trust pref.	69	69	69	69
Louis. & Nashville	44	45	43⅛	44⅜
Manhattan	123	124	123	123½
Michigan Central	96½	96½	96½	96½
Missouri Pacific	20¼	22	20¼	21
National Cordage	....	....	....	19½
Nat. Cord. pref.	....	....	....	42
New Jersey Central	113¼	114	113¼	114
New York Central	96½	97¾	96¼	97¾
N. Y. & N. E.	10¼	11	9⅞	10⅛
Northern Pacific	4⅞	4⅞	4⅜	4⅞
North. Pac. pref.	18	18	16⅝	17⅛
Northwestern	98¾	99½	98⅛	99
Northwestern pref.	....	....	....	137
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	13½
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	4⅞
Pullman Palace	165	167	165	166
Reading	18¼	19⅝	17⅞	19½
Rock Island	63⅝	64⅝	62¾	64⅛
St. Paul	55½	56⅞	55	56⅜
St. Paul pref.	....	....	....	46½
Sugar Refinery	78¼	79¼	77½	78⅜
U. S. Express	....	....	....	47
Wabash, St. L. & P.	....	....	....	6⅝
W., St. L. & P. pref.	13	14	13	14
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	121
Western Union	84	85⅝	83¾	84⅝
U. S. Fours, reg.	....	....	....	112
U. S. Fours, coup.	....	....	....	112½

Yesterday's Bank Clearings.

At New Orleans—Clearings, $2,072,160.

At Cincinnati—Clearings, $2,322,600. Money, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25@50c premium.

At St. Louis—Clearings, $4,537,407; balances, $558,509. Money quiet at 6@8 per cent. Exchange on New York, 60c premium bid.

At Chicago—Clearings, $19,868,000. New York exchange, 75c premium. Sterling exchange firm; actual, $4.84@4.86½. Money firm; rates unchanged.

At New York—Clearings, $109,158,954; balances, $8,131,614.

At Boston—Clearings, $16,827,278; balances, $2,076,891. Money, 1 per cent. Exchange on New York, par and 5c premium for cash.

At Baltimore—Clearings, $3,237,516; balances, $409,309.

At Philadelphia—Clearings, $12,729,745; balances, $1,517,203.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Trade Moderately Active on Wholesale Streets, and Prices Easier.

Dry-goods men, grocers, the boot and shoe merchants on the wholesale streets speak of trade as generally improving, with a tendency in many lines to easier prices. The poultry, eggs and butter markets are all weak. Eggs dropped to 15c and butter to 12c. Oranges are advancing in price, but still are low as compared with former seasons. Commission men report trade still slow, and the weather so mild that many articles are decaying more rapidly than is desirable. Most of the fruits and vegetables are shipped in here from long distances. The seed market is more active. The hide market is quiet at unchanged prices.

The local grain market presented no new features, and the only change in bids, as compared with Wednesday, was in oats. Track bids ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 50½c; No. 3 red, 54c; rejected, 40@45c; wagon, 56c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 36c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, one color, 35c; two colors, 35c; No. 4 white, 30c; No. 2 white mixed, 35c; No. 3 white mixed, 34½c; No. 4 white, mixed, 30c; No. 2 yellow, 35c; No. 3 yellow, 34c; No. 4 yellow, 30c; No. 2 mixed, 35c; No. 3 mixed, 34½c; No. 4 mixed, 30c; ear corn, 36c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 30½c; No. 2 mixed, 29½c; rejected, 23@25c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $12.50; No. 1, $11.50; 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 15c.

Butter—Choice, 12@13c; mixed, 6@8c.

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@22c; 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, $2@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.

Grease—White, 4½c; yellow, 3¼c; 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, $1.20@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., $2.45; 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@20c; 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 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, 7¼c; 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, 4¾c; Lockwood B, 5½c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pepperell E, 6¾c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pep-Pepperell, 9-4, 16c; Pepperell, 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, 8½c; Lancaster, 5¾c; Lancaster Normandies, 6½c; Carrolton, 4¾c; 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.

Tickings—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.

Groceries.

Sugar—Hard sugars, 4⅛@5½c; confectioners' A, 4@4⅛c; off A, 3⅞@4c; A, 3¾@3⅞c; extra C, 3⅝@3¾c; yellow C, 3½@3⅝c; dark, yellow, 3¼@3⅜c.

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@85c per box.

Flour.

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

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.

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.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 28@38c; hemlock sole, 22@28c; harness, 26@38c; 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.

Oil Cake.

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

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

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

Celery—25@30c per bunch.

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

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—$2.25@2.50 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, 10½c; 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.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Eight Transfers Yesterday with a Total Consideration of $23,650.

Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., Jan. 4, 1894, as furnished by Elliott & Butler, abstracters of titles, Hartford Block, No. 84 East Market street.

Gertrude Yorm to William J. Geisel, lot 8, in Tutewiler's subdivision of Davidson's addition	$2,500
Henry Walker to Louis W. Schowe, lot 315, in Fletcher et al.'s subdivision of outlot 96, etc	1,000
W. J. Holliday to Indianapolis Rubber Company, part of outlot 88	11,500
D. A. Williams et al., trustee, to W. W. Love et al., lot 105 in Young's subdivision of outlot 181	2,000
G. S. Bradley et al. to John Stevens, lots 242 and 243, in Bradley et al.'s East Washington-street addition	600
John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company to Henry Walker, lot 317, in Allen et al.'s second Woodlawn addition	750
Sadie E. Endly to Francis M. Dunn, lot 60, in Story & Co.'s subdivision of Johnson's heirs' addition	4,000
Eliza J Davis to T. C. Anderson, part of the northeast quarter of section 3, township 15, range 2	1,350
Transfers, 8; consideration	$23,650

HOLDING DOWN A CLAIM.

A Woman Describes Oklahoma as It Appears to Be.

New York Tribune.

Everybody is familiar with the fact that the Indian lands in the West are gradually being purchased by the government and thrown open to white settlers, but how many know the sequel? Only the few have grasped the opportunity thereby offered them and endured the trials. I am a dweller in the "Land of the Fair God," as some sentimentalist has styled our beautiful Oklahoma, and have been an observer, as well as a sharer, of the life of the Western homesteader. It presents many phases of hardship, some of enjoyment, and to one who contemplates it without having anything at stake it is humorous. A good farm is indeed a valuable acquisition, but to secure one, even among the great number to be had for the taking, requires courage and tenacity of purpose, and that of the most daring kind.

Years ago Horace Greeley told the young men to go out West, and some of them are still going. I do not know whether Mr. Greeley himself first went and viewed the prospect before giving his advice, but he should have warned the young men to take a thorough training for a prize fighter and buckle on their weapons of defense if it was their ambition to enter a claim. I am not a young man myself, but the other half of our family is, and I have been his companion during his career in the Southwest, and know whereof I write. The woman's side of the question, however, although highly worthy of mention, will not be considered. Many women have been successful in the claim winning business, generally in partnership with their husbands, and some have fought and won the battle single handed, but by far the majority of homeseekers represent the sturdy element of the frontier—with now and then a tenderfoot—the young man who went West. Being endowed with energy and the usual desire for worldly possessions, this individual sees a great possibility looming up before his mental vision and comes forth to array himself in line along with hundreds of other anxious people to make the race. He is filled with vast expectations and soon catches the contagion of excitement when he joins the throng of eager men and women, white and black—and several other colors—in buggies, on horses and on foot. Instantaneously with the hoisting of the flag everybody starts off at a dead run—a spectator can see the wide stretch of country dotted over with swift-going horses; hats are lost, coats and dress skirts flutter in the breeze, wagons break down and a general "hurly burly" ensues for some minutes. Then again all is quiet; every one has either selected a location or returned from the field of struggle. Of course our young man has planted his stake and taken 160 acres of this broad, green earth in his own name. His horse may be dead and his own anatomy may be badly damaged, yet he feels proud. He is victorious. He is going to grow up with the country.

Alas! for this deluded young man and his determinations, he is a novice, knowing nothing of the ways of the wily Western boomers by whom he is surrounded, and with whom he has to deal. His growth is a slow process. He begins hopefully to "develop his claim," as they term it. The first thing in order is to make a filing, so he goes to the land office and files. Probably he will not get fifty yards away before some other man, or woman, as the case may be, files a contest. Should it be a woman the matter does not appear so difficult to compromise provided he is single. To win a farm and a pretty wife at one stroke is not only a rare and romantic coincidence, but also a great achievement. But a masculine contestant is under any circumstances a burdensome quantity. In spite of this slight annoyance he is confident of his right, and is not much disturbed. He returns to his newly and desperately acquired possession, constructs a boomer's primitive abode—a dugout—kills snakes, centipedes or any other too friendly native of the wild prairie, while forming plans for comfort of a more civilized order. Meanwhile he lives on stale bread, salt bacon and undrinkable water—even that hard to get. He is lucky if he escapes a series of malarial chills, or if his stock is not poisoned, should he have any. These are all trying difficulties, but he surmounts them with a complacent smile. Is he not on the thorny road to wealth?

Some fine day he goes out to discover that some heretofore unsuspected villain has "jumped his claim," and is leisurely turning the sod on his fine stretch of bottomland and taking possession of things in general. He mildly protests against such an intrusion, suggesting that this place belongs to him by right of prior settlement. The other replies briefly: "You're a hustler if you beat me here. I reached the spot in three minutes." His diabolical smile gleams from under his flap-brimmed hat, likewise his revolver from his belt. He seems as cold and immovable as an iceberg in the arctic regions. The first young man retires, weak in his knees and in his hopes.

The trouble is just dawning. They collide in fencing and other ways, each growing more and more determined to freeze out or buy off the other, bluffing with little work and much talk. Finally the matter comes on trial before the land office, after having been stood off from time to time by some witnesses failing to appear. Well, after two or three months the decision may be given in our young man's favor. He is transported! Can scarcely wait to eject the unfortunate losers. But stop! They have appealed it, and the case is to go before another court. After a year or two of this delay he grows weary and perhaps hungry, and secures leave of absence for a time in order to earn some money for another lawyer's fee. Pretty soon notice is served on him that another is contesting him for abandonment, and the whole play is to be rehearsed. It may come to an end in a lifetime. Nobody has lived long enough yet to know. The young man may get a deed when he is an old man, or he may get ejected. However, he has accomplished his undertaking. He has grown up with the country and enjoyed the experience of a close game. Perhaps some "tenderfoot" has met with less adversity, others even more, but be this as it may, and aside from the trouble of contests, holding down a claim in these untamed regions and reducing it to a comfortable home is not the realization of a poet's dream.

CHICAGO MARKETS UP

Wheat Gained 1 1-2c in Spite of Heavy Selling by Bears.

All Indications Pointed to Strength in Cereals, and Also Provisions, Before the Close.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Wheat gained 1½c today on large exports, a decrease in the stocks of flour, encouraging cables and good buying. Corn gained ⅝c and oats about as much. Provisions closed with a marked addition to prices and at the highest quotations of the day.

Wheat started firm with May ⅛c higher at 65¾c. New York sent large selling orders early and Henry Champlin and Pardridge and Leeming sold heavily. The result was a loss of ⅜c. Prices held steady at the decline for about an hour. A reaction set in with the encouraging cable advices and prices began to advance. Liverpool was quoted steadier, and a private Paris cablegram said that the market there was very firm. Chicago receipts were under the estimate and only forty-five cars are expected for to-morrow. Minneapolis and Duluth together reported 360 cars, compared with 378 on the corresponding day last year. New York reported exports of 252,000 bushels of wheat and 43,000 packages of flour, and from the four principal Atlantic ports, including New York, the clearances amounted to over 500,000 bushels. Another influence that added strength to the market was the decrease in stocks of flour. Public stocks of flour in this country on Jan. 1, as compared with those on Dec. 1, decreased 234,000 barrels. At the marked advance in prices there were some realizing sales, causing a temporary reaction, but the firmness of the continental cables forced prices up again and May closed 1½c above the bottom figures of the day and but ⅛c from the top. May opened at 65¾c, lost ⅜c, advanced ⅞c, then ¼c, reacted ½c and advanced ⅞c, to close at 66⅞c.

Corn was firmer in sympathy with wheat and owing to the indications of a decrease in the movement. May opened ⅛c higher at 38⅝c, declined ¼c with wheat's early slump, advanced ¾c when wheat firmed up and closed at the top figures of the day, 39⅛c.

Oats were firmer, influenced by the strength in wheat and corn. Receipts were one car under the estimate and the estimate for to-morrow's receipts was light. May opened ⅛c higher at 30½c and advanced to 31c, closing at that figure.

The provision market opened higher on higher prices for live hogs. Armour & Co. and Swift & Co. did considerable buying and prices advanced steadily, but with few and temporary reactions. Compared with last night May pork is 25c higher, May lard .07½c higher and May ribs .17½c higher.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow are: Wheat, 45 cars; corn, 295 cars; oats, 125 cars; hogs, 27,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—Jan	60½	61⅝	60½	61⅝
May	65¾	67	65⅝	67
July	67¼	68⅛	66¾	68⅛
Corn—Jan	34⅞	35¼	34⅞	35¼
Feb	35⅝	36	35⅝	36
May	38⅝	39⅛	38⅜	39⅛
Oats—Jan	28½	28⅞	28⅜	28⅞
May	30½	31	30⅜	31
Mess Pork—Jan	$12.72½	$12.77½	$12.72½	$12.77½
May	12.62½	12.85	12.62½	12.82½
Lard—Jan.	7.70	7.82½	7.70	7.82½
Feb.	7.60	7.65	7.60	7.65
May	7.52½	7.60	7.52½	7.60
Short ribs—Jan.	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Feb	6.47½	6.50	6.47½	6.50
May	6.47½	6.62½	6.47½	6.62½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 61⅝c; No. 3 spring wheat, 61½c; No. 2 red, 61⅝c. No. 2 corn, 35¼c. No. 2 oats, 28⅞@29c; No. 3 white, 27¼@30¾c. No. 2 rye, 45½c. No. 2 barley, nominal; No. 3, 40@46c; No. 4, 33¼@42c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.35. Prime timothy seed, $4.30@4.40. Mess pork, per brl, $12.75@12.80. Lard, per lb, 7.95c. Short rib sides (loose), 6.60@6.65c. Dry-salted shoulders (boxed), 6.25@6.50c. Short clear sides (boxed), 6.75@7c. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.15. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was dull; creameries, 20@25½c; dairies, 17@22c. Eggs dull; strictly fresh, 20@21c.

Receipts—Flour, 37,000 brls; wheat, 84,000 bu; corn, 783,000 bu; oats, 389,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 78,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 21,000 brls; wheat, 7,000 bu; corn, 273,000 bu; oats, 222,0000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 45,000 bu.

AT NEW YORK.

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

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Flour — Receipts, 28,800 brls; exports, 32,100 brls; sales, 72,300 brls. The market was firm, with a good demand. Southern flour steady. Rye flour more active. Buckwheat flour dull at $2.75@2.80. Buckwheat dull; State, 83@85c. Corn meal quiet. Rye nominal. Barley and barley malt dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 15,700 bu; exports, 252,100 bu; sales, 1,890,000 bu futures, 90,000 bu spot. Spots were firmer and quiet; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 68½c; afloat, 68¼c; f. o. b., 68⅞@69c; No. 3 red, 64c; ungraded red, 62½c; No. 1 Northern, 72⅞@73c; No. 1 hard, 73¼c. Options opened quiet and a little easier, but on covering by shorts, large decrease in receipts and big increase in exports prices advanced sharply, leading off firm at 1¼@1⅜c net advance; No. 2 red, January, 66@66¼c, closing at 66¼c; February closed at 68⅜c; March, 68¼@69⅝c, closing at 69⅜c; April closed at 70⅞c; May, 70½@71⅞c, closing at 71⅞c; June closed at 72⅝c; July, 72⅛@73⅝c, closing at 73⅝c; August closed at 74½c; September closed at 75¼c; December closed at 78¾c.

Corn—Receipts, 142,800 bu; exports, 141,100 bu; sales, 550,000 bu futures and 170,000 spot. Spots were easier and fairly active; No. 2, 41¼c in elevator; 42¾@43¼c afloat; steamer mixed, 41½c; No. 3, 41c. The option market was strong on big exports, decreasing receipts and sympathy with wheat, closing at ⅝@¾c net advance; January, 41⅞@42