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BETTER STOCK PRICES

BEAR ELEMENT SWITCHED AND BEGAN COVERING ITS HOLDINGS.

Others Followed and Demand Quickly Elevated Quotations—Local Markets Firm and Active.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 2@2½ per cent.; last loan, 2½; closed, 2@2½ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¾@4.87 for demand and $4.83½@4.83¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83½@4.84½ and $4.87@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82¾.

Bar silver, 65½c; silver certificates, 65¼@65¾c; Mexican dollars, 50⅝c. At London bar silver closed at 29⅞d per ounce.

Total sales of stocks were 194,520 shares, including the following: American Sugar, 34,100; Burlington & Quincy, 20,400; Chicago Gas, 10,500; Louisville & Nashville, 6,100; Manhattan, 6,800; Reading, 16,600; Rock Island, 4,100; St. Paul, 15,400; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,700; Western Union, 5,700; Southern Railroad preferred, 3,200.

Yesterday's New York stock market was strong and the volume of business showed a substantial increase over Monday's operations. The dealings were no less professional, however, than for some time past. The explanation for the day's upward movement was that three leading bears, having discovered on Monday that their following was inconveniently large, promptly jumped in to cover. The result was a steady rise in prices on an improved distribution of business. The ostensible causes of the rally were alleged to be a sudden belief on the part of the bears that there was not much to be expected from the President's reference to the Cuban question in his forthcoming message to Congress to help break the stock market. Thus publication of Thomas's report on the statistical position of winter wheat, showing an increased acreage and improvement in condition over previous estimates, also exerted a favorable influence. An encouraging feature, in addition, was moderate buying of the internals by the arbitrage houses, although the early London prices for American securities had shown declines from New York closing figures. The railway stocks, as a group, were more active than the industrials, and the only important totals recorded in the lost-mentioned outranked the entire market in extent of trading. The bears made a preliminary attack on prices at the outset which gave the market an appearance of heaviness, but the moderate declines effected were on heavy sales, whereas rallies earlier occurred on light purchases. The gossip was in keeping with the changed temper of the boardroom professionals. The news that the Williamsburg refineries would be reopened to-day was urged as sufficient excuse for strengthening that stock, while the changes were running on the strong financial status of Chicago Gas as a dividend-payer. Rumors were revived on the probable entrance of Omaha common to the dividend-paying list and the favorable character of the company's recently published traffic returns was again dilated on to account for a gain of 3¼ per cent. in this stock. Upon moderate dealings Sugar rose 1¾, Chicago Gas 2¼ and Manhattan, which had displayed irregularities during the day with an appearance of heaviness, rallied 2 per cent. above the level of the previous night, being influenced by the news of the decision of the directors to adopt a new lighting apparatus. New Jersey Central was well supported and advanced 3 per cent. to 104, but subsequently reacted about a point. Other stocks displaying decided strength were Laclede Gas, Consolidated Gas and General Electric. The improvement in the grangers and active specialties averaged about a point. The market closed strong and active at about the best prices.

The bond market exhibited strength on increased dealings. The sales were $1,817,000. The principal gains were: St. Paul, Iowa and Dakota division, extension firsts, 3; Peoria, Decatur & Evansville seconds, trust receipts, 2½; St. Louis & San Francisco fours, 1¾; Union Pacific gold sixes, 1⅝; Reading first preferences, 1⅛; Kansas & Texas seconds, 1 per cent.

Government bonds were fairly active and firmer in tone on purchases of $80,000.

The following table, prepared by L. W. Louis, Room 11 Board of Trade, shows the range of quotations:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Adams Express	....	....	....	148
Alton & Terre Haute	....	....	....	58
American Express	....	....	....	112
Atchison	14⅛	14½	13⅞	14½
Baltimore & Ohio	....	....	....	16½
Canada Pacific	....	....	....	56½
Canada Southern	48¾	49	48¾	49
Central Pacific	....	....	....	15
Chesapeake & Ohio	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
Chicago & Alton	....	....	....	149
C., B. & Q.	77⅞	78¾	77⅞	78¾
C. & E. I. pref.	....	....	....	95
Chicago Gas	71½	74⅛	71½	74
C., C., C. & St. L.	28¾	29	28¾	29
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	14½
Delaware & Hudson	....	....	....	125¾
D. L. & W.	....	....	....	158
Edison Gen. Elec.	30	31½	30	31¾
Erie	....	....	....	15½
Erie first pref.	....	....	....	36
Fort Wayne	....	....	....	160
Great Northern pref.	....	....	....	121
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	13
Illinois Central	....	....	....	93
Lake Erie & Western	....	....	....	18
Lake Erie & Western pref.	....	....	....	70
Lake Shore	....	....	....	137
Lead Trust	24¾	25	24¾	25
Leather Trust pref	....	....	....	61
Louisville & Nashville	48¾	50⅛	48¾	50⅛
Louis. & New Albany	....	....	....	8
Manhattan	94	95½	93½	95¼
Michigan Central	....	....	....	89
Missouri Pacific	21¼	22½	21⅛	22½
U. S. Cordage	....	....	....	6½
U. S. Cordage pref	....	....	....	12¼
New Jersey Central	101½	103½	101½	102⅝
New York Central	94¼	94¾	94¼	94¾
N. Y. & N. E.	....	....	....	45
Northern Pacific	....	....	....	14¾
Northern Pacific pref	23½	24½	23¾	24½
Northwestern	104	104½	103⅞	104¾
Northwestern pref	....	....	....	150
Pacific Mail	25⅛	26½	25⅛	26⅝
Peoria, D. & E.	....	....	....	2
Tennessee Coal and Iron	....	....	....	28¾
Pullman Palace	....	....	....	156½
Reading	27⅝	29½	27⅝	29⅝
Rock Island	68	69⅝	67⅞	69⅝
St. Paul	73⅞	75	73½	74⅞
St. Paul pref	....	....	....	129½
Sugar Refinery	115¾	117½	115¾	117
U. S. Express	....	....	....	40
Wabash, St. L. & P.	....	....	....	7¼
Wabash, St. L. & P. pref.	....	....	....	16¼
Wells-Fargo Express	....	....	....	97
Western Union	86	87	86	89½
Tobacco pref	....	....	....	76
Tobacco	....	....	....	101
U. S. Fours, reg.	....	....	....	109½
U. S. Fours, coup.	....	....	....	110½
U. S. Fours, new, reg.	....	....	....	113⅝
U. S. Fours, new, coup.	....	....	....	113⅝

Tuesday's Bank Clearings.

At Chicago—Clearings, $19,758,449. Money steady at 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 60c premium. Foreign exchange firm; demand, $4.87; sixty days, $4.84.

At Cincinnati—Clearings, $2,067,450.

At Memphis—Clearings, $365,181; balances, $119,171.

At Baltimore—Clearings, $2,598,591; balances, $306,024.

At St. Louis—Clearings, $4,148,867; balances, $467,208.

At Philadelphia—Clearings, $13,211,452; balances, $2,210,490.

At New Orleans—Clearings, $2,347,024.

At New York—Clearings, $140,260,482; balances, $8,933,599.

At Boston—Clearings, $25,992,199; balances, $2,500,224.

LOCAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Winter-Like Weather Helping Trade and Prices Steady.

The general expression of the wholesale men on South Meridian street is that the winter-like weather has improved business, dry goods houses and grocers especially being benefited. The country roads are in excellent condition and traveling men report that more money is in circulation than at any time in many months. What little wheat there is is being marketed and although the price for corn is low, much of it is coming on the market. The hog crop is moving freely. This year farmers had a good deal of hay and this is materially helping them, and in turn the retail merchant is benefited. Wholesale men report collections much easier. Iron dealers, with the break in the Wire Nail Trust, have dropped nails 40c a keg. Other descriptions of iron and steel are unchanged. The poultry market rules steady. Eggs are in active request, shippers paying 20c and in some cases 21c for fresh stock. The last few days receipts of Irish potatoes have been large and prices are off 5@10c a barrel. Good potatoes sell at 80c a barrel. Apples are in good supply, but as the quality has improved prices are well held. Indiana, Michigan and New York cabbage is on the market at 60@70c a barrel. In other lines there are no new features.

The local grain market is fairly active. Dealers and shippers are handling considerable grain, largely corn. But little wheat is coming on the market. Oats rule steady and in fair request. Track bids yesterday ruled as follows:

Wheat—No. 2 red, 82c; No. 3 red, 87@93c; No. 4 red, 80@85c; wagon wheat, 88c.

Corn—No. 1 white, 21½c; No. 2 white, 21½c; No. 3 white, 21½c; No. 4 white, 16½c; No. 2 white mixed, 21½c; No. 3 white mixed, 21c; No. 4 white mixed, 16c; No. 2 yellow, 21c; No. 3 yellow, 21c; No. 4 yellow, 16c; No. 2 mixed, 21c; No. 3 mixed, 21c; No. 4 mixed, 16c; ear corn, 18c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 22½c; No. 3 white, 20½c; No. 2 mixed, 19c; No. 3 mixed, 17c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $8.25@9.25; No. 2 timothy, $7.25@7.50; prairie, $5.50@6.50.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices paid by shippers.)

Poultry—Hens, 5c; springs, 5½c; cocks, 3½c; young turkeys, 8-lb fat, 9c; toms, 8c; old hen turkeys, 8c; old toms, 7c; ducks, 6½c; geese, 40c for full feathered; 30c for plucked.

Butter—Country, choice, 8c; mixed, 6c.

Eggs—20c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 30c per lb; prime duck, 25c per lb.

Wool—Medium unwashed, 12c; fine merino, unwashed, 10c; tub-washed, 20@23c; burry and unmerchantable, 5c less.

Beeswax—30c for yellow; 25c for dark.

Honey—11@15c per pound.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Green-salted Hides—No. 1, 7½c; No. 2, 6½c; No. 1 California, 9c; No. 2 California, 7½c.

Grease—White, 3¾c; yellow, 2¾c; brown, 2¾c.

Tallow—No. 1, 3¼c; No. 2, 2¾c.

Bones—Dry, $12@13 per ton.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

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

Canned Goods.

Peaches—Standard 3-lb, $1.50@1.75; 3-lb seconds, $1@1.10; 3-lb pie, 75@80c; California standard, $1.75@2; California seconds, $1.40@1.50. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-lb, 65@70c; raspberries, 2-lb, 90@95c; pineapple, standard 2-lb, $1.10@1.25; choice, $2@2.50; cove oysters, 1-lb, full weight, 80@95c; light, 60@65c; string beans, 70@90c; lima beans, $1.10@1.20; peas, marrowfats, 85c@$1.10; early June, 90c@$1.10; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@$1; strawberries, 90@95c; salmon, 1-lb, $1.10@2; 3-lb tomatoes, 75@85c.

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 6½c per lb; common mixed, 5½c per lb; G. A. R. mixed, 7c; Banner stick, 10c; cream mixed, 9c; old-time mixed, 7½c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 12@16c; English walnuts, 12c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 11c; peanuts, roasted, 6@7c; mixed nuts, 11@12c.

Coal and Coke.

The following are the prices on coal and coke, as retailed in this market:

Anthracite coal, $7 per ton; Pittsburg lump, $3.75; Brazil block, $2.75; Winifrede lump, $3.75; Jackson lump, $3.50; Greene county lump, $2.75; Paragon lump, $2.50; Greene county nut, $2.50; Blossburg coal, $4.50; crushed coke, $3 per 25 bu; lump coke, $2.75; foundry coke, $6 per ton.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.22@2.50; asafetida, 25@30c; alum, 2½@4c; camphor, 50@55c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 65@70c; copperas, brls, 35@40c; cream tartar, pure, 30@32c; indigo, 60@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 30@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz, 25@35c; morphine, P. & W., per oz, $1.75@2; madder, 14@16c; oil, castor, per gal, 95c@$1; oil, bergamot, per lb, $2.75; opium, $2.40@2.50; quinine, P. & W., per oz, 27@32c; balsam copaiba, 60@70c; soap, castile, Fr., 22@16c; soda, bicarb, 4½@6c; salts, Epsom, 4@5c; sulphur, flour, 5@6c; saltpeter, 8@14c; turpentine, 30@35c; glycerine, 18@22c; iodide potassium, $3@3.10; bromide potassium, 50@52c; chlorate potash, 20c; borax, 12@14c; cinchonida, 12@15c; carbolic acid, 25@27c.

Oils—Linseed, 33@36c 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 brls, 60c per gal; in half brls, 5c per gal extra.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 6½c; Berkeley, No. 60, 8c; Cabot, 6¼c; Capitol, 5¼c; Cumberland, 6¼c; Dwight Anchor, 7½c; Fruit of the Loom, 7c; Farwell, 6½c; Fitchville, 6c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 5c; Gilded Age, 4½c; Hill, 6½c; Hope, 6¼c; Linwood, 6¾c; Lonsdale, 7c; Peabody, 5c; Pride of the West, 10½c; Ten Strike, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 15½c; Pepperell, 10-4, 17c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 16c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 18c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6c; Argyle, 5c; Boott C, 5c; Buck's Head, 6c; Clifton, CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 7½c; Dwight's Star, 7½c; Great Falls E, 5c; Great Falls J, 4½c; Hill Fine, 6½c; Indian Head, 6c; Pepperell R, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 14c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 15c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 17c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 4½c; Allen's staples, 4½c; Allen TR, 4½c; Allen's reefers, 5c; American indigo, 4½c; Arnold LLC, 6¾c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Cocheco madders, 4½c; Hamilton fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Simpson fancy, 5c; Simpson Berlin solids, 5c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; American shirting, 4c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5c; Amoskeag Persian dress, 6c; Bates Warwick dress, 5½c; Lancaster, 5c; Lancaster Normandies, 6c; Whittenton Heather, 6c; Calcutta dress styles, 4½c.

Kid-finished Cambrics—Edwards, 3¾c; Warren, 3½c; Slater, 3¾c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $11.50; American, $11.50; Franklinville, $12.50; Harmony, $11; Stark, $14.50.

Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 10½c; Conestoga BF, 12½c; Cordis 140, 9½c; Cordis FT, 10c; Cordis ACE, 11½c; Hamilton awnings, 9c; Kimono fancy, 12½c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Methuen AA, 10c; Oakland AF, 6c; Portsmouth, 10½c; Susquehanna, 12½c; Shetucket SW, 6½c; Shetucket F, 7c; Swift River, 5½c.

Flour.

Straight grades, $4.75@5; fancy grades, $5.25@5.50; patent flour, $5.50@5.75; low grades, $3.75@4.

Game.

Ducks—Mallard, $3 per doz; teals, $2.25 per doz; squirrels, 75@90c per doz; rabbits, 80@90c per doz; quails, $1.50 per doz.

Groceries.

Sugars—City Prices—Dominoes, 5.12c; cut loaf, 5.25c; crushed, 5.25c; powdered, 4.87c; granulated, 4.62c; fine granulated, 4.62c; extra fine granulated, 4.75c; coarse granulated, 4.75c; cubes, 4.87c; XXXX powdered, 5c; mold A, 4.87c; diamond A, 4.62c; confectioners' A, 4.50c; 1 Columbia A—Keystone A, 4.25c; 2 Windsor A—American A, 4.25c; 3 Ridgewood A—Centennial A, 4.25c; 4 Phoenix A—California A, 4.12c; 5 Empire A—Franklin B, 4.12c; 6 Red Golden Ex C—Keystone B, 4.06c; 7 Windsor Ex. C—American B, 4c; 8 Ridgewood Ex. C—Centennial B, 3.94c; 9 yellow Ex. C—California B, 3.87c; 10 yellow C—Franklin Ex. C, 3.81c; 11 yellow—Keystone Ex. C, 3.75c; 12 yellow—American Ex. C, 3.69c; 13 yellow—Centennial Ex. C, 3.62c; 14 yellow—California Ex. C, 3.56c; 15 yellow, 3.50c.

Coffees—Good, 17@18c; prime, 18@20c; strictly prime, 20@22c; fancy green and yellow, 22@24c; Java, 28@32c. Roasted—Old government Java, 32½@32c; golden Rio, 24c; Bourbon Santos, 24c; Gilded Santos, 24c; prime Santos, 23c; package coffees, 16.50c.

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 brl, $6.50; ⅛-brl, $10; ¼-brl, $20; No. 1 cream, plain, 1-32 brl, per 1,000, $3.75; 1-16 brl, $5.50; ⅛-brl, $14.50; ¼-brl, $28.50. Extra charge for printing.

Salt—In car lots, 75c; small lots, 80@85c.

Spices—Pepper, 10@18c; allspice, 10@15c; cloves, 15@20c; cassia, 10@15c; nutmegs, 60@75c per lb.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 20@30c; choice, 35@40c; syrups, 18@20c.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6@6.25; No. 2 tubs, $5.25@5.50; No. 3 tubs, $4.25@4.50; 3-hoop pails, $1.40@1.50; 2-hoop pails, $1.15@1.20; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.25@1.50; clothes pins, 40@50c per box.

Wood Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2.50; No. 2, $3; No. 3, $3.50; No. 5, $4.50.

Rice—Louisiana, 4@5c; Carolina, 4¾@6¾c.

Beans—Choice hand-picked navy, $1.25@1.30 per bu; medium hand-picked, $1.20@1.30; Limas, California, 5@5½c per lb.

Shot—$1.30@1.35 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

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

Iron and Steel.

Bar Iron—1.50@1.60c; horseshoe bar, 2½@2¾c; nail rod, 7c; plow slabs, 2½c; American cast steel, 9@11c; tire steel, 2½@3c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Leather.

Leather—Oak sole, 24@29c; hemlock sole, 23@28c; harness, 26@33c; skirting, 34@41c; single strap, 22@35c; city kip, 60@70c; French kip, 90c@$1.20; city calfskin, 90c@$1.10; French calfskins, $1.20@2.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $2; wire nails, from store, $2.40 rates; from mill, $2.50 rates. Horseshoes, per keg, $3.50; mule shoes, per keg, $4.50; horse nails, $4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvanized, $2; painted, $1.75.

Provisions.

Bacon—Clear sides, 40 to 50 lbs average, 6c; 20 to 40 lbs average, 6¼c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 6½c; bellies, 25 lbs average, 5¾c; 14 to 15 lbs average, 6c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 6½c. Clear backs, 20 to 28 lbs average, 5¾c; 10 to 14 lbs average, 6c; 7 to 9 lbs average, 6¼c. In dry-salts, ⅛c less.

Hams—Sugar-cured, 18 to 20 lbs average, 10c; 15 lbs average, 10½c; 12½ lbs average, 11¼c; 10 lbs average, 11¾c; block hams, 10@10½c; all first brands; seconds, ½c less.

Breakfast Bacon—Clear firsts, 11c; seconds, 9c.

Lard—Kettle rendered, in tierces, 5¾c; pure lard, 5½c.

Shoulders—English-cured, 16 lbs average, 6¼c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 6½c.

Pickled Pork—Bean pork, clear, per brl, 200 lbs, $12.50; rump pork, $9.50.

Seeds.

Clover—Choice recleaned, 60 lbs, $3.75@4; prime, $4.25@4.75; English, choice, $4@4.50; prime, $4.25@4.75; alsike, choice, $4.75@5; alfalfa, choice, $4.50@6; crimson or scarlet clover, $3.75@4; timothy, 45 lbs, choice, $1.50@1.60; strictly prime, $1.50@1.60; fancy Kentucky, 14 lbs, $1.50@1.60; extra clean, 70@90c; orchard grass, extra, $2.25; red top, choice, $1@1.25; English blue grass, 24 lbs, $1.20@1.60.

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Apples—Price ranging with quality, $1 per brl; choice, $1.25; fancy, $2.

Bananas—Per bunch, No. 1, $1.25@1.50; No. 2, 75c.

Celery—15@25c.

Cabbage—$5@6c per brl.

Cheese—New York full cream, 10@12c; skims, 6@8c per lb.

Grapes—3-lb baskets, 18c; Malaga grapes, $6@7; light weight, $5.

Lemons—Messina, choice, $4 per box; fancy lemons, $5.

Oranges—Jamaica, $3.50@3.75 per box; $6 per brl; Mexicans, $4 per box.

Onions—$1@1.40 per brl; Spanish, $1.50 per crate.

Potatoes—75@80c per brl.

Sweet Potatoes—Baltimore, $1.50@1.75 per brl; Jersey sweets, $2@2.25 per brl.

Cranberries—$5.50 per brl; bushel crates, $2.

Kieffer Pears—60@75c per bu.

New Cider—$3@3.25 per brl; $1.75@2 per half brl.

Chestnuts—$4 per bu.

Window Glass.

Price per box of 50 square feet. Discount, 9 and 10.

8x8 to 16x15—Single: AA, $7; A, $6.50; B, $6.25; C, $6. Double: AA, $9.50; A, $8.50; B, $8.25.

11x14 and 12x18 to 18x24—Single: AA, $8; A, $7.25; B, $7. Double: AA, $10.75; A, $9.25; B, $9.50.

18x20 and 20x20 to 20x30—Single: AA, $10.50; A, $9.50; B, $9. Double: AA, $14; A, $12.75; B, $12.

15x36 to 24x36—Single: AA, $11.50; A, $10; B, $9.25. Double: AA, $15.25; A, $13.75; B, $12.25.

26x28 to 24x36—Single: AA, $12; A, $10.50; B, $9.50. Double: AA, $16; A, $14.50; B, $13.25.

26x32, 28x32 and 30x30 to 28x44—Single: AA, $12.75; A, $11.75; B, $10.25. Double: AA, $17.25; A, $15.50; B, $14.

26x46 to 30x50—Single: AA, $15; A, $13.50; B, $12. Double: AA, $19.75; A, $18; B, $16.

30x52 to 30x54—Single: AA, $16.50; A, $14.75; B, $12.25. Double: AA, $21.50; A, $19.75; B, $16.50.

34x58 to 34x60—Single: AA, $17.25; A, $15.75; B, $14.50. Double: AA, $22.75; A, $21.25; B, $20.

30x60 to 40x60—Single: AA, $19; A, $16.75; B, $15.75. Double: AA, $25.50; A, $23; B, $22.

REAL-ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Sixteen Transfers, with a Total Consideration of $41,858.

Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., Dec. 1, 1896, as furnished by Theo. Stein, abstracter of titles, corner of Market and Pennsylvania street, Indianapolis, Suite 229, first office floor, The Lemcke. Telephone 1760:

Charles F. Robbins to Charles H. Tillney, Lot 61 Robbins's Haughville addition	$300
John M. Hett to Mary Brennan, Lot 56 Metzger's East Michigan-street addition	175
Elizabeth Clark to Algie B. Wintermute and wife, Lots 5 and 6 Becker's West Washington-street addition	1,600
Julia A. Enoch and husband to Thomas J. Enoch and wife, Lot 10 Milligan's Park Place addition	3,650
Same to Laura A. Enoch et al., Lot 12 same addition	1,000
Tuttle Culver et al. to George H. Taylor, Lot 144 Culver et al.'s subdivision of Columbia Place	250
Conrad Ruckelshaus to William P. Reagan, Lots 13, 14, 28, 29 and 92 Jackson Park	2,000
William P. Reagan to Caroline Ruckelshaus, same lots	2,000
Caroline Ruckelshaus to William P. Reagan, Lot 28 Pelsjohn & Rickard's Highland Home addition, also Lots 58 to 62 Lippincott's subdivision of Ridenour's Highland Home addition	8,000
William P. Reagan to Caroline Ruckelshaus, same lots	8,000
Lent Howe to John F. Kerr et al., Lot 508 McCarty's eleventh West Side addition	650
Ralph K. Smith to William F. Elliott, Lot 136 Morton Place	5,800
Eliza M. Brigham to Lewis Chandler, Lot 13, Block 13, Lincoln Park addition	1,233
Jerry S. Hall to Margaret Dobbins, Lot 127 Milligan's Brook Park addition	1,200
Albert R. Tucker to Margaret Dobbins, Lot 6 Benesh subdivision of Hutchings & Darnell's Brookside addition	2,000
August Stuckemeyer to David A. Richardson, Lots 137, 138 and 139 in Block 15, Jameson's first Belmont addition	4,000
Transfers, 16; consideration	$41,858

HUNTING FOR RICH WIVES.

Titled Foreigners Organize a Club in New Jersey to Become Wealthy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Two hundred of the wife-hunting princes and dukes and the land-poor counts and barons of Europe have clubbed together in an organization in this city, the Cercle de la Noblesse, to win the multi-millionaire girls of this country for wives. The ostensible purpose of the club is, to quote from its charter, to offer a pleasant and recreative place of meeting to the elite of Europe's society visiting this country, to render their stay on American ground as pleasant as possible, and to facilitate their movements, social and otherwise. This facilitation has been well commenced by the preparation of a list which contains the name, age, description, habits and approximate fortune of every unmarried woman in this country who is worth more than $1,000,000, or whose probable dower will amount to that much. Detectives and agents are to be employed to meet these girls socially and later introduce to them the wife-hunting noblemen of the Cercle de la Noblesse.

This club of nobles has been regularly incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of $100,000 and headquarters opened at 19 East Thirty-second street, only a few doors from the Waldorf Hotel. The scheme in brief is this: When the club has been fairly launched into the social swirl of upper tendom in New York a systematic siege will be commenced upon the willing hearts of the rich girls throughout the land.

New York will be a good starting point, for, according to the secret list that has been prepared, there are four thousand girls in the United States who are worth more than one, of which 1,300 are in New York city and 250 in Brooklyn. They argue that at least one of their members will be supplied with a wife from this list within the first year of their social operations; two in the second, three in the third, and ten in the fourth year. Working upon that basis, they have prepared an estimate of profits, which shows, first, that the annual subscriptions and the sale of privileges will pay the running expenses. Then each successful member must pay the club a commission or assessment of 6 per cent. on the fortune he acquires, so if there is only one case of a million-dollar bride in the first year the clear profit of the stockholders will be $60,000, just 60 per cent. dividend on their investment. This note appears at the foot of the estimate sheet:

"Nothing first year, but one case after fifteen months and another after twenty or twenty-two months, the former referring to a principal of $1,600,000, the latter $500,000; profits on the former, $96,000; on the latter, $20,000; together, $126,000; dividend, 126 per cent.—i. e., 63 per cent. per annum. Any case of $3,000,000 fetches $180,000 net; cases of $5,000,000 and $10,000,000 are extremely likely."

ALLEGED FORGER.

Blank Checks on 200 Banks Found in His Pockets When Arrested.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—An arrest which the police believe to be a very important one was made in the general postoffice today. The prisoner is Richard G. Monks, alias Wellington Thornewaite, who is wanted for forgery in Bay City, Mich., and if the contents of his pockets show anything he has been operating on a very extensive scale. There were found on him blank checks on at least 200 banks in States all the way from Texas to Maine. He carried a punch such as is used in banks for punching checks and a loaded revolver. The prisoner, who is a good-looking, well-dressed man of twenty-one years, had in his pocket a key to a room in the Iroquis Hotel, Buffalo, and said he had just come from that city. Among his possessions were also found pictures of two very beautiful young women. The pictures had been taken in Ypsilanti, Mich. Monks will be held to await requisition papers.

Among the blank checks found in Monk's valise were those of the N. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Company, of Austin, Tex., on the State National Bank of that city; Port Huron Savings Bank, of Michigan; on the First National Bank, of Detroit; the John D. Zeernit Company, Chicago, on the American Exchange Bank; checks of the Bank of Wayne, Kan.; Peter Paul & Bro., printers, Buffalo; on the Bank of Commerce, of Buffalo; checks of the Washington National Bank, of Spokane, Wash.; the Scandinavian-American Bank, Tacoma; Blaine National Bank, of Blaine, Wash.; First National Bank, of Jacksonville, Ill., and the Fourth National Bank, of St. Louis.

VITAL STATISTICS—DEC. 1.

Deaths.

Caleb Updyke, sixty-two years, 49 Minnesota street, heart failure.

Lettie Ridge, sixty-eight years, The Windsor, debility.

James Durham, twenty-six years, 188 West Washington street, congestion of brain.

Lilly Bryant, twenty-three years, 1363 North Capitol avenue, intermittent fever.

Infant Githens, 442 East McCarty street, stillborn.

Ignatz Koch, seventy-six years, 572 South Meridian street, myeosis.

Infant Drake, 618 East New York street, premature.

Lee Coates, thirty-one years, Locke street, consumption.

Births.

Daisy and Edward Banks, 29 Maxwell street, boy.

Mary and A. B. Conklin, 304 College avenue, boy.

Mary and Harry Ingram, 67 Barth avenue, boy.

Sophia and J. W. Sims, 181 North Pine street, boy.

Minnie and Frank F. Jacobs, 84 East St. Clair street, girl.

Lula and J. C. McCane, 112 Oliver avenue, girl.

Minnie and Charles D. Githens, 442 East McCarty street, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Herman Lehr and Mamie Gilmark.

Otto Salnisch and Cora E. Heney.

William J. Evarett and Clarinda R. Nash.

Samuel White and Jennettia Boicourt.

William B. Craig and Elizabeth Comingor.

Building Permits.

S. S. Rhodes, brick warehouse, 240 West Court street, $1,500.

William A. Beck, frame addition, 163 North Meridian street, $500.

WHEAT TOOK A DECLINE

IN THE FACE OF MUCH BULLISH NEWS PRICES FELL OFF 1-4C.

Loss Scored on a General Desire to Liquidate—Weakness Extended to Other Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Wheat was depressed at the start by the unexpected decline at Liverpool to-day and did not recover from the weak decline which that fact caused. May closing at ¼c decline. Corn and oats sympathized to a certain extent, declining about ⅛c each. Provisions were radically weak and closed 17½@30c lower.

Liverpool was again the ruling factor in wheat, especially at the opening. It sent 1d lower quotations to start with, notwithstanding yesterday's advance here. This was a very unpleasant surprise to speculators and its effect was felt as soon as trading commenced. May, which yesterday rested at 84¾c, started with sellers at from 84⅝c to 84⅝c and in the course of an hour it had worked down to 83¾c. Immediately after the opening it temporarily rose to 84⅝c. This was due to two reasons, one of them was the almost total absence of wheat deliveries, something that has not happened before in years. It was said that not to exceed 25,000 bu was delivered on December contracts. This is one of the big days of the year for deliveries and ordinarily from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bu of wheat would be around on contracts. That it did not was due to the fact that cash wheat was at a premium over the December price. This was regarded as a decidedly bullish factor. The other was the Northwestern receipts. Minneapolis and Duluth reported but 315 cars, as compared with 379 last week and 905 last year. Chicago received 58 cars, against 83 last week and 398 last year. But even these strong features failed to stem the tide of liquidation, which was increased by later cables showing a still further decline. After making a little rally, which showed a decrease in the world's visible supply of 1,100,000 bu during the last hour on Bradstreet's report, the market suddenly turned weak from no especial cause that could be learned except the desire of holders to liquidate and the lowest prices of the day were touched, May selling to 82⅝c. A slight reaction occurred before the close, the final quotations for May being 83½c.

Corn was quiet and inclined to weakness, although not so great a degree as wheat, by which the market, however, was to some degree controlled. Other influences were the dullness in the cash demand and expectation of more liberal receipts. May opened ⅞c lower at 26¾c, sold between 26⅞c and 26⅝c, closing easy at 26⅝@26¾c.

Oats were quiet throughout. The weakness in wheat and corn caused a similar tone to exist here and prices showed a slight decline. Fluctuations were confined to a very narrow range, however. May opened ⅛c lower at 21⅝c, sold at 21⅞c, declined to 21⅝@21⅝c and closed with sellers at 21¾c.

Holders of provisions had a hard time of it to-day. Hog receipts were much larger than expected. This was true not only of the local market, but of outside markets as well and prices opened with sharp declines. General liquidation followed the large estimates for to-morrow, accelerating the selling movement. Prices recovered slightly near the close. May pork closed 30c lower, at $7.97½; May lard, 17c lower at $4.20; May ribs, 20c lower at $4.20.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday—Wheat, 9 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 100 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

Articles.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—Dec.	81¼	81⅝	80¼	80¾
May	84¾	84¾	83¾	83¾
July	79	79	77½	77½
Corn—Dec.	23	23¼	22¾	23⅛
Jan.	23⅝	23¾	23⅝	23⅝
May	26¾	26¾	26⅝	26¾
Oats—Dec.	18⅛	18⅛	18	18⅛
May	21¾	21⅞	21¾	21¾
Pork—Dec.	$6.70	$6.80	$6.65	$6.80
Jan.	7.75	7.75	7.60	7.62½
May	8.20	8.20	7.92½	7.97½
Lard—Dec.	3.72½	3.80	3.75	3.77½
Jan.	4.00	4.02