FIGURES OF TRADE

New York, Dec. 17.—Money on call loaned at 4½ to 5 per cent. The latter was the highest rate. The market closed with loans offering at 1½ @ 2 bid.

Exchange closed steady; posted rates, 487 to 488; actual rates, 486½ to 486 for sixty days and 488 to 488½ for demand.

Government closed steady; currency, 98 bid; coupons, 1 to 2 advanced 2s registered, 100 bid; 4's, coupons, 104½ bid. Pacific railway bonds closed: Union firsts, 109½ bid; sinking funds, 109½ bid; Centrals, 107½ bid.

The dead stocks, Trusts and Rock Island, were especially pressed for sale at times, and under their lead prices went gradually lower until mid-day. Erie and general electric were the only shares on the list that displayed any strength. The disturbing factor in the market was the announcement of further engagements of gold for shipment. The bears raided that vigorously, and predictions were freely made that further large exports of gold would be made to England on Saturday. At one time this afternoon there was a decided flurry in the bean crowd, caused by the action of several banks calling in the money on call. The closing prices were at or near the lowest of the day for nearly the entire list. The decline ranged from ½ to ¾ per cent. The sales of stock for the day amounted to 327,000 shares.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The feeling in wheat today was firm, and the market at the close was ⅛ to ¼c higher. There was nothing in the way of news or in the situation that could be construed as bullish. Cables were dull. The effects seemed disposed to cover. Corn was quiet, but averaged firmer and closed ¼ to ⅜c higher. There was some good buying by operators from the provision pit, with but little selling pressure. This, in connection with the firmness in wheat and provisions, gave a strong tone to the market. Oats were quiet and featureless, closing unchanged. Hog products were higher, the receipts of hogs were smaller than expected and prices at the yards lighter. Pork gained 12½c, lard 25c and ribs 25c.

Closing prices:

Wheat—December, 71¾c; January, 72¾c; May, 77⅛c; July, 78¼c.

Corn—December, 42⅞c; January, 43¼c; May, 45⅝c; July, 47⅛c.

Oats—December, 30⅝c; January, 31¼c; May, 35⅝c; February, 32½c.

Pork—December, $14.30; January, $16.10; May, $16.10.

Lard—December, $9.00; January, $9.92½; May, $9.60.

Short Ribs—December, $8.47½; January, $8.47½; May, $8.57½.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago Union Stock Yards, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; firmer; common to extra steers, $3.00@5.00; stockers and feeders, $1.70@4.30; cows and bulls, $1 to $4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 29,000; strong, 5c higher; heavy, $5.30@5.60; mixed and medium, $5.25 to $5.50; light, $5.00 to $5.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; dull and weak; common to choice, $2.75@5.00; lambs, $5.00@6.00.

Detroit Grain.

Detroit, Dec. 17.—Wheat, No. 2 red, cash, 72c asked; May, 78½c asked; No. 1 white, cash, 72½c asked.

Corn—No. 2 cash, 44c.

Oats—No. 2 white, cash, 34½c.

Groceries and Provisions.

Sugar—Cut loaf, 5¾c; cubes, 5⅝c; powdered, 5⅛c; granulated, 5.00; confectionary, A, 4.94; extra C, 4.56 per cwt; yellow C, 4 to 4⅛c; corn syrup, 2.60@2.75.

Molasses—Low grades, 15@20c; medium, 22@25c; fancy, 30@35c.

Package coffees, $25.30; Java green, 25½@29½c; Mocha green, 27@30c; Maracaibo, 19@23c; San Pos, 17@21½c; Rio, 18@21½c.

New Michigan cheese, 11½@12½c; rolled oats, barrels, $4.65; salt, Saginaw, barrells, 85c.

Lard—Tierce basis—Compound, 6½c; pure, 10½c.

Meat—Hams, 11½@12c; picnic ham, 8@8½c; bacon, 11@12½c; dried beef, 7½@8½c; short cut pork, $16.50 bbl; clear back, $17.50 bbl.

Fruits, Vegetables and Seeds.

Cabbages, 60@70c per doz onions, $2.75 per bbl; lemons, 300 and 360, $6.00@5.00; oranges, $3.00@3.75; sweet potatoes, $1.25@4.50; California apricots, 15c per doz; bananas, $1.50@2.00 per bunch; clover, medium, $7.00@7.25; mammoth, $7.25@7.50 per bu; timothy seed, $2.00@2.10; millet, $1.15@1.25 per bu.

Dried prices:

Apples—Sun dried, 3@3½c; evaporated, 5@5½c; peaches, 12@15c; pitted plums, 12@15c; raspberries, 20@22c; blackberries, 12@14c; pitted cherries, 25@30c; pitted Jan. 20@25c; Egg plums, 12@15c; Damsons, 8@10c; California prunes, 12@14c; Oregon prunes, 8@10c; Bleached Muscatel, 8@9c; Muscatel, 7@8c; Ordinary, 6@7