THE WHEAT SITUATION A POSER JUST NOW

Fundamental Conditions Strong and Fully as Many Bulls Now as Formerly.

But the Holiday Liquidation Period Creeping On, With Many Weak Longs.

Can Wheat Advance Much at This Time, or Must It Break First?

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 16.—A better comparative showing for Minneapolis receipts was an influence for weakness in wheat this morning, drawing out enough selling from weak holders to affect prices and send May down again, 80¼@80⅜c being touched early in the session. There were 484 cars in the yards against 240 a year ago. This was a sort of evening up for Monday and Tuesday when the receipts here were so extremely

RANGE OF WHEAT PRICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close. To-day.	Close. Yesterday.	Close. Year Ago.
Dec.	$ .78⅞	$ .79	$ .78⅝	$ .79	$ .79	$ .73½
May	.80¾	.81⅛	.80¼@80⅜	.81⅛	.80¾@80⅞	.75⅛@75¼
July	.80¼@80⅜	.80¾	.80 @80⅛	.80¾	.80⅜	....

THE DAY'S RESULTS

	May Wheat.—		—July Wheat.—	
	Close. To-day.	Close. Yesterday.	Close. To-day.	Close. Yesterday.
Minneapolis	$ .81⅛	.80¾@80⅞	.80¾	.80⅝
Chicago	.81¾@81½	.80⅞	.76¼@76⅜	.75⅞
Duluth	.80⅞	.80⅝	....	....
St. Louis	.81⅛	.80¾@80⅞	.75½	.74⅞
Kansas City	.69⅜	.69⅛@69¼	....	....
New York	.85	.84⅝	.81⅜	.80⅞

CLOSING CASH PRICES

On Track—No. 1 hard, 81⅞c; No. 1 northern, 80⅞c; to arrive, 80⅞c; No. 2 northern, 78⅞c; to arrive, 78⅝c; No. 3 wheat, 71@76½c.
No. 1 flax, 97¼c; No. 3 yellow corn, 38c.
No. 3 white oats, 34@34½c; No. 2 rye, 51c.
Barley, 31@54c.

light, due in part to the bad weather. Some belated shipments were in this morning, additional to the ordinary run, and the total was swelled. Duluth had 53 cars against 12, and Chicago 31 against 58, an increase of 258 cars for the three points. With this the southwest showed up 104,000 bu at St. Louis against 47,000, and 194,000 bu at Kansas City against 151,000, while in Minneapolis the elevator stocks so far on the week have increased 475,000 bu. Argentine reports are of bad weather and some actual damage is said to be noted, which is probably the case. At the same time the damage is probably not severe or very widespread, since Antwerp, always quick to feel the Argentine changes, closed ⅝c lower. Liverpool was easy and without important change. Armour did little this morning, but Lohrke the New York exporter, was a heavy seller of futures in New York and Chicago, and this had effect. In the local pit the sentiment has changed noticeably. There is not so much bull talk heard. It is doubtful if any bull has changed his views at all. There is just as much belief as ever that wheat ought to sell higher in line with the prospective supply situation, and arguments made some time ago as to prospective scarcity later on, are as good now as when first brought out. But what the trade is debating about now is whether or not this is the time for a bull market. Armour is presumed to be a bull and to still hold his big line of wheat. There are numerous points in the situation indicating higher prices eventually. But whenever Armour buys wheat in big lots, numerous small traders, the country over, tail on and follow along each with his little lot on which he will stand punishment usually to the extent of a few cents a bushel. On this sort of buying and the uncertainty as to Armour, the market has been strong for a long while, but recently it has not gone up much. Meanwhile the holiday period is creeping on. It is true that one of the liveliest bull markets the trade here remembers once started in the holiday period, still this is not the time for bull markets as a rule. Armour may, of course, come in at any moment and boost prices, and this possibility has to be allowed for in any analysis of the situation. Aside from this there are the questions of dull trade and of holiday liquidation, which may be put into the statement that all indications point to higher wheat prices at some time, but whether in the absence of any sensational bull news the market can start from the present high level, at this time, and carry along a lot of long wheat is a question. Hence the theory that before any long continued bull market is on, there must first be a decline, is gaining ground.

Primary receipts, 985,000 bu against 662,000, shipments 245,000 against 222,000. Wheat and flour clearances, 462,000 bu.

New York reported ten loads sold for export.

Near the close the market rallied and May, having touched 80⅛c on early decline, reached 81⅛ and closed steady. There was some lively short covering near the close. July closed at 80¾c and December at 79c.

Cash wheat was easier in line with the option, but was in good sale for the choice lots, No. 1 northern ranging from 80½c to 81c and No. 2 northern from 78½c to 79¾c.

THE FLOUR MARKET

QUOTATIONS STILL UNCHANGED—TRADE ONLY FAIR.

No change of importance is noted in the general market. The holiday tone is being felt and trade is seasonably light. Prices are still quoted unchanged, altho cash wheat is off a little.

Shipments, 52,847 brls.

First patents are quotable, $4.45@4.55; second patents, $4.30@4.40; first clears, $3.30@3.40; second clears, $2.30@2.40.

THE CASH TRADE

MARKETS GENERALLY ACTIVE AND STEADY—FLAX EASIER.

FLAX—Flax sold about a cent lower on some trades and ¾c off on others. There was not much in and a good clean-up of all desirable lots.

Closing prices: Minneapolis—Cash, 97¼c; to arrive, 97¼c; December, 95¾c; May, 98¼c.

Minneapolis received 42 cars, against 28, and shipped 6. Duluth received 75 cars, against 44 cars.

CORN—Receipts, 81 cars; shipments, 3 cars. No. 3 yellow closed at 38c for new.

OATS—No. 2 white closed at 34@34½c. Receipts, 61 cars; shipments, 32 cars.

FEED AND MEAL—Coarse corn meal and cracked corn in sacks, sacks extra, $16; No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn and 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $16.50; No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn and ½ oats, 75-lb sacks, sacks extra, $17; No. 3 ground feed, 1-3 corn and 2-3 oats, 75-lb sacks, sacks extra, $17.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran in bulk, $18; shorts, $18; middlings, $15@15.25; red dog, $18; all f. o. b. in Minneapolis; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments, 1,719 tons.

RYE—Receipts, 8cars; shipments, 5 cars. No. 3 closed at 51c.

BARLEY—Feed grades are quoted at 31@38c; malting grades, 38@54c. Receipts, 46 cars; shipments, 24 cars.

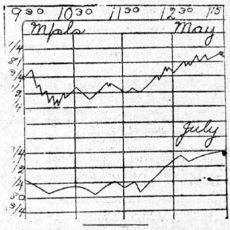
HAY—Timothy, choice, $9.50@10; timothy, No. 1, $9@9.50; timothy, No. 2, $7@8; timothy, low grade, $5.50@6.50; clover, $6@7; upland, choice, $8.50@9; upland, No. 1, $7.50@8; upland, No. 2, 6@7; midland, $6@7; slough, $5@6; rye straw, $4.50@5; wheart and oat straw, $3@3.50. Receipts, 182 tons; shipments, 40 tons.

CASH SALES REPORTED TO-DAY.

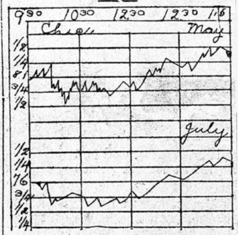
No. 1 northern wheat, 1 1cars	$0.80⅝
No. 1 northern wheat, 15 cars	.80½
No. 1 northern wheat, 7 cars	.80¾
No. 1 northern wheat, 1 car	.81
No. 2 northern wheat, 56 cars	.78½
No. 2 northern wheat, 9 cars	.78¾
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	.79¼
No. 2 northern wheat, 6 cars	.79
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car	.78
No. 2 northern wheat, 25 cars	.78⅝
No. 3 wheat, 27 cars	.75½
No. 3 wheat, 29 cars	.75
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.77
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	.76
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, bleached	.72
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.76½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	.72
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.75¾
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	.71
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, smutty	.74
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, winter	.74¾
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.66
Rejected wheat, 4 cars	.70
Rejected wheat, 6 cars	.72
Rejected wheat, 6 cars	.70½
Rejected wheat, 3 cars	.73
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.67½
Rejected wheat, 5 cars	.72
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.68
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.70
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.74
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.71
Rejected wheat, 3 cars, smutty	.67
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.71
Rejected wheat, 1 car, smutty	.68½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.72½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.67
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.69
No grade wheat, 1 car	.72
No grade wheat, 1 car	.73
No grade wheat, 1 car, bin burnt	.54
No grade wheat, 1 car, smutty	.65
No grade wheat, 1 car, tough	.65
No. 2 white oats, 1 car	.34½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, fancy	.35¼
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.34
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, barley mixed	.34
No. 3 white oats, 7 cars	.34¼
No. 3 white oats, 6 cars	.34½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car	.33¼
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.33⅞
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.33¾
No. 4 white oats, 3 cars	.33½
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	.33
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.32
No. 3 oats, 4 cars	.34
No grade oats, 1 car, seedy	.30
No grade yellow oats, 1 car	.32
No. 2 rye, 1 car, thin	.51¼
No. 2 rye, 1 car	.51½
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.40
No. 4 yellow corn, 1 car	.38
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.37½
No. 4 corn, 5 cars	.37
No. 3 corn, 1 car	.37½
No grade corn, 2 cars	.37
No grade corn, 1 car	.38
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.36
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.41
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.48
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.50
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.42
No. 4 barley, 1 car, dirty	.35
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.40
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.44
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.38
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.42
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.33
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.31½
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.33½
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.37½
No. 5 barley, 1 car, feed	.34
No. 5 barley, 1 car, 2 lots	.47
No. 5 barley, 1 car, dirty	.32
No grade barley, 2 cars	.33
No. 1 flax, 2 cars	.97
No. 1 flax, 1 car	.97¼
No. 1 flax, 2 cars to arrive	.97¼
Rejected flax, 5 cars	.96
Rejected flax, 2 cars	.96¼
Rejected flax, 1 car	.96½
No grade flax, 1 car	.92
Flax screenings, 1 car, per ton	10.00
Flax screenings, 1 car, per ton	9.00
Macaroni Wheat.	
Rejected macaroni, 2 cars	.64
Rejected macaroni, 1 car	.63
Rejected macaroni, 1 car	.63½
Rejected macaroni, 1 car	.63¾

TO-DAY'S RANGE OF WHEAT

MINNEAPOLIS OPTIONS.



CHICAGO OPTIONS.



STATE GRAIN INSPECTION, DEC. 15.

Inspected In—Wheat—Cars—Great Northern—No. 1 northern, 26; No. 2 northern, 58; No. 3, 46; rejected, 19; no grade, 1.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—No. 1 northern, 2; No. 2 northern, 31; No. 3, 18; rejected, 9; no grade, 7.

Minneapolis & St. Louis—No. 2 northern, 3.

Soo Line—No. 1 northern, 5; No. 2 northern, 18; No. 3, 2; rejected, 3; no grade, 2.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 6; No. 2 northern, 9; No. 3, 7; rejected, 6; no grade, 2.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha—No. 2 northern, 2; No. 3, 4; rejected, 4; no grade, 1.

Total—No. 1 northern, 39; No. 2 northern, 116; No. 3, 77; rejected, 41; no grade, 13.

Other Grains—Cars—Rejected macaroni wheat, 1; no grade macaroni wheat, 1; No. 2 winter wheat, 7; No. 3 winter wheat, 16; rejected winter wheat, 2; No. 3 yellow corn, 6; No. 3 corn, 1; No. 4 corn, 8; no grade corn, 3; No. 3 white oats, 21; No. 4 white oats, 17; No. 3 oats, 5; no grade oats, 4; No. 2 rye, 5; No. 3 rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 3; No. 4 barley, 14; No. 5 barley, 15; no grade barley, 3; No. 1 flax, 7; rejected flax, 12; no grade flax, 1.

Cars Inspected Out—No. 1 northern wheat, 58; No. 2 northern wheat, 19; No. 3 wheat, 3; rejected wheat, 2; no grade wheat, 1; macaroni wheat, 1; No. 3 winter wheat, 4; rejected winter wheat, 2; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 3 white oats, 18; No. 4 white oats, 6; No. 3 oats, 10; no grade oats, 2; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 4 barley, 7; No. 5 barley, 15; no grade barley, 1; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 1 flax, 9; rejected flax, 1.

DAILY WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following are the receipts and shipments at the principal primary wheat markets:

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	23,400	....
Philadelphia	140	88,323
Baltimore	9,878	.....
Toledo	6,000	790
Detroit	5,512	.....
St. Louis	104,000	40,000
Boston	52,848	.....
Chicago	150,300	45,682
Milwaukee	33,440	5,280
Duluth	32,743	1,666
Minneapolis	450,120	38,400
Kansas City	194,400	109,600

PUTS AND CALLS.

Two o'clock report:
Puts—May wheat, 80⅝@80¾c.
Calls—May wheat, 81⅜@81½c.
Curb—May wheat, 81⅛c.

CHICAGO GRAIN

FREE SELLING WEAKENS WHEAT—CORN EASIER—OATS STEADY.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—A number of commission houses were active sellers of May wheat to-day on the larger receipts in the northwest, the total number of cars being about twice that of last year, altho the restricted movement a year ago was accounted for in some degree by a severe storm. The market weakened under this

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selling and May declined to 80½@80⅝c. after selling up to 81⅛@81¼c. The opening was a shade lower to a shade higher at 80½c to 81c. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 568 cars, against 629 cars last week and 310 cars a year ago.

A firmer feeling prevailed the latter part of the session on a good commission hous demand. There were fair inquiries for export and this helped to strengthen the situation. The close was strong with May at the top figure, at 81⅜@81½c, a gain of ½c for the day.

Close: Wheat—December, 78⅝c; old, 78¾c; May, 81⅜@81½c; July, 76¼@76⅜c.

Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, 87½@88c; No. 3 red, 86@87c; No. 2 hard, 80c; No. 3 hard, 70@78c; No. 1 northern spring, 86c; No. 2 northern spring, 82@84c; No. 3spring, 78@82c.

Corn was influenced by the action of wheat and eased off on liquidation by local longs, after opening firm on higher cables and small receipts. May opened a shade higher at 43⅝c, sold at 43⅜@43½c, and later declined to 43¼c. Local receipts were 77 cars, with none contract.

The better tone in wheat and small offerings caused strength later in the day and May closed with a gain of ⅜c at 43⅝@43¾c.

Close: Corn—December, 42¼c; January, 41¾c; May, 43⅝@43¾c; July, 43⅜@43½c.

Cash Corn—No. 2, 42½c; No. 3, 42¼@42½c.

Oats were steady on a small commission house demand with only light offerings. There was no change in the general situation, receipts continue small and a fair cash demand exists for good oats. May opened unchanged at 36⅝c. Local receipts were 58 cars.

Close: Oats—December, 35⅛c; January, 34⅞c; May, 36⅞@37c; July, 34c.

Cash Oats—No. 2, 35c; No. 3, 34½c.

The following was the range of prices:

Wheat—	Dec.	May.	July.
Opening	78¼@⅜	80⅞@81	75¾@76
Highest	78¾	81½	76⅜
Lowest	77⅝	80½@⅝	75⅝
Close—			
To-day	78⅝	81⅜@½	76¼@⅜
Yesterday	78⅛	80⅞	75⅞
Year ago	74⅜@½	77⅛@¼	74⅛
Corn—			
Opening	41¾@⅞	43⅜	43⅛
Highest	42¼	43¾	43⅜@½
Lowest	41⅝@¾	43¼@⅜	43
Close—			
To-day	42¼	43⅝@¾	43⅜@½
Yesterday	41⅝@¾	43¼@⅜	43@43⅛
Year ago	47½	43⅝	....
Oats—			
Opening	....	36⅝	33⅞
Highest	35¼	37	34
Lowest	35	36½@⅝	33¾
Close—			
To-day	35⅛	36⅞@37	34
Yesterday	34¾@⅞	36⅝	33¾
Year ago	31⅛	32¾	....

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

DULUTH GRAIN, Dec. 16.—Wheat dragged on the bottom for a time to-day, but the market was at no time weak and the close showed ¼c advance for the day. Wheat suitable for milling is coming very slowly indeed. But one car of good wheat was in to-day's receipts.

The total cars on track of all grains were but 55, and of this more than half was coarse grains and flax. Duluth exporters sold five loads of Manitoba wheat to-day. None can be sold from here, for none is to be had.

May wheat opened ⅛c up at 80¾c, sold down to 80⅝c, advanced and closed at 80⅞c. Flax was dull and from unchanged to ¼c lower. Receipts—Wheat, 53 cars; flax, 75; barley, 8; oats, 5; corn 1. Shipments—Wheat, 1,666 bu. Cars on track, 55.

Close: Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 80⅞c; No. 1 northern, 79⅜c; No. 2 northern, 76⅞c; No. 3, 73⅞c; December, 79⅛c; May, 80⅞c; flax, cash, 97¼c; May, $1.01⅜; July, $1.02¼; oats, 34⅞c; rye, 52c.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND FLOUR, Dec. 16.—Flour, receipts 29,410; sales, 3,700; unsettled and a shade lower to sell; buckwheat, firm, $2.30@2.35. Wheat, receipts, 23,400 bu; sales, 960,000 bu; opened steady on cables and local covering but later eased off under additional liquidation; December 89⅜@89½c; May, 84⅜@84 13-16c;July 80¾@81c. Rye, dull; state and Jersey, 56@58c; No. 2 western, 63¾c, f. o. b. afloat. Corn, receipts, 40,950 bu; sales, 10,000 bu; firmer on the light country offerings and commission house support; May, 49¼@49⅜c. Oats, receipts, 82,500 bu; nominal; track white, 41@45c.

Close: Wheat, December, 90c; May, 85c; July, 81⅝c. Corn, December, 52c; May, 49⅝c.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,300, including 200 southerns; market 10c lower; native steers, $4@5.20; southern steers, $3@3.40; southern cows, $1.80@2.65; native cows and heifers, $2.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, $3.35@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 1,100; market 10@15c lower; heavy, $4.40@4.50; packers, $4.32½@4.45; pigs and lights, $4.30@4.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; market steady; sheep, $2.50G4.40; lambs, $4.25@5.50.

MILWAUKEE GRAIN AND FLOUR, Dec. 16.—Flour, steady. Wheat, irregular. Close: No. 1 northern, 83½@84c; No. 2 northern, 81@82½c; May, 81⅜@81½c asked. Rye, steady; No. 1, 56½@57c. Barley, steady; No. 2, 62c; sample, 33@59c. Oats, steady; standard, 36½@37c. Corn, quiet; No. 3, 45@46½c; May, 43⅝@43¾c.

Wheat—Puts, 81@81⅛c asked; calls, 81¾c.

Corn—Puts, 43½@43⅝c asked; calls, 43¾c.

CHICAGO SEED AND COARSE GRAINS, Dec. 16.—Rye—December, 52@52½c; May, 55@56c. Flax—Cash, northwestern, $1; southwestern, 93c; December, 93c; May, 98½c. Timothy—December, $2.90; January, $2.95; March, $3.05. Clover—December, $11. Barley—Cash, 36@58c.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN, Dec. 16.—Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 2½d; futures, quiet; December, nominal; March, 6s, 4⅛d; May, 6s 3⅛d. Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, 4s 2d; futures, quiet; January, 4s ½d; March, 8s 11⅝d.

GRAIN TRADE GOSSIP

Chicago to Stephens: Henry Parker's purchase of wheat around 80⅝c checked the decline. Looks as if the pit crowd has overdone the selling.

Logan & Bryan wired: The lower Antwerp cables and heavy selling by Lohrke has given the market another setback. The local traders are becoming very aggressive on the short side. They may overdo it.

A letter from Oklahoma to Whallen, Case & Co., dated Dec. 12, says: A much greater amount of wheat has been marketed than usual, possibly not over 15 per cent being left in farmers' hands. Growing crop only fair. Dry weather damaged prospects considerably. However, our wheat is still living, and may come out all right.—Acreage possibly 10 per cent short, caused by farmers being unable to plow on account of dry weather.

Other reliable Oklahoma parties write there is about 20 per cent of the wheat still in farmers' hands.

PROVISIONS

CHICAGO PROVISIONS, Dec. 16.—A decline in prices of hogs caused weakness in provisions and the market lacked any enlivening features. May pork opened 10@20c lower at $11.55 to $11.65. May lard was off 5@7½c at $6.55, and ribs were down 5@7½c to 7½@10c, at $6.20 to $6.22½.

ork—January, $11.25; May, $11.62½.

Lard—December, $6.32½; January, $6.32½; May, $6.52½.

Ribs—January, $6.02½; May, $6.20.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS, Dec. 15.—Beef, firm. Pork, easy. Lard, steady; prime western steam, $6.90.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK COTTON, Dec. 16.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 points to a decline of 1 point, the gains being in sympathy with higher cables than expected, but about last night's prices undef urther liquida- about last night's prices under further liuquidation and selling for short account. There seemed no very aggressive selling and as values sagged back the market met with bull support, recovering to about the opening figures and ruling irregular but fairly steady around that level. Trading was quiet and chiefly for local account.

At midday the market was quiet and steady, net 1@3 points higher.

Cotton, spot, closed quiet; middling uplands, 12.45c; middling gulf, 12.70c; sales, none.

Spot was quiet; middling uplands, 12.45c; middling gulf, 12.70c.

NEW YORK LEAD AND COPPER, Dec. 16.—Lead and copper, unchanged.

PEORIA WHISKY, Dec. 16.—Whisky on the basis of $1.27 for finished goods.

PRICES STEADY ON WALL STREET

LONDON MARKET SHOWS CONSIDERABLE DEPRESSION.

St. Paul and Sugar Advanced—Buying Orders for Brooklyn Transit on Large Scale—Small Offerings Lead to Active Bidding—General List Practically Lifeless—Details of the Day's Proceedings.

New York, Dec. 16.—The tone of the opening stock market to-day was heavy, partly reflecting a feeling of depression in the London market. A few stocks showed small fractional gains, but the majority declined. Losses were small and the trading was very light.

Buying orders on a rather large scale appeared simultaneously in Sugar and Brooklyn Rapid Transit, and the success in lifting these created a sympathetic demand for kindred stocks. Brooklyn Rapid Transit and Sugar rose 1¾ each and Linseed, Manhattan and Westinghouse Electric 1. Other prominent stocks rose moderately. Peoria & Eastern gained 2, and Minneapolis & St. Louis fell 1½.

When Sugar reacted a point the whole list sagged to a lower price level under a dribble of stocks. Consolidated Gas, after a decline of a point, rose a point over last night. The trading took on a holiday tone of apathy and dullness. New York Central sold down a point and rallied 1½ on three transactions.

Bonds were heavy at noon.

The paucity of offerings when the traders realized led to some bidding up later in the active group and St. Paul and Sugar were advanced sharply. Sugar rallied to 125⅝, the highest, and St. Paul gained a point. Tennessee Coal and Car preferred made a similar rise, but the market in general was practically lifeless.

The market became almost stagnant and prices yielded slightly from inanition. The changes were scarcely appreciable. Colorado Fuel dropped 1½.

The stagnant demand for stocks prompted some selling and prices receded to the lowest. Sugar fell below last night and gains were generally lost. Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha was bid up by stages 9 ¾ before a single hundred share lot was sold. The selling movement exhausted itself in a short time. The closing was about steady, but trading was intensely dull.

Stock quotations reported for The Journal by Watson & Co., brokers, Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis:

Closing figures are bid.

Sales.	Stocks—	Highest.	Lowest.	—Close— Bid. Dec.16	Bid. Dec.15
1,000	Am. Car	19⅜	19	19¼	19¼
300	do pr	67½	67	67½	66¼
300	Am. Locomot.	14¾	14½	14½	14⅞
700	Am. Ice	8	7¾	7¾	7⅞
1,200	do pr	28⅞	28⅝	28	28
23,100	Am. Sugar ...	125⅞	123⅞	124¼	123⅝
200	do pr	120	119½	120	119
3,100	Am. Smelting.	49¼	48½	49⅛	48¾
100	do pr	......	......	90½	90¼
54,700	Amal. Cop ...	48⅝	47½	48	47¾
200	Anacon. Cop ..	79	78½	78½	79
8,900	At., Top. & S.F.	68⅝	68⅛	68¼	68⅜
200	do pr	92½	92¼	92½	92½
2,200	Balt. & Ohio..	79½	79	79	79¼
200	do pr	87½	87¼	87½	87½
38,800	Brook. R. T..	51⅜	50⅜	50⅝	59
300	Canadian Pac.	119	118½	118½	118¾
500	Ches. & Ohio..	33¼	33	83	33
500	Chi. & Alton..	35⅛	35	35⅛	35
100	do pr	69	68½	69	68½
300	Corn Products.	16½	16¼	16¼	16½
1,300	Chi. Gr. West	16	15⅝	15⅝	15¾
300	do pr A..	66¼	66	66¼	66¼
200	do pr B..	28⅜	27½	27¾	28
300	C., C., C. & St.L	78	77½	77¾	77
200	Chi. Term ...	9	8½	8½	8½
200	do pr	18	17½	17¾	18
700	Col. Fuel & Ir	27⅞	26	27	28
500	Col. Soutern...	14½	14	14½	14½
4,100	Consol Gas ..	185½	183¼	184½	184
	Con. Tob. pr.	......	......	103½	104
100	Del. & Hudson	158¾	158½	158½	158½
	Den. & Rio Gr	......	......	21⅛	21¾
	do pr	......	......	72	72
11,200	Erie	30⅛	29⅝	29¾	30
1,200	do 1st pr.	68⅛	67⅞	67⅞	67⅞
800	do 2d pr..	51	50½	50½	50⅞
400	Gen. Electric .	165	164½	164½	164⅜
200	Illinois Cent..	129¾	129¼	129½	129½
100	Iowa Cent ..	......	......	21	21
1,700	Int. Paper ..	11	10½	10¾	10½
	Louis. & Nash.	......	......	106¼	106⅞
300	M., St.P. & Soo	......	......	53	52⅝
2,300	Manhattan ...	142	144½	141½	141
500	Met. St. Ry.	122½	121¼	121½	121¼
500	Minn. & St. L.	61½	60½	61	61
4,600	Missouri Pac..	93½	92⅞	93	93
600	M., K. & T..	......	......	17½	17½
900	do pr	......	......	38¾	39
	Mexican Cent.	......	......	9½	9¾
200	Nat. Biscuit..	......	......	36¾	36¾
	do pr	......	......	99½	99
	Nat. Lead ...	......	......	15¾	15½
200	Norfolk & W..	58	57¾	57¾	57¾
	North Am. Co	......	......	75½	75
	No. Securities	90½	89½	89¾	90
300	Northwestern	165	164¼	165	164½
600	N. Y. Air Bk.	119	117½	118¾	118⅝
200	Ontario & W.	21½	21⅜	21⅜	21⅞
	Pressed Steel	......	......	26¼	25½
	do pr	......	......	66	66
200	Pacific Mail	......	......	24	24
28,100	Penn. R. R.	......	......	117⅝	117¼
1,900	People's Gas	98	97¼	97½	97⅝
5,700	Reading	44½	44¼	44¼	44⅜
	do 1st pr ..	......	......	76⅞	76⅞
	do 2d pr ..	......	......	59½	59
100	Repub. Steel	6½	6¼	6½	6½
900	do pr	39½	88¾	39⅜	40
200	Rubber Goods	18	17½	17¾	18
200	do pr	70¼	70	70	70
2,800	Rock Island	......	......	25⅞	25¾
700	do pr	......	......	61½	61¼
100	St. L. & S. W	......	......	13	13¾
100	do pr	......	......	31	[illegible]
15,300	St. Paul	143½	142⅝	142⅝	[illegible]
100	do pr	......	......	171⅞	171⅞
8,100	Southern Pac .	48¾	48	48⅛	48½
900	Southern Ry .	21⅜	21	21	21
700	do pr	78	77⅝	77⅝	77½
2,000	Tenn. Coal & I	33⅞	32⅝	33	32¾
	T., St.L. & W	......	......	2	21¾
	do pr	......	......	35½	35
	Twin City R.T	......	......	92	92
12,600	Union Pacific..	79⅛	78[illegible]	78½	78⅞
500	do pr	88	87¾	87¾	87½
900	U. S. Leather	......	......	7⅛	7½
100	do pr	......	......	76	76⅝
5,000	U. S. Steel	......	......	10⅜	10⅜
43,700	do pr	......	......	52⅞	52¾
100	Wabash	......	......	20	20¼
1,000	do pr	......	......	36¾	37
400	Western Union	87½	87	87	87
	Wheel. & L. E.	......	......	16¾	16¾
	do 1st pr..	......	......	49	49
	do 2d pr ..	......	......	24	25
100	Wis. Central.	......	......	17⅛	17¼
200	do pr	38⅜	88	88	88¼

Total sales, 321,900.

MONEY REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec 16.—National bank notes received to-day for redemption, $688,041; government receipts from internal revenue, $460,443; customs, $847,679; miscellaneous, $38,581; expenditures, $850,000.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Bank clearings today, $2,956,795.79. New York exchange, selling rate, 60c premium; buying rate, 40c premium. Chicago exchange, selling rate, 60c premium; buying rate, par. London sixty-day sight documentary exchange, $4.80⅞.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 16.—Bank clearings to-day, $927,303.76.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—India council bills were allotted to-day at 1s 4 1-16d; bar gold, 77s 11¼d; American eagles, 76s 6¼d.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Exchange on London, 20 marks 43¼ pfennigs for checks. Discount rates: Short bills, 4 per cent; three months' bills, 3⅝ per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Bullion to the amount of £20,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to Malta.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Three per cent rentes, 97 francs 92½ centimes, ex-interest, for the account.

STOCK MARKET TOPICS

STEEL RAILS FOR ARABIA—EFORTS TO REDUCE STEEL PRICES.

Cable advices from Constantinople this morning say it is learned there that a contract will be signed this week with a representative of the United States Steel corporation for the supplying of 4,000,000 francs' worth of material for the construction of the proposed El Hedja railway in Arabia.

It is admitted that a strong effort is being made to reduce steel billets from $23 to $21. It is declared, however, that a majority of the billet pool favors holding the present price.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas October net decline $3,340. Surplus decreased $19,700. Surplus for four months decreased $306,000.

LONDON CLOSING STOCKS, Dec. 16.—Consols for money, 88 13-16; consols for account, 88 15-16; Anaconda, 4; Atchison, 70¾; Atchison preferred, 95¾; Baltimore & Ohio, 82⅛; Canadian Pacific, 122¾; Chesapeake & Ohio, 34½; Chicago Great Western, 16½; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 147; DeBeers, 20⅝; Denver & Rio Grande, 22½; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 74¾; Erie, 31; Erie first preferred, 70⅛; Erie second preferred, 52½; Illinois Central, 134; Louisville & Nashville, 110½; Missouri, Kansas & Texas, 18⅝; New York Central, 122¾; Norfolk & Western, 60; Norfolk & Western preferred, 91; Ontario & Western, 22⅜; Pennsylvania, 60⅝; Rand Mines, 10; Reading, 22⅞; Reading first preferred, 40; Reading, second preferred, 30½; Southern Railway, 22⅝; Southern Railway preferred, 80½; Southern Pacific, 50⅜; Union Pacific, 81⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 91½; United States Steel, 10⅞; United States Steel preferred, 54⅝; Wabash, 21; Wabash preferred, 38.

Bar silver, firm, 25⅞d per ounce. Money, 3@3¼ per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¾@3⅞ per cent; for three months' bills is 3⅝@3¾ per cent.

FINANCIAL GOSSIP

L. T. Watson wired from New York: There has been a report the past few days that the earnings of the Steel company would make a poor showing. It seems there is no foundation for this rumor. No official returns have come in yet, and it is claimed these reports have been given out by bear traders. It is also claimed that there will be no reduction in the price of steel rails, steel plates or structural materials. In some quarters it is said there has been a distinct improvement in the steel and iron business recently.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Wednesday, Dec. 16.—Butter, weak. Eggs, firm. Poultry, firm. Veal, easy.

Special—Poultry for Christmas trade should be in market this week.

BUTTER—Creameries, extra, lb, 24c; creameries, firsts, 22½c; creameries, seconds, 19c; dairies, extra, 22c; dairies, firsts, 18½c; dairies, seconds, 18½c; packing stock, 8@13c; renovated extras, 18c; renovated firsts, 15c; roll and print, fancy, 19@20c; choice, 16@17c.

EGGS—New laid, case count, current receipts, cases included, 23c; candled, loss off, per doz, 27c; country held, cases included, 18c; dirties, $6.10 per case for candled; seconds and checks, per case, $5.10; April storage, car lots, charges paid, $6.75.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, 11½c; twins or flats, choice, 10½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 8½c; Young Americas, fancy, 13@13½c; brick, No. 1, 12c; brick, No. 2, 9c; brick, No. 3, 6@6½c; primost, No. 1, 9c; primost, No. 2, 8c; pultost, 9c; Swiss, No. 1, block, 15c; Swiss, No. 2, block, 12c; daisies, No. 1, 12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, large, fat, 11@12c; turkeys, thin, small, 7@8c; chickens, hens, large, 6c; chickens, roosters, 4c; springs, 7c; ducks, young, white, 9c; ducks, young, colored, 8½c; ducks, old, 7c; geese, fat, large, 8@8½c.

DRESSED POULTRY — Undrawn turkeys, fancy, 16c; choice, 13@14c; old toms, 13@14c; culls, 6@7c; chickens, springs, fancy, 10@11c; springs, fair to good, 7@9c; hens, fancy, large, 9c; fair to good and small, 6@7c; old roosters and culls, 5c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 12c; fair to good, 9@10c; geese, fancy, heads off, 10½c; fair to good, 8@9c. Frozen stock, 1@2c less.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, per lb, 5½c; fair to good, 4½c; small, overweight, 3c; mutton, fancy, 5@6c; lambs, yearlings, fancy, 6½@7c; milk lambs, pelts, off, 7½@8c; hogs, light, 5½c; medium, 5c; heavy, 5c.

FISH—Crappies, medium to large, 8c; small, 6c; pickerel, 6c; bullheads, 6c; pike, 7c.

CABBAGE—Per 100 lbs, $2.50.

POTATOES—White, per bu, car lots, sacked, 60@62c; mixed, per bu, car lots, sacked, 50@55c; small lots, sacked, per bu, 70c.

ONIONS—Per bu, 40@50c.

POPCORN—Old rice, per lb, 3c.

RABBITS—Cottontails, per doz, $1@1.25; jacks, doz, $3.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz, $1; dead, doz, 75c.

DRIED PEAS—Fancy yellow, per bu, $1.50; medium, $1.25; green, fancy, $1.75; medium, $1.25; marrowfat, $2.25.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks. Fancy navy, per bu, $2.50; choice navy, $2.30; medium, handpicked, $2.30; medium fair, $1.55; medium mixed and dirty, 45@70c; brown, fancy, $2.25; brown, fair to good, $1.50@1.60; Lima, California, per lb, 6c.

APPLES—Jonathans, per brl, $6.50; Kings, per brl, $4.50; Northern Spys, per brl, $3.25@3.50; Wagners, per brl, $3.25@3.50; Greenings, per brl, $3.25; Baldwins, per brl, $3.25@3.50; Tallman Sweets, per brl, $3@3.25; choice cooking, per brl, $2.75@3; Russets, per brl, $3.50.

ORANGES—Sonoras, all sizes, $3; Floridas, all sizes, $3.50; California navels, 126s to 250s, $3.50; California navels, 96s to 116s, $3.25.

LEMONS—California fancy, as to size, $4.50; choice, $3.50@4.50.

SWET POTATOES—Illinois, per brl, $3.50; Jerseys, per brl, $3.75.

CRANBERRIES—Late Howes, brl, $9; Jerseys, brl, $7.50; Jerseys, bu boxes, $2.75; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $9; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $7.50.

PEARS—Eastern Kiefers, $5.50@5.75.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Pears, Winter Nellis, boxes, $5.25.

GRAPES—Catawbas, pony baskets, 20c; Malagas, per keg, $4.50@5.50.

HONEY—New fancy white, 1-lb sections, 14c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 12@13c; amber, 8c; goldenrod, 12c; extracted white, in barrels, 6@7c; extracted amber, 7c.

VEGETABLES—Wax beans, per bu, $5; egg plant, doz, $2.50; radishes, per doz bunches, 75c; lettuce, per doz, 35c; lettuce, heads, per doz, $1; mint, doz, 25c; celery, doz, 30@40c; celery, California, fancy, 75c; choice, 65c; squash, per doz, $2; parsnips, bu, 75c; cucumbers, doz, $1.75@2; green onions, shallots, doz bunches, 75c; tomatoes, 4-basket crate, $3; beets, per bu, 40@50c; cauliflower, per crate, $3.50.

NEW YORK PRODUCE, Dec. 16.—Butter, receipts, 3,740 pkgs; quiet and steady; extra creamery, 25c; creamery, common to choice, 16@24½c; state dairy, 15@22c; held creamery, 16@22c. Cheese, receipts, 4,747 pkgs; quiet; state full cream fancy small colored, September, 12c; late made, 10c; small white September, 12c; late made, 10c; large colored September, 12c; late made, 10c; large white September, 12c; late made, 10c. Eggs, receipts, 1,709 pkgs; strong; state and Pennsylvania nearby average best, 35c; state and Pennsylvania seconds to firsts, 29@33c; western thirds to seconds, 26@31c; western firsts, 33c; refrigerated, 24@27c.

CHICAGO PRODUCE, Dec. 16.—Butter—Firm; creameries, 16@25c; dairies, 14@21c. Eggs—Firm; at mark, cases included, 26½@29c. Cheese—Firm; daisies, 10¼@10½c; Young Americas, 10½c; twins, 10c. Poultry—Live, firm; turkeys, 14c; chickens, 9c; springs, 9c. Potatoes—Steady; Burbanks, 62@65c; Rurals, 62@64c; red stock, 52@60c. Veal—Steady; 50 to 60 lbs, 4@5c; 65 to 75 lbs, 5½@6½c; 80 to 125 lbs, 6½@7c; 85 to 110 lbs, 7½@8c.

A DESPERADO CAPTURED

SOLE SURVIVOR OF NOTORIOUS "BLACK JACK" GANG IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND CONFESSES.

New York Sun Special Service.

Houston, Tevas, Dec. 16.—After the work in trailing down the last members of the famous "Black Jack" gang that for years terrorized Indian Territory, West Texas and New Mexico, Deputy United States Marshal Van has succeeded in capturing the sole survivor of the murderous band. Jim Moody, alias Jack Nelson, was surrounded and at the point of Winchesters taken prisoner to-day. He is now in jail and has confessed to his record of crime.

After a swift series of train robberies, holdups, and after being trailed 300 miles thru the mountains of Texas into New Mexico by a determined posse of government officers and state rangers, the gang made its last stand in the mountainous district. In the battle which followed, Sheriff Pate was killed and several officers wounded. Lon Moore of the desperados was kille dand Lon Cady badly wounded. The latter was captured and is now serving a 99-year sentence. Nelson and Joe Pickett escaped. Pickett was later killed while resisting arrest.

There is a long category of crimes charged to Nelson, including the killing of Sheriff Pate.

HE'LL PUT IT IN A BOOK

AUTHOR OF SEA TALES, HIMSELF HAS A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH AT SEA.

New York Sun Special Service.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 16.—T. Jenkins Haines, author of "The Wind-Jammers" and "The Strife of the Sea," with his wife and the crew of the Edna, Haines' private yacht, from which they were rescued after the boat became unseaworthy, arrived here to-day on the schooner William C. Tannar, Captain Johnson. Mr. Haines sailed on the Edna from Oracoke, N. C., on Dec. 7, bound for the West Indies and Florida on a pleasure trip.

The yacht was struck by a hurricane on Dec. 9 which tore away all her rigging and carried her several hundred mile out of her course. Her bowsprit was snapped off and the cabin flooded. An effort was made to reach the Bahamas, but the vessel could not be made to cross the Gulf Stream, her rudder having been carried away.

When it seemed that the entire party was lost, the Tannar was sighted. The Edna was lost. She was valued at $6,000.

HEAVY RUN OF HOGS IN TO-DAY

FIGURES WILL POBABLY SHOW A NEW HIGH RECORD.

Prices Break 15c All Around—Cattle Receipts Moderate and the Quality Common—A Train Load of Western Sheep in, Consigned to South St. Paul Feeders—Prices About Steady.

South St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—Estimated receipts at the union stockyards to-day: Cattle, 800; calves, 75; hogs, 9,000; sheep, 5,000; cars, 158.

The following table shows the receipts from Jan. 1, 1903, to date, as compared with the same period in 1902:

Year.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1903	255,910	42,344	699,190	848,873	23,817
1902	261,446	40,000	621,714	587,163	21,767
Inc.	....	2,344	77,476	261,710	2,050
Dec.	5,536	.....	......	......	....

The following table shows the receipts thus far in December, as compared with the same period in 1902:

Year.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1903	6,254	983	50,913	36,576	1,036
1902	6,848	716	58,237	24,962	1,080
Inc.	....	267	.....	11,614	....
Dec.	94	...	7,324	.....	44

Official receipts for the past week are as follows:

Date.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
Dec. 8	754	192	4,581	6,869	111
Dec. 9	366	69	3,634	2,814	71
Dec. 10	344	88	4,813	1,962	84
Dec. 11	258	39	4,203	465	69
Dec. 12	73	4	3,355	3,999	64
Dec. 14	846	42	4,231	2,855	101
Dec. 15	605	126	5,644	215	84

Railroads entering the yards reported receipts for the day by loads as follows: Chicago Great Western, 15; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 27; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 30; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, 23; Great Northern, 20; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 2; Soo Line, 13; Northern Pacific, 28; total, 158.

Disposition of stock Tuesday, Dec. 15:

Firm—	Cattle..	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	366	5,075	118
W. E. McCormick	15	19	38
W. G. Bronson	...	.....	8
Leo Gottfried	42	.....	...
J. R. King	2	2	...
King Brothers	1	.....	2
Cudahy Brothers	...	540	...
Slimmer & Thomas	11	.....	...
P. Evans	1	.....	...
J. B. Fitzgerald	2	.....	...
Other buyers	19	8	...
Country buyers	246	.....	1,171
Totals	705	5,640	1,337

HOGS—

Date—	Av. Wt.	Av. Cost.	Price Range.
Dec. 8	208	$4.14	$4.00@4.30
Dec. 9	207	4.15	4.00@4.35
Dec. 10	209	4.24	4.00@4.45
Dec. 11	206	4.30	4.20@4.50
Dec. 12	211	4.35	4.25@4.60
Dec. 14	203	4.32½	4.15@4.50
Dec. 15	200	4.31	4.10@4.15

Prices generally 15c lower. Hog receipts the largest on record. Quality generally considered a little better. Prices range $4@4.40; bulk, $4.15@4.25; common to fair heavy hogs are quotable from $4 to $4.20; fair mixed, $4.10@4.20, and choice lights, butchers and heavy hogs from $4.30 to $4.40. Sales:

Hogs—67, 216 lbs, $4.40; 106, 192 lbs, $4.30; 58, 244 lbs, $4.25; 79, 225 lbs, $4.20; 73, 229 lbs, $4.15; 84, 184 lbs, $4.10; 92, 175 lbs, $4.05.

Odds and Ends—9, 173 lbs, $4.10; 6, 315 lbs, $4.

Pigs and Underweights—55, 140 lbs, $4.05; 5, 96 lbs, $3.65.

Stags and Boars—1, 450 lbs, $4.25; 1, 610 lbs, $5.25.

CATTLE—Receipts moderate. All grades of killing cattle selling about 10c lower. Quality mostly common. Bulls steady. Veal calves unchanged. Best milkers steady. Common kinds dull and lower. Stockers and feeders slow at about steady prices. Sales:

Butcher Steers—1, 1,050 lbs, $3.25; 6, 1,090 lbs, $3.25; 3, 990 lbs, $3.

Butcher Cows and Heifers—1 S. and C., 1,101 lbs, $3.75; 6, 1,121 lbs, $3.54; 2, 1,095 lbs, $2.60; 1, 1,390 lbs, $2.40.

Cutters and Canners—2, 1,030 lbs, $2.25; 1, 1,160 lbs, $2.15; 1, 800 lbs, $1.50; 2, 1,000 lbs, $2; 2, 1,040 lbs, $1.85; 1, 860 lbs, $1.75.

Butcher Bulls—3, 1,230 lbs, $2.25; 1, 1,820 lbs, $2.15; 1, 405 lbs, $2.40.

Veal Calves—2, 150 lbs, $8.75; 6, 141 lbs, $3.50; 2, 175 lbs, $2.50; 2, 100 lbs, $3.25; 1, 90 lbs, $2.

Stock and Feeding Steers—5, 680 lbs, $2.75; 15, 929 lbs, $2.65; 6, 721 lbs, $2.50; 5, 760 lbs, $2.55; 4, 690 lbs, $2.50; 5, 802 lbs, $2.25; 3, 650 lbs, $2.40; 2, 780 lbs, $2.

Stock Cows and Heifers—5, 730 lbs, $2.25; 4 H. and S., 610 lbs, $2; 3, 360 lbs, $1.70; 7 H. and S., 479 lbs, $1.50.

Stock and Feeding Bulls—1, 850 lbs, $2; 2, 970 lbs, $2.75.

Milch Cows and Springers—2 cows and 1 calf, $65& 2 cows and 1 calf, $60; 1 cow, $36; 1 cow, $32; 1 cow and 1 calf, $27; 1 cow and 1 calf, $20.

SHEEP—Receipts fairly liberal and including a train of western sheep consigned direct to local feed lots. Market on killing grades of sheep and lambs less active than early in the week, but prices about steady. Feeders quiet. Sales:

Killing Sheep and Lambs—31 lambs, 83 lbs, $4.50; 15 yearling wethers, 88 lbs, $4; 64 ewes, 126 lbs, $3.15; 98 ewes, 118 lbs, $3; 1 buck, 190 lbs, $2.50; 4 ewes, 112 lbs, $2.25; 5 ewes, 106 lbs, $2.20.

Stockers and Feeders—7 cull ewes, 91 lbs, $1.25.

Among the shippers on the market were: Molm & Donaldson, Morristown; Henny Brothers, goodhue; A. H. Holton, Zumbrota; Eddy, Steadman & Clark, Ridgeland, Wis.; V. Imholt, Clear Lake; G. Putnam, Big Lake; Berge & Lawrence, Maynard; M. Condon, Clara City; A. H. Rosenquist, Raymond; Raymond Mercantile company, Raymond; A. G. Hedin, Willmar; N. N. Waylander, Grove City; C. Bates, Elmwood, Wis.; J. Hart & Son, Browerville; H. P. Rowe, Dodge Center; Zieske Brothers, Traverse; J. Siebolt, Barron, Wis.; J. J. Thompson and Wiste, Hanska; Busch, Gaylord; C. Wiberg, Lindstrom; T. A. Rude, Sacred Heart; Holton & Clark, Renville; H. L. McEwen, L. A. Matzdorf, Buffalo Lake.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000; weak to lower; good to prime steers, $4.90@5.75; poor to medium, $3@4.75; stockers and feeders, $1.75@3.90; cows, $1.50@4; heifers, $1.75@4.50; canners, $1.50@2.30; bulls, $1.75@4; calves, $2@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, to-day, 60,000; to-morrow, 45,000; 10c lower; mixed and butchers, $4.35@4.60; good to choice heavy, $4.45@4.55; rough heavy, $4.25@4.40; light, $4.15@4.45; bulk of sales, $4.35@4.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; sheep slow to weak; lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, $3.50@4; fair to choice mixed, $2.50@3.40; western sheep, $3@4; native lambs, $4@6; western lambs, $4.50@6.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000, including 1,500 Texans; market slow and steady to a shade lower; beef steers, $3.70@5.50; stockers and feeders, $2@3.50; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.05; Texas steers, $2.20@3.65.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,100; market 10@15c lower; er; pigs and lights, $4.25@4.50; packers, $4.30@4.55; butchers and best heavy, $4.40@4.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,200; market steady; sheep, $2.50@4.40; lambs, $4.25@5.50.

SIOUX CITY LIVE STOCK, Dec. 16.—Cattle—receipts, 800; hogs, 8,000.

Hogs—10@25c lower. Sales: 63, 280 lbs, $4.15; 62, 260 lbs, $4.25; 60, 242 lbs, $4.30.

Cattle—Stockers strong; killers weak. Sales: 11 beeves, 1,080 lbs, $3.75; 14 beeves, 1,230 lbs, $4.75; 8 cows, 800 lbs, $2; 11 cows, 900 lbs, $2.75; 10 cows, 970 lbs, $3; 14 stockers, 740 lbs, $2.50; 11 stockers, 806 lbs, $2.80; 16 stockers, 900 lbs, $3.40; 10 yearlings, 480 lbs, $2.25; 14 yearlings, 640 lbs, $2.70; 8 yearlings, 580 lbs, $3.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts 4,500; market slow and lower; beef steers, $3@5.25; cows and heifers, $2.50@3.50; western steers, $2.75@3.75; Texas steers, $2.60@3.50; range cows and heifers, $2.20@3.30; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,100; market 5c lower; heavy, $4.20@4.40, pigs, $4@4.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,500; market active, stronger; sheep, $2.75@4.10; lambs, $4.50@4.65.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, WOOL.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Green salted heavy steer hides	8¼	7¼
Green salted cow hides	7½	6½
Green salted light hides	7¼	6¼
Green salted bull hides	7	6
Green salted veal kip	9	7½
Green salted deacons, each	55	45
Green salted branded, 1½ per lb less than free of brands.		
Green salted horse or mule hides, large	$3.15	2.15
Green salted horse or mule hides, medium	2.50	1.75
Green salted horse or mule hides, small	1.70	1.00
Dry flint Montana, Oregon, Washington and Idaho butcher hides, flat	14	
Montana bulls and fallen hides	10	
Dry flint Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin and similar	11½	10
Green salted pelts, large to small, each	50	@90
Dry flint calf skins	16	14
Dry flint territorial pelts, per lb	10	11
Tallow, in cakes	4	3
Tallow, in barrels	3¾	3
Grease, light	3½	3
Wool, medium, unwashed	16	@17
Wool, coarse	15½	@16½
Wool, fine, unwashed	12	@14
Feathers, goose	40	@45
Feathers, duck	34	@40
Feathers, chicken	3	@ 3½
Feathers, turkey	2¾	@ 3
Dry ginseng root, per lb	$6.00	@6.25
Green, for planting, per lb	1.15	@
Seneca root, per lb	.65	@ .67
Beeswax, yellow	28	
Beeswax, dark	24	

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MIDWAY HORSE MARKET, Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—Barrett & Zimmerman report that altho the wholesale trade was light a number of sales were made. Lumbermen are still buying for their lumber camps. Values: Drafters, extra, $190@285; drafters, choice, $165@190; drafters, common to good, $120@165; farm mares, extra, $135@155; farm mares, choice, $120@135; farm mares, common to good, $100@120.

NEW YORK COFFEE AND SUGAR, Dec. 16.—Sugar, raw, firm; fair refining, 3⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar, 2⅞c; refined, steady; crushed, 4.05c; powdered, 4.55c; granulated, 4.45c. Coffee, steady; No. 7 Rio, 6¾c, nominal. Molasses, firm; New Orleans, 31@38c.

NEW YORK OIL, Dec. 16.—Petroleum, firm; refined, all ports, 9.45@9.50c.

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