Better Feeling in Wheat and Prices Firm

Liverpool Comes in a Little Higher and the Bulls Again Take Courage.

Minneapolis May Rises to 85½c, and Chicago May Also Closes Up Very Strong.

Good Weekly Export Business in Wheat—News and Gossip of the Day.

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 29.—Wheat showed a much better tone today in the early part of the session, for the Liverpool cables were firmer and prices up ⅝d. Many other things were bearish, but the market had become more used to them and the bears could not use them so effectively. The increase in Minneapolis stocks will be heavy. The estimate is for a gain of 1,850,000 bushels in tomorrow's report. This will be the biggest gain shown for a long time. So long as wheat continues coming in at the present rate—508 cars today, against 159—and the flour mills remain closed in greater part, this accumulation will go on. The bulls believe that after the turn of the year the mills will grind heavier and more wheat be consumed. The millers themselves do not look for full recovery in flour demand until mid-January. Until it comes there will be much pressure on futures thru the cash wheat market. Today No. 1 northern sold at 2¼@2½c under, and demand was poor. It was not easy to get top prices, except for very choice stuff.

Duluth ran over with 100 cars against 44, and Chicago got 10 against 17. The Winnipeg comparison was 183 and 70. Kansas City received 40,000 bushels against 93,000, and St. Louis 54,000 against 47,000.

Clearances, 367,0000 bushels.

The shorts covered a little wheat early, putting May above 85c here. Chicago was more active. Some information came from the southwest of a less favorable condition in winter wheat, but the trade was inclined to doubt whether there has been any material change for the worse. The market felt it however, and was firmer on it.

The Modern Miller says of the crop outlook that, excepting scattered reports of freezing and thawing weather in the northern section of the winter-wheat belt, and of rank growth in the southern territory, and fears of unfavorable consequences, the reports in general on the crop indicate that the condition is good for the season of the year.

Broomhall's weekly Argentine cable says the wheat market is quiet, with small demand. Advices from the interior state that wheat harvesting is making satisfactory progress in Santa Fe, and the quality is superior to that of last year. The Argentine corn market is dull, with small demand. Arrivals from the interior small, quality satisfactory. Refreshing rains have fallen which have been beneficial to corn.

Broomhall also cabled that, according to a cable from Kurraches, India, crop prospects are good. The Spanish wheat crop is officially estimated this year at 81,600,000 bu. A year ago the crop was 96,000,000 bu.

Primary receipts 925,000 bu against 377,000 a year ago.

A Chicago house wired that Topeka, Kan., says winter wheat condition will not be over 60 per cent and reports a critical condition in counties showing heavy yield last year. Kansas City says men have talked with the owner of the line houses thru Kansas, Oklahoma and reports are of an excellent condition thruout Kansas and Oklahoma except that a few counties in the north, where they had exceptional crops last year, are in need of snow for the late-sown wheat.

Town, a miller from Anthony, Kan., with a big line of stations, reports that prospects are for a bigger crop than ever.

Exports for the week, as given by Bradstreet's, were 3,448,000 bu wheat.

THE FLOUR MARKET

TRADE STILL VERY DULL—PRICES HOLDING VERY FIRM.

Prices as quoted below are firm and, with the light output, are not likely to decline much unless there is a material change in wheat. Dullness still rules the market. After January comes in better demand is expected, but revival of activity in full is not looked for before the middle of January.

Shipments, 38,668 brls.

First patents are quotable at $4.50@4.60; second patents, $4.40@4.50; first clears, $3.65@3.75; second clears, $2.45@2.55.

THE CASH TRADE

FLAX MAKES ANOTHER JUMP—CORN AND OATS STEADY.

FLAX—The market advanced again today, following Duluth futures, which were very strong, and a gain of 3¾c was made. Receipts, 82 cars against 28 last year; shipments, 18 cars; Duluth, 49 cars. Closing prices: Minneapolis, $1.14¾; to arrive, $1.14¾.

OATS—No. 3 white oats closed at 28⅝c. Receipts, 50 cars; shipments, 29 cars.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, new, closed at 36⅝@37¼c. Receipts, 29 cars; shipments, 2 cars.

FEED AND COARSE MEAL—Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, sacks extra, $14@14.25; No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn and 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $14.50@14.75; No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn and ½ oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $15@15.25; No. 3 ground feed, 1-3 corn and 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks, sacks extra, $15.50@15.75.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran in bulk, $13.50@13.75; shorts, $13.50@13.75; middlings, $16@16.25; red dog, $18; all f o b Minneapolis; in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments, 985 tons.

RYE—No. 2 closed at 57¾@59¾c. Receipts, 10 cars; shipments, 12 cars.

BARLEY—Feed grades closed at 34@35c; malting grades, 36@40c. Receipts, 53 cars; shipments, 18 cars.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10@10.50; No. 2 timothy, $8@8.75; No. 3 timothy, $7@8; choice upland, $9@9.50; wheat and oat straw, $4@5. Receipts, 40 tons.

CASH SALES REPORTED DEC. 29.

No. 1 hard wheat, 1 car	$0.83¾
No. 1 hard wheat, 10 cars	.83¾
No. 1 hard wheat, 8 cars	.83½
No. 1 hard wheat, 7 cars	.83½
No. 1 northern wheat, 27 cars	.82⅝
No. 1 northern wheat, 8 cars	.83
No. 1 northern wheat, 64 cars	.82¾
No. 1 northern wheat, 3 cars	.82½
No. 1 northern wheat, 1,000 bu, in settlement	.82¾
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car, mixed	.80
No. 2 northern wheat, 19 cars	.80¼
No. 2 northern wheat, 18 cars	.80½
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars, smut	.79
No. 2 northern wheat, 1 car, choice	.80½
No. 2 northern wheat, 8 cars	.80¾
No. 2 northern wheat, 5 cars	.80½
No. 2 northern wheat, 4 cars	.80¾
No. 2 northern wheat, 2 cars	.82
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	.77
No. 3 wheat, 10 cars	.78
No. 3 wheat, 18 cars	.77½
No. 3 wheat, 5 cars, f o b	.77½
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	.78½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car, cockles	.73
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.79
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.75
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.74
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars	.76
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.75½
No. 3 wheat, 4 cars	.77⅝
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.79½
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	.75½
No. 4 wheat, 4 cars	.74
No. 4 wheat, 1 car	.71
No. 4 wheat, 3 cars	.75
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	.73
No. 4 wheat, 2 cars	.72
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smut	.78
No. 4 wheat, 1 car, smut	.77
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.76
Rejected wheat, 3 cars	.76½
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.78
Rejected wheat, 1 car, bin-burned, smut	.72½
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.72
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.75½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.74½
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.71
Rejected wheat, 1 car	.73
No grade wheat, 1 car	.78
No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars	.37½
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	.38½
No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars	.38
No. 3 corn, 8 cars	.37
No. 3 corn, 1 car, white	.36
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.35¾
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.37
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.34
No. 4 corn, 2 cars, yellow	.36
No. 4 corn, 1 car, yellow	.35
No. 4 corn, 1 car	.36½
No grade corn, 1 car	.33½
No grade corn, 1 car	.35
No. 2 rye, 3 cars	.61
No. 2 rye, 2 cars	.60
No. 3 rye, 2 cars	.58
No. 2 white oats, 2 cars	.29
No. 3 white oats, 2 cars	.28⅝

Give us orders to sell to arrive on the bulges

C. C. WYMAN & CO.

Duluth. Grain Commission. Minneapolis.

RANGE OF WHEAT PRICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Today.	Close Yesterday.	Close Year Ago
Dec...	$ .80⅝	$ .81¼	$ .80⅝	$ .81¼	$ .80⅛	$1.10¼
May...	84⅞@85	.85½	.84¾@⅞	.85⅜@½	.84¾	1.14¾@⅞
Minneapolis Oats						
May...	....	....	....	.29⅝	.29⅝	....

THE DAY'S REPORTS

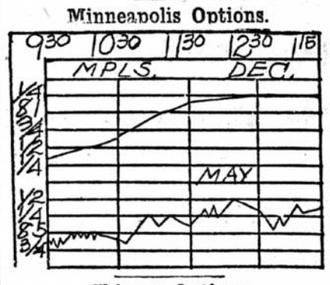
	Dec. Wheat Close Today.	Dec. Wheat Close Yesterday.	May Wheat Close Today.	May Wheat Close Yesterday.
Minneapolis	$ .81¼	$ .80⅛	$ .85⅝@½	$ .84¾
Chicago	.83⅜@½	.82¾	.87⅝@¾	.86⅞@87
Duluth	.82¼	.82¾	.85⅝	.85
St. Louis	.83⅛	.82⅝	.86½	.85⅞
Kansas City	.77⅛	.77⅛	.79¾@⅞	.79¼
New York	.94⅝	.94½@⅝	.91¾	.91¼
Winnipeg	.75	.74¾	.79⅜	.79

CLOSING CASH PRICES

On Track—No. 1 hard, 83⅜c; No. 1 northern, 82⅞c; No. 2 northern, 80⅜c; No. 3 wheat, 76@78c; durum, 68@72c; No. 3 white oats, 28⅝c; No. 2 rye, 57¾@59¾c; No. 1 northern to arrive, 82⅞c; No. 2 northern to arrive, 80⅜c; No. 1 flax, $1.14¾; No. 3 yellow corn, 36¾@37¼c; barley, 34c to 46c.

TODAY'S RANGE IN WHEAT

Minneapolis Options.



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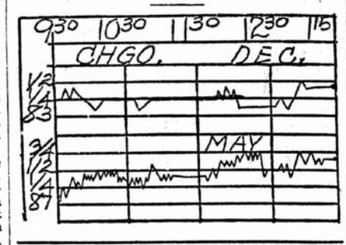

No. 3 white oats, 6 cars	.28½
No. 4 white oats, 3 cars	.28⅛
No. 4 white oats, 5 cars	.28
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	.27
No. 3 oats, 3 cars	.27½
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.27¼
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.39
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.37
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.42
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.35½
No. 4 barley, 1 car, f o b	.43
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.38½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	.45
No. 1 feed barley, 4 cars	.36
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.37½
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.38
No. 1 feed barley, 2 cars	.35½
No. 1 feed barley, 5 cars	.37
No. 1 feed barley, 1 car	.34½
No. 2 feed barley, 3 cars	.35
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.36
No. 2 feed barley, 3 cars	.34½
No. 2 feed barley, 3 cars	.34
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.34
No. 2 feed barley, 1 car	.34¾
No grade barley, 2 cars	.34½
No. 1 flaxseed, 6 cars	1.14
No. 1 flaxseed, 3 cars	1.13
No. 1 flaxseed, 1 car	1.14¼
No. 1 flaxseed, part ar	1.14½
No. 1 flaxseed, 2,700 bu, to arrive	1.13
No. 1 flaxseed, 3,000 bu, to arrive	1.14
No. 1 flaxseed, 2,000 bu, to arrive	1.15
Durum Wheat.	
No. 2 durum wheat, 6 ars	.68
No. 1 durum wheat, 5 ars	.72
No. 3 durum wheat, 5 ars	.65
No. 2 durum wheat, 2 cars, oats and rye mixed	.67
No. 1 durum wheat, 1 car	.73
No. 3 durum wheat, 3 carsr	.64
No. 4 durum wheat, 1 car	.63
Screenings, part car, per ton	8.00

PUTS AND CALLS.

2 p.m. report:

Puts—May wheat, 85¼c.

Calls—May wheat, 85⅝@85¾c.

Curb—May wheat, 85⅝c.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION, DEC. 29.

Inspected In—Wheat—Cars—Great Northern—No. 1 hard, 15; No. 1 northern, 109; No. 2 northern, 91; No. 3, 38; No. 4, 10; rejected, 6; no grade, 4.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul—No. 1 northern, 1; No. 2 northern, 10; No. 3, 5; No. 4, 5; rejected, 2.

Minneapolis & St. Louis—No. 1 northern, 4; No. 2 northern, 9; No. 3, 10; No. 4, 5; no grade, 1.

Soo Line—No. 1 hard, 7; No. 1 northern, 7; No. 2 northern, 6; No. 3, 4; No. 4, 4; rejected, 1.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 11; No. 2 northern, 12; No. 3, 15; No. 4, 3; rejected, 5.

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha—No. 1 northern, 2; No. 2 northern, 2; No. 3, 7.

Totals—No. 1 hard, 22; No. 1 northern, 134; No. 2 northern, 131; No. 3, 79; No. 4, 50; rejected, 14; no grade, 5.

Other Grains—Cars—No. 1 durum wheat, 7; No. 2 durum wheat, 8; No. 3 durum wheat, 7; No. 4 durum wheat, 5; mixed wheat, 1; No. 3 yellow corn, 2; No. 3 white corn, 1; No. 3 corn, 2; No. 4 corn, 18; no grade corn, 17; No. 1 white oats, 1; No. 3 white oats, 6; No. 4 white oats, 24; No. 3 oats, 28; no grade oats, 5; No. 2 rye, 4; No. 3 rye, 3; no grade rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 4 barley, 9; No. 1 feed barley, 10; No. 2 feed barley, 21; no grade feed barley, 7; No. 1 northwestern flax, 49; No. 1 flax, 18; rejected flax, 7; no grade flax, 1.

Inspected Out—Cars—No. 1 hard wheat, 1; No. 1 northern wheat, 11; No. 2 northern wheat, 4; No. 3 wheat, 4; No. 4 wheat, 2; rejected wheat, 10; no grade wheat, 1; western wheat, 1; No. 4 corn, 5; no grade corn, 7; No. 2 white oats, 4; No. 3 white oats, 34; No. 4 white oats, 46; No. 3 oats, 12; No. 3 barley, 5; No. 4 barley, 1; No. 2 feed barley, 1; No. 2 rye, 15; No. 1 flax, 24.

DAILY WHEAT MOVEMENT.

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

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	14,300	113,279
Philadelphia	28,804	64,000
Baltimore	6,145	8,912
Toledo	4,000	1,500
Detroit	3,739	.....
St. Louis	54,000	47,000
Boston	10,600	11,975
Chicago	67,000	22,298
Milwaukee	36,960	3,520
Duluth	190,565	.....
Minneapolis	528,320	30,080
Kansas City	40,000	93,000

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS, DEC. 28.

Received—Wheat, 508 cars, 528,320 bu; corn, 29,290 bu; oats, 82,000 bu; barley, 57,770 bu; rye, 8,500 bu; flax, 86,920 bu; flour, 850 brls; millstuffs, 120 tons; hay, 40 tons; carlots, 746.

Shipped—Wheat, 32 cars, 30,080 bu; corn, 1,820 bu; oats, 45,240 bu; barley, 15,210 bu; rye, 12,120 bu; flax, 14,560 bu; flour, 38,668 brls; millstuffs, 985 tons; hay, 20 tons; linseed oil, 160,000 lbs; oil cake, 806,000 lbs; carlots, 360.

WHEAT MOVEMENT BY ROADS, DEC. 28.

Received—Cars—Milwaukee, 42; Omaha, 14; St. Louis, 22; Great Northern, 265; Northern Pacific, 59; Great Western, 4; Soo line, 100; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, 2.

Shipped—Cars—Milwaukee, 14; St. Louis, 13; Great Northern, 2; Northern Pacific, 1; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 2.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN, Dec. 29.—Close—Wheat, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 88@91c; track, 91½@92c; May, 86½c; July, 81⅝@81½c; No. 2 hard, 82@85c. Corn, higher; No. 2 cash, 41c; track, 42c; December, 40¾c; May, 42⅝c. Oats, higher; No. 2 cash, 31½c; track, 32@32½c; December, 31c; May, 31¾@31⅞c; No. 2 white 32½@33c.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN, Dec. 29.—Wheat, spot steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 7d; futures firm; December, nominal; March, 6s 10⅝d; May, 6s 9⅝d. Corn, spot quiet; American mixed, nominal, 4s 5¼d; American mixed, old, 4s 9d; futures firm; January, 4s 3¼d; March, 4s 3⅛d.

CHICAGO COARSE GRAIN AND SEEDS, Dec. 29.—Rye, cash, 66@66½c; December, 64½c; May 68@68½c. Flax, cash, northwest, $1.16; May, $1.19; southwest, $1.10. Timothy, March, $3.50. Clover, cash, $13. Barley, cash, 37½@54c.

CHICAGO GRAIN

BULLISH FEELING IN THE WHEAT PIT, EARLY IN THE TRADING.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Active bidding by shorts and commission houses and reports of a strong market at Liverpool caused a firm wheat market here today. A cablegram from Argentine asserting that harvest operations in that country were delayed by rain offset in some degree the bullish feeling. May opened ⅛c to ⅛@¼c higher, at 87@87⅛c to 87⅛c, and advanced to 87½c. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 618 cars, against 798 cars last week, and 220 cars a year ago.

The market remained firm until the close. The high point for May was reached at 87⅝c. The close was strong, with May up ¾c, at 87⅝@87¾c.

Cash wheat, No. 2 red, 88¼@89½c; No. 3 red, 85@88½c; No. 2 hard, 81½@86c; No. 3 hard, 78@83½c; No. 1 northern, 84½@87c; No. 2 northern, 83@85½c; No. 3 spring, 80@85c.

Close—Wheat, December, 83⅜@83½c; May, 87⅝@87¾c.

A decided flurry was occasioned in old December corn by the lively demand made by shorts. It opened ¼c higher, at 50c, and in a short time sold up to 54c. Trading, however, was of small volume. Apprehension of a possible "squeeze" before the delivery goes out tomorrow was the cause of the anxiety of a number of traders who held short lines.

Other options were affected by the bulge in December. May opened ⅛@⅛@¼c higher, at 44¼@44⅜c to 44⅝c, and sold at 44⅝@44½c. Local receipts were 442 cars, with 82 cars of contract grade.

Profit-taking caused a slump to 48c in old December, but very little trading was done. The close on old December was ¼c higher, at 50c. May held steady thruout the day, there being but slight changes in the price. The close was firm, with the price ¼c higher, at 44⅝@44½c.

Cash corn, No. 2, 45c; No. 3, 41¼@41¾c.

Close—Corn, December, 44¼c; old, 50c; May, 44⅜@44½c.

Trading in oats was light, but the market was firm in sympathy with other grains. May opened a shade higher, at 32c, and sold at 32¼c. Local receipts were 154 cars.

Cash oats, No. 2, 30¼@30½c; No. 3, 30@30¼c.

Close—Oats, December, 32¼c; May, 32¼c.

The following was the range of prices:

Wheat—	Dec.	May.	July.
Opening	83¼	87@87⅛	83⅝
Highest	83½	87¾	84
Lowest	83⅛	87@87⅛	83⅝
Close—			
Today	83⅜@½	87⅝@¾	83⅞@84
Yesterday	82¾	86⅞@87	83¼@⅜
Year ago	1.14	1.13⅝@¾	98½
Corn—			
Opening	50	44¼@⅝	44¾
Highest	54	44½	44¾
Lowest	48	44¼	44⅝
Close—			
Today	50	44⅝@½	44¾
Yesterday	49¾	44⅛@¼	44½
Year ago	44⅞	45½	45⅝@¾
Oats—			
Opening	31½	32	30½
Highest	32¼	32¼	30⅝
Lowest	31½	32	30½
Close—			
Today	32¼	32¼	30⅝
Yesterday	31¼	31⅞@32	30½
Year ago	29⅞	31½@⅝	31½@⅝

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

DULUTH GRAIN, Dec. 29.—Flax was wild and the advance of three days has been 9 cents. Foreign markets were strong. Antwerp was up ½c and English markets 2d. The advance took May flax here to $1.20, and the close was $1.19, which was 9c over Tuesday. Big consuming interests were buying here all day. Minneapolis dumped 250,000 bu of flax here early today and it never made a ripple in the price. Wheat was ½c up on stronger news all around.

Receipts: Wheat, 100 cars; flax, 49; corn, 1; oats, 21; rye, 2; barley, 29. Shipments: Oats, 3,950 bu. Close: Wheat, cash, No. 1 northern, 83⅜c; No. 2 northern, 80⅞c; December, 82¼c; May, 85⅝c; durum, 68½c to 72½c. Flax, cash, $1.15¾; May, $1.19; July, $1.20¼; October, $1.19¾; September, $1.20. Oats, 30c. Rye, 60c.

NEW YORK FLOUR AND GRAIN, Dec. 29.—Flour, receipts, 30,775 brls; sales, 900 brls; market unchanged. Wheat, receipts, 143,000 bu; sales, 800,000 bu; higher prices this morning, promoted by reason of better cables, local covering and strength in corn; December, 94½@94⅝c; May, 91 5-16@91⅝c; July, 87⅝@88⅛c. Rye nominal; No. 2 western, 75c c f New York. Corn, receipts, 131,150 bu; sales, 85,000 bu; options were active with December up a cent on a scare of shorts; December, 56½@57c; May, 50¼@50⅝c.

Close—Wheat, December, 94⅝c; May, 91¾c; July, 88⅝c. Corn, December, 57¼c; May, 50¼c; July, 50⅝c.

MILWAUKEE FLOUR AND GRAIN, Dec. 29.—Flour dull. Wheat dull; No. 1 northern, 85½@86½c; No. 2 northern, 82½@84c; May, 87⅝c bid; puts, 87⅜@87½c; calls, 87⅛@88c asked. Rye flour, No. 1, 66½@67c. Barley dull; No. 2, 54½@55c; sample, 37¾@53c. Oats steady; standard, 32c. Corn active; May, 44⅝@44½c asked; puts, 44⅝c asked; calls, 44⅝@44½c asked.

WINNIPEG GRAIN, Dec. 29.—December wheat opened at 74¾c, closed at 75c; January, 74⅞c, closed 75⅝c; May, 79c, closed 79⅝c; July, 80½c, closed 80½c. Cash close: No. 1 northern, 70½c; No. 2 northern, 72½c; No. 3 northern, 70½c; No. 2 white oats, 31c; No. 3 barley, 35c; No. 1 flax, $1.10. Receipts: Wheat, 183 cars; last year, 70.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN, Dec. 29.—Close—Wheat, steady; December, 77½c; May, 79⅝c; July, 76½c; cash No. 2 hard, 79@81c; No. 3, 77@79½c; No. 2, 88½@89½c; No. 3 white, 83@88c. Corn, steady; December, 39⅝c; May, 39¾c; July, 40c; cash No. 2 mixed, 40¼c; No. 2 white, 40¼c; No. 3, 40¼c. Oats, steady; No. 2 white, 31@31¾c; No. 2 mixed, 30@30½c.

ARIZONA COPPERS.

A report from E. M. Paterson, superintendent of the Shattuck, states that on a 700-foot level they have between 1,500 and 1,800 of development work, and two-thirds of it in ore. Today's market shows some signs of life, but it is evident that no particular movement can be looked for until after New Year. A $4 assessment on Warren has been called, due on or before Jan. 20. This was unexpected, and may have a depressing effect on the stock. A $4 assessment on Manhattan has also been called. It is rumored that Denn-Arizona will not call further assessments on its stock.

	Bid.	Asked.
Calumet & Arizona	$119.25	$121.00
Calumet & Pittsburg	35.50	36.50
Lake Superior & Pittsburg	51.75	53.00
Pittsburg & Duluth	28.50	29.50
Junction	29.00	30.00
Warren	14.00	15.00
American	18.00	19.00
Denn-Arizona	24.00	26.00
Black Mountain	13.50	14.50
Helvetia	4.75	5.00
Keweenaw	13.25	14.25
Belen	.....	48.00
Ophir	.....	.50
North Butte	.88	.88½

HONEST.

Puck.

The Reporter—Do you think football rules should be revised?

The Coach—Sure thing! You may quote me as strongly condemning biting in clinches and kicking below the neck.

OVERHEARD AT THE PARTY.

Pittsburg Post.

"That Miss Gotrox is a nice girl."

"Yep."

"I wonder if I could see her home?"

"Couldn't miss it if you pass that way. It's a big red house with a white portico."

PERISH THE THOUGHT.

Pittsburg Post.

Edwin—Yes; I was forced to wear a pair of $3 pants.

Ferdy—Trousers, you mean.

Edwin—Not at $3, deah boy.

A FRANK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

"Do you approve of your son engaging in football?"

"Well," answered Farmer Corntassel. "I don't exactly approve of it. But I don't feel nigh as annoyed as I would be if I thought he [illegible]"

PRICES CONTINUE UPWARD TREND

HEAVY DEALINGS CAUSE EXCITED ADVANCES.

Sensational Buying in Coppers the Feature of the Morning—Union Pacific Makes a New Record—Realizing Does Not Stem Upward Progress of Market.

New York, Dec. 29.—There were excited and buoyant advances all thru the list on very heavy opening dealings on the stock market today. Five thousand shares of Anaconda sold at 273 and 275, as against 268 last night, and subsequently sold at 278. There were simultaneous sales of 20,000 shares of United States Steel at 40¾ and 41½, compared with 40¼ last night and of 8,000 shares of Union Pacific at 149¼ and 149½, compared with 148⅝ last night. The opening sales of Amalgamated Copper were of 9,300 shares at 107½ and 108½, compared with 106 last night. Smelting rose 2⅜, Great Northern preferred and Virginia-Carolina Chemical 2, New York Central 1¾, Pennsylvania and Sugar 1½ and Reading, Brooklyn Transit, St. Paul, Baltimore & Ohio and Hide & Leather preferred a point or more. Large fractional gains were the rule in all the principal active stocks.

Buyers were overwhelmed by the amount of stock offered at the opening price, and there was a considerable reaction in the favored specialties despite the show of strength in a number of other less active stocks. The sales represented in part realizing and the desire of holders to part with their stock on advantageous terms, rather than contend with the exigencies of the day's money market. Aside from a reaction of a point in New York Central, the set-back in the railroads was not large, and a few managed to get considerably higher than at the opening, notably Missouri Pacific and Reading. Increased offers to sell followed the making of call loans at 60 and 75 per cent, but the pressure was spasmodic and the market was developing a steadier undertone at 11 o'clock. Anaconda gave way 6 and Amalgamated Copper and Smelting 1¾ from the best. Corn products sold 1⅝, and the preferred, United States Rubber, Atlantic Coast Line and National Railroad of Mexico preferred 1 to 1¼ below yesterday's closing.

With the money rate relaxing from 75 to 50 per cent stocks were taken in hand again and pushed up to top price. Union Pacific was lifted to a record figure at 150¾. Anaconda rose 12, Hocking Valley 9, Smelting 3⅝, Biscuit 2¾, United States Steel, Northern Pacific, Locomotive and Cotton Oil 2, Canadian Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande preferred and Hocking Valley preferred 1½. Bonds were steady at noon.

Blocks of many thousands of shares were swallowed up as soon as offered and prices went higher wherever there was any competition for stock. The most sensational buying was in the coppers, United States Steel and Union Pacific stocks. Up to 1 o'clock, Anaconda showed a rise of 18 points, Great Northern preferred 4¼, Northern Pacific 4, Delaware & Hudson, Amalgamated Copper, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Maries 3, the preferred in St. Paul 2, and Steel Foundries preferred, 2½.

Operations on the long side of the market were conducted with increasing confidence as call money receded to 40 per cent. Low-priced railroads were heavily bought, especially the hard and soft-coal stocks. The price of Anaconda touched 291¾ and there was a further rise in Amalgamated Copper to 109⅝. Other gains were Great Northern preferred 6, Locomotive and United States Realty 3, Canadian Pacific and Chesapeake & Ohio 2, Ontario & Western 1½ and Erie and Atchison 1@1¼.

Stock quotations reported for The Journal by Watson & Co., brokers, Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis. Closing prices are bid.

Sales.	Stocks—	High-est.	Low-est.	—Close— Bid. Dec.29	Bid. Dec.28
300	Am. Car	41¼	40⅛	41	39¼
200	do pr	.....	.....	99½	99
	Am. Locomot.	73	70	72⅞	69⅞
	do pr	117	116⅛	116⅛	115
3,300	Am. Woolen	43⅛	42½	42⅞	42
200	Am. Linseed	21½	21⅛	21¼	.....
	do pr	42½	42	42¼	.....
18,900	Am. Sugar	153½	152½	153	151¾
	do pr	139¾	138½	139	.....
43,000	Am. Smelting	170	167	169	166¾
2,300	do pr	130¾	130	130	129⅛
814300	Amal. Copper	110	107⅛	109⅞	106
164700	Anacon. Cop.	291½	272	288½	266
18,200	A., T. & S. F.	89¼	88⅛	89	87¾
200	do pr	.....	.....	104⅞	104¾
10,300	Balt. & Ohio	113½	112⅞	113¼	112¼
	do pr	.....	.....	97½	97½
13,900	Brook. Rap T	89¼	88⅞	89⅞	88
	Can. Southern	71	70½	71	69¼
82,000	Can. Pacific	176	174	174¾	173½
30,800	Ches. & Ohio	57	54½	56⅝	54⅞
500	Chi. & Alton	32	30	32	26
	do pr	.....	.....	69	69
	Corn Products	21	19⅞	19⅞	20¾
	do pr	63½	60¾	60¾	63
6,500	Chi. Gt. W.	21⅝	21	21	21
200	do pr A	76	75⅝	75½	74½
	do pr B	.....	.....	85	34½
7,100	C.,C.,C.& S.L.	108⅝	105	108⅛	104
14,000	Col. F. & I.	57½	56⅛	56⅞	56
10,700	Col. Southern	29⅝	29⅛	29⅛	29
	do 1st pr	69⅝	69	69	68¾
	do 2d pr	55	52	53	50
2,400	Con. Gas	181	179	181	177
300	Del. & Hudson	224	222	222	221
4,300	Den. & Rio G.	39⅝	39	39⅛	38
100	do pr	.....	.....	88	87½
	D., S. S. & A.	19⅞	19½	19½	19½
	do pr	41⅞	40¼	40½	39¾
67,400	Erie	49½	47Z	49⅛	47⅜
1,100	do 1st pr	81¼	80	81	80
1,900	do 2d pr	75	72¾	74⅞	72¾
600	Gen. Electric	177	176½	176½	175
5,100	Gt. North. pr.	292	287¾	291	286½
5,700	Hock. Valley.	121½	112½	117	108
900	do pr	95⅝	94	94½	.....
900	Ill. Central	175½	175	175	174
800	Iowa Central.	29⅝	28¾	29	28¼
	do pr	58⅝	58½	58½	58
600	Inter. Paper	23	22⅞	22⅞	22½
	do pr	.....	.....	83½	84
3,200	K. C. & South.	35⅝	34½	34¾	35⅛
	do pr	68⅝	67	67	67½
11,200	Lous. & Nash.	153	151¼	152½	151
1,400	Soo Railway	145	142½	142½	139½
300	do pr	168¾	168	168½	166
100	Manhattan	.....	.....	162	162
10,100	Met. St. Ray.	126⅝	125¼	125¼	125⅝
3,400	Met. Securities	75¾	74¼	75	75½
1,000	M. & St. L.	81½	80¼	81	80
5,300	Missouri Pac.	101	100	100½	99¾
2,900	N., K. & T.	37½	37	37½	37⅝
1,100	do pr	71	69½	70¾	70
13,800	Mexican Cent.	25⅝	25	25⅜	25
20,700	Nat. Biscuit	68	64⅞	67½	64⅝
300	do pr	114½	114	114	.....
4,200	Nat. Lead	86⅝	85	86	86
100	do pr	.....	.....	104	.....
1,600	Norfolk & W.	85¼	84	84⅝	83
	North Am. Co.	.....	.....	9⅞	9½
5,100	Northern Pac	205	203	205	202
600	Northwestern	221	220⅛	221	219½
20,700	N. Y. Central.	154	153	153¼	151
	do rights.	7	6¾	6¾	6½
4,900	Ontario & W	52⅝	51⅝	52⅛	51½
3,100	Pressed Steel	56¾	55	56	54½
	do pr	.....	.....	99½	99
200	Pacific Mail	48⅝	48	48¼	48
100200	Penn. R. R.	144½	143¾	144½	142¾
3,700	People's Gas	101	100½