BREAKS SHORT LIVED

Stock Market Rallies Quickly from Each Attack.

LIQUIDATION IS NOT OVER

Hill Group Hammered Down, Carrying with Them Other High-priced Shares—Market Closes Showing Net Gains for the Day in All Lines. Money Situation Easier.

New York, Dec. 26.—A greater amount of genuine strength was displayed in the stock market to-day than at any time during the progress of the sharp decline movement that began a fortnight ago. One of the most noticeable features of the market during this period has been its lack of resilience after each one of the breaks in prices that have continuously occurred. Upward reactions there have been, but they have been feeble and dispirited, and such as to engender the opinion in speculative circles that liquidation in the market has not been completed. It cannot be said that to-day there was any widespread conviction that this liquidation is over.

Optimistic sentiment has of late met with many discouragements, and a general willingness to buy stocks has been less in evidence during the present month than at any time during the entire year. There was to-day, however, a perceptible change in this feeling. A further vigorous selling movement in the Hill group of stocks, that was of such violence as to make it appear that either a speculative raid or forced selling from an individual quarter was going on, did not depress, as it has hitherto done, the general list of securities, and after it was over prices outside of the Great Northern preferred and Northern Pacific shares rallied with a briskness that seemingly testified to an oversold condition of the market as a whole.

Depresses Stocks Temporarily.

The London market was not open to-day, and hence no clew to the probable action of prices here was derivable before the opening of business locally; but in the first dealings prices were, as a rule, a little higher than they closed on Monday. This upward movement continued throughout the first hour, and then appeared to peter out, the market becoming thereafter very dull.

The attack on the Hill group of stocks, or further liquidation in them, as the case might have been, did not put in an appearance until the last hour of the stock exchange session, and the selling was powerful enough to drive these stocks to the lowest points touched by them within a long period of time. The fall involved all the high-priced stocks to a greater or less extent, and was sufficient to cause an extreme drop in the case of Northern Pacific of five points and of a half on the Great Northern preferred. The St. Paul common shares touched their previous low record level for several monts past, and the price of the Union Pacific common also fell to within a small fraction of its lowest quotation in the same period, but from this break the market recovered with a vim, the Hill stocks alone being hesitant in the advance. Nearly all the principal stocks closed at net gains for the day. Stocks that were particularly conspicuous in the rally were the Pennsylvania, Amalgamated Copper, and Union Pacific shares.

Money Situation Easier.

What news there was to-day bearing upon the market was mostly confined to developments pointing toward a little greater ease in the money situation. Call money was plentiful, the largest share of the day's loans of this class being made at 6 1-2 per cent, although not a little money lent in the afternoon above 9 per cent. A fall in the discount on New York exchange in the interior cities and a premium paid in some instances upon bills drawn upon this center attested a return of money to this city from the West; although bankers stated that such a movement was as yet very slight, and was probably proof of no more important fact than that Western institutions were manifesting a readiness to send money here on the expectations of getting high rates for it during the last of the month. Sterling exchange to-day was again very weak.

There were observers who attributed the fall in the Hill stocks to-day to the formal action taken against the Great Northern Company by the attorney general of Minnesota, by which that official hopes, it seems, to restrain the company from making its new issue of stock as proposed. It should be stated in this connection that the prevailing impression in Wall street that the Great Northern is responsible for the taxes levied or that may be yet levied upon the ore lands recently leased to the United States Steel Corporation is erroneous. The terms of the lease in question provide that the lessees, not the lessors, shall pay all the expense of opening and operating the mines, and all taxes and assessments that may be made upon the property.

St. Paul Action Criticised.

It must be said that a matter that was the subject of heated discussion in the financial districts during business hours was the action of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul in refusing to issue warrants to any but full shares of stocks covering the subscription rights of the company's shareholders to the large new issue of St. Paul stock recently made. A holder of three shares of St. Paul common stock, for instance, is entitled under the terms of the issue to subscribe to a one-half share of the new preferred stock and three-quarters of a share of the new common stock of the company. The company, however, has decided to issue to such a shareholder only one share of preferred stock, the reason for the withholding of the other parts of shares being, supposedly, that the work of issuing such fractional issues will be bothersome and complicated.

Bothersome and complicated as it may be, however, such a retention of the stock is a clear deprivation of property right, which although small in individual cases, reaches in the aggregate many thousands of dollars, and there is not the slightest doubt that this is the view that would be taken of the matter by the courts if appeal to them were made. Should St. Paul authorities continue in the position that they have taken it would be very surprising indeed if legal proceedings looking to a redress of these grievances are not undertaken by the shareholders concerned.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Dec. 26.—Money on call on the stock exchange to-day opened at 6 per cent; highest, 9; lowest, 5; closing, 5 per cent. Most of the loans were at 6½ per cent. Time money was in active demand, and was obtainable to a moderate extent. Rates: 9 per cent for thirty days, 8 per cent for sixty days, 7½ per cent for ninety days, 7 per cent for four and five months, 6½ per cent for six months, and 6 per cent for one year. Mercantile paper quiet. The local institutions were not disposed to buy, except in limited amounts. Other buyers were also rather apathetic. Rates: 6 to 6½ per cent for sixty to ninety days, indorsed bills receivable; 6 to 6½ per cent for choice, four to six months, single names, and 7 per cent and above for others. The market for sterling to-day was heavy, with rates 5 points lower. Rates for actual business were as follows: Sixty days, 4.7775a4.7820; demand, 4.8255a4.8880; cables, 4.8830a4.8835. Commercial bills were 4.76¾a4.78½. The supply of cotton bills was quite good. Continental bills were quoted as follows: Francs, 5.25⅝, less 1-16, and 5.22½, less 3-64; reichsmarks, 93½, plus 1-32, and 94½, plus 1-64a6-32; guilders, 39 13-16, plus 1-16.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Quotations furnished by Charles G. Gates & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, Munsey Building.

	Sales.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Dec.26.	Closing Dec.24.
Allis-Chalm.	100	17¼	17¼	17¼	17¼	16¾
Allis-Chal. pfd	300	43¾	44	43¾	44	43¾
Amal. Copper	54,600	112⅞	113⅝	112	113½	112⅛
Am. C. & F.	1,400	41⅝	42¼	41⅝	42¼	41⅝
Am. C. & F. pfd	200	101	101	101	101	101
Am. Ice Sec.	5,230	80	89	80	87⅞	81½
Am. Loco.	200	72	72	71½	71½	71½
Am. Smelt.	7,700	148¼	149⅞	148¼	148⅝	149⅛
Am. Smelt. pfd	1,200	113½	113½	112½	112½	113
Am. Sugar	3,200	131⅝	131⅝	131	131⅝	131
Am. Woolen	100	32	32	32	32	32¼
Anaconda	16,300	283½	288	283½	287	284¼
Atchison	8,000	101	101⅝	103⅞	101½	100⅝
Atchison pfd	100	101¼	101¼	101¼	101¼	101
Balto. & Ohio	1,100	118½	118¾	118¼	118⅝	118¼
Brook. R. T.	7,300	79¼	79¾	77⅞	79	78⅝
Can. Pacific	3,500	192	193¾	191	191½	192⅝
Cent. Leather pfd	400	99⅝	99⅝	99	99	99½
Ches. & Ohio	600	55½	56	55⅛	56	55½
Chi. Gt. W.	200	17¼	17½	17¼	17⅛	17½
Chi. G. W. pfd. B	200	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25¾
C., M. & St. P.	11,500	150	150	147	148½	148¼
C. & N. W.	1,400	193	193½	192	192	193
Chi. Un. Trac.	200	5½	5½	5⅛	5⅛	5
Chi. U. T. pfd	1,300	18½	18½	16⅞	16⅞	18¾
C. F. & I.	9,100	52	53¼	52	52¾	52
Colo. So.	600	36	36½	36	36½	35½
Colo. So. 2d	500	55½	55¾	55½	53¾	55
C. & H. C. & I.	700	26¼	26¼	26	26⅛	25½
Con. Gas	100	138	138	138	138	138
Corn Prod.	4,600	21	21⅝	20⅝	21¼	20½
Corn Prod. pfd	500	81½	81½	81½	81½	81
D. & H.	700	218⅝	218⅝	216⅝	218	218
Dis. Sec.	1,500	68½	69½	68½	69½	68
Erie	2,400	42⅛	42¾	42⅛	42⅝	42
Erie 2d	500	65	65¼	64½	64½	65
Fed. Min. pfd	700	94¼	94⅝	94¼	94¾	94
Gen. Electric	500	157	157¼	156¾	157	156½
Gt. North. pfd	15,900	185	187⅛	187	186¾	185½
Gt. North. Ore	9,800	77½	78¾	76½	77¾	77
Int. Met. pfd	500	73	73½	73	73	72½
K. C. So. pfd	200	60	60	59⅛	59⅛	59¾
L. & N.	1,300	142½	142½	141½	142	142
Mex. Cent.	3,500	26⅝	27¼	26⅛	27	26½
M., S. P. & S. S. M.	200	140	140	140	140	145½
M., K. & T.	800	40⅝	41	40⅝	40⅝	39⅞
Mo. Pacific	2,200	92¾	93¼	92⅝	93	92⅞
Nat. Biscuit	600	76⅝	76⅝	76	76½	76¾
Nat. Lead	1,500	69¼	71⅝	69¼	70¼	69½
N. Y. Cent.	6,300	129	129½	128⅝	129	128½
N. & W.	300	91	91	91	91	89½
North Am.	300	88	88	87¾	87¾	88
North. Pac.	44,300	186	187	179⅝	182½	186⅝
Pacific Mail	500	36½	38	36½	38	37
Pa. R. R.	18,100	136½	137⅝	136¼	137⅝	136¼
Pres. Steel	800	52½	53½	52½	53½	52
Peo. Gas	1,600	97	97⅝	96⅝	97	96⅞
Reading	178,900	130	131⅝	129⅝	131⅞	130½
Reading 1st	100	90¼	90¼	90¼	90¼	90
Rep. I. & S.	900	37½	38	37¼	38	37½
Rep. I. & S. pfd	600	96¼	96¼	96¼	96¼	96¼
Rock Island	1,400	29	29⅝	29	29⅝	29¼
Rock Island pfd	700	64⅛	64⅛	63½	63½	64
St. L. & S. W.	200	24½	24½	24½	24½	24
St. L. & S. W. pfd	100	59½	59⅛	59⅛	59½	60
St. Paul Rites	....	34⅛	....	....	....	34¼
So. Pacific	15,100	91¼	92	91¼	91½	91
Southern Ry.	1,500	32	32¼	32	32⅛	32
Texas Pacific	300	35½	35½	35	35	35⅝
T., St. L. & W.	100	33½	33½	33½	33½	33½
T., S. L. & W. pfd	200	53	53¼	53	53¼	53½
Union Pacific	74,500	178¼	180	177⅞	179⅝	178⅞
U. S. Pipe	100	46¼	46¼	46¼	46¼	45¾
U. S. Rubber	900	50½	50⅞	50½	50¾	51½
U. S. Rub. 1st	300	106½	106½	106½	107¼	106
U. S. Steel	35,600	47	47½	46⅝	47¼	46¾
U. S. Steel pfd	1,900	103½	103⅞	103⅝	103½	103¼
Va. Chem.	400	35½	36	35½	36	36
Wabash	100	19	19	19	19	18¾
Wabash pfd	100	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾
West. Union	100	83⅞	83⅞	83⅞	83⅞	83¾

Total sales yesterday, 612,000 shares.
Sales to noon yesterday, 212,800 shares.

CURB MARKET.

Quotations are furnished by E. R. Chapman & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, G. Bowie Chipman, manager, 1301 F street northwest.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Can pfd	54	54	54	54
British Columbia Copper	12¼	12⅝	12¼	12¼
Cumberland Ely	12	12	12	12
Greene Copper	32¼	32⅞	32⅛	32⅝
Mackay Companies	75¾	79¾	76¾	76¾
Mitchell Mining	5⅛	5¼	5⅛	5¼
Nipissing Mining	12⅝	12⅝	11⅞	12
Standard Oil	525	525	520½	520½
United Copper	70¾	71	70¾	70¾
Utah Copper	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾
Greene Cananea	23	23½	23	23½

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

New York, Dec. 26.—Closing quotations of United States government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
2s, registered, 1930	104½	105½
2s, coupon, 1930	105	105¾
3s, registered, 1908	102⅝	103½
3s, coupon, 1908	102⅝	103½
3s, small bonds	....	102¼
4s, registered, 1907	100¾	101¼
4s, coupon, 1907	101¾	102¼
4s, registered, 1925	130¼	131
4s, coupon, 1925	130¼	131
Panama Canal 2s, registered	104	105
Panama Canal 2s, coupon	104	105
District Columbia 3.65s	....	115
Philippine 4s	....	109½

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

New York, Dec. 26.—Closing prices of stock exchange bonds:

Adams Express 4s	102¼
American Tobacco 6s	109¼
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	97
Baltimore and Ohio gold 4s	101¼
Con. Central Georgia con. 5s	109
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	105
Chesapeake and Ohio first 5s, series A	102
Delaware and Hudson 4s	107½
Distil. Securities C., 5s	86½
Erie general 4s	83
Erie cvt. 4s	101
Northern Pacific 4s	103
Northern Pacific 3s	73½
Pennsylvania 4½s	108¼
Pennsylvania 3½s, 1912	97¼
Pennsylvania, 3½s, 1915	92½
Reading 4s	99⅝
Southern Pacific col. 4s	88¼
Southern Pacific rfg. 4s	96½
Southern Railway 5s	116
Union Pacific 4s	103¼
United States Steel S. F. 5s	97⅝
Wabash deb. B	75
Wabash deb. B., tr. co. ctfs	74⅝

Total sales, $1,968,000, against $2,103,000 Monday, $2,139,000 a week ago, and $3,002,000 a year ago.

BOSTON STOCKS.

Quotations are furnished by E. R. Chapman & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 1301 F street northwest, G. Bowie Chipman, manager.

	Bid.	Asked.
Boston and Albany	239	240
Boston and Maine	161	162
Boston Elevated	151	152
Fitchburg pfd	....	135
Mexican Central	26½	27½
American Pneumatic Tube	11⅝	12
American Sugar	131	131½
American Sugar pfd	....	131
American Telephone and Telegraph	135½	136
American Woolen	31½	32½
American Woolen pfd	101⅝	102¼
Dominion Iron and Steel	22½	....
Edison Electric Illum	....	230
Massachusetts Electric	17	19½
Massachusetts Electric pfd	67	69
Massachusetts Gas	60¼	61½
United Fruit	108	108⅝
United Shoe Machinery	67	....
United Shoe Machinery pfd	28⅛	28½
North Butte	110	110½
Atlantic	14	14½
Bingham	30	30½
Copper Range	82¾	83¼
Shannon	17⅛	17¼
Utah	62	62½
Calumet	....	895

FAILED BROKERS TO RESUME.

Arnold Leo & Co.'s Creditors Accept Half Cash and Half Notes.

New York, Dec. 26.—L. V. Hubbard, the assignee appointed to take charge of the affairs of Arnold Leo & Co., of 45 Broadway, failed stocked brokers, and members of the New York Stock Exchange, announced to-night that a proposition to pay 50 per cent cash and 50 per cent in notes has been accepted by the creditors of the firm, which is to resume business at an early date.

The gross liabilities of the firm were $891,000, and the gross assets $795,000. The net liabilities amounted to $200,000.

Gordon Gordon, the lawyer representing the assignee, said that friends in Wall street would come to the assistance of the firm, and it would be able to resume business in a few days. The liabilities satisfied were mostly loans in banks, which were secured.

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WALL STREET NOTES

Money Will Flow to New York the Rest of Week.

SHAW'S RELIEF SOON TO END

Deposits Made by the Secretary Are Subject to Withdrawal February 1, but Traders Do Not Believe Money Will Be Called For—Trust Companies Must Increase Cash Reserve.

New York, Dec. 26.—Advices received in financial circles promise that the West will send a great deal of money here before January 1. Bankers say there has been phenominal holiday trade all over the country and that the stocks of goods remaining in the hands of merchants are unusually low for this season. The public have exchanged a great part of their ready cash for goods of all kinds and this cash will soon find its way to the point of greatest demand.

Western banks have had for some time available funds to a large amount, but have hesitated about sending them to Wall street through fear that conditions here were not all that they should be. This apprehension, according to conservative banking interests, is now passing away and the belated movement of money toward New York will soon set in on a large scale.

Last September Secretary Shaw came to the aid of the money market by depositing $26,000,000 with the banks on approved securities. He has since deposited $10,000,000 more, making a total of $36,000,000 within about three months. The understanding at the time these deposits were made was that the Treasury could withdraw them on February, 1907. The Secretary can, of course, extend the time if he wishes, but so far as is known he has not expressed an intention of doing so.

As matters now stand there is no absolute warrant for belief that the Secretary will not enforce the terms of the agreement which the depository banks have made with him and under which those institutions may be required to return to the Treasury on or before February 1, 1907, the money placed in their hands by virtue of that agreement. If this is insisted upon it will be hopeless to expect easy money in the first month of the new year. At present Mr. Shaw appears to possess the only information there is on the subject.

Not so long ago that bankers have forgotten the circumstances, Secretary Shaw relieved the banks by giving them a chance to buy Panama bonds at a time when he decided to withdraw deposits that he had previously placed with them on the security of bonds other than government. The banks found it inconvenient to comply with the order for the return of the deposits and bought the Panama bonds.

Some brokers are wondering if something of the kind will not be done next February, but well-informed banking interests ridicule the idea. They ask what answer the Secretary could make to the country for withdrawing funds that were needed to carry on its activities, and assert that there is no reason whatever to look for a further issue of Panama bonds or governments of any kind. They look for no further relief, and think none is needed, further than that the money now with the banks be left where it is.

If the currency bill becomes a law it would make little difference whether Secretary Shaw exercised his right to withdraw the $36,000,000 of special deposits on February 1 or not, for as the Treasury would then be required to deposit with the banks everything above a fair working balance, it would be merely a case of drawing in with one hand and pulling out with the other.

Under the provisions of the act passed in the spring to compel trust companies in this State to maintain a cash reserve equal to 5 per cent of deposits, those institutions will be obliged at the end of the year to lock up between $9,000,000 and $10,000,000 more than they have been required to maintain heretofore.

The present requirement is for a reserve in cash of 4 per cent, but the maximum required will be reached at the end of this month, and as the trust companies of the State hold deposits of about $1,000,000,000, of which more than nine-tenths are in the hands of institutions in Greater New York, the additional amount to be locked up would be about $10,000,000, if the companies had not already anticipated requirements probably to the extent of several millions.

Another matter which will involve some disturbance of trust company loans is the usual withdrawal of funds over the end of the year by depositors who transfer them to New Jersey in order to escape the personal tax assessments on December 31. Such funds placed with New Jersey trust companies are, of course, at once loaned on call in New York, but the transfer always adds to the disbursement at a period when there is heavy shifting of loans for other reasons.

The narrowness of the market was shown by the fact that in the first hour of business to-day there was only a single transaction of 100 shares each in such usually active stocks as Baltimore and Ohio, and Chesapeake and Ohio, while a number of other coal stocks, like Ontario and Western, Delaware and Hudson, Norfolk and Western, Lackawanna, Erie first and second preferred, the Reading preferred issues, and Virginia Coal and Coke were not mentioned at all in the first hour of business.

This condition was but little changed by noon, the only activty among the coalers being in Reading and Erie common. The activity in Reading was based on the theory that the stock had been over-sold on the recent decline, and traders bought in expectation of a rally on the short interest.

Apparently the only bull argument that operates in Reading nowadays is the "Strong market position of the stock," and until others are found there is not likely to be much of a falling outside the ranks of the professional element. If Reading has intrinsic merit at its present price the most active bulls in it do not seem to recognize the fact.

The short interest has been made use of to as great an extent in forcing up the price of Ice securities as the short supply of ice was availed of to force up the prices of the commodity last summer.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 26.—SUGAR—There was a holiday in the London sugar market to-day. The local market was dull, with prices quoted at 3 9-16a3 19-32 for 96-test centrifugal, 3 11-16a3⅝ for 89-test muscovado, and 1 3-16a2 27-32 for 89-test molasses sugar; refined quiet and unchanged.

NAVAL STORES—Receipts, 2,889 bbls. spirits, turpentine, 225 bbls; tar, 217 bbls. Spirits turpentine quiet and a shade lower, with machine-made barrels, quoted at 69½; rosin was quiet, with common to good strained, named at 4.15 to 4.20, and tar held firm at 6.00 for oil barrels.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,248 packages; market held at former prices; tone firm.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,272 cases; firm market.

MILL FEED—Trade lifeless; spring bran, in 100-lb. sacks, 22.12; middlings, 21.75; city bran, 21.00; Western red dog, 24.75.

FLOUR—Quiet; spring patents, 4.15a4.60; spring clears, 3.50a3.75; winter straights, 3.40a3.55; winter clears, 3.20a3.25; Kansas, in sacks, patents, 3.75a4.00; straights, 3.50a3.65; clear, 2.90a3.25.

RYE FLOUR—Steady; demand light, 3.65a4.20.

CORN MEAL—Moderate trade; kiln dried, for export, 2.65a2.70; coarse meal, in bags, 1.05a1.06.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Small demand, at 2.15a2.25.

HAY—Firm; moderate dealings; receipts, 810 tons; prime, 1.15; No. 1, 1.10; No. 2, 1.00a1.05; No. 3, 90a95.

STRAW—Steady, but trade slow; long rye, 60a65.

BEEF—Demand moderate; family, 13.00a14.50; packet, 10.75a11.00.

PORK—Steady; trade quiet; mess, 17.50a18.50; family, 19.00.

TALLOW—Small business; city quoted at 6¼; in hogsheads.

LARD—Weaker; prime Western, 9.70; city, 9.25; refined continent, 9.90; South American, 10.50; refined Brazilian, in kegs, 11.50; city stearine, 10½; oleostearine, dull, city, 11¼; Chicago, 11¾.

LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET.

(Prices quoted are wholesale.)

BUTTER—Market strong and unchanged. Creamery, fancy, 32½ to 33 per pound; Western firsts, 30 to 31; seconds, 22 to 23; process, fancy, 24 to 25; fair to good, 21 to 22; store packed, firm, 17 to 18.

CHEESE—Market steady. New York State, factory, large, 13½ to 14; do., small, 14½ to 15; summer, large, 12 to 12½; Western factory, new, choice, 11; do., fair to good, 10 to 11; Virginia, 9 to 10.

EGGS—Receipts moderate and market firm. Nearby, fresh Virginia, 28; West Virginia and Southwest Virginia, 27 to 28; Tennessee, 27 to 28; North Carolina, 24 to 25; storage, 21 to 23.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens steady. Turkeys, receipts light and market firm. Chickens, large, per pound, 13 to 14; do., medium, 14; do., small, 14 to 15; hens, 11; roosters, 7; ducks, large, 13; small, 11; geese, 9 to 11; turkeys, toms, 16; hens, choice, 16; keats, 10 to 12.

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts light and market strong. Turkeys, undrawn, 17; do., thin, 10; old toms, 17; chickens, spring, large, 13 to 14; do., medium, 14 to 15; do., small, 15 to 16; hens, choice, 12 to 13; roosters, 8; geese, 10 to 12; ducks, 14; capons, large, 17 to 18; small, 14 to 15.

DRESSED MEATS—Calves, full dressed, 8.50; heads off, 8.50 to 9.00; hog-dressed calves, 7.50 to 8.00; hams, country, sugar, cured, 12½; hogs, small and neat, per cwt., 8.00; do., medium, 7.50; do., heavy, 6.50 to 7.00.

GAME—Good stock at top prices. Rabbits, per dozen, 1.50 to 2.40; kits, per dozen, 75 to 1.00; quail, per dozen, 2.40 to 3.00; squirrels, each, 5 to 8; opossum, each, 25 to 50.

VEGETABLES—Irish potatoes, market firm. Yams and sweets dull. Potatoes, home grown, 1.50 to 1.75 per bbl.; potatoes, per bushel, 40 to 50; Virginia and Maryland, per bbl., 1.50 to 1.75; sweet potatoes, per bbl., 1.50 to 2.00; do., yams, 75 to 1.00; celery, New York, per bunch, 30 to 50; onions, Ohio, per bbl., 1.75 to 2.00; Maryland and Virginia, 1.75 to 2.00; Spinach, per box, 1.25 to 1.50; cabbage, near-by Maryland, 4.00 to 6.00 per 100; cucumbers, Florida, per basket, 2.00 to 2.50.

FRUITS—Apples, market more active. York Imperial, per bbl, 2.00 to 2.50; Ben Davis, per bbl, 1.75 to 2.25; Winesap, per bbl, 2.00 to 2.75; fancy table fruit, per bbl, 2.50 to 3.00; Spy, per bbl, 2.50 to 3.00; Greening, per bbl, 2.00 to 2.50; loose packed, per bbl, 1.00 to 1.50. Grape fruit, 2.50 to 4.00 per box; Jamaica, 4.50 per bbl. Florida oranges, 2.50 to 2.75 box; cranberries, 2.50 to 3.00 box; grapes, per basket, 12 to 15; bananas, 50 to 1.25 bunch; Malaga grapes, 4.00 to 7.00 keg; lemons, 4.00 to 4.50.

HAY AND STRAW—Timothy, choice, new, 18.50 to 19.00; No. 1, new, 18.00; No. 2, new, 17.00; mixed hay, 13.00 to 16.00; clover, 12.00 to 15.00; straw, rye, bundle, 11.00 to 12.00; rye, machine thrash, 8.50 to 9.00; wheat, 7.25; cut hay, per ton, 14.00 to 16.00.

GRAIN—Wheat, choice, 75; fair to good, 68 to 72; ordinary, 50 to 55; rye, 50 to 52; corn, shelled, new, white, 54 to 55; yellow, 54 to 55; car, 2.20 to 3.00; Oats, Western white, No. 2, 38 to 39; mixed, 36 to 37.

WOOL AND HIDES—Wool, washed, free of burs, per lb, 35 to 37; Wool, unwashed, free of burs, per lb, 27 to 28; Wool, burry, per lb, 25 to 26; hides, green, per lb, 12; hides, dry, per lb, 15 to 17; sheep skins, green, each, 90 to 1.00; sheep skins, dry, each, 25 to 75; calf skins, green, each, 1.00 to 1.30.

PRODUCE IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Market was quiet. Winter extra, 2.80a3.00; winter clear, 3.15a3.25; winter straight, 3.30a3.45; winter patent, 3.70a3.85; spring clear, 3.25a3.60; spring straight, 3.65a3.90; spring patent, 4.20a4.60; City Mills' best patent, 5.00; City Mills' high-grade patent, 4.35; City Mills' high-grade straight, 4.10; choice family, 3.75; City Mills' extra, 3.30a3.50. Rye flour, medium to choice, 3.60a4.00. Corn meal, per 100 pounds, 1.35a1.50. Buckwheat, per 100 pounds, 2.20a2.40. Rio extra, 3.90a4.00.

WHEAT—Stock in elevators, 677,149 bushels. Enough Southern wheat was on the market to-day to accurately test the situation as to values, only one small lot being received and not reported sold. Tone of market steady. Later, one small lot sold by sample at 65. Graded No. 2 red afloat nominally at 73¾ per bushel. Contract opened quiet and steady: January, 74⅝. The market for Western closed steady. Spot—December, 76½; January, 76½a76¾.

CORN—Stock in elevators, 822,225 bushels. The receipts of Southern corn to-day were light and confined mainly to the yellow variety. Market quiet and steady, with a good demand for prime corn of both colors. Sales of a cargo mixed at 47¼. Graded No. 2 white corn nominally at 47¾ per bushel. Contract opened quiet and steady; year, 47½ bid. The market for Western closed steady; year, 47⅝; January, 47¾a47¼; February, 47¼a47¼.

OATS—The market was firm. Stock in elevators, 241,864 bushels; shipments from elevators, 9,603 bushels. New oats: White No. 2, 40a40¼; do., No. 3, 39a39½; do., No. 4, 37½a38; mixed, No. 2, 39 sales; do., No. 3, 37½a38; No. 4, 36a36½. (Note—The above quotations refer to domestic delivery.)

RYE—Stock in elevators, 139,367 bushels; shipments from elevators, 2,478 bushels. No. 2 rye, per bushel, 65a66; No. 3 rye, Western, uptown delivery, 70a71; No. 3 rey (nearby), uptown delivery, 63a64; No. 4 rye, Western, uptown delivery, 69a70; No. 4 rye (nearby), uptown delivery, 62a63; bag lots, as to quality and condition, 55a65; choice Western, uptown delivery, 76a77.

HAY—Market steady. No. 1 timothy, large bales, 19.50a20.00; do., small blocks, 19.50a20.00; No. 2 timothy, as to location, 18.50a19.00; No. 3 timothy, as to location, 16.50a17.50; No. 1 clover mixed, 17.50a18.00; No. 2 clover mixed, 16.00a17.00; No. 1 clover, 17.00a17.50; No. 2 clover, 15.50a16.00; packing hay, 13.00a15.50.

STRAW—Market quiet. Rye, straight, fair to choice, 12.00a12.50; No. 2 straight, 11.50a12.00; No. 1 tangled (blocks), 9.50a10.00. Wheat—Fair to choice (blocks), 8.00a8.50; common, 7.00a7.50. Oats—Good to prime, 9.50a10.50; common, stained, &c., 8.00a9.00.

MILL FEED—Market firm on bran and middlings. Winter bran, as to weight (bulk), per ton, 20.50a21.00; spring do., 200-lb. sacks, 23.00a23.50; Western middling, 100-lb. sacks, 23.00a23.50; City Mills' middling, in bulk, 22.00; City Mills' bran, in bulk, per ton, 24.00.

POTATOES—Market steady. White, New York, prime, per bushel, 50a53; do., Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, prime, 50a53; do., do., seconds, 35a40; do., Eastern Shore, Maryland and Virginia, 40a45. Yams, North Carolina, per bbl., No. 1, 1.00a1.25. Sweets, Virginia, yellows, per bbl., 1.00a1.25; do., York River, 1.00a1.50; do., North Carolina, 1.50a1.75.

DRESSED POULTRY—Demand fair for fancy stock. Chickens, straight, young, per lb., 12a14; do., mixed, young and old, 16a11. Turkeys, fancy, small hens, 16a18; do., fair to good stock, 16a18; do., poor to fair, 13a15. Ducks, choice, fat, per lb., 13a15. Geese, choice fat, near-by, per lb., 12a14; do., Western and Southern, 10a12.

LIVE POULTRY—General market steady. Chickens, old hens, heavy, per lb., 11; do., small, per lb., 10; do., old roosters, each, 25a30; do., young, good to choice, each, 12a13; ducks, puddle, large, each, 12a13; do., small, each, 10a11; do., muscovy and mongrel, 11a12; do., drakes, each, 30a40; do., white, pekins, per lb., 12; geese, Western and Southern, per lb., 12a14; do., Maryland and Virginia, per lb., 12a14; do., Kent Island, per lb., 13; turkeys, young, per lb., 16a17; do., old toms, per lb., 15a16; pigeons, young, per pair, 15a20; do., old per pair, 20; guinea fowl, old, each, 20a25; do., young, each, 25a35. (Above quotations are for wholesale lots only, as established by the Baltimore Fruit and Produce Association. Small lots sell higher.)

EGGS—Market steady. Maryland, Pennsylvania, and near-by firsts, loss off, per dozen, 27; Western firsts, loss off, 27; West Virginia firsts, loss off, 26; Southern firsts, loss off, 24a25; guinea eggs, 12a13.

BUTTER—Market firm. Creamery, fancy, per pound, 31a32; do., choice, 29a30; do., good, 26a28; do., imitation, 21a23; do., prints, 30a33; do., blocks, 29a32; do., held, 26a28; ladle, 18a21; near-by rolls, 17a20; Ohio, rolls, 17a19; West Virginia, rolls, 17a18; store-packed, Ohio, 17; do., West Virginia, 17; Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, dairy prints, 17a20; renovated, 21a25. (N. B.—Above quotations are for wholesale lots only, as established by the Baltimore Fruit and Produce Association. Jobbing lots sell higher.)

COTTON MARKET.

Quotations furnished by Dick Brothers & Co., 1412 H street. Telephones Main 6440-6441.

New York, Dec. 26.—The cotton market has been at a standstill to-day. Other exchanges are closed, and the day in New York represents nothing more than desultory swapping between floor traders. The market opened lower in conformity with Liverpool's last previous quotations, and during the rest of the day moved within a range of a few points. There was no news. January was in good demand, about 30 points below March. It was said that many houses were preparing to receive cotton if tendered on Friday, the difference of 30 points between January and March providing a good margin for carrying charges. This difference was somewhat confusing to the trade as to the extent of January notices. Weather in the South generally clear, but cold, with temperatures around freezing or below through cotton belt. Spot cotton unchanged at 10.55. No sales.

New York.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	9.13	9.13	9.10	9.10
January	9.14	9.17	9.13	9.13
March	9.44	9.47	9.43	9.44
May	9.66	9.69	9.64	9.64
July	9.80	9.80	9.77	9.77

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