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NEW BANK WILL HAVE CAPITAL OF $100,000

To Be Known as Dupont—Ezra Gould Will Head the Institution as President.

Will Buy Building on Connecticut Avenue Formerly Used by U. S. Trust Co.—Local Stocks Firm.

BY I. A. FLEMING.

Ezra Gould, president of the Washington Mechanics' Savings Bank, will head a new bank to be organized within the next few days, and which probably will be in operation within two or three weeks, to own and occupy the building erected by the United States Trust Company on Connecticut avenue at Dupont Circle.

The bank, which will be known as the Dupont Bank, is to be chartered by the state of Arizona, and will have a capital of $100,000.

A number of business men in the Connecticut avenue district and others have signified their intention of taking stock, and the movement, while just started, is expected to be carried through with a rush.

Ezra Gould has made an enviable record as president of the Washington Mechanics' Savings Institution, a recent attested statement to the effect that not a dollar of loans had been lost to the bank in many years attracting general attention in financial circles.

Mr. Gould will not retire from his present connection, but expects to hold both positions.

Big Interest Payments.

Savings depositors of Washington will be richer by the close of business today by about $500,000.

This is the estimate that several bankers place on the interest on savings that will be accredited to the accounts of savings depositors by a number of trust companies and savings institutions for the half year.

A number of banks do not credit interest at this time, but the $500,000 is a modest estimate of the half-year returns from six months' thrift.

Local Securities.

The old year closed today with considerable activity on the local exchange, a spurt of buying in Railway preferred and in Lanston Monotype shares making the session of the exchange interesting.

A number of quotation lots of Railway preferred, aggregating 123 shares, changed hands at 82⅝ to 83, the bulk of the sales being at 82¾ and 82⅞. Bids of 82¾ were made at the close.

A total of 105 shares of Lanston sold at 74¼ to 74 and an odd share of Mergenthaler at 171½.

Washington Gas was very quiet, but firm at 104¾.

In the bond section prices were very strong; a small bond of the Capital Traction Company sold at 107, Railway 4s were sold at 81 and Potomac Consolidated 5s at 99⅞.

Year on 'Change.

During the year 1915 the transactions on the Washington Stock Exchange totaled $1,805,100, face value of bonds and 27,610 shares of stock.

Washington Railway 4s furnished the bulk of the bond sales, the price varying between 80⅜ and 83 and the closing at 81.

Washington Railway preferred led the stocks, selling between 80 and 86¼ and closing at 83.

Condition of the Treasury.

The condition of the United States Treasury yesterday was:

Net balance in general fund, $109,893,499.

Total receipts, $2,597,090.

Total payments, $2,378,328.

The deficit this fiscal year is $48,553,662, against a deficit of $57,049,943 last year, exclusive of Panama canal and public debt transactions.

Washington Stock Exchange.

SALES.

Capital Traction 5s, $500 at 107.
Washington Railway 4s, $5,000 at 81.
Washington Railway pfd., 28 at 82⅞, 40 at 82¾, 10 at 82⅝, 50 at 82⅞, 10 at 83.
Washington Gas, 10 at 74⅜.
Mergenthaler, 1 at 171½.
Lanston, 5 at 74¾, 5 at 74¼, 5 at 74¼, 5 at 74, 5 at 74, 5 at 74, 5 at 74, 20 at 74, 20 at 74, 20 at 74, 10 at 74.
After call—Potomac Electric Cons. 5s, $2,000 at 99⅞.
Washington Railway 4s, $5,000 at 81.

Bid and Asked Prices.

	Bid.	Asked.
GOVERNMENT BONDS.		
U. S. registered 2s	99½	.....
U. S. coupon 2s	98½	.....
U. S. registered 3s	101½	.....
U. S. registered 4s	106⅝	.....
U. S. coupon 4s	106⅞	.....
D. C. 3.65s	103½	.....
GAS BONDS.		
Georgetown Gas Cert. Ind. 5s	103¼	.....
Georgetown Gas 5s	103½	.....
Washington Gas 5s	105½	106
Columbia Gas and Electric 5s	77	.....
Columbia Gas and Elec. Deb. 5s	60	.....
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Capital Traction 5s	107	107½
Anacostia and Potomac guar. 5s	98½	.....
Anacostia and Potomac 5s	97	.....
City and Suburban 5s	102	.....
Metropolitan 5s	103	105
Washington Rwy. and Elec. 4s	80⅞	81
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Electric Cons. 5s	99⅝	99⅞
Potomac Electric Light 5s	104	106
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. 5s	103	.....
American Tel. and Telgr. 4s	95	.....
American Tel. and Telgr. 4½s	103	.....
Washington Market 5s, 1927	95	.....
Washington Market 5s, 1947	95	.....
W. M. Cold Storage 5s	96	.....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat 5s	105	.....
Riggs Realty 5s (long)	100	101
Riggs Realty 5s (short)	100	.....
PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	*87	88
Washington Rwy. and Elec. com	85	.....
Washington Rwy. and Elec. pfd	82⅝	83½
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat	*150	.....
Washington Gas	74⅜	.....
American Tel. and Telgr.	128	.....
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler	*170	171½
Lanston	74	75
MINING STOCK.		
Greene-Cananea	49	.....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American	*150	170
Capital	*215	.....
Columbia	245	255
Commercial	*195	.....
District	*133½	.....
Farmers and Mechanics'	*246	.....
Federal	*136	.....
Lincoln	*160	.....
Metropolitan	190	.....
Riggs		480
Second	*135	150
National Bank of Washington	*220	228
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American Security and Trust	*265	275
National Savings and Trust	260	275
Union Trust	*120	128
Washington Loan and Trust	232	.....
Continental Trust	116	119
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Home	*385	.....
Bank of Commerce and Savings	*12	.....
East Washington	12½	.....
Security Savings and Commercial	135	146
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Arlington	7	.....
Corcoran	80	.....
Firemen's	*18	.....
German-American	265	.....
National Union	6	.....
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Columbia	4½	5¾
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.		
Chapin-Sacks	175	.....
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co.	125	.....
Graphophone com.	*140	144
Graphophone pfd.	142	147
Merchants' Transfer and Storage	*160	.....
Security Storage	185	210
Washington Market	18½	.....

*Ex dividend.

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WALL STREET MARKET IS STRONG AND HIGHER

Bears Rush to Cover, While Bulls Press Advantage for Many Sharp Gains in Values.

Austrian Note a Factor—End-of-the-Year Window Dressing Does Rest—Oils Are Leaders.

NEW YORK, December 31.—One of the real old-fashioned bull markets was introduced to Wall street this morning and will usher out the old year and leave, it is expected, a sufficient amount of vim and strength to carry over into the new year for the January rise.

The disbursements for January are the largest ever made, and the powers that frequently rule the market desire that this money be reinvested in securities, and will probably see to it that sufficient buying orders are placed to move up prices and make the market look attractive.

Today's action marked the running of short sellers, that part of the speculative contingent that had predetermined that the Austrian diplomatic muddle was to end in a breaking of relations.

The note from Austria was generally acepted as all that could be asked for and the buying movement started just after the tap of the bell and in big blocks.

United States Steel common started with 12,000 shares, at 89 to 89½, the top marking 2 points net advance, followed by a turn of ½ the other way and a steadily maintained 89.

Opening Prices Highest.

Opening prices were in many cases the highest of the day, and the trading in the first hour was about 300,000 shares, indicating much more than recent activity, with the best strength in Steel, Smelting and the Oil stocks. Then the whole list, almost without exception, joined in the rally, and the rails also made good gains.

Studebaker, Baldwin Locomotive and Republic Steel were very firm, the Coppers came along with about a point net improvement, and it gradually turned into a rising market with practically no exceptions, other than a few stocks of corporations that are known to be in trouble.

The action in Mexican Petroleum was again the cause of much comment. It closed yesterday at 114¼, opened this morning at 116½, dropped back to 115¾ and then bounded up to 119—a gain of 10 points in two days. California Oil rose 1½, while Texas, after a 2½ gain, eased off over a point net.

Reaction Due to Profit-Taking.

The temptation to take in profits was in evidence here and there and was entirely responsible for whatever reactions occurred in the list.

Point betterments were made in Can, Chino Copper, Maxwell Motors, Great Northern Ore, American Sugar, Republic Steel and Iron and Lackawanna Steel.

Hide and Leather preferred scored 2 points additional, as did International Harvester.

Action in the Rails.

Action in the rails was by no means as active as in the industrials, but the traders could not resist the excellent earnings now being shown in November statements and third week in December reports. Conservative operators were buying quite freely. The strength elsewhere in the market also stimulated action in the rails.

Canadian Pacific set the pace with better than a 2-point rise. St. Paul was the leader in the American group. At one time it was 3 points higher when it sold at 101⅛, as compared with a close at 97⅞ Thursday. It later reacted to 100¼. Point advances were made in Chesapeake and Ohio, New York Central, Great Northern, New Haven, Southern railway and Union Pacific. Southern Pacific sold to 104⅛, 1⅜ higher, but lost the fraction and held the point advance.

In the early hours of the afternoon the market continued its activity with prices inclined toward a higher range. Much of the interest centered in Mexican Petroleum, which extended its advanc to 121⅝, and acted as if it might go higher.

The Closing.

In the final hour the market continued active and firm, with values comparatively steady. Mexican Petroleum made a new high at 124½, but receded to 121. Steel was firm at 89.

CURB STOCKS.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange.

	—1:30 p.m.— Bid.	Asked.
Braden Copper	17¼	17½
Butte Copper and Zinc	6⅝	7
Canadian Car and Foundry com	87	90
Canadian Car and Foundry pfd	103	107
Cosden Co.	15¼	15½
First National Copper	9⅛	9¼
Guantanamo Sugar	63	67
Howe Sound	7¼	7⅝
Kathodion Bronze	31	33
Kennecott Copper	56½	56¾
Lake Torpedo	12	13½
Marine com.	19	19¼
Marine pfd.	76½	76¾
Midvale Steel	78¼	78½
Nipissing Mines Co.	7⅝	8
Poole	149	151
Riker-Hegeman	5⅛	5½
Sapulpa com.	8⅞	9⅛
Sapulpa pfd.	8½	9
Submarine Corporation	43¼	43¾
Victoria Oil	2½	2⅝

RESERVE DIRECTORS CHOSEN.

Several Men in Various Cities Are Re-elected for Three-Year Terms.

The federal reserve board has announced the re-election for three-year terms of the following class "C" or government directors of federal reserve banks: Allen Hollis, Boston; H. P. Wolfe, Cleveland; Edward T. Brown, Atlanta; E. T. Meredith, Chicago; William McMartin, St. Louis; M. F. H. Gouverneur, Richmond; R. H. Malone, Kansas City, and George Foster Peabody, New York.

The board is still considering men for the vacancies in the San Francisco, Minneapolis, Dallas and Philadelphia banks.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30 p.m.
January	12.19	12.26	12.19	12.20
March	12.41	12.52	12.41	12.48
May	12.67	12.75	12.67	12.69
July	12.82	12.89	12.82	12.84

POWDER STOCKS.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
Aetna	100	103
Aetna pfd.	85	87
Atlas	263	267
Atlas pfd.	99½	102
Dupont	380	385
Dupont pfd.	99	102
Hercules	378	384
Hercules pfd.	114	117

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Received by private wire direct to The Star Office.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2:00.
Adams Express	143	145	143	145
Alaska Juneau	9⅞	10	9⅞	10
Alaska Gold Mining	24⅞	25¼	24⅞	25⅛
Allis-Chalmers	31¼	31¾	31	31⅞
Allis-Chalmers pfd	82¾	83	81	81
Am. Ag. Chem.	72⅜	72⅜	71¾	72¼
Amer. Beet Sugar	69	69⅞	69	69⅞
American Can	60⅝	61⅞	60⅝	61¼
American Can pfd	112	112	112	112
Am. Car & Fdy	78	78¼	78¼	78¼
Am. Coal Products	157⅞	158	157⅛	157⅛
American Cotton Oil	56¼	56¼	55⅝	55⅝
American Express	128½	128½	128½	128½
American Ice	26¾	26¾	24¾	26⅛
Amer. Linseed	24¾	24⅞	24⅛	24¼
Amer. Linseed pfd	42	42	42	42
Am. Locomot'e	69½	69½	69	69
American Malt	9	9	9	9
Am. Sm. & Ref.	106	108⅞	105½	108⅛
Am. Sm. & Ref. pfd	111⅞	112¼	111⅞	112¼
Amer. Smelt. pfd. A	91⅞	91⅞	91⅞	91⅞
American Snuff	148	148	148	148
Am. Steel Foundry	62	62	61	61
American Sugar	114¾	115¾	114¾	115
Amer. Tele. & Teleg.	127⅜	127½	127⅛	127¼
Amer. Tobacco	206	206	206	206
Am. Tobacco new pfd	107	107	107	107
Amer. Woolen	49	49	48½	48½
American Zinc	69	69¼	68½	69
Anaconda Copper	89⅞	91⅜	89½	91⅜
Associated Oil	68½	74½	68	73
A., T. & Sante F.	108⅛	108½	108	108¾
Atlantic Coast Line	114	114⅛	114	114⅛
Baldwin Locomotive	119½	119½	118	117⅞
Baldwin Loco. pfd	108	108	108	108
Balto. & Ohio	95⅛	96	95	95⅞
Balto. & Ohio pfd	77½	77½	77½	77½
Batapolis Mining	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜
Bethlehem Steel	455	460	455	459½
Brooklyn Rap. Tran	88⅛	88½	88	88⅜
Brooklyn Union Gas	132	132	132	132
Brunswick Terminal	12¾	12¾	12¾	12¾
Burns Bros.	87	87½	86⅞	87
Butte Superior	71½	72¼	71¼	72½
California Oil	36½	38⅝	35⅞	38
California Oil pfd	80	80	77½	78¼
Canadian Pacific	182½	184⅛	182½	183
Central Leather	54	54½	54	54⅜
Central Leather pfd	110	110	110	110
Chesapeake & Ohio	63¼	64½	63¼	64½
Chicago & Gr. West	15⅛	15⅜	15⅛	15⅜
Chi. & Gr. West pfd	39⅜	39⅞	39¼	39⅜
Chi., Mil. & S. P.	98⅝	101⅛	98½	100⅞
Chi., Mil. & S. P. pfd	133½	135	133½	135
Chi. & Northwestern	134½	135	134½	135
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	17⅛	18⅛	17⅛	18
Chino Copper	55	55⅜	54¾	55½
Chile Copper Co.	25	25	24¾	24¾
C., C., C. & St.L. pfd.	76	76	76	76
Cluett Peabody	73¼	73¼	73¼	73¼
Col. Fuel & Iron	53	53⅛	52⅝	52½
Consolidated Gas	144	144⅛	144	144⅛
Corn Products	21	21	20¼	20½
Corn Products pfd	95½	95⅞	94½	95¼
Crucible Steel	73⅜	73⅜	72¾	73
Crucible Steel pfd	110¾	110⅞	110¾	110⅞
Cuban-Amer. Sugar	159¾	159¾	158	158
Deere & Co.	96½	96½	96½	96½
Delaware & Hudson	153½	153½	153½	153½
Den. & Rio Gr. pfd	24⅛	24⅛	24	24
Distillers' Securities	48¼	48¾	48	48¾
Dome Mining	28¼	28⅞	28¼	28⅞
Erie Railroad	43⅜	44	43¼	44
Erie Railroad 1st pfd	58⅝	59¼	58⅜	59
Erie Railroad 2d pfd	52½	54⅛	52½	54⅛
Fed. Min. & Sm. pfd	53	54	53	53⅞
General Electric	173¾	174¼	173¾	174¼
General Motors	490	500	490	500
General Motors pfd	116	116	114	113
Goodrich Rubber	76½	76½	75⅝	75¾
Goodrich Rubber pfd	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾
Greene-Cananea	50	51	50	50⅞
Great Northern pfd	127	127⅛	126½	127⅛
Great Northern Ore	51	51⅞	50¾	51⅜
Guggenheim Explor	82	83½	82	83½
Hide & Leather	12¼	12¼	12	12
Hide & Leather pfd	56½	56¾	55¾	56¾
Illinois Central	108	108	108	108
Inspiration Copper	45⅞	46	45¾	46
Interboro. Consol	21¼	21⅜	21⅛	21¼
Int. Mer. Marine	19	20½	18¾	20⅜
Inter. Mer. Ma. pfd	75½	77¼	74⅝	77⅛
Inter. Agri. Corp.	29	29	27⅛	27½
Inter. Agri. Corp. pfd	70⅞	71½	69¼	70
Int. Har. of N. J.	110¾	111	110	110
International Nickel	196	198	196	198
International Paper	12½	12½	12	12
Inter. Paper pfd	50½	50⅝	50	50⅜
Kan. City Sou.	32⅜	32⅜	32	32
xKan. City Sou. pfd	64⅝	64⅞	64⅝	64⅞
Lackawanna Steel	80⅞	81⅛	80¾	81
Laclede Gas of St. L.	104¼	105	104¼	105
Lake Erie & Western	15⅞	16⅜	15⅞	16⅜
Lake E. & W. pfd	41½	41½	41½	41½
Lehigh Valley	81¾	82¼	81¾	82⅛
Liggitt & Myers	255	259	255	259
Louisville & Nashville	129½	129½	129½	129½
Maxwell Motor	76¼	76¼	75⅝	76
Maxwell Motor 1st	93½	93⅝	93¼	93½
Maxwell Motor 2d	56¾	56⅞	56⅜	56⅞
May Dept. Stor. pfd	104	104½	104	104½
Mexican Petroleum	116½	124½	115½	123
Mex. Petroleum pfd	99⅞	104	99⅞	104
Miami Copper	34¾	36⅛	34½	36
Minne. & St. Louis	15½	15½	15⅛	15¼
Minn. & St.L. pfd	35½	35½	35½	35½
M., S.P. & S.S.M.	124¾	124⅞	124¾	124⅞
M.,St.P.& S.S.M.pfd.	124⅛	126	124⅛	126
Montana Power pfd	108½	108½	108½	108½
Nat. Cloak & Suit	80	80	80	80
Nat. Enam. & Stamp.	29	29	29	29
National Lead	65¼	66⅞	65¼	66½
Nat. Rys. of M. 2d pf.	8¾	8¾	8¾	8¾
Nevada Copper	16¼	16⅜	16⅛	16¼
New York Air Brake	139	140¾	139	140¾
New York Central	110	110⅜	109⅝	110⅜
N. Y., Ont. & West	31	31	30⅞	30⅞
N. Y., N. H. & Hart.	76½	77⅝	76	77
Norfolk & Western	122½	122½	121½	121½
North American	75	75	75	75
Northern Pacific	117¾	118⅜	117¾	117¾
Ontario Mining	9¾	9⅞	9½	9½
Pacific Mail Steams'p	11⅝	11⅝	11½	11½
Pac. Tele. & Teleg	41¾	41¾	41¾	41¾
Penna. Railroad	59	59¾	59	59¼
People's Gas	111⅛	111⅛	111⅛	111⅛
Peoria & Eastern	14½	14½	14½	14½
Phila. Company	45½	45½	45⅛	45½
Pittsburgh Coal	35⅝	35⅞	35⅝	35¾
Pittsburgh Coal pfd	110⅝	111	110⅝	111
Pressed Stl.Car	65	65	64⅝	64⅝
Public Ser. Cor., N. J.	116½	117	116½	116¾
Pullman Car Co.	165	165	165	165
Railway Steel Spring.	45	45	45	45
Ray Consol. Copper	25¾	25¾	25¼	25¾
Reading Railway	82⅞	84	82⅝	84
Reading Ry. 2d pfd	42½	42½	42½	42½
Republic Ir. & Steel	55½	55¾	55¼	55½
Seaboard Air Line	18	18	18	18
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	187⅝	188	187⅝	187¾
Sloss-Sheffield S. & Ir.	63¼	63½	63	63¼
So. Porto Rico Sugar	144¾	144¾	144¾	144¾
Southern Pacific	103½	104⅛	103¼	103⅞
Southern Railway	23¼	24	23⅛	24
Southern Rwy pfd	62	62¾	62	62¾
Standard Milling	90	96	90	96
St. Louis & San Fr.	5½	5½	5½	5½
St.L. & San Fr. 2d pfd.	6½	6½	6½	6½
Studebaker Corp.	168½	168½	167⅛	167¼
Studebaker Corp. pfd.	114	114	114	114
Tennessee Copper	63¾	64½	63⅛	63¼
Texas Oil Company	235½	235½	232⅜	233
Texas & Pacific	10¼	10¼	10¼	10¼
Third Ave. Elev.	60¾	60¾	60½	60½
Union Bag & Paper	8⅜	8½	8⅜	8½
Union Bag & Paper pf.	29½	29¾	29½	29¾
Union Pacific com.	139	139¾	139	139⅜
Union Pacific pfd.	83	83	83	83
United Cigars Stores.	9⅜	9½	9⅜	9½
United Fruit Co.	148	148¼	148	148
United Ry. Invest.	20½	20½	20⅜	20⅜
U.S. Cast Iron Pipe	26	26	26	26
U.S. Indus. Alcohol	129	131¾	128	129½
U.S. In. Alcohol pfd	106½	106½	106½	106½
U.S. Red. & Ref.com.	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾
U. S. Rubber	55	56⅛	55	56
U. S. Steel	89	89½	88¾	88⅞
U.S. Steel pfd	116¾	117	116¾	117
Utah Copper	81½	81½	80⅞	81½
Va.-Car. Chemical	49	49⅞	49	49¼
Wabash w. i.	16⅛	16½	16⅛	16⅜
Wabash pfd. A w. i.	46⅛	47	46	47
Wabash pfd B w. i.	29½	30½	29½	30⅜
Wells, Fargo & Co.	130	132	130	132
Western Maryland	31¼	31⅜	31	31⅜
Western Union	88½	88½	88½	88½
Westinghouse Elec	69¾	70	69¼	69¾
Willys-Overland	235½	236	235½	236
Wisconsin Central	37¼	38	37¼	37½
Woolworth com.	119½	119½	118⅝	119

Selling Ex Dividend Today.

Associated Oil, 1; American Telephone and Telegraph, 2, and Kansas City Southern preferred, 1.

	High	Low
Call Money	2	1¾

Hourly Sales of Stocks Today.

11 a.m.	297,200	12 m.	514,600
1 p.m.	630,600	2 p.m.	751,500

NEW YORK BONDS.

	High.	Low.
Atchison gen. 4s	94¼	94⅛
Atchison conv, 5s	101½	101½
Baltimore & Ohio gen, 4s	91½	91½
Interbor. Rap. Tr. trust 4s.	76½	76⅜
Chi., Bur. & Quincy joint 4s.	98¼	98⅛
Norfolk & Western 4s	93½	93½
Northern Pacific 4s	93⅜	93
Reading Ry. gen. mortg. 4s	94⅞	94⅞
Southern Pacific conv. 5s	107½	107
Southern Railway 5s	102¾	102¾
Southern Ry. gen. Mortg. 4s.	71	70⅞
Union Pacific 4s	97¼	97⅛
United States Steel 2d 5s	104¼	104⅛

WHEAT SHOWS STRENGTH IN THE CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, Ill., December 31.—Wheat developed fresh strength today, largely because of higher quotations at Liverpool and owing to reports of an urgent demand there from millers. Besides, world shipments other than from America were light. The July option here reached the highest price yet on the 1915 crop. Opening figures, which ranged from ½ to 1⅛ advance, with May at 1.23 to 1.28½, and July at 1.19⅛ to 1.19½, were followed by further gains and then a moderate reaction.

Predictions of unsettled, warmer weather had a bullish effect on corn. Higher prices at Liverpool tended also to lift the market here. After opening ¼ to 1⅜ higher, values made additional upturns before any sag took place.

Oats rose with corn. Buyers were much more active than has been the rule of late.

Higher prices on hogs gave firmness to provisions. The fact that liberal arrivals of hogs were expected next week, however, operated as a check on the advance.

Butter—Lower; creamery, 22½a32.

Eggs—Higher; receipts, 3,938 cases; firsts, 27¼a27½; ordinary firsts, 26a26½; at mark, cases included, 22a27.

Potatoes—Unchanged; receipts, 22 cars.

Poultry—Alive, higher; fowls, 14; springs, 13½; turkeys, 16.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
May	128	128⅞	125	125⅝
July	119⅝	120	116⅝	117⅞
CORN—				
December	74⅝	75	71⅛	71¼
May	77⅝	78	76¼	76⅝
OATS—				
December	44½	44⅝	43½	43¾
May	48⅛	48½	47⅝	47⅝

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Flour firmly held. Pork firm; short, clear, 19.50a22.50. Beef quiet. Lard firmer; middle west, 10.05a10.15. Molasses steady. Hay unsettled. Hides steady.

Raw sugar—Steady; centrifugal, 4.45 a4.58; refined steady. The market for sugar futures was firmer on evening-up operations for the close of the old year. Prices at midday were 3 to 8 points net higher.

Butter — Firmer; receipts, 6,338; creamery, extras (92 score), 33½; creamery (higher scoring), 34a34½; firsts, 28a32½; seconds, 25a27½.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, 5,201 boxes; fresh gathered, extra fine, 35a36; extra firsts, 34a34½; firsts, 33; seconds, 30a32; nearby hennery whites, fine to fancy, 45a48; nearby hennery browns, 38a40.

Cheese—Firm; receipts 294 cases; state, whole milk, flats, held, specials, 17½a17¾; do., average fancy, 17a17¼; do., current make, specials, 17a17¼; do., average fancy, 16½a16¾.

Live poultry—Firm; western chickens, 14½; fowls, 14½a16. Dressed quiet; fresh killed western chickens, 14½a27; fowls, 12½a17; turkeys, 24a26.

BALTIMORE.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, December 31.—Wheat—Firmer; spot No. 2 red, 1.28¼; spot No. 2 red western, 1.31¾; December No. 2 red, 1.28¼; January No. 2 red, 1.28¼; steamer No. 2 red, 1.21¼; receipts, 218,565 bushels; exports, 425,578 bushels.

Corn—Easier; spot contract; old, 77; new, 77; year, 77; January, 77¼; steamer mixed, 74; receipts, 73,967 bushels.

Oats—Strong and higher; standard white, 48½a49; No. 3 white, 47½a48; No. 4 white, 43a44; receipts, 59,120 bushels; exports, 411,832 bushels.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 western export, 1.02½a1.03; receipts, 29,523 bushels; exports, 52,460 bushels.

Hay—Steady; No. 1 timothy, unchanged; No. 1 clover mixed, unchanged.

Grain freights—Firm; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, unchanged; picked ports, per quarter, unchanged.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, December 31.—Wheat—Spot, No. 1 Manitoba, 13s 3d; No. 2, 13s 2d; No. 3, 12s 10½d; No. 2 hard winter, new, 12s 5d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, 9s 10d.

OIL STOCKS.

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	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic Refining Co.	680	690
Anglo-American Oil	17⅛	18
Buckeye Pipe Line	109	111
Continental Oil Co.	275	278
Galena-Signal Oil Co. com	162	165
Galena-Signal Oil Co. pfd	135	138
Illinois Pipe	180	183
Indiana Pipe	108	111
National Transit Co.	31	32
Ohio Oil Co.	187	189
Pierce Oil Corporation	16¾	17
Prairie Oil and Gas Co.	435	438
Prairie Pipe	230	232
South Penn Oil Co.	378	382
Southern Pipe Line	225	230
Southwestern Penn. Pipe Line	125	130
Standard Oil California	373	376
Standard Oil Indiana	545	548
Standard Oil Kansas	470	480
Standard Oil Kentucky	350	360
Standard Oil Nebraska	350	360
Standard Oil New Jersey	545	547
Standard Oil New York	224	226
Standard Oil Ohio	545	555
Swann & Finch Co.	125	130
Union Tank Line Co.	86	88
Vacuum Oil Co.	231	233
Washington Oil Co.	47	53

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