GENERAL DEPRESSION PREVAILED, ALL MARKETS CLOSING AT BOTTOM.

FROM A BULL STANDPOINT THERE WAS LITTLE OR NOTHING ENCOURAGING IN WHEAT.

TRADING DULL AND PRICES OFF

CORN ALSO FELT GENERAL WEAKNESS AND DECLINED SHARPLY DURING THE DAY.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN OATS.

Office Republic,
Friday, Jan. 5, 1900.

There was no change of importance in the speculative grain markets of this country, from a speculative standpoint, this morning. They were all more or less conspicuous for their dullness. At the same time there was a weak undertone, and the situation all the way through was lame, featureless and discouragingly lacking in features of interest. All the markets at this point exhibited a tendency to sell and, having no real backing, they one and all closed at the bottom. Taken as a whole, there was less movement to prices than have been witnessed on any day this week, and especially after the early decline, with which the day was ushered in, prices remaining comparatively stationary for quite long intervals, a condition of affairs that was not conducive to pit operations, and, as a consequence, the dealings in the aggregate were light.

Wheat was in a very unsatisfactory condition throughout the day, both as regards the drift of prices and operations in the local pit. From a standpoint of the bullishly inclined room trader, the day all the way through was in a thoroughly unsatisfactory condition, as, from the opening to the closing, prices sought a lower level, there ever being an evidence of strength shown or prospects that things might possibly change for the better. Speculation was particularly dull and commission-house business especially light. This lack of interest on the part of traders and the undertone of weakness that prevailed pretty much all the time were the chief features of the market. Traders who still cling to the belief that the bull side is the right one were more than ever encouraged in their belief when the early cables reported an advance of 1d at the two leading English markets, but there were other matters that served to counteract these cables very materially. In the first place, the cables reported no business doing at these markets, while Paris was said to be largely off in price. Advices regarding the Argentine crop were favorable, and that country still continued to ship freely. Then there was the movement from the country, arrivals at Northwestern markets, for the first time in a very long time, actually being larger than those of a year ago, the receipts being 453 cars, against 356. The higher cables, however, were sufficient to encourage traders, and they opened the market with a fairly good demand at 71⅞c for May, which was just where it closed at yesterday. This proved to be best price of the day, as other markets of this country displayed such weakness that selling was started, and in a very short while the above named option was down to 71¼c, and July was offered 5c lower at 69c. From this time until the close of the session there was little about the market to call for much comment. It was very heavy and stupid, with no trading to speak of, and exceedingly narrow changes in prices. May did not get above 71⅛@71⅜c, and except that Paris was reported as closing 1c better and some warlike rumors regarding England and Russia were received via New York, together with Broomhall's statement that the weather in South Russia was severe on the crops, there was nothing to stimulate prices or increase speculative operations.

Both London and Liverpool lost their advance of 1d, and the latter closed 1d off for the day; the clearances in flour and wheat were small at 24,000 bu., and a very poor and unsatisfactory cash market was reported at all points. All these counted against bull demonstrations and developed a selling pressure on the part of disgusted and worn-out bulls. May sold off steadily and finally closed at a loss of ¾c, with sales and buyers at 71c. January closed nominally ½c down at 69½c and July had a good many sellers for short account and touched 68½c, closing the day ⅜c off at 68⅝c sellers.

The local corn market was not even in as satisfactory a condition as wheat, and that is saying a great deal. There was no trading of consequence at any time during the session and hardly any interest taken by speculators. The weather was by no means favorable for farmers' deliveries, yet nevertheless the arrivals at Western markets were fairly large at 453,000 bu., as against 356,000 bu. one year ago. Shipments amounted to 236,000 bu. and the export clearances from Atlantic and Gulf ports 496,000 bu. The first cables from Liverpool reported that market ½d higher, but quiet, but those received later said that the early improvement had been lost. However, local exporters reported sales to France and Rotterdam, which were said to be for the Boers. The opening here was decidedly unsatisfactory, yesterday's bulls gain having been lost over night, and the closing being right where it started the day before. May sold at 41⅝@42c and soon after at 41⅜c. The market was further depressed by the late let-down in wheat and prospects of increased receipts, which started selling, and May went to 41⅛c, which was 5c lower off, and at which closed buyers. There was nothing done in January, which closed nominally ½c off at 39c.

There is nothing really new to report in connection with the local oats situation, which was both dull and weak. Early in the day 25c was bid for May, but later it was offered at that. Jan. was nominally unchanged at 24c. Western market receipts were 234,000 bu., against 247,000 bu. a year ago. Shipments were 184,000 bu. and the export clearances 30,000 bu.

In the Curb—St. Louis, 2:30 p. m.—May wheat 71c b.; puts 70⅞@71c; calls 71⅛c b.

Chicago—May wheat: Puts 68⅝c; calls 69@69⅛c. May corn: Puts 39c; calls 39⅝c.

Trade Notes.

—Broomhall cables that advices from India are that that country is still rainless and prospects are even worse than heretofore. At Buenos Ayres Argentine wheat markets are dull, with no quotations, with arrivals from interior fair and quality satisfactory.

—Leiter cable reports the attendance of sellers at Mark Lane small, with English and foreign wheat quiet and flour firm.

—Private wire: Our Antwerp correspondent reports that Argentine wheat weighs 2 lbs. to the bu., against 62 lbs. last year, and that country will have an exportable surplus of 16,000,000 bu. He talks bearishly on the local stock in Antwerp.

—A local exporter reports good buying of corn by foreign markets, he said 150,000 bu. this morning.

—The world's shipments of wheat from the principal exporting countries for the year ended Dec. 29 make a grand aggregate of 309,264,000 bu., against 355,264,000 bu. the preceding year. The exports showed a decrease of about 31,000,000 bu. from the United States and Canada, and a decrease of about 42,000,000 bu. from Russia. On the other hand the Argentine exports showed an increase of nearly 4,000,000 bu. The distribution of the wheat showed very nearly the same as last year for the United Kingdom, but the requirements for the continental countries were about 36,000,000 bu. less than the preceding year. The requirements of non-European countries showed very little change.

—This week's world's clearances of wheat do not promise to differ materially from the 2,800,000 bu. of last week. One year ago 1,600,000 bu. was shipped.

—This week opens a new season in the Argentine. That country begins it by shipping 872,000 bu. wheat and 442,000 bu. the former only 8,000 bu. less than the whole week last year, but 192,000 bu. smaller. This week's are the largest exports of wheat the Argentine ever made at the beginning of a season, a year ago shipping none. Three years ago this country shipped 1,376,000 bu. for week corresponding with the present.

—Beerbohm cables: "Argentine crop reports continue favorable."

—This week's receipts at Liverpool were 320,000 bu. wheat, of which 215,000 bu. American and 126,000 bu. corn. The wheat was 27,000 bu. smaller than same week last year, but of corn somewhat larger.

—A private cable says Liverpool wheat demand very slow, more likely to decline than advance. Corn demand moderate and prices steady.

—The Modern Miller Outlook: The demand for flour is slow, and the trade has not recovered from the dullness that came with the holidays. The outlook, however, is more encouraging, as bakers' supplies are low and need replenishing, and the low price is an inducement to take hold. Winter wheat continues to make favorable progress; damage reports are few, there being seasonable freezing and thawing weather. Generally the condition is good.

—Minneapolis wires: "Cash situation is grossly. Very little demand and that only for choice. At relative difference between cash and May country elevator people will ship as fast as market will take it."

—The Argentine wheat visible is now 2,760,000 bu. and of corn 1,156,000 bu., an increase last week in wheat of 184,000 bu., but corn decreased. One year ago the totals were 3,000,000 bu. wheat and 1,056,000 bu. corn. Wheat receipts at primary points 500,000 bu., against 432,000 bu. a week ago, 462,000 bu. a year ago and 400,000 bu. two years ago.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market—Received 41 cars local. Very dull, as the demand exceedingly small and only for choice. On trk. No. 2 red sold by sample at 71@72½c; this and 72c bid. No. 3 red nominally at 69@71c, latter fancy. No. 4 winter at 67@69c. No. 2 hard at 69@70c. No. 3 do at 65@67c. No. 4 do at 56@60c. No. 2 spring at 69@70c. No. 3 do at 65@68c. From Burlington elevator 20,000 No. 2 red sold for shipment, but order for 40,000 could not be filled, owing to inability to obtain rolling.

CORN—Cash Market—Received 43 cars local and 6 cars through. Easier and demand much quieter. On trk. No. 2 sold at 42½c. No. 3 at 41½c to 42½c, latter rather choice. No. 4 at 39½c. No. 2 black mixed at 42½c. No. 2 white at 42½@43c.

OATS—Cash market—Received 41 cars local and 7 cars through. Not so strong, but more in good demand. On trk. No. 2 at 24½c. No. 3 at 24c. No. 2 Northern at 24½c spot, 24½c to arrive; No. 3 white at 24c; No. 3 do at 23½@24c; No. 4 do at 23c.

FLOUR—Except an occasional sale of a few hundred or thousand sks., there is no export business doing, and but small show of any demand or improvement, so indifferent are the buyers of the foreign trade. Domestic orders are unimportant.

Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents $3.75@4; extra fancy $3.60@3.70; choice $3.50@3.60; fancy $3.40@3.50; hard winter patent, $3.65; and bakers' $2.60@2.70 in jute sks.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $2.35 in sks. and $2.50 in bbls.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern jobbing at $4 per bbl.

CORNMEAL—City meal, f. o. b., $1.70@1.75. Pearl meal, grits and hominy, $2.

MILLFEED—The small offerings hold prices firm. On E. trk. bran salable at $8 in large and $8½ in small lots, or $9 in bulk. At mill bran jobs at $8@8½ and ships at 75c.

HAY—Received 80 tons local and 20 tons through; shipped 98 tons. The rain interfered somewhat with business, but the market is very quiet one anyway. Best grades of timothy nearly the only description sought after and slower the hardest to sell. Prices were as follows: Timothy, $12@12.50 for choice to fancy, $10@11 for No. 1, $9@9.50 for No. 2, $8@8.50 for No. 3, $6@7 for prairie, $8.50 for choice clover, $8@8.50 for mixed.

STRAW—Wheat, in track at $4.75.

GRASS SEEDS—Offerings light at steady prices. Clover, $6.50 for poor to $7.50 for choice; redtop, 75@87½c for chaff and $1 for choice to fancy; German millet $1 for prime; Hungarian, 65@70c; common millet, nominally, $1@1.10.

PROVISIONS—Firm and fairly active.

CANTON BEANS—Nominal at $1.12 per bu. for car lot, primo on trk.

HEMPSEED—Lower at sale at $2 per 100 lbs.

LARD—Higher and very strong, a bid of $4.67½ being made and refused. This is the highest bid in eight years.

SPELTZ—Dragging and now not quotable above $4.25.

Prices on Change.

The following table shows the range of prices in futures and spot grain:

	Range Thursday.		Closed Yesterday.		Closed To-day.	
Wheat—Jan					69 n.	
May	70⅞ b		71⅛@⅜		71 b.	
July	69⅞ b		69⅝@¾		68⅝ a	
Corn—Jan	39⅝@¾		39⅝@¾		39 b.	
May	42⅛@¼		42⅛@¼		41⅝ b.	
Oats—Jan					24 n	
May					25 n	

Cash wheat, corn and oats closed as follows:

	Last evening		Thursday.		To-day.	
Wheat—No. 2 red	71	72			71⅞@72	
No. 3 red	67	69			69	71
No. 4 red	56	60			56	60
No. 2 hard	69	70			69	70
No. 3 hard	65	68			65	68
No. 2 spring	69	70			69	70
No. 3 spring	65	68			65	68
No. 2 white	71	72			71	72
No. 3 white	69	70			69	70
Corn—No. 2	42	42½			42½@¾	
No. 3	41	41½			41	41½
No. 4	39	39½			39	39½
No. 2 white	42½	43			42½@43	
No. 3 white	42	42½			42	42½
No. 2 mixed	42	42½			42	42½
No. 3 mixed	41	41½			41	41½
Oats—No. 2	24	24½			24	24½
No. 3	23½	24			23½	24
No. 2 white	25	25½			25	25½
No. 3 white	24	24½			24	24½
No. 2 northern	24	24½			24	24½
No. 3 white	23	23½			23½	24
No. 4 white	22½	23			22½	23

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	8,000	453,000	30,000	236,000
Chicago	74,000	200,000	30,000	100,000
Milwaukee	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Toledo	4,000	47,000	3,000	47,000
Detroit	2,000	37,000	2,000	37,000
Kansas City	29,000	26,000	26,000	26,000
Milwaukee	1,000	10,000	1,000	6,000
Minneapolis	256,000	12,000	48,000	3,000
Duluth	140,000	1,000		
New York	8,000	19,000	22,000	46,000
Baltimore	1,000	19,000		300,000
Philadelphia	4,000	4,000	400	117,000
Peoria	2,000	8,000	4,000	11,000
New Orleans	1,000	207,000	24,000	172,000
Galveston	2,000	39,000	8,000	42,000
Newport News			39,000	22,000

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last Yr
Wheat	4,748,000	4,777,000	1,060,000
Corn	9,442,000	9,497,000	2,000,000
Oats	2,000	21,000	181,000
Rye	19,000	19,000	4,000
Barley	36,000	36,000	11,000
Receipts of grain—			
No. 2 wheat	1,154,000	1,197,000	103,000
No. 2 hard	30,000	30,000	212,000
No. 2 corn	26,000	26,000	100,000
No. 2 white corn	31,000	31,000	101,000
No. 2 oats	20,000	20,000	272,000
No. 2 white			22,000
No. 2 rye	6,000	6,000	1,000

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 7,000 bbls; Chicago, 32,000 bbls; Toledo, 1,000 bbls; Milwaukee, 1,000 bbls; Minneapolis, 6,000 bbls; New York, 4 bbls, and 13,000 sks; Baltimore, 6,000 bbls; New Orleans, 250 sks.

WOOL.

Quiet and steady.

Missouri & Illinois—		Fine med	18 @20
Med. combing	24@26	Fine fine	15 @17
Med. clothing	21	Heavy fine	15 @17
Half and half	22	Southern hard	
Burry and clear		burry	14
Bagged	20 @22	Dakota & Western—	
Burry	17 @19	Bright med	21 @22
Light fine	20 @21	Dark med	18 @20
Heavy fine	17 @19	Fine med	18 @20
Wisconsin and Iowa—		Light fine	15 @18
Bright med	23 @24	Heavy fine	12 @15
Dark	19 @21	Arkansas—	
Fine med	19 @21	Med. (house)	21 @23½
Fine fine	18 @19	Med. (loose)	19 @21
Montana & Nebraska—		Fine	16 @18
Bright med	22 @23	Hard burry	14 @16
Dark med	19 @20	Fall clip	20 @20½
Fine med	18 @20	Tubwashed—	
Fine fine	15 @19	No. 1	34
Heavy fine	14 @17	No. 2	29
Angora goat	30 @32	Burry	22 @32
Tex. E. T. & south—		Black from 3c to 5c	
Medium	21 @23	per lb. less than above	
No. fall clip	20 @20½	prices.	
Coarse & low	17 @19		

PROVISIONS.

Pork—F. o. b., E. side: Old $9.75; new standard $10.25.

Lard—Steam on E. side nominal; Prime $5.60; choice $5.65.

Green Hams—Car lots f. o. b. E. side held fresh Hams 20 average, 7¾c lbs. 8c; 16s, 16 average, 7¾c lbs. 8c; 18 average in 1900 cured mated 6½c. Shoulders, 5½c to 5¾c; New York shoulders, 5¾.

D. S. Meats—Bid lots in a small jobbing way range: Extra shorts, 5¾c c. lbs. 5¾c; clear sides, 5¾c. Smaller charge higher on small orders.

Bacon—Bid lots in a small way jobbing: Heavy to fancy light breakfast bacon 6½c to 6¾c; hams 9½c to 10½c; California 6½c. New York shoulders 6½c. Plain smoked in small bid lots: Extra shorts 6¼c; clear sides 6¾c. Dealers charge ⅛c higher on small orders.

FURS.

Market firm and unchanged.

Raccoon—		Red Fox—	
No. 1 large	60	No. 1	$1.10
Medium	40	No. 2	75
Small & seconds	25	No. 3	35
No. 1	20	No. 4	2
No. 4	10	Gray Fox—	
Mink—		No. 1	80
No. 1 large	$1.15	No. 2	50
No. 1 medium	90	No. 3	20
Small & seconds	50	No. 4	15
No. 4	10	Otter—	
Skunk—		No. 1 large	7.50
Broad stripe	50	No. 1 medium	6.00
Short stripe	35	No. 2	3.00
Narrow stripe	20	No. 3	2.00
Broad stripe	15	No. 4	1.00
Opossum	10@15	Bear	$18.00
Muskrat—		Wildcat	25
No. 1	10@12	Cord cat	10@20
Mole	3	House cat	10
Wolverine	60@70	All scales worthless.	
Timber	20@1.30		

STREET MARKETS.

EGGS—Receipts 36 cases, shipped 86 cases. Fresh receipts firm and in demand at 27½c, loss off, cold storage range from 16c to 16½c.

BUTTER—Market strong, demand good. Creamery—Extras 29½c; firsts 28@28½c; seconds 23@26c. Dairy—Extras 26c; firsts 23@25c; grease 18@20c. Roll—Nearby fancy 25@27c; firsts 23@24c. Country, store-packed—Choice fresh 16c; inferior to fair 12@15c. Ladle-packed—Extras 18@19c; firsts 16@17c.

CHEESE—Full cream—Twins 12c; singles 12½c; N. Y. A. 12c. Brick 12½@13c. Limburger 12½@13c. Sales Large New York full cream 12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Market slow with turkeys very dull. Turkeys—Light and medium weights 7c heavy tens, 9 lbs and over, 6c. Chickens—Young and old round 6@6½c, old roosters 5½c. Ducks 6@6½c. Geese 8c. Live pigeons, per doz., 75c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys dull, but demand fair otherwise. We quote: Scalded and undrawn with heads and feet on—Turkeys—Light and medium weights 7c heavy tens, 9 lbs and over, 6c. Chickens—Young and old round 6@6½c, old roosters 5½c. Ducks 6@6½c. Geese 8c. Live pigeons, per doz., 75c.

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GAME—Select sweet only: Ducks, undrawn per doz., mallards and redhead $@2.50; canvasback $7.50; greenwing teal $1.50; bluewing teal $1; mixed $1.50; drawn ducks 3c per doz. less than above prices. Wild geese each 25@50c. Deer carcasses, per lb., 10c; venison saddles, per lb., 10c; badly shot, rough and poor less. Sandpipers 25c. Jack snipe $1. Rabbits, choice fresh, 75@80c bdl, rough, undrawn and poor less. Squirrels 40c. Jack rabbits $1.25. Possum, each 5c to 10c.

VEALS—Choice to fancy small fat 6@6½c per lb; fair 5@5½c; heavies, rough and thin 3@4c. Sheep—Lambs 5@6c; thin ewes and bucks 3@2½c. Choice fat spring lambs 6c per lb.; thin and poor 3c.

HIDES—Demand good. Prices easy. When sold round—Green—Best—Missouri and Illinois 8½c; Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky 9½c; Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi 8½c. Dry flint—Choice Texas 18½c; average Texas 18½c; native Arkansas and Tennessee 18½c; Mississippi and Alabama 17½c. Dry salted 10½c. When sold on selection: Green—salted No. 1 8½c; No. 2 7½c; bull 6½c. Glue—Wet 5c. Dry flint No. 1 18c; No. 2 12c; bull 12c. Calfs and glue skins 10c. Dry salted No. 1 16c; No. 2 14c. Fallen mined 5c per lb. less than butcher.

TALLOW—Quiet. No. 1 3½c per lb.; No. 2 3½@3¾c; packers' choice 3½@3¾c.

GREASE—Quiet. Brown 3c; yellow 3½c; white 3½c; packers' choice white 3½@3¾c; yellow 3¼c; brown 2½@3c.

BEESWAX—Firm. Prime 25c per lb.

FEATHERS—Prime large White 50c in small and 45c in large sks; gray 40c; white, old 30@40c. N 2 26@28c; XX 23@25c; XXX 19@21c; XXXX 16@18c. Duck—White 20@22c; dark 17@20c. Chicken 15c. Dare 8 per cent for large to 10 per cent for small sks.

DEERSKINS—Prime 35c per lb.; average 30c; good 25@28c. Kids and damaged off.

ROOTS—Ginseng $3.50@4 per lb. for small to large; Irish Slipper 6c. Senega 75@80c. Pink 12c. Black cohosh, old 5@6c; May apple 2@3c; snake 20c; black snakeroot, old 3@4c; wahoo, bark of root 8c; bark of tree 20@25c; blood 25c; bloodroot, skull cap 25c.

SHIPP PELTS—Wool pelts at 25@40c; lamb and shearling, 25@50c. Dry shearling at 20@25c. Dry or fallen pelts 10@15c per lb.

WHITE BEANS—Market firm, choice hand-picked pea beans in fair demand at $1.90 a bushel; the same were lobbing from stores here at $1.95@2; screened usually 5c per bu. less. Country at $1@1.25 according to quality. Fallen-mined kidney at $1.75@2 per bu. Lima at 5@5½c per lb.

HONEY—Comb 12@15c per lb., white; inferior, dark and broken go for less. Extracted and strained in bbls 6@6½c and in cans 7@8c per lb. higher.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—We quote nominally: Eastern Baldwin at from $2.50 for No. 2 to $3.50@4 for No. 1, screening at $1.50 for No. 3 to $2@2.50 for choice; mixed varieties at from $1.50 to $2. Western Ben Davis at $1.50@2.25, winesap at $2 to $2.50, spitting at $2.50 to $3@3.50, allowing at from $2 to $3, all other varieties and mixed lots sell accordingly.

ORANGES—Choice Mexican $3, and Florida $3@3.50 per box.

LEMONS—Messina at $3@3.50 per box.

COCOANUTS—$4 per 100, in a small way.

BANANAS—On orders $1.50@2 per bunch.

DRIED FRUITS—Market quiet on apples. Evaporated—Prime to fancy for new $@7 for choice to 6c for fancy; sun-dried quarters at 3@3½c; sun-dried quarters at 4@5c for dark; eighths for prime and sliced for choice; peel 12c; cured cores at 2½@3c for coarse to 4c for bleached; chips at 3c for sun-dried to 4½c for bleached.

CRANBERRIES—A fair demand. Choice fresh $6 per bbl.

POTATOES—Northern in bulk on trk.: Burbank at from 45@50c for common to fair to 60@65c for choice to fancy, rural at 40@45c for common to fair and 55@60c for choice to fancy, fancy brought extra. Sales in bulk on track at 45@50c, white mixed at 45@50c, according to quality, red and white mixed at 50@55c, early rose at 55@60c, Burbank at from 50@55c, and early ohio at 60@65c. Sales in sacks on track at 60@65c for Burbank and early ohio, straight car lots, 5@10c less than in bulk, early ohio at 60@65c. Red River worth more, triumph at 50@55c, common, mixed, both by and large sacks.

ONIONS—Demand limited. Choice red globe at $@2.25, do flat at $@2.25, yellow at $@2 and stock down to $@1.

CABBAGE—Good Holland and Danish $7@8 per ton, do Jersey and Charleston $7@8 per ton on orders. Red cabbage selling briskly at $1.50@2 per bbl.

CELERY—California in the rough $3.50@4.25 per crate, stalks in the rough $@2.50 per crate, containing 7 doz, fancy trimmed 35c ribbon in orders, at 60@75c per bunch. Celery roots 20@25c per doz.

TOMATOES—Fancy large ripe Florida in fair demand and steady, with sales at $@2.50 per 5-basket crate for fair to fancy stock, shipped and repack hothouse. California quiet.

LETTUCE—Choice Louisiana sold sparingly at $1.50@2 per bbl. Fancy stock unsalable, offerings quotable at $@1.50 per bushel. Hothouse lettuce, on orders at 40@50c per lb. for fancy, but nearly everything offered showed injury and sold at 25@30c. Grapefruit—Fancy fruit, were urgently offered at the end of the week at $@3, there is no possibility of a clearance this week. Tucker and some a little weather and poor stock dragging. Oranges not selling well, Turkeys, Western prime hens pretty steady, hens and young toms 9c, old toms 8c, spring chickens 12@13c, large, 12@13c; other Western 11@12c, medium 10@11c; dressed chickens quiet, Western prime scalded 8@9c; dry picked 10@12c, average less stock, chickens and fowls mixed weight lots, Western prime dry picked 9@10c, scalded 8@9c; geese, Western prime, 9@10c; fair to fair 6@8c; ducks, Western prime, 10c, poor to fair 6@8c.

Chicago Poultry Quotations.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Dressed poultry firm. Turkeys 8c, chickens 5c.

Butter, Cheese and Eggs.

New York, Jan. 5.—Butter—Receipts 2,320 pkgs; strong; June creamery, 19@22c; fancy June creamery, 23@26c; factory, 16@17c. Cheese—Receipts 2,775 pkgs; firm. Full-made fancy small 10½@10c; fancy large 10½@10c; fair to good small 10@10½c; fancy skims 9@9½c; fair to good skims 8@9c. Eggs—Receipts 1,125 pkgs; firm; Western 23@28c; loss off; Western ungraded at mark, 19@26c.

Turpentine and Rosin.

New York, Jan. 5.—Turpentine steady, 37@37½c. Rosin firmer; strained, common to good $1.05@1.05.

Petroleum.

New York, Jan. 5.—Petroleum steady.

Oil City, Pa., Jan. 5.—Crude quiet; business $1.01 certificates, no bids. Shipments 34,551, average 35,306. Runs 89,451, average 78,831.

Wool.

New York, Jan. 5.—Wool dull.

Boston, Jan. 5.—The Commercial Bulletin to-morrow will say of the wool market:

"The sales of the week show small, when compared with the phenomenal business of last fall. On Wednesday and Thursday, however, a good demand sprang up for medium polled wool, particularly for fall. Sales of new fall wools were made on a scaled basis, but 12@12½c per pet wools have advanced sharply abroad, owing to the big demand for army blankets. The American market has followed in sympathy with the foreign one. The offerings at the London auction of Australian wools on Jan. 18 will be but 120,000 bales, or 20,000 bales less than was anticipated. The American Woolen Company has purchased new Texas wools at an advance of 40 per cent over last year and to meet river fall. The sales for the week were 2,214,000 bales domestic and 2,566,000 bales foreign, a total of 4,780,000 for this week, against a total of 2,722,000 bales last week and a total of 3,762,000 during the corresponding week last year. The receipts to date show an increase of 1,000 bales domestic and an increase of 2,000 bales foreign, against last year. The sales to date show a decrease of 27,000 bales domestic and 12,000 bales foreign."

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Today's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, $241,091,227; gold reserve, $136,271,828.

Minneapolis Flour.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 5.—Flour and bran unchanged. Wheat—May opened 70c, closed Jan. 69½c; May 69⅞c; July 69c; on track, 1 hard 68c; No. 1 Northern 68½c; No. 2 Northern 61½c.

California Dried Fruits.

New York, Jan. 5.—Evaporated apples continue quiet and unchanged, with no new features noted. California fruits firm, but not quotably higher. State evaporated apples—Common 5@6c; prime 6½@7c; choice 7½@7½c; fancy 8@8½c. California dried prunes 3½@5c per lb., according to size and quality. Apricots—Royal 12@13c; Moor Park 16@18c. Peaches—Peeled 20@22c, unpeeled 7@9c.

Metal Market.

New York, Jan. 5.—Tin broke badly today, in sympathy with unfavorable foreign news and indifference to buyers. Tin plate quiet, buyers closing in an irregular condition and very quiet. The other metals were not specially active, nor were features of importance developed. At the close the metal exchange called pig iron warrants quiet, quotations omitted; lake copper unchanged at $16.50; tin easy at $24.70@25.10; lead steady at $4.70@4.75; spelter quiet $4.40@4.60. The brokers' price for lead is $4.72½.

CHICAGO WHEAT RULED BEARISH WITH DECLINE.

MARKET OPENED EASY, BUT INCREASED IN HEAVINESS AS SESSION PROGRESSED.

CORN INFLUENCED BY WHEAT.

FRACTIONAL DECLINE IN PRICES—QUIET SESSION IN OATS, WITH LOWER QUOTATIONS.

PORK, LARD, RIBS DECLINED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5.—The constant dropping into the Chicago wheat pit of the daily purchases of Northwestern elevator people's purchases from farmers had the effect to be expected. It wore a hole through which holdings of tired longs flowed with great freedom to-day, and some of the bulls lost their footing and slipped through, tail and hide. May wheat closed ⅜c down, corn ¼c and provisions turned in with the grain markets and slipped down a considerable the distance they had previously climbed.

Wheat.

Wheat opened easy in the absence of any stimulating news. Liverpool was up ½d and Paris was a trifle bullier, but it evidently required more potent doses of invigorating medicine to hold the market up. May wheat opened with sellers at from 69⅝c to 69⅝c and dropped at once to 69⅛c, where it stood still for awhile without energy enough left to take it up or down. Rumors were rife, but news of a definite character scarce. Argentine shipped 256,000 bu. of wheat during the week, which was a piece of information that fell flat as a cold pancake, and Minneapolis and Duluth received 453 cars of wheat, against 342 last year, without stirring the equanimity of the most fretful scalper. The number of cars inspected here was seventy-six, but no one any longer pays attention to the Chicago receipts, except to wonder how much more wheat decided bulls can be found to pay charges on. Except for the rent the elevator people can get out of it, wheat now being brought to Chicago is like the vermiform appendix, or warts on a dirty boy's hands—neither ornamental nor useful.

The aggregate receipts at Western primary markets were 549,000 bu., and 640,000 bu. was the total on the corresponding day last year. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 280,000 bu. New York was relatively firmer than Chicago and did some buying here. The selling orders from outside came chiefly from St. Louis and the Northwest. Advices from the latter direction were bearish and spoke of increasing farmers' deliveries and overflowing elevators.

The sales of wheat for shipment from Chicago reported up to noon were heavy for No. 1 Northern spring, but it did not seem to increase the confidence in value of the heavy remainder in store here, although that reported every business day from now to the end of next May would about exhaust what is now in Chicago elevators, public and private. New York reported 18 cargoes sold for export. Liverpool closed 1d below the previous day's final quotation for futures, but Californian wheat on the spot was 1d higher. The market increased in heaviness as the session progressed, and May wheat was down around ¾c over the end. The lowest it touched was 68⅝c, and closing bearers were the lowest.

Corn.

Corn felt the effect of the heaviness of wheat and soft provision market. Some selling set in in the session by houses known to have close connections with the Western corn interest was known to be an indication of increasing receipts, which, independent of weakness in wheat, predisposed the corn traders to sell short. Local receipts were 86 cars, and 49 were estimated for to-morrow. Atlantic port clearances were again the best at 60,000 bu. Argentine shipments for the week were 136,000 bu., compared with 11,000 bu. for last year. Liverpool futures were from unchanged to ½d higher. May corn opened at 42⅝c, declined to 42⅛c and closed at 42⅛@42⅛c, or ⅜c down for the day.

Oats.

A quiet session was passed in the oats pit. The decline of late was due to sympathy with wheat and corn. There was no demand for cash here, but New York reported 70,000 bu. worked there for export. Clearances were 41,000 bu. Receipts were 168 cars, 29 of which graded contract. For to-morrow 105 cars are expected to arrive.

Barley.

Malting grades of barley ruled strong, while the feed was weak at unchanged prices. Receipts were small, this week especially true of the low grades. Feed lots sold generally at 33@35c; malting grades ranged from 38c to 45c. Receipts were 41 cars.

Rye.

Rye was dull and a shade lower in sympathy with the other grains. Futures were not traded in and May closed with 52c bid and 52½c asked. No. 2 rye, 50c b., sold at 50½c. No. 3, no go in store, at 49c. Receipts were 4 cars, half of which graded No. 2.

Range of Futures.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Jan	69⅝	69⅝	69⅝	69⅝
May	69⅝@⅞	69⅝	68⅝	68⅝
July	69⅛@¼	69⅛	68⅝	68⅝
Corn—Jan	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝	39⅝
May	42⅝	42⅝	42⅛	42⅛
July	42⅝	42⅝	42⅛	42⅛
Oats—Jan	24	24	23⅞	23⅞
May	24	24	23⅝@¾	23⅝
Mess Pork—Jan				10.47
May	10.60	10.67½	10.42½	10.45
Lard—Jan	6.37	6.37	6.30	6.30
May	6.55	6.57½	6.45	6.45
Short Ribs—Jan	5.90	5.92½	5.85	5.85
May	5.97	5.97½	5.82½	5.82½

Receipts and Shipments.

Articles.	Rec.	Ship.
Flour, bbls	19,000	23,000
Wheat, bu	52,000	31,000
Corn, bu	236,000	152,000
Oats, bu	213,000	152,000
Rye, bu	6,000	16,000
Barley, bu	26,000	17,000

Provisions.

Provisions had their inevitable reaction and in their usual cunning manner. Not when hog receipts were overwhelmingly heavy, as they were yesterday, but when comparatively light, as they were to-day. Estimated receipts for to-morrow were 22,000 head. To-day's local run was 32,000 head, instead of 37,000 head, expected. Shipments of products were smaller than of late, but on the other hand, another 94 rise in lard was quoted at Liverpool. The country advices were as usual, of one tenor, as before concerning the comparative scarcity of hogs in the country. Compared with yesterday's final prices, the following declines evince the result of realizing sales of previous buyers: Pork, 10c; lard and ribs, 7½c.

Flaxseed.

Flaxseed market was firm and 1½@2c higher. May opened at $1.48 and rose to $1.49. No. 1 Northwestern began at $1.49 and sold to $1.49½c. Receipts were 10 cars, shipments, 39,000 bu.

Timothy and Clover Seed.

Both timothy and clover seed markets were firm. Country lots of timothy ranged from $2 to $2.25 per 100 pounds. Clover was quoted up to $8.10 per cental for spot.

Estimated Receipts.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow: Wheat, 69 cars; corn, 416; oats, 165.

On the Curb.

Puts on May wheat closed at 68⅝c bid; calls