AN OFT-TOLD TALE— ANOTHER BREAK IN PRICES.

WEAKNESS AND DEPRESSION IN SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

There Was Hardly a Redeeming Feature to the Entire Situation —Decline Was General.

Office Republic,
Friday, Nov. 30, 1900.

It was the old story of weakness and depression in the speculative grain markets to-day, and there was hardly a redeeming feature developed during the entire day. The holiday that intervened since the last regular trading day has been in no way beneficial to speculative grain markets, though there were some traders who, more sanguine than others, expected a change of some kind. In this they were disappointed, as the markets opened up in pretty much the same condition as they closed last Wednesday, that is to say, dull, weak and with a downward tendency to values. The interest apparently taken by the trade in the different markets was about on a par with that shown on previous days of the week, there being no particularly new developments and no changes of special significance in prices. In fact, there was not a thing that was really new or in the least encouraging from a bull standpoint, and the only impression made on prices of the two chief speculative grains, was, as usual, for the worse, they closing at a small net loss for the day and were besides quite weak.

Nothing encouraging came into view for the wheat bulls this morning, the weakness and depression that has been the principal features of the speculative situation for some considerable time past, confronting the trade right at the outset. There was no relief from these conditions throughout the day, a very sick and soft market being had at all times. The usual disappointing cables were received from Liverpool, which stated that the market there, after opening ¾d higher, had immediately declined and lost all that had been previously gained, while London was reported ¼d lower. These cables, in connection with the fears of certain longs of delivery day, which is Saturday, started a selling pressure right after the market opened, and, as there was little or none wanted, a let-down in prices naturally followed. The advices received regarding the Argentine crop were unfavorable, but the week's shipments were larger than a year ago. There were also larger arrivals at the primary markets, they amounting to 1,354,000 bu., compared with 1,298,000 last year, including 37,000 bu. at this market, against 23,000 bu. last year. The shipments were reported at 1,049,000 bu. The opening was 1-16c lower, at 69⅝c for Dec. and 70½c for May, and at once sold off to 69⅜c and 70⅛c respectively. This decline brought out buyers who were holding back for just such an opportunity, and the selling pressure also letting up, there was a rally to 69⅝@69¾c bid for Dec., May selling at 70⅜c and Jan. at 70½c. There were cables received reporting damage to the Argentine crop, but they did not appear to have any information abroad. Liverpool closing unchanged for the day, as did Antwerp. London was ½d lower and Berlin ⅜c off, while Buda-Pesth was ⅛c better, and Paris ½c higher. The clearances of flour and wheat were small from this country at 309,000 bu. The market here held up very well for some time after the early rally, and Dec. sold as high at 69½c, but May did not get above 70⅜c. A weak spot was later developed and Dec. went off to 69¼c and May to 70⅛c, but shortly to the noon hour were 69⅜@69½c and 70⅜c respectively.

There was nothing to give encouragement to the friends of this grain in the news on the cash situation, the flour trade being reported dull by the Modern Miller, and advices from Minneapolis stating that five mills would close down there. The week's export clearings were only 2,498,000 bu., compared with 3,827,000 bu. last week, and 3,-690,000 bu. a year ago. Early buyers became disgusted with the failure of the market to react and sold out late, forcing prices to the lowest point on the crop, May going off to 70⅜c, and closing ⅜c lower for the day at 70⅜@⅝c bid. Dec. sold at 69½c, and closed ⅜c off at 69⅜@⅝c asked. Jan. was ⅜@⅝c down at 70¼@½c, and Nov. closed nominally ⅜c lower at 69⅝c.

Most of the factors in corn this morning were of a depressing nature, and the market ruled dull and weak throughout the entire day. The clear, frosty weather and increased arrivals, with a letdown at Liverpool of ¾d, opened our market weak and lower, and Dec. sold the first thing at 34⅝@½c, and was then offered at 34½c. May was ⅛c off, selling at 35½c and 35⅛c. The primary corn receipts were 687,000 bu., against 481,000 bu. a year ago. St. Louis received 83,900 bu., against 97,000 bu. last year. The shipments were very heavy, though they were only five days, amounting to 960,000 bu., exceeding receipts by 270,000 bu. Export clearances were also very large at 1,490,000 bu., making the total for the week 4,802,000 bu., against 5,236,000 bu. last week, and 4,442,000 bu. last year. These, however, did not affect the market favorably. Dec. selling at 34⅝c, and May at 35⅛c. As the day drew to a close all the markets of the country weakened, and exporters said the decline was a good thing for them, as it brought acceptances from abroad, and one reported 100,000 bu. taken. The market continued to weaken, and Dec. finally sold and closed ⅝@⅞c off for the day at 33⅞@34c. May brought 35c, and closed ⅝c lower at that bid. Nov. closing nominally ⅛c down at 35⅛c.

The local oat market continues to show an undertone of strength, and to-day was in marked contrast to other speculative grains. There was no increase in the receipts, which were reported at 244,000 bu. at primary markets, against 457,000 bu. a year ago, including 36,200 bu. locally, against 57,000 bu. Shipments were 181,000 bu. Trading to-day was light. After the opening there were bids of 25c for Dec., and 24⅝c for May; later the latter sold at 24½c.

Traders' Gossip.

—This week's receipts of wheat at Liverpool were somewhat smaller than those of last week and corresponding week last year, but of corn were larger. The total wheat received during Nov. was 2,893,000 bu., against 1,845,000 bu. American, and, unless the consumption was unusually large, that market's stock of wheat will show an increase for the month. Receipts of corn for the month were 2,836,000 bu., which should have enlarged the stock there considerably.

—The Cincinnati Price Current says the condition of growing wheat is maintained with favorable weather, and no material change in the situation. The feeding demand, it notes, is less active for corn than last year.

—A Paris cable states that information from the Argentine is received which says the wheat is damaged by heat in the Cordova Province, which usually harvests 20,000,000 bu.

—The Russian Central Statistical Committee estimates the winter wheat crop of that country for 1900 as equivalent to 119,000,000 bu. and the rye crop 205,000,000 bu.

—An Argentine cable reports the wheat and climate conditions as unfavorable, and the quality of the linseed crop as very good.

—Weekly Liverpool cotton statistics: Total sales of all kinds, 38,000; American, 32,000; total exports, 5,000; imports all kinds, 174,000; American, 151,000. Stock of all kinds, 494,000; American, 423,000; afloat all kinds, 307,000; American, 229,000. Total sales on speculation, 1,200; total sales to exporters, 1,000.

—One of the largest flour mills on the East Side has closed down owing to the unsatisfactory conditions of the flour trade.

—An increase of 600,000 bu. in the wheat stock of Minneapolis and a decrease of 500,000 bu. in that of Duluth makes the prospect for a good decrease in the wheat visible more than ever certain.

—Argentine shipments for week were 648,000 bu. wheat and 483,000 bu. corn, against 736,000 bu. wheat and 216,000 bu. corn last week, and 375,000 bu. wheat and 1,656,000 bu. corn for corresponding week last year. Since Jan. 1 the wheat shipments are 70,942,000 bu., against 52,550,000 bu. for same time last year.

—Primary corn receipts 687,000 bu., against 481,000 bu. a year ago, including 83,900 bu. at St. Louis, against 97,000 bu. last year, and their shipments 960,000 bu.

—Primary oat receipts 244,000 bu., against 457,000 bu. a year ago, 36,200 bu. at St. Louis, as against 57,000 bu., and primary shipments 181,000 bu.

—Wheat receipts at primary points were 1,354,000 bu., as against 1,322,000 bu. a week ago, 1,298,000 bu. one year ago, and 1,281,000 bu. two years ago. Receipts at St. Louis 37,900 bu., against 34,500 bu. a week ago, and 23,000 bu. a year ago. Primary shipments 1,049,000 bu.

—The Modern Miller outlook: There is no change in the condition of the winter wheat crop. The weather continues favorable, and while the Hessian fly is in the wheat in some sections, no damage is reported as yet. The flour trade is very dull, domestic as well as foreign.

—That some of the elevators were switching their wheat stocks over to May delivery was plainly evidenced in the pit to-day. Cobb and Gardner were buying Dec. and selling May for the Farmers' Elevator, and Hubard-Moffitt doing the same for the Consolidated, the difference in price being 4¾@5c. It is asserted that between 700,000 and 800,000 bu. will be delivered on contract to-morrow.

—Snow cables that in Cordova, the third largest wheat-growing province, weather very hot, with hot winds. Crop situation critical. Wheat in the mills, in some districts, short 25 per cent. He thinks total exportable surplus will be under 20,000,000 bu. If Snow's estimate on the Argentine wheat surplus is no nearer right than his estimate on the Northwestern wheat crop, it is pretty safe to count upon at least as much from that country as will be exported this year.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market—Received 1,208 sks. and 42 cars local and 2 cars through. Easy and dull. City milling demands small and of the hand-to-mouth order and outside orders scarce. From elevator 10,000 No. 3 red sold at ⅝c over Dec. loaded E. side. Millers waiting on Dec. deliveries. Understood that to-morrow May price loaded will be asked for No. 2 red. By sample switched: No. 2 red sold at 71⅝@71⅞c this and 70c for prime; No. 4 at 64c to 65c; No. 2 hard at 69c; No. 3 hard at 67½c to 68½c. Sks. in elevator—No. 2 red 42½c; No. 3 red 67½c; No. 3 67½c.

CORN—Cash market—Received 2,848 sks. and 73 cars local and 23 cars through. Early in the day shippers and local buyers paid 35c for No. 2 yellow, 35½@35¾c for No. 3, 35½c for No. 4 yellow, 35½c for No. 2 white and 35c for No. 3 do., all switched. Later three lovers out and the best bids, 35¼c for No. 2 and 35¼c for No. 3 switched, to elevator this side, and 35¾c delivered E. side for No. 2. On Levee, No. 2 white at 35½c. No. 3 at 35c, mixed car at 35½c. Sks. in elevator—No. 3 at 35½c early.

OATS—Cash market—Received 79 cars local and 1 car through. Little for sale, and market entirely in sellers' favor, they naming the price when buyers had to have supplies. By sample, No. 2 sold at 25⅝@25¾c; No. 3 at 25c; No. 2 Northern at 24½@24¾c; No. 2 white at 26½c; No. 3 do. at 26c; No. 4 do. at 25½@25½c.

RYE—None offered. No. 2 nominally worth 46½c. No. 3 at 45c. E. side.

FLOUR—Even the domestic trade is slack now, the demand having fallen off materially. Occasional export sales made, but only by accepting low-priced bids in which there is little or no profit. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents $1.50@3.60; straights $2.70@3.40; extra fancy $2.15@2.25, clear $2.75@3; low and medium $2.25@2.50. Hard winter in jute sks.: $2.75@3.60 for patents, $2.50@3 for straights, and $2.20@2.40 for patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3 in sks. and $2.25 in bbls.

CORN MEAL $2; pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.50.

MILLFEED—Small offerings and a firm market. Bran salable E. trk. at 6⅝@6c (latter choice coarse) in large lots and 65c in small sks. At mill bran jobs at 65@68c.

HAY—Received 206 tons local and 125 tons through, shipped 403 tons. Strong and higher. The offerings are much less than the demand that buyers snapped up the little on sale at very stiff prices. Only six cars in on the E. side and as high as $14 paid for good No. 1 timothy, though very choice would have brought above that. No. 2 sold at $12.50. Prairie also quick sale, commanding $11. Clover in demand. Prices on trk. range: Timothy $14 for choice, $13@14 for No. 1, $12@12.50 for No. 2, $10@11 for No. 3; prairie $10.50@11 for No. 1, $9@10 for No. 2, $8@8.50 for No. 3; clover $9@12.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. $4.25; rye $6.

LEAD—Unchanged at 4.35 for Soft Missouri lead and chemical bard salable at 4.25. Desilverized nominally $4.37½.

SPELTER—Quiet at $4.15.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover $12@9.25; timothy $3.75@4.50, redtop 50c for chaff to $8.50 for fancy; millet 60@65c; Hungarian 55@65c.

CASTOR BEANS—Bid $1.30 per bu. for prime in car lots.

HEMPSEED—$2.60 per 100 lbs., pure basis.

FLAXSEED—No market established.

Prices on Change.

The following tables show the range of prices in futures and cash grain:

	Closed Wednesday.	Range To-day.	Closed To-day.
Wheat—Nov.	69 n	n	69⅝ n
Dec.	69⅝@½ b	69⅝@¾	69⅝@¾
Jan.	70⅝ n	n	70⅝@¾
May	70⅝@¾ b	70⅜@⅝	70⅜@¼
Corn—Nov.	35 n	35 n	35 n
Dec.	34½	34⅝@34⅜	34⅝@34
May	35⅛ a	35⅛@35	35 b
Oats—Nov.	25⅛@⅜ b	25 n	25 b
Dec.	25 b	25 n	25 b
May	24⅝	24⅝@¼	24½

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Last Year.	Wednesday.	To-day.
Wheat—No. 2 red	67⅝@	71	71
No. 3 red	65@67	68	69
No. 4 winter	62@65	64	66@68
No. 2 hard	66½@67½	68½@70	69
No. 3 hard	65 @66½	67½	67½@68½
Corn—No. 2	35 @35½	36	35
No. 3	30 @35½	35½@36	35½@36
No. 4	30 @35½	35 @35½	35 @35½
No. 2 white	31½@	37½@37⅝	37½@
No. 3 white	30½@31	37	37
Oats—No. 2	24 @24½	25½@25¾	24½@24¾
No. 3	23 @23½	25	25
No. 2 Northern	24½@25	24½@	24 @24½
No. 2 white	25½@26	26½@	26½@
No. 3 white	24½@25	25 @25½	25 @25½
No. 4 white	24½@25¼	24½@25½	25 @25½

Movement of Grain.

	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	37,918	83,920	68,620	128,897
Chicago	206,725	259,000	206,000	1,000,000
Toledo	14,500	88,052	42,600	90,000
Detroit	8,406	8,000	1,603	6,556
Kansas City	299,200	45,600	178,000	1,500
Milwaukee	1,600	72,000	200	200
Minneapolis	755,500	139,440	81,340	6,040
Duluth	147,194	26,263	225,837	
New York	102,625	185,250	27,030	267,675
Baltimore	26,726	29,952	20,716	49,203
Philadelphia	7,379	300,240	18,700	259,643
Boston	5,100	21,200		25,714
New Orleans	7,000	101,000	48,000	357,142
Galveston	34,000			1,200

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Wed'day.	Last Y'r.
Wheat	5,189,156	4,205,333	2,281,314
Corn	4,567	37,084	434,227
Oats	37,253	39,940	7,408
Rye	12,143	12,143	10,504
Barley	94,421	91,635	16,436

Contract grades—

No. 2 red wheat	2,399,539	2,293,656	1,745,321	
No. 2 hard	294,834	294,834	63,993	
No. 2 corn	18,592	14,741	248,431	
No. 2 white corn	8,377	5,413	117,271	
No. 2 oats	26,060	26,060		
No. 2 rye	7,508	7,508	7,541	

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 9,314 bbls.; Chicago, 24,303 bbls.; Detroit, 1,400 bbls.; Milwaukee, 2,675 bbls.; Minneapolis, 45,633 bbls.; New York, 994 bbls. and 26,239 sks.; Baltimore, 7,652 bbls.; Boston, 8,556 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations.

St. Louis, Friday, Nov. 30, 1900.

The produce markets were generally slow to-day, but with the exception of turkeys, there was little change in prices. Receipts as a rule were light, but they were sufficient for the demand, as shippers were out of the market, and local buyers were not anxious to lay in large stocks.

Potatoes were in less active demand than they have been heretofore, but receipts were light and prices were well sustained. There was a fair demand for fancy eating varieties, and choice seed potatoes of Northern growth, but offerings were very light. Receipts of home-grown were moderate, but the demand was slow.

Sweet potatoes were dull and weak. Receipts were fairly heavy, and the demand was slow.

Tomatoes were again scarce and firm, as offerings were light and there was a good demand for choice stock.

Egg plant was scarce and in good demand, and the market was firm.

Cucumbers were dull and slow.

Cabbage was steady and in fair demand. There was a fair inquiry for choice domestic and fancy Holland stock, but common or inferior stock was slow of sale.

Onions were slow and easy, as the high prices have tended to curtail the demand and offerings were more liberal. Fancy globes were salable, but damp or sprouted stock was slow.

String beans were dull and lower, as offerings were liberal and the demand was light.

Lettuce was plentiful and dull.

Cauliflower was easy and firm, as offerings of good stock were light.

Gumbo was dull and slow, but other vegetables were quiet and steady.

Apples were in active demand and the market was firm. Shippers were fair buyers, and there was also a good local inquiry. Receipts were fairly heavy, but were mostly Eastern fruit.

Pears were scarce, in fair demand and firm at unchanged prices.

Cranberries were firm and in good demand.

Grapes were firm at higher, as offerings were light, and there was a good demand.

Oranges were steady and in fair demand. Offerings, however, were ample for the requirements.

Lemons were quiet and steady, and other fruits were unchanged.

Live poultry was dull and slow. The heavy offerings of turkeys for Thanksgiving caused the market to break, and although the surplus offerings were pretty well cleaned up at the decline, there was little demand to-day, and the market was dull and heavy, as offerings exceeded the demand.

Offerings of chickens were light, but there was only a limited demand, and prices were unchanged.

Geese were plentiful, but all except choice stock was dull. Ducks were in fair demand and steady.

Dressed poultry was quiet. Turkeys were weak and lower, as offerings were heavy, and the demand was slow. There was a limited demand for choice young chickens, but heavy or rough stock was dull. Choice fat ducks and geese were in fair demand, but stale or rough stock of any kind was slow of sale.

Veals were in fair demand, and the market was steady. Receipts were light.

Game was weak and prices of quail, wild turkeys, venison and rabbits were lower on account of the heavy receipts.

Wool was dull and slow. There was practically no demand, and offerings were heavy, but holders refused to accept lower prices.

Hides were in fair demand and dry hides were firm, but green salted were weaker. Receipts moderate.

Furs were firm and in good demand, but most of the offerings were inferior skins.

Eggs.

The market was quiet but firm to-day. Receipts were light and there were no shipments, but there was a good local demand for fresh stock. All offerings were light. Fresh receipts sold at 19½c, loss off, but held or cold-storage stock was dull.

Receipts at St. Louis to-day were 1,546 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—There was only a limited demand from local buyers and the market was dull and weak. Creamery butter was lower, but other grades slow and unchanged. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 23c; firsts 21@22c; seconds 18@20c. Dairy—Extra 19@20c; firsts 16@18c; grease 5c. Country—Store-packed 11@12c for good to 8@10c for poor. Ladle-packed—Extra 16c; firsts 15c. Roll 12c for good to 14c for choice.

Cheese—Quote: Twins 10⅝c; singles 11c; Y. A. 11½c; New York 11½c; Limburger 11@11½c; Swiss 14@15c; brick 12½c.

Provisions.

Pork slow; lard steady.

Pork—New standard jobbing, f. o. b., $12.

Lard—Choice steam E. side $6.85@6.90.

Green Hams—On basis 8½c for 18 and 18 averages in carlots E. side; other averages in ratio. From 25 to 1 lock, delivered: Hams 8c to 8½c; bellies 7½c to 10c, as to average. New York shoulders 6½c.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. lots jobbing: Extra shorts 7½c; ribs and clear sides 7½c; bellies 8⅛@8½c, as in average; plates 6½c. Higher on small orders.

Bacon—Bxd. s. c. meats jobbing: Breakfast bacon 9½c for heavy to 12½c for choice light; hams 9½c to 10½c. Californias, 7c; New York shoulders 6½c. Plain smoked bxd. meats—Extra shorts 8½c; ribs and clear sides 8½c; bellies 8½c to 9½c, as in average; plates 7½c. Higher on small orders.

Country Lard—6@6½c, according to quality and pkgs.

Oleo-Stearine—At 6½@7c.

Tallow—Country No. 1 4½c; No. 2 4c. Packers' choice 5½c.

Grease—Small irregular lots country: Brown 3c, yellow 3½c, white 3½c. Packers' stock: Brown 3⅝@3¾c, yellow 4@4½c, white 4½@5c.

Beef—On orders: Bbls.—Plate $9.75; Fulton Market $11; dried at 13c to 15½c per lb.; tongues at 15½c per lb. or $8 per doz.

Hides.

Dry flint—Average receipts, round 15½c; choice Texas 16c. Dry-salted—Round 12c. Green-salted—Western round 8½c; Southern 8½c. Dry flint—Selected No. 1 16½c, selected No. 2 14½c. Dry-salted—No. 1 15½c; No. 2 12½c. Green-salted—No. 1 8½c; No. 2 7½c; bull 6½c. Uncured 1c per lb. less; part cured ½c per lb. less, and glue stock half price.

Wool.

Missouri & Illinois—		Heavy fine	11 @12
Med. combing	29 @31	Tex., I. T. & Ok.—	
Med. clothing	19 @20	Medium	18 @18½
Braid and fine	15 @18½	Coarse & low	13 @16
Burry & clear		Fine medium	14 @16
mixed	17 @18	Light fine	14 @15
Slightly burry	15 @15½	Heavy fine	11 @12
Badly burry	12½@14	Dakota & Western—	
Light fine	16 @17	Bright med'm	15 @18½
Heavy fine	13 @14	Dark medium	14 @16
Lambs	17 @18½	Fine medium	14 @15
Wisconsin & Ill.	17 @19	Light fine	14 @15
Med. combing	18½@19	Heavy fine	12 @14
Braid & cloth-		Arkansas & South—	
ing	18 @18½	Med. (fleece)	19 @19½
Sackright	16 @17½	Med. (loose)	18 @18½
Dark	15 @18	Burry	14 @15
Fine medium	15 @16	Tubwashed—	
Light fine	14 @15	No. 1	29½
Heavy fine	11 @13	No. 2	23 @24
Kansas & Nebraska—		Burry	18 @20
Bright med'm	19	Angora goat hair—	
Dark & sandy	14 @15½	Clean & clear	28 @30
Fine medium	14 @15½	Burry & Clyt-	
Light fine	13 @14	ted	10 @11

Furs.

Raccoon—		Opossum—	
No. 1 large	65	No. 1	20
No. 1 medium	60	No. 2	10
No. 1 small & No. 2	25	Trash worthless.	
No. 3	20	Wolf—Prairie	75@115
No. 4	10	Timber	500@1.50
Mink—		Red Fox—	
No. 1 large	80	No. 1	1.00
No. 1 medium	50	No. 2	60
No. 2	20	No. 3	25
No. 4	15	No. 4	10
Skunk—Prime, as to size—		Gray fox—	
Black, large	1.00	No. 1	40
Black, medium	85	No. 2	25
Short stripe	65	No. 3	20
Narrow do	35@40	No. 4	10
All blue or unprime	15	Otter—	
Wild cat	15@25	No. 1 large	8.00
Wood cat	5@10	No. 1 medium	6.50
Badger	50@75	No. 2	5.50
House cat	10	No. 3	2.00
Muskrat	5@10	Bear	10@40
		Beaver	10@ 6

Extreme Southern skins 15 per cent less and Northern 15 to 25 per cent more.

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Straight young 5½c; old roosters, 4c; broilers 6½c. Turkeys—Choice dressing stock 5½c; thin and poor less. Ducks 7c. Geese (top-feathered) 5½@6c. Old pigeons and squabs, $1 per doz.; young, $1.

DRESSED POULTRY—Quote scalded and undrawn, with heads and legs on: Turkeys at 5½@6c per lb. Chickens 6@7c. Ducks 7½@8c. Geese 6@7c.

GAME—We quote choice, select, sweet stock only: Quail—Undrawn $1.85; drawn $1.50. Prairie chickens—Bank $5. Pheasant $3. Wild turkeys, per lb.—Toms 9c; hens 8c. Snipe, per doz.—Mallards $3; redheads $2; canvasbacks $5; blue-wing teal $2; green-wing teal $1.50; mixed $1.25. Jacksnipe $1.50. Plover $1.25. Woodcock—Large $3. Deer carcasses, per lb., 10c. Venison saddles, hide on, 12c. Rabbits, per doz.—Cottontails $1.50; bits $1.25. Squirrels 50@60c. Possums, each, 50@75c.

VEALS—Choice fat at 5@5½c per lb. fair at 3½c; heretics, thin and rough at 3c. Sheep dull at 3@4c; thin ewes and bucks at 2@2½c per lb. Spring lambs—Ewes at 4c to 4½c per lb. for choice; buck lambs at 2½@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Quote: Eastern, packed—Baldwin and greening at $1.50@2.50; fancy king at $3 for choice varieties; bulk Baldwins quotable at $2.10 per bbl. measure on trk. Western, packed—Ben Davis and spitzenberg range from $1.50 to $2.50; winesap and willowtwig at $2.75@3.

GRAPES—Quote: Choice Catawbas at 15@17c. Niagaras at 16c for pony basket; bulk Catawbas at $18@20 per ton.

PEARS—Quote Keifer at $3.25 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quote: Winter Nellis at $2.40@2.50 per 40-lb. box.

ORANGES—Quote on car lots on trk.: Florida at $2.50@3 per box for russets and bright; green nominally less; California seedless Jaffa at $2.75@3; navels at $2.25; Mexican—Sonora at $2.75@2.80 and Linares at $2. Jobbing from store 25c higher than above prices. Jobbing from store $3.

LEMONS—Quote: New Messina and California at $2.50@3 per box.

BANANAS—Quote at $1.50@1.75 per bunch on orders.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at $37.50 per 1,000—in a small way at $4 per 100.

PINEAPPLES—Florida held at $3.75@4 per crate containing 24 to 36 pies.

MALAGA GRAPES—Quotable at $6 to $7.50 per bbl.

CRANBERRIES—Jobbing from store at from $8 for early black to $9 for fancy late varieties.

POTATOES—Northern on trk., receipts light and selling for fancy at 65@68c for choice; bluff early Ohio sold loose from farmers' wagons at 55@60c per bu.

ONIONS—Quote fancy red globe at 85@90c and yellow at 55@60c del.; soft, small and inferior nominally less.

CABBAGE—Quote domestic at $10 and Holland seed at $11@14 per ton del. Dealers charge $1.50 per crate on small orders.

CELERY—Choice to fancy white plume at 30c to 35c per doz. Fair to medium at 15c to 25c; home-grown at 15c to 30c per bunch. Celery roots dull at 25c per doz.

STRING BEANS—Florida, round green at $1.60@1.75 per bu. hamper. New Orleans offerings poor and not selling; choice round worth $2 per bu. box.

TOMATOES—Last sales Florida at $3@3.25 per 6-basket carrier for choice ripe.

EGG PLANT—Quote choice Florida at $2.50@3 per ½-bu. crate.

PEPPERS—Some choice Florida offering; quotable at $1.50@2 per 6-basket crate.

CUCUMBERS—Offerings liberal; demand quiet. Quote Florida at $1.50 per bu. box or hamper.

GUMBO—New Orleans at 50@60c per bu. box; Florida at $2@2.50 per 6-basket crate.

CAULIFLOWER—Choice Long Island held at $5@6 per bbl.

TURNIPS—Home-grown sell loose at from 15c to 20@25c per bu. (for washed) per bu. Orders charged 75c@$1 per bbl. Southern stock unsalable.

SPINACH AND KALE—Home-grown selling at 10c per bu. loose.

HARDSHELL—New Orleans sold at 75@80c per doz. bunches.

CARROTS—We quote bulk Northern at 35@60c per 100 lbs. del. On orders dealers charge $1 per bbl.

BEETS—Sell at $1 per bbl. on orders.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown Bermudas sell at 30c, yellow Nansemond and queen at 40c, and at $1.25 per bbl. for Bermuda and $2 for Nansemond on orders.

SAUERKRAUT—Quote bbls. at $2.90; half bbls. at $1.75; small orders charged higher.

HORSERADISH—Quote home-grown at $3.50@4 per bbl. on orders.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quotable at $1.40@1.50 per crate.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—Steady: prime I. g. in small sks. 46c; in large sks. 44c; prime E. g. white 55@57c; X 50@52c; XX 46@48c; XXX 40@42c; fine 35@38c. Chicken 25@c. Turkey—Tail 20c; wing 16c; pointers 4c; wing and tail 12c; wing and tail and pointers 8c; body 20c.

SHEEP PELTS—Full wool pelts at 50c to 30c, according to amount of wool on them; lamb at 10@50c. Southern 25@40c; shearlings at 20@25c. Dry stock, shaline, etc., 8@9c per lb.

BEESWAX—Quote at 27c per lb. for prime.

ROOTS—Ginseng, at from $3.50 for small to $4.25 for large; Indy slipper at 5c; Seneca at 26c; pink at 18c; goldenseal at 45c; May apple at 2½c; snake at 27c; black 4c; Angelica 25c; Wahoo—Bark of root 8c; bark of tree 26c; blood root, blueflag 3c, skull cap leaves 5c, sassafras bark 4c; wild ginger 8c.

DEER SKINS, ETC.—Prime deer skins 30c per lb.; Texas at 28c; antelope 14c per lb.; goat 25c to 35c per each; damaged less.

LINSEED OIL—Quotable per gal.: Raw at 62c; boiled at 65c—in per gal. less in car lots.

DRIED FRUIT—Quote: Apples—Evaporated rings at 3½c to 4c; quarters at 3½c to 4c; chops at 2½@3c; peelings at 2@2½c; sun-dried—quarters at 2c to 2½c; chops and peelings negotiated—no price quotable. Peaches—Fancy evaporated unpeeled halves at 4c; sun-dried 1c to 2½c.

DRIED CHERRIES—Jobbing from store at $1.25@1.30; Scotch at $1.30@1.35; split $1.40.

WHITE BEANS—We quote hand-picked pea beans in a jobbing way from store at $2@2.05; machine-picked $1.85@1.90; marrow, Western at $1.50—Weevily less. Lima beans at 6½@6½c per lb.

HONEY—Comb at 10c to 12½c—fancy white clover 15@16c; inferior dark and broken less. Extracted and strained in bbls. 7@8c and in cans at 8@9c.

SALT—Bulk, 65c: Medium $1.25; granulated $1.15 per bbl.—worth 5c per bbl. more in sks.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron 42½c; heavy cast 42½c; malleable 34½c; steel 27½c; breakage 27½c; stove 27½c; burnt iron 17½c. Heavy brass 24½c; light brass 15½c. Copper $12.50; zinc $2.50; lead $3.50; pewter $12.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and molasses $1 each; vinegar 75c; black oil 45c; linseed, light oil and varnish, 52c; sugar 52c; whisky 52c; do. half-bbls. 50c; wine $1; sauerkraut 55c; pickle 45c; molasses 30c; lard tcs. 35c—5c off for each broken head or stave; 3c off for each hoop missing.

COOPERSTUFFS—In car lots on trk.: Staves—Cottonwood flour bbl. $6.25@6.30. No. 2 $40@50; half-bbl. $3@3.50; beer keg $12@16; lard tierce $28; pork bbls. $18. Headings, per set—No. 1 flour bbl. 1½c—mill run 17½-inch stock for apple bbl., at 4½c; No. 2 do. at 3½@4c; lard tierce 16c; pork bbl. 12½c. Shaved hoops—Flour bbl. $4@4.50 for western; pork bbl. $2.50; cordwood, half-bbl. $2.50; coiled elm (6-foot) $7.50; oak lard tierce cooper shaved 26@8; pork bbl. 18.

MOSS—We quote: Gray and brown mixed 15@18c; gray and brown and black mixed 20c; black and brown do. 24c; black 25c. Machine picked: X at 25c; XX at 35c; XXX at 45c; XXXX at 55c; inferior picked less.

COOPERAGE—Quote: lard tierce at $1.15; pork bbls. 36c; do. half-bbls. 75c; slack-work—round-hoop flour bbls. 32c; flat-hoop do. 32c; half-bbls. 24c; meal bbls. 25c; produce or apple bbls. 25c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Summer yellow at 36c; white at 37c; winter yellow 40c and white 41c.

CASTOR OIL—In lots of 200 gals. or over at 12c per lb. for No. 1 and 10½c for No. 3—smaller quantities 1c per lb. more.

HOPS—New at 19@21c; old (29 crop) at 11@12c; foreign at 42@45c.

SORGHUM—Selling for 18c per gal for poor to 22c for prime.

CIDER—Choice in demand and firm at $7.50@8 per bbl. for Eastern; Western nominal.

MAPLE SUGAR AND SIRUP—Some arriving and selling at 15@18c per lb. for sugar and 90c per gal. for sirup.

BROOM CORN—In light offering; readily salable at $50 to $75 per ton.

BONES—Choice bleached at $16 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $12.

RAGS, ETC.—Per 100 lbs.: Country rags at 80c. Old rope—No. 1 and Manila $1.25; No. 2 50c. Rejections 25c.

HIGHWINES—Selling on a basis of $1.27.

Coffee.

New York, Nov. 30.—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7¾c; mild market quiet; Cordova 9½@11½c. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 10 to 15 points and scored a further 5-point rise on local and foreign buying, the result of British European cables, small receipts at Brazilian ports and interior towns, steadier feeling in the spot markets and absence of bear pressure. Later the market turned easy, following a severe relapse in Havre and an appearance of selling orders from abroad. Trading was rather close. Closed barely steady at net unchanged prices to 5 points advance. Total sales 72,000 bags, including Dec. 6.10c; March 6.3½@6.40c; May 6.5½c; July 6.5½@6.60c; Sept. 6.6@6.70c.

ALL GRAINS DECLINED AS WELL AS PROVISIONS.

NOVEMBER CORN CLOSED AT 35 1-2 CENTS.

Close of the Phillips Deal Was Not Exciting—Little Encouragement for Bulls in Wheat.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 30.—Nov. corn to the amount of 500,000 bu. was delivered this afternoon on Nov. contracts, which was taken by George Phillips, and so ended the Nov. corn deal as far as the general trade was concerned; but, though dead, there was no autopsy needed on the corpse, its demise being natural and without sensation. The price at the close was 35½c, against 40c Wednesday. Dec. corn closed at a decline of 5c and May lost ¼@⅜c. Wheat declined ¼@⅜c and oats made a similar loss for the Dec. option. Provisions were also heavy and lower.

Wheat.

Nothing in the wheat situation having altered materially since Wednesday, the price of that commodity at the opening this morning was in keeping with the unaltered state of affairs. There were not wanting, however, some indications of an impending change that promised some better treatment from the market for its friends, the bulls. The price at the start for Dec. wheat was from 69⅝@69¾c to 70c, as against 70c on Wednesday, and the more hopeful feeling alluded to was soon exemplified by a gradual improvement to 70⅛@70⅜c, the advance to the point named occupying about fifteen minutes.

The falling off in domestic receipts was one of the most hopeful signs of better times visible this morning to the longing eyes of the bulls; another was reported unfavorable weather in Argentine, being regarded as confirmatory of the probable truthfulness of a smaller exportable supply from that country from the crop now maturing than from the one preceding. The shipments from that country to Europe this week were 756,000, making, since Jan. 1, 70,100,000 bu., and conservative Liverpool houses having branches in Argentine are estimating the next season's exportable surplus at not over 50,000,000 bu. Liverpool wheat futures opened from unchanged to ¼d higher. Paris was up the equivalent of ½c a bu.

The domestic receipts as reported to-day gave no encouragement to those who were looking for a reduction. The total receipts since Wednesday at the chief Western markets were 1,327,