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REMARKABLE ADVANCE IN PRINCIPAL STOCKS.

PERFORMANCES IN THE MARKET CLASSED AS ORGIES.

Sixteen Thousand Shares of Northern Pacific Bought at First Fall of the Hammer.

New York, Dec. 22.—To-day's speculation in stocks took on something of the saturnalian spirit that attaches to the Christmas holiday celebration, by inheritance from ancient pagan customs. The day's performance in the stock market cannot be adequately described otherwise than as speculative orgies.

Individual considerations that might attach to special stocks and affect their value were apparently taken no account of, and there was a wild scramble to buy all sorts and conditions of stocks, as though all future hopes of wealth and prosperity depended on an ownership of stocks before Christmas.

There was no news of importance to put any new phase on the question of values, present or prospective. The buying seemed to represent the cumulative effect upon financial sentiment of the imposing rise in prices during the week, and the apparently undiminished confidence manifested by large capitalists in their continued large absorption of securities.

At the fall of the hammer on the chairman's desk this morning 16,000 shares of Northern Pacific were instantly bought in a single block. First transactions in a number of other important stocks ranged from 5,000 shares up to 7,200 shares.

The market apparently ran wild, and was only quieted by an accession of selling orders invited by the extreme advances attained by some stocks. But the buying was resumed in the last half hour after the bank statement appeared, and a number of stocks were rushed to the top level of the day. The closing was animated and irregular.

Some of the extreme advances were: Sugar, 5⅝; Brooklyn Transit, 4⅛; General Electric, 4; St. Paul, 2⅞; People's Gas, 2⅝, and a very extended list of stocks from 1 to 2 points.

New York Stock Quotations.

St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1900.

The following shows the opening, highest, lowest and closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange to-day. Corrected daily for The Republic by D. R. Francis, Bro. & Co., bonds and stocks, 214 North Fourth street:

Stocks.	Sales.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Yes.
Am. Car & Fdry.	500	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	22
Do. pfd.	1,300	70½	71	70½	71	70⅞
Am. Cotton Oil	2,500	32⅝	32⅝	31⅞	32⅛	31⅞
Am. Linseed Oil	400	7⅛	7⅛	7	7	6½
Do. pfd.	300	38	37	36	37	36
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	3,500	54½	54⅞	54½	54⅞	53⅝
Do. pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Steel Hoop	2,600	30⅝	32⅛	30⅝	31½	30
Do. pfd.	300	77	77	76½	76½	77
Am. Steel & W.	6,830	44	44⅞	42⅝	44⅛	41
Do. pfd.	300	87½	87⅝	87¼	87¼	87⅜
Am. Sugar Ref.	105,400	136	141	136	140⅞	135⅞
Am. Tin Plate	700	53½	54	53½	54	53¼
Do. pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	90
Am. Tobacco	18,300	112	112⅝	111½	112	112
Anal. Copper	5,800	92⅝	93	92⅝	93	92½
A. T. & S. F.	44,700	46	46½	45⅞	46⅛	45⅞
Do. pfd.	12,100	88½	89⅝	87⅞	87⅞	87⅜
B. & O.	4,150	81	81⅞	81	81⅜	80½
Do. pfd.	100	85½	[illegible]	[illegible]	85⅞	85⅛
Brook. Rap. Tran.	82,900	81½	84⅞	81½	83⅞	80⅞
Canada Southern	2,400	58⅞	59½	57⅞	58½	58
Central of N. J.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	146
Ches. & Ohio	18,500	42	42⅝	41½	42	41⅝
C., B. & Q.	12,320	141⅞	142⅛	141⅝	141⅞	140⅞
Chi. Great West.	1,900	16	16⅛	15⅞	16⅛	16
C. & A.	3,400	40½	40⅞	39⅝	40⅜	39⅝
Do. pfd.	2,400	76⅛	76⅝	75⅝	76	76⅛
C., M. & St. P.	49,900	135	137	135	136⅞	134⅛
Chi. & Northwest	100	169	[illegible]	[illegible]	169	169
C., R. I. & P.	9,600	119½	119⅞	119¼	119⅜	119⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	2,400	70¼	71	70	70⅞	70⅜
Colo. Fuel & Iron	5,000	54	55	53¾	54⅞	53⅛
Consolidated Gas	500	191	191	190	190	191
Contl. Tobacco	1,600	39	39⅛	38⅝	39⅛	38⅝
Do. pfd.	900	92½	92⅝	92¼	92½	92½
Del. & Hudson	500	123½	123⅞	122	123	123
Del., Lack. & W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	191
D. & R. G.	4,100	29⅝	29⅞	29⅝	29⅞	29⅛
Do. pfd.	1,850	84⅝	84⅞	84⅜	84⅝	83⅞
Federal Steel	42,300	53⅛	53⅞	52⅝	53¾	53⅛
Do. pfd.	2,900	78⅜	79⅛	78⅜	79	78⅜
Glucose Refining	800	47	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gt. Northern pfd.	300	189	190	188⅞	188⅞	189
Illinois Central	1,800	130	130½	129	130½	129
K. C. Southern	300	14½	14½	14	14	14⅛
Do. pfd.	2,800	37⅜	37⅝	36⅝	36⅝	37
Laclede Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
L. & N.	14,900	87	87⅞	86⅞	87⅛	86⅛
Manhattan "L."	14,300	113⅝	114	112⅞	113⅞	112⅞
Metro. St. Ry.	4,400	174	174⅞	173⅞	174⅞	173⅞
National Tube	5,300	62⅝	63⅝	62⅝	63⅞	62⅝
M., K. & T.	2,300	16⅞	17	16⅝	16⅞	16½
Do. pfd.	17,800	45	44⅞	44⅛	44⅞	44⅛
Missouri Pacific	24,500	69⅛	70	69	69⅞	69⅛
National Biscuit	100	37⅝	[illegible]	[illegible]	37⅝	37½
Do. pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
National Lead	500	20	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	20
Do. pfd.	100	93	[illegible]	[illegible]	93	90½
National Steel	4,200	40⅜	41	40⅛	41	39⅝
Do. pfd.	100	92½	[illegible]	[illegible]	92½	93
New York Central	4,210	142⅜	142⅞	141⅞	142⅛	142⅜
N. Y., Ont. & W.	6,900	29	29⅛	28⅞	29	28⅞
Norfolk & West	5,200	44⅝	45	44⅛	44⅞	44⅜
Do. pfd.	100	83	[illegible]	[illegible]	83	82
Northern Pacific	29,600	84½	85⅜	83⅞	85⅛	83¼
Do. pfd.	5,100	88⅞	89⅛	88⅜	89	88
Pacific Mail	900	43	44⅜	43	44⅛	43
Pennsylvania	7,200	143½	145	143⅝	144⅝	143⅝
People's Gas	58,900	100⅜	102½	100⅜	102	99⅞
Pressed Steel Car	300	50½	50⅞	50½	50⅝	51⅛
Do. pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	82
Reading	2,000	25⅛	25⅛	24⅞	24⅞	25⅛
Do. 1st pfd.	6,120	69⅜	69⅜	68⅞	69	69
Do. 2d pfd.	3,800	36⅞	37	36⅝	36⅞	37
St. L. & S. F.	2,100	24	24⅛	24	24⅛	24
Do. 1st pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do. 2d pfd.	600	54⅝	54⅞	53⅞	54	54⅛
St. L. Southwest.	2,200	17⅛	17⅞	17⅛	17⅞	17⅛
Do. pfd.	8,300	41	42⅛	40⅞	42⅛	40⅞
Southern Pacific	57,000	45	45⅞	44⅞	45⅝	44⅞
Southern Railway	92,300	22	22⅝	22	22½	21⅝
Do. pfd.	10,800	72⅛	72⅝	72	72⅛	71⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron	8,000	64⅛	64⅞	64	64⅞	62⅝
Texas & Pacific	1,500	22⅞	22⅞	22⅝	22⅞	22⅝
Union Bag & P.	400	18	[illegible]	[illegible]	18	17⅞
Do. pfd.	100	71½	[illegible]	[illegible]	71½	71⅞
Union Pacific	21,700	77⅛	77⅞	77	77⅞	77⅛
Do. pfd.	1,500	83⅛	83½	83	83⅛	83⅜
U. S. Leather	2,100	13⅝	14⅛	13⅝	14	13⅞
Do. pfd.	100	75	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	74⅞
U. S. Rubber	500	27⅞	28⅛	27⅞	28⅛	28⅛
Wabash deb B.	34,600	41⅝	42	41⅝	42	41⅝
Do. pfd.	3,000	25	25⅜	25	25⅜	24⅞
West. Union Tel.	1,500	82⅞	83⅝	82⅞	83⅝	84
Wis. Cent. W. I.	200	16⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	16⅛	16
Do. pfd. W. I.	100	42⅛	[illegible]	[illegible]	42⅛	41⅝
Third Avenue	100	117½	[illegible]	[illegible]	117½	118
Erie 1st pfd.	1,645	59⅞	59⅞	58⅞	58⅞	59⅛
Do. 2d pfd.	4,100	41⅛	41⅝	40⅝	41⅝	41⅛

Total sales, 1,013,800 shares.

STOCKS AND BONDS IN BOSTON.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—Money, stocks, bonds and mining shares were quoted as follows:

Money.

Call loans, 4½@5½; time loans, 5½@6.

Stocks.

A., T. & S. F.	46⅛	Gen. Electric	193⅝
Do. pfd.	88	Do. pfd.	150
Am. Sugar	140⅝	Ed. Elec. Ill.	217
Do. pfd.	115½	Mex. Central	14⅛
Am. Telephone	156	Mich. Telephone	85
Boston & Albany	253½	N. E. Gas & Coke	12⅞
Boston Elevated	158	Old Colony	206
C., B. & Q.	141⅞	Old Dominion	29⅞
Dominion Coal	37	Rubber	28
Do. pfd.	108	Union Pacific	77⅞
Federal Steel	53⅞	Union Land	2½
Do. pfd.	79⅛	West End	93
Fitchburg pfd.	138½	Westinghouse Elec.	55½

Bonds.

N. E. Gas & Coke 5s 44½ | Atchison 4s 101⅝

Mining Shares.

Adventure	10½	Osceola	72½
Allouez Min. Co.	2½	Parrot	49
Amal. Copper	91	Quincy	171
Atlantic	27	Santa Fe Copper	6¾
*Boston & Mont.	321	Tamarack	320
Butte & Boston	82	Utah Mining	32½
Cal. & Hecla	815@820	Winona	4¾
Centennial	21½	Wolverines	46¾
Franklin	15	Arnold	4½@5
Humboldt	50		

*Asked.

Exchange closes until Wednesday, December 26.

Government Bonds.

New York, Dec. 22.—Government bonds weak.

United States 2s, reg.	105
United States 2s, coup.	105½
United States 3s, reg.	110
United States 3s, coup.	110
United States new 4s, reg.	138
United States new 4s, coup.	138
United States old 4s, reg.	115
United States old 4s, coup.	116
United States 5s, reg.	113½
United States 5s, coup.	113½
District of Columbia 3.65s	125

New York Curb Stocks.

By wire to Bennett Wasserman & Co.: New York, Dec. 22.—The closing prices on curb securities to-day were as follows:

Close—	Bid.	Asked.
American Agricultural Chemical	28	30
Do. pfd.	79½	81
American Bicycle	6¾	7
Do. 5s	75	76½
Bay State Gas	⅞	1⅛
British Columbia Copper	21	21½
British Exchequer 3s	98½	99
Compressed Air	[illegible]	49
Continental Tobacco debentures	104	106
Consolidated Rubber Tire	2½	7
Do. pfd.	25	30
Distilling Company of America	6¾	6½
Do. pfd.	25½	26
Electric Boat	21	21½
Do. pfd.	50	53
Electric Vehicle	17	21
Electric Pneumatic	3	3½

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Condensed Statement of Condition, from Report Made to the Comptroller of the Currency, December 13th, 1900.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$ 6,175,332.15	Capital Stock	$ 1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	1,729,000.00	Surplus and Undivided Profits	360,824.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	726,761.93	Circulation	997,500.00
Banking House	200,000.00	Deposits	12,050,642.88
Other Real Estate	13,028.29		
Cash and Exchange	5,564,844.51		
	$14,408,966.88		$14,408,966.88

Flemington Coal and Coke	18	20
General Carriage	4⅛	4½
German Treasury 4s	100	100½
Havana Commercial	9½	10½
Do. pfd.	44	46
Illinois Transportation Company	⅞	1⅛
Interstate Oil	31½	32½
National Gramophone	5	12
National Sugar preferred	100	102
New Amsterdam Gas 5s	108⅛	108⅝
New England Transportation Company	3	3⅜
New York Elec. Vehicle Tran. Co.	6½	7
Otis Elevator	28	78
Do. pfd.	88	90
Royal Baking Powder, pfd.	98½	99
Rubber Goods Mfg. Co.	29½	31
Do. pfd.	81½	83⅛
St. Louis Transit	18	19
Standard Oil of New Jersey	815	820
Storage Power	10	13
Tennessee Copper	17	19
Telegraph, Tel. & Cable Co. of America	2⅛	3½
United Railways Co. of St. Louis pfd.	67	67½
Do. 4 per cent bonds	85¾	86
United States Cast Iron Pipe	5	5½
Do. pfd.	20½	21½
Union Copper	5½	5¾
Virginia Coal, Iron and Coke	3	5
Do. bonds	32	35

Pittsburg Stocks.

Received daily by D. R. Francis, Bro. & Co., No. 214 North Fourth street: Westinghouse Air Brake 185½ bid; 186½ asked. Pittsburg Plate Glass, last sale 162½.

BOND SALES AT NEW YORK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 21.—Sales of bonds were made here to-day as follows:

Full Call.

10,000 A C O 4½s... 99⅛	7,000 Ill Cent 4s of 1953 ... 104
5,000 Adams Ex 4s ... 105	43,000 K C Sou ... 67⅛@ 68⅛
9,000 Ann Arbor 1st 4s. 96⅛@ 96⅞	2,000 M & St L 1st ref 4s ... 97⅞
190,000 Atch gen 4s 102⅞@102½	1,000 M K T 1st 4s ... 94⅞
72,000 Do adj 85⅜@ 85½	77,000 Do 2d 4s 76⅝@ 77⅛
29,000 B & O 4s 100⅞@101⅛	5,000 M K T ext 5s ... 93
11,000 B & O 3½s .. 94⅞	290,000 M P tr 5s 101@103
31,000 Do S W div 3½s ... 90⅞@ 90⅞	1,000 M P 1st col 5s ... 103
19,000 Bklyn Un Elv 1sts ... 90½	1,000 M & N gen 4s ... 86⅛
172,000 C & O con 5s ... 119@ 119⅞	10,000 M and E 1s of 1901 ... 103
10,000 Do 1st inc. 53⅜	27,000 N Y C L S 3½s 97⅞@ 97⅞
5,000 Do 2d inc ... 18⅜	20,000 N Y G Elec col tr 5s ... 106
125,000 Do 2d inc 8½@ 8⅞	11,000 N Y G and Elev 4s ... 92⅞
12,000 C P gtd 4s 100⅞@100½	7,000 N Y S & W gen 5s ... 105@106⅛
10,000 C P gtd 3½s 83⅜@ 83⅜	10,000 N & W con 4s ... 99⅞
129,000 C & O gen 4½s ... 104⅛@104⅛	10,000 N P 4s ... 104⅞
27,000 C & A 3½s 85⅜@ 86	67,000 Do gen 3s 71⅝@ 71⅝
47,000 C B Q Ill div 3½s 105@105⅛	15,000 P & E 1st 5s ... 18
2,000 C & E 1st 121½	50,000 Reading gen 4s ... 94
1,000 C St L N O 5s ... 125½	11,000 St L I M 5s 114⅛
11,000 Ch Term 4s 94⅞@ 95	1,000 Do stamp gtd ... 112⅞
11,000 C F I gen 5s ... 97½	302,000 St L I M 4s 85⅜@ 85⅞
73,000 Col Mid 1st 3-4s ... 79⅛@ 80⅛	1,000 St L S F gen pr 6s ... 130
2,000 Col & Sou 1st 4s ... 85	88,000 St L S W 1st ... 95⅛@ 95⅛
6,000 D R G con 4s ... 101⅛	125,000 Do 2d 73⅝@ 74⅛
14,000 Do imp 5s 106⅝@107	10,000 St P & D 1st 5s ... 126
209,000 Erie 1st con 4s ... 97⅞@ 98⅛	54,000 Sou Pac 4s 82⅝@ 82⅞
237,000 Erie 1st gen 4s ... 86⅞@ 88⅛	35,000 S P Calif con 5s stamp ... 107
48,000 D P T W D C 1st 89⅛@ 89⅞	22,000 Sou R R 1st 5s ... 114@114⅛
15,000 Ft W R G 1st 3-4s 67@ 68	1,000 Stand Twine 6s ... 72
8,000 G H & S A M and P div 1st ... 109	5,000 Do inc ... 11⅛
10,000 G E deb 5s 164	26,000 T & N O con 105@105⅞
49,000 G B & W deb B ... 8⅞ 8⅛	2,000 U P 1st 4s 107⅛
65,000 H V 1st 4½s 105@106	42,000 Wab deb 41⅞@ 42
6,000 I and G N 2d 4s ... 62	1,000 W S gtd reg 113
2,000 Man con 4s 104⅞	47,000 Wis Cent gen 4s 89⅝@ 89½

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

Total Reserve Increased $2,205,500—Deposits Decreased $3,863,700.

New York, Dec. 22.—The weekly statement of averages of the associated banks shows:

Loans, $787,098,700; decrease, $5,661,300. Deposits, $858,804,400; decrease, $3,863,700. Circulation, $30,902,500; increase, $178,500. Legal tenders, $60,157,100; increase, $820,000. Specie, $159,041,000; increase, $1,385,700. Total reserve, $219,198,100; increase, $2,205,500. Reserve required, $209,701,100; decrease, $965,925. Surplus reserve, $9,147,000; increase, $3,171,625.

The Financier says:

"The statement of the New York banks for the current week is of a very favorable character, from a reserve standpoint, and indicates that the turn of the year will be made without serious disturbance in the money market. The banks have gained largely in cash, both on account of treasury disbursements and through actual receipts from the interior. This, of itself, would have operated in counteracting the influence of expanding loans and deposits, but as both these items show a further shrinkage, the reserve requirements have been materially lessened and the surplus reserve increased $3,171,625, although the cash holdings are only $2,206,700 higher than a week ago.

"It would be difficult to explain in detail why, with the stock market breaking all previous records and general business, and all other conditions in a most satisfactory shape, loans should continue to call, but the truth of the matter is that outside banks are heavy lenders here, and, while new loans originate in New York, they are placed in other cities. The decrease in the loan item since the first of the month has been almost $17,500,000.

"Deposits have fallen off over $25,000,000, while the cash reserve is only a little over a million less than at that time. This reflects the drain in cash that has occurred, but as the requirements of the interior have been fully met, there seems no ground for the belief that the banks will be able to meet all demands that may be made by borrowers from this time on.

It is not to be forgotten, however, that the statements for the next few weeks will be apt to show very many fluctuations, as the dividend disbursements during the coming week will be enormous, surpassing all previous records. The shifting of accounts will involve more or less confusion, but this will be only temporary.

"Despite the fact that the currency from the country has been increased this year to the extent of nearly eighty millions of dollars by national bank notes, and also by current gold production, it is a fact that the reserves of the New York banks have been lower as a rule than during preceding years, and, with the volume of business now reported from all sections of the country, there seems little chance that cash will accumulate in New York to the extent shown in bank exhibits of previous periods."

Preparing Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Appropriations to-day began the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, with the view of having it in readiness to be reported to the Senate soon after the reconvening of Congress after the holidays.

GRAIN MARKETS AT CHICAGO WERE DULL.

NEARER DELIVERIES OF CORN WERE WEAK.

Prices of Wheat Underwent Very Little Change—Little Business in Barley.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—The day, preceding three days' suspension of business, was, as might be supposed, unproductive of activity in the grain markets. The general tendency was downward, but only to a very moderate degree, except in the nearer deliveries of corn, which were unmistakably weak. Liverpool quoted the wheat market there inactive at practically unchanged prices, but Minneapolis receiving 524 carloads of wheat, as compared with 412 the preceding Saturday, gave the bears a slight advantage at the opening, which was about ⅛c a bu. under yesterday's closing figures. Comparison with last year's Northwestern receipts could not be made, as Minneapolis observed the day as a holiday; and, similarly, a comparison with this and last year's aggregate receipts at Western primary markets would be misleading, seeing that to-day's total is inclusive of receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, whereas those were not procurable a year ago. Chicago received 116 cars, against 115 Saturday last, and 199 cars the same day of the year before.

Broomhall estimated the world's wheat and flour shipments for the week at 7,940,000 bu., while Beerbohm reported them at 5,465,000 bu., exclusive of Russia's quotations. The week's receipts at Chicago amounted to 1,050,000 bu., and shipments only 105,000 bu. Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 582,000 bu. Paris quoted the Dec. delivery of wheat unchanged, but Jan.-April the equivalent of ⅛c per bu. lower.

Australian shipments for the week were 80,000 bu., as compared with 152,000 bu. the week before; there is also a general belief that there will be some decrease in the visible supply, which has helped to increase confidence somewhat. But prices underwent very little change.

May wheat sold early at 72⅝c to 73c, fell to 72⅝@72⅝c, up to 72⅞c, and at 11:30 a. m. was 73c bid. Jan. has sold at 70⅝c to 70⅞c.

Corn.

Corn gave strong evidence of any long interest that may have existed in the market for Dec. having been liquidated. That delivery, when closed Friday worth 39⅝c, was offered at the opening to-day at from 38⅝c to 38⅞c, and declined to 37⅞c, without a great deal changing hands as it dropped. George Phillips, who ran the Nov. corner in corn, was a seller of Jan. and May corn, both of which deliveries yielded to the general selling pressure that developed; but declines for these futures were much less marked than for the current month. Receipts were heavy, 631 cars being inspected since yesterday morning, and 9 of these being contract helped in creating the depression shown in the Dec. Out of over 7,500 carloads received this month at Chicago only 49 were contract, including the 9 to-day. Seaboard clearances were 784,000 bu. Receipts of the week at Chicago were 2,712,000 bu., and shipments 690,000 bu. Liverpool reported futures from ¼d to ⅜d down. Dec. closed at 37⅞c, being a net loss for the day of 2c a bu. Jan. closed at 35⅝c, against 36⅛c Friday, and May 35⅞c, as compared with 35⅞c the day before.

Oats.

The oats market was in its usual inanimate condition. The holiday season makes no difference to the oats crowd, who are virtually in holiday idleness most of the time, though that is not conducive to the holiday exhilaration of spirits.

May oats ranged between 23½@23⅝c, and closed at the latter, which was also the price at the close of the preceding session. Local receipts were 248 cars; last year's 214. Local shipments, 920,000 bu., as compared with 124,000 bu. a year ago. Seaboard clearances were 102,000 bu. Estimated receipts for Monday were 240 cars.

Barley.

There was only a very small trade in barley. There was a decidedly small supply. The demand equal to offerings; that was not saying much. What sales there were made were at about previous prices. No very high grade barley was offered; it ranged from fair to good down. It is not expected that there will be much if any life in the market until after the holidays. Choice to fancy quoted nominally up to 58@61c; none of so high a grade was offered.

Rye.

Rye was in only light demand; the market was quiet and unchanged. Cash possibly a trifle firmer. Scarcely anything doing. The receipts were only 1 car. There was withdrawn from store here 20,000 bu. and 6 cars. No export clearances from the seaboard. Futures were quiet and about nominal. Dec. nominally 47c; Jan. nominally 46⅝c; May closed at 49⅛c bid.

Range of Futures.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec	69⅞	70⅛	69⅞	70⅛
Jan	70⅛@⅛	70½	70⅛	70⅜@⅜
May	72⅞@73	73⅛	72⅝@⅞	73
Corn—Dec	38⅞@38⅞	38⅞	37⅞	37⅞
Jan	36	36	35⅝	35⅝
May	35⅞	35⅞	35⅞@⅞	35⅞
Oats—Dec	21⅞@21	21⅞@⅞	21⅝@⅞	21⅝@⅞
Jan	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛	21⅛
May	23⅝	23⅝	23½	23⅝
Mess Pork—Jan	12.22½	12.22½	12.17½	12.20
May	12.12½	12.15	12.12½	12.15
Lard—Dec	7.20	7.25	7.17½	7.20
Jan	6.82½	6.82½	6.80	6.80
May	6.90	6.90	6.87½	6.87½
Short Ribs—Jan	6.27½	6.30	6.27½	6.27½
May	6.35	6.37½	6.35	6.37½

Receipts and Shipments.

Articles.	Rec.	Ship.
Flour, bbls	25,000	24,000
Wheat, bu	168,000	12,000
Corn, bu	494,000	116,000
Oats, bu	265,000	92,000
Rye, bu	6,000	12,000
Barley, bu	58,000	11,000

Flaxseed.

The market was exceptionally dull. A few cars sold, mainly of rejected, and a small lot changed from Dec. to May was all there was done. No interest was shown. Cash demand slow and offerings small. Prices did not change for cash flaxseed. May delivery bids were reduced and that was about the only change. But a very small part of the flaxseed coming in gets on sale. There were 28 cars received; 15 cars were inspected and only 2 cars were contract. Minneapolis got 45 cars and Duluth 14 cars. Output from Chicago was 8,000 bu. by lake. No. 1 Northern was nominally $1.60. No. 1 sold sparingly at $1.58. Dec. delivery was nominally $1.58 and for May $1.57 was bid.

Timothy and Clover Seeds.

So far as could be noticed the market was quotably firm, cash seed rather improved. futures could be sold at late quotations, but were not offered. There were a few cash lots offered and good prices were obtained, considering quality. March delivery again met with a bid of $4.70. Dec. and Jan. deliveries could either one probably be sold at $4.55.

Clover seed was inactive and nominal. Some samples were shown, but no sales were made. The market was quotably firm, with buyers, and especially for good quality. Cash seed was quotable over a range of $4@9.50 for poor to choice, and fancy up to $9.75@10 nominally.

Provisions.

Hog products held their own in spite of a light trade. Scattered buying by shorts sent the price of Dec. lard to $7.25. The remainder of the list was unchanged from yesterday's final quotations. The coming holidays materially tended to restrict speculation, but then the trade is inclined to await the developments which Jan. 1 holds in store, both in regard to the deal in Dec. lard and the Jan. deliveries. Stocks of provisions show a moderate increase for the week. Next week's run of hogs in the local market is estimated at 160,000. Western advices report the hog supplies smaller than usual at this season. Receipts at the leading Western markets estimated at 55,200, as compared with 54,300 a year ago. Foreign advices indicated a quiet feeling in that quarter and becks quoted at 6d lower. Jan. pork was called for moderately and offerings were moderate. Sales were at $12.17½@12.22½, opened at $12.22½ and closed steady at $12.20. May pork opened at $12.12½ and closed at $12.15. Dec. lard opened unsettled with sales at $7.17@7.25 and closed at $7.20. Jan. ribs opened at $6.27½@6.30 and closed at $6.27½.

LOCAL STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Generally Quiet and About Unchanged in Price.

There were few if any points of interest about the stock and bond market yesterday. There were only a small number of orders to be executed and a very quiet day was experienced. This was to have been expected, as it was the eve of the Christmas holidays and the closing day of the week. The market for United Railways was a dull one, the only trading indulged in being in $4,000 4s at $86, and 50 shares of Transit at $18.75. Granite-Bi-Metallic was not traded in during the session, but there were sales of American-Nettie at $1.27½ and $1.25, at which 200 shares sold. This comprised the day's transactions.

Closing quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
United Railways 4s	$ 85.75	$ 86.00
Do. pfd.	67.50	68.00
Transit common	18.50	18.75
Missouri-Edison common	[illegible]	16.50
Do. pfd.	[illegible]	50.00
Do. 5s	[illegible]	95.25
St. Louis and Suburban	50.00	80.50
Mississippi Valley Trust	295.00	298.00
Mercantile Trust	[illegible]	327.50
Continental National	[illegible]	177.50
Third National	160.25	[illegible]
American-Nettie	1.22	1.27½
Granite-Bi-Metallic	2.65	2.72½
Brewerys $7,000 6s	100.00	100.25
St. Joe Lead	16.25	[illegible]
Columbia Lead	12.00	12.50
Union Depot bonds	[illegible]	113.25
Ely-Walker Dry Goods com.	140.00	145.00

THE WEEK'S MONEY MARKET.

Week of Prosperous Activity Reported by Bankers—Money in Demand.

The money market locally during the past week has shown not only increased briskness and activity in all departments, the usual accompaniment of the Christmas holidays, but firmness also. Business in a general way has been active and on a much larger scale than was really expected by those interested. Money all through the week has been in good supply, owing to the daily deposits, which have been liberal, and notwithstanding the lively checking against them the supply has been ample for all wants. A noticeable feature of the situation has been the borrowing demand, which, owing to the near approach of the holidays, has been considerably increased, with the result that a large amount of money has found employment. In fact, the demand all through the week has been most excellent and several of the banks were said to have been pretty well cleaned up. Interest rates have been strong at 5 to 7 per cent for call and time loans, with a majority of the loans at 5½ to 6 per cent, but 5 per cent has generally been quoted as a minimum, though to obtain this rate the collateral and borrowers have had to be of the very best. An encouragingly good business was transacted with country banks during the week.

As an indication of the prosperous times among the local banks and trust companies there are none so convincing as the daily clearings, and these have been uniformly large all of the week, while the increase over last week and the corresponding week a year ago was the largest for months. The week's report is as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
For Saturday	$ 4,398,036	$ 724,179
For the week	40,693,714	4,972,925
For last week	38,893,735	4,445,883
For week last year	35,852,293	3,574,823

Domestic Exchange.

Whitaker & Hodgman, bond, stock, commercial paper and exchange brokers, 300 North Fourth street, quote exchange as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
New York	5c prem	15c prem
Cincinnati	25c dis	par
Louisville	25c dis	par
New Orleans	25c dis	par
Chicago	25c dis	10c dis

City of St. Louis.

Corrected daily by Gaylord, Blessing & Co., 307 Olive street:

	Bid.	Ask.
City 3.65s, J.-J., 1907	103	103½
City 3.65s, gold, M.-N., 1915	105⅛	105½
City 3½s, J.-J., 1919	103	103½
City 4s, sterling, M.-N., 1911	108	110
City 4s, sterling, 20 years, 1906, J.-D.	104	105
City 4s, gold, A.-O., 1912	109	111
City 4s, gold, J.-J., 1913	109	111
City 4s, sterling, A.-O., 10th, 1908	105	107
City 6s, gold, A.-O., 1905	112½	113½
City 6s, gold, A.-O., 1906	112½	114
City 6s, currency, A.-O., 1906	112½	114

FOREIGN FINANCE.

England.

London, Dec. 22.—Consols for money 96 15-16; consols for account 97 1-16; Atchison 47⅛; Canadian Pacific 91⅛; St. Paul 139; Illinois Central 134; Louisville 89⅛; Union Pacific preferred 85⅝; New York Central 146½; Erie 26⅞; Pennsylvania 74; Reading 13; Erie first preferred 60⅛; Northern Pacific preferred 92⅛; Grand Trunk 7⅛; Anaconda 9⅛; Rand Mines 29⅛. Money 3¼@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4@4⅛ per cent, do. three months' bills 4@4⅛ per cent. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £5,000. Spanish 4s 69⅛. Gold premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres 130.90; Madrid 34.35.

France.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Prices on the Bourse to-day opened firm. Later, owing to the absence of transactions, there was a slight reaction. A recovery followed and prices closed firm, especially Turks, Rio Tintos and certain industrials. The Bourse will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. Three per cent rentes 101f 5c for the account. Exchange on London 25f 9½c for checks. Spanish 4s closed at 70.45.

Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Exchange on London 20m 41⅛ pfgs. for checks. Discount rates: Short bills 3⅛ per cent; three months' bills 4⅛ per cent. Funds were maintained on the Boerse to-day. Chinese were in strong demand. Americans were firm. Locals hardened on bear covering, in view of the holidays.

Bar Silver.

New York, Dec. 22.—Bar silver 63⅝c.

London, Dec. 22.—Bar silver steady at 29 9-16d per ounce.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Dec. 22.—To-day's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance $140,027,974; gold $88,012,061.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

—OF THE—

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 13, 1900,

As rendered to the Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans payable on demand	$3,895,906.17	
Loans payable at fixed dates	4,090,204.15	$7,986,110.32
Real estate, furniture and fixtures		15,000.00
U. S. Bonds		1,822,600.00
Premium on U. S. Bonds		70,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds		476,536.25
Cash on hand and sight exchange		5,031,126.20
Total		$15,401,372.77

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$1,000,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	465,486.08
National Bank Notes outstanding	1,000,000.00
Deposits	12,935,886.69
Total	$15,401,372.77

Inviting attention to above Statement, we solicit accounts of Individuals, Banks, Manufacturers and Mercantile Houses, to whom terms in detail will be furnished on application.

DEAD DULL MARKETS—NO IMPORTANT CHANGES.

THE WEEK IN SPECULATIVE GRAIN DULLEST KNOWN.

No Speculative Interest Whatever and No Important Changes in Future Values.

The past week in the local grain markets will go down into history as one of the dullest ever experienced. There is but little that is of interest to be reported in connection with the different speculative grain markets during the past six days just preceding the Christmas holidays. It was a typical holiday week from start to finish. There was but little interest taken by those speculatively inclined in the different markets locally by either side of the account, and trading was nearly at a standstill, the little that was done being almost wholly of a professional scalping character. There were no new or important developments and no changes in price that could be considered as reflecting the sentiments of traders in a significant way. As the holiday period drew nearer the dullness in the pit became more and more conspicuous, and so slight was the interest taken by traders that they quite often deserted the grain pit to watch the more alluring fluctuations of the New York Stock Board. The last three days of the week were particularly dull, and hardly a fractional change occurred in market values, which have really undergone no changes of importance throughout the entire week, the close yesterday being practically the same as last Saturday for the higher-priced grain, and but slightly different where the cheaper ones were concerned.

The local wheat market was a dead one throughout the past week, and most of the time was without a single redeeming feature speculatively or otherwise. The approach of the Christmas and New Year holidays has always been disastrous to grain speculation, but never so much so as during the past six days, the influence exerted never having been equaled. There was not an encouraging feature developed in this grain during the entire week. Neither bull nor bear sentiment was prominent at any period, and there was so little to the situation, from a bull or bear standpoint, that no changes in prices of importance was shown for days at a time, neither side succeeding in making any impression upon the market, no matter how well they might be favored by the news or conditions, as a result of which the close yesterday was practically the same as last week, the only real change being ⅛@¼c loss in the May option, and ⅛c improvement in Dec. The news received was neither startling nor of a character to stimulate speculative interest, which was never what might be termed active, and the trading in the local pit was chiefly of a professional scalping nature, the outside public hardly ever being in the market. Statistically, the daily advices were largely bearish, including the daily receipts at primary Western markets, which showed up liberal, and was one of the chief checks to speculation. The information received from abroad was equally unfavorable.

The world's shipments of over 8,400,000 bu., were much larger than had been expected, and the Russian and Danubian exports footing up over 2,800,000 bu. alone, while the amount on passage was increased 2,151,000 bu. There was only a small decrease in the visible supply of this country, and nothing in Bradstreet's figures to give strength to the situation or encourage speculation, as they showed an increase of 2,532,000 bu. in the world's supply, and 532,000 bu. in the stocks east of the Rockies. Although most of the news was bearish in the extreme, the market did not much, and the bears had no more to boast of than the bulls, the latter with the reported wet harvest in the Argentine, the light shipments from there, together with the large export clearances and improved milling demand at various points, were no better off, and were just able to hold values about steady during the week. The cables, as usual, were a disappointment to the trade, being weak when they were expected to show strength, and strong when weakness was looked for. The clearances of wheat and flour, according to Bradstreet's figures, were large at 4,123,350 bu. for the week, against 4,785,577 bu. last week. The market yesterday, inasmuch as it was the eve of several days' holiday, was dull in the extreme, but not changed in price compared with the day before, and the close was at 70⅝c nominal for Dec., 71⅝c nominal for Jan., and at 72⅝@72⅞c bid for May.

Corn locally most of the time during the week has about held its own and that is all of an encouraging nature that can be said of it, for a tamer, duller and less interesting state of affairs has seldom existed, less interest being shown than there was in wheat, and that is saying a great deal. Indeed in a speculative way it was worse than it ever has been, so extremely light was speculative trading on the part of the local crowd. New as a rule was scarce, but as favorable for the bulls as their opponents, and yet while the first named had much the best of it in this respect, they were unable to make any marked impression upon values during the early part of the week and were at considerable disadvantage later on, prices easing off and finally closing from ⅛c to ⅜c lower as compared with the Saturday previous. The arrivals at Western markets throughout the week were largely in excess of those of a year ago, but nevertheless the visible supply fell off over 824,000 bu., owing to a heavy decrease of 1,800,000 bu. on the lakes. The world's shipments were larger, but the amount afloat fell off over 1,400,000 bu., as against a small decrease last year. The weather was mild and springlike, and Bradstreet's report showed a decrease in the available supply of 768,000 bu. The cables were neither better nor worse than they have been, but were of no help to speculation, but a very good cash business was done and the clearances for the week were reported at 5,465,578 bu., against 4,853,458 bu. last week and 3,510,000 bu. a year ago. The close yesterday was a full ¼c off from the day before at 34⅞c sellers Dec., 34⅞c bid Jan. and 35@35⅛c asked for May.

All that can be said about oats is that it was a very dull but well sustained market. No speculative interest was taken and there were days and days when no sales were made. The close for the week yesterday, compared with last Saturday, was ⅛c off for Dec., with [illegible] was 23c bid, and ⅛c down for May, which closed at 24⅝c bid.

Traders' Gossip.

—The flour production at Minneapolis so far this season compares in quite an unsatisfactory manner with the production of last year and the year before. The largest output this year has been 370,000 bbls., the first week in Sept., which was larger than any week last year, during the fall season. A good portion of the time, however, the production has been under 200,000 bbls. per week.

—The details of the wheat imports of the principal importing countries of the world from Aug. 1 to Dec. 1 show a total of 143,622,000 bu., against 131,352,000 bu. last year. The United Kingdom, of course, leads the list, with 66,472,000 bu. Italy second with 13,216,000 bu. Belgium reported 13,726,000 bu. and Holland 12,504,000 bu.

—The figures on the barley crop of Great Britain make the crop 63,214,000 bu., against 67,715,000 bu. last year and 68,651,000 bu. two years ago. The crop of oats in the United Kingdom is placed at 164,847,000 bu., against 166,129,000 bu. last year. The figures on the crop are unexpectedly large.

—The world's exports of rye from Aug. 1 to Dec. 1 are reported at 25,288,000 bu., against 15,768,000 bu. last year, oats 43,656,000 bu., against 22,824,000 bu., and corn for the month of Nov. 26,024,000 bu., against 31,298,000 bu. last year.

—A special committee has reported in Denmark favoring the imposition of duties on agricultural products, in order to help the Danish agriculture and raise added revenue.

—Beerbohm cables that the amount of wheat on ocean increased this week 480,000 bu., and corn increased 240,000 bu.

—Cash business yesterday in Chicago were sales of 40,000 bu. No. 2 hard winter and 50,000 corn. Seaboard sales for export 392,000 bu. wheat and 500,000 bu. corn.

—English farmers' holdings of home-grown wheat this week in country markets were 408,000 bu., at average price of 86⅞c per bu., against 424,000 bu. at 86c last week and 536,000 bu. at 76⅝c for corresponding week last year.

—A decrease in Northwestern markets' receipts this week was more than offset by increases elsewhere, and the total in at primary points for the week of 4,523,000 bu. were 140,000 bu. larger than last week. They exceeded corresponding week last year by 1,566,000 bu., but fell behind those of two years ago 1,124,000 bu. Since July 1 primary receipts of spring and winter wheat have amounted to 142,850,000 bu., compared with 144,028,000 bu. for same period last year, and 176,244,000 bu. two years ago. Primary shipments this week were 1,021,000 bu., against 1,360,000 bu. last week.

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POULTRY MARKET.

Prices at New York Eased Off After Having Made Heavy Advances.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Dec. 22.—The curtain is about to be rung down on the Christmas turkey market of 1900, the last of the Nineteenth Century. Receipts were light for the first three days of the week, which permitted prices to ascend to a point where they could not be sustained even under a normal supply, and with considerable stock intended for other markets diverted here at the close, the market eased off from ½c to 1c per lb. on hens and fully 1c per lb. on heavy tom turks. The market, on the whole, was fairly satisfactory, and as shippers bought live stock on a conservative basis the prices obtained enabled them to wipe away many of the losses sustained on the Thanksgiving market.

The weather conditions throughout were favorable, and with deliveries on Monday and Tuesday of quite moderate proportions, the market assumed a rather steady tone on the basis of 11½@12c for hens, while average run of clean, dry-picked toms did not exceed 11c, except on a few fancy that were placed at 11½c. Maryland and Delaware turkeys arrived sparingly and sold at from 12½c to 13½c, a few of the more selective reaching 14c.

The receipts on Wednesday were more free, but contained only a limited proportion of fancy scalded stock, which was eagerly sought for by the out-of-town element, but buyers of dry-picked stock held off as much as possible. Strictly fancy Ohio and Northern Indiana dry-picked hens brought 12½c, mixed young hens and toms brought 12c and clear young toms did not exceed 11½c on finest, while rough ordinary lots had to go at 11c. Maryland turkeys advanced to 14c, and where the birds were all young, a further fractional premium was realized.

The receipts on Thursday were equal in volume to the combined offerings of the three previous days, and buyers seeing a full supply, moderated their ideas and the market eased off about ½c per lb. on mixed and young toms, with few sales of the latter reported at over 11c, while 11½c was rarely exceeded on mixed turkeys and clear hens were not salable over 12c. A liberal supply of up-river and Jersey turkeys were offered that sold at from 12@13½c, according to quality, while fancy Maryland turkeys brought 13@14c.

Friday a good many buyers were on the market, mostly the shop trade, who bought very sparingly and at their own prices. To-day, Saturday, the fresh receipts by freight were fairly heavy, besides a liberal quantity was carried over from the previous two days. Trade being well supplied for the week, the demand is confined to a few shoppers who are looking after handsome-appearing turkeys, to dress windows and the like. Business is quite limited and on a basis of 10c for mixed, with hens rarely exceeding 10½c, though fancy are held at 11c. Young toms, when prime and under 14 lbs., bring 10c, but very heavy young toms are not exceeding 9½c, without any prospects of a clearance.

There was quite a liberal supply of Western chickens and fowls, and while there was a fair call for both fancy dry-picked and scalded chickens, fowls were in moderate inquiry and inclined to drag at 9c, except on a few very fine dry-picked that brought 10c, but scalded fowls were slow of sale all week at 9½c, with the exception of a few pet marks of Michigan and Ohio fowls that were placed at 9½c. Average Western scalded chickens sold mainly at 10c, while the general run of dry-picked did not bring any more, but where the chickens showed up coarse and staggy 9@9½c had to be accepted, and some lots of Southwestern had to go at 8½@9c. On pet marks of fancy Ohio and Michigan scalded chickens 10½c was reached and large dry-picked roasting chickens brought same figures. Prime Southwestern turkeys were freely offered to-day at 10c, the actual selling price being 9@9½c. Prime Southwestern chickens closed at 8@8½c.

New York Market Gossip.

The following synopsis of the gossip in regard to the leading features of the New York market was received by D. R. Francis, Bro. & Co.:

New York, Dec. 22.—London's purchases exceeded sales by about 40,000 shares, buying heaviest common.

Feature of market was heavy buying orders through houses often identified with large banking interests. Hallgarten & Co. bought 25,000 Southern Railway common. Moore & Schley bought 10,000 N. P., F. W. Savin & Co. sold 10,000 St. Paul and 5,000 Atchison. There was heavy buying of St. Paul during the morning. Halle & Stieglitz, who have been continual buyers during the week, bought 5,000.

B. R. T. was bought by A. A. Houseman & Co. and Rolston & Bass in the first hour. After that orders came in from many sources on a large scale, and the price advanced sharply.

It was stated to-day that an important pool in Southern Pacific had liquidated its holdings during the past week, but the stock had been taken by new interests. H. L. Horton & Co. bought about 10,000 shares.

The buying in Sugar, as in many other stocks, was so large that it was hard to specify any particular source, although many orders were known to have been given out by Talbot J. Taylor & Co. There was no news in regard to the property, but it was believed by brokers active in the stock that some arrangement had been made with the Arbuckles. This belief has prevailed for days.

London cables were as follows:

London, 1:45 p. m.—Business in the department for American railway securities is animated. Trading is well distributed and advances have been scored extending to ¾ per cent in Southern Railway common. Among the features are C. & O., L. & N., St. Paul, Southern Pacific and Denver preferred.

The Banks.

New York, Dec. 22.—Money on call steady at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange nominal, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84⅞ for demand and at $4.80⅞@4.80⅞ for 60 days; posted rates $4.81½ and $4.85½; commercial bills $4.79⅝@4.80⅞. Silver certificates 64@65c. Mexican dollars 50c. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm. The imports of specie this week were $8,825 gold and $27,757 silver. Exports of gold and silver from this port to all countries for this week aggregate $1,467,185; silver bars and coin, and $147,000 gold. The imports of dry goods and merchandise to the port of New York this week were valued at $1,120,000. Exchanges $290,688,422; balances $9,271,934.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Exchanges $21,564,466; balances $2,154,654.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Clearings $19,930,405; balances $2,329,232. For the week—Clearings $119,327,804; balances $16,248,576.

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Clearings $3,377,394; balances $574,559. For the week—Clearings $23,402,911; balances $2,677,392.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—New York exchange 20@25c discount. Clearings $2,121,650. Money 3 to 6 per cent.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Clearings $21,134,519; balances $3,269,316. Posted exchange $4.82@4.86. New York exchange 25c premium.

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