NO GOOD IN GRAIN— SPECULATION DEAD DULL.

NO LIFE TO SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Showed Most Weakness and Closed Lower, but the Cheaper Grains Held About Steady.

The three days' rest taken by the speculative grain markets has been of no benefit to them, they being in a worse position, in a trading way, if possible, than previous to the Christmas holidays. There was nothing that was strictly new in the general situation, and, for that matter, traders here are not looking forward to changes of importance until after the New Year, and yesterday showed no disposition to increase their liabilities. The markets, without a single exception, were remarkably dull, after their triple holiday, and without a single redeeming feature, from a speculative standpoint, they opening up about where they closed three days ago, and undergoing no changes of importance until very near the close, when they got a little move on them, but not such as to create any excitement or bring about significant changes in values. The truth is that the cold trade took more interest in the caucus, to be held after the regular session, for the nomination of officers to serve during the first year of the new century, than they appeared to take in the different grain markets, and, naturally, they amounted to little in a speculative way during the entire session.

Wheat continues in the holiday dullness that the time of year always brings about, which came into existence just before Christmas and can be expected to remain over the New Year. During this holiday period operators are not disposed to increase their liabilities, consequently do not take much interest in the market, and speculative trading generally is extremely light. Yesterday was no exception to this rule, and a very dull and uninteresting market was experienced from the hour the session got under way until it closed. But while there appeared to be a dearth of orders, the undertone of the market, here and elsewhere, was fairly strong and opening prices better, in a small way. There were no English cables, the Liverpool and London markets still observing a holiday, and the only foreign market heard from was Paris, which was quoted ¼c lower. All the cable information that came to hand was bearish, but most of the early domestic conditions were more or less favorable to the long side, though their influence was not great. For instance, Northwestern markets were better on account of the light receipts. Locally, however, arrivals were good, at 180,312 bus, as compared with 147,400 bus year ago, but were 90,000 bu. less than those of a week ago, while the total primary receipts since last Saturday amounted to 2,117,000 bu., against 2,671,000 bu. for the same time a week ago, and 1,968,000 bu. last year. Shipments were only moderate, at 27,000 bu., and the local stock showed an increase of 94,000 bu. for the week. The world's shipments were large, at 7,229,000 bu., as the Black Sea shipments were decreased but slightly, and the amount on ocean passage increased 680,000 bu., while one year ago it showed a falling off of 1,112,000 bu. There were slim pickings for traders early, the bulk of the business transacted in the local pit being of a professional scalping nature. Still, an opening advance of ⅛@¼c was paid for May, which brought 72⅞c, but this option, in a very short time went off to 72⅝c, only to recover to 73c again.

During the balance of the earlier hours there was nothing really bullish received from anywhere. The export clearances were large, at 1,065,000 bu., but included some several days. There was an increase in the visible of 390,000 bu., in the face of an expected decrease, and which had a weakening effect, and May was offered at 72⅝@⅞c, with no buyers. Nothing of a strengthening nature developed later in the day, and speculation being practically dead, the market weakened, and soon the early strength, such as it was, disappeared. Cables from abroad were limited to Paris, which closed ⅝@⅞c lower for the day. There was very little buying of in the way of export business at the seaboard and here, and so much wheat came out the last half hour of the session that May declined to 72½c, and closed ⅞@¾c off for the day at that bid. Jan. closed nominally ¼c down, at 74c, and Dec. nominally ¼c down at 70⅝c. There were estimates that the coming Government report would indicate a yield of from $15,000,000 bu. to 350,000,000 bu., which, to say the least, was not conducive to strength, and was the principal cause for the late weakness shown.

There was a large amount of corn in sight yesterday morning, all Western markets reporting large receipts, while their shipments were relatively small. The weather was just the thing for moving the crop, and the belief was prevalent that arrivals would continue large for some time to come. The postings here yesterday were 457,000 bu. There were no market cables received, but the world shipments of 7,194,000 bu. were large, and of which 76 per cent was from America, the amount afloat decreasing only 268,000 bu., as compared with a decrease of 1,760,000 bu. a year ago. There was quite a surprise for the trade when the decrease of 374,000 bu. in the visible supply was posted, and which was said to be due to the fact that most of the corn arriving at Chicago was going into private elevators. Clearances from the ports were reported at 1,300,000 bu. The market was quiet but firm early. May opening at last Saturday's closing price of 59⅝c and afterwards selling at 59⅞c, but Jan. was weak, with sellers at 54½c and Jan. offered at 55½c. Until quite late in the day May had buyers at 59⅝c, but the weakness shown by wheat had a bad effect and it closed at 59½c sellers, with no takers. Dec. sold late at 54½c, and closed ¼c off at that. Jan. closed ⅛c better for the day at 54¾c asked and May No. 2 white had 55¾c bid.

The local market for oats was firm all day, but there was no speculative trading at any time. May had closed 1-16c better at 25⅝@¾c bid, and Dec. at 25¼c, asked. The visible supply of oats showed a decrease of 631,000 bu., where a year ago it increased 91,000 bu.

ON THE CURB—Wheat weak; May offered at 72⅝@¾c; puts 72⅝c; calls 72½@¾c.

Traders' Gossip.

—Visible supply of grain—

	Dec. 22, 1900.	Dec. 15, 1900.	Dec. 23, '99.
Wheat	61,435,000	60,045,000	58,878,000
Corn	7,564,000	8,138,000	12,324,000
Oats	9,301,000	9,932,000	8,473,000

—Total available supply:

	Dec. 22, 1900.	Dec. 15, 1900.	Dec. 23, '99.
Wheat-flour	18,784,000	18,164,000	19,141,000
Oats	15,326,000	16,298,000	17,135,000

—Total available supply:

Dec. 22, 1900	90,527,000	23,484,000	24,476,000
Dec. 15, 1900	89,186,000	23,428,000	24,606,000
Dec. 23, 1899	98,032,000	25,467,000	29,609,000

—Shipments of wheat by the principal exporting countries:

	Last Wk.	Wk. before.	Yr. ago.
America	4,129,000	4,848,000	2,512,000
Russia	896,000	1,232,000	880,000
Danubian	1,624,000	1,552,000	288,000
Australia	160,000	160,000	
Argentine	656,000	712,000	1,024,000
Totals	7,229,000	8,424,000	4,704,000

—Shipments of corn from the principal exporting countries:

	Last Wk.	Wk. before.	Yr. ago.
America	5,466,000	4,853,000	3,910,000
Russia	160,000	160,000	192,000
Danubian	1,072,000	1,136,000	256,000
Argentine	496,000	576,000	536,000
Totals	7,194,000	6,725,000	4,894,000

—Very little of interest can be said of the standing crop of wheat, and reports do little but duplicate former statements, says the Southeastern correspondent of the Modern Miller. The weather has been fair and bright and unseasonably warm. Following, as this does, the rains of the former week, it is calculated to energize the standing crop by too rapid growth, but no complaints to this effect have been heard, and probably the damage from this cause will be smaller than forecasters seem to believe. Indications seem to warrant the belief, however, that the Tennessee crop will be lighter than common.

—A report from Oregon says the wheat growers of that State are much worried over the work of the Hessian fly. Up to the present its ravages are not of great apparent consequence, but its presence is known, and unfortunately the real extent of damage cannot be estimated until the grain is of considerable size. Last year many fields of early fall sown wheat were destroyed by this pest.

—In California, it is said, crop conditions have seldom been better at this time of the year than they now are. The early-sown grain is in excellent condition, and farm work on the late sown is being rapidly completed. Nearly all sections report an increase in acreage.

—In a letter dated December 14 Fluck, Son & Newman of Gloucester, England, say: "Millers complain of poor consumptive trade, owing to mild, open weather. They express it as their opinion that if winter crops come through the winter safely, under 70c considerably will be nearer values."

—A comparison of the crops of wheat in the United Kingdom for the past ten years show that where production has been as small as it is in the present year, there has been quite an increase in the imports of foreign wheat.

—The position of the ocean freight market has been a steady one, with a moderate demand for both berth room and full cargoes. The outward movement is not pressing, but seems to be just about sufficient to absorb the room.

—H. C. Oldman received the following cable from his son, Clay, who is with a grain and agricultural implement house of Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic: "Merry Xmas. Happy New Century. Crop 40 per cent less for export." This would indicate the Argentine would have 40,000,000 bu. wheat to spare for export in 1901, against 16,000,000 bu. in 1900. Clay Coleman has been very correct in his estimates on the Argentine crop and surplus.

—The Chicago Trade Bulletin gives the following figures on the broadcloth situation: Carried over from crop of 1899, 15,000,000 bu.; present crop, 225,000,000 bu.; total supply, 240,000,000 bu. Deduct, 90,000,000 bu. for seed and consumption and 120,000,000 bu. for probable export, leaves 150,000,000 bu. to be carried over to next crop. Last year we exported 189,000,000 bu., and up to date our exports are 120,000,000 bu. less.

—Wheat receipts since Saturday at primary points were 2,117,000 bu., against 2,671,000 bu. for same time a week ago, 1,968,000 bu. one year ago, and 2,548,000 bu. two years ago. Receipts at St. Louis, 180,000 bu., against 282,000 bu. a week ago, and 14,000 bu. a year ago. Primary shipments, 27,000.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash Market—Received, 149 sks and 240 cars local and 37 cars through. A dull market and easy in tone. City milling demands small and but little taken for outside account. No sales from elevator stock heard of. In sample, on track, No. 2 red at 71@72c; No. 3 red at 69@70c; No. 4 at 67@68c. Mixed wheat at 69@70c. Other lots at outside price. No. 2 red at closing; No. 2 hard at 69@70c, and Turkey do. No. 2 at 69@70c. Mixed wheat at 69@70c.

CORN—Cash Market—Received, 190 sks and 221 cars local and 42 cars through. A dull market and easy in tone. City milling demands small and but little taken for outside account. No sales from elevator stock heard of. In sample, on track, No. 2 white at 71½@72c; No. 3 white at 71½c. Other lots at outside price. No. 2 red at closing; No. 2 hard at 69@70c, and Turkey do. No. 2 at 69@70c. Mixed wheat at 69@70c.

OATS—Cash market—Received, 109 sks, and 54 cars local and 8 cars through. Lower, but in shipping and local demand at the decline, though all offerings not sold. On track, in sample, No. 2 white at 27½@28c; No. 2 mixed at 27½@28c; No. 2 white at 27½@28c; No. 3 white at 26@26½c; No. 2 white at 26@26½c, and clipped 28c. No. 3 do. at 25½@26c and fancy do. at 28c. In store, mainly latter, no Spot.

RYE—Lower and dull. No buyers apparently in market and No 2 obtainable at 54c.

FLOUR—No sales in, and consequently no change in business. Jobbing trade quite dull. The last well stocked and buying very little, and not much demand from any source. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents, $3.60@3.65; straights $3.35@3.45; extra family $2.90@2.95; fancy $2.65@2.75; low and medium $2.25@2.35. Hard winter in jute sks: Patents, choice, $2.80@3 for straights and $2.70@2.80 for patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3 in sks, and $3.10 in bbls.

CORNMEAL—$2; pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.20.

MILLFEED—A right firm market, for, while the demand was a moderate one, the offerings were small. There were buyers of bran at 66c in large sks and 67½c paid in 100-lb. sks; choice would sell at 67½c, and 68c and bulk at 65@65½c. At mill bran jobs at 67@68c, and ships at 66@67c.

HAY—Received 740 lb. local and 220 tons through, and 1,000 lb. and 6 tons. While the offerings were not large, the market was very dull, as the demand was exceedingly light. Prices ruled as follows: Timothy, $12@12.50 for choice, $12@12 for No. 1, $10@11 for No. 2, $8@10 for No. 3; prairie $8@9.50 for No. 1, $8@9 for No. 2, $6@8 for No. 3. Clover $9@11.

STRAW—Wheat on track $4.50@5.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover $10@12, timothy $4@5 $4.50; red-top 50c for chaff to $8 for fancy; millet $1@1.50; Hungarian $1@1.50.

CASTOR BEANS—Bid $1.50 per bu. for prime in car lots.

HEMP SEED—$2.80 per 100 lbs., pure basis.

FLAXSEED—No market trade.

LEAD—Nothing doing and no change reported. Soft Missouri and chemical lard quotable at $4.75@4.80, delivered held at $4.85.

SPELTER—Nominally unchanged at $4.

Prices on Change.

The following tables show the range of prices in futures and cash grains.

	Closed Saturday.	Range Wednesday.	Closed Wednesday.
Wheat—Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Last Year.	Saturday.	Wednesday.
Wheat—No. 2 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 red	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 4 winter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—No. 2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—No. 2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 3 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 4 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Shipments Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	180,312	457,200	24,400	132,000	27,000	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	1,186,000	157,000	35,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toledo	24,200	186,000	12,000	3,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit	4,000	28,000	1,400	7,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kansas City	445,000	125,000	115,000	24,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Peoria	16,000	49,000	212,000	4,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minneapolis	252,000	264,740	75,000	18,800	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duluth	218,101	49,098			[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	109,263	201,162
Baltimore	55,267	240,659	8,000	244,557	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	43,088	158,357	31,078	149,414	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boston	7,525	196,700	200,355	247,375	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Orleans	76,000	122,000	18,000	201,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Galveston	150,000		170,000		[illegible]	[illegible]

Stocks of Grain in Store.

Grain in St. Louis elevators:

	To-day.	Saturday.	Last Yr.
Wheat	4,998,073	4,904,473	2,135,774
Corn	218,838	191,856	561,376
Oats	24,341	21,953	15,014
Rye	3,860	3,755	9,844
Barley	10,140	12,140	49,820
Contract grades:			
No. 2 red	2,073,791	2,088,219	1,566,805
No. 2 hard	230,848	231,167	61,512
No. 2 corn	45,441	44,628	275,391
No. 2 white corn	31,202	21,318	146,123
No. 2 oats	18,159	18,261	9,459
No. 2 rye	3,860	3,655	8,569

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 800 bbls.; Milwaukee, 23,605 bbls.; Minneapolis, 99,938 bbls.; New York, 3,811 bbls. and 41,262 sks.; Baltimore, 2,315 bbls.; Boston, 2,797 sks.; Philadelphia, 3,065 sks.; New Orleans, 300 bbls. and 41,666 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

The produce markets were generally dull and slow yesterday, as the Christmas trade was over and the usual holiday dullness was manifested in all lines. Shippers were out of the market, and the local jobbing trade, but the light receipts prevented a slump in prices.

Potatoes were dull and slow, as there was no demand to speak of, but receipts were light, and all grades were firm, choice eating and seed varieties were firmly held. Shippers were inclined to hold off, and local buyers did little, but there was a fair inquiry from the outside.

Sweet potatoes were quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

Cauliflower was in fair demand and steady.

Cucumbers were scarce, in good demand and firm.

Peppers were dull and slow.

Spinach and kale were also dull and unchanged.

Onions were scarce, in good demand and firm, as receipts were light.

Lettuce was plentiful and weak, as offerings were more liberal.

Celery was steady and in fair demand at unchanged prices.

Cabbage was firm and higher. Offerings were light, and there was a good demand for choice stock.

Onions were quiet and steady. There was a good demand for choice stock, but damp, sprouted or inferior stock was dull and slow.

Tomatoes were in fair demand and firm. Receipts were light and rather poor in quality.

Apples were quiet and steady. There was a fair demand for fancy fruit, but common and inferior fruit was plentiful and slow. Receipts were moderate, but were in excess of the requirements.

Grapes were dull and slow at unchanged prices. Receipts were light, but the demand was also light.

Strawberries were quiet and steady, as receipts were light and the demand slow.

Oranges were quiet and steady, as both the demand and receipts were light.

Lemons were steady and unchanged.

Cranberries were dull and slow.

Live poultry was dull and slow. Receipts were light, but there was no demand to speak of, and prices were unchanged.

Chickens were salable, but receipts were light. Turkeys were not wanted, and ducks and geese were quiet and unchanged.

Dressed poultry was also quiet and unchanged. Receipts were unusually light, but there was practically no demand, and not enough sales on which to base quotations.

Veals were firmer and there was a fair demand for choice stock.

Game was firm and in good demand at unchanged prices.

Wood was quiet and steady at unchanged prices.

Hides were steady and unchanged. Receipts were liberal, but there was a fair demand for good stock.

Furs were quiet, but firm. Receipts were light, but were ample for the demand.

Eggs.

The market was firm and higher yesterday, as receipts were light and shipments were heavy. Choice fresh stock sold at 18c, loss off, but cold-storage and held stock were dull and slow.

Receipts at St. Louis were 1,346 cases and shipments were 1,000 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was quiet and steady yesterday, and prices were unchanged. There was little demand, but receipts were light. Quotations: Creamery, extra, 24c; firsts 20@22c; seconds 18@19c. Dairy—Extra 19@20c; firsts 15@16c; greasy 4@5c. Country—Store-packed fir for good to ch 16@17c for poor. Ladle-packed—Extra 15c; firsts 14@14½c. Roll 8@9c for good to fir for choice.

Cheese—Quote: Twins 11¼c; singles 12c; Y. A. 12½c; New York 11½c; Limburger 11½@12c; Sales 14@15c; brick 12@12½c.

Provisions.

Pork quiet; lard lower.

Pork—New standard jobbing f. o. b. $12.50.

Lard—Choice steam 6½ ckle $6.77½.

Green Hams—On basis 8c for 16 and 18 averages in car lots f. ckle; other averages in ratio. From the block, delivered: Hams 7¾c to 8¼c; bellies 7¾c to 10c, as in average. New York shoulders 5c.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. lots jobbing: Extra shorts 6¾c; ribs 6¾c; clear sides 6¾c; bellies 7¾c, as in average; plates 6½c. Higher on small orders.

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

Ohio Stearline—4¼c.

Tallow—Country No. 1 at 4¾c; No. 2 3¾@4c. Packers' choice 5¼@5½c.

Grease—Small irregular lots country: Brown 2c, yellow 3½c, white 3½c. Packers' stock: Brown 2½@3¼c, yellow 3¼@3½c, white 3½@3¾c.

Beef—On orders: Bbld.—Plate $9.50; Fulton Market $18.50; dried at 100@12½c per lb.; tongues at 14½c per lb.

Hides.

Dry flint—Average receipts, round 14½c; choice Texas 15c. Dry-salted—Round 12c. Green-salted—Western round 7½c; Southern 7c. Dry flint—Selected No. 1 15½c; selected No. 2 13½c. Dry-salted—No. 1 12½c; No. 2 11½c. Green-salted—No. 1 8½c; No. 2 7½c; bull 6½c. Cheared 1c per lb. less; part cured ½c per lb. less and glue stock half price.

Furs.

Raccoon—		Muskrat	
		Opossum—	
No. 1 large	85	No. 1 large	25
No. 1 medium	60	No. 1 medium	15
No. 1 small and		No. 1 small	10
No. 2	20@40	Trash wormless	
No. 3	40	Wolf—Prairie	50
No. 4	10	Timber	50@1.50
Mink—		Red Fox—	
No. 1 large	$ 1.25	No. 1	1.00
No. 1 medium	1.00	No. 2	75
No. 1 small & No. 2	50	No. 3	25
No. 2	25	No. 4	10
No. 3	15	Cross Fox—	
No. 4	10	No. 1	5.00
Skunk—Prime, as to size		No. 2	3.00
Black, large	1.50	No. 3	2.00
Black, medium	50	No. 4	50
Short stripe	70	Gray Fox—	
Narrow do	40@45	No. 1	50
Broad do	20	No. 2	30
Pale Cub	25@30	No. 3	20
Texas, round	25@30	No. 4	10
Indian Territory	40@50	Otter—	
Blue or not prime	15	No. 1 large	8.00
Wild cat	10@25	No. 1 medium	6.00
Chipmunk	10	No. 2	3.00
Badger	50@75	No. 3	2.00
House cat	10	No. 4	1.00
		Bear	10@15
		Beaver	10@4

Wool.

Missouri & Illinois—		Heavy fine	11@13
Med combing	20@21	Tex. F. T. & ch.	
Med clothing	18@19	Medium	12@15
Braid & low	15@16	Coarse & low	11@16
Burry & clear		Fine medium	14@16
Burry	17@18	Light fine	14@16
Slightly burry	15@16½	Heavy fine	11@12
Hard burry	12@12	Dakota & Western	
Light fine	16@17	Bright med	15@16
Heavy fine	12@14	Coarse & low	13@15
Leader	17@18½	Fine medium	14@16
Wisconsin & Iowa		Light fine	14@16
Med combing	18@19	Heavy fine	11@12
Braid & clothing	17@18	Arkansas & South	
Semiblight	15@16½	Med clothing	18@20
Blight	12@14	Med clothing	18@20
Fine medium	15@16	Burry	13@15
Light fine	14@15	Unwashed—	
Heavy fine	11@12	No. 1	23
Kansas & Nebraska		No. 2	21
Bright med'm	19	Burry	16@21
Dark & sandy	14@18	Clean & clear	19@20
Fine medium	14@15	Burry & clot	14@16
Light fine	13@14	Ind. & ill.	19@24

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Straight young 5c; old roosters 4c; broilers 6c. Turkeys—Choice dressing stock 8c; thin and poor less. Ducks 6@7c. Geese—Top-feathered 12c. Old pigeons and squabs, per doz., 75c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Quote scalded and undrawn, with heads and feet on: Turkeys at 8c for choice. Chickens 5@6c. Ducks 7@8c. Geese 8@9c.

GAME—We quote choice, select sweet stock only: Quail—Bobwhite $1.00; drawn $1. Prairie chickens—Dark 85. Pheasant 85. Wild turkeys, per lb.—Toms 8c; hens 8c. Ducks, per doz.—Mallards $3; teal $1.50@2; canvasback $3@4; redhead $2; green-wing teal $1.50; mixed $1.25. Jacksnipe $1.50. Plover $1.25. Woodcock—Large $6. Deer—Saddles, per lb., 9@9½c; venison carcass, per lb., 7@8c. Rabbits—Per doz., cottontails $1.50; cottonmouth $1.50. Squirrels $1@1.50. Possums, each, 5@25c.

VEALS—Choice fat at 6@6½c per lb.; heretics, thin and rough at 5c. Sheep dull at 5@6c; ewes and bucks at 2@3c per lb. Spring lambs—Fancy at 4c to 4½c per lb. for choice; buck lambs at 3@3½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Quote: Eastern, packed—Baldwin at from $1.40 to $1.70 for No. 2 to $2@2.50 for No. 1; greening at from $1.75 to $2 for No. 2 to $2.50@3 for No. 1; Jonathan, King at $2@2.25; mixed at $2@2.50 for choice varieties; Ben Davis quotable at $1.50@2 and Russet at $2@2.50 per bbl, measure on track. Western packed—Ben Davis and Jonathan range from $1.60 to $2.50; winesap and Jonathan at $2.50@3; Rome Beauty, Baldwin, Ben Davis, Idaho red, apples at $1.60 per bbl; box for winesap and $1.60@1.80 for Newtown pippin and Roman beauty.

BERRIES—Cranberries—First receipts 75c per pint.

GRAPES—Catawbas in limited supply and firm at 18@19c per pony basket with fancy paper labels.

PEARS—Scarce. Last sales choice Eastern Keifers at $3@3.25 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Quote winter Nellis and Eastern Seckels at $2.50@3 per box.

ORANGES—We quote car lots on trk.: Florida at $2.50 per box for russets and bright. California navels at $2.50 for fancy and $2.25 for choice; seedlings at $2@2.25 for fancy and $1.75@2 for choice; Mediterranean sweets at $2@2.50 from store or 25c higher than above prices. Sale—1 car California navels at $2.60 on track.

LEMONS—Quote: New Messina and California at $3.50@4 per box in car lots; holding 25c higher.

MALAGA GRAPES—Quote at $6@6.50 per cbl.

CRANBERRIES—Quote at $7.50 per bbl., or in a small way at $1 per pk.

PINEAPPLES—Florida at $3 to $3.25 per crate containing 24 to 36 pines.

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

GRAPE FRUIT—Quote Jamaica at $5 to $6 per bbl.; Florida at 50@60 and California at 50@4 per box.

CRANBERRIES—Sales in a jobbing way from store, fancy berries per bbl.: Early black at $9@9.50; late black at $9@9.50; late red at $9@9.50.

POTATOES—We quote Northern on trk.: Minnesota and Wisconsin—Burbank or rural at 50@60c for fair to fancy; for choice to triumph seed. Michigan—Burbank at 60@65c for sound, bright, smooth stock; but graded, sale affected with dry rot and all inferior sun for less. Nebraska—Burbank at 55@60c; rose or red and 50c dry. Yellow at 50c in sks, sel.

CABBAGE—Quote domestic at $10@14 and Holland seed at $15 to $16 per bbl. Dealers charge $1.50 per crate extra for cabbage in small lots.

RUTABAGAS—Last sale bulk at 50c per bu. del. on orders at $1.25 per bbl.

SAUERKRAUT—Quote bbls. at $5.75, half bbls. at $3.50, on orders higher.

STRING BEANS—Quote choice Florida round green at $20@30 per bu. box—bed stock nominally gone.

LETTUCE—Choice New Orleans head brought in fair demand at $3.50@4.50 per bbl.—burnt, rusty quotable at 2 per lb.

CELERY—We quote: Michigan small-sized (Kalamazoo) at 8@12c; fancy large white plume at $3 to $3.50 per crate containing 8 to 10 doz.; and bulk stuff at 20@25c per bunch. Illinois cases containing 4 to 6 doz. at 75c to $1. Home-grown at 1c to 4c per bunch. Celery roots dull at 25c to 35c per doz. California quotable at 40c to 50c per doz., and at $2.50 per crate.

TOMATOES—Quote choice Florida at 35@4 per 6-basket crate; extra fancy worth more; small and poor nominally less. California at $1.25 to $1.75 per 4-basket crate.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown, Bermuda and yellow Nansemond, queen and red Nansemond at 50c per bu. Virginia at $2.50 per bbl. for Bermuda and $2 for Nansemond on orders.

CARROTS—Quote new Southern at 25c per doz. bunches; old Northern in bulk at 35c to 40c per 100 lbs. Sale car bulk at $1 per 100 lbs. Sale on orders, dealers charge $1 per bbl. and peck stock less. Home-grown sells at 30@35c per bu. basis.

EGGPLANT—Quote Florida at $1.50@2 per 1½-bu. crate.

TURNIPS—Home-grown stock sell loose at 15c per bu. Orders charged 25c per bbl. Consignments unsalable.

PEPPERS—Quote choice Florida at $1.25 to $1.50 per 6-basket crate.

CUCUMBERS—Quote Florida at $2@2.50 per bu. box.

GUMBO—Quote New Orleans at $1.50 to $2 per bu. box.

CAULIFLOWER—California slow and easier at $2 per crate del.

SPINACH AND KALE—Home-grown dull at 10@15c per bu. loose.

RADISHES—Choice New Orleans at 20@40c per doz. bunches—top rates for white-tipped. Louisiana stock at $1@1.50 per bbl.

MUSHROOMS—Dull at 25@35c per lb.

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

BEETS—New Orleans (new) quiet at 30c to 40c per doz. bunches. Old sell at $1 per bbl. on orders.

HUBBARD SQUASH—Quotable at $14 per ton.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS—Slow sale at 15c to 20c per quart.

PUMPKINS—Home-grown at 40c per 100 lbs.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quotable at $1.40 per crate.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—Steady. Prime live geese, in small sks, 36c; in large sks, 34c; mixed, 30c; old white 35@40c; XXX 30@32c; XX 26@28c; No. 1 26@28c; XXXX 3c. Chicken 2c. Turkey—Tall 18c; wing 8c; pointers 4c; wing and tail 10c; wing and tail and pointers 7c; body 2c. Duck—White at 25c; dark at 22c.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Prime deerskins 20c per lb., Texas at 18c; antelope 14c per lb.; goat 25c to 35c; elk or stamkins 40c.

ROOTS—Ginseng at from $4.50 for small to $4 for large; lady slipper at $2; Seneca at 25c; pink at 14c; golden seal at 35@40c; apple at 2½c; snake at 3½c; black 4c; Angelica 3½c; walnut bark of root 5c, bark of tree 2½c; blood 2½c; bluecap 3c; skullcap leaves 1c; sassafras bark 5c; wild ginger 2½c.

SHEEP PELTS—Full-wool pelts at 50c to 90c, according to amount of wool on them; lamb at 50@60c; shearlings at 25@40c; dressing at 20@25c. Dry stock, fallen, etc., 8@9c per lb.

BEESWAX—Quote at 25c per lb. for prime.

DRIED FRUIT—Quote: Apples—Evaporated rings at 3½c to 4c; quarters at 3½c to 4c; chops at 1½@2c; peelings at 1½; sun-dried quarters at 3c to 3½c; chops and peelings neglected, no price quotable. Peaches—Evaporated unpeeled halves at 4c; sun-dried at 1c to 2½c.

DRIED GREEN PEASE—Jobbing from store at $1.50@1.60; Scotch $1.20@1.35; split $1.40.

HONEY—Comb at 12@15c; fancy white clover 13@15c; inferior, dark and broken less. Extracted and strained in bbls. at 6@6½c and in cans at 7@7½c.

MOSS—We quote: Gray and brown mixed at 1½@1½c; gray and brown and black mixed 2c; black and brown do. 2½c; black 2½c; machine-picked N at 2½c; XN at 3½c; XXN at 4½c; XXXN at 5½c; inferior picked less.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline $1; vinegar 40c; whisky 50c; linseed, lard oil and varnish 75c; sugar 85c; whisky 80c, do. half bbls. 50c; wine $1; sauerkraut 35c; pickle 45c; molasses 50c; lard 75c—25c off for each broken head or stave; 2c off for each hoop missing.

BROOMCORN—In light offerings; readily salable at $50 to $75 per ton.

BONES—Choice bleached at $18 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $15.

RAGS, ETC., per 100 lbs.—Country rags at 50c. Old copper, No. 1 and Manila $1.50; No. 2 $2.50. Rubber $8.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL, per 100 lbs.—Wrought iron 45c; heavy cast 42½c; malleable 30c; steel 30c; breakings 20c; stove 30c; heavy light brass $7.25; heavy brass $11.50. Copper $12.50. Zinc $2.50. Lead $1.50. Pewter $12.

COOPERAGE—Quote: Lard tcs. at $1.15; pork bbls. 50c; do. half bbls. 35c; slack work—round-hoop flour bbls. 25c; flat-hoop do. 32c; half-bbls. 24c; meal bbls. 28c; produce or apple bbls. 25c.

HIGHWINES—Selling on a basis of $1.27.

LINSEED OIL—At the raw and 52c boiled; 1c per gal. less for car lots.

Petroleum.

New York, Dec. 26.—Petroleum dull.

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 26.—Credit balances $1.19; certificates closed $1.12 bid for cash oil. Shipments 155,301 barrels, average 95,604 barrels; runs 156,628 barrels, average 28,031 barrels.

Sugar.

New York, Dec. 26.—Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining 3⅞c; centrifugal 96 test, 4⅝c; molasses super 3⅝c; refined quiet.

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Sugar steady; open kettle 23⅝c; open kettle centrifugal 2 12-16@4½c; centrifugal whites 4⅝@4 11-16c; yellow 4@4½c; seconds 2⅝c. Molasses steady; open kettle 25@32c; centrifugal 8@22c.

The Visible.

New York, Dec. 26.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, December 22, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 61,435,000 bu., increase 391,000 bu.; corn, 7,564,000 bu., decrease 574,000 bu.; oats 9,35,000 bu., decrease 631,000 bu.; rye 1,268,000 bu., decrease 72,000 bu.; barley 2,857,000 bu., decrease 627,000 bu.

SPECULATIVE MARKETS WERE RATHER FATIGUED.

MAY WHEAT CLOSED SOME LOWER.

May Corn and Oats Were Without Change—Provisions Opened Strong, but Reacted.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—Grain and other speculative Board of Trade commodities were not benefited any to-day since Saturday. They had even a more fatigued appearance than before the resting spell commenced, and prices suffered some decline in consequence of the desperate chilliness. May wheat closed ¼@⅜c down since Saturday last, but May corn and oats were without change. Dec. corn suffered, however, showing at the close a decline. Provisions, after early strength, closed weak and lower; pork at from 7½c to 10c loss; lard 30c for Dec. and 2½c for Jan., and ribs 5c.

Wheat.

Wheat opened firm, but very quiet, the quietness being more noticeable than the firmness, although the latter was sufficiently obvious, seeing that the starting quotations were at from ⅛c to 1⅛@1¼c a bu. above the closing figures of Saturday last. Liverpool and London exchanges were closed, but Paris sent the usual report of the market alterations, which gave wheat at from 1c to 1c a bu. lower, and the German wheat markets were reported firm. News of interest concerning the facts that generally influence speculative opinion was scarce outside of the usual statistical announcements, which ordinarily come out on Mondays. The world's weekly exports of wheat and flour were 7,250,000 bu., as against 8,418,000 bu. the previous week and 4,164,000 bu. the corresponding week of the year before. The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage