SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

Good export buying and bullish reports from the winter-wheat-growing regions caused futures to advance more than 1c a bu. in the local market yesterday. While the primary receipts were swelled by the heavy movement to Northwestern points, a large proportion of the spring wheat in sight was being taken by millers who were said to have foreign orders for flour at fancy prices. On the local exchange there was no mistaking the bullish sentiment. There was a big volume of outside buying orders, and millers and exporters were also in the pit snapping up offers on the up-turn.

Corn was strong in sympathy with wheat, and also because of light receipts and an excellent cash demand from the South and Southwest. While there was some falling off in the cash inquiry for oats, speculative trading was brisk and prices generally higher.

Dec. wheat opened ⅝c up and close 1⅛c up. May opened ⅝c up and closed 1⅛c up.
Dec. corn opened ⅝c up and closed ⅝c up. May opened ⅝@⅝c up and closed ⅝@⅞c up.
May oats opened ⅛c up and closed ⅜c up.

On the local Stock Exchange the feature of the trading was the activity of the traction issues, which were bought in large quantities, apparently for inside interests, at advancing prices. Trust company stocks were in fair demand and a few bank stocks scored advances.

Produce was steady and practically unchanged. Potatoes and cabbage were very firm and the remainder of the vegetable list steady.

Yesterday's bank clearings were $8,181,179, balances $1,009,881.
Discount rates for call and time loans were easy between 5 and 6 per cent.
Spot cotton was quiet and unchanged in the local market.

WHEAT WAS BUOYANT IN ST. LOUIS MARKET.

CORN WAS IN GOOD CASH DEMAND.

Foreign Strength and Drought News Sent Prices Higher.

Strength and buoyancy were the characteristics of the local grain markets yesterday. Wheat maintained its lead well and carried corn and oats with it on the upturn. Better export buying and additional reports of drought in the winter wheat States were the principal factors in the advance. Receipts of winter wheat at primary points were large, and the movement to St. Louis for two days was only slightly greater than on a single day last year. Argentine shipments for the week were exceedingly small, as compared with both last week and last year, a condition which seemed to bear out the predictions that the crop in the South American Republic would be short. Reports from Minneapolis and Duluth indicated a heavy demand for wheat for milling and export flour account. Buying in this market was good throughout the session, the bulk of the trades being in the May option.

Dec. wheat opened ⅝c up and sold at 76½c, 76⅝c, 76½c, 76⅝c, 76⅞c, 77½c, 77⅛c, 77⅛c, 77⅛c, 77⅛c, 77⅛c and 77⅝c, and closing at 77⅛c.

May sold at 78½c, 78½@78⅝c, 78¼c, 78⅛c, 78⅛c, 78⅛c, 78⅛c, 78⅛@78⅜c, 78⅜c, 78⅜@78½c, 78½c, 78½c, 78½c, 78½c, 78½@78⅝c, 78⅝c, 78⅝c, 78⅝c, 78⅝c, 78⅝@78¾c, 78¾c, 78c, 78⅞@79c, 79c, 79c, 79c, 79c, 79c, 79c@79⅛c, 79⅛c, 79⅛c, 79⅛@79¼c, 79¼c and 79½c.

In addition to the sympathy with wheat, corn had a great many strong points, chief of which was an increased foreign demand and light receipts at primary points. Trading was about evenly distributed between the two options. There was an excellent inquiry from outsiders, especially in the South and Southwest, where, it was reported, extremely high prices were being offered for the grain for both feeding and seeding purposes.

Dec. corn opened ¼c up and sold at 45⅝c, 45½c, 45⅝c, 45½c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 45⅝c, 46c, 45⅞c, 46c, 45⅞c, 46c and 46⅛c.

May sold at 46½c, 46⅛c and 46⅛c.

Oats advanced in line with corn. May opened ¼c up at 45⅝c and closed ⅝c up at 45⅞c.

Receipts of wheat at St. Louis were 69,250 bu., compared with 27,918 bu. a year ago. Of these 231 sacks and 69 cars were local and 4 cars through, compared with 1,208 sacks and 42 cars local and 2 cars through the same date a year ago.

Receipts of wheat at primary points were 1,921,288 bu., as compared with 1,355,000 bu. same date last year.

Shipments, 702,891 bu., as compared with 1,659,000 bu. same date last year.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth were 1,437 cars, as compared with 1,187 cars same date last year.

Receipts of corn at St. Louis were 130,400 bu., compared with 83,920 bu. a year ago. Of these 148 cars were local and 15 cars through, compared with 2,848 sacks and 73 cars local and 22 cars through the same date a year ago.

Receipts of corn at primary points were 429,576 bu., as compared with 587,000 bu. same date last year.

Shipments, 358,617 bu., compared with 965,000 bu. same date last year.

Receipts of oats at St. Louis were 58,800 bu., compared with 36,315 bu. a year ago. Of these 23 cars were local and 16 cars through, compared with 63 sacks and 29 cars local and 1 car through the same date a year ago.

Receipts of oats at primary points were 299,496 bu., as compared with 244,000 bu. same date last year.

Shipments, 347,137 bu., compared with 181,000 bu. same date last year.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Cash market—Receipts 621 sks. and 6 cars local and 5 cars through. By sample, No. 2 red sold, switched, track and elevator, milk this side, and one car E. side, No. 2 red quotable at 79@79c, and No. 4 at 72@73c. Shd. No. 2 red sold in elevator at 77c. No. 3 worth 74@74½c, and No. 4 sold at 72c. No. 2 spring sold at 77c.

CORN—Cash Market—Receipts 148 cars local and 15 cars through. Sales by sample of new at 46c E. and 46½c this side for No. 2 mixed and yellow and No. 3 mixed; 46½@47c for No. 2 yellow this side; No. 3 white at 46½@46½c E. and 46c this side; No. 3 white at 46c this side.

OATS—Cash Market—Receipts 23 cars local and 16 cars through. By sample No. 2 sold at 45½c; No. 3 at 45c; No. 2 white at 45½c; No. 3 white at 45½@45½c; No. 4 white at 45½@45½c.

RYE—No. 2 quotable at 65½c.

BARLEY—Quotable at 58c to 64c, according to weight and color.

FLAXSEED—No market.

FLOUR—Quotations on soft winter for car lots in jute sks.: Patents $3.60@3.75; straights $3.40@3.55; extra fancy $3.20@3.40; clear $2@2.35; low-grade soft winter in jute sks. at $2.20 for choice to $2.40@2.75 for fancy; hard winter in jute sks. $2.40@2.75 for clear, $2@3.10 for straights, $3.25@3.75 for patents; spring wheat patents $3.40@3.60 in bulk; 30c higher in wood.

BRAN—Held at $1.05 for large and $1.05 in 100-lb. sks.; bran sells at $1.00@1.05 at mill.

SHIPSTUFF—Held at $1.05@1.10 in sks. at mill $1.15@$1.20; mixed feed, in 100-lb. sks. at $1.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3.20 in sks. and $3.50 in bbls.

CORNMEAL—City meal f. o. b. $3.15; pearl meal, grits and hominy, $3.40.

HAY—Received 600 tons local and 100 tons through; shipped 100 tons. Prices f. o. b. track, loose: Timothy—Fancy or choice, $12@12.50; No. 1, $12@13 for No. 2; clover $11@12 for No. 2 and $12@13.50 for No. 1; clover-mixed ranges at $10 to $12; prairie this side $11 for choice to $10@11 for No. 1 and $9@10 for No. 2; alfalfa $11@12.

LEAD AND SPELTER—Spelter $4.12½. Lead very strong, with soft Missouri at $4.25 to $4.27½; desilverized at $4.32½; chemical hard at $4.27½.

HIGHWINES—Higher at $1.31.

Prices on 'Change.

The following tables show the range of prices on future and cash grains:

	Closed. Wednesday.	Ranged. Yesterday.	Closed. Yesterday.
Wheat—Dec	76½c	76@77⅞c	77⅞c
May	78⅛	78⅛@79c	78⅞c
Corn—Dec	45⅝	45⅝@46⅛c	45⅞c
May	46 @¼ b	46⅛@46⅞c	46⅞c
Oats—Dec	.....	.....	45 b
May	44⅝	45⅛@45⅞c	45⅞c

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

	Yesterday.	Wednesday.	Year Ago.
Wheat—No. 2 red	79 @79	77 @78	71 @72
No. 3 red	77 @78	76 @77	69 @70
No. 4 red	.....	72 @73	63 @65
No. 2 hard	75 @77	75½@.....	68 @69
No. 3 hard	74 @74½	73 @.....	68 @68½
Corn—No. 2 mixed	46 @46½	45⅝@.....	35½@36
No. 2 white	47 @	47⅛@47½	37 @37½
No. 3 mixed	46 @46½	45½@45⅝	35½@35⅝
No. 3 white	46½@47	46½@46⅞	37 @
No. 4 white	46½@46½	45½@46	35½@35½
No. 2 mixed	46 @46½	45 @46⅛	35 @35⅛
No. 4 mixed	45½@46	45½@46	32½ n

Stocks of Grain in Store.

Wheat	3,208,324	2,287,700	5,189,156
Corn	386,795	364,418	44,547
Oats	124,336	142,847	37,962
Rye	103,769	101,547	12,142
Barley	3,722	20,569	4,421
No. 2 red wheat	2,556,295	2,600,976	2,580,599
No. 3 hard	411,126	407,643	254,584
No. 2 mixed corn	167,059	156,702	18,599
No. 3 hard	28,554	23,520	8,377
No. 2 mixed oats	53,550	61,113	36,000
No. 2 white	3,333	2,333	.....
No. 3 rye	97,147	97,147	7,808
No. 2 yellow corn	172,102	164,979	.....

ST. LOUIS PRODUCE MARKETS.

Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations.

Eggs.

Current receipts at 22c, loss off, for near-by; receipts 437 cases; shipments 615 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—Steady. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 27c; firsts 25c; seconds 20@22c. Dairy—Extra 19 @20c; firsts 16@18c. Country—Choice 15c; poor to fair 10@12c; roll 15c; poor to fair 10@12c; grease 4c. Ladle-packed—Extra 16c; firsts 15c.

Cheese—Jobbing: Twins at 12c; singles 12½c; daisies 12½c; N. Y. A. 12½c; long horns 12½c; N. Y. large 12½c; N. Y. small 12½c. Limburger 12c. Swiss—Choice 15c; No. 2 12@13c. Brick 12½c.

Provisions.

Pork—New standard 17c in a jobbing way.

Lard—Choice steam 8, side 7.60 per lb. in a jobbing way; bottle rendered at 8@8½c.

Cured Hams—In car lots f. o. b. 8 sides: Hams 9½c at 9½c; 16s at 9½c; 18s and 20s at 9½c; skinned hams—16s at 10½c; 18s at 10½c; 20s at 10½c. California bellies 8½c. Short clear sides—Boxed 8½c; California 8½c. New York shoulders 7½c. Smoke-house cured sides held at 8@8½c; clear sides at 8½c; clear bellies at 8½@8½c, as to average; plates at 8c; fat backs at 8½c; standard backs at 8½c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Hams—Sugar cured, 8 c. meats in a jobbing way range: Breakfast bacon at from 9½c for heavy to 10½c for fancy light. Dried beef—Jobbing range: Flats, 9½c; sets, 10c; in jobbing way. New York shoulders 7½c. Pickle-cured ham, smoke in a jobbing way range: Extra short and clear 8½@9½c; clear bellies 9½c; clear sides at 8½c; fat backs at 8½c; standard backs at 8½c. Dealers charge higher on orders.

Hams—Sugar cured, prime meats, sides at 8 weight; shoulders at 5½c to 6c; hams at 9@9½c; picnics 6½c per lb. in a jobbing way.

Country Lard—Choice 7½@8c.

Tallow—Steady, prime country No. 1 at 3½@3½c; No. 2 at 3½@3½c; rakes at 3c. Packers' prime tierces held at 4½@4½c.

Oleo Stearine—Quote at 5c.

Grease—Small, irregular lots country: Brown at 3½c; yellow at 4½c; white at 4½c. Packers' stock: Brown at 3½@3½c; yellow at 4½@4½c; white at 4½@4½c.

Sheep—At 2@2½c this week and backs 1½@2c; spring lambs 3@4c.

Veal—Nothing in receipts; firmer. Quote: Choice fat at 6½@6½c per lb.; heavies, rough, small and thin at 2@3c per lb.

Beef—On orders: Bhd.—Plate at $9.50; Potts Market at $10.50; dried—sets 18c; tongues 17@18c per lb.

Poultry and Game.

Live Poultry—Young chickens, average 4½c; old roosters 3c; stagy young roosters 3c; old hens 5c. Turkeys—Choice fresh live stock 8c. Ducks 6½c. Geese 6c. Spring chickens for boil-in-bag, 2½c. Spring ducks—Choice white at 6½c per lb.; small and dark at 5c per lb. Spring geese, per lb., geese, plucked, at 2½c. Pigeons 60c per doz.

Dressed Poultry—Scalded and unbrawn, with heads and legs on: Chickens—Average 6½c; roosters 4c. Turkeys—Choice 8c; small 7c. Ducks 8c. Geese 8c. Old poor stock, including sweating, thin, scrawny, etc., nominal. Spring chickens 10c; chickens, hens 6c. Geese 5c.

Roasting Pigs—75c to $1.25 per head.

Fresh Fish—Steady. Quote: Scrubs at 3c; crappie at 4c for small to 5c for large; bass 7c for small, 8c for large; white bass 3c; dressed cat 6½c; spoonbill cat 8c; dressed bullheads 5c; buffalo 2c; dressed buffalo 4c; dressed German carp 4c; shortheads 2c.

Game—Squirrel at 60c per doz. for young; old not wanted. Plover at $1.50 per doz. Woodcock $5 per doz. Jacksnipe $1.50 per doz. Quail, undrawn $1.25; drawn $1.75. Prairie chickens $8. Pheasant $8. Wild turkeys, toms, per lb., 10c; hens, per lb., 8c.

Ducks—Mallard $1.50; blue-wing teal $1.50; green-winged teal $1; mixed $1.75; canvasback $4; redheads $3.50.

Deer—Carcasses 16c per lb.; venison saddles 18@20c per lb. Antelope saddles 16c.

Rabbits—Choice 60@75c per doz.; nominal. Possum 100@..... Jack rabbits $1.25 per doz.

Hides.

Dry steady. Dry—Texas, heavy, 15c. Texas average 14c; native and Southern 15@18½c. No. 1 Kansas 17c; light Texas, salted 12c; salted No. 1 12½c; salted No. 2 11c. Green—Round so; selected No. 1 8½c; selected No. 2 7½c; part cured 1c per lb. low; uncured 1c per lb. less; calls 4c; calfs, dry stock, 8c.

Furs.

Raccoon—		Opossum—	
No. 1 large	65	No. 1 large	30
No. 1 medium	50	No. 1 medium	25
Do. small & No. 2	25	No. 2	10
No. 3	10	Trashy, worthless	
No. 4	10	Red Fox—	
Mink—		No. 1	1.00
No. 1 large	1.20	No. 2	75
No. 1 medium	90	No. 3	50
Do. small & No. 2	60	No. 4	25
No. 3	30	Gray Fox—	
No. 4	15	No. 1	50
Skunk—Prime as to size—		No. 2	35
Black, large	90	No. 3	20
Black, medium	80	No. 4	10
Short stripe	45	Otter—	
Narrow stripe	30@40	No. 1 large	7.00
Broad stripe	20	No. 1 medium	6.00
Texas striped	30@40	No. 2	3.00
Indian Territory	40@50	No. 3	2.00
Blue or unprime	10@20	No. 4	1.00
Wild cat	35@40	Wolf—	
Civet cat	10@20	Prairie	50
Badger	50@75	Timber	50@1.00
House cat	10	Bear	$10@12
Muskrat	5@10	Beaver	10@ 5

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

Wool.

Kansas & Nebraska—		Medium	16 @18c
Medium	15 @16c	Light fine	12c@14c
Fine medium	14@15c	Coarse & low	12½@14
Light fine	14 @14½	Heavy fine	10 @11
Heavy fine	11 @12	Dakota & Western—	
Missouri & Illinois—		Medium	16 @18
Combing and clothing	17 @17½	Fine medium	15½@16
Med. clothing	16½@17	Light fine	12 @13½
Braid and low	14½@17	Heavy fine	10 @11
Slightly burry	14	Ark. & Southern—	
Hard burry	11½	Med. (fleece)	17½
Light fine	14 @15	Med. (bones)	16
Heavy fine	11 @12	Burry	13 @15
Coarse	11 @14	Hard burry	10
Lamb	14½@15½	Tubwashed—	
Ia., Wis. & Minn.—		No. 1	24 @26
Medium	16 @18c	No. 2	22
Fine medium	14 @15½	Hard burry	14 @16
Light fine	10½@14	Angora Goat Hair—	
Heavy fine	11 @12	Long	34 @35
Tex., I. T. & K.—		Short and low	31 @32
Fine medium	13 @14	Burry & cotted	25 @ 6

Black and seedy at from 4c to 4c per lb. less; 10c allowed on old and 20c on new wool skins.

Fruits and Vegetables.

The Republic's quotations are for car lots in first hands unless otherwise specified. Small lots or orders are sold higher.

APPLES—Marker firm. Quote: Willowtwig $2.50@3 for seconds to $2.25@2.75 for fancy; geuting at $1.25@1.75 for culls to $3@3.75 for fancy. Other varieties from $1.50@3 per bbl. From storage Ben Davis $3@4 per bbl.; winesaps and willowtwig $2.50@4.

PEARS—Firm, with light offerings; home-grown common varieties $2@2.50 for bushel basket and $1.50 per bbl. Keifers $3@3.25; seckel at $1@1.25 per ½-bbl.; near-by $0@$1 per bu.

QUINCES—Home-grown $1@1.25 per bu. loose.

PLUMS—25c per ½-bu. basket for damsons.

GRAPES—Concord 8-lb. baskets 17@20c. Catawba ponies 16@18c.

PACIFIC COAST FRUIT—Quote: Emperor $3.50 per box; Cornichon grapes at $1.60 per box and Muscat at $1.25 per ¼ crate. Pears $2.25@2.75, according to quality. Bellefleur apples at $1.60@1.80 per box.

LEMONS—California on trk., $2.25 for choice to $2.50 for fancy. Repacked higher.

ORANGES—Steady. Car lots on trk.: Late Valencia $4 for choice to $4.25 for fancy in a jobbing way; Mediterranean sweets in half box 360 and 100 sizes, at $2 per ½ box. Jobbing prices 25c per box higher than car lots. Mexican Sonora $2.45 per box. New Florida $2.50@2.60 for bright and russets, in jobbing way 25@50c per box higher.

PINEAPPLES—Florida $3@3.50 per crate for small; $3.50@4.50 per doz. for fancy large.

MALAGA GRAPES—$5@5.50 per keg.

COCOANUTS—Selling by dealers at $3 per 1,000 in a small way at $4 per 100.

BANANAS—On orders $1@2 per bunch.

POTATOES—Northern on trk.: White and mixed at 60@65c for poor to 65@65c for choice; rural and Carmen 65@65c for poor to 70@80c for choice. Northern early Ohio and red cut rose higher. Colorado sld. $1.10; Michigan rural at 65@65c.

ONIONS—Choice near-by yellow at $1.10@1.20 del. white at $1.40@1.50; red globe on trk. at $1.25; choice fancy bbls. $1.30.

CABBAGE—Home-grown $8@10 per ton on trk.; Danish $12@13 per ton del.; Holland $12@14 per ton del. red cabbage $2.

TOMATOES—Florida $2.50@3 per 6-basket crate; California $1.50 per 4-basket crate, mostly soft.

CELERY—Michigan 10@15c for small; white plume 25@30c per doz. bunches; Colorado 30@35c; home-grown 15@20c per doz. bunches, as to size; bulk $2@2.50 per crate; California $3@3.25 per crate. Celery roots 25@30c per doz.; large at 40 @50c.

LETTUCE—New Orleans $2@3 per bbl.; 25c box for home-grown.

CARROTS—Northern 60@75c per 100 lbs.

TURNIPS—Northern 30@40c; home-grown 40c bu.

PARSLEY—Home-grown at 10@20c per doz. bunches.

SWEET POTATOES—New home-grown Bermuda $5@$1 per bu. loose; Nansemond $1.25 per bu.; consigned $2.60@2.50 for Virginia, $1.25 per hamper for Jersey.

CUCUMBERS—Eastern hothouse 75@90c per doz. for choice to $1.10@1.25 for fancy.

BUTABAGAS—25@30c per bu.

SPINACH—30c per bu. box for home-grown.

SAUERKRAUT—Hand-made $3.60 per ½-bbl. and $2.50 per bbl.

CRANBERRIES—Choice stock $8@8.50 per bbl. for late varieties; Jersey $7; Wisconsin $7.25.

HORSERADISH—$4@4.50 per bbl. on orders.

PARSNIPS—Northern $1.50 per bbl.

CAULIFLOWER—At $2@2.25 per bbl. for Eastern.

BEETS—40@50c per 100 lbs.

GUMBO—New Orleans 50c per crate.

SHALLOTS—30c per doz. bunches for New Orleans.

EGGPLANT—Florida $4@4.50 per crate.

HUBBARD SQUASH—Northern $1.75 per bbl.; Arkansas summer $1.50 per box.

RADISHES—New Orleans 25@30c a doz. bunches.

KOHLRABI—New Orleans 40@50c per doz. bunches.

GREEN PEPPERS—Florida $2.50@2.50 per crate.

SPANISH ONIONS—$1.60 per crate.

STRING BEANS—New Orleans flat green $1.75 and round green $2@2.50; Florida quotable $2 for flat, $2.25 for wax, to $2.50@3 for round green; Texas 1-3 bu. box wax at 60@65c; round green 70@75c; ½-bu. basket wax 65@70c; coarse lower.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—In demand, steady. Prime live geese in small sks. 40c; in large sks. 47c; gray 36c in small, 38c in large sks.; old white 32@35c; N 2@30c; XX 30@32c, XXX 36@40c; XXXX 50c; chicken 30c; turkey—tail 32c, wing 40c, pointers 30c; wing and tail 30; wing, tail and pointers 30c; beds 30c; duck—white 30c, dark 25c.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Prime deerskins 30c per lb.; Texas at 25c; antelope 15c per lb.; goat 25c to 27½c each; damaged cut.

BEESWAX—Quote at 26@27c per lb. for prime.

SHEEP PELTS—Full and fresh pelts nominally 50 to 75c; lamb at 10c to 20c; shearlings at 50c to 75c; dry stock, taken etc., 12c per lb.

HOPS—Quote at from $3c to $4.25; half shipper at 60; choice to fancy pink at 70; golden seed at 45c; May apple at 25c; walnut—bark of root 8c, bark of tree 20c; snake at 25c; black at 40; angelica at 30; blood at 25c; blue flag 3c; wild sap leaves 10c; cascara bark 8c, with glycerine 4c.

CASTOR BEANS—Old $1.35 and $1.40 per bu. for prime to choice; small and inferior less.

SNAKEROOT SEED—$3 per lb. for.

LINSEED OIL—Raw 54c; boiled 56c; prices nominal.

CASTOR OIL—Lots 200 gal. 11½c lb. No. 1 and 2c. No. 3 in small quantities 1c per lb. more.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Summer yellow at 36c; white 38c; winter yellow 42c and white 45c.

HOPS—Quote at 18@19c, old at 12@15c; foreign at 20@22c.

SALT—E. side: Medium 50c; granulated 65c per obl.; or per bbl. more this side.

HUMPSEED—Latest bid at $2.50 per 100 lbs. nominal.

DRIED GREEN PEASE—Jobbing from store at $2.40; Scotch $2.45, split $3.60.

WHITE BEANS—Hand-picked pea beans in a small way from store at $2@2.05 per bu.; screened at $1.85 per bu.; marrows at $2.50@2.60; medium at $2 per bu. California pink 30c; New York red kidneys 22@25c; blackeyes per bu. at $2 per bu.

HONEY—Comb—Dark at 6@8c; bright amber 10@12c; white clover 12@13c. Extracted—southern in bbls. at 4c to 6c; cans 6@8c; California cans 6@7c.

BEESWAX—Market steady; machine-picked in fair demand; offerings liberal; gray mixed 25@27c; gray, brown and dark 22@25c; brown and black mixed 18@22c; machine-picked N at 28@30c, NA fine at 30@32c, NAA at 32@34c, NAAA at 35@37c; inferior picked less extra value.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and alcohol 30c; vinegar 35c; black oil 50c; linseed, lard, lard oil and varnish 55c; sugar 75c; whisky 90c; the half bbls., white lead, mackerel and pickle 45c; oil 35c; flour 25c; molasses 20c; fruit 20c; 25c off for each broken head; 5c off for each hoop missing.

BROOM CORN—Nominally firm. Quote: Fine 6c; fair 5½c; choice at $90c; choice short brush 5c.

BAGGING, ETC.—Bagging per yard: 1¾@2c, as to quality; jute butts at 1½c; cotton butts at 1½c. Iron cotton ties $1. Hemp twine 8c.

St. Louis Cotton Market.

Steady and unchanged; sales, 400 bales.

Ordinary	6½c
Good ordinary	7½c
Low middling	7½c
Middling	7½c
Good middling	7⅞c
Middling fair	8⅛c

Tinged and stained 1c to ½c off white.

Spot cotton market:

Galveston—Steady at 7 9-16c; receipts, 12,000 bales.

New Orleans—Quiet at 7 7-16c; receipts, 9,959 bales.

Mobile—Steady at 7 5-16c; receipts, 223 bales.

Savannah—Steady at 7½c; receipts, 5,157 bales.

Charleston—Steady at 7 5-16c; receipts, 4,778 bales.

Norfolk—Steady at 7½c; receipts, 2,089 bales.

Wilmington—Firm at 7½c; receipts, 6,27 bales.

Baltimore—Nominal at 7½c; receipts, 4,120 bales.

New York—Quiet at 8c; receipts, 1,031 bales.

Boston—Quiet at 8c; receipts, 572 bales.

Philadelphia—Quiet at 8½c; receipts, 2,2 bales.

Houston—Quiet at 7 9-16c; receipts, 14,322 bales.

Augusta—Steady at 7½c; receipts, 1,017 bales.

Memphis—Steady at 7½c; receipts, 3,111 bales.

By Telegraph.

New York, Nov. 29.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 8c; middling Gulf 8¼c; sales 200 bales. Future options closed quietly, with prices 1 to 5 points higher than yesterday. The only exception to the general firmness was January, which was steady at 7 points decline. The market opened quiet, with prices 1 to 5 points higher, and was steady all the morning under light offerings and buying by shorts and scattered demand from Southern commission houses. Fluctuations, however, did not exceed 5 points. Cable news cut little figure, remaining as much at sea as yesterday. Later, however, it has shown locally in a sudden stiffening of the contract, these reporting 7.70c on covering and a singular absence of offerings. This change brought out a little more of the longs, who seemed to feel at least 15,000 bales of the total New York stock of 22,000 bales certificated cotton, and was practically master of the situation at present so far as Dec. was concerned. The early advance in the market kept shaking off under rather large estimates than expected for to-morrow's New Orleans and Houston receipts, and under a larger average estimate of the crop by Liverpool cotton men, it seemed to take at least 8 points "out of tight" figures showed a total for the week of 400,000 bales, against 398,000 last week, 340,000 two years ago and 474,000 three years ago. Some Liverpool cotton men, who have been bearish, now estimate the crop at 10,500,000 bales. Near the close the market lost another point or two under realizing. The tone was finally quiet and steady, with prices 5 to 10 points higher than at 6 p.m. yesterday.

New Orleans, Nov. 29.—Cotton—Spot easy; sales 8,250; ordinary 5 15-16c; good ordinary 6 7-16c; low middling 7c; middling 7½c; good middling 7⅞c; middling fair 8⅜c; receipts 9,959; stock 261,946.

Futures opened quiet; sales, 7,100. Closed: Jan. 7.69@7.70c; Feb. 7.66@7.67c; March 7.66@7.68c; April 7.66@7.68c; May 7.69@7.70c; June 7.70@7.72c; July 7.73@7.75c.

Liverpool, Nov. 29.—Cotton—Spot quiet, prices steady; American middling 4 11-32d; the sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 6,000 American; receipts 22,000 bales, including 21,900 American. Futures opened quiet and closed steady; American middling, g. o. c.: Nov. 4 17-64d sellers; Nov.-Dec. 4 17-64d b. Dec.-Jan. 4 16-64d b. Jan.-Feb. 4 15-64d b. Feb.-March 4 15-64d b. March-April 4 14-64d b. April-May 4 14-64d b. May-June 4 13-64d b. June-July 4 9-64d b. July-Aug. 4 5-64d b.

Hester's Visible.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 29.—Secretary Hester's statement of the visible supply of cotton shows the total visible to be 2,459,193, of which 1,959,193 is American cotton.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, Nov. 29.—To-day's statement of the Treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance $87,841,164; gold $106,676,340.

Yesterday's Bank Clearings.

Yesterday's Clearing-house statement showed clearings $8,181,179, balances $1,009,884, compared with clearings $6,727,898, balances $902,746 Wednesday.

The Banks.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29.—Clearings $22,344,244; balances $2,551,216. Posted exchange $4.85@4.88½. New York exchange par.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 29.—Clearings $21,676,454; balances $2,271,409. Money 5 per cent.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29.—Clearings $4,167,235; balances $609,122. Money 4½@5 per cent.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 29.—Exchange $23,176,612; balances $1,934,341.

New York, Nov. 29.—Exchanges $186,107,732; balances $15,024,626.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 29.—Money at 4 to 6 per cent. New York exchange at 25c premium. Clearings, $3,250,650.

Foreign Exchange.

Reported by Francis, Bro. & Co., No. 314 North Fourth street.

Prime sterling, cables 4.88@4½; checks 4.87½@4¾; 60 days 4.84½@⅝.

Commercial sterling, bankers' checks 4.87¾@4½; 60 days 4.84¼@¾; 90 days 4.82¾@⅞.

Grain bills 4.84¾@4½; cotton 4.84½@⅞.

Bankers' Paris cables 5.15@1-16; checks 5.15¼@ 1-16; 60 days 5.18¾@1-16.

Commercial French francs, checks 5.16¼@1-16; 60 days 5.18¾@1-16.

Swiss checks 5.18¾; 60 days 5.20¾.

Belgian checks 5.17½@5.20.

Bankers' reichsmarks, cables 95½@9-16; checks 95 7-16; 60 days 96.

Commercial reichsmarks, checks 95¼@5-16; 60 days 96¾; 90 days 94¾@7-16.

Bankers' Dutch checks 40 5-16; 60 days 40 1-16 @¼.

Commercial checks 40¼; 60 days 40.

Firm.

BULL ENTHUSIASM SENT ALL PRICES CLIMBING.

GAINS IN ALL GRAINS MADE AT CHICAGO.

St. Louis a Prominent Wheat Buyer—Professional Dealings Heaviest of a Fortnight.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Bull enthusiasm resulting from the strength in the Southwestern markets sent prices climbing in all pits on the board to-day. Dec. wheat closing 1c advanced, Dec. corn ⅝@⅞c higher and Dec. oats ⅝c up. Provisions closed 17½c to 27½c higher.

Wheat.

Improved cables started a spurt of buying at the opening of the wheat pit. Receipts, however, especially in the Northwest, were heavy and tended to offset the foreign strength. Dec. opened irregular, unchanged to ⅛@⅛c up at 72⅝@72½c to 72¾c. There was a slight reaction after the first bulge, owing to a similar movement in corn. Soon a good commission-house demand sprang up, and the outside markets reported good advances over prices here. St. Louis was a prominent buyer here, and news from the Southwest reported damage to the winter crop. Heavy professional buying resulted the most in a fortnight, and prices advanced steadily. Dec. closed strong, 1c higher at 73½c. Local receipts were 15 cars, 50 of contract grade.

Corn.

Corn had a broad, strong market, though not so active as wheat. Dec. opened ⅛@⅜c up on strong cables and advanced in spite of liberal selling early. Receipts were very small, the pit took everything offered and prices suffered a shortlived drain. After some sore-gawning, a commission-house demand and a good spring business started bulls to activity, and prices went up to their highest since the opening of this campaign. Dec. sold up to 42⅝c, and May to 45½c. Prices tempted profit-taking, and the close was off a trifle from top prices, though firm, ⅛@⅜c higher than Wednesday's close, at 42⅝@42½c. Receipts 33 cars.

Oats.

Aided by corn strength, Dec. oats opened ⅛c higher. Trade was fairly active, but not to the extent of business in the other grains. Receipts were moderate sellers and were reporting good acceptances. Receipts were liberal. In the main the market held narrowly. Dec. closing steady ⅝c higher at the opening prices, 42½c. Receipts 181 cars.

Range of Futures.

Articles.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—Nov	.....	.....	.....	72½
Dec	72⅝@72½	73½	72½	73½
May	76⅝@76½	77⅝	76⅝	77⅝
Corn—Nov	.....	.....	.....	42½
Dec	42⅛@42⅝	42⅝	41⅞	42⅝
May	45⅝@45½	45⅞	45⅝	45⅞
Oats—Nov	.....	.....	.....	42
Dec	42	42½	42	42½
May	45	45⅝	45	45⅝
Pork—Jan	16.60	16.70	16.60	16.70
May	16.42½	16.55	16.35	16.52½
Lard—Dec	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
Jan	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45
May	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.45
Short Ribs—Jan	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
May	8.40	8.45	8.40	8.45

Receipts and Shipments.

Articles.	Rec'ts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	44,000	32,000
Wheat, bu	36,000	31,000
Corn, bu	49,000	20,000
Oats, bu	239,000	49,000
Rye, bu	1,000	1,000
Barley, bu	129,000	4,000

Provisions.

Provisions sold up well from the start, making liberal gains in everything, mainly on the country demand, and on the limited selling. Strong cash markets and light hogs were the bull incentives. All closing prices were strong. Jan. pork 27½c up at $16.27½; Jan. lard 22½c higher at $9.55, and Jan. ribs 17½c up at $8.37½.

Estimated receipts to-morrow: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 145; oats, 236; hogs, 34,000 head.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Nov. 29.—Flour—Receipts 22,322 bbls.; exports 17,613 bbls.; was firm with what but not active. Cornmeal firmer; yellow Western $2.90; city $2.35. Rye firm; No. 2 Western nominal c. i. f. and afloat. Wheat—Receipts 96,400 bu.; exports 14,000 bu.; spot stronger; No. 2 red 83½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red 83½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 red Wilmington 83½c; No. 1 Northern Duluth 87½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth