COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

New York stocks weaker on the day.
Local securities still featureless and dull.
Silver and Sterling Exchange slightly lower.
Wheat and Barley quiet at previous quotations.
Oats showing an upward tendency. Corn dull and easy.
Continued steadiness in Hay and Feedstuffs.
Bean market relapsing into dullness, with prices easy.
Butter still giving way under excessive stocks.
Eggs continue to ease off slowly. Cheese in oversupply.
Excellent cash demand for Provisions at Chicago.
Salted Hides quiet, with several sorts slightly lower.
Cattle, Sheep and Hogs unchanged.
Potatoes still in large supply and dull.
Turkeys now plentiful and lower. Game weak.
Cold weather still interfering with the Fruit trade.
Winter Orange auctions to be resumed December 16.

Weather Report.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11—5 p. m.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of same date last season, and rainfall in last 24 hours:

Stations—	Last 24 hours.	This season.	Last season.
Eureka	Trace	....	19.30
Red Bluff	0.00	8.72	12.02
Sacramento	0.00	3.52	5.30
San Francisco	0.00	4.42	4.00
Fresno	0.00	0.54	3.15
Independence	0.00	0.42	0.83
San Luis Obispo	0.00	0.44	4.91
Los Angeles	0.00	0.43	2.98
San Diego	Trace	0.40	2.64

THE COAST RECORD.

STATIONS.	Barometer.	Maximum Temperature.	Minimum Temperature.	Direction of Wind.	State of Weather.	Precipitation.
Farallon	29.96	54	49	NW	Cloudy	.00
Baker	29.98	40	22	NE	Cloudy	.04
Carson	29.96	44	12	NW	Pt Cldy	.00
Eureka	30.08	52	44	N	Pt Cldy	Tr.
Fresno	29.98	56	28	NW	Clear	.00
Flagstaff	29.74	46	14	W	Cloudy	.00
Pocatello	30.22	40	18	SW	Snow	.32
Independence	29.80	58	32	NW	Clear	.00
Los Angeles	29.90	62	42	S	Cloudy	.00
Mt. Tamalpais	29.98	50	43	NW	Cloudy	.00
North Head	30.02	46	40	SE	Foggy	.36
Phoenix	29.78	64	40	SE	Pt Cldy	.00
Portland	30.04	42	30	NW	Rain	.06
Point Reyes	29.90	55	48	NW	Cloudy	.00
Red Bluff	29.94	62	38	N	Pt Cldy	.01
Roseburg	30.08	44	38	NW	Foggy	.01
Sacramento	29.92	58	38	NW	Pt Cldy	.01
Salt Lake	29.86	36	22	SE	Snow	.16
San Francisco	29.98	58	42	W	Cloudy	.00
S. L. Obispo	29.94	64	36	N	Clear	.00
San Diego	29.94	60	44	S	Cloudy	Tr.
Seattle	30.02	44	38	SE	Cloudy	.05
Spokane	30.02	26	22	S	Cloudy	.22
Tatoosh	29.94	44	42	S	Cloudy	.10
Walla Walla	30.02	32	24	SW	Cloudy	.32
Winnemucca	29.98	42	30	N	Pt Cldy	.00
Yuma	29.78	70	44	S	Clear	.00

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has fallen rapidly over the western half of the country and the conditions are no longer favorable for settled fair weather.

Snow is falling in Utah and Arizona and will probably fall Saturday in the mountains of Northern Arizona.

A moderate disturbance overlies the valley of the Colorado and may cause southerly winds in Southern California and put an end to the prevailing dry period.

Cloudy weather prevails on the northern coast and high northwest winds are blowing at Point Reyes and the Farallones.

East-bound travelers may expect snow throughout the intermountain section.

Forecast made at San Francisco for 30 hours ending midnight December 12:

Northern California — Cloudy, unsettled weather Saturday, probably light rain by night; brisk north winds.

Southern California—Cloudy Saturday, probably rain; fresh southerly winds.

Nevada—Cloudy Saturday, with snow in the mountains; brisk north winds.

San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy, unsettled weather Saturday, possibly rain by night; brisk northwest winds.

A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—There was less activity in to-day's stock market and the dealings were more congested in a few stocks. United States Steel preferred was between three and four times as active as any other stock in the list and it was pressed upon the market diligently all day. Its price was forced down to 51⅞, which was only a trifle more than two points above the lowest. The common stock sold at 10, which is on a parallel with the low record, but the dividend of ½ per cent came off the price yesterday. There was no actual news accompanying the selling, but very specific assertions were in circulation that a reduction of the dividend rate on the preferred for the present has been practically determined on. Published estimates of the heavy shrinkage of net earnings of the corporation also affected the stock. Brooklyn Transit, which was next in point of activity, was reactionary on what seemed profit-taking. Amalgamated Copper, Erie and Pennsylvania were very conspicuous in the trading and had periods of strength. As long as trading continues in London the market showed points of strength, but afterward the advance melted away very generally. Brooklyn Transit receding to near the low point of the morning dip. The reactionary forces in the market did not develop great activity and the moment suggested rather a cessation of the advance than a new factor of weakness. There is a prevalent sentiment that prudence is the making of new commitments pending the annual settlement is desirable. The estimates of the regular export movement of currency for the week point to a balance in favor of New York of between $2,000,000 and $2,500,000.

As the sub-treasury operations have absorbed $571,000, the cash reserves of the banks will probably increased during the week by $1,500,000 and $2,000,000. The active speculation of the week possibly involves some loans and the call money rate ran up rather suggestively to 6 per cent late this afternoon after an easier tendency in the early part of the day. The news from Baltimore of clearing-house measures for the protection of one of the banks caused a rather unpleasant impression.

The figures of the production of gold in the Rand for November showing a decrease of more than 4000 ounces compared with October will be disappointing to the London market, which is looking to a gradual increase of the Rand output to help toward relieving its rather urgent requirements for gold. The stock market closed heavy and at about the lowest.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,329,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on the last call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Stocks—	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	11,200	68½	67⅝	67¾
Atchison pfd	600	92⅝	92	92⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	10,600	79⅛	78¼	78½
Balt & Ohio pfd	200	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞
Canadian Pacific	1,300	118⅝	117¾	118
Central of N J	....	....	....	155
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,900	32½	32	32½
Chicago & Alton	1,600	34⅞	34¼	34⅝
C & A pfd (ex-div)	....	....	....	68½
Chicago & G W	400	16½	16	15⅝
Chi & G W, B pfd	600	28⅛	27½	27½
Chicago & N W	100	164	164	163½
Chi Term & Tran	....	....	....	8¼
Chi T & T pfd	....	....	....	17⅝
C C C & St L	500	74¼	73⅝	73
Colo & Southern	600	14⅛	14	14
Colo & So 1st pfd	600	54	54	53½
Colo & So 2d pfd	300	23	23	22½
Del & Hudson	200	158¼	158	158¼
Del Lack & West	....	....	....	243
Denver & Rio G	....	....	....	21¾
D & R G pfd	200	72	72	71
Erie	67,900	29⅞	29	29⅛
Erie 1st pfd	3,000	68½	67⅝	67⅞
Erie 2d pfd	2,500	51	49¾	47½
Gt Northern pfd	....	....	....	460
Rocking Valley	....	....	....	73½
Rocking Val pfd	....	....	....	82¾
Illinois Central	1,300	129¾	129¼	129¼
Iowa Central	....	....	....	19½
Iowa Central pfd	....	....	....	38
Kans City Southern	....	....	....	18½
K C Southern pfd	....	....	....	34½
Louisv & Nashv	2,100	106	105¼	105½
Manhat L (ex-div)	6,500	142	140½	140½
Metropolitan St Ry	2,500	122½	121	121¼
Minneapolis & St L	500	59	58	59
Missouri Pacific	21,000x	93¼	91⅞	92¼
M K & T	....	....	....	17¼
M K & T pfd	600	38¾	38	38⅝
Nat RR of Mex pfd	....	....	....	36½
N Y Central	1,000	118½	118	117⅞
Norfolk & Western	1,000	57½	57¼	57
Norf & W pfd	....	....	....	87
Ontario & Western	1,200	21½	21¼	21¼
Pennsylvania	6...	71,700	117⅞	116⅝
P C C & St L	....	....	....	60
Reading	24,200	44⅝	43¾	43¾
Reading 1st pfd	10	77	77	77
Reading 2d pfd	....	....	....	59½
Rock Island Co	10,000	26¼	25¼	25¼
Rock Island pfd	800	61½	61¼	61
St L & S F 1st pfd	....	....	....	60
St L & S F 2d pfd	....	....	....	44½
St L S W	800	14	14	14
St L S W pfd	100	32	32	32
St Paul	10,200	142	140¾	140¾
St Paul pfd	....	....	....	171⅞
Southern Pacific	15,700	47¼	46⅝	46⅝
Southern Ry	2,900	20⅞	20⅜	20⅜
Southern Ry pfd	1,700	77⅛	76¼	77
Texas & Pacific	2,000	25⅛	24½	24½
Tol St L & W	200	21	21	20
Tol St L & W pfd	....	....	....	33¼
Union Pacific	21,000	77¾	76⅝	76⅞
Union Pacific pfd	....	....	....	87½
Wabash	100	20	20	19⅞
Wabash pfd	1,700	37	36⅛	36¼
Wheel & Lake Erie	....	....	....	16½
Wisconsin Central	200	17	16¾	16¾
Wis Central pfd	800	38¼	37⅞	37¾
Express Companies—				
Adams	....	....	....	220
American	....	....	....	185
United States	....	....	....	101
Wells-Fargo	....	....	....	200
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Cop	63,400	47	45¼	45⅝
Am Car & Fndry	400	18¼	18⅛	18¼
Am Car & F pfd	400	66½	65⅛	65¼
Am Linseed Oil	....	....	....	9⅝
Am Lin Oil pfd	....	....	....	29½
Am Locomotive	200	14½	14½	14½
Am Locomotv pfd	....	....	....	75½
Am Smelt & Ref	1,200	48⅝	48¼	48¼
Am Smelt & R pfd	400	90	89⅝	89⅝
Am Sugar Ref	9,200	124⅞	123	123
Anaconda Min Co	400	78	76½	76
Brooklyn Rap Trn	101,600	51⅝	49	49¾
Colo Fuel & Iron	....	....	....	26½
Colum & H Coal	1,300	12½	11¾	12
Consolidated Gas	3,400	184⅛	182	182½
General Electric	800	166	165	164
Internatnl Paper	100	10⅝	10¾	10
Interna Paper pfd	....	....	....	63
Internatnl Pump	100	30	30	29
Internl Pump pfd	100	70	70	69
National Biscuit	....	....	....	36½
National Lead	100	16¼	16¼	15½
North American	300	77½	77½	75
Northn Securities	....	....	....	89½
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	25
People's Gas	29,700	99½	97	98⅛
Pressed Steel Car	700	26	25⅛	25¼
Pressed S Car pfd	....	....	....	66
Pullman Pal Car	....	....	....	214
Republic Steel	300	6⅞	6¾	6¾
Republic Steel pfd	2,900	40	39½	39½
Rubber Goods	700	18½	18	18
Rubber Goods pfd	....	....	....	71¼
Tenn Coal & Iron	2,700	32	31¼	31
U S Leather	1,200	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
U S Leather pfd	400	76½	76	75½
U S Rubber	100	10	10	9½
U S Rubber pfd	....	....	....	38
U S Steel	19,500	10⅝	10	10
U S Steel pfd	280,300	54¾	51⅞	52⅛
Western Union	200	87	86⅝	86½
Total sales	841,700 shares.			

UNITED RAILROADS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Bond transactions of United Railroads of San Francisco: 5000 at $75 25.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	105½	Louis & N unl 4s	100¼
Do coup	106	Manhattan c g 4s	101¾
Do 3s reg	107¼	Mex Cent 4s	71½
Do coup	107¼	Do 1st inc	15¼
Do new 4s reg	133¾	Minn & S L 4s	96¾
Do coup	133¾	Mo K & T 4s	96½
Do old 4s reg	109	Do 2ds	77
Do coup	110	N R R of M c 4s	75
Do 5s reg	101¼	N Y Cent g 3½s	99¾
Do coup	101¼	N J Cent g 5s	130
Atch gen 4s	100	Nor Pac 4s	102¼
Do adjt 4s	87½	Nor Pac 3s	70¾
Atlantic C L 4s	93	Nor & West c 4s	96½
Balto & Ohio 4s	100¾	O S L 4s & Par	92
Do 3½s	95	Penn conv 3½s	102¾
Cent of Ga 5s	104	Read Gen 4s	96⅞
Do 1st inc	66	S L & I M c 5s	111¾
Ches & O 4½s	102½	St L & S F g 4s	84½
Chi & Alton 3½s	74½	St L S W 1st	92¾
C B & Q n 4s	92¾	Seaboard A L 4s	71¼
C M & S P g 4s	110	Southern Pac 4s	87¼
Chi & N W c 7s	131	Southern Ry 5s	113½
C R I & P R R 4s	99⅝	Tex & Pac 1sts	115
Do 5s	125	Tol St L & W 4s	70
C C C & S L g 4s	95½	Union Pac 4s	102¾
Chi Term 4s	76¾	Do conv 4s	95½
Con Tobacco 4s	56½	U S Steel 2d 5s	68⅝
Colo & So 4s	85	Wabash 1sts	113¾
D & R G 4s	99¼	Do Deb B	60½
Erie prior lien 4s	98	Wheel & L E 4s	87
Do gen 4s	86¼	Wis Cent 4s	89¾
Ft W & D C 1sts	102	Colo F & I c 5s	67¼
Hock Val 4½s	106		

NEW YORK MINING STOCKS.

Adams Con	10	Little Chief	06
Alice	14	Ontario	6 00
Breece	50	Ophir	1 70
Brunswick Con	05	Phoenix	03
Comstock Tunnel	05	Potosi	18
Con Cal & Va	1 00	Savage	34
Horn Silver	1 60	Sierra Nevada	42
Iron Silver	1 95	Small Hopes	15
Leadville Con	02	Standard	2 00

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Westingh Com	85
Call loans	6@6½	Mining—	
Time loans	5@6½	Adventure	2
Bonds—		Allouez	4¼
Atchison 4s	99	Amalgamated	41⅝
Mex Cent 4s	69	Daly West	35
Railroads—		Bingham	21
Atchison	67½	Calumet & Hecla	440
Do pfd	92⅝	Centennial	15½
Boston & Albany	245	Copper Range	45½
Boston & Maine	168	Dominion Coal	74
Boston L	140	Franklin	7½
N Y N H & H	196½	Isle Royale	6½
Fitchburg pfd	136	Mohawk	36½
Union Pacific	76¾	Old Dominion	9
Mex Central	9½	Osceola	58
Miscellaneous—		Parrot	19½
Amer Sugar	123	Quincy	85
Do pfd	120	Santa Fe Copper	1½
Amer Tel & Tel	124	Tamarack	85
Dominion I & S	8	Trinity	4¾
Gen Electric	163½	United States	18
Mass Electric	10	Utah	29¼
Do pfd	76	Victoria	2¼
United Fruit	102	Winona	7¼
U S Steel	10	Wolverine	69
Do pfd	57		

LONDON CLOSING STOCKS.

Consols, money	[illegible]	N Y Central	122¼
Do account	89	Nor & Western	59½
Anaconda	4	Do pfd	90
Atchison	70¼	Ontario & West	22¼
Do pfd	95¾	Pennsylvania	60¾
Balto & Ohio	81⅝	Rand Mines	9⅞
Canadian Pacific	123	Reading	22¾
Ches & Ohio	32¾	Do 1st pref	40
Chicago G W	16¾	Do 2d pref	31
Chi M & St P	145¾	Southern Ry	22¼
DeBeers	20⅝	Do pref	80
Denver & R G	22½	Southern Pac	48¾
Do pref	74¼	Union Pacific	80¼
Erie	30⅝	Do pref	90
Do 1st pref	70	U S Steel	11
Do 2d pref	51¼	Do pref	56
Illinois Central	134¼	Wabash	21
Louis & Nash	106½	Do pref	38
Mo Kan & Tex	18¼		

Bar Silver—Steady, 25¼d per ounce.
Money—3¼@3¾ per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4 per cent, and for three months' bills 3⅞ per cent.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Tin underwent a partial reaction in London, where prices were down about £1 for the day on spot, which closed at £123, while futures were 17s 6d lower at £124 5s. Locally tin was unchanged with spot quoted at $27@27 25.

Copper, after opening rather lower abroad, rallied and closed unchanged at £56 17s 6d for spot and 5s lower at £56 5s for futures. Locally copper was firmer, owing to reports of a better export demand. Lake is quoted at $12 37½@12 50; electrolytic at $12 25@12 37½ and casting at $12 12½@12 25.

Lead was unchanged here at $4.25 and was also unchanged in London, closing at £11 1s 3d.

Spelter was unchanged here at $5 25 for spot and $4 25 for December delivery, these prices being more or less nominal. In London spelter was unchanged at £21 2s 6d.

Iron was unchanged at 48s 6d in Glasgow and 1½d higher at 41s 7½d in Middlesboro. Locally iron shows somewhat of a hardening tendency, but official prices are unchanged with No. 1 foundry Northern quoted at $15@16; No. 2 foundry Southern, $14@15.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended December 10, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Cities—	Amount.	Percentages. Inc.	Dec.
*New York	$1,317,278,654	3.9	....
*Chicago	119,498,613	6.6	....
*Boston	128,106,770	....	8.7
*Philadelphia	100,864,028	....	5.7
*St. Louis	53,925,924	14.9	....
Pittsburg	35,627,077	....	0.8
*San Francisco	28,964,130	....	0.7
*Baltimore	21,848,456	....	0.9
Cincinnati	23,365,100	2.3	....
*Kansas City	21,062,386	3.3	....
Cleveland	13,434,192	....	3.1
*Minneapolis	19,138,347	10.0	....
*New Orleans	28,080,822	63.7	....
Detroit	9,886,458	....	3.9
*Louisville	11,888,878	1.4	....
Omaha	7,652,317	4.6	....
*Milwaukee	8,854,993	9.0	....
*Providence	7,063,400	2.9	....
*Buffalo	6,925,317	....	1.8
*St. Paul	6,191,901	....	7.4
Indianapolis	6,494,495	....	7.4
Los Angeles	7,735,392	37.9	....
*St. Joseph	4,688,410	13.1	....
Denver	4,596,115	3.3	....
Richmond	4,504,115	3.0	....
Columbus	4,394,100	....	....
Seattle	4,104,561	....	6.0
Washington	4,535,272	7.7	....
*Savannah	5,052,494	14.9	....
Memphis	7,674,402	37.8	....
Albany	3,574,336	23.8	....
Salt Lake City	4,452,593	....	7.7
*Portland, Or	3,686,927	2.8	....
*Toledo	3,289,129	9.9	....
Fort Worth	4,807,998	50.3	....
Peoria	3,496,614	41.0	....
Hartford	2,543,748	....	11.9
Rochester	2,485,389	3.1	....
Atlanta	3,963,887	23.1	....
Des Moines	2,459,519	....	....
New Haven	1,865,324	6.3	....
Spokane	2,821,139	30.1	....
Nashville	2,223,154	4.1	....
Sioux City	2,409,651	23.9	....
Grand Rapids	1,324,882	....	16.9
Norfolk	1,596,985	17.6	....
Dayton	2,176,604	25.3	....
Tacoma	1,709,446	13.7	....
Worcester	2,093,361	....	2.8
Augusta, Ga	831,862	....	47.0
Portland, Me	2,320,334	64.8	....
Scranton	1,657,302	24.1	....
Topeka	1,649,566	22.1	....
Syracuse	1,447,690	....	9.5
Evansville	1,359,960	14.3	....
Wilmington, Del	1,331,177	21.9	....
Birmingham	1,170,991	....	4.9
Davenport	1,268,339	....	1.5
Fall River	935,407	9.6	....
Little Rock	1,011,932	....	....
Knoxville	1,450,064	31.9	....
Macon	1,170,867	30.8	....
Wilkesbarre	1,115,000	42.8	....
Akron	837,198	12.2	....
Springfield, Ill	667,000	2.4	....
Wheeling, W. Va	721,861	37.5	....
Wichita	664,679	....	11.2
Youngstown	913,078	66.3	....
Helena	718,819	10.3	....
Lexington	768,741	15.1	....
Chattanooga	519,601	....	12.3
Lowell	907,686	43.1	....
New Bedford	474,225	....	16.5
Kalamazoo	731,382	58.6	....
Fargo, N. D	702,334	....	10.8
Canton, O	780,417	12.8	....
Jacksonville, Fla	580,000	29.4	....
Greensburg, Pa	784,378	114.8	....
Rockford	446,966	....	32.3
Springfield, O	372,046	2.2	....
Binghamton	453,300	15.8	....
Chester, Pa	519,810	45.0	....
Bloomington, Ill	304,200	16.0	....
Quincy, Ill	368,463	1.8	....
Sioux Falls, S. D	321,319	15.5	....
Mansfield, O	259,169	26.4	....
Jacksonville, Ill	249,382	....	19.6
Fremont, Neb	146,290	....	8.7
Decatur, Ill	281,011	2.2	....
‡Houston	20,713,102	39.8	....
‡Galveston	11,675,000	6.1	....
Guthrie	933,211	....	....
Charleston	1,335,914	....	....
Totals, U. S	$2,171,524,727	4.2	....
Outside N. York	804,246,014	4.6	....
CANADA.			
Montreal	$21,822,222	9.0	....
Toronto	17,872,082	10.6	....
Winnipeg	6,919,616	18.5	....
Halifax	2,133,975	16.6	....
Ottawa	2,191,500	1.7	....
Vancouver, B. C	1,117,676	36.1	....
Quebec	1,569,613	....	10.6
Hamilton	1,213,500	20.0	....
St. John, N. B	1,013,950	15.2	....
Victoria, B. C	630,705	....	12.5
London	886,870	3.7	....
Totals, Canada	$57,694,615	10.7	....

*Balances paid in cash. ‡Not included in totals because containing other items than clearings.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—FLOUR—Receipts, 32,224 barrels; exports, 44,646 barrels. Firmer and more active.

WHEAT—Receipts, 29,230 bushels; exports, 15,997. Spot firm. No. 2 red, 90⅝c elevator and 91¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 93¾c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b. afloat. Options acted generally strong all day, being advanced by fresh buying, attracted by the bullish crop reports. The close was firm at ⅝@⅞c higher. May closed at 85½c; July closed at 82¼c; December closed at 90½c.

HOPS—Firm.

HIDES—Firm.

WOOL—Firm.

SUGAR—Raw, nominal; fine, dull.

COFFEE—Spot Rio, firm; mild, firm. Futures closed steady at a decline of 5@10 points. Sales, 121,500 bags, including: December, 6.50 @6.60c; January, 6.55@6.65c; February, 6.70@ 6.80c; March, 6.85@6.95c; April, 7c.

DRIED FRUITS.

EVAPORATED APPLES—The market is firm with a fair demand. Common, 4@4⅝c; prime, 5¼c; choice, 5⅝@6¼c, and fancy, 6¾@7c.

PRUNES—Are attracting some export demand but rule generally quiet with quotations ranging from 2½c to 6½c for all grades.

APRICOTS—Are in light demand, but mostly at 9½@9½c for choice, and 11@15c for fancy.

PEACHES—Are dull, with choice at 7¼@ 7¾c; extra choice, 7¾@8¼c, and fancy, 9¼ @10¼c.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—A bullish sentiment prevailed among wheat traders at the opening, due partly to the government report on acreage and condition of the fall Southwestern wheat. This factor, however, was not as potent as was the firmness in the Liverpool market in the face of the weakness that prevailed here yesterday. The effects of reports of rain in Argentina was also just beginning to be felt and the continued small receipts in the Northwest and Southwest were instrumental in bringing out a good demand. May was up ⅛c to ¼c to ½@⅝c at the start, opening at 81c to 81⅜c and with only scattered selling the price gradually advanced. There was considerable covering by those who had overshot on the break yesterday and commission houses were also active on the buying side. The strength in other markets and the small receipts intensified the desire to buy and later, when it was announced that clearances were much larger than usual, there was a sharp demand, which carried May up to 82¼c, a gain of 1⅜c from the low point. A part of the gain was lost on profit-taking, but the close was strong with May ⅞@⅞c higher at 81⅝c.

Corn continued strong but somewhat quiet. May closed at 43¼@43⅝c.

There was an urgent demand for oats from commission houses and some buying was credited to big longs. May closed at 36⅞c.

Buying for investment account and covering by shorts were the main support of the provision market. May pork closed 15c higher, lard was up 2½@5c and ribs 7½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
December, new	80¼	80¼	79¼	79⅝
May	81¼	82¼	81	81⅝
July	77	77⅝	76⅞	77¼
Corn No. 2				
December	41¼	42½	41¼	42¼
May	43⅝	43⅝	43¼	43⅝
July	43½	43⅝	43¼	43¼
Oats No. 2				
December	34¾	35	34⅝	34⅞
May	36⅝	37	36½	36⅞
July	34	34	33⅞	34
Mess Pork, per bbl—				
December	11 27½	11 45	11 25	11 32½
May	11 60	11 80	11 57½	11 67½
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
January	6 42½	6 50	6 42½	6 47½
May	6 62½	6 70	6 60	6 62½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
January	6 05	6 15	6 05	6 10
May	6 22½	6 32½	6 20	6 27½

Cash Quotations were as follows: Flour was steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 78@82c; No. 2 red, 82¼@84¼c; No. 2 corn, 42½c; No. 2 yellow, 44½c; No. 2 oats, 33@35¾c; No. 3 white, 35½ @37½c; No. 2 rye, 51c; Good feeding barley, 36@37c; fair to choice malting, 43@57c; No. 1 flax seed, 92c; No. 1 Northwestern, 98¼c; prime timothy seed, $2 85; mess pork, per bbl, $11 50@11 62½; lard, per 100 lbs, $6 47½@ 6 50; short ribs sides (loose), $6 12½@6 37½; short clear sides (boxed), $6 12½@6 25; whiskey, basis of high wines, $1 27; clover, contract grade, $11.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	29,000	53,300
Wheat, bushels	110,000	14,000
Corn, bushels	184,000	103,800
Oats, bushels	227,600	104,500
Rye, bushels	8,500	2,800
Barley, bushels	138,700	12,600

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was heavy; creamery, 16@25c; dairy, 14@17c; eggs, firm, 24@27c; cheese, quiet, 10 @12½c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

Wheat—	Dec.	March.	May.
Opening	6 3¾	6 4½	6 2⅝
Closing	6 3¾	6 4⅜	6 3¼

PARIS.

Wheat—	Dec.	Mar.-June.
Opening	20 55	20 70
Closing	20 55	20 70
Flour—		
Opening	28 05	27 85
Closing	28 00	27 85

Eastern Livestock Market.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2500; dull; good to prime steers, $4 90@5 65; poor to medium, $3@4 75; stockers and feeders, $1 75@3 90; cows, $1 50@3 90; heifers, $1 75@4 50; canners, $1 50@2 30; bulls, $1 75 @4; calves, $2@5 25.

HOGS—Receipts to-day, 30,000; to-morrow, 20,000; strong to 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $4 45@4 70; good to choice heavy, $4 40@4 65; rough heavy, $4 40@4 45; light, $4 30@4 60; bulk of sales, $4 50@4 60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5000; sheep lower, lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $3 50@4; fair to choice mixed, $2 50@3 35; Western sheep, $2 25@3 50; native lambs, $4@5 85; Western lambs, $3 50@5 70.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The cotton market closed with a couple of points the best of the day, with the tone firm and a net advance of a matter of 19@24 points.

St. Louis Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—Wool, quiet and easy; medium grades, combing and clothing, 17@21c; light, fine, 15@17c; heavy, fine, 12½@14½c; tub washed, 20@30c.

Northern Business.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $653,021; balances, $174,672.

TACOMA, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $355,755; balances, $312,251.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $181,152; balances, $52,384.

SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—Clearings, $396,742; balances, $53,191.

Northern Wheat Market.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Dec. 11.—WHEAT—Steady; Bluestem, 80c; Club, 76c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Silver and Sterling Exchange are rather higher.

Sterling Exchange, sixty days	— $4 80½
Sterling Exchange, sight	— 4 84¼
Sterling Exchange, cables	— 4 85¼
New York Exchange, sight	— 05
New York Exchange, telegraphic	— 07½
Silver, per ounce	— 54½
Mexican Dollars	— 44¼

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT—The leading news yesterday was from the Argentine. Broomhall cabled that heavy rains were reported in all parts, with hail in the south, thunder and lightning in all parts of the north, with strong winds, and the harvest in portions of the province of Buenos Ayres h