

Markets of the World

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FIRM TONE IN STOCK MARKET

GOOD DEMAND FOR LEADING ISSUES AT OPENING; READING MAKES GOOD GAIN.

New York, Dec. 15.—(Wall Street).—A firm tone prevailed at the opening of the market today. There was a steady demand for the leading issues, with the most spirited bidding in reading, which rose a point. Union Pacific advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ and most of the other leading issues small fractions. The only weakness in the list was disclosed in Northern Pacific and American Beet Sugar which lost small fractions.

Subsidence of bullish manipulation following heavy profit taking in the cotton market advanced the price of the market's heaviness during the day's session. Traders were inclined to look for a greater reaction from the previous day's high level in the group of general issues, despite prospects of a further advance in prices of products. Renewal of weakness in Wabash and other stocks in the group was hardly a controlling factor in the market's behavior as a whole, were conspicuous for their relative strength. By midday the market manifested a somewhat better tone under the leadership of Lehigh Valley and Reading. Some shares were irregular.

Advantage was taken of the higher prices to market stocks and the bears, perceiving the scarcity of the supply, attacked various issues vigorously. Union Pacific reacted $\frac{1}{2}$, Reading $\frac{1}{2}$, Lehigh Valley, Wabash preferred, and Louisville & Nashville, 1 and 2, and the Steel and Amalgamated Copper issues better tone developed subsequently and the leading stocks rallied large fractions.

The market closed firm. After a further exhibition of strength in which steel gained a point, the market became intensely dull and there was moderate realizing in stocks. The three usual leaders on the market covered a span of about two points during the day. Allis-Chalmers preferred fell $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ and the five per cent bonds $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ both new low records.

POULTRY JUDGING CONTESTS ARE HELD

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Judging contests are on the program for today at the first annual poultry show of the midwest poultry and pet stock association which opened yesterday at the Columbian with twenty-one states represented.

Some of the values placed on the feathered birds will make the worth of an ordinary race horse pale into insignificance. One hen, known as a Kellogg, is valued at several hundred dollars and was one of the principal attractions. Another was a dancing rane, the property of Percy Warner of Nashville, Tenn. One white imported Orpington cockerel is valued at \$500.

Car Lot Receipts.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The produce market follows: Wheat—16 cars, with 2 of contract trade. Corn—254 cars, with none of contract trade. Oats—155 cars. Total receipts of wheat at Chicago, Minneapolis and Duluth today were 33 cars, compared with 454 cars last week and 500 cars the corresponding week a year ago.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The produce market follows: Wheat—Steady; creameries, 24@30c; flours, 23@31c. Eggs—Steady; receipts, 1,350 cases; market, cases included, 22@28c; extra, 25@27c; ordinary firsts, 28@30c; whites, 15@15½c; Young Americas, 14@16c; Long Horns, 15@16c. Poultry—Steady; choice to fancy, 80c; fair to good, 70c; turkeys, live, 14c; hens, live, 10@11c; springs, live, 8c. Veal—Steady, 7@11c.

Benzine and Gasoline Up.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Standard Oil company has announced an advance of a quarter of a cent a gallon in the price of benzine and gasoline.

Kansas City Butter and Eggs.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Butter—Creamery, 35c; firsts, 33c; seconds, 31c; packing stock, 29½c. Eggs—Extras, 31½c; firsts, 29½c; seconds, 17c.

New York Money, Closing.

New York, Dec. 15.—Money on call—steady, 3½@4½% ruling rate, 4; closing bid, 3½; offered at 3½. Time loans—Firm; 60 days and 90 days, 4½%; six months, 4@4½%.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Articles	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	93 1/2	94 1/2	92 3/4	94 1/2
fav	97 1/2	99	97 1/2	99
rye	94 1/2	95 1/2	94	95 1/2
Corn	62 1/2	63 1/2	62	63 1/2
oats	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2
lard	15 1/2	15 7/8	15 1/2	15 5/8
mess pork	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/2	16 3/4
short ribs	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4
hams	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4

New York Poultry.

New York, Dec. 15.—Poultry—Live, 14c; turkeys, 13@14c. Dressed—Quiet but firm; western chickens, 5@16c; fowls, 5@16c; turkeys, 12@20c.

WHEAT MARKET STRENGTHENED

ARGENTINE RAINS AND FALLING OFF IN SHIPMENTS TO SOUTH BOOSTS PRICES.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Rains doing damage in North Argentina had a strengthening effect today on the market for wheat. Besides, there were reports of a sharp falling off in shipments for South American ports. It was said that the undue moisture was causing delay to harvesting and had resulted in deterioration of wheat already gathered. Bullish sentiment was checked, however, by liberal receipts northwest of Chicago. Opening prices here were $\frac{1}{2}$ shade to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher at 92½ to 93½, a gain of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$, but reacted to 91½@92½.

A fresh advance which carried prices much higher ensued in consequence of the general report that buyers were buying here. The northwest sent word that the big movement of the spring crop was over. Closing figures were firm with May at 99c, a gain of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ net.

Selling on the part of long wiped out an advance in corn. The opening advance was due to sympathy with the strength in wheat. The opening was a shade to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher at 82½ to 83½ for May and fell back to 83½@84½.

Talk about bad roads and of country offerings being light helped induce a rally. The close was firm, $\frac{1}{2}$ up at 84½.

Oats followed the course of other grain, buying a little at the outset and then easing off. May started a sixteenth lower to a like amount up at 48½.

Hog products showed firmness on account of a rise in quotations at the yards. First sales were unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher with May at \$13.50 for pork, \$8.30 for lard and \$8.50 for ribs.

Kansas City Cash Grain.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—The cash grain market follows: Wheat—Unchanged; No. 2 hard, 97@103; No. 3, 96@102; No. 2 red, 94c; No. 3, 82@93c. Corn—Market 1 to 1½c up; No. 2 mixed, 62@64c; No. 3, 61½c; No. 2 white, 65c; No. 3, 62½c. Oats—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 49@49½c; No. 2 mixed, 48@48½c. Rye—Steady, 50c.

Omaha Cash Grain.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—The cash grain market follows: Wheat—1½c higher; No. 2 hard, 95½@98½c; No. 3 hard, 95@97½c. Corn—No. 2 changed to 1½c higher; No. 2 white, 57@57½c; No. 3 yellow, 56½@57c; No. 3, 56½@57c. Oats—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 46@46½c. Receipts—Wheat, 22; corn, 85; oats, 14.

Perlis Cash Grain.

Perlis, Ill., Dec. 15.—The cash grain market follows: Corn—No. 3 white, 61c; No. 3 yellow 60½@61c; No. 4 yellow, 58½c; No. 3 mixed, 60½@61c; No. 4 mixed, 58½c; sample, 55@55½c. Oats—Unchanged; No. 2 white, 48c; standard, 47½c.

St. Louis Cash Grain.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—The cash grain market follows: Wheat—Firm; track, No. 2 red, 96@97½c; No. 2 hard, 95@101c. Corn—Lower; track, No. 2, 58c; No. 2 white, 61c. Oats—Lower; track, No. 2, 47c; No. 2 white, 48½c. Rye—Unchanged, 94c.

Chicago Cash Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The cash grain market follows: Wheat—No. 2 hard, 95@96c; No. 3 red, 92@95c; No. 2 hard, 95@101c; No. 3 hard, 94@98c; No. 1 northern, 11.06@11.06; No. 2 northern, 11.04@11.07; No. 2 spring, 90@91c; No. 3 spring, 90@91c; velvet chaff, 90@91c; durum, 90@91c. Corn—No. 3, 60@61c; No. 3 white, 60@60½c; No. 2 yellow, 60½@61c; old, 70c; No. 4 white, 58@58½c; No. 4 yellow, 58@59c. Oats—No. 2, 48½@49c; No. 3 white, 47½@48c; No. 4, 48c; No. 4 white, 46@48c; standard, 47½@48½c. Rye—92½@93c. Barley—7@11.24. Clover—18@19.15. Clover—18.50@20.25.

SOAP CREEK.

William Bradberry was in Bloomfield Saturday.

Jack Heckart was in Belknap Saturday morning.

Nancy Nelson and son and daughter Eliza and Harold were in Bloomfield Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Sample and daughters and Martha Pugh were in Bloomfield Saturday.

Ray Nelson is working for Thomp Sample.

Misses Cora and Nona Sample and Elsie Nelson are attending the normal in Bloomfield this winter.

Mr. Bradberry called at the R. T. Sample home Monday evening.

NOT THE MAN WANTED.

Man Under Arrest at Keokuk Is Not Identified by Men as Avery Brad Robber.

Sheriff Griffin of Albia and William Tate of this city, met with disappointment in Keokuk Wednesday when they found the man held there as one of the yegmen who blew the Avery Supply Co. safe, was not the fellow they expected. The suspect, Frank Conway by name, is serving thirty days there for vagrancy. It was thought that he was the same man that the police were seeking in Ottumwa several days ago.

St. Louis Grain Futures.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—The closing grain futures follow: Wheat—Higher; Dec., 94½c; May, 88@88½c. Corn—Higher; Dec., 65c; May, 65c. Oats—Firm; Dec., 48½c; May, 49½c.

ALL LIVE STOCK MARKETS WEAK

HOG PRICES WEAKEN AFTER EARLY STRENGTH; CATTLE DOWN FOR WEEK.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Hog prices weakened today after early strength. Packers were slow to come into the market. Besides, there were reports of a sharp falling off in shipments for South American ports. It was said that the undue moisture was causing delay to harvesting and had resulted in deterioration of wheat already gathered. Bullish sentiment was checked, however, by liberal receipts northwest of Chicago. Opening prices here were $\frac{1}{2}$ shade to $\frac{1}{4}$ higher at 92½ to 93½, a gain of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$, but reacted to 91½@92½.

Minneapolis Closing Wheat.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 15.—Closing wheat—Dec., 1.02½; May, 1.04½; July, 1.08. Cash—No. 1 hard, 1.04½; No. 1 northern, 1.03½@1.03½; No. 2 northern, 1.01½@1.01½; No. 3 wheat, 98½@99½c.

Chicago Live Stock: Opening.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The opening live stock market follows: Cattle—Market steady; receipts estimated at 2,500; beefs, \$4.50@8.90; Texas steers, \$4.10@5.75; western steers, \$4.00@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.75; calves and heifers, \$1.90@5.75; calves, \$5.50@8. Cows—Market steady; receipts estimated at 2,000; light, \$5.00@6.15; mixed, \$5.50@6.30; heavy, \$5.95@6.35; rough, \$5.95@6.10; cows to choice heavy, \$6.10@6.35; pigs, \$4.25@5.70; bulk of sales, \$6@6.25. Sheep—Market weak; receipts estimated at 11,000; natives, \$2.50@4.10; westerns, \$2.75@4.10; yearlings, \$4.25@5.50; lambs, native, \$4.25@6.10; westerns, \$4.25@6.10.

Chicago Live Stock: Closing.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The closing quotations on live stock follows: Cattle—Market slow, steady; receipts, 2,500; beefs, \$4.50@8.90; Texas steers, \$4.10@5.75; western steers, \$4.00@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@5.75; calves and heifers, \$1.90@5.75; calves, \$5.50@8. Cows—Market steady; shade up; receipts, 2,000; light, \$5.00@6.15; mixed, \$5.50@6.30; heavy, \$5.95@6.35; rough, \$5.95@6.10; cows to choice heavy, \$6.10@6.35; pigs, \$4.25@5.70; bulk of sales, \$6@6.25. Sheep—Market dull, weak; receipts, 11,000; natives, \$2.50@4.10; westerns, \$2.75@4.10; yearlings, \$4.25@5.50; lambs, native, \$4.25@6.10; westerns, \$4.25@6.10.

RANGE OF HOG PRICES.

Range of hog values at Chicago for the past two weeks with comparison.

	Mixed and Light butchers grades.	Heavy.	Light.
Dec. 2	5.80@6.55	5.60@6.35	5.40@6.15
Dec. 3	5.80@6.55	5.60@6.35	5.40@6.15
Dec. 4	5.80@6.55	5.60@6.35	5.40@6.15
Dec. 5	5.80@6.55	5.60@6.35	5.40@6.15
Dec. 6	5.70@6.25	5.40@6.10	5.20@5.95
Dec. 7	5.70@6.30	5.50@6.15	5.30@6.00
Dec. 8	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 9	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 10	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 11	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 12	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 13	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 14	5.75@6.35	5.55@6.20	5.35@6.05
Dec. 15	5.55@6.30	5.60@6.15	5.40@6.15

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—The live stock market follows: Cattle—Market steady; receipts 500; native steers, \$5.25@8.75; southern steers, \$4.50@5.50; southern cows and heifers, \$3.40@5.00; native cows and heifers, \$2.75@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@6.50; western steers, \$4.50@6.50. Hogs—Market steady to strong; receipts 13,000; heavy, \$5.00@6.25; packers and butchers, \$4.15@6.25; lights, \$3.70@6.10; pigs, \$4.50@6.25. Sheep—Market steady; receipts, 1,000; muttons, \$3@4; lambs, \$4.50@6.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 15.—Cattle—Market steady; receipts, 200; natives, \$5.75@8.50; cows and heifers, \$2.75@5.25; calves, \$4@7.50. Hogs—Market steady to strong; receipts, 800; top, \$6.25; bulk of sales, \$5.30@6.15. Sheep—Market steady; receipts, 400; lambs, \$5@5.75.

Omaha Live Stock.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—The live stock market follows: Cattle—Market steady; receipts 600; native steers, \$4.75@7.75; cows and heifers, \$3.95@6.50; western steers, \$3.80@6.40; Texas steers, \$5.30@6.20; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@6.25. Hogs—Market steady; receipts, 10,800; heavy, \$6@6.15; mixed, \$5.85@6.05; light, \$5.50@6.25; pigs, \$4.25@5.75; bulk of sales, \$5.50@6.25. Sheep—Market steady; receipts, 3,600; muttons, \$3.50@4; lambs, \$5.25@5.80.

St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 15.—The live stock market follows: Cattle—Market steady; receipts, 500; native beef steers, \$4.50@8.25; cows and heifers, \$2.75@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@6.25. Hogs—Market 5 to 10c higher; receipts, 16,500; pigs and lights, \$4.50@6.20; mixed and butchers, \$5.55@6.40; good heavy, \$5.25@6.40. Sheep—Market steady; receipts, 2,200; native muttons, \$3.25@3.90; lambs, \$4.25@6.25.

St. Louis Wool.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—Wool steady; territory and western medium, 17@20c; fine medium, 16@18c; fine, 11@15c.

New York Sugar.

New York, Dec. 15.—Raw sugar—Quiet; Muscovado 89 test, 4.87c; centrifugal 96 test, 4.87c; molasses test, 4.12c. Refined—Quiet.

NSLER OFFICATES.

Young Couple Took Marriage Vows Before Justice of the Peace Yesterday Afternoon.

Ray Meek, age 22, of Birmingham, and Miss Harriet Lyons, age 17, of Stockport, were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of the officiating Justice of the Peace H. C. Nosler. They will live in Birmingham.

MARKETS ARE UNCHANGED

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL QUOTATIONS IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF YESTERDAY.

All the wholesale and retail markets of Ottumwa are steady today, with no changes having been reported since yesterday. The prices follow:

Whole Sale Prices.

Live Stock Markets.

Hogs—120@150, 140@180, 150@200, 160@220, 170@250, 220@300, 35.85; 300 and over, 35.85; good packers, 35.80; fair packers, 35.15. Cattle—Choice corn fed heifers, 44@51; good heifers, 35.50@44; common corn fed cows, 23.50@43.50; good cows, 33@39; common to fair cows, 32@37; choice light calves, 45.50@61; good light calves, 38.50@44; common to fair heavy calves, 32.50@35.50. Sheep—Choice lambs, 44.50@51; good lambs, 38.50@44; common thin light lambs, 33@35; yearlings, 33@35; ewes, 32@33.

Grain and Hay.

Grain and hay—Street prices—Oats, 40@42c; rye, 48@50c; corn, 82@84c. Hides—No. 1 cured, 11c; No. 2 cured 11½c; green No. 1, 10c; green No. 2, 9c. Wool—Medium, unwashed, 18@19c; coarse, unwashed, 17@17½c. Beeswax and Tallow—Beeswax, No. 1, 1c; No. 2, 20c; tallow No. 1, 1½c; No. 2, 5c. Butter fat—No. 2, 20c; grade No. 3 cream, 21c.

Creamery, Eggs and Poultry.

Creamery butter, 28@30c; country butter, grocers pay, 27@30c. Eggs—Grocers pay, 25@28c. Poultry—(These prices are paid to the rough.)—Hens, 15c; cock, 4c; ducks, white feathered, 8c; dark feathered, 8c; turkeys, 12c; geese, 14c; guineas, each, 10c; spring chickens, 6c.

Retail Prices.

Flour and Feed—Graham flour, per sack, 20c; corn chops, per cwt., 11.65; shorts, per cwt., 11.65; bran, per cwt., 11.65; corn per bushel, 85c; wheat, 1.10; straw, per cwt., 50c; oats, 10c; chick feed, ground, 20 lb., 35c; clam shell per cwt., 60c; flour, per sack, 12.50@13.25; corn meal, 7½c; sack, 20c; corn and oat chop, per cwt., 11.65; oat straw, bale, 50c; barley, 90c; oil meal, per cwt., 32.10.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Butter, eggs and poultry—Country butter, lb., 30@35c; Sept. creamery butter, 33@40c; eggs, doz., 30@35c. Poultry—Cecile, lb., 12½c; turkey, 22½c; live spring chickens, 12½c; dressed, 13c; ducks, dressed, lb., 20c.

Fish.

Salt fish—Mackerel, 10@25c; white fish, half, 60c; herring, 10c; codfish, 10@18c; lake fish, 10c; annan haddie, lb., 15c. Fresh fish—Cattfish, lb., 18c; trout 17c; live spring chickens, qt., 40c; fresh herring, lb., 10c.

Fruits.

Fruits—Bananas, 20@25c; lemons, 20@25c; oranges, 20@25c; apples, basket, 20@25c; aprles, pk., 20@25c; cranberries, qt., 12½@17½c. Vegetables—Cabbage, lb., 2½c; cucumbers, each, 20c; head lettuce, 10@15c; onions, lb., 5c; parsley, bunch, 10c; new beets, 5c; cauliflower, head, 20@25c; new potatoes, 90@11; garlic, 20c; beans, lb., 15c; peas, 15c; dried beans, lb., 15c; turnips, pk., 25c; squash, 10c; egg plant, 5@10c; carrots, 3 for 10c; peppers, doz., 40c; sweet potatoes 10c; corn, bushel, 10c; salsify, bunch, 10c; for 15c; carrots, 10c; parsley, pk., 30c; beets, pk., 30c; turnips, pk., 25c; spinach, 15c; leek, 2 for 5c; artichoke, 20c; celery, 5@10c.

Foreign Grain Closing.

Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 15.—The closing grain market follows: Wheat—Soft spring, 75½d; No. 3 Manitoba 75½d; futures firm; Dec., 75½d; March, 74½d; May 75d. Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed, 65d; futures, dull; Jan., 58d; Feb., 57½d.

IOWA MAN CLEARED OF MURDER CHARGE

Richard M. Johnson of Jewell Acquitted of Slaying Man Who Ruined Home.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 15.—After a little more than an hour's deliberation, the jury in the case of Richard M. Johnson, a civil war veteran, charged with the murder of John Griggs, at 5 p. m. yesterday returned a verdict of acquittal. The verdict was reached on the third ballot. The first vote taken was 10 to 2 for conviction. On the second ballot only one man held out for conviction.

OLIVET.

Dr. J. C. Cole of Oskaloosa made a professional call at the R. Clark home Monday.

William Cleary of Tracy moved his family here this week. He will work in the mine.

B. Morgan of Bloomfield spent Sunday in town with his son Arch and family.

Mrs. William Fulmer and Miss Lillie Lore of Eddyville visited at the R. D. Robertson home this week.

W. C. Brandy of Tracy secured work in the mine this week.

Mrs. Faulkner reports an enrollment of fifty-five at school this week.

Mrs. R. Clark was a passenger for Oskaloosa Monday.

James Holman of Kellogg was in town on business with R. Williams on Tuesday.

D. Perry was a business caller in Oskaloosa Monday.

Miss Dulin reports an enrollment of twenty-six pupils at the Greely school this week.

Hershel Cloe is unable to work this week on account of an injury to his hand.

ORDER DU FOR JANUARY TERM

ORDER OF BUSINESS ISSUED BY JUDGE D. M. ANDERSON FOR NEXT COURT SESSION.

The order of business for the January term of district court has been received by Clerk of Court George Phillips from Judge D. M. Anderson. The new schedule of the judges changing the time and place of holding court for the next two years in this district will be made effective in January when the second Monday of the month, January 8, Judge D. M. Anderson, who presided here in the August term, will again preside. The order of business issued by Judge Anderson fixes the time for the appearance of the grand jury at 1:30 p. m. the first day of the term and the petit jury will appear the third Monday of the term at 10 a. m. The first two weeks of the term will be devoted to chancery and non-jury cases and an assignment of cases will be made the first day of the term.

Niagara Falls To Go Dry.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Niagara Falls "dry as a bone" was the picture held up to the American Civic association today by its president, J. Horace McFarland. Without supplemental legislation to perpetuate the work of the Burton bill, passed by the last congress, Mr. McFarland declared Niagara Falls would be an ugly mass of rocks within a generation.

WILLARD.

Misses Lena and Ida Johnson entertained the L. L. club at their home Wednesday evening.

Harry Townsend and family of Blakesburg have moved to the Nelson farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Venator are visiting at the parental Pearson home.

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