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CORN IN THE LEAD AGAIN

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THAT GRAIN CAUSES AN ADVANCE.

Wheat Declined 1-8c, Corn Advanced 3-8c, Oats Advanced 1-8c and Provisions Were Very Strong Closing 5 to 20c Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Corn to-day again led the markets on the change and at the end of an unusually active session showed an advance of ⅜c, the ruling price being the highest for many months. Wet weather, strong values and an excellent foreign demand caused brisk buying. Wheat was influenced a good deal by corn, but heavy realizing prevented any advance, the market closing ⅛c lower. Oats advanced ⅛c. Provisions were very strong and closed 5@20c higher.

The opening in wheat was at a shade under yesterday's closing price, May starting at 65⅝@65¾c. It sold almost immediately at 66⅛c. Yesterday's sharp advance caused a good deal of profit taking. The demand, both from local traders and from the outside, was unusually good, however, and offerings were soon absorbed. The demand continuing good, prices advanced steadily, May reaching 66⅝c. Commission houses were the main buyers, indicating a broadening interest in the market. But a perfect flood of selling was caused by the advance. Offerings were so heavy that the large demand was insufficient to prevent a break and the price fell to 65¼c almost as fast as it previously had risen. For some time following the decline, the market showed considerable nervousness, and prices fluctuated rapidly. Trade in the meantime also slackened. Before noon another sharp advance took place, influenced partly by the firmness in corn and partly by strong Continental cables, accompanied by reports of better demand in foreign markets. The advance carried the May price up to 66⅛@66⅜c. At 2 o'clock longs fairly tumbled over themselves in eagerness to realize and the price dropped swiftly to 65⅝@65¾c. Prices changed a great deal during the latter part of the session, but in a narrower range, and at the close May was offered at 65¾c. Northwestern reported 284 cars, compared with 267 last week and 407 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 144 cars, eight of which were contract grade. Atlantic port clearances amounted to 449,000 bushels.

Corn was strong all day and in spite of heavy realizing by local bulls. The market was over "walls" and had to absorb the selling against those privileges also, but everything offered was snapped at. Trading was exceedingly active from the start. The country was a heavy buyer, taking most of the corn offered by local bulls. Cables were strong and higher, and receipts were light, 264 cars. Cash business was small, owing to the inability of shippers to get cars. The unfavorable weather was of great help to the market. Export sales were placed at 35 loads. May ranged from 36⅝@36⅞c to 37⅛@37⅜c and closed ⅜c higher, at 37⅛@37⅜c.

Oats were very quiet compared with other markets, speculation dragging at times. The country was the chief seller, local bulls doing the most buying. Sympathy with corn was the principal influence. Prices were a little higher most of the session and the market closed firm. Receipts were 284 cars. The cash business was restricted by the cold weather. May ranged from 26⅞c to 27⅛c and closed ⅛c higher, at 27⅛c.

Provisions were active and strong. Light hog receipts and stronger yard prices, with firmness of grain markets, were the factors. The demand for all products both from local speculators and the outside was very good, and liberal offerings were readily absorbed, the market advancing steadily throughout the session. At the close pork was 15@20c higher, at $6.30@6.32½. May lard, 7½@10c higher, at $3.82½, and May ribs, 5c higher, at $3.90.

Estimated receipts for Friday: Wheat, 177 cars; corn, 465 cars; oats, 222 cars; hogs, 24,000.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Higher but Slow Sale—Corn Up a Little—Oats Firm.

In store—Wheat, 878,000 bushels; corn, 72,400 bushels; oats, 8,700 bushels; rye, 46,500 bushels.

Wheat.

Receipts the past 24 hours ..... 37,800 bushels
Receipts same time last year ..... 37,200 bushels
Shipments the past 24 hours ..... 54,200 bushels
Shipments same time last year ..... 26,400 bushels

The cash market yesterday responded a little to the speculative advance of Wednesday and better cables, both from the English and German markets. Farmers in Chicago were also strong, though closed a trifle lower than on Wednesday. While sales were light, higher buyers paid the advance gradually. The feeling was more confident all around, though there was a want of spirit to the market. Sales were made at 65¼c on track for No. 2 hard, 65¼c for No. 3 hard, 65¼c for No. 4 hard, 65¼c for rejected hard, nominally 65@65¾c for No. 2 red, 1 car 61 pounds at 64c, 1 car at 69 pounds at 64½c, 1 car yellow berry 60 pounds at 63½c, 1 car 58½ pounds at 63½c, 2 cars 59 pounds each at 63½c, 1 car 60 pounds at 63½c, 1 car 61 pounds at 63½c, 2 cars 60½ pounds at 63c, 10 cars 58 pounds at 63c, 2 cars 58 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 56 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 57 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 58 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 58 pounds at 62½c, 2 cars 57½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 57 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 56½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 56½ pounds at 62½c, 2 cars 56 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 55½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 55 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 54½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 54 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 53½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 53 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 52½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 52 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 51½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 51 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 50½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 50 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 49½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 49 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 48½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 48 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 47½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 47 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 46½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 46 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 45½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 45 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 44½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 44 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 43½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 43 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 42½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 42 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 41½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 41 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 40½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 40 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 39½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 39 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 38½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 38 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 37½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 37 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 36½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 36 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 35½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 35 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 34½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 34 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 33½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 33 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 32½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 32 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 31½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 31 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 30½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 30 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 29½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 29 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 28½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 28 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 27½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 27 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 26½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 26 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 25½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 25 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 24½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 24 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 23½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 23 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 22½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 22 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 21½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 21 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 20½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 20 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 19½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 19 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 18½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 18 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 17½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 17 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 16½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 16 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 15½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 15 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 14½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 14 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 13½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 13 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 12½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 12 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 11½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 11 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 10½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 10 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 9½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 9 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 8½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 8 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 7½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 7 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 6½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 6 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 5½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 5 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 4½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 4 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 3½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 3 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 2½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 2 pounds at 62½c, 1 car 1½ pounds at 62½c, 1 car 1 pound at 62½c.

Rejected spring, 1 car white 52 pounds at 59c.
No. 3 spring, 1 car 56½ pounds at 60½c.
No. 4 mixed, 1 car white mixed 54 pounds at 58c.

Corn.

Receipts the past 24 hours ..... 14,750 bushels
Receipts same time last year ..... 22,000 bushels
Shipments the past 24 hours ..... 130 bushels
Shipments same time last year ..... 26,500 bushels

A sharp advance abroad and better export demand caused the market here to rule stronger. Mixed sold up 3c and white advanced ⅛c, and more demand was in evidence. Offers while not much higher and demand better, it was generally of a local character. Shippers still holding back. By sample on track here at Kansas City:

No. 2 white, 1 car at 32½c.
No. 3 white, nominally 32@32½c.
No. 4 white, nominally 31@32c.
No. 2 mixed, 2 cars at 36½c, 4 cars at 35c.
No. 3 mixed, 2 cars at 35½c.
No. 4 mixed, nominally 31@32c.

Oats.

Receipts the past 24 hours ..... 4,000 bushels
Receipts same time last year ..... 15,800 bushels
Shipments the past 24 hours ..... 4,000 bushels
Shipments same time last year ..... 4,000 bushels

Not much in and market firm in sympathy with corn. Buyers, however, were slow to bid up prices, as they are already relatively higher than at other western markets. What little cash sale were seen disposed of on local account. By sample on track here at Kansas City:

No. 2 white, 3 cars at 29½c, 1 car at 29c.
No. 3 white, nominally 28@29c.
No. 2 mixed, 2 cars at 27c.
No. 3 mixed, nominally 26@26½c.
No. 4 mixed, nominally 25@26c.

Rye.

Receipts the past 24 hours ..... 1,200 bushels
Receipts same time last year ..... 1,850 bushels
Shipments the past 24 hours ..... none
Shipments same time last year ..... 650 bushels

Not much on sale and market firm and demand very fair in sympathy with a stronger feeling in wheat. By sample on track here at Kansas City:

No. 2 nominally.
No. 3 nominally, 1 car at 47c.

FLOUR—Steady and selling fairly to the accounting trade. The range of quotations is as follows: Fancy, per barrel, patents, $3.90@4.05; straights, $3.60@3.80; clears, $3.40@3.60; low grades, $1.80@2.40. Hard wheat—Patents, $3.70@3.90; straights, $3.40@3.60; clears, $3.20@3.40; low grades, $1.80@2.40. Established grades and city mills, 20@25c per barrel higher.

CORNMEAL—Higher with corn, but dull. Bulk, $2.05 per cwt.

CORN CHIPS—Demand light, but values up a little in sympathy with corn. Packed, $2.60 per cwt.

FLAXSEED—Bulls and in fair demand. Cash and December $1.01 per bushel upon the basis of pure.

BRAN—Firmer and in good demand. Sacked, 240@24½c per cwt. Sale of 1 car at 24½c per cwt.

CANTON DRESS—But few coming in. Car lots, $1.05 per bushel.

BROOM CORN, CAGES—Car lots, $22 per ton; ton lots, $23; 1,000 pound lots, $21; less, $1.25 per 100 pounds extra.

CHTTONSEED MEAL—In car lots, $19 per ton at Kansas City, and also all points in Kansas and Missouri taking same rate as Kansas City.

BROOM CORN—Quotations per ton for car lots, f. o. b. Kansas City:

Choice green hurl $90 00
Choice green self-working 85 00
Good green hurl 75 00
Good green self-working 70 00
Choice red or yellow tipped hurl 70 00
Choice red or yellow tipped self-working 60 00
Common hurl 70 00

Hay.

Receipts and shipments by cars the past 24 hours:

	Receipts.		Shipments.	
	1898.	1897.	1898.	1897.
Prairie	21	21	3	5
Timothy	2	..	..	..
Clover mixed	2	..	..	..
Alfalfa	1	..	..	..
Straw	4	..	..	..
Clover	..	..	..	..
Millet	..	..	..	..
Totals	21	21	3	5

*Timothy included.

Dullness still pervades the market. Some little local demand reported, and a few orders being received for timothy, though no general movement, and clearances hard to make. Prices, however, held steady. Sales and quotations furnished by the Kansas City Hay Dealers' exchange.

Sales: No. 1 timothy, 1 car at $7.00; No. 2 timothy, 1 car at $6.00; No. 2 clover and timothy, 1 car at $6.50; No. 1 prairie, 7 cars good at $6.50, 2 cars scant at $6.25; No. 2 prairie, 1 car good at $6.00, 1 car scant at $5.75; No. 3 prairie, 1 car at $4.00; No. 4 prairie, 1 car at $4.75; straw, wheat, 1 car at $4.75.

Quotations: Timothy—Choice, nominal, $7.00@7.25; No. 1, $6.50@6.75; No. 2, $5.50@6.00. Clover mixed—No. 1, $6.25@6.50; No. 2, $5.00@5.50; No. 3, $3.50@4.00. Pure clover—$6.25@6.75. Prairie—Choice, $6.25@6.50; No. 1, $6.00@6.25; No. 2, $5.50@6.00; No. 3, $3.50@5.00; No. 4, $4.00@4.50; packing, $3.00@3.50. Alfalfa—$6.00@7.50. Straw—Rye, $4.50@5.00; wheat, $4.00@4.50; oat, $4.00@4.25.

Yesterday's Chicago Market

Furnished by the French Bros. Commission Company, room 21, Board of Trade building:

	Opened.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closed.	Closed, Wed'day.
WHEAT—					
Dec.	$ 66⅛	$ 66⅞	$ 66⅛	$ 66⅝	$ 66½
May	65⅞@⅞	66⅞	65⅝	66⅛	66⅝
July	66⅝	66⅞	66⅛	66⅝@⅞	66
CORN—					
Dec.	34	36⅛	33⅞	36⅛	33⅞
May	37⅛	37⅞	36⅞@⅞	37⅞	36⅞@⅞
July	37⅛	37⅞	37⅛	37⅞	36⅞
OATS—					
Dec.	25	26⅛	25	26⅛	26
May	27⅛@⅛	27⅞	27	27⅛@⅛	27
PORK—					
Dec.					
Jan.	6 20	6 20	6 20	6 27½	6 22½
May	6 30	6 32½	6 25	6 30@32½	6 22½
LARD—					
Dec.				3 90	3 92½
Jan.	3 87½@⅞	3 87½@⅞	3 82½	3 87½@⅞	3 90
May	3 80	3 82	3 77½	3 82½	3 82½
S. RIBS—					
Dec.				4 45	4 37½
Jan.	4 37½	4 37½@⅞	4 37½	4 37½	4 35@37½
May	4 37½	4 40@42½	4 37½	4 40	4 37½

Chicago grain receipts—Winter wheat, 12 cars; contract, 3; Spring wheat, 123 cars; contract, 8 cars. Corn, 264 cars; contract, 73 cars. Oats, 284 cars; contract, 36 cars.

Estimated for to-day—Wheat, 177 cars; corn, 465 cars; oats, 222 cars.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 65¼@65¾c; No. 3 red, 65@65c; No. 2 hard, 64½c; No. 3 hard, 62½@64c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 36¼@36½c; No. 2 white, 36½@36¾c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 26¼@26½c; No. 2 white, 28½@28½c.

Grain Notes.

Minneapolis wheat stocks are expected to increase almost 700,000 bushels this week.

There was a sale of 45,000 bushels of No. 3 spring wheat at Chicago yesterday.

Puts on Chicago May wheat, good next week, were quoted at 66⅝c, calls, 71½c; puts on May corn, 35⅞c; calls, 38c.

Deliveries at Chicago yesterday on December contracts were as follows: One hundred thousand bushels of wheat, 150,000 bushels of corn, 25,000 bushels of rye and 500 barrels of pork.

A Minneapolis message reported that two firms sold 35,000 barrels of flour Wednesday, and total sales were 55,000 barrels, mostly for domestic use. Millers are sold way ahead.

An official of the new American Linseed Oil Company says that consumers have bought two more mills. The capacities of these two mills are equal to 12 per cent of the amount paid for them.

A Chicago message says: Deliveries on December contracts Wednesday were mainly by Armour, and were 250,000 bushels of wheat, 100,000 bushels of corn and 25,000 bushels of oats.

Yesterday's Cincinnati Price Current says: Snow has largely disappeared in the Central regions. Cold weather has not disturbed the wheat crop. The condition of corn is not essentially bettered. Grain generally is being marketed tardily.

The primary market receipts yesterday were 1,074,000 bushels of wheat, against 648,000 bushels a year ago; shipments were 218,000 bushels, last year 139,000 bushels. Corn, receipts 674,000 bushels, a year ago 235,000 bushels; shipments 241,000 bushels, last year, 216,000 bushels.

Yesterday's clearances for export at the four Atlantic ports were 418,194 bushels of wheat, 22,107 packages of flour, equal to 570,000 bushels of corn and 14 bushels of oats. Total wheat and flour clearances amount to 861,000 bushels, and corn 514,000 bushels.

Puts on Chicago May wheat, good to-day, sold at 67⅛@67⅜c, closing at 67⅛c; calls, 66⅝@66⅞c, and closed at 66⅞c. May wheat sold on the curb at 66⅞c; puts on May corn, 36⅞@37c, and closed at 36¾@36⅞c; calls, 37⅛c. May corn sold on the curb at 37c.

C. G. Logan, of Chicago, wired W. W. Cowen yesterday: "The handwriting is on the wall that all property will seek a higher level on account of improved industrial conditions. Panic prices will not rule, in our opinion, for any commodity during the coming year."

The St. Louis Republic says: The gold premium in the Argentine is a very important factor in the outward movement. Prices at the end of November showed a gold premium of 18 per cent, which in 1896 had risen to 211 in 1895 and 254 in 1896. The lower premium means just so much loss in paper money for the grain, and this will be somewhat of a serious factor in the movement of the crops.

Wednesday night and yesterday light snow or rain fell in Missouri, Kansas and Colorado and the upper Lake region, and at 7 a. m. snow was falling at Springfield and St. Louis and rain at Chicago, while clearing conditions have appeared in the Rocky mountain districts and most of the Western states. East of the Mississippi river the weather is generally unsettled, with low barometric areas central over the upper Lake region and lower Ohio valley. An area of high barometer overspreads the Central and Northern Pacific and Central plateau regions. Much colder weather is predicted.

A letter to Irwin, Green & Co., of Chicago, from an Iowa correspondent, dated December 18, says of the corn situation there: Gentlemen—I sent you postal to-day to cancel open order to sell at 36c. The situation here points more and more to an advance, for fully one-half the corn is still in field, and one-half of what is unpicked is down in the heaviest snow. The average yield will be about 35 bushels to the acre, and the crop will not average 35 bushels where they usually get from 60 to 70 bushels. Tonight we have a cold rain from north, will turn to snow before morning, and not make the situation any better. Some of our best shippers are paying 24c for new corn. There is usually a difference of 10c below Chicago market, but not this year. There are more cattle fed than usual, too. It looks from here that corn must advance after January 1, for receipts will be much less after that time.

Car lot receipts of wheat:

	K. C.	Chi.	St. L.	Milw.	Dith.	Tot.
Yesterday	172	144	61	631	111	1092
A week ago	115	172	78	452	255	1072
Two weeks ago	90	142	77	241	111	661
A year ago	102	407	72	84	83	748
Two years ago	25	30	28	235	124	442

Car lot receipts of corn:

	K. C.	Chi.	St. L.	Tot.
Yesterday	17	264	112	393
A week ago	37	436	110	583
Two weeks ago	15	408	49	472
A year ago	96	285	226	607
Two years ago	134	394	226	754

Car lot receipts of oats:

	K. C.	Chi.	St. L.	Tot.
Yesterday	4	284	36	324
A week ago	7	223	44	274
Two weeks ago	4	236	3	243
A year ago	19	292	28	339
Two years ago	27	260	35	322

This package, from the St. Louis Republic, comes nearer expressing the corn situation than anything that has appeared of late: Farmers are hard financially and exceptionally large feeding to live stock are the reasons why there is comparatively so little corn moving to market. The country must are also in miserable condition in the greater portion of the corn belt, so that farmers could do very little hauling to market even if they so desired. In some of the Northern sections—Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa, for instance—a large amount of corn, it is said, remains unhusked. St. Louis traveling men who have been through the corn states west of the Mississippi river report very bullishly on the corn situation. Farmers show no inclination to sell at prices the market offers, and most of them are holding for much higher figures. In Iowa is this particularly observable. The farmers of that state appear to have money and seem to be using it to carry this season, and can afford to hold their grain. They are helped out by the exceptionally heavy demand from feeders, who pay several cents more than can be realized in the market. This applies to the other states, especially Nebraska, where there is an unusually large number of cattle being fed. The fact that the West is paying 5 cent December to cancel sales to St. Louis of No. 2 or better corn is more evidence in line with above.

Memphis Route Holiday Excursions.

On December 20 and 21, '98, the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis R. R. Co. will sell round trip tickets from Kansas City and all coupon ticket offices on its lines to points in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and the Southeast generally, at rate of one fare, with return limited to thirty days. On December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1 and 2, tickets will be sold at one fare between all K. C., F. S. & M. stations, limited to January 4, for return. No round trip tickets will be sold at reduced rate less than 50 cents.

Excursion Rates for the Holidays Via the Katy Route.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway will sell tickets to all points within 200 miles at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899. Good for return up to and including January 4, 1899. Ticket offices, 10th Union avenue, 823 Main street and Union depot.

T. J. FITZGERALD, P. & T. A.

Holidays on the Wabash.

The Wabash Railroad Company will sell holiday tickets on December 24th, 25th, 26th and 31st and January 1st and 2d, limited to return up to January 4th, for one and one-third fare for the round trip, to points within 200 miles.

Holiday Excursions.

The C. M. & St. P. railway will sell tickets to stations within a distance of 200 miles for one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 24, 25, 26 and 31, and January 1 and 2. Good to return on or before January 4, 1899.

A. B. BRIDGES,
General Southwestern Agent.

MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS

STOCKS CONTINUE UPWARD, AND VOLUME OF BUSINESS HEAVY.

London Was a Free Buyer and There Was Unusually Active Home Trading and a General Advance Reported.

There was but little new demand for money yesterday. Some renewals were had from the country and more or less renewing reported, yet the volume of new business at the discount boards was not sufficient to keep loans from running down. Rates, however, held steady at 7@8 per cent. Currency shipments to the country only moderate, the flow now being rather inward than outward. Bank clearings, $1,830,246, against $1,772,801, an increase of $57,445, a gain of 4 per cent.

Eastern exchange steady.

Northern Pacific preferred, exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, par; Chicago, 10c discount; St. Louis, par.

The gold reserve yesterday was $246,027,858.

The Bank of England's reserve this week is 48.62 per cent, against 50.40 per cent last week. Rate of discount still 4 per cent.

The Bank of England lost last week £356,000 of its gold supply and the Bank of France £50,000 francs.

Kansas City Local Securities.

Following are the prices of local stocks and bonds, as reported by H. P. Wright & Co., 730 Delaware street, telephone No. 2634:

	Annual div.	Last div.	Bid.	Asked.
National Bank of Commerce	6	July '98	117	120
Kansas City State bank	6	July '98	..	165
First National bank	10	July '98	205	210
Interstate National bank	6	July '98	124	125
Union National bank	7	July '98	105	107
American National bank	6	July '98	78	78
Missouri Savings bank	8	Oct. '98	115	125
New England National bank	6	July '98	125	130
United States Trust Co.	..	..	95	100
Bank of H. S. Mills	10	July '98	135	140
Mechanics' bank	6	Nov. '98	160	170
Kansas City Stock Yards	6	Nov. '98	113	115
Metropolitan Street Railway	4	Aug. '98	83	84
Con. Smelting and Ref. Co.	6	Dec. '98	30	35
do preferred	7	Dec. '98	101	104
M., K. and T. Trust Co.	6	Aug. '98	85	87
Central Coal and Coke Co.	5	Oct. '98	..	..
do common	..	..	..	15
K. C., F. S. & M. common	6	Aug. '98	19	25
do preferred	6	Aug. '98	59	65
Mo. and Kas. Telephone Co.	4	Aug. '98	12	15
Metropolitan gen. bonds, 2s	5	..	104½	105½
Metropolitan Consolidated 5s	..	..	100	102
K. C. Ft. S. & M. 1st 6s	..	..	100	102
Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf stock	..	..	16½	17
Missouri state 3½ per cent bonds	..	..	100	105
Jackson county court house bonds, 4s	..	..	101	103
Kansas City public hall bonds, 6s	..	..	102	105
Syndicate Gold Mining Co.	..	..	105	110
Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf bonds, 5s	..	..	71	72
Kansas City Elevated Railway bonds, 4s	..	..	70½	72
Metropolitan Railway Consolidated 5s	..	..	94½	95
Kansas City, Mo., school bonds, 6s	..	..	105	108
Kansas City Belt Railway 1st bonds, 6s	..	..	107½	..
Kansas City Elevated Railway 6s	..	..	105	..
Kansas City 4½ per cent water bonds	..	..	112	114

Stocks and Bonds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The market continued today its upward movement on a tremendous volume of business second only to the record made one day last week. London traded both ways in the morning and seemed to be a buyer on balance for a long time. On balance it is estimated that over 350,000 shares were taken for London account. Denver & Rio Grande preferred was a favorite in both markets on projections of a plan of reorganization which underlaid the Union Pacific issues were absorbed on rising prices for both foreign and domestic accounts. A pool apparently connected with prominent banking interests seemed in control of this stock in the afternoon, and there were no new developments in the property except that a good showing was forecasted for the November statement to be presently issued, and the continued association of the property with the Atchison deal in which other roads are supposed to be interested. Realizing sales by certain large interests, although causing a reactory movement early in the day, seemed to have been well taken, considering their volume. Then evidence of more buying by certain interests appeared, and powerful interests resulted in an almost buoyant tone before noon. There was covering of shorts who have expected a reaction which failed to appear to any extent thus far because of the large amount of new purchases made by the bears. There was pronounced strength in the grangers, Rock Island crossing 111 for a handsome fraction, while St. Paul ruled around 118 and Quincy 122. The movement in these and other standard railroad stocks had a beneficial influence elsewhere, where bull leaders were successful in stimulating the movements. Rumors of favorable developments added some hitherto neglected issues. Minneapolis & St. Louis should preferred sold up to the higher property which was now reorganized. Tobacco and Sugar displayed exceptional weakness at one time, but recovered substantially in sympathy with the late buoyant speculation. Baltimore & Ohio shares suffered from some prime selling early in the day, yesterday substantial improvement. Missouri Pacific, after a period of heavy news, rallied 3 points on rumors that a dividend declaration was not improbable. Federal Steel continued its advance, the common rising 2 points on the favorable trade situation and the belief that powerful interests were supporting the stock.

The bond market was irregular during the early part of the day, but subsequently moved generally upward in sympathy with the stock market. United States 2s advanced ¼ per cent and the new 4s and the other 4s, coupon, ⅛ per cent in the bid price.

Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were:

	—Closed— Yes.	Wed.		—Closed— Yes.	Wed.
Atchison	19⅝	19⅞	R. G. W.	24	26
do pref	50⅝	50½	do pref	64	64
Balt. & Ohio	79	79⅝	St. L. & S. F.	8⅝	8⅝
Canada Pacific	84	84	do 1st pref	65⅝	65⅝
Canadian	100	100	do 2d pref	25	25
Central Pacific	32	32	St. L. & S. W.	7⅝	7⅝
Ches. & Ohio	23⅝	25	do pref	17½	17⅝
Chi. & Alton	159	161	St. Paul	117⅝	117⅞
C., B. & Q.	122½	122	do pref	166	165½
C. & E. I.	96	96	St. P. & O.	91⅝	91⅝
do pref	159⅝	159⅝	do pref	171	171
C. G. W.	12⅝	13⅛	St. P., M. & M.	172	173
Chi., Ind. & L.	7⅛	7⅛	So. Pacific	29⅝	30⅛
do pref	21	21	So. Railway	10⅝	10⅝
C. & N. W.	142	141⅝	do pref	41⅝	41⅝
do pref	189	189	Texas & Pacific	11⅝	11⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	77	77	Union Pacific	47⅝	47⅝
do pref	94	94	do pref	74½	74½
Col. Southern	16⅝	16⅝	*U. P., D. & G.	12⅝	12⅝
do 1st pref	37⅝	37⅝	Wabash	8⅝	8⅝
do 2d pref	19⅝	..	do pref	23⅝	23⅝
Del. & Hudson	106⅝	105⅝	**W., St. L. & P.	20⅝	20⅝
D., L. & W.	159	159½	Express Companies.		
D. & H. G.	24	18⅝	Adams	158	158
do pref	68⅝	67⅝	American	144	144
Den. & R. G.	15⅝	15⅝	United States	52	52
do 1st pref	37⅝	37⅝	Wells-Fargo	115	115
Fort Wayne	155	155	Miscellaneous.		
Ill. Cent. pref	124⅝	120	Amer. Cot. Oil	31	32
Hocking Val.	17⅝	18	do pref	87½	88½
Illinois Cent.	111⅝	111	Amer. Spirits	13	13⅝
L. E. & W.	27⅝	27⅝	do pref	33⅝	33⅝
do pref	74	74	Amer. Tobacco	140½	140½
Lake Shore	200½	200½	do pref	157	158
L. & N.	83⅝	83⅝	Cons. Gas	194½	195
Manhattan L.	97⅝	97⅝	Com. Cable Co.	137	137
Mex. Central	15⅝	15⅝	U. S. Leather	7⅝	7⅝
Mich. Central	111	111	do pref	77	77
M. & St. L.	23⅝	23⅝	General Electric	92⅝	92⅝
do 1st pref	69⅝	69⅝	Hawaii Com. Co.	37	35
do 2d pref	44⅝	45	Intl. Paper Co.	61⅝	60
Minnesota Oma.	34⅝	34⅝	do pref	52⅝	50
M., K. & T.	17⅝	18⅝	Lead	27⅝	27⅝
do pref	37⅝	37⅝	do pref	115	112
N. J. Central	97	97	Nat. Lin. Oil	8⅝	8⅝
N. Y. Central	127⅝	127⅝	Pacific Mail	43⅝	43⅝
N. Y., C. & St. L.	14	14	Pullman Palace	167⅝	168⅝
do 1st pref	57	57	Pullman Pal.	149	149
do 2d pref	36	36	Silver Cert.	29⅝	29⅝
Norfolk & W.	16⅝	16⅝	Stand. R. & T.	8	8
Nor. Pacific	47⅝	47⅝	Sugar	124⅝	124⅝
do pref	75⅝	75⅝	do pref	111⅝	111⅝
Ontario & W.	12⅝	12⅝	T. C. & Iron	37⅝	38⅝
O. R. & N.	31	31	U. S. Leather	6⅝	6
do pref	72	72	do pref	70	68⅝
Ore. Short Line	37	39	U. S. Rubber	44⅝	44⅝
Pacific Coast	43⅝	..	do pref	110⅝	111
do 1st pref	93	92