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Surprising Decrease in the Visible the Chief Factor—Other Markets Dull, but All a Little Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat looked for a time to-day as if it were again going below the 80-cent mark, but the surprising decrease in the world's visible changed the aspect of affairs. May closed at an advance of 1¼c for the day. The other markets were dull, but steady, corn advancing ⅛@¼c; ots, ¼c, and provisions, 2½@7½c.

Wheat had a weak opening, and during the first hour sold a full ¾c below the close Saturday. But the season of weakness was brief. Black sea shipments of wheat for the week amounted to about 4,600,000 bushels. The shipments for this side were 4,222,000 bushels, making a total of nearly 10,000,000 bushels. This in itself was sufficient to cause a weak opening, but Liverpool again showed indifference, although this was probably the result of the Black sea figures, and the consequence was that May wheat, which closed Saturday at 80⅝@80⅞c, opened to-day at 80⅛@80⅜c, and sold almost immediately at 80c. That, however, was the lowest price of the day. One of the first things to arrest the decline and change the tone of the market was direct cables from Argentine reporting unfavorable weather and stating that the yield will be poor. The visible supply soon began to attract attention, and one early feature of it was considered so bullish as to completely obliterate the effect of the enormous world's exports. Buffalo stocks were generally expected to show an increase of 1,500,000 bushels, and they actually proved to have decreased 164,000 bushels. That, of course, caused an immediate radical revision of the estimates on the visible, and caused the price to rise persistently until, about 11:30 o'clock, it was up to 81⅞c, or within ⅛c of 2c per bushel advance from the lowest point made on opening. Northwest receipts had but little influence to-day. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 810 cars, compared with 1,048 last week, and 1,323 last year. Chicago received 41 cars, against 36 cars last week and 221 last year. The decrease in the world's visible was finally reported at 2,028,000 bushels. Last year there was an increase of over 3,000,000 bushels. The decrease was 1,000,000 bushels more than expected and lent additional strength to the market. After a reaction to 81⅝c, May advanced again to 82⅛c, where it was quoted at the close.

Corn was steadied by the enormous business done at the seaboard late Saturday, 100 loads. The opening was weak, in sympathy with wheat, but soon recovered the slight decline. Trade at no time was active and fluctuations were narrow in consequence. May opened a shade lower, at 25⅝@25⅞c, and advanced to 26@26⅛c, where it closed.

Oats were rather easy early, on account of the liberal receipts and a heavy cash market. Under liberal covering by shorts, induced by the firmness of wheat and a visible decrease of 938,000 bushels, the market advanced and closed firm at top prices. May opened ¼c lower, at 20⅝c, and advanced to and closed at 20¾c bid.

Provisions were firm at the opening, at a slight advance, due to the much smaller receipts of hogs than expected. The weakening of prices at the yards caused the market to fall off somewhat, but the weakness lasted but a short time. Reports of extensive hog cholera in Iowa caused a second advance, and the market closed steady at about opening figures. May pork closed 7½c higher, at $8.00; May lard, 2½c higher, at $4.10; May ribs, 2½c higher, at $4.05.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 54 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 630 cars; hogs, 27,000.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET.

Good Wheat More Active and Higher—Corn Weak and Oats Dull and Lower.

In store—Wheat, 480,686 bushels; corn, 19,769 bushels; oats, 160,028 bushels, and rye, 11,353 bushels.

WHEAT—Receipts past 48 hours.... 31,800
Same time last year 102,000
Shipments 10,200

There was a better tone and more life to the market yesterday than for some days. Cables came in stronger and there was a big decrease in the visible supply last week. The result was all good wheat found ready sale and brought more money. Low grades, however, continue dull. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 hard, 1 car at 77c, 1 car at 78c, 5 cars at 79c and 1 car choice at 80c; No. 2 spring, 1 car choice, 75½ pounds, at 77½c, 2 cars poor at 74c, and 1 car mixed at 78½c; No. 3 hard, 2 cars at 75c, 2 cars at 74c, 2 cars choice at 75c; No. 3 spring, 4 cars at 75c, 1 car at 72c and 1 car choice at 73c; No. 4 hard, 1 cars at 65c, 3 cars at 65c, 1 car at 65½c, 1 car poor at 65c, 1 car at 62½c, 2 cars good at 66c, 2 cars choice at 68c and 1 car at 68½c; rejected, 1 car poor at 51c, 1 car red at 70c; No. 2 red, 1 car at 82c, 3 cars at 82½c; No. 3 red, 1 car choice at 82c, 1 car mixed at 80c, 1 car mixed at 85c; No. 4 red, 1 car poor at 74c.

CORN—Receipts past 48 hours 92,400
Same time last year 96,000
Shipments 27,000

No. 2 in very good demand and steady, but low grades slow sale and weak. The bulk of the arrivals graded No. 3 mixed and under. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, 13 cars at 18½c, 2 cars at 18¾c, 5 cars special billing at 19c and 2 cars yellow, special billing, at 19c and 1 car yellow at 18½c; May, 20⅝c bid, 20¾c asked; No. 3 mixed, 20 cars at 17½c, 10 cars choice at 18c, 2 cars yellow at 17½c and 2 cars at 17c; no grade, 1 car at 16½c; No. 2 white, 6 cars at 19½c; No. 3 white, 4 cars at 18½c, 4 cars at 18¾c; No. 4 mixed, 3 cars at 17½c.

OATS—Receipts past 48 hours 79,000
Same time last year 36,000
Shipments 6,000

Coming in more freely and market dull and lower. Low grades especially slow sale. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2 mixed, nominal at 18@18c; No. 3 mixed, 1 car at 16c, 1 car at 17c, 1 car poor at 15½c and 1 car colored at 16c; No. 4 mixed, nominal at 14@15c; No. 2 white, 1 car at 20½c, 1 car at 21c and 1 car old at 22c; No. 3 white, 18@20c, 2 cars at 18½c; No. 4 white, 17@17½c, 2 cars at 17½c.

RYE—Receipts past 48 hours 600
Same time last year 1,800
Shipments .....

Very little arriving and market steady. By sample on track here at Kansas City: No. 2, 22@22½c; No. 3, 20@21c.

FLOUR—Still dull, but unchanged. Soft wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.40@2.50; extra fancy, $2.25@2.35; fancy, $2.10@2.20; choice, $1.90@2.00. Hard wheat, per 100 pound sack, patents, $2.00@2.10; straights, $1.80@2.00; bakers' grades, $1.80@1.85; low grades, $1.50@1.75. Rye, $1.50@1.45.

CORNMEAL—Slow sale, but unchanged. Quoted at 27@28c per cwt., bulk.

CORN CHOP—Still dull. Quoted at 25@26c per cwt., sacked.

FLAXSEED—Selling fairly at old prices. Cash and December, 66@67c per bushel, upon the basis of pure.

CASTOR BEANS—Steady and in good demand. Car lots, $1.15 per bushel; less, $1.05 per bushel.

BRAN—Demand light, but values steady. Sacked, 58@60c per cwt.; bulk, 52@53c.

HAY—Receipts past 48 hours ..... 880 tons
Same time last year ..... 1,120 tons
Shipments ..... 130 tons

Little more life to the market and prairie higher, but timothy unchanged. New prairie, choice, $5.00@5.50; No. 1, $5.00@5.50; No. 2, $4.00@4.50; lower grades, $3.00@3.50. Timothy, choice, $8.00@8.50; No. 1, $7.00@7.50; No. 2, $6.00@6.50. Clover, mixed, No. 1, $5.50@6.00; No. 2, $5.00@5.50.

Yesterday's Chicago Market.

Furnished by the French Bros. Commission Company, room 22, Board of Trade building:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close Sat.
Wheat—					
Dec.	$ 77	$ 78⅛	$ 76⅞	$ 78⅛	$ 76⅞
May	80¼	82⅛	80	82⅛	80¾
July	73⅝	75½	73⅝	75½	74⅞
Corn—					
Dec.	22⅞	22⅞	22¾	22¾	22½
Jan.	23	23⅛	23	23⅛	22
May	25⅞	26⅛	25⅞	26	25⅞
Oats—					
Dec.	17	.....	.....	17¼	17
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	17⅝	17½
May	20⅝	20¾	20½	20	20½
Pork—					
Dec.	.....	.....	.....	6 90	6 87½
Jan.	7 67½	7 80	7 65	6 75	7 62½
May	7 95	8 07½	7 92½	8 00	7 92½
Lard—					
Dec.	.....	.....	.....	3 77½	3 75
Jan.	3 87½	3 92½	3 87½	3 90	3 87½
May	4 07½	4 12½	4 07½	4 10	4 07½
Ribs—					
Dec.	.....	.....	.....	3 95	3 90
Jan.	3 90	3 92½	3 90	3 90	3 87½
May	4 05	4 07½	4 02½	4 05	4 02½

Chicago car lots—Wheat, 43 cars; contract, 9 cars. Corn, 196 cars; contract, 42 cars. Oats, 490 cars; contract, 104 cars.

Estimated for to-day—Wheat, 54 cars; corn, 375 cars; oats, 630 cars.

WHEAT—Cash—No. 2 red, 88@88c; No. 3 red, 82@86c; No. 2 hard, 80@82c; No. 3 hard, 76@78c.

CORN—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 22c, and No. 2 white, 23c.

OATS—Cash—No. 2 mixed, 17½c, and No. 3 mixed, 20@21c.

Grain Notes.

Chicago's public stocks of wheat are 13,497,000 bushels; corn, 4,836,000 bushels; oats, 3,657,000 bushels.

The English visible supply of wheat increased 1,100,000 bushels the past week.

The trading of futures in grain in Berlin will cease December 31, in accordance with a law adopted last summer.

The quantity of wheat and flour on ocean passage to Europe increased 480,000 bushels last week. Corn increased 80,000 bushels.

A letter from Marshall, Mo., states that Rea & Page, millers of that place, recently paid a dollar a bushel for 1,500 bushels of fancy soft wheat.

Primary receipts of wheat yesterday were 659,000 bushels, against 1,361,000 bushels a year ago; corn, 576,000 bushels, against 708,000 bushels a year ago; shipments were 215,000 bushels wheat and 256,000 corn.

Stocks of wheat in the state of California December 1 were 7,485,000 centals, against 10,941,000 centals a year ago. The largest stocks were in 1881, being then 19,805,000 centals. The lowest—6,735,000 centals—in 1884.

Danubian wheat shipments the past week were 1,032,000 bushels, against 1,352,000 bushels last week and 1,760,000 bushels a year ago. Danubian shipments of corn were 320,000 bushels, against 352,000 bushels a week ago.

A letter from Odessa, referring to Southern Russia, received by Logan & Co., of Chicago, says: "Conditions are very bad, and in this vicinity there will be less of a crop in 1897 than we got in 1896. Too dry for the plant."

Kansas City stocks of wheat increased 10,000 bushels during the past week; corn increased 500 bushels; oats decreased 2,000 bushels; rye increased 2,000 bushels.

The state estimate of the Iowa corn crop is 313,652,000 bushels, which has been exceeded twice. The government estimate of the Iowa corn crop is 311,000,000 bushels.

The four Atlantic ports yesterday cleared 81,662 bushels of wheat, 32,267 barrels of flour, 287,123 bushels of corn and 90,669 bushels of oats. Wheat and flour exports equaled 187,218 bushels.

The viceroy of India cabled the English government yesterday that the week closing Saturday was a rainless one. The previous rains have reduced the number requiring relief 25 to 30 per cent.

A direct Argentine cable received at New York yesterday says: "The weather is very unfavorable for harvesting. The yield of the new crop is poor. The total crop is short of last year's."

Black sea shipments of wheat last week were 5,584,000 bushels, against 4,064,000 bushels a week ago, and 4,284,000 bushels a year ago. These include the Danubian shipment, and with the shipment from this country the week's world's shipments were 9,800,000 bushels, but a Beerbohm cable yesterday made them only 8,640,000 bushels, against 6,960,000 bushels a year ago.

The total visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, as reported by the Chicago board of trade yesterday, and on the corresponding date of the past four years, is as follows:

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Yesterday	54,284,000	17,461,000	11,359,000
A year ago	66,855,000	5,219,000	6,134,000
Two years ago	88,161,000	7,815,000	9,141,000
Three years ago	80,142,000	6,647,000	3,981,000
Four years ago	78,320,000	10,723,000	6,682,000

The changes in the visible supply of grain last week, and for the corresponding week of the past three years, were as below:

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
December 14, 1896	2,028,000	*56,000	938,000
Last week	2,092,000	823,000	177,000
December 14, 1895	*3,063,000	2,000	*122,000
December 15, 1894	*2,231,000	*1,200,000	5,000
December 16, 1893	*1,389,000	*470,000	30,000

*Increase; others decrease.

Car lot receipts of wheat:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Mpls.	Dth.	Tot.
Yesterday	53	43	34	654	156	940
A week ago	78	36	35	970	78	1197
2 weeks ago	69	15	29	280	120	495
A year ago	170	221	169	1042	281	1874

Car lot receipts of corn:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	154	196	249	699
A week ago	228	295	260	783
Two weeks ago	83	108	78	269
A year ago	160	451	223	834

Car lot receipts of oats:

	K.C.	Chi.	St.L.	Tot.
Yesterday	39	490	56	585
A week ago	25	271	39	335
Two weeks ago	24	118	26	168
A year ago	36	258	44	338

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SUBLETTE WILL INVALID.

Judge Rassieur, of the St. Louis Probate Court, Declares It Presumptively Fraudulent.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—The Sublette will has been declared invalid by Judge Rassieur, of the probate court. It was filed for probate last March, revealing a romantic story in which figured the tombstone over a long forgotten grave in the Rocky mountains; some interesting family history and the marvelous discovery of the will of Solomon P. Sublette, who died in St. Louis October 1, 1857, almost forty years after it was made. The will reached a legal firm of Sedalia, Mo., by mail in 1895, unaccompanied by any other writing, and with no clue to the identity of the sender. They consulted with the heirs of Sublette in St. Louis, who were mentioned in the alleged will, and who had been at law for years with Sublette's heirs-at-law for possession of the estate, which consists of real estate in St. Louis worth millions.

Judge Rassieur declares the will presumptively fraudulent.

Another Latin Scholarship.

Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 14.—(Special.) Dr. D. H. Holmes, dean of the department of Latin of Kansas university, has succeeded in establishing another graduate scholarship in Latin. It is the result of the liberality of Lawrence citizens and will be known as the "Lawrence citizens' graduate scholarship in Latin."

More Russian Students Arrested.

Moscow, Dec. 14.—The police have seized a number of political letters and papers at the students' lodgings and have made forty more prisoners.

MONEY, STOCKS AND BONDS.

STOCKS BEARISH ALL ROUND, BUT MORE ACTIVE.

The Cuban Situation Causing Uneasiness and Freer Selling, and the Close Was at the Low Point of the Day.

The week opened yesterday at the banks with a good counter business, but the demand for money was light. There was some little call from the country, presumably for taxpaying purposes and the grain and live stock men are still using some little bank capital, but as a whole loans are only fair. Rates steady at 7@8 per cent. Shipments of currency to the country light. Bank clearings, $1,868,917; same day last year, $1,697,327, an increase of $171,590, a gain of 10 per cent.

Eastern exchange quiet and weak.

Houston, Fible & Co., exchange brokers, quote it as follows: New York, 25c premium; Chicago, par; St. Louis, par.

The gold reserve yesterday was $133,191,544.

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Local Bank Stock Quotations.

The following are the bid and asked prices for stocks of Kansas City banks and other local securities, as furnished by H. P. Wright & Co., brokers, Armour building:

	Bid.	Asked.
American National bank	75	78
Citizens' National bank	95	100
First National bank	170	175
Interstate National bank	99	100
Midland National bank	99	100
National Bank of Commerce	92	95
Union National bank	97	99
Missouri Savings bank	115	—
Mechanics' bank	95	98
Metropolitan National bank	84	87
Kansas City Stock Yards	134½	136
K. C. Elevated 4 per cent bonds	52	55
New England Safe Deposit	125	130
United States Trust Company	100	105
K. C. Smelting & Refining Co	95	98
Kansas City State bank	85	90
Bank of H. S. Mills	135	140
Metropolitan Street Railway	58	60
M., K. & T. Trust Co	100	101
Jackson county, Mo., bonds—		
Blue township	109	111
Kaw township	111	113
Court house	100½	101½
Van Buren township	100	—
O. K. Creek sewer	101	102
Water works (gold)	109	111
Exchange Building Association	10	125
National Surety Company	110	75
Central Coal & Coke Company	—	—
Metropolitan Street Railway bonds—general mortgage	90	92
K. C. Belt Line bonds	102	104
K. C. School bonds	100	102

Money at Home and Abroad.

New York, Dec. 14.—Money on call, 1½@2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@5 per cent; sterling exchange, firm; posted rates, $4.84½@4.87½; commercial bills, $4.82½.

London, Dec. 14.—Money, 2¾@3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 3@3¼ per cent.

New York, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $79,497,359; balances, $4,341,648.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $13,800,397; balances, $2,122,375.

Baltimore, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $2,089,357; balances, $359,021.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $8,180,218; balances, $1,808,225.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—Money, 3@6 per cent. New York exchange, par. Clearings, $2,871,700.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $17,590,678. Money, steady, unchanged. New York exchange, 50c premium. Foreign exchange, firm; demand, $4.86⅞; sixty days, $4.84.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—Clearings, $5,030,701; balances, $791,373. Money, 6@8 per cent. New York exchange, 50c premium bid; 75c premium asked.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Clearings, $1,496,667. New York exchange, bank, par; commercial, $1.50 per $1,000 discount.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Clearings, $438,561; balances, $75,357. New York exchange, selling at $1.00 premium.

Silver.

New York, Dec. 14.—Bar silver, 63⅝c, and Mexican dollars, 51c.

London, Dec. 14.—Bar silver, 30d per ounce.

Railroad Bonds.

New York, Dec. 14.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: Atchison 4s, 78¾; Atchison 2d A, 41½; Canada Southern 2ds, 105¼; Central Pacific 1sts of '95, 102½; Denver & Rio Grande 7s, 111½; Denver & Rio Grande 4s, 90¼; Erie 2ds, 64⅞; G., H. & S. A. 6s, 106¼; G., H. & S. A. 7s, 95; Houston & Texas Central 5s, 109; Houston & Texas Central 6s, 100½; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 1st 4s, 81¾; Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2d 4s, 58; Mutual Union 6s, 111; New Jersey Central general 5s, 118¼; Northern Pacific 1sts, 115; Northern Pacific 2ds, 118; Northwest consols, 139¼; Northwest S. F. debenture 5s, 110; Rio Grande Western 1sts, 75½; St. Paul consols, 78, 121; St. Paul, C. & P. W. 5s, 114¾; St. Louis & Iron Mountain general 5s, 74; St. Louis & Iron Mountain general 6s, 110¾; Texas Pacific 1sts, 85¼; Texas Pacific 2ds, 20½; Union Pacific 1sts of '96, 103; West Shore 4s, 107½.

State and Government Bonds.

New York, Dec. 14.—Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange were: U. S. 5s, reg., 113¼; U. S. 5s, coup., 113⅞; United States 4s, reg., 109½; U. S. new 4s, reg. 129⅛; United States 4s, coup., 110½; U. S. new 4s, coup., 129¼; U. S. 2s, reg., 95½; Pacific 6s of '95, 97½; Ala., Class A, 105; Ala., class B, 103; Ala., class C, 96; Ala. currency, 94; La. new consols, 4s, 96; Missouri 6s, 101; N. Carolina 6s, 122; N. Carolina 4s, 102; S. Carolina non-fund, 1½; Tenn. new settlements, 5s, 105; Tenn. new settlements, 3s, 77½; Tenn., old, 6s, 60; Va. centuries, 61.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market to-day was dominated by the uneasiness growing out of the latest sensational phase in the Cuban situation and resulting revived congressional agitation. Business was larger than usual and the trend of prices was toward a lower level. The railroad stocks were more active than the industrials, but the features in point of extreme fluctuation were the specialties. In this group liquidation was clearly evident and some material losses were scored. The declining tendency of the market was to a slight extent accelerated by a firmer tendency in foreign exchange and by a falling off in cast bound shipments. Stop orders were reached in a variety of shares, causing a further unsettling of values, but in the regular railway list there was not any notable pressure of the long stock. The closing was at about the lowest of the day, showing net declines of 1@3¾ per cent.

The bond market displayed acute weakness in the speculative issues.

Closing quotations on the New York Stock exchange: Atchison, 13½; Adams Express, 148; American Express, 109; Chicago & Alton, 161; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 75¼; Chicago Gas, 72⅝; Consolidated Gas, 150½; C., C., C. & St. Louis, 26; Cotton Oil Certificates, 11; Great Northern preferred, 119; Illinois Central, 93; Kansas & Texas preferred, 28; Lake Shore, 153; Lead Trust, 24; Louisville & Nashville, 48¾; Manhattan Consolidated, 95¼; Michigan Central, 92; Missouri Pacific, 20⅝; National Cordage, 5¼; National Cordage preferred, 10; New Jersey Central, 19½; Northwestern, 102¾; Northwestern preferred, 147; New York Central, 95; New York & New England, 45¼; Pacific Mail, 24¾; Pittsburg, 163; Pullman Palace Car Company, 155; Reading, 21⅝; Rock Island, 67⅝; St. Paul, 73⅝; St. Paul preferred, 129½; Sugar Refinery, 115¾; Texas Pacific, ½; United States Express, 40; Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, 6¾; Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific preferred, 15¾; Wells-Fargo Express, 95; General Electric, 30½; National Linseed Oil Company, 13; Western Union, 86⅝.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Dec. 14.—BUTTER—Receipts, 7,389 packages; dull; Western creamery, 15@21c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 7@12c. CHEESE—Receipts, 1,310 packages; quiet; state, large, 7½@10½c; small, 8½@10½c; part skims, 3½@7c; full skims, 2½@3c. EGGS—Receipts, 5,704 packages; weak; Western, 15½@20c.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 5,000 barrels; shipments, 3,000 barrels. Unchanged. Patents, $4.65@4.75; extra fancy, $4.10@4.20; fancy, $3.40@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.10. WHEAT—Receipts, 22,000 bushels; shipments, 15,000 bushels. Spot higher. No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 91½c; track, 92½@93c; No. 2 hard, cash, 80c bid; December, 91⅝c; May, 91⅝@91¾c. CORN—Receipts, 225,000 bushels; shipments, 71,000 bushels. Futures dull early, but later fluctuated fractionally and closed ⅛c higher than Saturday for December and steady for May. Spot dull, easy; No. 2, cash, 21c; December, 21c bid; May, 23½c bid. OATS—Receipts, 56,000 bushels; shipments, 16,000 bushels. Futures dull, heavy and lower. Spot dull, steady; No. 2, cash, 19c; May, 21½@21¾c. CORNMEAL—Dull; $1.35 per barrel. BRAN—Dull, quiet; east track, sacked, 56@58c bid. HAY—Dull, weak; timothy, $6.00@11.00; prairie, $4.00@7.50. BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 18@24c; dairy, 11@20c. EGGS—Steady at 15c. PORK—Higher; standard mess, jobbing, $7.25@7.50. LARD—Higher; prime steam, $3.65; choice, $3.80. BACON—Boxed shoulders, $4.55; extra short clear and ribs, $4.70; shorts, $4.87½. DRY SALT MEATS—Boxed shoulders, $4.00; extra short clear, $5.87½; ribs, $4.25; shorts, $4.37½.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Receipts, 4,000 barrels; shipments, 4,000 barrels. Steady; winter patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring patents, $4.15@4.50; straights, $3.75@4.00; bakers' grades, $3.10@3.50. BUTTER—Easy; creamery, 15@22c; dairy, 10@19c. EGGS—Declined again; fresh, 16c.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—WHEAT—Spot quiet, demand poor; No. 2 red winter, nothing quoted; No. 2 red spring, 6s 8½d. Futures opened dull, and closed quiet, with near and distant positions ½d lower; December, nominal; January, 6s 8d; February, 6s 8¼d; March, 6s 8½d. CORN—Spot dull; American mixed, new, 2s 10½d. Futures opened dull, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; December, 2s 9½d; January, February and March, 2s 9¼d. FLOUR—Dull, demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 9s 3d. BACON—Quiet, demand poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 pounds, 29s; short ribs, 20 to 24 pounds, 28s 6d; long clear, light, 25 to 38 pounds, 29s; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 pounds, 28s; short clear backs, light, 18 pounds, 28s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 pounds, 46s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 pounds, 28s 6d. SHOULDERS—Square, 12 to 13 pounds, 29s. HAMS—Short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, 40s 6d. TALLOW—Fine North American, 18s 6d. BEEF—Extra India mess, 60s; prime mess, 50s. PORK—Prime mess, fine Western, 48s 9d; medium Western, 41s 3d. LARD—Steady; prime Western, 21s; refined, in pails, 23s.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—PROVISIONS—Quiet. Pork, mess, 7⅝c. Lard, refined tierces, 4½c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 4½c; sides, 4¾c. Bacon, clear rib sides, 4⅞c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 9½@10¼c. FLOUR—Firm; extra fancy, $4.65@4.75; patents, $5.00@5.10. CORNMEAL—Steady; $1.50 per barrel. BRAN—Easy; 49@51c per cwt. HAY—Steady; prime timothy, $10.00@13.50; choice, $14.50@15.50. CORN—Easier; No. 2, sacked, mixed, 31@32c; white and yellow, 32@32½c. OATS—No. 2, sacked, 25c. RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3⅞@4½c.

Coffee and Sugar.

New York, Dec. 14.—COFFEE—Options opened dull, with prices unchanged from Saturday's closing figures; ruled inactive and nominal throughout, cables being indifferent and local situation featureless; weak undertone, but selling checked by falling off in receipts and indications of larger warehousing in the United States; closed dull at unchanged prices; sales, 5,000 bags, including: December, 9.30c; March, 9.30c. Spot coffee—Rio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, 19c; jobbing, 19½c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 15½@17c. SUGAR—Raw quiet; fair refining, 2⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¼c; refined quiet; mould A, 4⅝c; standard A, 4¾c; confectioners' A, 4¼c; cut loaf, 5c; crushed, 5c; powdered, 4⅝c; granulated, 4⅝c; cubes, 4¾c.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—COFFEE—Rio, ordinary to low fair, 12½@15c. SUGAR—Open kettle, firm, 2⅛@2 15-16c; centrifugal steady; granulated, 3 13-16c; whites, 3⅜@3 9-16c; yellows, 3⅛@3 7-16c; seconds, 2⅛@3c. MOLASSES—Quiet; open kettle, 12@24c; fermenting, 3@4c off; centrifugal, 4@13c. SYRUP—Quiet, 15@18c.

Rye and Seeds.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Rye—Cash, 39½c; December, 38c; May, 42½@43c. Flaxseed—Cash, 76½c; December, 74¾@75c. Timothy seed—Cash, $2.55.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—Rye—35c, track. Flaxseed—Firm; 75½c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.40.

Toledo, O., Dec. 14.—Rye—Higher; 38½c. Clover seed—Active and higher; prime, December, $5.52½.

Dry Goods.

New York, Dec. 14.—From outward appearances it was very quiet, with here and there an exception. Very many seasonable stuffs for spring, arranged for delivery in December and January, are being ordered forward as quickly as possible, and important shipments were made to-day. There was an irregular request for shipping prints, and some good orders were located. Printing cloths dull at 2 9-16c.

Cotton.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—COTTON—Futures quiet and steady; sales, 100,800 bales; December, 6.56c bid; January, 6.53@6.54c; February, 6.61@6.62c; March, 6.69@6.70c; April, 6.75@6.76c; May, 6.80@6.82c; June, 6.85@6.87c; July, 6.90@6.92c.

Lead and Zinc.

New York, Dec. 14.—Lead—Brokers' price, $2.75; exchange price, $3.00@3.05. Spelter—Quiet, domestic, $4.20@4.25.

St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Lead—Dull, $2.70@2.80. Spelter—Easy, $4.05 asked.

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FOLEY ESTATE SOLD.

Curiosity Drew a Big Crowd to the Auction—Personal Property Sold Well.

Liberty, Mo., Dec. 14.—(Special.) Hundreds of people from Clay and adjoining counties attended the public sale of the Foley estate, which consists of a 100 acre farm, well improved and well stocked. Mrs. Morrow, William Foley and Amelia Foley are the only heirs. The sale began at 10 a. m., and continued until 5 p. m. Colonel George W. Neatt, the auctioneer, said to-night:

"I have attended a great many sales, but I never saw as large a crowd at a sale in my life. Fully 200 people were there out of idle curiosity. Everything sold well. One of the appraisers told me that the personal property sold for fully $500 above the appraisement. If that is the case, it will more than satisfy the mortgage of about $1,700 on the farm. The farm was not sold, but was rented to the highest bidder, Mike Summers, for $405 per year."

The blood stains are still to be seen on the floor. All that was said at the sale regarding Foley was whispered condemnation.

Found Wandering About Crazy.

Nevada, Mo., Dec. 14.—(Special.) A well dressed stranger was taken in charge by the police here last night. He was barefooted and was walking around the court house square carrying his shoes and hat. He said he had thrown away his money. He was very crazy. He gave the name of J. W. Rosseau, and said he was from Labelle, Lewis county, Mo.

Gets Her Money at Last.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 12.—(Special.) J. W. Suddath, attorney, this morning received a check for $5,000, the amount of a judgment secured by Mrs. Nannie R. Sparks, widow of the late Senator Samuel P. Sparks, against the Masonic Accident Insurance Association, of Des Moines, Ia. Payment has been fought since 1892 because Senator Sparks committed suicide.

The Famine in India.

London, Dec. 14.—The Calcutta Englishman of November 25 contends that the home officials are utterly at fault in regard to the dimensions of the famine. It adds that practically every province is involved, and asserts that such errors at the outset may result in irretrievable disaster and suffering before the crisis is over.

Cordage Trust to Be Reorganized.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Judge Taft of the United States circuit court issued an order to-day dissolving the receivership of John J. Waterbury and William E. Strong, of the United States Cordage Trust. It is said the affairs of the trust are in good shape and a reorganization committee will be set at work upon them.

Balloon Expedition to the Pole.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Godart and Surcauf, the aeronauts, are about to organize a balloon expedition to the North pole. They state that the idea was first suggested to them some three years ago by Walter Wellman, American journalist, but the idea was given up owing to the attempt of Professor Andree.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK MARKET.

A BIG RUN OF HOGS AND FAIR OF CATTLE AND SHEEP.

Cattle Slow Sale and a Shade Lower—Hogs Active and a Little Higher—Sheep Generally Steady—Best in Good Demand.

Western receipts past 48 hours:

	K. C.	Chi.	St. L.	Oma.
Cattle	8,300	15,000	5,500	3,000
Hogs	11,100	33,000	8,400	2,200
Sheep	2,700	18,000	1,700	2,100

Same time last year:

Cattle	6,200	15,000	1,600	1,600
Hogs	5,100	45,000	2,500	1,000
Sheep	1,200	15,000	900	—

New York, Dec. 14.—Cables quote American steers at 11@12c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 8@8¾c; sheep at 9@9¾c,