

IN SPECULATIVE FITS.

Prices Hold Their Own Fairly Well, in Spite of Numerous Bear Points.

The Grain Market Closes Firm—Provisions Eerie Steady, With But Little Trading.

A Heavy Decline in Live Stock Receipts at Chicago Results in Improved Prices.

A Very Dull Day in Wall Street—Money in Good Demand at Chicago.

Chicago.

Special to the Globe. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—There was a good attendance on exchange, but the markets were dull and of a holiday character. There was very little action, indeed, in any of the pits, but that fluctuation did occur, small as it was, favored the holders. May, for instance, kept all day within a range of 1/8, but the close was about the top for the session.

RECEIVED SUSPICIOUSLY.

In pork and corn there was no gossip at all. It is predicted by the brokers who stand in the fall that the next week and then advance after New Year's. At the morning session wheat was irregular and lower. Local traders had the whole control. Advices from England, New York and other points were unfavorable to the market for the amount on passage to the United Kingdom shows an increase. Trading was almost exclusively of a scalping nature. Receipts at eleven leading points were smaller than on yesterday, and add 316,000 bushels. The shipments were 71,000 bushels. Toward the close there was a fair amount of trading in the way of covering, and prices were the highest of the day, but lower than at 1 o'clock yesterday. January opened at 83 1/2, closed at 83 1/4, and the range was 83 1/4 to 84 1/4. May sold at 89 1/2, closed at 89 1/4, and the range was 89 1/4 to 90 1/4.

CORN SHOWED MODERATE LIFE

and increased weakness, particularly in the way, owing to large receipts, a prospective increase to-morrow of 615 cars and improved grading, even 50 per cent being "contract." Sales ranged at 30 1/2 to 31 1/2, and closed at 30 1/2. For January and 39 1/2, closed at 39 1/4. For May and 39 1/2, closed at 39 1/4. For July and 39 1/2, closed at 39 1/4. For September and 39 1/2, closed at 39 1/4. For November and 39 1/2, closed at 39 1/4.

THE QUOTATIONS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat ruled weak early, but rallied and closed 1/2 higher than yesterday. Prices ranged: December, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; January, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; February, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; March, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; April, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; May, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; June, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; July, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; August, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; September, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; October, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; November, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4; December, 83 1/2 to 84 1/4, closed at 84 1/4.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS, ST. PAUL, MINN. Grain and provisions bought and sold for cash or future delivery.

The Fluctuations in Detail.

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