

YESTERDAY'S MARKET.

On the Chicago Board of Trade Wheat Ruled Slow, With Very Little Fluctuation.

The Large Increase in the Visible Supply Operated Against Any Material Advance.

However, There Was a Firm and Active Market for Corn and Pork.

Transactions in the Financial Circles of Wall Street—General Quotations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The wheat market ruled rather slow to-day, fluctuations in prices being kept within a range of 1/2, and finally closed for the day at the same figures as on Friday. The increase of 800,000 bushels in the visible supply had a depressing effect upon the market, but the cables were firm, and the strength displayed in provisions served to sustain values, and tended to make a moderate firm market at the close. The light receipts of corn, and a good shipping demand, allied with the strength displayed by the market to open at 1/2c per barrel higher, at \$12.10, with May delivery, at 43 1/2c, and closed for the day at 43 1/2c, closing at 43 1/2c, and for outside figures, Lard advanced 1/10c per 100 lbs, and short ribs advanced 1/10c.

The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—No. 2 December opened at 77 1/2c, closing at 77 1/2c; January opened at 77 1/2c, closing at 77 1/2c; February opened at 77 1/2c, closing at 77 1/2c; March opened at 77 1/2c, closing at 77 1/2c; No. 2 December opened at 30 1/2c, closing at 30 1/2c; No. 2 January opened at 30 1/2c, closing at 30 1/2c; No. 2 February opened at 30 1/2c, closing at 30 1/2c; No. 2 March opened at 30 1/2c, closing at 30 1/2c.

rate of dividend upon St. Paul were most conspicuous. Money was easy, with a maximum rate of 7 per cent. There was a small quantity of gold in the early morning, which, however, soon disappeared, but a general heavy tone was noticeable throughout the day, and it developed into decided weakness among the heavy stocks toward the close, and over one-third of the entire day's business was done in the last forty-five minutes. St. Paul was a conspicuous feature in the decline, for reasons noted above, and the coal stocks were also prominent for weakness toward the close. Union Pacific yielded steadily through the day, while Louisville & Nashville, for the first hour, remained comparatively firm. There was a spurt of 3/4 per cent. in Houston & Texas, the result of the better feeling caused by the new proposition of Mr. Huntington to the bondholders of the company. The remainder of the list were remarkably dull and without features. The opening was firm, first prices being 1/2c lower than Friday's closing figures, while Reading was down 3/4. The trading was dull and prices weak. Lackawanna, Louisville & Nashville, Union Pacific, and Reading were the only stocks that advanced. The market then became extremely dull, and some improvement in figures was noticeable, but in the last hour the decline continued with marked increase in the amount of business done, and the market closed dull but weak at the lowest prices reached. Sales, 12,293 shares. Bonding: French 27,840; St. Paul, 27,322; Lackawanna, 21,550; Union Pacific, 11,470; Louisville & Nashville, 10,760. The entire active list is here, reading being down 1 1/2. St. Paul 1 1/2 and Union Pacific 1 1/2. Railroad bonds showed no improvement. Sales, 8,000. West Shore is furnished \$112,000. The delivery advancing to 42 1/2c for corn, May closed at 43 1/2c, and closed for the day at 43 1/2c, and for outside figures, Lard advanced 1/10c per 100 lbs, and short ribs advanced 1/10c.

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Quotations of Stocks and Bonds. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following are the closing prices bid to-day: United States 3s, 101 1/2; Kansas & Texas, 30 1/2; do 4s, 101 1/2; do 5s, 101 1/2; do 6s, 101 1/2; do 7s, 101 1/2; do 8s, 101 1/2; do 9s, 101 1/2; do 10s, 101 1/2; do 11s, 101 1/2; do 12s, 101 1/2; do 13s, 101 1/2; do 14s, 101 1/2; do 15s, 101 1/2; do 16s, 101 1/2; do 17s, 101 1/2; do 18s, 101 1/2; do 19s, 101 1/2; do 20s, 101 1/2; do 21s, 101 1/2; do 22s, 101 1/2; do 23s, 101 1/2; do 24s, 101 1/2; do 25s, 101 1/2; do 26s, 101 1/2; do 27s, 101 1/2; do 28s, 101 1/2; do 29s, 101 1/2; do 30s, 101 1/2; do 31s, 101 1/2; do 32s, 101 1/2; do 33s, 101 1/2; do 34s, 101 1/2; do 35s, 101 1/2; do 36s, 101 1/2; do 37s, 101 1/2; do 38s, 101 1/2; do 39s, 101 1/2; do 40s, 101 1/2; do 41s, 101 1/2; do 42s, 101 1/2; do 43s, 101 1/2; do 44s, 101 1/2; do 45s, 101 1/2; do 46s, 101 1/2; do 47s, 101 1/2; do 48s, 101 1/2; do 49s, 101 1/2; do 50s, 101 1/2; do 51s, 101 1/2; do 52s, 101 1/2; do 53s, 101 1/2; do 54s, 101 1/2; do 55s, 101 1/2; do 56s, 101 1/2; 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