THE COMMERCIAL RECORD.

Bears Are Afraid to Break the Wheat Market, Hence Only a Fractional Decline.

Corn and Oats Only Moderately Active, Provisions Alone Showing Any Decided Strength.

Financial Operations in the Monetary Centers---The General Quotations.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Wheat opened with a weaker feeling, but there was no decided decline. After the price of May got ½c under last night, there was a fight for about two hours before May got more than ¼c either way from $1.09½. When the hesitation ended it was in favor of the bulls, and the price at 1 p. m. was at $1.09⅞, exactly where it closed last night. It becomes more apparent every day that prices will hang heavily where they are until some new influences are felt. The movement here and elsewhere for twenty-four hours were not significant. Primary markets received about the usual amount. There were no export clearances. Receipts here were 38 cars with only a few cars of No. 2. At New York, prices were ½c off at the opening and trading was reported exceedingly light. January sold early at $1.04¼@1.04½. May opened at $1.09⅝, went to $1.09½ to $1.10¾ to $1.09¼, the bottom for the morning, to $1.09½@1.09⅝, held there for a time and went to $1.09⅞ at 1 o'clock, and again weakening before the close. The little bulls are filled up and the bears, who were able to break the market, did not think it safe to do so, and the day was uneventful. During the last ten minutes May wheat sold back to $1.09¼ and rallied to $1.09½, where it closed, ⅜c under last night. The corn pit was moderately active at times, but dull on the whole. Receipts were about as expected, 346 cars, with nearly 10 per cent graded No. 2, an improvement over yesterday. The out inspection was small, only 190,000 bu. Sales for the month were at 35⅛c, and down to 34¾c. January opened at 35¼c and closed at 35c. May sold at 37⅜c and 37⅜c, closing at the inside. Trading in oats was fair, but the feeling generally weak and prices averaged lower, but changes were small. Receipts were 202 cars and inspection better than yesterday. As on the previdays of the week provisions were active, being strong early and weaker toward the close. Short ribs opened 5c higher, lard 7½c higher, and pork 12½c higher. Sales for January early were ribs, $7.15@7.20; lard, $8.22@8.27; pork, $13.65@13.85. On the call there was selling by Armour & Co. and others, and prices went off sharply. Pork reacted to $13.67½, the close last night, and rallied to $13.70 at the close. Ribs closed 2½c higher as $7.12½ for January, and lard 2½c higher at $8.10 for the same month. There was no general selling on the advance in prices.

THE ROUTINE REPORT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—A dull feeling existed in wheat during most of the session, and fluctuations were confined within narrow limits. The opening was a shade under the closing figures of yesterday, selling off ⅜c, then rallied ⅜c, declined 1c and closed ⅜c lower than yesterday. What little business that was transacted was almost entirely local; outside orders being fewer than usual and the market governed by local operations. At interior winter wheat receiving points the receipts were very light, smaller than last week, and also below the arrivals for the same day last year. Corn was only moderately active, most of the trading occurring early in the session, after which the market became quiet and lifeless, the operators giving the pit but little attention. The feeling developed on the whole was easier, and transactions were at a lower range of prices. Opening sales were a trifle under the closing prices of yesterday, after which prices fluctuated within a ⅜c range, and closed ¼@⅜c lower than yesterday. Oats were weaker and unsettled, and prices averaged lower. A fair volume of business was transacted on the declines, there being sufficient buying orders to absorb all the offerings, and several round lots changed hands. On the rallies offerings were liberal, and a reaction followed. The marked closed easy at almost inside figures. Quite an active business was reported in mess pork, though prices opened somewhat irregularly. The market opened rather strong at 10@12½ advance, and a further appreciation of 5@7½c was gained during the early part of the session. Later a weaker feeling developed, and prices gradually settled back 17½@20c. From this point an advance of 10c was gained, but not supported to the close. Trading was moderately active in lard. Opening sales were made at 7½@10c advance and a further appreciation of 2½@5c was gained. Later there was a little more pressure to sell, while the demand slackened and prices declined 10 @ 12½c and the market closed quiet. A moderately active business was transacted in short ribs. Prices ruled 10@12½c higher. Later the market ruled easier, and prices settled back 7½@10c and closed comparatively steady.

THE GENERAL QUOTATIONS.

The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—No. 2, December, closed at $1.03¼; January, $1.04½, closing at $1.04⅝; May, $1.09¾, closing at $1.09½. Corn—No. 2, December, opened at 35⅛c, closing at 34¾c; January, 35¼c, closing at 35c; May, 37⅜c, closing at 37⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December opened at 25¼c, closing at 25⅜c; January, 26c, closing at 26c; May, 29⅜c, closing at 29¼c. Mess Pork, Per Bbl—December closed at $13.65; January, $13.80, closing at $13.70; May, $14.15, closing at $14.07½. Lard, Per 100 Lbs—December opened at $8.40, closing at $8.25; January, $8.15, closing at $8.10; May, $8.22½, closing at $8.22½. Short Ribs, Per 100 Lbs—January opened at $7.15, closing at $7.12½; May $7.30, closing at $7.27½; Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, $1.03@1.03¼; No. 3 spring, 90@96c; No. 2 red, $1.03@1.03¼. Corn—No. 2, 34¾c. Oats—No. 2, 25¼@25⅞c. Rye—No. 2, 51c. Barley—No. 2, none. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.54. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.51. Pork—Mess per bbl, $13.75. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $8.25@8.30. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $7.10@7.20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7@7.12½; short clear sides (boxed), $7.32½@7.50. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.20. Sugars—Cut loaf, 8⅝@8⅝c; granulated, 7½c; standard "A," 7¼c. Receipts—Flour, 7,000 bbl; wheat, 27,000 bu; corn, 176,000 bu; oats, 164,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 99,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 bbls; wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 357,000 bu; oats, 92,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 61,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day, butter market was easy; fancy Elgin creamery, 32@33c; choice, 28@30c; fancy dairy, 24@26c; air to good, 18@20c; eggs, 21@22c.

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Duluth Grain.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 7—In to-day's market there was no disposition on the part of any one to do anything. Market opened ¼c off from yesterday's close on May. Sales of two 5,000 bu lots during the first half-hour constituted the whole business up to noon. The last hour and a quarter were occupied in disposing of four cars of spot, and another 5,000 bu lot of May at ⅛c advance. The close was easy and dull with advance lost, and practically at opening quotations. Cash wheat dull; No. 1 hard, no transactions, nominal at $1.22½; No. 1 northern, $1.68; No. 2 northern, 97c; December, no transactions, closed nominally at $1.21; May sales, 10,000 bu at $1.28; 5,000 bu at $1.28½, closed with buyers at $1.28.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 7.—Flour steady. Wheat easy; cash, 96¾c; January, 98⅜c; May, $1.04½. Corn quiet; No. 3, new, 32½@33c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 29¼@30c. Rye steady; No. 1, 51c. Barley firm; No. 2, 64¾c. Pork—Cash, $13.75. Lard—Cash, $8.25; January, $8.10. Butter steady; dairy, 22@25c. Eggs firm; fresh, 21@22c. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 10@10½c. Receipts—Flour, 5,500 bbls; wheat, 15,200 bu; barley, 29,900 bu. Shipments—Flour, 100 bbls; barley, 35,700 bu.

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St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat lower, but close was firm at ½c decline from yesterday's closing figures: No. 2 red, cash, $1.02½ asked; May, $1.07@1.08⅜, closing at $1.07¾ bid; July, closing at 98c. Corn lower, with an abundance for sale; No. 2 cash, 31½c; December, 31⅛@31½c, closing 31⅛c asked; January, 31¼@31⅜c, closing at 31¼c asked; February, 31⅞@32c, closing at 31⅝c; May, 34½@33⅞c, closing at 34½c bid. Oats quiet, but firm; No. 2 cash, 26c; May, 29⅜c; December, 24c bid. Rye dull, 49@50c. Barley steady, but quiet; Iowa, 67c.

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Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 7.—Wheat—Receipts, none; shipments, 2,600 bu; in store, 296,000 bu; steady; No. 2 red cash, 92¼c bid; January, 94c bid; May, sales at $1.00¼@1.00½; No. 3 red, cash, 79c bid; No. 2 soft, cash, $1.00 asked; May, $1.04 bid; $1.07 asked. Corn—Receipts, 17,083 bu; shipments, 1,525 bu; in store, 52,000 bu; steady; No. 2 cash, 27¾c bid; 27½c asked; No. 2 cash, year, 27½c asked; May, 30c bid, 30½c asked. Oats—No. 2 cash, no bids nor offerings; May, 25c bid; 25¾c asked.

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Paid Up Capital, $600,000.
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New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Flour—Receipts, 26,000 pkgs; exports, 10,600 bbls, 7,900 sacks; dull and unchanged; more doing in fine and superfine; sales, 11,300 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 2,750 bu; sales, 920,000 bu futures, 27,000 bu spot; spot market quiet and weak, ¼@⅜c lower; moderate milling demand; No. 2 red, $1.04¼@1.05 elevator, $1.06@1.06⅛ afloat, $1.05⅜@1.07¼ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 98@98½c; No. 2 Chicago, $1.10⅞; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1.04½; No. 1 white, $1.06; No. 1 red, $1.14; options dull and heavy, ¼@½c lower; No. 2 red, December, $1.04 7-16@1.05⅛, closing at $1.04⅜; January, $1.05½@1.06 3-16, closing at $1.05⅜; February closed at $1.07⅛; March, $1.08⅝@$1.08⅞, closing at $1.08⅝; May, $1.11 1-16@1.11¾, closing at $1.11¼; June, $1.10¾@1.11⅛, closing at $1.10¾; July, closed at $1.07¾. Barley, weak; No. 1 Canada, 86@89c; No. 2 Canada, 84@86c; Western, 70@81c. Corn—Receipts, 7,300 bu; exports, 108,250 bu; sales, 736,000 bu futures, 168,000 bu spot. Spot market moderately active, ⅛@¼c lower; 46¾@47c elevator; 47⅜@48¼c afloat; ungraded mixed, 37½@41¼c; No. 2 white, 48½c; steamer mixed, 44½@45¾c; No. 3, 43@44c; options more active, ¼@½c lower; heavy; December, 46½@47¼c, closing at 46⅝c; January, 46½@47⅛c, closing at 46⅝c; February, 46½@47c, closing at 46¾c; March, 47c; April, 47⅜c; May, 46½@47c, closing at 46½c; June, 46c bid. Oats—Receipts, 61,000 bu; exports, 2,388 bu; sales, 245,000 bu futures; 131,000 bu spot; spot market moderately active, ⅛@¼c lower; options dull; ¼@⅜c lower, weak; December, 31¼@31½c, closing at 31¼c; January, 32⅛@3-3⅜c, closing at 32⅛c; May, 34½@35⅜c, closing at 34½c; spot No. 2 white, 35¼@35¾c; mixed Western, 29½@32c; white Western, 34@42c; No. 2 Chicago, 32½c. Hay steady; good demand. Hops quiet, easy. Coffee—Options opened barely steady, 30@35 points down, closed firm; December, 10c up, others unchanged to 5c down; sales, 103,750 bags; including: December, 15.40@15.45c; January, 15.60@15.80c; February, 15.70@15.95c; March, 15.75@16.05c; April, 15.80@16.15c; May, 15.90@16.20c; June, 15.90@16.25c; July, 15.95@16.25c; August, 16.00@16.15c; September, 16.00@16.40c; October, 16.05@16.10c; November, 16.20c; spot Rio firm; fair cargoes, 17½c. Sugar—Raw, firm; quiet. Fair refining 5 5-16, centrifugale, 96 test, 6¼@4⅜c; refined steady, quiet. Molasses—New Orleans active. Rice fairly active, strong. Petroleum higher; crude in barrels, $6.60@7.20, refined here $7.25; Philadelphia and Baltimore $7.15; United closed at 88⅝c. Cottonseed oil firm. Tallow firm, quiet; city, 6⅜c. Rosin neglected; common to good strained $1.00@1.05. Turpentine lower, dull, 45¾c. Eggs easy, quiet; Western, 23c; receipts, 4,805 packages. Wool firm, less active, domestic fleece 36@38c; pulled 26@39c; Texas 14@26. Pork lower, dull. Mess $14.75@15.25. Beef strong. Cut meats dull. Lard higher on export demand; moderate speculation; closed easy; sales, Western steam, $8.70@8.75, closing $8.75; December, $8.58@8.65, closing $8.58; January, $8.40@8.45, closing $8.42; February, $7.40@8.45 closing $8.43; March, $8.40@8.45; April, $8.40@8.45, closing $8.34; May $8.43@8.50, closing $8.44. Butter easy quiet; Western dairy, 14@26c; Western creamery, 21@34c; Elgin, nominal. Cheese firm, fair demand, Western, $10@11¾c. Pig iron firm. Copper steady, quiet, lake dec. $17.40. Lead dull, unchanged; domestic $3.72½. Tin higher, buoyant; straits, $21.80.

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Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Dec. 7.—Wheat dull and lower; cash, $1.02@1.04½; May, $1.07⅜. Corn dull, steady; cash, 36½c in Wabash elevator; December, 35½c. Oats, neglected. Clover seed dull; cash, $5.05½; January, $5.15. Receipts—Wheat, 8,000 bu; corn, 7,000 bu; oats, 2,000 bu; clover seed, 605 bags. Shipments—Wheat, 2,000 bu; corn, 21,000 bu; oats, 2,000 bu; clover seed, 800 bags.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7.—Wheat dull; holders offer freely; California No. 1, 7s 11d@8s 1d per cental. Receipts of wheat for the past three days were 207,000 centals, of which none were American. Corn firm; demand fair; western new mixed, 4s 8d per cental. Receipts of American corn for the past three days were 49,100 centals. Peas—Canadian, 5s 11d per cental.

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New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Clearings, $128,073,553; balances, $5,842,520. Money on call easy at 2@2½ per cent; closed offered at 2. Prime mercantile paper, 4¾@6½. Sterling exchange dull but steady at $4.84¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.88¼ for demand. The stock market to-day was somewhat less active, and while feverish was generally strong and showed throughout a firm undertone. The temper of the room was moderately bullish, but the list had considerable realizations by the trading element, as well as by London and some hammering of specialties, among which Rock Island was most conspicuous, to contend with, though the disposition to regard the railroad situation as improving and the bullish telegrams from Chicago gave a confident tone to the buying. The advance in the rates for money on the other side of the water caused some selling for London account, and this caused much disappointment to the bulls, and was the occasion of a sharp set back in the early trading. The inexplicable drop in Rock Island was also a heavy blow to the strength of the list, but the traders endeavor to cut the market out from under the sellers of long stock whenever they think they discover anything of the kind. The announcement of the official advance in west-bound rates was not made until just before the close of business, and it had the effect of again stiffening up prices when there was a tendency to droop. The coal stocks were the strongest stocks to-day, although except in Lackawanna there was almost nothing doing in them. They all closed with marked gains, however, which seemed to be only the reaction from the late depression, as there was nothing new in the situation. New England and Missouri Pacific were both exceptionally strong at times, but both were also very weak by spells, being singled out by the bears for effect upon the rest of the list, and their final changes are for small fractions only. Rock Island was the only one of the grangers showing any marked weakness, but most of its decline was afterward recovered, and its final loss is a fraction only. Cotton oil was again a prominent feature in the market, and was exceptionally strong even when the regular list was drooping, and it closed with an advance of over 2 per cent. The opening figures were rather heavy, but a firm tone developed immediately and fractional gains were scored in the first few minutes. A sharp attack upon Rock Island and Missouri Pacific, however, brought the list down again, but before noon all the decline had been regained, Missouri Pacific shooting up 2 per cent in a very short time. The best prices were generally reached toward noon, after which there was less animation and a sagging tendency which slowly wiped out most of the improvement until a decided advance in Erie changed the course of prices. The final impetus was given in the last few minutes by the announcement of the advance in west-bound rates, and the market closed quiet but strong, generally at something under the best figures. There are a few declines to-night, but none is for more than a fractiou, while San Francisco preferred rose 1¾, Lackawanna 1⅝, Jersey Central 1⅛, Erie and Omaha 1 per per cent each. There was an increased business in railroad bonds to-day, the sales of all issues reaching $1,242,000, but there was no special activity and the list was devoid of feature or particular interest. The tone of the dealings was in close sympathy with that of the share list, being feverish and unsettled, though there were no marked movements as in the latter. Fluctuations were still confined to small fractions, the exceptions being few in number. Final figures, however, generally show advances, and Green Bay incomes rose 2⅝ to 27½, the only marked improvement of the day. Government bonds were dull and steady. State bonds were dull and featureless. The total sales of stocks to-day were 303,430 shares, including:

D., L. & W.	38,390	Reading	25,600
Erie	24,180	Rich. & W. P.	8,522
Lake Shore	13,516	St. Paul	17,160
Mo. Pacific	22,008	Union Pacific	17,850
Northwestern	19,699	West'n Union	12,497
N. P. pfd	8,925		

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Quotations of Stocks and Bonds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Stocks and bonds closed at the following prices bid:

U. S. 4s reg	127	Hocking Valley	13¾
do 4s coup	128	Houston & Texas	15
do 4½s reg	108	Illinois Central	113
do 4½ coup	108	Ind., B. & W	13
Pacific 6s of 95	118	Kansas & Texas	13⅝
La. stamped 4s	90	Lake Erie & W.	16⅞
Missouri 6s	102½	do pfd	48⅜
Ten. new set 6s	103	Lake Shore	100⅝
do do 5s	100	Louisville & N.	54½
do do 3s	71⅞	Louis. & N. A.	37
Can. So. 2ds	91⅞	Memphis & C.	53
Cen. Pacific 1sts	113½	Mich. Central	85½
D. & R. G. 1sts	118	Mil., L. S. & W.	50½
do 4s	76¼	do pfd	89½
D. & R. G. W. 1sts	79	Mpls. & St. L.	5
Erie 2ds	97¼	do pfd	15
M., K. & T. G. 6s	61¾	Missouri Pacific	71½
do 5s	57	Mobile & Ohio	8¾
Mut. Union 6s	94	Nash. & Chatt.	81
N. J. C. int. cert.	107½	N. J. Central	89½
N. Pac. 1sts	118⅛	N. & W. pfd	49
do 2ds	110	N. Pacific	21¾
N. W. consols	142¼	do pfd	58⅞
do deb. 5s	108⅞	Northwestern	105
Or. & Trans. 6s	111⅛	do pfd	138
St. L. & I. M. 5s	84	N. Y. Central	107¼
St. L. & S. F. G. M.	116¼	N. Y. C. & St. L.	17¾
St. Paul consols	125¼	do pfd	69
St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119	Ohio & Miss	20¾
T. P. L. G. T. R.	89⅜	do pfd	88
T. P. R. G. T. R.	47⅞	Ont. & Western	15¼
Union Pac. 1sts	114	Oregon I. Co	69¾
West Shore	104⅝	Oregon Nav	92½
Adams Express	142	Or. Transc'l	29⅜
Alton & T. H.	40	Pacific Mail	36
do pfd	80	Peoria, D. & E.	23½
Am. Express	113	Pittsburg	155
B., C. R. & N.	15	Pullman P. Car	168½
Can. Pacific	52	Reading	45⅞
Can. Southern	52¼	Rock Island	98¾
Cen. Pacific	34	St. L. & S. F.	25½
Ches. & Ohio	17¾	do pfd	65½
do 1st pfd	14½	do 1st pfd	111
do 2d pfd	15¼	St. Paul	62⅛
Chi. & Alton	144	do pfd	103¼
C., B. & Q.	107	St. P. M. & M.	100
C., St. L. & P.	14	St. P. & Omaha	33
do pfd	35	do pfd	99½
C. S. & C	63	T. C. & I. R'y	34
Cleve. & Col	53	Texas Pacific	21¼
Del. & Hudson	119½	Tol. & O. C. pfd	51
Del., L. & W	136¼	Union Pacific	62⅝
Den., & R. G.	16	U. S. Express	74
East Tennessee	8½	Wab., St. L. & P.	12½
do 1st pfd	40	do pfd	23½
do 2d pfd	21⅝	Wells-Fargo Ex.	135
Erie	26⅜	W. U. Telegraph	82⅞
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REVIEW OF TRADE.

A Slackening for the Present, But a Confident Feeling as to the Future.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade: Reports of the condition of business note a confident feeling as to the future, but many causes in different sections produce slackening for the present. Much uneasiness is felt in portions of the South, and collections are not above par, while failures in some Southern districts are many. Memphis reports 50 per cent more than last year. Open and mild weather in the Northwest causes uneasiness in some trades, particularly in clothing and boots and shoes at Kansas City and Milwaukee, and lack of snow delays logging in Wisconsin. The money markets are nowhere disturbed, but 7 and 8 per cent is paid at many Western and Southern centers, and 1 per cent per month at Salt Lake. The treasury reports show that the currency in circulation, though $1,700,000 less than on Nov. 1, was about $37,300,000 larger Dec. 1 than a year ago. But during the past week the treasury has taken in $3,400,000 more than it has paid out. Imports for five weeks at New York have been only 3.6 per cent smaller, and exports from New York only 2.5 per cent smaller than last year. Yet exports of wheat from Atlantic ports were only 290,882 bu, against 3,170,763 in the same week last year, and of flour 598,297 bbls, against 1,178,619 bbls, with an increase of 1,345,000 bu in corn. Wheat closes higher than a week ago; corn ½c lower. Pork is 50c lower, and hogs 20c per 100 lbs. Oil has risen 2c, coffee ¾c, and hides have declined 1½c. The coal market is dull, and actual prices are 25@50c below the schedule. Wool has advanced, the finer grades more than a cent since the middle of November. The average of 106 qualities is 24.8c, against 24c November 13, 23c October 15, 24.1c December 1 last year, and 26.8c December 1, 1886. The belief that the clip and the stock on hand have been below the estimates grows more prevalent. The iron market is dull and waiting, with prices a shade weaker at Pittsburg. It is now reported that steel rails have been sold for $25 at the mill, but $28 at Pittsburg is said to be the bottom at present. Nails are dull at $1.90, but bar iron is firmer. The large sale of copper to manufacturers, said to be at 16½c, does not prevent speculation, which has caused weakness in prices. Stocks in England and France are 95,790 tons, against 91,740 a month ago and 45,130 a year ago, and it is believed 30,000 tons are in stock in this country. A break in tin also lowered the price to 22c. The stock market has been depressed. Wednesday the average of lowest sales for sixty active stocks was $58.63 per share, against $60.29 Dec. 1 and $65.09 Sept. 30. Want of confidence in the arrangements of railroad managers prevails, and foreign holders appear to be selling gradually. The business failures number 205, as compared with 232 last week and 2 46 the week previous. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 254.

LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

Wheat was firm and steady at Thursday's figures, with a good demand and holders unwilling to make concessions. Corn was dull, with receipts heavy. Oats are holding steady and firm. Hay is very slow of sale, and only the best qualities wanted. Rye is quiet. Ground feed dull. Bran firmer. Eggs very firm indeed and 2c higher. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, $1.21 bid; No. 1 northern, $1.12 bid; No. 2 northern, $1.04 bid.

Corn—No. 2, old, 33c asked; December, 33c asked; No. 2, new, sample, 30c asked.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 26c bid; December, 27c asked; No. 2 white, 29c asked.

Rye—No. 2, 50c bid.

Ground Feed—No. 1, $14 asked.

Corn Meal—Unbolted, $14 asked.

Bran—Bulk, $12 bid.

Hay—No. 1, $5.50 asked; No. 1, upland prairie, $5.50 bid, $6 asked; timothy, $8.50@9 asked.

Dressed Hogs—$5.80 bid.

Flax Seed—$1.43 bid.

Eggs—23c bid, 18c asked.

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Produce Exchange.

Butter has advanced again to 30c for extra creamery. All fresh grades go quick. No surplus is left. Creamery has got so high that people have quit using it to some extent and seek cheaper grades in preference. The roll and print that is coming in now takes the place of creameries. Though creamery is held higher, no great amount is selling. It goes slow. Cheese is steady and firm. The cool weather favors dressed poultry and it is steady. Venison has advanced. Eggs are much firmer under an advance of 2c.

Butter—Extra creamery, 30c; extra dairy, 23@25c; good to choice dairy, 16@18c; fresh packing stock, 12c; grease, 3@4c.

Cheese—Young Americas, 13c; fancy, 12@12½c; fine, 11c to 11½c.

Maple Sugar—9@10c.

Maple Syrup—Per gallon, $1.15@1.25.

Honey—Slow at quotations: fine white new clover, 16@18c; buckwheat, 10@11c.

Malt—90c per bushel.

Oranges—Florida, $3@3.50 per box; Jamaica, $6 per bbl.

Lemons—Fancy, $4.50@5.

Nuts—Pecans, Texas polished, medium to large, 10@13c per lb; almonds, Tarragonas, 18c; California soft-shelled, 18c; filberts, Sicily, 12c; walnuts, new California, 16@18c; cocoanuts, $6 per 100; hickory nuts, $1.50 per bu; shellbarks, $1.75@1.85 per bu; Brazils, 12c; peanuts, Virginia hand-picked, 7c, roasted, 9c.

Dates—Persians, 5@6c; dates in mats, 5½c; figs, 14@18c; new, 18c.

Bananas—Fancy, $1.75@2.50.

Cider—Choice Michigan, 16-gal. kegs, $3 per keg; choice refined, 16-gal. keg, $3 per keg; choice, refined, 32-gal. bbls, $5@5.50 per bbl; Ohio cider, $4 per half bbls, $7 for full bbls.

Veal—5c for heavy, 6c to 6½c for light.

Onions—3@3½c per bu.

Celery—25@30c per doz.

Carrots—35c per bu.

Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 9@10; spring chickens, 7@8c; ducks and geese, 7@9c.

Cauliflowers—Minnesota, $1@1.25 per doz.

Minnesota Cabbage—$3@4 per 100.

Egg Plants—$1@1.50 per doz.

Apples—Fancy, $2@2.25; standard, $1.85@2; fair, $1.50@1.75.

California Grapes—Muscat, $3.25 per 40-lb case; Tokay, $3.50@3.75; Concord, 12½@15c per basket; Catawba, $6 35@4½c per 10-lb basket; Malaga grapes, $6@8 per bbl.

California Pears—$3@3.50.

Cranberries—Cape Cod, $9@9.50; bell and bugle, $10; bell and cherry, $8@8.50; Minnesota, $2.50 per bu.

Sweet Potatoes—Jerseys, $5; Muscatines, $3.75@4; Illinois, $1.50.

Game—Ducks, mallard and red heads, $3.25 per doz; teal, $1.75 per doz; mixed small ducks, $1.75 per doz; prairie chickens, $3.50; snipe and yellow-legged plover, $1.25@1.50; pheasants, $3@2.50 per doz.; venison, saddles, 12@13c.

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Wheat opened weak at $1.15¾, and sold down to $1.15½ May. Later there was an advance to $1.16⅛, which was of short duration, and at 11:30 prices had settled to $1.15⅝. Trading was fair, but mostly of a scalping character. Receipts were larger, and that fact tended to general depression, as smaller arrivals had been expected. Chicago showed a similar range, and New York was weak. Cables were steady. There were little bulges during the remainder of the day, with a very weak ending at $1.15⅛, with samples of rush grain in sympathy. 10,000 bu May sold at $1.15¾; 10,000 bu May, $1.15½; 15,000 bu May, $1.15⅝; 20,000 bu May, $1.16; 10,000 bu May, $1.16⅛; 25,000 bu May, $1.15½; 45,000 bu May, $1.15⅝; 40,000 bu May, $1.15¾; 25,000 bu May, $1.15½; 25,000 bu May, $1.15⅝; 25,000 bu May, $1.09½. Following are the closing quotations: No. 1 hard, December, $1.20; January, $1.21½; May, $1.27½; on track, $1.21; No. 1 northern, December, $1.09; January, $1.10½; May, $1.15½; on track, $1.12; 1.14; No. 2 northern, December, $1.02; January, $1.03½; May, $1.09; on track, $1.03@1.05.

Wheat on the sample tables went begging for buyers as usual, and notwithstanding the decline in prices the demand did not appear to grow. Sellers were not offering much concession in values of the best milling wheat, but the lower grades were forced on the market. Of the total inspection of nearly 300 cars but eight graded No. 1 hard, and the amount of that grade offered on the tables was very small. Buying was not active at any time, and during the first half of the session but little business was done. Car lots by sample: 2 cars No. 1 hard, $1.20½; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.16; 13 cars No. 1 northern, $1.15; 5 cars No. 1 northern, $1.15½; 5 cars No. 1 northern, choice, $1.18; 8 cars No. 1 northern, $1.17; 6 cars No. 1 northern, $1.12; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.14; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.14½; 2 cars No. 1 northern, o. w. b., $1.16; 1 car No. 1 northern, $1.13; 12 cars No. 2 northern, $1.03; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.10; 3 cars No. 2 northern, $1.05; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.06; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.07; 8 cars No. 2 northern, $1.08; 6 cars No. 2 northern, $1.04; 1 car No. 2 northern, $1.03½; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.09; 1 car No. 3, 97½c; 2 cars No. 3, $1.05; 2 cars No. 3, 95c; 4 cars No. 3, $1.

FLOUR AND COARSE GRAINS.

Flour—Market Record: The market has cut no new channels recently, but it is true that there is less stagnation. The interior of the country shows evidence in more frequent orders that stocks are less plentiful. At such points as New York, Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia supplies are apparently very full. The growing demand in this country and the more frequent inquiries from abroad are indications that the worst of the current depression is over. The situation is far from satisfactory, but if the light now seen is the light of breaking day it heralds better prospects for the trade. Patents, sacks to local dealers, $6.50@6.65; patents to ship, sacks, car lots, $6.40@6.65; in bbls, $6.65@6.75; delivered at New England points, $7.15@7.35; New York points, $7.05@7.25; delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7@7.20; bakers' here, $4.5 @5.35; superfine, $3@3.35; red dog, sacks, $1.60@1.65; red dog, bbls, $1.80@