STATISTICS PROVE IT.

Trade and Manufactures Show Steady Improvement Since 1893.

ENCOURAGING FOR LABOR.

Average Earnings and Total Number of People Employed Increase.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

As Compiled by Dun & Co. and the Bradstreet Agency.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—R. G. Dun & Co's Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: Dun's review is enabled by the kindness of several thousand manufacturers, who have forwarded statements of their pay rolls for November this year, in 1893 and in 1892, to make a very encouraging comparison of earnings for that month, which shows an increase in total payments of 15.2 per cent over last year, but a decrease of 18.3 per cent compared with 1892. The average of earnings for over 250,000 hands is 4 per cent larger than in 1893, but 14½ per cent less than in 1892, and this statement takes no account of hours of work in the months compared, nor of the establishments not working at all this year, in some of the industries more hands are at work than in 1892, but in others the decrease is large.

Contradictory changes in business are quite in order at this season. Neither the larger orders in some branches, nor the depression of prices in others, afford a safe indication of the general movement. But the working force does not lessen more than usual for the time of year, the demand for goods does not diminish, though in most departments it is considerably below the capacity of works in operation, and the volume of business transacted is a little larger in comparison with last year than in November.

The speculative markets have advanced a little, though reasons are hard to find. Wheat is unchanged in price, although Western receipts are as large as they were last year, and Atlantic exports are 851,205 bushels, against 1,029,280 a year ago. Corn is a traction weaker, without any important change in movement, though the receipts continue remarkably large. The heavy receipts of cotton have broken down the price to 5.75c, in spite of a strong speculative interest looking for some recovery from the lowest point on record.

The detailed reports regarding the chief industries are not altogether encouraging. The iron output increased during the month of November and was 168,762 tons weekly Dec. 1, against 162,666 Nov. 1, but the increase in stocks unsold was 50,149 tons, which averages 11,700 tons per week, indicating that the increase in production during the month of November was not supported by the demand for products. Accordingly prices have been declining, the general average of articles being only 54.9 of the average in October, 1890, against 55.7 on the 1st of December. The Pittsburg market shows most weakness, Bessemer pig being quoted at $10.15 and gray forge offered at $9.30, and bar iron selling at 90c, but in structural forms the Eastern demand is sufficiently large to cause a slight advance in beams. The minor metals are stronger, though apparently for speculative reasons only.

The textile manufactures are on the whole weaker, although sales of wool for the past week, in part for speculative purposes, have been larger than one year or two years ago, and for two weeks of December have been 9,610,200 pounds against 7,857,300 last year and 10,628,800 in 1892. The orders of the spring woolens do not materially increase, but the current demand for immediate delivery continues unusually large. Cotton goods are demoralized by some reduction, and by the announcement of a great auction sale of 37,000 pieces by Bliss, Fabyan & Co., and the irregularities in staples increase while print cloths are steady.

Failures for the past week have been 349 in the United States against 339 last year, and 40 in Canada against 40 last year.

Beyond comparison in its line—the excellent merit of Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

STRONGER MONEY MARKET.

It Is Expected to Attract Foreign Capital, Says Bradstreet's.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say: Developments at Washington this week gave a decidedly bullish tone to speculation in securities, and enabled the market to withstand the influence of a gold export movement which has every appearance of assuming large propoptions.

The gold shipments, amounting to $3,500,000, which are referred to in detail elsewhere, produced a minimum of effect. They were so generally expected that part of their influence was lost. At the same time, the symptoms of hardening in the rates for money are viewed with satisfaction, and it is thought that a strong money market would attract foreign capital, and overcome the influences which lead to the present depletion of our gold reserve. Some attention is also given to the possibility that favorable currency legislation will result in a measure of revived confidence in Europe regarding our securities.

The pooling bill was the event of the week, so far as the railroad list was considered. The short interest had been reduced last week, in anticipation of the action of the house. The tenor of opinion regarding the influence of the pooling bill (should it pass the senate also) is that Wall street has been very favorably impressed, and leads to the belief that the measure will have a very advantageous effect on railroad earnings.

ONLY A HOLIDAY TRADE.

Jobbers Begin to Feel the Annual Close of the Year Dullness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Bradstreet's Review tomorrow will say: There is the expected slackening in wholesale and jobbing lines customary immediately preceding Christmas holidays. With few exceptions sales of Christmas specialties, notions and fancy groceries by jobbers and at retail show the only activity in the movement of merchandise, and no improvement is expected until the new year. All large Eastern centers, except Pittsburg and Buffalo, report trade quiet or dull. The first-named reports unexpectedly numerous general orders, and better demand for iron and steel. Eastern woolen manufacturers have discounted expected effects of the change in the wool tariff Jan. 1. Philadelphia shoe dealers report trade unexpectedly active.

Throughout the Northwest, including Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, the volume of business has, with occasional exceptions, been smaller than usual, due to unseasonable weather. Cities throughout the central West and further west report a moderate volume of trade, with no prospect of improvement this month. Restriction has been noticed in distribution of clothing, shoes, rubber goods, pig iron and light hardware.

General trade South is very quiet except for Christmas specialities. The feature at New Orleans is the revival of the exports of the bulk grain. On the Pacific coast general business is rather better than previously. November gross railway earnings of 136 railroads having 130,000 miles of main line, aggregate $44,567,781, a decrease from November of last year of only 1.4 per cent. This is the smallest monthly falling off for eighteen months, during which period in only one month, August, 1894, was there an increase over the like month the year before. Southern roads maintain their favorable position, with the heaviest day of any group of roads. Central Westerns also show a gain, the first in months. The Grangers report heaviest and most numerous decreases. Of 119 railway systems, 67 report gains and 52 decreases from November, 1893. Decreased November earnings by ten large systems account for 84 per cent of the total decrease. For eleven months 133 companies, with 99,425 miles, earned $332,358,820, a decrease from 1893 of 10.9 per cent. All groups show decreases of the eleven months of this year, but the smallest is that of the Southern roads. The largest is the decrease reported by the Grangers.

Prices this week show the effect of trade reaction incident to the close of the year, with lower prices for cotton goods, prospectively of the woolens, of the cottons, sugar, coffee, pork, oats, Indian corn, wheat and Bessemer pig iron. Higher prices are reported for hogs at Western centers, owing to restricted receipts, and for pig tin and copper. There is a speculative (nominal) advance in the price of petroleum, and some low grades of leather and a few varieties of lumber at Western centers are higher. Steady quotations are maintained for lard and cattle, for crude and refined petroleum, naval stores, coal, lumber and for steel billets. Australian wool continues to sell at less than cost of importation, and buyers are waiting to note the effect of the reduction of duty. Toronto reports trade quiet, with no prospect for recovery until the new year.

Wheat Stocks Decreasing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Wheat stocks in the United States have begun to decrease sharply earlier than customary, and the price of wheat may be affected by this movement, if sustained, within the next few weeks. Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat), from both coasts of the United States, amount to 2,536,000 bushels against 3,011,000 last week, and 3,217,000 bushels in the week last year. Two years ago the total was 3,277,000 bushels, three years ago 5,495,500 bushels, but in the second week of December, 1890, it was only 2,171,000 bushels.

BANK CLEARINGS.

St. Paul Shows the Largest Increase—Minneapolis Breaks Even.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Clearings.	Inc.
New York	$560,318,247	12.9
Chicago	95,480,488	40.4
Boston	92,637,685	7.8
Philadelphia	61,560,195	6.0
St. Louis	24,586,426	8.8
*San Francisco	12,459,661	8.8
Baltimore	13,985,339	8.1
Pittsburg	12,631,185	15.7
Cincinnati	13,787,750	10.4
Kansas City	9,790,073	..
*New Orleans	12,763,016	4.5
*Buffalo	4,067,596	3.0
Milwaukee	4,992,015	12.0
Detroit	6,466,958	9.4
*Louisville	6,528,050	5.7
Minneapolis	7,810,143	..
*Omaha	4,677,138	11.2
Providence	5,647,900	11.6
Cleveland	5,670,623	21.1
*Houston	7,122,529	18.4
St. Paul	4,609,829	27.7
Denver	2,827,384	4.4
Indianapolis	4,471,547	1.0
Columbus, O.	3,946,900	23.1
Hartford	1,876,856	12.2
*Richmond	2,232,473	2.5
Washington	2,058,716	27.5
Portland, Or	1,322,091	16.3
Seattle	482,710	2.5
Tacoma	696,553	1.9
Spokane	313,301	....
Totals, U. S.	$1,019,589,669	12.6
Exclusive of N. York	458,771,422	12.5
DOMINION OF CANADA.		
Montreal	$12,099,892	21.8
Toronto	6,091,529	2.4
Halifax	1,242,619	15.1
*Hamilton	666,609	10.6
Winnipeg	1,285,102	...
Totals	$20,097,709	13.0

*Decrease.

Abandon hope of luscious cake, palatable biscuit and toothsome cookie, all ye misguided users of aught save Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder.

Ku Klux in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 14.—In the trial of the whitecappers from Whitfield county in the United States court today, a sensation was created by witnesses testifying that a far-reaching Ku Klux organization does exist in that section, and that Paul Trammell, United States internal revenue collector, and Trammell Starr, state senator and kinsman of his, are members of it.

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On Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1894, and on every Saturday thereafter, an elegant Pullman Tourist Sleeper will leave Minneapolis (8:25 a. m.), St. Paul (8:35 a. m.), and arrive Los Angeles, California, at 6:30 p. m. following Wednesday.

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New Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Postmasters appointed:

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South Dakota—Lawrence Johnstead, Spink.

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To All Principal Points in Texas, Mexico, Florida and the South.

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The only Chicago line serving supper in a dining car on the evening limited. F. A. Greene, City Passenger Agent Wisconsin Central Lines, 164 East Third street.

Pierce in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Ex-Senator Pierce was in Washington a few hours today. He is on his way home.

ALL DOWN A FRACTION

Wheat, Influenced by Bearish Reports, Led in the Decline.

BULLS RECEIVED A SHOCK

In the Tenor of News From Abroad—Provisions Also Weak.

STOCK MARKET WAS HEAVY.

Clique Encourages a Reactionary Tendency From the Recent Advance.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A bearish report on wheat feeding in Illinois and lower cables weakened wheat today. May closing ¼c lower. The other markets followed, May corn finishing ⅛c lower, May oats ⅛c lower and provisions at moderate declines.

Wheat received a shock at the opening today in the early cables. Liverpool was from ½d to 1d lower, cargoes in London 3d per quarter lower, at Paris and Berlin also quoted at about an equal decline. May, which closed yesterday at 59c bid, found no buyers at the start this morning at over 58⅝c, and not a great many would give more than 58⅝c. Those who had bought puts for the day could buy again them without risk of loss at 58⅝c and did so to a moderate extent, but so much depression was found to exist among the crowd at that time that many holders of puts reserved their privileges for use at an expected further decline. The receipts were small. Clearances from the seaboard were beginning to increase, and the cash wheat market was strong at Minneapolis in the face of weakness here. Perhaps as weakening an announcement as any was the Springfield report of the wheat feeding in Illinois, which, it is said, was so little as to be not worth mentioning. The price declined to 58⅛c before enough buying orders were encountered to turn it upward, but when it reached the price mentioned, it reacted to 58¾@58⅝c under the impetus which it received there. The later cables from Liverpool came firmer in tone than those received at the opening, and there was no change for the worse since earlier in the day; on the contrary there was a slight advance at Berlin. May closed at 58¾c.

Corn was dull, governed for the most part by the drop in the price of wheat. The weather, however, was improved, and better grading was looked for in the consequence. The receipts today were small. The estimated receipts for tomorrow are 80 cars. Fluctuations were within a narrow range. The opening for May was 49⅞@49¾c. It declined to 49⅝c, recovered to 49⅞@50c and closed at 49⅞c sellers.

No improvement whatever was noticeable in oats. Trading remained very limited and confined entirely to local parties. An easier feeling prevailed, influenced by a similar tone in the corn market, but aided by moderate buying, it reacted at the close. May opened at 32½c, touched 32⅜c and closed at 32¼c.

Provisions were dull and rather weak, closing with a loss of 10c in pork, 2½c in lard and 5c in ribs. Hog receipts were 26,000, and 25,000 are estimated for tomorrow, the increasing receipts and declines in the grain markets causing the weakness.

Freights—Corn to Buffalo 3c to hold part of the winter.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat No 2—				
December	54⅜	54½	51⅛	54⅜
May	58⅝-¾	58⅞	58½	58⅝-¾
July	59¼	59⅜-½	59⅛-¼	59¼
Corn No. 2—				
December	46¾-⅞	46¾-⅞	46½	46⅝
January	47¼	47¼	47	47¼
May	49⅝	49⅞	49⅝	49⅞
Oats No. 2—				
December	29¼	29¼	29⅛	29⅛
May	32½	32½	32⅜	32⅜-½
Mess Pork—				
January	11 87½	11 92½	11 85	11 90
May	12 25	12 27½	12 17½	12 25
Lard—				
January	6 92½	6 92½	6 85	6 90
May	7 15	7 15	7 10	7 15
Short Ribs—				
January	5 90	5 92½	5 90	5 92½
May	6 15	6 20	6 12½	6 15

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady, unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 58½@60¾c; No. 3 spring, nominal: No. 2 red, 54⅛@54¾c. Corn—No. 2, 46⅝c. Oats—No. 2, 29¾c; No. 2 white, 32¼@32¼c; No. 3 white, 32c. Rye—No. 2, 48½c. Barley—No. 2, 53@55c; No. 3, 48@53c; No. 4, 49@54c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.47. Timothy Seed—Prime, $5.52½@5.55. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $11.87½@12. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $6.85. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $5.90@5.95. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 5⅛@5¼c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), 6¼@6⅜c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.23. Sugars unchanged. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 43¼@43½c. Receipts — Flour, 6,000 bbls; wheat, 35,000 bu; corn, 147,000 bu; oats, 116,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 34,000 bu. Shipments — Flour, 4,000 bbls; wheat, 6,000 bu; corn, 13,000 bu; oats, 85,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 13,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 12@23c; dairy, 9@19c. Eggs steady at 13@22c.

Duluth Wheat.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 14.—Wheat was weak and dull here today. The weakness was due to lower cables, large receipts at Northwestern points and the depressing influence of the Illinois state crop report, that practically no wheat had been fed. May started ¼c lower than yesterday, lost ⅛c, and then gained ¼c on reports of heavy exports. Closing cables were weak at the advance and the close was at the opening figures. December started ⅛c lower than yesterday, firmed up ¼c and then eased off. There was very little business in spot stuff. The close was ¼c lower all round than yesterday, except wheat to arrive, which was unchanged.

Following were the closing prices: No. 1 hard, cash, 59⅝c; December, 59c; May, 61¾c; July, 63c; No. 1 northern, cash, 58¼c; December, 58c; May, 60¾c; July, 62c; No. 2 northern, cash, 55¼c; No. 3, 52¼c; rejected, 49¼c. To Arrive—No. 1 hard, 60c; No. 1 northern, 58½c; rye, 46c; No. 2 oats, 31½c; No. 3 oats, 31c; barley, 40@45c. Receipts Here and at Superior—Wheat, 250,176 bu; oats, 8,192 bu; barley, 2,898 bu. Shipments—Wheat—16,086 bu. Car Inspection Today—Wheat, 219; oats, 1; flax, 1; barley, 1.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Flour—Receipts, 49,900 bbls; exports, 31,700 bbls; sales, 5,800 pkgs; market dull and weaker with wheat; no feature to it: Southern flour inactive; rye flour quiet: sales, 300 bbls; buckwheat flour nominal, $1.85. Buckwheat dull. Cornmeal dull; sales, 200 bbls. Rye nominal. Barley dull. Barley malt steady. Wheat—Receipts, 88,800 bu exports, 48,000 bu; sales, 1,250,000 bu futures, 40,000 bu spot; spot dull; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 59⅝c@59⅝c; afloat, 60⅝c@61½c; f. o. b., 61½c@61¾c; No. 1 northern, 68¾c delivered; No. 1 hard, 70¼c delivered; options weak early under further liquidation, lower cabled and disappointing exports, rallied partially at noon on covering and ruled dull, but fairly steady all the afternoon, closing quiet at⅜@½c decline: No. 2 red, January 60c, closes at 60c; February, 61c, closed at 61c; March, 61¾@61⅞c, closed at 61⅞c; May, 62½@62¾c, closed at 62⅝c; June, closed at 62⅝c; July, 62¼@63 3-16c closed at 63¼c; December closed at 59⅜c. Corn—Receipts, 90,700 bu; exports, 54,000 bu; sales, 395,000 bu futures, 24,000 bu spot; spot market inactive; No. 2, new, 53c; old, 53c asked; steamer mixed, 50½c; No. 2 white, 53¾c elevator. Options opened easier with wheat, rallied at midday on light car lot estimates, but finally eased off, closing quiet at ⅛c decline; January, 52⅝@52⅞c, closed at 52¾c; February closed at 53c; May, 53⅛@53¾c, closed at 53⅜c; December closed at 53⅜c. Oats—Receipts, 37,200 bu; exports, 300 bu; sales, 55,000 bu futures, 32,000 bu spot; spot dull; No. 2, 34¼c; No. 2, delivered, 35¼c; No. 3, 33½c; No. 2 white, 38½@39½c; No. 3 white, 37¾@38c; track white Western, 38@42c; track white state, 38@42c; options dull and generally easier today, closing at ¼c net decline; January, 34⅝@34⅞c, closed at 34¾c; February, 35⅝c, closed at 35¼c; May, 36⅛@36¼, closed at 35½c; December closed at 34⅛c. Hay steady. Hops quiet. Hides steady. Leather quiet. Wool steady. Beef quiet. Cut meats dull; pickled hams, 8@8¾c. Lard lower and dull; Western steam closed at $7.20; sales, 320 tcs at $7.17½@7.20; city at $6.75; sales, 150 tcs; December closed at $7.20, nominal; January, $7.25 nominal; February, $7.30 asked; refined quiet; continent, $4.65; S. A., $8; compound, $5.50. Pork steady. Butter dull and heavy; Western dairy, 10½@16c; Western creamery, 15@24c; Western factory, 10@16c; Elgins, 24c; imitation creamery, 13@19c; state dairy, 12@21c; state creamery, 17@23c. Cheese dull; large, 9@11¼c; small, 9½@12c; part skims, 3½@9c; full skims, 2@3c. Eggs steady; state and Pennsylvania, 25c; ice house, 17@21c; receipts, 4,954 pkgs; Western fresh, 21@24c; Southern, 21@23½c; cases, $2@4. Tallow firm.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14, 4:15 p. m.—Wheat—Spot, demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 4s 9d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 6d; No. 1 California, 5s 2½d; futures opened dull; near positions of red winter 3 farthings lower and distant positions 4f lower; closed steady, with near positions 4f lower, and distant positions 4f lower; business about equally distributed; December, 4s 8¼d; January, 4s 8¼d; February, 4s 8⅝d; March, 4s 9¼d; April, 4s 5½d; May, 4s 9¾d. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, 4s 11½d; futures opened dull, with near and distant positions 2f lower, closing easy, with near positions unchanged to 3f lower and distant positions 3f lower; business heaviest on early positions; December, 5s; January, 5s ¼d; February, 4s 4¼d; March, April and May, 4s 4¼d. Flour dull, demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 5s 9d. Peas—Canadian, 4s 11d. Receipts of wheat for the past three days were 135,000 centals, including 87,000 centals American. Receipts of American corn for the past three days were 25,600 centals.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 14.—Flour steady but dull. Wheat weak; No. 2 spring, 57½c; No. 1 northern, 62½c; May, 58¾c. Corn lower and quiet: No. 3, 43½c. Oats lower; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c Barley firm; No. 2, 52¾c; sample, 51@54½c. Rye lower; No. 1, 49½c. Provisions firmer; Pork, $11.90. Lard, $6.80. Receipts—Flour, 5,900 bbls; wheat, 30,600 bu; barley, 24,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 35,000 bbl; wheat, 5,200 bu; barley, 1,200 bu.

FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Taken as a whole, the stock market was heavy today. The engagements of gold for shipment to Europe were also large, aggregating $3,800,000, but the opinion of the street is that the movement is not in any way responsible for the depression in the share speculation. This view of the situation is carried out by the course of yesterday's market, which was in the direction of high prices, when it was perfectly well understood that the exportation of gold Saturday would be between three and four millions. The reactionary tendency of the recent advance, coupled with the manipulation of the shares controlled by cliques and some selling on rumors of proposed decreases in dividends, was also a very conspicuous factor. London was in the market as seller and buyer, and only in moderate amounts, and the trading for this account did not affect the market generally. At the opening prices showed but little change from the closing figures of yesterday, the tone of speculation being firm. A slight advance was made in the early dealings, but the temper of the market changed quickly and a period of depression set in up to 11 o'clock, in which specialties alone failed to participate. Most prominent in the downward movement were Sugar, Baltimore & Ohio, the grangers, Chicago Gas, General Electric, New Jersey Central, Erie and Rubber. Between 11 and 12 o'clock the market was firm, and partial recoveries were made, but during the last hour the market was very irregular, and the close was barely steady. Compared with yesterday the final quotations in the active list showed a general decline, the principal losses being: Baltimore & Ohio, 2½; Chicago Gas and Texas Land, 1¾; St. Paul, Rock Island and Erie, ⅞; Southern Pacific and United States Rubber, ¾; Burlington, Reading, Wheeling & Lake Erie, New York Central, New Jersey Central, General Electric, Cotton Oil and Sugar, ⅝; and Western Union, Manhattan, Distilling, Louisville & Nashville, Southern preferred, Pittsburg & Western preferred and Edison Electric of New York, ½. Some of the usually inactive stocks were in good buying demand and recorded material advances on the day, including Colorado Fuel preferred, ⅝; New York, Chicago & St. Louis first preferred, 4; Minneapolis & St. Louis and United States Express, 2; Louisville, New Albany & Chicago preferred, 1¾; American Tobacco, 1½; Oregon Improvement and Lake Erie & Western preferred, 1, and Denver & Rio Grande preferred and Minneapolis & St. Louis preferred 1 per cent. New England is unchanged, from yesterday. Adams Express sold at 140 for 100 shares, against 148 the last preceding sale. There were some slight coverings in the late dealings, which tended to steady the market.

The trading in the bond market was of a firm character during the day on a moderate volume of business. Oregon Short Line 6s trust receipts were in demand, and the sales of this security aggregated $189,000. Atchison 4s were dealt in to the extent of $105,000. The total of the day was $1,045,000. The changes are: Advances—Cedar Falls & Minnesota firsts, 5 per cent; International & Great Northern thirds and Cleveland & Canton firsts, 2 per cent.

Declines—Wabash debentures, Series B, 3 per cent.

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Closing Stocks—West.

Atchison	4⅝	Northwestern	99⅝
Adams Express	139	do pfd	142
Alton & Terre H.	37	N. Y. Central	99¾
*do pfd	158	N. Y. & N. E.	31¾
Am'can Express	110	Ontario & West	15⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	64⅝	Oregon Imp	11
Canadian Pacific	60¼	Oregon Nav	21
Canada Southern	51	O. S. L. & U. N.	6
Central Pacific	15	Pacific Mail	21½
Ches. & Ohio	18⅝	P., D. & E.	4
*Chicago & Alton	146	*Pittsburg	156
C., B. & Q.	73⅝	Pullman Palace	155
Chicago Gas	71½	Reading	14¾
Consolidated Gas	128¼	Richmond Ter.	16½
C., C., C. & St. L.	39	do pfd	20
Colorado C. & I.	8½	Rio G. Western	16⅝
Cotton Oil Certs.	25	do pfd	43
Del. & Hudson	126⅝	Rock Island	63½
Del., Lack. & W.	160⅞	St. Paul	59¼
D. & R. G. pfd	35	do pfd	119½
Dis. & C. F. Co.	9⅝	St. P. & Omaha	34
Erie	19⅛	do pfd	110
do pfd	28	South'n Pacific	18¾
*Fort Wayne	156	Sugar Refinery	93⅜
Gt. North. pfd	107½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	16½
C. & E. I. pfd	93½	Texas Pacific	9⅞
Hocking Valley	17¼	Tol. & O. C. pfd	75
Illinois Central	99	Union Pacific	12
St. Paul & Duluth	21	U. S. Express	42
Kan. & Tex. pfd	23	Wabash St. L. & P.	6⅝
Lake Erie & West	17	do pfd	14½
do pfd	75	Wells-Fargo Ex	105
Lake Shore	136	Western Union	85½
Lead Trust	40	Wheeling & L. E.	10⅞
Louis. & Nash	54	do pfd	39½
Louisville & N. A.	64½	M. & St. L.	20
*Mem. & Charls'n	10	D. & R. G.	11½
Michigan Cent	98	General Electric	38
Missouri Pacific	29	National Linseed	17¾
Mobile & Ohio	18¼	Col. Fuel & Iron	25½
Nash. & Chatt	65	do pfd	70
Nat. Cordage	8¾	Ft. & T. Central	20½
do pfd	14¾	Tol., A. A. & N. M.	2⅝
N. J. Central	93⅝	Ft. St. L. & K. C.	1
N. & W. pfd	19¼	do pfd	5
North Am. Co	3⅞	Southern R. R.	11¼
Northern Pacific	4⅛	do pfd	36¾
do pfd	17⅞	Tobacco	97
U. P., Denver & G.	3½	do pfd	106⅛

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INVESTMENT BANKERS,

Loan Money on Improved Property in St. Paul and Minneapolis

At 6% 'On or Before'

New Pioneer Press Bldg., ST. PAUL. Reeve Building MINNEAPOLIS.

Bonds.

U. S 5s reg	118½	D. & R. G. 4s	83¾
do do coup	118½	Erie seconds	67
do 4 reg	114¼	*G. H. & S. A. 6s	96
do do coup	115¼	do do 7s	101
*do 2s reg	97	H. & Tex. C. 5s	105½
*Pacific 6s of '95	100	do do 6s	110½
Ala., Class A	103⅜	M., K. & T. first 4s	81
do do B	104	do second 4s	46¾
*do do C	92½	Mutual Union 6s	111
do Currency	93	*N. J. C. Gen. 5s	114
*La. N. Consols, 4s	95¼	N. P. 1sts	116⅜
*Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	88½
*N. C. 6s	124	N. W. con	142½
* do 4s	101	*do S. F. deb. 5s	109
S. Carolina non-f.	1½	R. G. W. 1sts	70½
*Tenn. new set. 6s	83	*St. P. consols	130¼
* do do 5s	104½	do C. & P. W. 5s	112¾
*do old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	78½
Va. Centuries	64¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	105
do deferred	8⅞	T. P. 1rsts	87¼
Atchison 4s	93⅛	do 2ds	70¼
do second "A"	18⅝	U. P. 1sts of '96	103
Canada So. 2ds	103¾	West Shore 4s	110⅝
C. P. 1sts of '95	103½	Southern 5s	87½
D. & R. G. 7s	114		

*Bid.

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Money on call easy at 1½; last loan, 1½; closed at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2¾@4½. Sterling exchange quiet and steady, with actual bills at $4.88¾@4.88⅞ for demand, and $4.87⅝@4.87¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.86½@4.86¾. Silver certificates, 60⅞c bid.

Exchange.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Money, 4@4½ per cent on call; 5@6 on time. New York exchange at 70c premium. Foreign exchange firm. Sterling commercial, $4.86¾@4.87¾.

London Financial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Evening Post's London cablegram says: The stock markets were quiet, but very firm today, especially for gilt-edged stocks, on the belief of prolonged ease in money. Mining shares were rampant. The Paris commitments in these were enormous. Americans still tend to improve, and, although no special animation is expected, the belief is again expressed that the worst is passed. The financial press remains hostile to Americans, which hinders a recovery. Prices closed under the best. Erie was flat. It is believed here that the gold coming from New York on Saturday is the beginning of considerable exports of that metal to Europe.

These Quotations Furnished by

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WHOLESALE

Hay, Feed, Flour and Seeds

ST. PAUL.

St. Paul Grain Market.

Wheat—No. 1 hard	58½@59c
Wheat—No. 1 northern	57@58c
Wheat—No. 2 northern	56@56½c
Corn—No. 3	47@47½c
Corn—No. 3 yellow	47@48c
Oats—No. 3 white	30½@31c
Oats—No. 3	30@30½c
Barley	44@46c
Rye—No. 2	44@45c
Flour—Patent	$3.20@3.50
Flour—Straight	$2.90@3.10
Flour—Bakers'	$2@2.10
Flour—Rye	$2.30@2.60
Buckwheat flour	$5@5.50
Cornmeal—Bolted	$24@26
Cornmeal—Coarse	$19.50@20
Ground Feed—No. 1	$19@19.50
Ground Feed—No. 2	$19.25@19.50
Ground Feed—No. 3	$19@19.50
Bran—Bulk	$11.50@12
Shorts—Bulk	$12.50@13
Hay—No. 1 upland prairie	$7.50@8
Hay—No. 2 upland prairie	$7@7.50
Hay—No. 1 wild	$6.50@7
Hay—No. 1 timothy	$10.50@11
Timothy seed, per bu	$2.20@2.50
Clover	$5.20@5.40
Straw	$4@5

St. Paul Produce.

Butter—Fancy separator, 22@23c; extra creamery, 20@21c; first creamery, 16@17c; second creamery, 14@15c; fancy dairy, 17@18c; first dairy, 15@16c; second dairy, 13@14c; fancy roll and print, 15@16c; common roll and print, 10@11c; packing stock, 8@9c; grease, 4@5c.

Cheese—Full cream, 11@11½c; primost, 5@5½c; brick cheese, 11@12½c; Limburger cheese, 10@10½c; Young America, 11½@12c; Swiss, 12@14c; skims, 5@5½c.

Eggs—Fresh, case included, 19½c; fresh, cases returned, 19c; storage, 14@16c.

Dressed Poultry — Turkeys, 8@8½c; chickens, 6½@7c; hens, 5@6c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 6@7c.

Vegetables—Onions, green, per doz., 20@25c; onions, Minnesota, bu, 45@50c; onions, white, bu, 80@90c; radishes, per doz, 35@40c; cauliflower, per doz, $1@1.25; cabbage, doz, 75c@$1; beets, doz, 50@60c; parsnips, bu, 50@60c; celery, doz, 25@30c; celery, home grown, 30@35c; lettuce, doz, 20@25c; rutabagas, bu, 40@45c; cucumbers, doz, $1@1.20; spinach, bu, $1.

Dressed Meats—Mutton, packing house stock, 4½@5c: mutton, country, 4½c; veal, fancy, 5@6c; veal, medium, 3@4½c; lamb, country, 4@5c.

Pork, Beef, Hams, Hides, Etc.—Hides, steer, green, per lb, 4@4½c; cow, green, 3@3½c; calf, green, 7c; steer, salt, 4½@5c; cow, salt, 3½@4c; pelts, 15@60c; wool, washed, 13@14c; wool, unwashed, 9@11c; tallow, 4@4½c; pork, mess, $13.50@14; beef, mess, $8.50@9; bacon, $10.50@11; hams, $11@11.50; hams, picnic, $7.50@8; dried beef, 9½@11c; lard, $7.50@8; hops, 19@21c.

Oranges—Mediterranean sweets, $3.50@4; Rodis, $4.50@5; Floridas, $2.75@3; Mexican, $2.50@2.75.

Lemons—Extra fancy, $4.50@5; fancy, $3.75@4.

Bananas—Port Limons, $1.75@2; Honduras No. 1, $1.75@2; Honduras, No. 2, $1.25@1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $4@4.50.

California Fruits—Peaches, per box, free, $1; peaches, per box, cling, 85c; pears, Bartletts, box, $1.75@2.25; pears, New York Duchess, bbl, $3.75@4; pears, Winter Nellis, $1.50@1.75; pears, Beurre, $1.75@2; pears, Vicars, $1.50@1.75.

Berries—Cranberries, B. & B., $11@11.50; cranberries, Cape Cod, $11.50@12.

Grapes—Tokay, crate, singles, $1.50; Morocco, crate, $1.25