UPSET IN STOCKS

DEMORALIZATION RULED AT THE OPENING, BUT A CALM ENSUED.

PRICES MOVING UPWARD.

RECOVERY OF TONE, THOUGH THE FOREIGNERS CONTINUE TO SELL.

THE FLUCTUATIONS CONTINUED.

Review of the Convulsive Antics of the Market During the Past Few Days.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The trading at the opening of business on the stock exchange today was even more demoralized than in the initial dealings of yesterday. London cables showed lower prices, but reported a better tone prevalent at that center. Nevertheless the foreign houses continued to unload American securities, and the decline of values in the first quarter of an hour was very severe and extended to 9 per cent in Lead preferred. Subsequently Cordage guaranteed reacted 13 per cent. The decline in the leading railways was headed by Lake Shore, with a break of 7 per cent. The other Vanderbilt stocks sagged sharply. The flurries then subsided, and prices took an upward turn. Distilling and Lead improved 5 per cent, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Burlington, Canada Southern, Lake Shore and New York Central 4 per cent. The market was feverish throughout the day, and prices fluctuated rapidly, the changes being very wide. Consolidated Gas broke 8½ per cent to 136, rallied to 139, reacted to 136, recovered to 140, and closed at 138½. In the final dealings there was considerable pressure against the grangers and coalers, which resulted in heavy losses. The market closed weak, at losses on the day ranging up to 10½ per cent in Cordage guaranteed.

Seldom, if ever, has the stock exchange been convulsed to such a degree, and for so long a period, as in the present instance. Heretofore panics have quickly subsided and the bottom has been reached by rapid stages, but upon the delivery on Tuesday first of the president's message on the Venezuela affair the depression on the stock board has steadily increased. The sales for the foreign account are estimated at about 200,000 shares, which breaks all previous records. At the extreme low point of today the more important dealings, compared with the high prices prevailing earlier in the week, were as follows: Consolidated Gas, 24½ per cent; New Jersey Central, 17½; Metropolitan Traction, 16½; Lead preferred, 16½; Rock Island, 16¼; Rubber preferred, 16; Pullman, 15¾; St. Paul, 15½; Lake Shore, 14⅞; Burlington, 14⅝; Louisville, 14½; Cleveland, Columbus, Chicago & St. Louis, 14½; Kansas & Texas, 15¼; Lackawanna and Chicago Gas, 13⅞; Lake Erie & Western preferred, 13⅞; Lead, common, 13⅜; Canada Southern, 13¼; Tennessee Coal, 12⅞; Rubber preferred, 12¾; Southern preferred, 12⅜; Distilling, 12⅜; Sugar, 12⅛; Manhattan and Iowa Central preferred, 12; Pacific Mail, 12; St. Paul & Omaha, 11½; Delaware & Hudson, 11¼; Northwest, 11½; Susquehanna & Western preferred, 11⅛; General Electric, 11⅝; Missouri Pacific, 11; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 10¾; Colorado Fuel & New York Central, 10¼; Illinois Central, 10, and a number which have fallen less than ten points.

The dealings for the week reached the extremely large total of 2,253,000 shares. The total sales today were 314,958 shares, including: American Sugar, 38,000; American Tobacco, 15,800; Atchison, 17,100; Burlington, 11,100; Chesapeake & Ohio, 3,500; Chicago Gas, 14,600; Distillers and Cattle Feeding company, 19,100; Kansas & Texas preferred, 4,500; Louisville & Nashville, 5,000; Manhattan Consolidated, 4,700; Missouri Pacific, 4,600; National Lead, 3,900; Northwest, 3,800; Reading, 9,900; Rock Island, 9,200; St. Paul 33,800; Southern Railroad, 4,100; United States Cordage, 4,000; United States Leather, preferred, 12,400; Western Union, 6,000.

The demoralization in prices of railway and miscellaneous mortgages which occurred during the week was attributable to the same influences that dominated the stock market. The dealings were unusually heavy, and the depression in prices was very severe in the issues having a foreign market. The trading for the European account was very heavy, aggregate sales being $13,542,000. The greatest declines on the week include: Cordage firsts, trust receipts, 16½; Fulton Elevated firsts, 13½; Wisconsin Central firsts, trust receipts, 13¾; Kansas & Texas seconds, 9½; do firsts, 6; Atchison adjustment 4s, 9½; do 4s, 7¾; do 4s, trust receipts, 9¼; do seconds, trust receipts, 7½; Kansas City & Pacific firsts and Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s, 8½; Southern 5s, 8; Chicago & Northern Pacific firsts, trust receipts, 7¼; Colorado Midland firsts, trust receipts, Wabasha seconds and Texas Pacific firsts, 7; do seconds, 4; Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf firsts and Oregon Short Line 6s, trust receipts, 6¾; do consol 5s, trust receipts, 7½; St. Louis - Southwestern seconds, Rio Grande Western firsts and Northern Pacific consols 5s, 6¼; do seconds, 6; do collateral trust 6s, 5¾.

Government bonds ruled firm during the greater part of the week, and some issues scored slight gains. Towards the close, however, there was a decided slump in values. New 4s are down 2 per cent; 5s, 1½; old 4s, reg, do coup, ¾ per cent. The total sales were only 58,000, which goes to show that the panic did not extend to the government bonds. Today's bond trade reached sales of $2,087,000. The trend of prices was sharply downward, and Southern 5s sold down to 82, as against 89 at last night's closing. They subsequently rallied to 88¼, and closed at 88. Toward the close there was a stiffening in values of the speculative issues, but closing prices were considerably below yesterday's closing.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the leading railway and industrial stocks yesterday:

Articles.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Am. Tobacco	70¼	71	69½	70¾
Atchison	12¾	12¾	11	11¾
Am. Cotton Oil	15	15½	14	15
C., B. & Q.	70	74	70	71¾
C., C., C. & St. L.	30	32	28	31½
Ches. & Ohio	12½	12½	12½	12½
Chicago Gas	62½	62½	57¾	57½
Cordage	3⅞	4	3	3⅞
Del. & Hudson	120	120	118	118½
D., L. & W.	155	157	154	155
D. & C. F. Co.	11	13	8	11⅞
Erie	10¼	10½	10	10¼
General Electric	22⅞	23⅞	22	22½
Hocking Valley	15	14½	14¼	14¼
Illinois Central	....	....	....	88
Jersey Central	97	98	93	93
Lead	19	21	17½	20½
Louis. & Nash.	40¼	42	40	41
Lake Shore	139½	143	139	140½
Manhattan Con.	99½	100	97¼	98½
Missouri Pacific	19½	21¼	19½	21
Mich. Central	....	....	....	90
N. Y. Common	3⅛	3⅛	3	3
do pfd	11	11¼	10⅞	10½
N. Y. Central	99½	94½	90½	94
Northwestern	94	96¼	94	95½
N. Y. & N. E.	....	....	....	39
North American	4⅛	4½	3⅞	4¼
Omaha	31½	32½	31	31½
do pfd	....	....	....	115
Pacific Mail	23½	23½	21½	21½
Pullman	....	....	....	147
Reading	7¼	7¼	6	6
Rock Island	61	62¼	59	59
Southern Ry.	7½	8½	7	8⅜
do pfd	24	24½	22½	23½
Sugar Refinery	94⅝	94⅝	92	93
do pfd	92¾	92¾	91	92½
St. Paul	62	62½	60½	61
do pfd	....	....	....	122
Tennessee Coal	24	25	23	24¼
Union Pacific	4½	5⅞	4½	5
Texas Pacific	7¼	7¼	6⅞	7¼
Leather pfd.	69½	61¼	58½	60
Western Union	84	85	83¼	83¾
Wabash	....	....	....	5½
do pfd	12¾	14⅛	12¾	13¾
Mpls. & St.L. pfd.	....	....	....	75
do 2d pfd.	....	....	....	40

The following were the closing prices of other stocks as reported by the Associated Press:

Adams Ex.	140	N. Y. & N. E.	39
Am. Ex	110	Oregon Imp.	3
Can. South.	45½	Oregon Nav.	17
Central Pac	12	O. S. L. & U.N.	8½
Ches. & Ohio	13	P. D. & E.	2
C. & Alton	150	Rio G. & W.	17
C. B. & Q.	71¾	do pfd	40
C.,C.,C.& St.L.	31½	Rock Island	59
Col. C. & Iron	4	St. Paul	61
Col. Oil Cert.	15	do pfd	122
D. & H.	115½	T. C. & Iron.	24¼
D., L. & W.	155	Texas Pacific	7¾
D. & R. G. pfd	40	T. & O. C. pfd	65

Erie pfd	23½	U. S. Ex.	37
Fort Wayne	165	W. & L. E.	82¼
G. North. pfd	110	do pfd	29¼
C. & E. I. pfd	99¾	M. & St. L.	14
St. Paul & D.	28	D. & R. G.	10
K. & T. pfd	21	C. F. & I.	20½
L. E. & W.	15½	do pfd	98
do pfd	62	H. & T. C.	1½
Louis. & N.	41	A.A.A.& N.M.	14
L. & N. A.	8	T.,St.L.& K.C.	6
M. & Ohio	19	do pfd	14
N. & Chatt.	78	Southern	8⅜
U. P., D. & G.	2	do pfd	25½
U. S. Rubber	23	Tobacco	69¾
do pfd	77	do pfd	94
Am. S. pfd	92½	A. T. & C. Co.	95
U. C. Cord	14½	Com. C. Co.	100
N. W. pfd	147	U. S. Lea pfd.	60

*Asked.

U. S. 4s, reg.	119	C. P. 1sts, '95.	104
do 4s, coup.	119	D. & R. G. 7s.	111
U. S. 5s, reg.	113½	do 4s.	92½
do 5s, coup.	113½	Erie seconds	74
do 4s, reg.	110	G.H. & S.A.5s.	105
do 4s, coup.	111½	do 7s.	100
do 2s, reg.	96	H. & T. C. 5s.	111⅝
Pacific 6s, '95.	99	do 6s.	106
Ala, class A	109	M.K.& T.1sts.	80
do B.	109	do second 4s.	52
do C.	103	Mut. Union 6s.	115
do currency.	101	N.J.C. Gen.5s.	118
La.new con.4s.	92	N. P. 1sts.	118
Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds.	100
N. C. 6s.	124	N. W. consols.	140½
do 4s.	106	do S.F.deb.5s.	111
S. C. Non-F.	1	R. G. W. 1sts.	73
Tenn.New S.6s.	88½	St. P. con. 7s.	125
do 5s.	105	do C.&P.W.5s.	115¼
do old 6s.	60	S.L.& I.M.G.5s.	78
Va. Centuries.	59	S.L.& S.F.G.6s.	104
do deferred.	6	Tex. Pac. 1sts.	80
Atchison 4s	68	do seconds.	18
do second A.	19	U. P. 1sts, '96.	106
Can. So. 2ds	107¾	W. Shore 4s.	105
O. R. & N.1sts.	112	*L. & N. ufd.4s	79
N. P. 3ds	70	Southern 5s	88½

*Offered.

New York Mining Stocks.

Bulwer	$0 05	Ontario	$7 50
Cholor	40	Ophir	1 20
Crown Point	20	*Plymouth	20
C.Cal. & Va.	1 90	Quicksilver	2 00
Deadwood	65	do pfd	15 00
Gould & Curry	30	Sierra Nevada	40
Hale & Nor.	84	Standard	1 50
Homestake	20 00	Union Con.	36
Iron Silver	20	Yell'w Jacket.	35
Mexican	50		

Chicago Money.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Clearings, $13,570,799. Money, call loans, 5@5½ per cent. Commercial paper, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange at par. Foreign exchange, bankers' (London) sterling, $4.89½ and $4.88½.

Exports and Iports.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to $7,131,547 in gold and $946,352 in silver. The imports were: Gold, $437,747; silver, $20,527; dry goods, $2,275,119; general merchandise, $5,311,619.

New York Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, decrease, $1,302,525; loans, decrease, $3,344,300; specie, increase, $369,700; legal tenders, decrease, $3,104,400; deposits, decrease, $5,764,700; circulation, decrease, $17,000. The banks now hold $17,088,800 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

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WHEAT HOLDS ITS OWN.

Corn and Provisions Go Upward—A Better Tone.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The grain and provision market today closed unexpectedly steady, the final quotations in some instances showing material gains over last night's figures. Prices have been so low that there was but little speculative trading on the breaks and the improved tone of Wall street closing had a good effect here. May wheat finishing at last night's figures; corn ½c, and pork and ribs 2½@7½c higher, oats and lard being practically unchanged.

The situation in stocks is still the dominating influence in wheat, and as they suffered a further decline, wheat followed. There is still much apprehension and holders liquidated without stint. Even shorts were slow to cover. The export of wheat and flour from both coasts for the week are only a little more than 2,000,000 bu, or 400,000 bu less than the week before, but cables showed the English markets steady and New York confirmed the report that 1,000,000 bu had been taken there yesterday for export. After the first selling impulse was over the feeling began to improve, and prices reacted, following the coarse of stocks. But the feeling was nervous all the session. The visible supply is expected to show an increase next week of fully 3,000,000 bu. May wheat, which yesterday sold as low at 57¼c, and closed at 57½@57⅝c, opened this morning at from 57¼c to 57½c, but soon began to give signs of recovery. The price worked slowly back to 57⅝c, when it had another spasm of weakness which carried it off nominally to 56⅞c, but only two or three fives could be bought at that. New York stocks closed at some recovery from the lowest prices of the day, and had a further steadying effect upon wheat, which rose 1c per bu from the lowest point quoted, or to 57⅞c, and it closed at 57c bid.

Corn was slow, and held steady, and at no time was quite as low as it sold yesterday. The continued wet weather was a sustaining factor, and the price is so low that few care to sell it short. May sold at 27¾@27⅞c, split to 28c, and only a moderate business in oats. Shorts were still good buyers and took up nearly all the offerings, and maintained a steady market. May opened at 18⅞c, sold at 19c, and closed with sellers at the latter price.

Provisions did better for buyers today than for two or three days back, and closed at somewhat higher prices than they did yesterday. Packers gave the market some support when it appeared to require it, and orders from outside were much more plentiful than they have been in the recent past. The advances in prices for the day were 7½c in pork, 2½c in Janury lard and 2½c each in January and May ribs.

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 232 cars; corn, 282 cars; oats, 225 cars, hogs, 37,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat No. 2—				
Dec	54½	54¾	54	54⅜
Jan	54½	54¾	54	54⅝
May	57¼	57⅞	56⅞	57⅜
July	58	58½	57⅞	58⅜
Corn No. 2—				
Dec	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Jan	25⅜	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
May	27⅞	28	27¾	28
July	28¾	28⅞	28¾	28⅞
Oats No. 2—				
Dec	....	....	....	16¾
Jan	....	....	....	17
Feb	....	....	....	17¼
May	18⅞	19	18⅞	19
Mess Pork—				
Dec	7 50	7 50	7 45	7 45
Jan	8 37½	8 50	8 37½	8 45
May	8 67½	8 82½	8 65	8 80
Lard—				
Dec	....	....	....	5 20
Jan	5 15	5 25	5 15	5 23
May	5 40	5 47½	5 37½	5 45
Short Ribs—				
Dec	....	....	....	4 22½
Jan	4 15	4 22½	4 12½	4 22½
May	4 37½	4 45	4 35	4 45

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Winter patent, $3.30@3.50; straights, $3.10@3.25; spring patents, $3.10@3.20; straights, $2.40@2.75. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 54⅝@55½c; No. 3 spring, 54@54¾c; No. 2 red, 59@60c. Corn—No. 2, 25½c. Oats—No. 2, 16c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19@19¾c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17¾@18½c. Rye—No. 2, 33c. Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 22@22¾c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22@24c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 93c; prime timothy, $3.45@3.50. Mess Pork—Per bbl., $7.50@7.75. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.25. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $4.25@4.30. Shoulders—Dry Salted (boxed), 4⅜@4⅝c. Sides—Short Clear (boxed), 4⅝@4½c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.22. Sugars—Cut loaf, $5.50; granulated, $4.87; Standard "A," $4.65. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 25⅜c. Receipts—Flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 106,000 bu; corn, 194,000 bu; oats, 216,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 67,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 6,000 bbls; wheat, 59,600 bu; corn, 85,600 bu; oats, 159,000 bu; rye, 4,000 bu; barley, 28,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; dairy, 12@22c; creameries, 19@26c. Cheese quiet at 8¾@9½c. Eggs—Fresh, 20@21c.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

Wheat Steady All Through the Short Session.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Flour—Receipts, 41,600 bbls; exports, 21,300 bbls; weak and dull, buyers being frightened by the irregularity in wheat and finances; city mill patents, $4@4.25; winter patents, $3.15@3.65. Wheat—Receipts, 204,000 bu; exports, 62,500 bu; No. 1 hard, 66½c. Options were steady all the morning, with few reactions, being helped by steady cables, foreign buying, rumors of further export business, local covering and less liquidation; closed firm and unchanged from last night. No. 2 red, May, 61 3-16@61⅜c, closing at 61⅜c; December, 63⅜@63¾c, closing at 63¾c. Corn—Receipts, 110,200 bu; exports, 3,200 bu; spot dull; No. 2, 33⅞c. Options ruled generally steady on the moderate movement and sympathy with wheat, closing partially ¼c higher; May, 31 3-16@31⅜c, closing at 31⅜c; December, 33¾@33⅞c, closing at 33⅞c. Butter—Receipts, 5,562 pkgs; steady; Western dairy, 11@19c; Western creamery, 17@28c; Elgins, 28c.

Duluth and Superior Grain.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 21.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 52¼c; December, 52¼c; May, 55½c. No. 1 northern, cash, 51¾c; December, 51¾c; May, 55½c; No. 2 northern, cash, 48½@49½c; No. 3, 44@47c; rejected, 35⅛@43⅛c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 51¼c; No. 1 northern, 51¼c. Rye, 30¼c. Oats—No. 3, 15½c. Flax, 87c. Receipts—Wheat, 284,450 bu; oats, 27,838 bu; rye, 1,753 bu; barley, 2,385 bu; flax, 18,703 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 5,600 bu; flax, 859 bu. Car Inspection—Wheat, 256; oats, 7; rye, 2; barley, 5; flax, 18. Wheat stocks here will increase from 1,700,000 to 1,800,000 bu this week.

Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 21.—Flour steady. Wheat lower; No. 2 spring, 54⅝c; No. 1 northern, 56¼c; May, 57⅝c. Corn steady; No. 3, 25½c. Oats firm and active; No. 2 white, 18½c; No. 3 white, 17½@18c. Barley nominal; No. 2, 32c; sample, 22½@32c. Rye dull and lower; No. 1, 33c. Provisions steadier.

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Spot firm; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 2d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 5s 2d; No. 1 California, 5s 3d; December, 5s 2d, January, 5s 2¼d; February, 5s 3d; March, 5s 3¾d; April, 5s 4d; May, 5s 4¼d. Corn—Spot firm, 3s 2½d. Flour steady; demand fair; freely supplied; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 3d.

ST. PAUL MARKETS.

Day's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Produce.

Wheat—No. 1 hard	53½@54c
Wheat—No. 1 northern	52½@53c
Wheat—No. 2 northern	52@53c
Corn—No. 3	39@31c
Corn—No. 3 yellow	29@30c
Oats—No. 3 white	17@17½c
Oats—No. 3	16@17c
Rye—No. 2	33@34c
Flour—Patent	$3.20@3.60
Flour—Straight	$2.50@3
Flour—Bakers'	$2.20@2.40
Flour—Rye	$2.15@2.30
Buckwheat flour	$3.80@4.50
Cornmeal—Bolted	$2@2.20
Ground Feed—No. 1	$12@12.50
Ground Feed—No. 2	$12.50@12.75
Ground Feed—No. 3	$12.75@13
Bran—Bulk	$8.25@8.75
Shorts—Bulk	$9.50@10
Hay—No. 1 upland prairie	$8@8.50
Hay—No. 2 upland prairie	$7@8
Hay—No. 1 wild	$7@7.50
Hay—No. 1 timothy	$10@10.50
Straw	$3.75@4.25

BUTTER — Fancy separator, 24@25c; extra creamery, 22@23c; first creamery, 16@18c; second creamery, 16@18c; fancy dairy, 18@20c; first dairy, 14@16c; second dairy, 10@11c; fancy roll and print, selected, 12@15c; fancy roll and print, straight, 10@12c; common roll and print, 9@10c; packing stock, 8@8½c; grease, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Full cream, 10½@11c; primost, 5@7c; brick cheese, 8½@10c; Limburger cheese, 9@10c; Young America, 10½@11c; Swiss, 10@12½c; skims, 5c.

EGGS—Fresh, cases included, 18c; fresh, cases returned, 17½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, selected, 9@10c; turkeys, mixed, 7@8c; turkeys, old toms, 5@6c; chickens, 7@7½c; chickens, mixed, 6@6½c; hens, 5c; ducks, 8½@9c; geese, 7@7½c.

VEGETABLES—Onions, yellow, bu, 15@18c; onions, Minn. red, per bu, 15@20c; onions, white, per bu, 20@30c; radishes, long, per doz, 25c; cauliflower, per doz, 40@50c; cabbage, doz, 50@60c; beets, bu, 12@15c; parsnips, bu, 30c; celery, home-grown, doz, 20@25c; lettuce, doz, 25@30c; rutabagas, bu, 12@15c; cucumbers, doz, $1.25@1.50; spinach, bu, $1.25@1.50; egg plant, doz, 20@30c.

PORK, BEEF, HAMS, HIDES, ETC.—Hides, steer, green, per lb, 6½@7c; hides, cow, green, per lb, 5½@6c; hides, calf, green per lb, 8½@9c; hides, steer, salt, per lb, 7½@8c; hides, cow, salt, per lb, 6½@7c; pelts, 25@60c; wool, washed, 13@14c; wool, unwashed, 7@10c; tallow, 4@4½c; pork, mess, $9@9.50; beef, mess, $8.50@9; bacon, $7@7.50; hams, $10@11; hams, picnic, $8@7; dried beef, 9½@11c; lard, $6.50@7; hops, 7@8c.

ORANGES—California navels, $4.50@5; seedlings, $4@4.50; Messinas, bbl, $6@7; Mexican, $4.50@4.75.

LEMONS—Extra fancy, $4@5; fancy, $3.50@4; Californias, $3.25@3.50.

BANANAS—Port Limons, $1.50@1.75; Honduras No. 1, $1.25@1.50; Honduras No. 2, $1@1.25; cocoanut, per 100, $5@6; Pineapples, doz, $3.50@4.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Pears, winter Nellis, box, $2.50@3; New York Duchess, box, $2.50; pears, La Belle, box, $2@2.50.

BERRIES AND GRAPES—Malaga, bbl, $6.50@7; grapes, California, box, Muscat, $1@1.25; grapes, Concord, 10 lb, 19@20c; grapes, Delaware, 16@18c; grapes, Tokays, $1.25@1.50; cranberries, bbl, $7.50@8.50.

APPLES—Fancy stand, bbl, $3@3.25; fancy, bbl, $2.50@2.75; standard, $2@2.25; fair, $1.25@1.75; common, $1@1.25.

POTATOES—Sweet Jerseys, per bbl, $2.75@3.25; sweet, Illinois, per bbl, $2@$2.25; sweet Kansas, per bbl, $1.75@2; Minnesota, bu, 13@15c.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples evaporated, per lb, 6@7c; peaches, peeled, 14@16c; peaches, unpeeled, 6@7c; pears, 6@8c; apricots, 9@10c; raspberries, 20@21c; blackberries, 6@6½c; prunes, California French, 5@7c; cherries, 12@16c.

GAME AND FISH—Jacksnipe, 75c@$1; ducks, mallard, doz, $3.50@3.75; ducks, teal, doz, $1.50@1.75; ducks, common, $1@1.50; black bass, 10@11c; pike, 5@6c; pickerel, 4c; cropplies, 4c; geese, doz, $8@9c; brant, doz, $5.

DRESSED MEATS—Mutton, packing house stock, 5@6c; mutton, country, 4@4½c; veal, fancy, 6@6½c; veal, medium, 5@5½c; lamb, spring, 5@6c; hogs, $3.75@4.50.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Grain Trading Nervous and Heavy Throughout the Day.

The wheat market was nervous early today after the break yesterday, and with continued uneasiness in financial circles, and a still further break in stocks and securities early in the morning, the first trade in May wheat was at 53⅛c, and at that price enough buying came into the market to run the price up to 53¾c, then came heavy liquidation, depressing the price down to 52¾c, a reaction here occurred and the market sold up again and closed at a small advance over yesterday's closing price, which was 53½c. Trade was heavy throughout the session.

There was a very irregular market for cash wheat, being no established price or ratio with reference to May wheat to be quoted. No. 1 Northern sold at all the way from 1½c to 2½c under May price, with millers still holding firm at 2¾c under May. They were able to buy a little, however, on that basis, and outsiders got the bulk of the offerings at the better figure. No. 2 Northern was salable at from 1c to ¾c under No. 1 Northern price, and found ready sale on that basis.

Following are today's closing quotations:

No. 1 hard, on track, 52½c; No. 1 Northern, December, 57½c; May, 53¾c; on track, 51¾c. No. 2 Northern, on track, 50¼c.

Receipts of wheat were 416 cars.

Shipments of wheat were 52 cars.

Duluth receipts of wheat were 256 cars.

Flour output for week ending Dec. 21, 295,040 bbls.

FLOUR—Lower values are being quoted for flour, while trade is at a standstill. Sales of first patents are being made at as low as $2.75 in wood here, but mills well sold ahead and in better position to dictate values, and whose brands are best known, quote $2.90 as their minimum price, although round lots could no doubt be had on the basis of $2.85 here. Domestic baker goods are quotable at $2.30 to $2.50; export bakers, $190 to $2.20.

HAY—The top price for anything coming appears to be $6.50. From that, prices range down to $4.50, and there is a nominal quotation of $7 for really choice upland.

CORN—The best bid for No. 3 yellow corn on spot this morning was 22c, although holders early were asking 22¼c. No. 2 corn was considered a sale at 21½c to 21¾c.

OATS—Bids for oats from the outside showed a decline of ¼c in the East. Buyers were in the market for No. 3 white oats, at 16c, and were unwilling to raise that bid. No. 3 oats are generally selling at 15½c, although cars of rather doubtful quality would be a sale at 15c. The general quotation for good feed oats would be 15c to 16c, regardless of grade.

RYE—The market for rye is quotable on the basis of about 5c under Chicago price for No. 2. Buyers were in the local market this morning at 27½c for that grade. Offerings were small.

BARLEY—Barley sold yesterday at 18½c for No. 4. Very little is coming and buying continues to be confirmed to the wants of speculators. Such stock as is coming sells at 18c to 23c, according to quality. Higher grades salable on a shipping basis.

FLAXSEED—Receipts on this market are light, and there is a regular demand on the basis of about 5½c under Chicago price. Sales reported at higher than that include transit privileges.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, cases included, 16½c; fresh, fall held, 15@15½c; seconds, cases included, 12; cold storage, No. 1 stock, 14c; cold storage, No. 2 stock, 10@11c. Cases returned, ½c less. Sales are subject to candling, loss off.

POULTRY—Young, fancy chickens, 7@7½c; hens, per lb, 6@6½c; chickens, poorly dressed, fair to good, 3@4c; roosters, per lb, 3@4c; turkeys, fat, choice, 10c; turkeys, medium to choice, 8@9c; turkeys, scalawags, 4@5c; ducks, per lb, 8½@10c; geese, per lb, 7@8c.

DRESSED MEATS — Veal, fancy, 6½c; veal, fair to good, 5@5½c; veal, poor, 3@4c; mutton; country dressed, 4@4½c; hicks, 2½@3½c; spring lambs, pelts off, 5@5½c; hogs, country dressed, 4c; beef, country dressed, 3@4c; hogs, heavy, coarse, 3½@3¾c.

FISH—Black bass, 10@11c; pike, 5½@6c; pickerel, 4@4½c; small fish, 3c; cropplies, 4c; dressed bullheads, 2c; whitefish, inland, 3@4c.

LIVE STOCK.

Dull and in Light Demand at South St Paul Yards.

Receipts—Hogs, 1,600; cattle, 100.

HOGS—5c lower in sympathy with Eastern decline. Quality not so good as yesterday.

Representative Sales—

No.	Av.	Dk.	Price	No.	Av.	Dk.	Price
86	217	$3	20	35	211	80	$3 27½
86	183	40	3 22½	11	216	..	3 29
58	222	40	3 22½	66	231	..	3 25
31	241	80	3 22½	39	243	200	3 20
52	296	40	3 22½	11	295	..	3 20
68	257	80	3 25	88	203	..	3 27½
64	238	80	3 25	70	186	80	3 20
61	313	80	3 25	56	249	120	3 20
61	222	80	3 25	43	308	120	3 15
72	211	120	3 27½	75	192	..	3 25
70	231	..	3 27½				

Representative Sales—

CATTLE—Dull. Not much offered, and light demand. Pinery beef and light stockers selling the best.

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
1 cow	...1,020	$2 40	2 c. and c.		$48 00
2 feeders.	915	2 50	1 heifer..	880	2 60
1 cow	... 870	2 00	2 cows	...1,055	1 90
1 canner.	740	1 75	6 cows	... 976	2 25
4 cows	..1,097	2 90	4 oxen	...1,452	2 15
23 steers.	1,155	3 65	8 cows	...1,026	1 90
2 heifers.	625	2 00	1 stocker	740	2 35
1 spr'ger.		28 00	5 cows	... 910	1 75

Minnesota Transfer.

CATTLE—Receipts during the past week were only normal, and far short of demand. Values at other markets fell off somewhat, but the pressing needs of local butchers and slaughterers kept prices fully steady here. Feeders are in lighter demand than at the week's opening, but still sell freely. Bulk of arrivals were mixed butcher cattle, though a few good, fat North Dakota steers sold at $3.15. Prospects bright for the coming week.

Representative Sales—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price
2 oxen	..1,600	$2 10	2 oxen	..1,750	$2 20
4 bulls	... 631	1 60	2 feeders..	762	2 60
2 cows	..1,050	2 40	8 cows	.. 997	2 25
1 stag	... 500	2 00	4 steers	..1,000	2 75
10 feed's..	990	2 75	3 bulls	...1,365	1 65
3 heifers.	550	1 80	1 springer		20 00

HOGS—Supply light, and all sold early at steady current rates.

Representative Sales—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
54	240	$3 30	28	278	$3 25
69	214	3 30			

SHEEP—Prices unchanged; demand good on best. Only offering was a bunch of lambs which sold promptly at $3.25.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—Cattle—