WHEAT NEWS MIXED

WIDELY FLUCTUATING MARKET THE RESULT IN THE PIT AT CHICAGO.

BULLS FINALLY WON OUT.

NET OUTCOME FOR THE DAY AN ADVANCE OF THREE QUARTERS.

EVERYTHING STRONG AT START.

Lack of Interest, in the Main, Responsible for Midday Weakness Coarse Grains Weak.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Wheat speculators had all kinds of statistics by which to govern their action today. There was a very fluctuating market, with the bulls finally in the ascendancy, the May option closing at an advance of ¾c. Corn and oats were weak, closing ¼c lower each. Provisions were strong and advanced 2½@10c. Everything favored higher prices at the opening of the market. The Liverpool cable was higher, notwithstanding the weak close here last week, and a Paris cable quoted that market excited and advancing on the cold weather and bad crop prospects. The world's shipments were about 1,500,000 bu less than the week previous. Chicago got only 17 cars, against 514 a year ago, while Minneapolis and Duluth reported only 400 cars, compared with 770 a week ago, and 1,542 the corresponding day of the year before. The combined effect of such news was that May wheat, which closed Saturday at 83⅞@84c, opened at from 85@85⅜c, and maintained itself substantially between those figures for over an hour. Then, for various reasons, chiefly having reference to local speculative conditions, the extra bullish feeling all oozed out, and by 12 o'clock the price had dropped to 84c. The chief reason for the weakness was simply lack of business. Outside support was almost entirely lacking, most of the trading being of a local nature. The visible supply was somewhat of a disappointment, the decrease being only 1,057,000 bu, instead of 1,500,000 bu, as had been generally expected. After the price had worked irregularly down to 83¾c, a revulsion of feeling occurred. The strength of the closing cables; the fact that the official returns of the world's shipments to Europe made them only 7,417,000 bu for the week and an engagement of 100,000 bu of wheat for immediate lake and rail shipment to England, all helped to turn prices upward. May advanced to 85c, and was bringing 84¾c when the session closed.

Corn was a small and uninteresting market. Only once, and that immediately after the opening, did prices touch the closing point of Saturday. The cold weather was expected to increase the receipts, as well as the grading. Prices followed wheat in its downward course, but failed to advance on the later recovery. May opened unchanged at 27⅛c, sold a shade higher, declined to 26⅝@26¾c, and closed weak at 26⅞c. Oats opened firm, with wheat, and also under a good demand. Later prices fell off and the market ruled very weak from then up to the finish. Liquidation of December was the principal cause for the decline, and the break in wheat and corn also had a material effect. May started a shade higher at 22⅛@22¼c, sold between 22⅜c and 21¾c, closing easy at 21⅞c. Provisions were strong at the opening, and that feeling characterized most of the session. The firmness at the start was caused by a much smaller run of hogs than expected, and this was sufficient incentive for a still further advance. Some decline followed, in sympathy with grain, but the market closed steady. May pork closed 10c higher, at $8.27½; May lard, 2½c higher, at $4.37½; May ribs, 7½c higher, at $4.22½. Estimates: Wheat, 27 cars; corn, 272 cars; oats, 220 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
November	82¼	82½	80⅞	81¾
December	81⅞	82	80¼	81¼
May	83⅝	85½	83¾	84¾
Corn—				
November	23½	23⅝	23¼	23¼
December	23½	23⅝	23¼	23¼
May	27⅛	27¼	26¾	26⅞
Oats—				
November	18¾	18¾	18	18
December	19	19	18⅛	18¼
May	22¼	22⅜	21¾	21⅞
Pork—				
December	6 97½	7 00	6 95	7 00
January	7 90	8 05	7 90	7 92½
May	8 30	8 40	8 27½	8 27½
Lard—				
December	3 92½	3 95	3 92½	3 95
January	4 15	4 20	4 15	4 15
May	4 40	4 42½	4 37½	4 37½
Ribs—				
December				3 97½
January	4 00	4 07½	4 00	4 05
May	4 20	4 25	4 20	4 22½

Cash quotations ranged as follows: Wheat—No. 2 spring, 81¾c; No. 3 spring, 80c; No. 2 red, 91¼@92¼c. Corn—No. 2, 23½c. Oats—No. 2, 18½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 22@22½c; No. 3 white, 19½c. Rye—No. 2, 42c. Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 24½@24⅞c; No. 4, 24@28c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 75½@77½c. Timothy seed—Prime, $2.60. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $7@7.05. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $4. Ribs—Short sides (loose), $3.75@4. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4½@4½c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), 4⅛@4¼c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.18. Sugars—Cut loaf, $5.20; granulated, $4.57. Receipts—Flour, 5,000 bbls; wheat, 39,000 bu; corn, 173,000 bu; oats, 326,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 112,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, 143,000 bu; corn, 166,000 bu; oats, 318,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 84,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@22c; dairies, 10@18c. Cheese steady, 8½@8¾c. Eggs firm; fresh, 22c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—On Saturday the greater portion of local wheat traders felt inclined to favor a reaction to a lower level of prices. This morning first cables caused a sudden change of opinion and at the opening it was which should pay 1⅝c over Saturday's close figure. Trading was quite active for the first half hour, ruled rather quiet for an hour, again became active on receipts of the visible supply statement showing another decrease of over 1,000,000 bushels for the week. From 11:10 up to noon the market was steady and trading light. The news of the day was mostly bullish in tone. First Liverpool cables advised of ½d advance, and second cables quoted a further advance of ½d to ¾d. Paris markets were all active and higher, with Berlin steady at a trifling advance. The world's shipments were 8,720,000 bushels, against 9,400,000 bushels last week. Russian shipments were well up to the average of weeks past. These shipments from Russia will, in the nature of things, soon cease for the season. The close of navigation is at hand. The following extract from Beerbohm's latest letter will be of interest: "Shipments to Europe have been enormous. In fifteen weeks, ending Nov. 14, they have totaled 15,167,000 quarters, against 13,050,000 quarters the same period a year ago. The extraordinary power of importing countries to absorb wheat this season is here shown. With shipments of over 2,000,000 quarters in excess of last year—stocks in the United Kingdom actually 250,000 quarters less than Aug. 1, and only increased slightly on the continent." New York advised of a fair export demand. Clearances were fairly liberal for the day. Advices from Argentine reassert the outlook for the crop is very poor indeed, because of the ravages of locusts. Prime says: Winter wheat—The entire crop is still bare of snow in the southern area of the winter wheat belt, still growing. There is ample moisture, very little frost in the ground and crop in fairly good condition. Think it will go into winter quarters better than at this date in 1895. Spring wheat—There has been a decided falling off of spring wheat receipts in the present week, and this state of things must continue from now on until another crop is made. Spring wheat farmers, however, are bullish and seem more inclined than they did ninety days ago to hold their reserves for better prices.

December wheat opened at 81⅜c, against 80⅜c Saturday, gained ⅛c, sold down to 81¼c, advanced to 81¾@81⅞c, declined to 81¼c, firmed up to 81⅝c by 11:15,, and by noon held at 81¾c.

May wheat opered at 83⅜c, against 82⅜c Saturday, firmed up to 84c, declined to 83¼c, advanced to 83⅞c, sold down to 83¼c, gained ¼c, declined to 83⅛c, firmed up to 83½c by 11:45, and by noon held at 83c.

The demand for cash wheat was good. Receipts were very light. The sales made were mostly to arrive later on. No. 1 northern sold at 82½@83c and No. 2 at 81½@82c. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 280 cars, and 23 cars shipped out.

The wheat market was decidedly weak during the first part of the noon hour in sympathy with Chicago. Closing cables were mixed. Liverpool was ¼d lower, London 6d higher, Paris 25 centimes higher and Berlin ¾ mark lower. About twenty minutes before the close active buying caused the market to advance to the top prices of the day. November closed at 82c, December at 82c and May at 83½c.

WHEAT RANGE.

The following was the range of prices today:

Wheat—	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Today.	Closing. Sat.
May	83⅝	84	82⅜	83½	82⅜
November				82	80⅜
December	81¾	81⅞	80⅞	82	80⅜

On Track—No. 1 hard, 84c; No. 1 northern, 82¾c; No. 2 northern, 81¼c; November oats, 18c; flaxseed, 73c.

Curb on May wheat, bid	83½@83⅝
Puts on May wheat	82⅜
Calls on May wheat	85

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 35 cars	83
No. 1 northern, 4 cars	82½
No. 1 northern, 1,600 bu, to arrive	82⅜
No. 1 northern, 15,600 bu, to arrive	82½
No. 1 northern, 17,250 bu, to arrive	83
No. 1 northern, 4,400 bu, to arrive	82¾
No. 1 northern, 5,400 bu, to arrive	82
No. 1 northern, 1 car, to arrive	82¾
No. 1 northern, 5 cars, to arrive	83
No. 2 northern, 2 cars, choice	82
No. 2 northern, 7 cars	81½
No. 2 northern, 2 cars	81
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	78
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 3 lbs off	78
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	74
No grade wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off	80
No grade wheat, 5 cars, 2 lbs off	79
No grade wheat, 5 cars, 2 lbs off	78
No grade wheat, 1 car, 3 lbs off	78
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	55
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	72
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	23½
No. 3 corn, 2 cars	23½
No. 3 oats, 6 cars	18
No. 3 oats, 3 cars	18¼
No. 3 white oats, 3 cars	18½
Barley, 1 car, choice	25
No. 4 barley, 1 car, choice	21½
No. 4 barley, 1 car	21¾
Flax, 3 cars	74
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	82
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	82¼
No. 1 northern, 1 car, choice	83¼
No. 1 northern, 5,000 bu, to arrive	82¾

FLOUR.

FLOUR—The flour market is active, with large sales reported and large cable inquiry for more.

First patents	$4 40@4 60
Second patents	3.70@4.20
First clears	2.00@3.00
Second clears	2.25@....
Export bakers'	2.75@2.75
Second export bakers'	2.40@2.50
Red dog, per ton, 140 lbs jute	9.25@9.50

Following quotations are in cotton sacks, 90 and 49 lbs:

Rye flour, per bbl, pure	$2.15@2.35
Rye flour, XXX, per bbl	2.00@2.10
Rye flour, standard, per bbl	1.90@2.00
Buckwheat flour, per bbl	3.25@3.50
Graham flour, per bbl	2.50@3.50

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Washburn, Crosby & Co. quote as follows today:

Bran, in bulk	$4.50@ 4.75
Bran, in bulk, 200-lb sacks	5.00@ 5.75
Bran, in bulk, 100-lb sacks	6.00@ 6.25
Shorts, in bulk	5.50@ 5.75
Middlings, in bulk	8.00@ 8.25
Red dog, in 40-lb sacks	11.50@12.00

Domestic markets, both East and West, are very quiet. Demand for export is fair.

CORN—No. 3, 23½c.

OATS—No. 3, 18@18¼c; No. 3 white oats quoted at 18½c.

RYE—Quoted at 37c for No. 3. No sales.

BARLEY—Quoted at 21½@21¾c for No. 4. Choice barley sold at 25c.

FEED—Reported by the Diamond Elevator and Milling company:

Quiet; little better demand.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, sacks, per ton, sacks extra	$9.25@ 9.50
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks	9.50@ 9.75
No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, 75-lb sacks	9.75@10.00
No. 3 ground feed, 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks	10.00@10.25
Spring wheat bran	5.00@ 5.25

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rjd.	NG
G. N.—B. Div.	..	4	5	1	1	1
G. N.—F. F. Div.	..	..	..	1	1	1
C., M. & St. P.	..	25	39	4	..	3
M. & St. L.	..	23	1	..	..	1
Northern Pa.	..	2	..	..	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O.	..	5	6	..	..	4
C., St. P. & K. C.	..	..	..	..	1	..
Minn. Transfer	..	14	2	..	..	..
Totals	..	73	53	5	3	10

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 5 cars; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 20; No. 3 rye, 2; No. 4 barley, 2; No. 5 barley, 1; No. 2 flax, 3; rejected flax, 5; no grade flax, 1.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 northern, 164 cars; No. 2 northern, 16; rejected, 3; No. 3 oats, 1; rejected flax, 1.

GRAIN IN STORE.

Wheat—	Nov. 21. Bushels.	Nov. 28. Bushels
No. 1 hard	27,296	27,296
No. 1 northern	13,761,965	14,017,719
No. 2 northern	2,493,147	2,518,205
No. 3	138,506	137,900
Rejected	148,199	149,741
No grade	21,832	21,832
Special bin	1,909,549	1,842,590
Total wheat	18,498,493	18,715,483
Corn	9,191	9,191
Oats	223,717	339,466
Barley	26,345	29,948
Rye	16,386	20,788
Flax seed	45,437	53,207

Wheat increase for the week, 216,990 bu.

VISIBLE SUPPLY.

	Nov. 28. Bushels.	Nov. 21. Bushels
Wheat	58,914,000	59,970,000
Corn	18,228,000	18,150,000
Oats	12,474,000	12,208,000
Barley	5,357,000	6,146,000
Rye	2,559,000	2,057,000

Wheat decrease for the week, 1,057,000 bu.
Corn increase for the week, 78,000 bu.
Oats increase for the week, 266,000 bu.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 196,000 bu; corn, 4,270 bu; oats, 45,150 bu; barley, 1,950 bu; flax, 7,680 bu; flour, 1,120 bbls; millstuffs, 20 tons; hay, 39 tons; fruit, 578,800 lbs; merchandise, 1,729,750 lbs; lumber, 12 cars; posts, 1 car; barrel stock, 8 cars; coal, 1,796 tons; wood, 502 cords; brick, 16,000; lime, 1 car; cement, 100 bbls; household goods, 20,000 lbs; stone, 3 cars; live stock, 5 cars; dressed meats, 20,000 lbs; hides, 24,000 lbs; tallow, 15,000 lbs; sundries, 8 cars; total car lots, 455.

Shipped—Wheat, 17,940 bu; flax, 4,100 bu; flour, 41,173 bbls; millstuffs, 1,307 tons; fruit, 72,700 lbs; merchandise, 1,302,990 lbs; lumber, 43 cars; machinery, 49,000 lbs; dressed meats, 20,000 lbs; butter, 20,000 lbs; hides, 42,600 lbs; tallow, 40,000 lbs; railroad materials, 4 cars; sundries, 3 cars; total car lots, 555.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 30.—Wheat stocks decreased a little short of 1,250,000 bu last week, and the total in store is only a little over 2,500,000, with considerable to be shipped this week. This is a very low mark for stocks at the close of navigation. Wheat sold to arrive declined 1c today as compared with cash. Cash offerings were light and the total sales were only 50,000 bu, the mills taking 15,000 bu. The shippers and elevators paid 1½c under May and the mills 1¼c under. May wheat opened at 85¼c and sold up to ½c within a few minutes. It fell to 84⅞c, went up to 85¼c and fell off again to 84⅛c. Another jump to 84⅞c came and the close was at 85c asked.

Wheat stocks aggregate 2,642,644 bu as follows: No. 1 hard, 182,978 bu; No. 1 northern, 812,229 bu; No. 2 northern, 576,256 bu; No. 3 spring, 386,626 bu; no grade, 38,649 bu; rejected, 86,731 bu; special bin, 564,184 bu. Coarse grain stocks: Corn, 2,071 bu, same last week; oats, 325,105 bu, decrease, 83,772 bu; rye, 293,633 bu, decrease, 63,780 bu; barley, 377,839 bu, decrease, 328,014 bu; flax, 1,829,057 bu, decrease, 9,018 bu.

The close: Cash No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 1 northern, 83½c; No. 2 northern, 81c; No. 3 spring, 76½@77½c; rejected, 69½@71½c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 84½c; No. 2 northern, 82½c; December, No. 1 hard, 83⅝c; No. 1 northern, 82½c; December, No. 1 hard, 83⅝c; No. 1 northern, 82⅛c; May No. 1 northern, 85c. Receipts of wheat, 176,461 bu; shipments, 310,945 bu. Cars inspected, 120; last year, 334. Receipts of corn, none; oats, none; rye, 6,348 bu; barley, 101,620 bu; flax, 27,150 bu. Oats, close, 19@18½c; rye, 40c; flax, 76c; May, 80c.

Cash sales were as follows: 2 cars No. 1 hard, 85¾c; 2 cars No. 1 hard, 85½c; 15,000 bu No. 1 northern, 84c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 83¾c; 17,000 bu No. 1 northern, 83½c; 1,200 bu No. 1 northern, 83⅜c; 3,500 bu No. 1 northern, 83¼c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 82½c; 3,000 bu flax, May, 81½c; 2 cars flax, May, 77c; 1 car flax, May, 76½c; 2 cars flax, 76c.

SUPERIOR GRAIN.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 30.—Close: No. 1 hard, 84¾c; No. 1 northern, 83¾c; No. 2 northern, 81½c; No. 3 northern, 79½c; rejected, 76½c. Cash flax, 76c. The receipts of wheat were 115,907 bu; shipments, 299,020 bu.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations on hay, grain, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., commission merchants:

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 82@83c; No. 2 northern, 80½@81½c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 18@18½c; No. 3, 17@17¾c.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 24½@25c; No. 3, 23@24½c.

BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 22@26c; No. 2 rye, 37@38c; No. 3 rye, 35½@36½c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, 74@75c; timothy, 90c@$1.20; clover, $4@4.50.

GROUND FEED AND MILLSTUFFS—No. 1 feed, 2 bu corn to 1 bu oats, $10@10.50; No. 2 feed, 1 bu corn to 1 bu oats, $10.75@11; No. 3 feed, ground, 1 bu corn to 2 bu oats, $11@11.50; cornmeal, bolted, $13@14; cornmeal, unbolted, $10@10.50; bran, bulk, $5.50@6.

HAY—Receipts light; market steady; fancy upland, $7@7.25; good to choice wild and upland, $5.50@5.75; fair qualities, $4@5; good to choice timothy, $7@8.

STRAW—Scarce and wanted; oat straw, $3.50@4; rye straw, $4@4.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
New York	96,950	63,011
Philadelphia	17,100	3,740
Baltimore	12,561	.....
Toledo	35,391	21,100
Detroit	9,043	47,322
St. Louis	13,475	34,859
Boston	1,000	24,859
Chicago	38,883	142,746
Milwaukee	13,000	650
Duluth	176,461	310,945
Minneapolis	196,000	17,940
Kansas City	36,000	13,800

CROP MOVEMENT.

(Market Record.)

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal spring wheat markets from the beginning of the crop year, Aug. 1, 1896, to date, and for the same time a year ago:

	This Crop. Bushels.	Last Crop. Bushels.
Minneapolis	31,912,950	37,611,460
Milwaukee	4,568,810	4,511,820
Duluth	28,333,488	30,276,297
Chicago	12,282,214	13,988,119
Total	77,097,462	86,387,696

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal winter wheat markets from the beginning of the crop movement, July 1, 1896, to date, and for the same time a year ago:

	This Crop. Bushels.	Last Crop. Bushels.
Toledo	5,174,457	4,123,064
St. Louis	8,965,001	8,297,411
Detroit	2,456,699	1,537,847
Kansas City	4,762,800	5,036,000
Total	21,358,957	18,994,321

GRAIN GOSSIP.

Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade:

Ports cleared: 91,610 bu wheat; 26,891 bbls flour, equal in wheat to 212,600 bu.

Public cables: London—Wheat and corn off coast, nothing doing. On pasage, wheat firm, but not active; corn quiet. English country markets, some 6d higher, and others 6d per qr lower. Liverpool—Wheat futures ½d dearer. Paris—November wheat 85 centimes higher, and December 75 centimes higher; flour, 1¼@1½ francs higher. Berlin—Wheat, ½ mark dearer.

The position of wheat is so phenomenally strong in Chicago that everybody seems to wonder why the price does not advance constantly and soon reach $1. The best men here are talking a dollar and they seem to have practically all the commission people on their side.

Prime says: Winter wheat—The entire crop is still bare of snow in the southern areas of the winter wheat belt, still growing. There is ample moisture, very little frost in the ground and crop in fairly good condition. Think it will go into winter quarters better than at this date in 1895. Spring wheat—There has been a decided falling off of spring wheat receipts in the present week, and this state of things must continue from now on until another crop is made.

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Primary receipts—Wheat, 482,000 bu; shipments, 576,000 bu.

Chicago—Closing year ago today, May wheat, 61⅝c; corn, 29⅛c; oats, 20½c; pork, $9.10; lard, $5.60; ribs, $4.62½.

WHEAT OUTLOOK ABROAD.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Mark Lane Express today, discussing the crop prospects, says: Severe frosts in France and Central Europe have stopped plowing and sowing, and we anticipate a somewhat reduced wheat acreage in the entire region between the Vistula and the Bay of Biscay. Winter has set in throughout Russia, the Sea of Azov was closed to navigation Nov. 24, and navigation of the Baltic is dangerous on the northern and eastern coasts, where there is already much ice.

Owing to the rainfall in India, the deficiency in the wheat acreage is reduced, but while famine no longer threatens, a scarcity seems bound to be felt until the spring of 1898. English wheat maintains a good price in London, but the country markets are less firm. The cause of this is clear. In the counties last week 166,684 quarters of English wheat were offered for sale against 69,534 for the same week of 1895.

NEW YORK GRAIN.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Flour—Receipts, 45,600 bbls; exports, 21,242 bbls; market firm, but held above buyers' views. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat flour steady. Buckwheat dull. Cornmeal steady. Rye nominal. Barley dull. Barley malt dull. Wheat—Receipts, 97,000 bu; shipments, 63,011 bu; spot dull; No. 1 hard, 96⅝c; options opened higher, developed pronounced weakness, rallied near the close on covering, and left off ⅛c lower on December, but ¼@⅝c up on later months; No. 2 red, May, 89½@90½c; closed at 90½c; December, 89⅝@91⅛c; closed at 90½c. Corn—Receipts, 97,500 bu; exports, 54,424 bu; spot weaker; No. 2 29⅛c; options opened steady, but declined, and closed ⅛c net lower; May, 32⅝@33⅝c; closed at 32¾c; December, 28⅞@29⅝c; closed at 29⅛c. Oats—Receipts, 209,600 bu; exports, 81,538 bu; spot weaker; No. 2, 23½c; options dull, closing at ⅛c net decline. May closed at 26½c; December, 23¾@23⅞c; closed at 23¾c.

WHEAT HIGH IN GREECE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—United States Consul Horton at Athens, in a report to the state department, says that in consequence of the bad wheat harvest in Russia, which supplies nearly two-thirds of the wheat used in Greece, prices of wheat are very high there, and are still rising. He is confident that there is a fine opening for the introduction of American hard wheats into Greece, and offers to assist exporters.

GRAIN VISIBLE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, Nov. 28, as compiled by the New York produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 58,914,000 bu, decrease, 1,057,000 bu; corn, 18,228,000 bu, increase 78,000 bu; oats, 12,474,000 bu, increase 266,000 bu; rye, 2,559,000 bu, decrease 89,000 bu; barley, 5,357,000 bu, decrease, 789,000 bu.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 30.—Flour firmly held. Wheat strong and higher; No. 2 spring, 83c; No. 1 northern, 86c; December, 80⅞c. Corn steady; No. 2 white, 19½@21½c; No. 3, 19@20c. Barley lower; No. 2, 35c; sample, 24@35c. Rye firm; No. 1, 43c. Provisions higher.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 30.—Wheat—No. 2 red cash elevator, 91c; track, 92@94c; No. 2 hard cash, 89c bid; December, 91¼c asked; May, 93⅝c bid. Corn lower; No. 2 cash, 21½@21¾c; December, 21½c; May, 24½@24⅝c bid. Oats—No. 2 cash, 19c bid; May, 22⅞c. Rye, 37c.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 30.—Wheat—Futures quiet, ½d higher; December, 7s ¼d; January, 7s ½d. Maize quiet, ¼d higher; December, 3s ½d; January, 3s.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—Strictly fancy makes of butter are scarce and keeping closely cleaned up. Very little stock is on sale, and the market is firm at quotations. Lower grades are selling on account of the small amount of fancy butter that is being received. The market is in excellent condition to sell on, and shippers should keep their goods coming as fast as possible. Creameries—The market is firm and receipts of fine goods are light, and sellers find no difficulty in moving their offerings at quotations. Firsts are cleaning up readily, and the lower grades are moving well. Dairies—Fancy makes are firm at quotations. Extra nice lots are occasionally bringing more. The market is cleaning up closely on anything suitable for table use. Low grades are in good demand at quotations. Roll Butter—Roll butter is not coming in freely. Fresh sweet stock is salable at 9½@11c, according to condition, and fancy at 14@15c. Packing Stock—Common packing stock is selling at 7½c. Fresh goods that are suitable for ladling are bringing a little more.

Eggs—The market is firm on fresh eggs, and receipts are running light, and there is a moderate inquiry, which takes arrivals up readily. Quotations are: Strictly fresh laid, cases included, loss off, 19c; seconds, cases included, 8@9c; cold storage, No. 1, 17c.

Cheese—The market is firm on fancy cheese. Offerings are moderate, and there is a good trade.

Dressed Poultry—The market is firm on fresh dressed, fancy unfrozen chickens and turkeys are easier. There is more or less poor stock on hand that has been frozen and much of it was poorly dressed and dealers find it difficult to clean this stock up at any price. Receipts of fancy unfrozen poultry are light and there is a good demand for it.

Live Poultry—The market is very dull. Dealers discourage shipments at present, as prices are apt to prove unstisfactory.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Hay dull. Hops firm. Hides quiet. Leather firm. Wool quiet. Beef steady. Cut meats firm. Lard steady. Pork firm. Tallow quiet. Petroleum dull. Rosin steady. Turpentine easy. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Pig iron steady. Copper firm. Lead strong. Tin quiet. Spelter quiet. Cottonseed oil steady. Coffee options opened steady, with prices 5@10 points lower; ruled generally dull and closed barely steady at unchanged prices. Sales, 14,000 bags. Sugar—Raw quiet but steady; refined quiet.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Butter firm; Western creamery, 13½@23c; Elgins, 23c; factory, 7@12c. Cheese steady; large, 7½@10⅜c; small, 7½@10¼c; part skims, 3½@7c; full skims, 2½@3c. Eggs firm; state and Pennsylvania, 22@26c; Western, 15½@24c.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Butter firm; creamery, 15@22c; dairies, 10@18c. Eggs firm; fresh, 22c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HIDE MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—Green salted and green hides have declined ½c a pound, and indications are that they will decline ½c more in a day or so.

The Shoe and Leather Review says: The gas is out of the hide boom, and a collapse seems imminent. At this writing the dealers all deny that they would accept 8c for buff hides, but tanners have been solicited to buy at 8¼c and have refused to pay more than the even figure. It is asserted that buff hides have been offered at 8⅛c for future delivery without takers. At 8c buff hides are still almost 3c a pound above the average price for December. In 1895, during the excitement, when fictitious values were put upon all kinds, buffs never brought more than 9¾c, and that only in June and July. By September they had subsided to 8¾c, and December found them at 6c. Later in the month, however, there was a sharp rally, and 1895 closed with 7¼c as the ruling price.

MINNEAPOLIS HAY MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—J. H. Hunt & Co. report the hay market as very quiet. Offerings are not large, but fully up to the demand.

Choice Iowa upland	$6.00@6.50
Choice Minnesota upland	5 00@5.50
Medium	4.50@5.00
Mixed hay	5.50@6.00
Coarse as to quality	3.00@3.50
Timothy	@8.25
Rye straw	@3.00

NEW YORK COFFEE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Coffee—Santos quiet; good average Santos 11, $700; receipts, 29,000; stock, 673,000; Hamburg, irregular, ½ pfg decline; sales, 27,000. Rio quiet; No. 7 Rio 10, $900; exchange, 8 3-16d; receipts, 14,000; cleared for the United States, 3,000; stock, 382,000. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 31,115, including 30,542 from New York. New York stock today, 311,085; United States stock, 355,566; afloat for the United States, 316,000; total visible for the United States, 671,566 bags against 529,879 last year.

SEED MARKET.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The flaxseed market was fairly active, with prices firm at near those Saturday. Receipts here were 37 cars, 22 cars at Duluth and 12 cars at Minneapolis. The official close as reported by the Weaver Commission company is as follows: Cash flax at 77c; December at 74¼c, and May at 80c per bu. Cash timothy seed closed at $2.50 per bu; December at $2.25, and March at $2.70. Clover seed closed at $8 per 100 lbs. Minneapolis flaxseed quoted at 73c per bu.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—In a quiet manner considerable new business was affected through spot buyers and mail orders for immediate requirements and spring specialties. The various branches of the manufacturers of cotton garments are becoming an important factor in the demand and all styles of colored and fancy cottons are receiving renewed attention. Printing cloths dull at 2⅝c and no sales reported.

LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

Receipts—100 hogs, 100 cattle.

HOGS—Very few hogs offered, but what were in sold at strong 10c advance.

Representative Sales—

No.	Av. Price.	No.	Av. Price.	No.	Av. Price.	No.	Av. Price.
4	445	$3 10	33	315	$3 20		
2	385	3 10	19	173	3 20		
51	153	3 20					

CATTLE—Not enough cattle arrived to supply the demand. More fat cattle, stockers and feeders wanted.

Representative Sales—

No.	Av. Price.	No.	Av. Price.	No.	Av. Price.
2 cows	920	$1 75	1 stocker	370	$2 90
13 mixed	826	2 00	9 feeders	853	3 25
36 stockers	728	2 80	4 stockers	635	2 95
2 mixed	720	2 50	6 stockers	606	3 00
1 bull	1420	2 40	21 stockers	709	3 15
4 stockers	377	2 90	1 stocker	410	2 75

SHEEP—Steady.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET.

Barrett & Zimmerman's report: Today's receipts light. A large and choice assortment of all grades of horses on hand. Demand limited and prices low. Representative sales:

		Wt.	Price.
1 pair roan geldings, 6 years, sound, drivers	2,400	$120	00
1 pair gray mares, 5 years, service sound	3,000	165	00
1 pair bay geldings, 7 years, sound, choice	3,300	215	00
1 pair gray geldings, 9 years, wind and work	2,800	47	50
1 pair brown mares, 5 and 6 years, service sound	2,600	95	00
1 gray mare, 7 years, to halter	1,700	27	50

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Prices for cattle were strong with an advance of 10c per 100 lbs in cattle good enough to sell for $4.50 or more. Common to extra native beef steers were wanted at $3.50@5.45 with sales largely at $4.40@5. Stockers and feeders were stronger with sales at $2.50@4.20 for the poorest to the best. Butchers' and canners' cattle were active and steady, cows and bulls going chiefly at $2@3, with good to choice fat heifers in good demand at $3.25@3.75 and in some cases at $3.80@4. Calves were wanted around at $4.75@5 per 100 lbs for choice lots. The hog market was remarkably strong today and sales were trade 10c higher than on last Saturday. Common to prime droves sold at $3.20@3.70, the bulk of the swine going at $3.40@3.60. Pigs were also in active demand and sold at $2.75@3.65, largely above $3.25. The best butcher hogs, averaging about 220 lbs, sold today at $3.70. In sheep small receipts sent prices up with a rush and there was an advance of 10@25c per 100 lbs, lambs advancing decidedly the most. Common to prime lambs sold readily at $3.50@5.50, common to choice sheep at $2@3.50, and fat yearlings at $3.60@4.50. Receipts: Cattle, 15,000; hogs, 34,000; sheep, 12,000.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; shipments, 2,300; Texas steers, $2@4.25; Texas cows, $2@2.65; native steers, $3.50@4.85; native cows and heifers, $1.30@3.25; stockers and feeders, $2@3.90; bulls, $1.75@3. Hogs—Receipts, 5,500; bulk of sales, $3.35@