WHEAT WAS WEAK

ON FREE LIQUIDATION THE MAY OPTION LOST A CENT AND A QUARTER.

CASH HELD AT A PREMIUM.

ONLY ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND BUSHELS DELIVERED ON DECEMBER CONTRACTS.

PROVISIONS HAD A HARD TIME.

All Hog Producets Opened Lower and Large Estimates Accelerated the Selling Movement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Wheat was depressed at the start by an unexpected decline at Liverpool, and did not recover from the weak feeling which that fact caused, May closing at 1¼c decline. Corn and oats sympathized to a certain extent, declining about ⅛c each. Provisions were radically weak and closed 17½@30c lower. Liverpool was agin the ruling factor in wheat, especially at the opening. It sent 1d lower quotations to start with, notwithstanding yesterday's advance here. This was a very unpleasant surprise to speculators, and its effect was felt as soon as trading commenced. May which rested at 84¾c, started with sellers at from 84⅜ to ⅛ and in the course of an hour it had worked down to 83¾c. Immediately after the opening, it temporarily rose to 84⅝c. This was due to two reasons. One of them the almost total absence of wheat deliveries, something that has not happened before in years. It was said that not to exceed 25,000 bushels was delivered on December contracts. This is one of the four big days of the year for deliveries and ordinarily from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 bushels would go around on contracts. That it did not was due to the fact that all cash wheat was at a premium over the December price. This was regarded as a decidedly bullish factor.

The other was the Northwest receipts, Minneapolis and Duluth reported but 315 cars, as compared with 379 last week and 905 last year. Chicago received 58 cars against 83 last week and 398 last year. But even these strong features failed to stem the tide of liquidation, which was increased by later cables, showing a still further decline. After making a little rally during the first hour on Bradstreet's report, which showed a decrease in the world's visible of 1,110,000 bushels, the market suddenly turned weak from no special cause that could be learned except the desire of holders to liquidate, and the iowest prices of the day were touched, May selling to 83⅜c. A slight reaction occurred before the close, the final quotations for May being 83½c.

Corn was quiet and inclined to weakness, though in not so great a degree as wheat, by which market, however, it was to some degree controlled. Other influences were the dullness in the cash demand and expectation of more liberal receipts. May opened ¼c lower at 26¾c, sold between 26⅞c and 26⅝c, closing easy at 25⅝@25¾c. Oats were quiet throughout. The weakness in wheat and corn caused a similar tone to exist here and prices showed a slight decline. Fluctuations were confined to a very narrow range however. May opened ⅛c lower at 21¾c, sold 21⅞c, declined to 21⅝@¾c, and closed at 21¾c. Holders of provisions had a hard time of it today. Hog receipts were much larger than expected. This was true, not only of the local market, but of outside markets as well, and prices opened with sharp declines. General liquidation followed, the large estimates for tomorrow accelerating the selling movement. Prices recovered slightly near the close. May pork closed 30c lower at $7.97½; May lard 17½c lower at $4.20; May ribs 20c lower at $4.02½. Estimates: Wheat, 9 cars; corn, 200 cars; oats, 100 cars; hogs, 49,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
Dec	81-⅛	81⅝	80¼	80¼
May	84⅛	84¾	83⅝	83½
July	79	79	77½	77½
Corn—				
Dec	23	23¼	22⅞	23⅛
Jan	23¾	23¾	23⅝	23⅝
May	26¾	26⅞	26⅝	26¾
Oats—				
Dec	18⅛	18⅛	18	18⅛
May	21¾	21⅞	21¾	21¾
Pork—				
Dec	6 70	6 80	6 65	6 80
Jan	7 75	7 75	7 60	7 62½
May	8 20	8 20	7 92½	7 97½
Lard—				
Dec	3 77½	3 80	3 75	3 77½
Jan	4 00	4 02½	3 95	3 97½
May	4 22½	4 22½	4 17½	4 20
Ribs—				
Dec	3 82½	3 82½	3 80	3 80
Jan	3 95	3 95	3 80	3 85
May	4 10	4 10	4 00	4 02½

Cash quotations were as follows: No. 2 spring wheat, 80¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 79½@81c; No. 2 red, 90¼@91¼c; No. 2 corn, 23@23½c; No. 2 oats, 18¼c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 22@23¼c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 18@21¾c; No. 2 rye, 41c; No. 2 barley, none; No. 3, f. o. b., 25@37c; No. 4, f. o. b., 24@27c; No. 1 flax seed, 75½@78c; prime timothy seed, $2.55. Mess pork, per bbl, $6.80@6.85; lard, per 100 lbs, $3.80@3.85; short ribs sides (loose), $3.75@4; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¼@4½c; short clear sides (boxed), 4@4½c. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.18. Sugars, cut, loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.63. Receipts—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 12,000 bu; corn, 89,000 bu; oats, 159,000 bu; rye, 3,000 bu; barley, 84,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 15,000 bbls; wheat, 47,000 bu; corn, 257,000 bu; oats, 1,133,000 bu; barley, 130,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was creamery, 15@22½c; dairies, 10@19c. Cheese steady, 8½@8¾c. Eggs, fresh, 22c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—The local wheat market opened fairly active this morning, but inclined to weakness because of disappointing cables. It was generally believed that the strength shown here yesterday should have been reflected with stronger advices this morning from Liverpool. First cables reported declines of ½d to 1d in Liverpool, and London quiet—"nothing doing," the phrase. Paris was also lower and weak. Some good buying, however, caused values to appreciate a little before 10 a. m. Shortly after 10 cables arrived showing a further decline in Liverpool of ½d. This caused selling and a fresh decline of nearly a full cent by 11 a. m., after which trading became a little more active at prices held rather close to the low figure of the morning. Commercial gossip was not plentiful, but what there was of it was mixed in character. New York advised that foreigners were selling a little. St. Louis advised of fair sales for export of both wheat and flour. Liverpool stocks showed an increase of wheat, 270,000 bu for the month of November and 8,000 sacks of flour. Considering the enormous shipments to England during the month, the increase looks remarkably light. Clearances from the seaboard were liberal of both wheat and flour.

December wheat opened at 82c, being the same as at yesterday's close; advanced to 82¼c, dropped to 81⅝c, advanced to 82⅝c, lost ⅜c, gained ⅛c by 11:45 and held at 81⅝c by noon.

May wheat opened ata 83¼c, against 83½c yesterday, advanced to 83½@83⅝c, lost ¼c, gained ¼c, sold down to 83⅛c, gained ⅛c, declined to 82¾c, advanced to 83⅛c, declined to 82⅝@82¾c, again advanced to 83⅛c by 11:45, and by noon held at 83 1-16c.

The market for cash wheat was a little slow. Buyers endeavored to establish a new basis under the May future, December being practically out of the way. Holders were firm, hence the comparatively slow market. Receipts were very light and the wants about the same as usual; in this the sellers had the advantage. The result was that the greater part of the No. 1 northern sold at a full cent over the December option. No. 1 northern sold at 82¼c to 82c and No. 2 at 81c to 81¼c. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 109 cars. Shipments, 26 cars.

During the noon hour the market ruled stronger, but not active. Bradstreet's report of the world's visible, showing an increase of only 366,000 bu, was construed to be bullish. European stocks increased 2,304,000. United States stocks decreased 2,670,000. Detroit advised that May wheat sold at 97¾c and market upward in tendency. Chicago reported large sales of cash wheat. The closing was weak. December wheat closed at 81½c and May at 82⅝c.

WHEAT RANGE.

The following was the rance of prices today:

Wheat—May—Opening, 83⅛c; highest, 83⅝c; lowest, 82⅝c; closing today, 82⅝c; closing yesterday, 83¼c. December—Opening, 82c; highest, 82¼c; lowest, 81⅛c; closing today, 81½c; closing yesterday, 82c.

On Track—No. 1 hard, 82¾c; No. 1 northern, 81½c; No. 2 northern, 80c; flax seed, 73c.

Curb on May wheat, 82⅜c. Puts on May wheat, 81⅜c. Calls on May wheat, 83½@83⅝c.

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 5 cars	82½
No. 1 northern, 4 cars	83
No. 1 northern, 2 cars	82¼
No. 1 northern, 2 cars	82¾
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive	83
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive	82½
No. 1 northern, 7,900 bu, to arrive	82¼
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	83
No. 1 northern, 6,100 bu, to arrive	82
No. 1 northern, 3,500 bu, to arrive	82½
No. 2 northern, 4 cars	81
No. 2 northern, 1 car	81½
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	78
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	80
No grade wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off	70
No grade wheat, 2 cars, 2 lbs off	77
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	78½
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off	75
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car	24
No. 3 corn, 4 cars	23
No. 3 oats, 1 car	18
No. 3 oats, 1 car	17¾
No. 3 oats, 2 cars, o. w. b	18¼
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, choice	18½
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, choice	18½
No. 3 oats, 3 cars, to arrive	18
No grade rye, 1 car	34
No. 4 barley, 1 car	21½
Flax, 1 car	73

LATE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 5 cars	82½
No. 1 northern, 10,000 bu, to arrive	82½

FLOUR.

Flour—The flour market was very dull again today because of the weakness in wheat.

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@2.95
Second export bakers	2.40@2.50
Red dog, per ton, 140 lbs jute	9.25@9.50

Following quotations are in cotton sacks, 98 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@ 5.00
Bran in bulk, 200-lb sacks	5.50@ 6.00
Bran in bulk, 100-lb sacks	6.00@ 6.50
Shorts in bulk	4.75@ 5.00
Middlings in bulk	7.75@ 8.00
Red dog, in 140-lb sacks	11.25@11.50

Domestic markets continue very quiet. The East refuses to buy at the advanced prices, caused by close of navigation. The Western demand is very limited. This, however, has no influence on prices, as there is a good export trade.

Corn—No. 3, 23@24c.

Oats—No. 2, 18@18¼c; No. 3 white oats quoted at 18½c.

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

Barley—Quoted at 21½ to 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	..	61	5	..	3	2
G. N.—F. F. D.	..	10	..	1	..	1
C., M. & St. P.	..	51	25	..	..	5
M. & St. L.	..	17	3	..	..	..
Soo Line	..	4	..	..	..	1
Nor. Pacific	..	7	..	..	..	..
C. St. P. M. & O	..	72	32	2	1	7
Minn. Transfer	..	39	6	..	..	20
Total	..	261	71	3	4	36

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 8 cars; No. 4 corn, 1 car; No. 3 oats, 41 cars; No. 4 barley, 4 cars; No. 1 flax, 8 cars; rejected flax, 5 cars; no grade flax, 1 car.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 northern, 23 cars; No. 2 northern, 4 cars; rejected, 2 cars; no grade, 1 car; No. 3 oats, 13 cars; rejected flax, 2 cars.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
New York	186,625	143,656
Philadelphia	20,655	1,189
Baltimore	18,942	..
Toledo	70,382	8,631
Detroit	9,536	23,180
St. Louis	12,478	24,180
Boston	23,409	79,784
Chicago	11,637	47,237
Milwaukee	30,550	1,250
Duluth	165,688	194,274
Minneapolis	74,120	19,500
Kansas City	6,600	13,200

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 74,120 bu; corn, 630 bu; oats, 3,250 bu; rye, 1,920 bu; flax, 1,240 bu; flour, 1,045 bbls; millstuffs, 30 tons; hay, 10 tons; fruit, 69,260 lbs; merchandise, 1,310,530 lbs; lumber, 13 cars; posts, 1 car; barrel stock, 8 cars; machinery, 12,000 lbs; coal, 2,107 tons; wood, 418 cords; cement, 180 bbls; household goods, 27,539 lbs; dressed meats, 89,770 lbs; railroad materials, 4 cars; sundries, 10 cars. Ttotal car lots, 465.

Shipped—Wheat, 19,506 bu; corn, 870 bu; oats, 10,240 bu; rye, 690 bu; flax, 1,980 bu; flour, 52,050 bbls; millstuffs, 2,153 tons; fruit, 70,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,522,030 lbs; lumber, 50 cars; barrel stock, 1 car; machinery, 24,500 lbs; coal, 19 tons; wood, 12 cords; brick, 8,000; live stock, 4 cars; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 1 car. Total car lots, 689.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Dec. 1.—Total wheat receipts for November at this point were 5,127,518 bu, less than half what they were in 1895. Shipments were 6,575,252 bu. Barley receipts gained, the total for November this year being 1,053,331; in November, 1895, they were 752,523; shipments this year amounted to 1,974,502. Flax receipts for this year were 1,270,827, an increase over last year of about 200,000 bu. The mills at the head of the lakes ground 95,650 bbls of flour last week and shipped 119,490. The railroads received 33,910 bbls and shipped 99,785. Mill stocks are getting low, and only aggregated 36,500 bbls at the close of the week. The cash offerings were very light today, and sales were a little short of 20,000, all to the shippers, the mills being out of the market. The shippers were paying 1½c under May for delivery made this week, and 2½c under for deliveries after this week. Trading in futures was fairly lively this morning. Cables seemed to be the controlling feature, and the market dropped a cent. The opening was 84½c. The market sold up to 85c and fell off from there, going to 83⅞@84c. The close was at 84c bid.

The close: Cash No. 1 hard, 84½c; No. 1 northern, 82½c; No. 2 northern, 80c; No. 3 spring, 75½@76½c; rejected, 68½@76½c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 83½c; No. 1 northern, 81½c; December No. 1 hard, 82¾c; No. 1 northern, 81¼c; May No. 1 northern, 84c asked. Receipts, wheat, 165,688 bu; shipments, 194,224 bu; cars inspected, 207. Receipts, corn, none; oats, 1,513 bu; rye, 4,958 bu; barley, 18,670 bu; flax, 35,173 bu. Oats, close, 19@18½c; rye, 39c; flax, 76c; May, 80c bid.

Cash sales were as follows: 1 car No. 1 hard, 83¾c; 3,700 bu No. 1 northern, 83½c; 1 car No. 1 northern, 83¼c; 800 bu No. 1 northern, 83⅛c; 7,500 bu No. 1 northern, 82½c; 3 cars No. 1 northern, 82c; 1 car No. 2 northern, 80⅝c; 2 cars No. 3 spring, 77c; 2 cars barley, 23½c; 2,000 bu flax, 80½c; 2 cars flax, May, 76c.

SUPERIOR GRAIN.

WEST SUPERIOR, Dec. 1.—Close—No. 1 hard, 83¾c; No. 1 northern, 82¾c; No. 2 northern, 80½c; No. 3 northern, 78½c; rejected, 75½c; cash flax, 76c. The receipts of wheat were 101,796 bu; shipments, 205,268 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 AN 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 quality, $4@5; good to choice timothy, $7@8.

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

NEW YORK GRAIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Flour—Receipts, 36,400 bbls; exports, 13,861 bbls; dull and held steady on millers' limits; Minnesota patents, $4.60@5. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat flour steady. Buckwheat dull. Cornmeal dull. Rye nominal. Barley dull. Barley malt nominal. Wheat—Receipts, 106,600 bu; exports, 144,656 bu; No. 1 hard, 95¾c; options opened weak and after a feeble rally, again sold off and were generally dull all day, closing ⅝@1⅜c net lower. The selling was prompted by large December deliveries, lower cables and the absence of bull support; No. 2 red May, 88 11-16@89 11-16c, closed at 88⅝c; December, 89 7-16@90½c, closed at 89½c. Corn—Receipts, 102,200 bu; exports, 95,169 bu; spot weaker; No. 2 29⅛c; options had a large switching, which stiffened December and weakened later months, closed unchanged to ¼c lower; May, 32⅜@32⅝c, closed at 32½c; December, 28⅝@29⅛c, closed at 29⅛c. Oats—Receipts, 327,000 bu; exports, 23,757 bu; spot dull and weaker; No. 2, 23¼c; options dull and lower with wheat, closing at ¼@½c net loss; May, 26¼@26½c, closed at 26¼c; December, 23¼@23¾c, closed at 23¼c.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

CROP MOVEMENT.

(Market Record.)

The following table gives the receipts of wheat at the four principal spring wheat markets rom 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	32,013,050	37,962,670
Milwaukee	4,607,810	4,511,820
Duluth	28,577,618	30,656,080
Chicago	12,310,814	13,988,119
Totals	77,509,292	87,118,689

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	5,254,583	4,127,157
St. Louis	8,994,119	8,331,151
Detroit	2,524,194	1,539,707
Kansas City	4,762,800	5,112,400
Totals	21,535,696	19,110,415

GRAIN AVAILABLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday: Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 2,670,000 bu; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 2,304,000 bu; total increase in world's available, 366,000 bu. Corn—East of Rockies, increase, 104,000 bu. Oats—East of Rockies, increase, 335,000 bu. The more important decreases in available stocks of wheat last week, not included in the official visible statement, were 1,050,000 bu in Northwestern interior elevators, 541,000 bu at Fort William, Ont., 172,000 bu at various Manitoba storage points, 82,000 bu in Chicago private elevators, 49,000 bu in Milwaukee private elevators, 40,000 at Louisville. There were very few increases in available stocks worthy of note last week, aside from those reported in the official visible supply.

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:

Private cable: Liverpool, steady at decline, ¾d lower.

Closing board cables: Antwerp, 12½ higher. Paris—Flour, March, 1f 10c lower; wheat, March, 60s lower. Berlin—December, 1m higher; May, ¾m higher than opening.

Liverpool—Stocks, decrease, Dec. 1, flour, 46,000 sacks; wheat, 228,00 quarters; corn, 148,000 quarters.

Clearances—Four ports, 224,629 bu wheat, 18,633 bbls flour, equal in wheat to 308,700 bu.

Thomas report: From general tone of returns it appears that the quantity of wheat in first hands is the smallest in several years. The Northwest, Minneapolis and Duluth, has from 45 to 50 per cent less than last year, while the six winter wheat states, that furnish largely commercial stocks, have approximately 20 per cent less as compared with same date last year. The total supply in this position is in the neighborhood of 65,000,000 bu less than December, 1895. In winter wheat districts milling grades are practically exhausted.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 1.—Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 121,000 centals; including 73,000 American. Wheat—Spot firm; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 7s; No. 1 California, 7s 6½d; futures opened steady, with near and distant positions 1d lower; closed firm, with near positions 1@1¼d lower and distant positions 1½ lower; business about equally distributed; December, January, February and March, 6s 11¼d; April, nominal; May, 6s 11d. Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 3s; futures opened quiet, with near and distant positions ½d lower; closed quiet, with near and distant positions ½@¾d lower; business about equally distributed; December, 3s; January, February and March, 2s 11¾d; April, nominal; May, 2s 11½d. Flour firm; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 9s.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1.—Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 91@92c; No. 2 hard, cash, 80c bid; December, 91⅝c bid; May, 93⅜@93½c bid. Corn—No. 2 cash, 21½c; December, 21⅜c; May, 24⅜c bid. Oats—No. 2 cash, 19c bid; May, 22⅜c bid. Rye—37c bid. Flaxseed—75c. Pork—Jobbing, $7.15@7.40. Lard—Steam, $3.70. Lead dull; $2.77½@2.82½. Spelter, $4.05 asked.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 1.—Flour firm and higher. Wheat lower; No. 2 spring, 82@83c; No. 1 northern, 85½c; May, 83½. Corn very dull; No. 3, 22@24c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white, 20@21½c; No. 3 white, 19@20¼c. Barley dull and weak; No. 2, 35c; sample, 26@35c. Rye weak; No. 1, 41½c. Provisions lower.

PRODUCE.

ST. PAUL MARKET.

Note—The quotations which follow are for goods which change hands in lots in the open market. In filling orders in order to secure best goods for shipping and to cover cost incurred, an advance over jobbing prices has to be charged.

Butter—Market firm on creameries; dairies in good demand.

Creameries—	
Extras	.20 @.21
Firsts	.19 @.20
Seconds	.16 @.17
Hand Separator	.19 @.20
Dairies—	
Extras	.17 @.18
Firsts	.15 @.16
Dadies—	
Extras	.13 @.14
Firsts	.11 @.12
Packing stock	.07
Grease	.03 @.04

Cheese—Slow trade on all grades. Stocks liberal and values firm.

Twins, fancy full cream, new	.10 @.11
Twins, common to fair	.06 @.07
Full cream, Young America, new	.10 @.11
Swiss cheese	.11 @.12
Brick, No. 2, new	.07 @.08
Brick, No. 2, new	.09 @.10

Eggs—Market firm; receipts light.

No. 1 cold storage	.15 @.16
Candled stock, fresh	.19
Seconds	.09 @.10

Beans—Market quiet; supply moderate.

Fancy Navy, per bu	.90 @ 1.00
Medium, hand picked, per bu	.70 @.80
Dirty lot, per bu	.40 @.50
Yellow peas, bu	.55 @.70
Green peas, bu	.60 @.75

Potatoes—Quiet.

Sweet potatoes, Jerseys, bbl	2.50@ 2.75
Sweet potatoes, Muscatine, bbl	1.50@ 1.75
Vegetables—	
Radishes, dozen	.10
Cabbage, per ton	5.00@ 6.00
Beets, bu	.40
Celery, doz	25
Wax beans, bu	1.50
String beans, bu	1.50
Onions, home-grown, bu	.50
Rutabagas, bu	.20
Squash, doz	.20
Turnips, bu	.20
Mint, doz bu	.30
Carrots, bu	20
Cucumbers, doz	1.00
Spinach, bu	.25
Miscellaneous—	
Concord grapes, basket	.15 @.18
Grapes, Catawba, small basket	.15
Malaga, bbl	7.00
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl	5.50@6.50
Cranberries, Bell and Bugle, bbl	4.50@4.75

Apples—Market weaker; demand good.

Common, bbl	.90@1.10
Cooking, bbl	1.50@1.75
Fancy, eating, bbl	2.25@2.75
Baldwins, choice, bbl	1.50@1.60
Greenings, choice, bbl	1.50@1.60
Spies, choice, bbl	1.50@1.60
Russets, choice, bbl	1.50@1.60
Crabapples, bbl	1.75@2.50
Lemons—	
Fancy Messinas, box	4.25@4.50
Oranges—	
Mexicans, box	3.25@3.50
Jamaica, bbl	6.00
Nuts—	
Hickory, bu	1.00
New California walnuts, lb	.09 @.11
Black walnuts, bu	.75
Chestnuts, lb	.10
Peanuts, raw, lb	.04½@.05
Peanuts, roasted, lb	.05½@.06
Brazils, lb	.08 @.10
Pecans, lb	.18 @.20
Filberts, lb	.10 @.12
Hazelnuts, lb	.05
Bananas—Supply large; demand active.	
Choice shipping, bunch	1.75@2.25
Figs and Dates—	
Figs, fancy, five crowns	.12 @.13
Figs, fancy, four crowns	.12 @.12
Fard dates, 10-lb boxes	.05 @.09
Hallowee dates, new	.06
Honey—	
White clover	.12 @.12½
Extracted	.05 @.06
Maple syrup, gallon	1.00
Maple sugar lb	.10 @.11
Apple Cider—	
Sweet, bbl	3.75@4.00
Sweet, half bbl	2.00@2.25
Hard, bbl	5.00@7.00
Hard, half bbl	3.25@4.00

(No charge for package or carriage.)

Dressed Meats—Supply moderate; demand good.

Veal, fancy	.06½@.07
Veal, medium	.06 @.06½
Hogs, country dressed	.03½@.04½
Mutton, country dressed	.04 @.05
Spring lambs, pelt off	.05 @.06
Dressed Poultry	
Turkeys	.11 @.12
Springs	.06½@.06
Hens	.04½@.05
Ducks	.09 @.10
Geese	.08 @.09
Tame pigeons, dozen	.75
Game—	
Partridges, doz	2.25@2.75
Canvasback ducks, dozen	6.00@8.00
Mallard ducks, dozen	3.00
Teal ducks, dozen	1.25@2.00
Common ducks, dozen	1.25
Woodcock, dozen	4.00@4.50
Jacksnipe, dozen	1.25
Bear, careass, hide on, lb	.10 @.12
Antelope, hide on, lb	.15 @.16
Squirrels, doz	1.00
Fish—Good demand	
Black bass, lb	.08
Pike, lb	.05 @.06
Croppies, lb	.04 @.05
Pickerel, lb	.02 @.03½

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—The butter market is in a very firm position. Fancy makes are scarce, with not enough coming in to supply the demand. This increases the sales of lower grades. 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—Supplies are light, and prices are quotably higher for strictly fresh, with the demand moderate. Quotations are: Strictly fresh laid, cases included, loss off, 19@19½c; seconds, cases included, 8@9c; cold storage, No. 1, 17c. Cases returned ½c off.

Cheese—The market is firm on fancy cheese. Offerings are moderate, and there is a good trade. Full Cream—New York, 12c; Wisconsin, 10½@11c. Minnesota—Twins or flats, strictly fancy, 9½@10c; twins or flats, choice, 8@9c; twins or flats, fair to good, 6@7c; twins or flats, sharp, 5@6c.

Dressed Poultry—The market is firmer. Fresh unfrozen stock is in light supply. The demand is good, and better prices rule. Scalawag stock is lying around and being sold at very low figures. Turkeys—The demand for turkeys is improving. Chickens—The market is steady. Fancy fresh unfrozen stock is salable readily at quotations. Old stock and anything poorly dressed are slow. Ducks—The market is considerably lower with a good deal of stock offered. Demand quiet. Geese—The demand is quiet at the reduced prices. Quotations are for fresh unfrozen stock. Frozen or chilled stock will not bring prices quoted. Turkeys, fancy selected, dry picked, 9@10c; turkeys, fancy round lots, 8@9c; turkeys, fair to good, 5@6c; spring chickens, choice, 7@7½c; spring chickens, fair to good, 5@6c; fowls, choice, 4c; roosters, 3c; ducks, choice, 9c; geese, choice, 7½@8c.

Live Poultry—The market is very dull. Dealers discourage shipments at present as prices expect to prove unsatisfactory.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Hay easier. Hops firm. Hides steady. Leather firm. Wool quiet. Beef steady. Cut meats easy. Lard dull. Pork steady. Tallow dull. Cottonseed oil easy. Petroleum dull and weak. Rosin quiet. Turpentine easy. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Pig iron steady. Copper quiet. Lead strong. Tin quiet. Spelter quiet. Coffee options opened steady, 5@15 points higher; further advanced 10@15 points on bullish crop news, and closed steady 15@30 points net advance. Sales, 25,750 bags, including December, 9@9.20c; March, 9.15@9.30c. Sugar, raw, firm; refined, quiet.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Butter firm; Western creamery, 13@23c; Elgins, 23½c; factory, 7@12c. Cheese steady; state, 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, Dec. 1.—Butter firm; creamery, 15@22½c; dairy, 10@19c. Eggs firm; fresh, 22c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHICAGO HIDES.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The Chicago Shoe and Leather Review will say: Packer hides are on the down grade. The packers are holding firmly on some selections, notably native steers, but when large sales are made, concessions are invariably granted. From 12,000 to 15,000 native cow hides were sold this week at 8½ cents. This selection brought 10 cents just after the election. The advance was too sudden, however, as the choicest cow hides of the year were sold in August at 6 cents. The demand seems to be mainly for cheap branded stock that will tan into cheap greasy sole leather. Several Eastern buyers have gone home without buying and a distinctly weak tone pervades the market.

Country buff hides have declined another ½c, and are now freely quoted at 8 cents. August 22 we noted sales at 5 cents, but by November, 9 cents was reached and 9½ cents talked of. About 8,000 buffs were sold this week at 8 cents and there is now some apprehension that the even figure will not be sustained. Fully a half million pounds of packers' prime tallow was sold at 3¾ cents. The packers are free sellers, but buyers are not anxious to operate. The trade is likely to continue slow until after the holidays.

MINNEAPOLIS HIDE MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—As quoted by the Northwestern Hide and Fur company: Green salted and green hides have declined ½c a pound and indications are that they will decline ½c more before long.

MINNEAPOLIS HAY MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—J. H. Hunt & Co. report a fairly active market, with the demand good for choice grades of hay. Quotations are unchanged. Some dealers report slightly better prices for Iowa upland.

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, Dec. 1.—Coffee—Sandts weak; good average Santos 11, $400; receipts, 34,000; stock, 707,000. Hamburg weak; ¾ pfg. decline; sales, 43,000. Rio flat; No. 7 ID, 10, $700; exchange, 8¼d; receipts, 13,000; cleared for the United States, 10,000; cleared for Europe, 1,000; stock, 380,000. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 12,072, including 10,063 from New York; New York stock today, 301,022; United States stock, 342,864; afloat for the United States, 316,000; total visible for the United States, 658,864, against 559,887 last year.

SEED MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The flax market was rather weak today, values being depressed by large deliveries on December contracts. Receipts here were 23 cars, 33 cars at