THREE CENT SLUMP

LIQUIDATION AND POOR SUPPORT TOOK THE LIFE OUT OF WHEAT.

ACTUAL NEWS BULLISH.

HOLDERS WERE DISCOURAGED AND THE SELLING WAS FREE AND URGENT.

COARSE GRAINS LOST FRACTIONS.

In Comparison With Wheat, the Other Markets Held Out Against the Decline.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Wheat closed today within a small fraction less than 3c lower than at the end of yesterday's session. The decline was due almost entirely to liquidation and poor support, the statistical news not warranting such a slump. The other markets were weakened to a degree, corn declining ¼c, oats about the same, and provisions 7½@15c. In the first half hour May wheat had lost all it gained the day before, and made quite a tangible contribution to the bears in addition to that. May, which sold at 83¾@83⅞c at the close of yesterday's session, opened at from 82⅞c to 83¼c today, and sold down to 81⅞c by 10 o'clock. A few minutes later, after a slight recovery, it went down squarely to 81c. During the beginning of the following hour it displayed some symptoms of recovery, but at 11 o'clock it was once more struggling to keep above 81c. Opening Liverpool quotations were quite disappointing, showing only a slight advance, and this was partly responsible for the weak opening. After that the market shaped itself independently. Statistical news was generally of a bullish character. Northwest receipts, as has been usual of late, were very light. Minneapolis and Duluth received 499 cars, as compared with 554 last week, and 936 last year. Chicago received 4 cars, against 35 last week and 160 last year. Beerbohm estimated that Europe will want 7,320,000 bu per week until March 1, and after that 6,820,000 bu per week until the close of the crop year, but this sort of news had no effect. The shorts covered so thoroughly yesterday that there was little demand from that interest, and with the market bare of sensational features and the trade apathetic, holders got discouraged as soon as the price commenced to waver, and the liquidation was free and urgent. Closing cables were of much significance. Liverpool quoted spot No. 1 northern spring 1d higher, futures from ¼d to ½d lower than they closed yesterday. Paris and Berlin were each somewhat higher; Antwerp 12½ centimes lower. Some cash business for lake shipment was reported from here near the close, the amount being said to be about 300,000 bu. May wound up at 80⅞@81c.

Corn was slow and weak, influenced by the drop in wheat, the fair receipts and the general dullness in speculation. The decline, however, was light compared with the slump in wheat. May opened ⅛c lower, at 26¼@26⅜c, and slowly sold down to 26⅛@26¼c, which price it was bringing at the close. There was little life to the oats market. What little trading there was consisted mainly of small lots, and chiefly among scalpers. The tone was weak, following the course of wheat and corn. May opened at 21⅝c, sold between 21¾c and 21⅜c, closing easy at the latter quotation. Provisions were dull and weak. Two factors militated against prices, the weakness of grain and the lower yard prices. Opening prices were at small declines and were the highest of the session. At the close May pork was 15c lower, at $7.92½; May lard, 7½c lower, at $4.10; May ribs about 10c lower, at $4. Estimates: Wheat, 37 cars; corn, 34 cars; oats, 300 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December	79¾	79⅞	77⅞	77⅞
May	83¼	83¼	80⅞	81
July	77¼	77¼	75⅛	75⅛
Corn—				
December	23⅛	23⅜	23¼	23¼
January	23⅜	23½	23¼	23¼
May	26⅜	26⅜	26¼	26¼
Oats—				
December	18½	18⅝	18¼	18¼
May	21⅝	21¾	21½	21½
Pork—				
December	6 92½	6 92½	6 90	6 90
January	7 65	7 70	7 60	7 60
May	8 00	8 00	7 90	7 92
Lard—				
December	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75
January	3 95	3 95	3 90	3 90
May	4 15	4 17½	4 10	4 10
Ribs—				
December	.....	.....	.....	3 82½
January	3 87½	3 90	3 85	3 87½
May	4 05	4 05	4 00	4 50

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour quiet. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 78¼c; No. 3 spring, 77c; No. 2 red, 89@90c. Corn—No. 2, 23@23¼c. Oats—No. 2, 18½c; No. 2 white, 21c; No. 3, 21¾@22½c. No. 3 white, f. o. b., 18@21c. Rye—No. 2, 40c. Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 25¾36½c; No. 4, 23@29c f. o. b.. Flaxseed—No. 1, 76@79c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.60. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $6.90@6.95. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $3.52½c. Short Ribs—Sides (loose, $3.75@3.95. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4¼@4½c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), 4@4½c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.18. Sugars—Cut loaf, $5.20; granulated, $4.63. Receipts—Flour, 8,000; wheat, 12,000 bu; corn, 143,000 bu; oats, 236,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 59,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 17,000 bu; wheat, 121,000 bu; corn, 35,000 bu; oats, 134,000 bu; barley, 21,000 bu. On the produce exchange the buter market was firm; creamery, 13@23c; dairy, 10@19c. Cheese steady, 4½@9c. Eggs firm; fresh, 22c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Early cables advised of fractional advances on Liverpool wheat, and London reported nothing doing in cargoes off coast, but a better feeling regarding wheat on passage. These cables were disappointing for the reason that our home trade expected to see some sympathy shown in our big rally of yesterday. Locally the wheat market opened weak and lower, and weakness was the most prominent feature throughout the morning session. Trading was fairly active and altogether local and confined to the unloading of small lots of long stuff with little scalping done on the short sides. The news of the day was rather lighter and, as a rule, unimportant. Some "facts" and figures were rehashed which have done duty before, and are now stale and unprofitable. There were all sorts of guesses as to what this leader and that would do, and fine spun theories as to what the result would be. One thing is certain, the strong bull feeling is generally oozing out, and many are predicting lower prices for May wheat during the month of December. It is said that Armour, of Chicago, is short a large line of wheat which he intends to deliver as soon as navigation closes. This keeps the crowd on the tenter hooks. The Lake of the Woods Milling company have engaged the entire freight room of the Canadian Pacific line of steamers at Vancouver for flour to Australia for the months of January, February, March and April. Duluth stocks will show a decrease of 1,200,000 bu for the week, and here a decrease of 600,000 bu is expected. The visible supply is expected to show a decrease of over 2,000,000 bu on Monday. Clearances from the seaboard were only moderate of both wheat and flour. Boston worked a cargo of wheat last night for export. May wheat opened at 81¾c, against 82⅛@82⅜c yesterday; lost ¼c, gained ⅛c; declined to 81c quite early, fluctuated within the limits of the ¼c for fully an hour, sold at 80¾c, advanced to 81¼c by 11:30, dropped to 80⅛c, advanced to 80⅝c by 11:45, and by noon held at 80½c. The demand for cash wheat was good for all grades. The bulk of the receipts went to apply on sales previously made. No. 1 northern sold on a basis of ½c under No. 1. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 432 cars; shipments, 20 cars.

The wheat market ruled rather inactive and weak during the greater part of the last hours of the session. Heavy liquidation towards the close.

December wheat closed at 78⅜@78½c, and May wheat at 79⅞c.

MINNEAPOLIS RANGE.

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing Yes.	Closing Thurs.
December	80	80	78½	78½	81⅛
May	81¾	81¾	80	79⅞	82⅝

On Track—No. 1 hard, 80¼c; No. 1 northern, 79c; No. 2 northern, 77½c; December oats, 18c; flaxseed, 72c.

Curb on May wheat 79⅜
Puts on May wheat, bid 78⅝
Calls on May wheat, sellers 81

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 7 cars 81¼
No. 1 northern, 46 cars 81
No. 1 northern, 3 cars 80½
No 1 northern, 4 cars 81⅛
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive 81¼
No. 1 northern, 3,000 bu, to arrive 81
No. 1 northern, 9,000 bu, to arrive 80½
No. 1 northern, 7,500 bu, to arrive 80¾
No. 2 northern, 1 car 80
No. 2 northern, 4 cars 78½
No. 2 northern, 2 cars 79½
No. 2 northern, 1 car 80¼
No. 2 northern, 5 cars 79¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car 75½
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off 77
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off 73
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off 50
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off 76
No grade wheat, 4 cars, 2 lbs off 75
No grade wheat, 2 lbs off 78
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off 76¾
No grade wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off 74½
No grade wheat, 2 lbs off 74
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car 22¼
No. 3 oats, 5 cars 17¾
No. 3 oats, 3 cars 17⅞
No. 3 oats, 1 car 18
Barley, 1 car, 50 lbs 25

LATE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 10 cars 80½
No. 1 northern, 5 cars, to arrive 79½
No. 2 northern, 4 cars 78½
Rejected wheat, 1 car 77

FLOUR.

Flour—The flour market continues to be very dull as compared with weeks past. Some fair sized sales were made yesterday afternoon and some inquiring for more at prices bid slightly under.

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	10.00@10.50

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	2.00@2.85

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 40-lb sacks	11.25@11.50

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

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 22½c.

Oats—No. 2, 17¾@18c; No. 3 white quoted at 18c.

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

Barley—Quoted at 21½@25c, choice.

Feed Reported by the Diamond Elevator and Milling company:

Quiet; little better demand.

Coarse 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.	..	50	3	1	..	..
G. N.—F. F.Div.	..	6	..	..	..	2
C., M. & St. P.	..	67	38	1	1	4
M. & St. L.	..	31	2	..	..	2
Soo Line	..	13	..	..	..	..
Northern Pacific	..	..	..	..	1	..
C.,St. P. M.& O.	..	39	17	3	1	4
Totals	..	206	60	5	3	12

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 1 car; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 17; no grade oats, 1; No. 2 rye, 2; No 3 rye, 1; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 4 barley, 2; No. 1 flax, 12; rejected flax, 1.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 1 car; No. 1 northern, 188; No. 2 northern, 2; no grade, 1; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 12.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
New York	232,300	129,705
Philadelphia	56,635	1,959
Baltimore	17,676	48,900
Toledo	17,674	33,000
Detroit	7,065	14,203
St. Louis	17,692	36,393
Boston	31,493	7,981
Chicago	12,350	121,079
Milwaukee	13,000	.....
Duluth	95,991	160,600
Minneapolis	293,760	15,000
Kansas City	21,000	4,800

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Receipts—Wheat, 293,760 bu; corn, 1,260 bu; oats, 36,540 bu; barley, 4,020 bu; rye, 2,560 bu; flax, 10,540 bu; flour, 125 bbls; hay, 52 tons; fruit, 918,850 lbs; merchandise, 1,271,643 lbs; lumber, 15 cars; barrel stock, 6 cars; machinery, 20,000 lbs; coal, 1,951 tons; wood, 531 cords; lime, 1 car; cement, 200 bbls; household goods,40,000 lbs; live stock,1 car; dressed meats, 64,000 lbs; sundries, 17 cars; car lots, 983.

Shipments—Wheat, 15,000 bu; flax, 1,320 bu; flour, 60,241 bbls; millstuffs, 1,275 tons; fruit, 122,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,451,439 lbs; lumber, 35 cars; posts, 1 car; machinery, 20,000 lbs; wood, 7 cords; butter, 25,900 lbs; railroad materials, 4 cars; sundries, 8 cars; car lots, 652.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 4.—The estimated decrease of stocks this week is from 400,000 to 600,000 bu. Business was almost dead on the board to-day. The market dropped 3¼c. Cables were higher, but did not affect the advance of yesterday. The market opened at 83⅝c and sold steadily downward with scarcely a reaction, and closed at 81⅞c. Cash sales were less than 15,000, all to the shipper.

The close: Cash No. 1 hard, 80⅞c; No. 1 northern, 79¾c; No. 2 spring, 73⅛@74⅛c; rejected, 66⅛@74⅛c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 80⅞c; No. 1 northern, 79¾c; May No. 1 northern, 81⅞c bid.

Receipts wheat, 95,991; shipments 160,000. Cars inspected, 67; last year, 423. Receipts—Corn, 990 bu; oats, 2,713 bu; rye, 2,847 bu; barley, 9,425 bu; flax, 19,547 bu. Oats close, 19@18⅛c; rye, 38c; flax, cash, 75c; May, 73c bid.

Cash sales were as follows: 2 cars No. 1 hard, 83½c; 1,000 bu No. 1 northern, 82½c; 8 cars No. 1 northern, 80½; 6 cars No. 1 northern, 80¼c; 5,000 bu No. 1 northern, 80c; 2 cars No. 2 northern, 77¾c; 2 cars No. 3 spring, 74¼c; 1 car No. 2 white oats, 19c; 1 car barley, 26c; 2 cars flax, 76c; 1 car flax, 75½c.

SUPERIOR GRAIN.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 4.—Close—No. 1 hard, 81⅜c; No. 1 northern, 75⅝c; rejected, 72⅝c. Cash flax, 75c. The receipts of wheat were 48,768; shipments, 178,685.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

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

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 80@81c; No. 2 northern, 78⅛@79¾c.

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, 73@74c; 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@6.75; 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.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

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

Closing Board Cables—Paris: Flour, December, 50 higher; March, 70 higher. Wheat—December, 10 higher; March, 20 higher. Antwerp, 12½ lower. Berlin—December, 14 lower; May, 1 lower.

Primary receipts were 490,000 bu; shipments, 85,000 bu. Four ports cleared 187,645 bu wheat, 47,493 bbls flour, equal in wheat to 401,400 bu.

Ladenburg's cable says Argentine reports very unfavorable weather for wheat; French crop prospects unfavorable.

Chicago closing year ago today: May wheat, 61⅞c; corn, 29⅛c; oats, 20¼c; pork, $9; lard, $5.75; ribs, $4.60.

Washburn sold 18,000 bbls flour yesterday, Pillsbury 12,000.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Flour—Receipts, 22,400 bbls; exports, 29,041 bbls; market dull and generally 5@10c lower to sell on spring wheat grades and easy on winters; Minnesota patents, $4.60@4.90. Rye flour dull. Buckwheat flour, easy. Buckwheat, quiet. Cornmeal, dull. Rye, nominal. Barley, steady. Barley malt, nominal. Wheat—Receipts, 232,300 bu; exports, 129,705 bu; spot weak; No. 1 hard, 93⅞c f. o. b. afloat; options demoralized, being weak from start to finish in consequence of heavy liquidation, together with lower cables, foreign selling and dull spot demand; closed at 2⅛@2⅜c net decline; No. 2 red May, 89-16@88⅜c, closed 86⅝c; December, 87⅞@89 5-16c, closed, 87⅞c. Cornmeal quiet. Corn—Receipts, 15,500 bu; exports, 110,250 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 29¼c elevator; options opened steady and advanced on covering, but finally eased off with wheat and closed ⅛@¼c net lower. May, 31 15-16@32¼c, closed 32c; December closed 29c. Oats—Receipts 78,200 bu; exports, 78,878 bu; spot quiet; No. 2, 23¼c; options dull and featureless without a trade. Closed ⅛@¼c net lower. May closed 26c; December closed 23¼c.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4.—Wheat—Spot steady; demand poor; No. 2 red spring, 7s; No. 1 California, 7s 5½d. Futures opened steady with near and distant positions higher, but later reacted and closed easy with December ½d lower and other months ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; December, 6s 10d; January, 6s 10½d; February, 6s 10¼d; March, 6s 10½d; April nominal; May, 6s 10d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, nominal, 2s 11¾d. Futures opened steady with near and distant postions unchanged; closed steady with December ¼d higher and other months unchanged from yesterday's closing figures; business about equally distributed; December, 2s 11½d; January, February and March, 2s 10½d; April, nominal; May, 2s 10¾d. Flour—Firm; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 9s 3d.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 4.—Flour steady. Wheat lower; No. 2 spring, 79c; No. 1 northern, 83c; May, 80½c. Corn dull; No. 3, 24c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 20@21c; No. 3 white, 19¾@20½c. Barley dull; No. 2, 34½c; sample, 24@34½c. Rye steady; No. 1, 41c. Provisions steady; pork, $6.85; lard, $3.80. Receipts—Flour, 13,000 bbls; barley, 53,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 10,000 bbls; wheat, none; barley, 14,000 bu.

PRIMARY RECEIPTS.

Receipts of wheat at primary points for twenty-two weeks, from June 29 to Nov. 28, aggregate 112,766,000 bu, against 113,776,000 bu last year. Total receipts last week were only 3,054,000 bu, against 5,384,000 bu the same week in 1895. Everything in the supply and demand situation is growing stronger. Cash wheat in Minneapolis is selling about 2c over the current option. Foreign crop advices continue unfavorable and European supplies are comparatively light. As long as present conditions exists it seems probable that present prices will be maintained.

WHEAT REQUIREMENTS.

Corn Trade News arrives at requirements from America up to July 31, 1897, by forecasting weekly wants at one million quarters per week for thirty-six weeks offset by supplies available, including reduction of quantity afloat, shipments from Australia, Hungary, Chili, North Africa, France, Argentine, Uruguay and India, 1,000,000 quarters, and allow 10 per cent decrease shipments from Europe, making a total without United States, 19,500,000 quarters, hence balance required from this country, 16,000,000 quarters. It doubts very much America's ability to furnish such a quantity, and adds we are bound to admit market was never in a more critical condition, when viewed from a statistical standpoint.

FLOUR MARKETS.

The wide difference in price of wheat and flour has continued the past week, and though there has been slight advances in different markets in flour, yet the advance has not been sharp enough to be satisfactory to millers. The Southern markets are firm, shipments light and stocks on hand slightly increasing, but prices still hang around last week's figures, though stronger prices are predicted. Pacific coast reports decreasing shipments and unchanged flour prices, with but ½c advance in wheat. A general review of the different present situations in the country shows a strong indication of better prices the ensuing week.

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, dealers advance over jobbing prices has to be paid.

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

Creameries—		
Extras	.21	@.22
Firsts	.20	@.21
Seconds	.17	@.18
Hand separator	.20	@.21
Dairies—		
Extras	.18	@.19
Firsts	.16	@.17
Ladies—		
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. 1, new	.09	@.10
Brick, No. 2, new	.07	@.08

Eggs—Market firm; receipts light.

No. 1 cold storage	.17	@18
Candled stock, fresh		.22
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, Jersey, bbl	2.50@2.75
Sweet potatoes, Muscatine, bbl	1.50@1.75

Vegetables—

Tomatoes, basket	1.00
Radishes, dozen	.10
Cabbage, per ton	5.00@6.00
Cauliflower, doz	2.50
Beets, bu	.25
Celery, doz	.25
Wax beans, bu	4.00
String beans, bu	3.00
Onions, home grown, bu	.50
Rutabagas, bu	.25
Squash, doz	.75
Turnips, bu	.25
Mint, doz	.30
Carrots, bu	.25
Lettuce	.25 @ .30
Cucumbers, doz	1.00
Spinach, bu	1.00

Miscellaneous—

Concord grapes, basket	.15	@ .18
Grapes, Catawba, small basket		.15
Malaga, bbl		6.50@7.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl		6.50@7.50
Cranberries, Bell and Bugle		7.00

Apples—Market weaker; demand good.

Common, bbl	6	90@1.00
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

Honey—Supply large; demand active. Choice shipping, bunch 1.75@2.25

Figs and Dates—

Figs, fancy, five crowns	.12	@.13
Figs, fancy, four crowns	.11	@.12
Halloween dates, new		.06
Fard dates, 10-lb boxes	.05	@.09

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-barrel	2.00@2.25
Hard, barrel	5.00@7.00
Hard, half-barrel	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	.06	@.07
Springs	.10	@.11
Hens	.05	@.05½
Ducks	.09	@.10
Geese	.08	@.08½
Tame pigeons, dozen		.50

Game—

Partridges, doz		2.25@2.75
Canvasback ducks, doz		6.00@8.00
Mallard ducks, doz		3.00
Teal ducks, doz		1.25@2.00
Common ducks, doz		1.25
Woodcock, doz		4.00@4.50
Jacksnipe, doz		1.25
Venison, saddles, lb	.10	@.12
Venison, whole, lb	.06	@.07
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. 3.—Butter—The butter market is quiet at prices unchanged. Receipts continue light and all taken quickly on arrival. Fancy goods very scarce. Creameries—The market is firm, and receipts of fine goods are light, and sellers [illegible] no difficulty in moving their offerings. [illegible] 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 lading are bringing a little more.

Eggs—The egg market continues firm. The demand for strictly fresh exceeds the supply. Quotations are: Strictly fresh laid, cases included, loss off, 20c; 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 demand. 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 firm, with a good demand for fresh killed poultry of all kinds. Receipts are light and stocks well cleared up. 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 firm at quotations for unfrozen. 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, 10c; turkeys, fancy round lots, 8½@9c; turkeys, fair to good, 5@6c; spring chickens, choice, 8c; spring chickens, fair to good, 6@7c; fowls, choice, 6@7c; roosters, 4c; ducks, choice, 8@9c; geese, choice, 7½@8c.

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

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Hay quiet. Hops steady. Hides quiet. Leather steady. Wool dull. Beef steady. Cut meats easy. Lard weaker. Pork steady. Cottonseed oil easy. Tallow weaker. Petroleum dull. Rosin quiet. Turpentine firm. Rice quiet. Molasses quiet. Pig iron quiet. Copper quiet. Lead firm. Tin firmer. Spelter firm. Coffee options opened firm with prices 20@30 points higher; closed steady at 20@25 net advance; Dec. $9.20@9.25; March, $9.30@9.35. Sugar, raw, firm; refined firm.

LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

Receipts—1,600 hogs; 150 cattle; 5 calves; 5,000 sheep.

HOGS—The market opened slow and 5c lower, yards clearing about noon at the decline. A load of fancy pigs sold to a local buyer at $3.25.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	D'k'ge.	Price.	No.	Wt.	D'k'ge.	Price.
1	330	..	$1 00	74	193	..	$3 00
9	103	..	2 55	64	184	..	3 00
34	98	..	2 75	72	211	..	3 00
6	118	..	2 75	11	113	..	3 00
14	332	80	2 80	60	233	80	3 00
23	356	160	2 85	71	220	..	3 00
2	425	..	2 85	62	213	..	3 05
14	423	80	2 90	41	133	..	3 05
3	433	80	2 90	56	209	..	3 10
10	391	..	2 90	22	228	80	3 10
7	427	80	2 90	39	215	..	3 10
22	433	80	2 90	38	199	..	3 10
5	414	..	2 90	50	208	..	3 10
149	163	160	2 92	16	183	..	3 10
28	231	80	3 00	81	199	..	3 10
78	194	80	3 00	72	210	80	3 10
91	147	..	3 00	109	202	40	3 10
60	243	160	3 00	35	217	..	3 10
92	273	120	3 00	84	213	..	3 10
10	107	..	3 00	96	134	..	3 25
30	187	40	3 00				

CATTLE—Strong. Receipts continue light, although the demand is good for all grades, especially fat cattle, stockers and feeders.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1 steer	550	$2 90	3 heifers	683	$2 00
1 steer	550	2 90	5 cows	1096	2 00
1 steer	1030	2 50	11 stockers	604	3 10
1 steer	1090	2 00	7 stockers	847	3 00
1 heifer	410	2 00	3 stockers	570	3 00
18 steers	825	3 20	2 bulls	930	2 25
1 bull	890	2 30	7 cows	1048	2 40
1 steer	710	3 20	1 cow	970	2 25
1 stag	900	2 50	16 oxen	1497	2 75
1 cow	1020	2 00	2 mixed	1180	2 35
2 cows	1000	2 00	1 heifer	650	2 20
7 stockers	761	3 20	1 canner	980	1 90
1 heifer	640	2 30	2 stockers	805	3 15
1 cow	1140	2 25	1 cow	1060	2 70
9 stockers	715	2 85	1 cow	1100	2 00
10 stockers	794	3 20	1 steers	1140	3 35
1 stocker	730	2 80	4 cows	867	2 00
1 bull	1080	2 25	4 heifers	550	2 25
2 cows	935	3 00	2 heifers	890	2 70
3 bulls	1170	2 35	1 cow	1030	2 45
1 cow	1010	2 60	3 bulls	943	2 40
2 heifers	710	2 20	2 stockers	735	3 10
1 bull	650	2 50	1 heifer	610	2 40
1 ox	1840	2 90	1 heifer	570	2 25
2 steers	1050	3 00	1 bull	770	2 40
3 oxen	1400	2 20	2 cows	1000	2 00
10 stockers	596	2 60	1 cow	930	1 70
5 canners	970	1 80	1 cow	940	2 35
13 stockers	633	3 00	1 cow	1000	1 95

SHEEP—Strong. Not much offered, receipts being Westerns consigned to feeders.

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