WHEAT IS HIGHER

CHICAGO MARKET INDEPENDENT OF ANY CLOUDS IN THE MONEY SKY.

NEARLY TWO CENTS ADDED.

VARIOUS CAUSES CONTRIBUTED TO HELP OUT THE STRONG BULL MOVEMENT.

COARSE GRAINS RELATIVELY FIRM

Corn and Oats Made Fractional Advances While Hog Products Were Weak and Declined.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Wheat today advanced nearly 2c, the market showing more strength than it has for some weeks. Foreign and domestic statistical news was all very strong, and altogether smothered the effect of the troubles in the financial world may have had. Corn and oats were relatively strong, closing ⅛c and ¼c higher respectively. Provisions on the contrary were weak and declined 7½c. Wheat was strong from the start. Opening quotations were from ¼c to ½c higher, partly because of the Liverpool opening advance of ¾d, and partly of the feeling that local financial trouble was over. Opening transactions for May were over a range of from 82¼c to 82½c. It soon began to gather additional strength, and got as high as 82¾c in about an hour from the opening. Various causes contributed to this advance, not the least of which were reports on the Russian winter wheat crop, showing a decrease of 80,000,000 bu from last year's figures. To lend strength to such figures, Boston and other Atlantic ports reported large clearances. Later Liverpool quotations, however, came ¼d lower for January, and a bank failure was reported from Minneapolis and another from Roanoke, Va., the effect of which upon the wheat market was a temporary reaction to 82⅝c. It did not take long to recover from its easier feeling, and about 12 o'clock it was bringing 83¼c. Closing cables had in the meantime been received showing moderate advances at Berlin and Paris and a recovery at Liverpool of ¼d more than it had lost. While Bradstreet's world's visible showed the heavy decrease of 2,555,000 bu as compared with 7,000 bu decrease on the corresponding week of the year before, it was disappointing, inasmuch as an even heavier decrease had been looked for.

After dropping back, however, to 83c, the first impression regarding Bradstreet's was soon corrected, and on the wave of buying which followed the price of May rose to 83¾c. July was relatively stronger even than May, as was seen in the narrowing of 1c per bu in the spread. Yesterday the discount of July from May was 5⅛c; today is was reduced to 4⅛c per bu. During the last hour the volume of trading increased and the price gradually rose to 84c under liberal covering by shorts. The strength was maintained to the end, the closing price for May being 83⅞@84c.

Corn was sustained to some extent by the strength of wheat. Trade, except during the last few minutes, when shorts made a small scramble to cover, was very quiet. May opened unchanged at 25⅜c, and gradually advanced to 25⅞c, closing firm at that figure. The market for oats was a dull one, with prices confined to a narrow range. The firmness in wheat caused a similar tone, and at the close values showed a gain of ⅛@¼c over yesterday's final quotations. May opened at 20c, sold at 19⅞c, went up to 20⅛c, and closed with sellers at that price. Atlantic port clearances were heavy, amounting to 283,000 bu. Provisions took little comfort from the strength in wheat and corn. The hog market was weak, and that was enough apparently to give a downward direction to the products. At the close May pork was about 7½c lower at $7.62@7.85; May lard about 5c lower at $3.97½; May ribs 5c lower at $3.95. Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 240 cars;; oats, 210 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat				
December	78¾	80⅝	78¾	80⅝
May	82½	84	82¼	84
July	77¼	80	77⅛	80
Corn—				
December	22⅝	22¾	22½	22¾
January	22⅝	23⅛	25⅜	23
May	25⅜	25⅝	25⅜	25⅞
July	24⅜	28⅝	28¼	28⅞
Oats—				
December	16½	16⅝	16⅜	16⅝
May	20	20⅛	19⅞	20⅛
Mess Pork				
January	7 57	7 57½	7 45	7 52½
May	7 87½	7 90	7 77½	7 85
Lard				
January	3 77½	3 80	3 45	3 77½
May	3 97½	4 00	3 95	3 97½
Short Ribs—				
January	3 77½	3 77½	3 72½	3 77½
May	3 90	3 97½	3 72½	3 95

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 80⅝@80¾c; No. 3 spring, 73@75c; No. 2 red, 81⅞@82c. No. 2, 23c. Oats—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 18¼@19c; No. 3 white, 17@17½c. Rye—No. 2, 37½c. Barley—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 23½@25c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22@25c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 74½@76¼c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.70. Messs Pork—Per bbl, $6.62½@6.65. Lard—Per 100 lbs., $3.72½@3.75. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $3.70@3.90. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4¼@4½c; short clear sides (boxed), 4@8c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18. Sugars, unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 53,000 bu; corn, 325,000 bu; oats, 571,000 bu; rye, 12,000 bu; barley, 98,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 4,000 bbls; wheat, 74,000 bu; corn, 51,000 bu; oats, 200,000 bu; barley, 52,000 bu. On produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creamery, 15@20½c; dairies, 10@17c. Cheese firm; 8¾@9½c. Eggs weak; fresh, 18c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—Wheat opened higher this morning, with the undertone much stronger than yesterday, the feeling being general that wheat is still cheap at ruling prices. The financial troubles existing, however, tend to check trade, and as a result we have to record an inactive market, though strong as to values. An advance of a full cent was scored by 11:15 a. m. for May wheat, with but very little trading done. Crop damage reports were very numerous from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, and the trade is beginning to think that there is something in these reports. The legitimate position of wheat is strong enough to warrant higher prices without killing the common crop, and if it were not for financial troubles we would see higher prices now. Many are confident that May wheat will sell near 90c before the 15th of next month. There is more inquiry from abroad today for both wheat and flour. Russian official estimates make the total wheat crop 129,680,000 bu; rye, 708,720,000 bu. This makes the Russian wheat crop 80,000,000 bu short for 1896. Clearances from the seaboard were very large, being 706,000 bu from the four chief ports. New York advised of a moderate new export trade.

May wheat opened at 80c, against 79⅝@79¾c yesterday, advanced to 80⅝c, lost ⅛c, gained ⅛c, lost ⅛c, and firmed up to 80¾c by noon.

The demand for cash wheat was better than yesterday, with No. 1 northern selling on a basis of 1½c under May—yesterday it was 1¾c under. Lower grades sold well. No. 1 northern sold at 78½@79c and No. 2 at 76½@77¼c. Sales were made as per statement below. Receipts here were 186 cars; shipments, 43 cars.

The local wheat market was very strong during the noon hour on higher closing cables and reports of large quantities of wheat being taken in New York for export. Liverpool wheat closed at 1@1¼d higher for spot stuff and at ¾@1d higher for futures. December wheat closed at 78⅝c and May at 81⅜c.

RANGE OF PRICES.

Wheat—	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing. Today.	Yes.
May	80	81⅝	80	81¾	79¼
September	....	....	....	74⅜	72¾
December	....	....	....	78⅝	77

On Track—No. 1 hard, 80⅝c; No. 1 northern, 79¾c; No. 2 northern, 77⅞c; December oats, 17c; flaxseed, 71½c.

Curb on May wheat 81¾
Puts on May wheat 80⅞
Calls on May wheat 82⅝

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 43 cars 78½
No. 1 northern, 5 cars 78¾
No. 1 northern, 9,000 bu, to arrive 79
No. 1 northern, 33,400 bu, to arrive 78½
No. 1 northern, 10,000 bu, to arrive 78⅝
No. 1 northern, 10,000 bu, to arrive 78¾
No. 1 northern, 1,800 bu, to arrive 79⅛
No. 1 northern, 10 cars, to arrive 79
No. 1 northern, 6 cars, to arrive 78¾
No. 1 northern, 2,600 bu, to arrive 79⅝
No. 2 northern, 15 cars 77
No. 2 northern, 4 cars 76¾
No. 2 northern, 1 car, soft 76½
No. 2 northern, 1 car, soft 76
No. 2 northern, 2 cars, thin 76½
No. 2 northern, 2 cars 76½
No. 2 northern, 1 car 77¼
No. 3 wheat, 1 car 71
Rejected wheat, 2 cars 67
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....67
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....69
Rejected wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off.....65
Rejected wheat, 1 car 71
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....74
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....75½
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....70½
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....75
No grade wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off.....66
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....72¼
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....70
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....72½
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off, wet.....72
No grade wheat, 1 car, 2 lbs off.....50
No grade wheat, 3 cars, 2 lbs off.....68
No. 4 corn, 1 car 18¾
No grade corn, 1 car 18
No. 3 oats, 21 cars 17
No. 3 oats, 1 car 17¼
No. 5 barley, 2 cars 21½

FLOUR.

Flour—The flour market was active today, with some good sales reported. Millers are decidedly more hopeful.

First patents .....$4.25@ 4.45
Second patents .....4.05@ 4.25
First clears .....3.40@ 3.50
Second clears .....2.30@ 2.55
Red dog, per ton, 140 lbs jute.....11.00@11.50

Following quotations are in cotton sacks, 98 and 49 lbs:

Rye flour, bbl, pure .....$2.00@2.25
Rye flour, XXX, per bbl.....1.90@2.00
Rye flour, Standard, per bbl .....1.80@1.90
Buckwheat flour, per bbl .....3.25@3.50
Graham flour, per bbl .....2.75@3.25

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Washburn, Crosby & Co. quote as follows:

Bran in bulk.....$4.75@ 5.00
Bran in bulk, 200-lb sacks.....5.75@ 6 00
Bran in bulk, 100-lb sacks.....6.25@ 6.50
Shorts in bulk.....4.75@ 5.00
Middlings in bulk.....7.00@ 7.25
Red dog, in 140-lb sacks.....10.00@10.50

Demand very light in the East. The Western trade is fair and the demand for export also fair.

Corn—Corn is arriving in very bad condition, the most of it being wet and hard to handle; no grade sold at 18c, and No. 4 at 18¾c.

Oats—No. 3, 17¼c; No. 3 white, 17¾c.

Rye—Quoted at 36½c for No. 2. No sales.

Barley—No. 5 sold at 21½c.

Feed Reported by the Diamond Elevator and Milling company:

Business is brisk, with a good demand at prices quoted. Bran is a little slow.

Coarse meal and cracked corn, sacks, per ton, sacks extra.....$8.50
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks 9.00
No. 2 ground feed, ⅔ corn, ⅓ oats, 75-lb sacks 9.40
No. 3 ground feed, 2-3 oats, 70-lb sacks 9.90
Spring wheat bran.....$5.00@ 5.25

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rjd.	No Gd.
G. N.—B. Div	..	21	9	6	8	1
G. N.—F.F. Div.	..	3	..	..	2	1
C., M. & St. P.	..	86	21	1	1	8
M. & St. Louis	..	2	4	1	..	8
Soo Line	..	13	..	..	..	..
Northern Pacific	..	3	..	..	..	..
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	..	33	44	2	..	8
Minn. Transfer	..	5	3	..	1	..
Total	..	184	81	10	12	26

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 1 car; No. 3 corn, 4; No. 4 corn, 5; No. 3 oats, 76; no grade oats, 1; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 3 rye, 3; No. 3 barley, 2; No. 4 barley, 8; No. 5 barley, 2; No. 1 flax, 17; rejected flax, 1; no grade flax, 1.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 northern, 36 cars; No. 2 northern, 2.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 124,620 bu: corn, 3,400 bu; oats, 72,600 bu; barley, 3,950 bu; rye, 640 bu; flax, 3,720 bu; flour, 470 bbls; millstuffs, 28 tons; hay, 20 tons; fruit, 142,917 lbs; merchandise, 969,895 lbs; lumber, 13 cars; barrel stock, 3 cars; machinery, 77,540 lbs; coal, 387 tons; wood, 413 cords; household goods, 20,000 lbs; stone, 1 car; live stock, 1 car; dressed meats, 40,360 lbs; hides, 40,900 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 12 cars; car lots, 484.

Shipped—Wheat, 32,250 bu; oats, 8,750 bu; barley, 2,010 bu; rye, 2,600 bu; flax, 2,730 bu; flour, 31,693 bbls; millstuffs, 521 tons; hay, 10 tons; fruit, 96,540 lbs; merchandise, 1,352,810 lbs; lumber, 15 cars; posts, 2 cars; barrel stock, 1 car; machinery, 20,000 lbs; wood, 10 cords; live stock, 2 cars; hides, 45,300 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 7 cars; car lots, 464.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 29.—The mills last week ground 31,200 bbls of flour and shipped 22,000 bbls. The stocks on hand are reduced to 26,300 bbls. The market was slow today; cash sales were 30,000 bu, at the elevators, at 2⅜c under May. The opening was at 82⅛c, an advance of ¼c. It fell to 82c and from that point advanced steadily, closing at 83½c.

The close—No. 1 hard, 82¼c; No. 1 northern, 80¾c; No. 2 northern, 78¼c; No. 3 spring, 74@75c; rejected, 58¼@71¼c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 82¼c; No. 1 northern, 80¾c; December, No. 1 hard, 82¼c; No. 1 northern, 30¾c; May No. 1 northern, 83½c.

Receipts—Wheat, 87,923 bu; shipments, 643 bu; cars inspected out, 158. Receipts corn, none; oats, 54,214 bu; rye, 7,071 bu; barley, 6,535 bu; flax, 7,866 bu. Oats closed at 18¼@18⅜c; rye, 37c; flax, 74c; May, 78½c.

Cash sales were as follows: 2 cars No. 1 hard, 81½c; 4 cars No. 1 hard, 81c; 6,500 bu No. 1 northern, 79⅝c; 7 cars No. 1 northern, 79½c; 1,200 bu No. 1 northern, 79¾c; 3,000 bu No. 1 northern, 79¼c; 1 car No. 2 northern, 76¾c; 1 car No. 3 spring, 74¾c; 3 cars rye, 37c; 5,000 bu flax, May, 78c; 5,000 bu flax, 73½c; 4,000 bu flax, 73c; 3 cars flax, 72½c.

SUPERIOR GRAIN.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 29.—Close—No. 1 hard, 82¼c; No. 1 northern, 81c; No. 2 northern, 75c; rejected, 73c; cash flax, 74c. The receipts of wheat were 49,807; shipments, none.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

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

Wheat—No. 1 northern, 78@79c; No. 2 northern, 76½@77¾c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 16@16½c; No. 3, 15@16c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 20½@21c; No. 3, 19½@20c.

Barley and Rye—Sample barley, 20@25c; No. 2 rye, 35@36c; No. 3 rye, 34@34¾c.

Seeds—No. 1 flax, 71@72c; timothy, 90c@$1.20; clover, $3@4.50.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, 2 bu corn to 1 bu oats, $9@9.50; No. 2 feed, 1 bu corn to 1 bu oats, $9.75@10; No. 3 feed, ground, 1 bu corn to 1 bu oats, $10.25@11; cornmeal, bolted, $13@14; cornmeal, unbolted, $8.25@8.50; bran, $5.25@5.75.

Hay—No change in the situation; market demoralized on account of heavy receipts and continued light demand. Quotations: Fancy upland, $5@5.50; good to choice wild and upland, $4@5; common and coarse qualities, $3@3.75; good to choice timothy, $6.50@7.50.

Straw—Good demand; oat straw, $3@3.25; rye straw, $3.25@3.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 35,800 bbls; exports, 48,492 bbls; firmer with more demand for spring patents. Rye flour active. Buckwheat flour steady. Buckwheat quiet. Cornmeal more active. Rye nominal. Barley steady. Barley malt dull. Wheat—Receipts, 20,700 bu; exports, 142,000 bu; spot strong; No. 1 hard, 92¾c; options opened strong and with few reactions; advanced all day, the buying motives being higher cables, reduced Russian acreage, covering of shorts, particularly in July, and big seaboard clearances; closed 1⅜@2⅜c net higher; No. 2 red May, 88⅝@89⅞c, closed 89⅞c; December, 90¾@92⅛c, closed 92⅛c. Corn—Receipts, 64,400 bu; exports, 192,540 bu; spot firm; No. 2, 30c; options firm all day on light receipts, good export demand and sympathy with wheat, closing ¼@⅜c net higher; May, 31⅝@31⅞c, closed 31⅞c; December closed 29¾c. Oats—Receipts, 15,600 bu; exports, 52,447 bu; spot dull; No. 2, 22½c; options quiet but fairly steady, closing unchanged; May, 24 1-16c, closed 24¼c; December closed 22c.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Wheat—Spot steady; demand moderate; No. 2 red winter nominal; No. 2 red spring, 6s 11d; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal; No. 1 California, 7s 10d; futures opened steady and closed firm at the advance; business about equally distributed; December nominal; January, 6s 9¾d; February, 6s 10½d; March and May, 6s 11d; April nominal. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, 2s 9¾d; futures opened and closed steady; business about equally distributed; December, 2s 9¾d; January, 2s 9¼d; February, 2s 9½d; March, 2s 9¾d; April, nominal; May, 2s 10d. Flour steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 9s 3d.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 29.—Dull and unchanged. Wheat firm; No. 2 spring, 70@70½c; No. 1 northern, 82c; May, 38¾c. Corn dull and weak; No. 3, 20c. Oats dull and unchanged; No. 2 white, 18@19c. Barley quiet; No. 2, 34c; sample, 23@22½c; barley firm and active; No. 1, 29½@29¾c. Provisions lower; pork, $8.65; lard, $3.70. Receipts—Flour, 18,000 bbls; wheat, 36,000 bu; barley, 29,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 26,000 bbls; wheat, 4,000 bu; barley, 7,000.

RAINS IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.—Light winter rains are becoming general. Reports from Lahore, Agra and Cawnpore are promising, the sky being overcast, and the prospects for breaking the drought are materially brighter.

CROP MOVEMENT.

(Market Record.)

The following table shows 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	37,605,010	47,261,150
Milwaukee	5,105,810	5,850,504
Duluth	30,887,103	37,851,630
Chicago	12,902,807	16,760,461
Total	86,500,730	107,723,745

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	5,963,164	4,689,018
St. Louis	9,333,318	9,193,050
Detroit	2,646,006	1,639,374
Kansas iCty	5,248,200	5,929,600
Total	23,190,688	21,441,082

AVAILABLE GRAIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies of grain last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 579,000 bu; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 1,976,000 bu; total decrease world's available, 2,555,000. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,009,000 bu. Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 1,069,000 bu.

The more important increases in available stocks of wheat last week, not covered in the official visible supply statement, are 100,000 bu each at Port William, Ont., at various Manitoba storage points and in Northwestern interior elevators in the United States and 30,000 bu at Omaha. Corresponding decreases include 44,000 bu in Chicago private elevators, 42,000 bu at Galveston, 39,000 bu at Minneapolis private elevators and 29,000 bu at Louisville.

MARKET GOSSIP.

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

Chicago closing year ago today: May wheat, 59¾c; corn, 28¼c; oats, 19c; pork, $8.97; lard, $5.55; ribs, $4.52.

Everybody believes that but for the financial troubles wheat would already be higher, and further that the wheat situation will last longer than the money depression, and consequently wheat will be higher anyway.

The Russian official estimate makes the total wheat crop 129,680,000 bu; rye, 708,720,000 bu. This makes the wheat crop 80,000,000 bu short.

A Berlin cable says the map option on wheat is no longer quoted officially, the anti-option bill becoming a law Jan. 1.

PRODUCE.

ST. PAUL PRODUCE.

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 incured, an advance over jobbing prices has to be charged.

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

Creameries—		
Extras	.19	@.20
Firsts	.18	@.19
Seconds	.15	@.16
Hand separator	.18	@.19
Dairies—		
Extras	.15	@.17
Firsts	.13	@.14
Ladies—		
Extras	.12	@.13
Firsts	.11	@.12
Packing stock		.07½
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 stocks, fresh	.21	@.22
Seconds	.09	@.10

Beans—Market quiet; supply moderate.

Fancy navy, per pu	.90	@1.00
Medium, hand-picked, per bu	.75	@ .85
Yellow peas, bu	.40	@ .60
Green peas, bu	.60	@ .75

Potatoes—Quiet.

Home grown, bu	.25	@ .30
Sweet potatoes, Jersey, bbl	2.50	@2.75
Sweet potatoes, Muscatine, bbl	1.50	@1.75

Vegetables

Tomatoes, basket		1.00
Radishes, doz		.10
Cauliflower, doz		2.50
Beets, bu		.25
Celery, doz		.25
Wax beans, bu		4.00
String beans, bu		3.00
Rutabagas, bu		.25
Onions, home grown, bu	.40	@ .45
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		1.00@1.25
Fancy eating, bbl		2.00@2.25
Baldwins, choice, bbl		1.20@1.30
Greenings, choice, bbl		1.20@1.30
Russets, choice, bbl		1.50@1.60
Spies, choice, bbl		1.50@1.75
Crab Apples, per bbl		1.75@2.50

Lemons—

Fancy Messinas, box		3.75@4.00
California, box		3.50@4.00
Malagas, box		3.75

Oranges—

California navels, box		3.75@4.00
Redlands, navels, box		4.00@4.25
Fancy bright, Florida, box		5.00
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	.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, barrel		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	.05½	@.06
Veal, medium	.04	@.05
Hogs, country dressed	.03½	@.04
Mutton, country dressed	.04	@.05
Spring lambs, pelt off	.05	@.06

Dressed Poultry—

Turkeys	.09	@.10
Springs		.06
Hens		.05
Ducks	.08½	@.09½
Geese	.07½	@.08
Tame pigeons, dozen		.50
Squabs, dozen		.75@1.00

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		4.00@4.50
Woodcock, doz		4.00@4.50
Jacksnipe, doz		1.25
Venison, saddles, lb	.10@	.12
Venison, whole, lb	.06@	.07
Bear, carcass, hide on, lb	.10@	.12
Antelope, hide on, lb	.15@	.16
Squirrels, doz		1.00

Fish—Good demand.

Black bass, lb		.09

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—A much quieter feeling has control in the butter market, attended by reductions in the price of extra separator goods and firsts. Other lines remain with quotations unchanged. Liberal supplies in both creameries and dairies are responsible for this. The demand is lighter than for some time, with the retail trade anxiously looking around to see where they can obtain light supplies the cheapest. Packing stock is a trifle easier. Eggs dropped a full cent today. The jobbing inquiry is unimportant for the reason that most of the handlers are well supplied, and the outlet is generally unsatisfactory. Dressed poultry is in fair request on both chickens and turkeys, with prices unchanged. Ducks and geese are moving moderately well. Veal is in casual call and the feeling steady on account of light receipts. Mutton and lamb are rather dull, with dressed hogs ½c lower.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Butter—Receipts, 6,954 pkgs; quiet; Western creamery, 13@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 7@12c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,459 pkgs; quiet; state large, 7½@10¾c; small, 7½@10½c; part skims, 3½@7½c; full skims, 2½@3c. Eggs—Receipts, 9,270 pkgs; dull; state and Pennsylvania, 21@24c; Western, 18@20c. Sugar—Raw quiet; granulated, 4⅜c. Coffee steady.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Butter easier; creameries, 15@20½c; dairies, 10@17c. Eggs weak; fresh, 18c.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Hay quiet. Hops steady. Leather quiet. Wool quiet. Beef quiet. Cut meats firm. Lard easy. Pork dull. Tallow firm. Cottonseed oil quiet. Petroleum dull. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet. Rice steady. Molasses quiet. Pig iron quiet. Copper steady. Tin easier. Plates dull. Pig lead steady. Sugar, raw quiet, refined steady.

LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCKYARDS, Dec. 29.—Receipts, 1,000 hogs, 100 cattle, 5 calves.

Hogs—Firm and active. Not enough hogs to supply the demand, and yards cleared early at firm prices. Representative sales:

No.	Wgt.	Dkg.	Price	No.	Wgt.	Dkg.	Price
1	boar	390	$1 00	88	165	80	$3 10
3	boars	280	1 25	7	157	..	3 10
2	.....	505	80 2 80	78	214	80	3 10
10	.....	446	2 85	51	201	80	3 10
18	.....	391	80 2 90	57	210	..	3 10
9	.....	381	80 2 95	64	190	..	3 15
12	.....	406	80 2 95	60	224	..	3 15
9	.....	385	.. 3 00	16	184	..	3 15
36	.....	190	80 3 05	50	189	..	3 15
44	.....	261	80 3 10	60	189	..	3 20
40	.....	236	.. 3 10				

Cattle—Steady. Very light run and everything sold early. More stockers and feeders wanted. Representative sales:

No.	Wgt.	Price	No.	Wgt.	Price
1 cow	980	$1 85	2 steers	1,005	$3 20
1 bull	900	2 50	6 stockers	758	3 20
1 steer	1,450	3 15	2 cows	for 49	00
1 cow	970	2 45	1 cow	for 22	00
1 cow	820	2 05	1 cow	for 24	00
1 bull	920	2 15	1 stocker	410	2 75
8 stockers	583	3 10	1 stag	680	2 40
1 cow	1,130	2 05	1 bull	600	2 50
3 oxen	1,703	2 25	4 stockers	767	3 25
2 cows	280	2 00	1 heifer	590	2 35
2 cows	980	1 75	1 cow	940	2 25
7 stockers	565	3 00	2 cows	985	2 40
1 cow	1,130	2 10	1 springer	for 17	00
2 mixed	1,615	2 40	2 cows	1,165	2 00
2 cows	895	2 00	4 stockers	567	3 00
1 bull	1,200	2 00	1 bull	1,150	2 10
1 cow	1,070	2 05	13 stockers	816	4 25
1 steer	1,030	3 00	1 bull	730	2 25
2 heifers	950	2 75	1 bull	1,160	2 10
2 heifers	785	2 40	7 stockers	630	3 00
3 stockers	563	2 95	1 stag	790	2 65
16 stockers	612	3 15	2 stockers	650	2 75
5 steers	1,136	3 40	1 cow	940	2 00
13 stockers	720	3 25	1 cow	850	1 75
2 cows	1,100	2 35			

Sheep—Steady. Representative sales:

No.	Wgt.	Price	No.	Wgt.	Price
27 lambs	56	$3.60	35 mutton	93	$2.60

See notice of South St. Paul live stock men on another page.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET.

Barrett & Zimmerman's report: Average receipts. All classes of horses are well represented among the offerings. Farm stock with size and quality sell most readily, with considerable call for general purpose horses and drivers. Today's demand for pinery horses and drivers was light. Representative sales:

	Weight.	Price
1 pair black geldings, 5 years, sound	2,800	$150.00
1 pair bay geldings, 5 years, sound, choice	2,900	200.00
1 pair gray mares, 7 years, service sound	2,400	75.00
1 gray mare, 6 years, service sound	1,300	45.00
1 bay mare, 6 years, service sound	1,250	40.00
1 brown mare, 5 years, service sound	1,400	50.00
1 chestnut gelding, 6 years, sound, driver	1,100	67.50

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The cattle supply was moderate today and sales were on a basis of $3.40@3.75 for the poorest, up to $5@5.25 for the the best beef steers, with the bulk of the trading at $4@4.85; cows sold largely at $2.25@3.25; heifers at $3.10@3.80, and bulls at $2.20@3.50. Hog prices declined about 10c in most grades; sales were slow at $3.05@3.45 for common to prime lots, with the bulk of the sales at $3.20@3.35. Sheep were steady, with sales of common to choice at $2.50@3.75, yearlings at $3.50@4.25, and lambs at $3.50@5.10. Western sheep sold at $2.80@3.65. Receipts—Cattle, 3,000 head; hogs, 25,000 head; sheep, 10,000 head.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 2,300 head; steady to strong; Texas steers, $2.45@3.75; Texas cows, $1.75@3275;; native steers, $3@4.75; native cows and heifers, $1.75@3.50; stockers and feeders, $3.90@4; bulls, $1.80@3.25. Hogs—