PRICE FORCED DOWN

DECEMBER WHEAT DEPRESSED FOUR CENTS BY THE CHICAGO BULL CLIQUE.

AN UNCERTAIN QUANTITY.

EARLY IN THE DAY THE MARKET KEPT THE TRADERS ON EDGE.

COARSE GRAINS LITTLE CHANGED.

Corn and Oats Governed to Some Extent by the Variations in Wheat Quotations.

MARKET SUMMARY.

Wheat.	Close.	Prev. Day
May, Chicago	91½	92½
May, Minneapolis	89⅞	90½
May, Duluth	94⅞	94¾
May, New York	90⅜	91⅛

FINANCIAL.

Bar silver, New York	58	58
Call money, New York	1¾@2	1½@2

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—After considerable effort, the bull clique in the wheat market succeeded today in closing the lid on the boiling December shorts and getting the price down to a point that does not so openly invite all the contract wheat in the country to Chicago. December closed at $1.02, a decline for the day of 4c, while May showed about 1c decline at the close. Corn and oats were governed by the change in wheat, but showed very little change at the close. Provisions also closed substantially unchanged.

Wheat, at the opening, was a very uncertain quantity. It was generally conceded that it was to the interest of the bull clique to allow thep rice to settle down to a point where it would be less attractive for country holders to send all their wheat of contract grade to Chicago, but because this was so palpable many others expected an opposite course and the result was a nervous market. There was some disappointment over the poor response of Liverpool to the advance here, which had some effect on opening prices. The early course of December was downward, but very soon it became strong again and took only two skips in recovering from $1.06¼ to $1.08. It opened at $1.07, or the same figures as at the close the day before. It soon became evident that the price went up not because of any manipulation by the clique, but in spite of their efforts to keep it down. They tried it again later in the session, and had more success, December selling on that occasion at $1.05. May was largely influenced by the course of December. It opened ¼c lower at 92½@92¼c. Trade was very quiet for the first 40 minutes during which May kept within the range of 92¼c and 91⅞c. At the end of that time some few buying orders came in together, the crowd in the meantime having got short and a rapid rise to 93⅛c occurred in consequence. The bull turn thus given to the market did not last long. It worked downward after that notwithstanding some rather bullish items of legitimate market information. The ordinary market news was principally of a bullish character, but because New York exporters did not report an active demand for export, the encouragement from elsewhere was forgotten a minute after received. Liverpool advices confirmed those of the day before regarding heavy rains in Argentina. There will be practically no wheat to ship from this year's Australian crop and San Francisco reported the purchase for shipment to Capetown, South Africa, of three cargoes of wheat, giving corroboration to the news of a continuation of last year's dearth in Australia. The Northwestern receipts were liberal, but smaller than last weeks—628 cars today, 759 a week ago and 537 cars the corresponding day of 1896. Liverpool expects 5,000,000 bu of Chicago clique wheat to be sent there and was feeling easy about supplies in consequence. That market closed ⅛c lower for futures, but 1½d higher for No. 1 northern spring, spot. The Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour, inclusive of 80,000 bbls of the latter from Newport News, were equal to 925,000 bu. Continental markets showed moderate strength and slightly higher prices. The market became quite weak toward the end. Reports that wheat was being started for Chicago from all over the West on account of the high prices prevailing here were circulated and made it very easy for the clique to keep the price down. December got down to $1.03 and closed at that price, while May declined to 91⅜@91½c and wound up at 91½c.

Trading in corn was unimportant throughout. Up to the late decline in wheat, however, the market held firm and at a slight advance, but this was lost when wheat sold off. Scalpers had the market to themselves for the greater part of the time and even they were not disposed to do much. There was a little covering by shorts in the morning. The market was entirely a sympathetic one, no important independent features developing. Receipts were 441 cars; clearances, 317,000 bu. May ranged from 28⅞@29c to 28⅝c, closing ⅛c lower at the latter price. The aggregate business in oats was quite heavy and the tone of the market distinctly firm though closing unchanged. Outsiders and local shorts were both good buyers during the session and prices advanced both for December and May. During the afternoon realizing was more pronounced, especially during the decline in wheat. Cash demand was very dull. Receipts were 379 cars. May ranged from 22¾@22⅞c to 22⅝@22½c and closed at 22½c.

With the exception of pork, there were almost no gains in provisions. Offerings outside of a little selling by packers at the start were very light and continued so until wheat gave away when they became too heavy for the extremly limited demand, resulting in a slight decline all around. Trading was entirely professional. At the close, January pork was a shade lower at $8.25, January lard a shade lower at 4.32½ and January ribs a shade lower at $4.20@4.22½. Estimated receipts8 Saturday: Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 396 cars; oats, 390 cars; hogs, 22,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
Dec	1 07	1 08	1 03	1 03
Jan	94½	96¾	94½	95⅜
May	92⅛	93⅛	91⅜	91½
Corn—				
Dec	25⅝	25¾	25⅜	25½
May	28⅞	29	28⅝	28⅝
Oats—				
Dec	22¼	22¼	22	22
May	22½	22⅝	22⅜	22½
Mess Pork—				
Dec	.....	.....	.....	7 35
Jan	8 27½	8 32½	8 25	8 25
May	8 52½	8 52½	8 47½	8 42½
Lard—				
Dec	4 17½	4 17½	4 17½	4 17½
Jan	4 32½	4 35	4 30	4 32½
May	4 50	4 52½	4 47½	4 50
Ribs				
Dec	.....	.....	.....	4 20
Jan	4 22½	4 22½	4 20	4 22½
May	4 32½	4 35	4 32½	4 32½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm. No. 2 spring wheat, 89@89½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 84@87c; No. 2 red, $1.01@1.03; No. 2 corn, 26c; No. 2 yellow, 26c; No. 2 oats, 22¼c; No. 2 white, 28¼c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 23½@24½c; No. 2 rye, 46½c; No. 2 barley, 26¾@29c; flaxseed, $1.11¼@1.15¼; prime timothy seed, $2.62. Mess pork, per bbl, $4.35@4.40; lard, per 100 lbs, $4.27@4.30; short ribs sides (loose), $4.15@4.50; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¾@5c; short clear sides (boxed), $4.45@4.65. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.19. Sugars, cut loaf, 5.89c; granulated, 5.24c. Receipts—Flour, 13,000 bbls; wheat, 261,000 bu; corn, 325,000 bu; oats, 362,000 bu; rye, 11,000 bu; barley, 67,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8,000 bbls; wheat, 44,000 bu; corn, 302,000 bu; oats, 629,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 269,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady: creameries, 15@23c; dairies, 12@19c. Eggs firm; fresh, 20c. Cheese quiet, 8@8½c.

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—The traders were greatly disappointed this morning on the tone of foreign cables. Liverpool's first advices said that their wheat market had opened higher, but that the advance was soon lost. London reported very dull markets, with sellers asking 6d per quarter for cargoes off coast and that cargoes on passage were being held at 6d per quarter higher. English country markets were steady and French country markets firm. Chicago reported that the "crowd"—that is, the majority of active traders—felt nervous and unsettled with many strong parties enlisted on the bear side, also that the feverish rise of yesterday was due more to fright on the part of shorts than anything else. The news of the day was mixed in character. Cables above mentioned were bearish, but there were other advices. Reports from Australia stated that there would be practically no surplus for export, and that the Argentine was in much the same condition. The latter we place no credence in, for the dispatch looks like one made to order.

December wheat opened at 92½c, being ⅛c under yesterday, advanced to 92⅞c, and declined to 92½c by noon. May wheat opened at 90c, being ¼c under yesterday's close, sold at 89⅞c, gained ⅛c, lost ⅛c, jumped from 89⅞c to 91c between 10:14 a. m. and 10:15 a. m., slowed off and gradually sank to 90c by noon. The demand for cash wheat was good today, and especially good for No. 1 northern. Some of it sold at 4c over the May price, and really fine samples at 5½c over. In this connection it was said that a broker, and perhaps brokers, bought freely at the top prices for wheat to arrive either in December or January. This was deemed as rather extraordinary, and the consensus of opinion was that this wheat was being bought for the bull clique in Chicago. Whether right or wrong, the action is peculiar and lends color to the supposition. Other grades were about the same as yesterday. Receipts here were 581 cars; shipments, 109 cars.

The market during the noon hour resembled a fever patient recovering from a siege of high temperature, limp and tractable, with evident weakness. There was nothing encouraging from outside sources to be added to the story of the morning. December wheat closed at 91¾c; May at 89¼@89⅜c.

RANGE OF PRICES.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing. Today.	Closing. Yes.
December	92½	92⅞	91¾	91¾	92⅝
May	90	91	89¼	89⅜	90¼

On Track—No. 1 hard, 93½c; No. 1 northern, 93c; No. 2 northern, 86c; December oats, 22¼c; corn, 24¾c; flaxseed, $1.10½.

Curb on May wheat 89⅜
Puts on May wheat 88½
Calls on May wheat 90¼

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 8 cars, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 1,000 bu, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 2,400 bu, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 5 cars, to arrive 95
No. 1 northern, 800 bu, to arrive 93½
No. 1 northern, 1 car 93½
No. 1 northern, 800 bu, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive, choice. 95
No. 1 northern, 10,000 bu, to arrive 94½
No. 1 northern, 5,000 bu, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, to arrive 94½
No. 1 northern, 1 car, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 2,400 bu, to arrive 94
No. 1 northern, 2,000 bu, to arrive 94

FLOUR.

Flour—There is no material change to note in the flour market today. The advance of yesterday is maintained, but trading is comparatively light.

First patents ..... $5.10@5.20
Second patents ..... 5.00@5.10
First clears ..... 4.85@5.00
Second clears ..... 3.75@4.00

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Bran in bulk ..... $7.00@ 7.50
Bran, 200-lb sacks ..... 7.50@ 7.75
Bran, 100-lb sacks ..... 8.00@ 8.25
Shorts in bulk ..... 7.50@ 8.00
Middlings in bulk ..... 9.00@ 9.50
Red-dog, 140-lb sacks ..... 11.00@11.50

The market is firm.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 24c; No. 3, 24¼c; No. 4, 23¼@23½c.

Oats—No. 3, 22@22¼c; No. 3 white, 22c.

Rye—No. 2, 44¼c; No. 3, 44c. No sales.

Barley—No. 5, 23½c.

Trade is fair on all lines.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only ..... $10.00@10.25
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra .. 10.50@ ....
No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, 75-lb sacks, sacks extra .... 10.75@ ....
No. 3 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 70-lb sacks, sacks extra ..... 10.75@11.00

In wood, 20c extra is charged.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Railroads.	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	NG.
G. N.—B. Div	4	20	17	10	5	3
G. N.—F.F. Div.	41	78	16	6	12	1
C., M. & St. P.	..	12	18	32	33	10
M. & St. L.	..	3	7	7	3	3
Soo Line	14	49	21	1	5	5
Northern Pac	..	18	48	51	30	2
C., St.P., M. & O.	..	..	..	1	..	..
Minn. Transfer	..	10	3	1	..	..
Total	61	197	137	136	99	24

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 8 cars; No. 2 corn, 2 cars; No. 3 corn, 24 cars; No. 4 corn, 5 cars; No. 3 oats, 26 cars; No. 2 rye, 5 cars; No. 2 barley, 1 car; No. 4 barley, 2 cars; No. 5 barley, 3 cars; no grade barley, 3 cars; No. 1 flax, 12 cars.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 2 cars; No. 1 northern, 136 cars; No. 2 northern, 4 cars; No. 3, 17 cars; rejected, 3 cars; no grade, 3 cars; winter wheat, 1 car; No. 3 corn, 3 cars; no grade corn, 8 cars; No. 3 oats, 34 cars; No. 5 barley, 6 cars; No. 2 rye, 4 cars.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received — Wheat, 581 cars, 400,890 bu; corn, 24,140 bu; oats, 29,900 bu; barley, 4,440 bu; rye, 5,280 bu; flax, 13,800 bu; oil cake, 58,000 lbs; flour, 1,225 bbls; millstuffs, 35 tons; hay, 66 tons; fruit, 82,290 lbs; merchandise, 1,289,745 lbs; lumber, 24 cars; posts and piling, 1 car; barrel stock, 6 cars; machinery, 255,660 lbs; coal, 758 tons; wood, 772 cords; brick, 8,000; lime, 1 car; dressed meats, 20,000 lbs; sundries, 27 cars; car lots, 1,000.

Shipped—Wheat, 109 cars; wheat, 85,020 bu; corn, 25,280 bu; oats, 3,690 bu; barley, 830 bu; rye, 1,800 bu; flax, 5,520 bu; oil cake, 52,000 lbs; flour, 54,299 bbls; millstuffs, 1,589 tons; fruit, 35,300 lbs; merchandise, 1,611,810 lbs; lumber, 21 cars; barrel stock, 1 car; machinery, 6,600 lbs; cement, 180 bbls; household goods, 17,200 lbs; live stock, 1 car; butter, 2,590 lbs; hides, pelts, etc., 67,000 lbs; railroad materials, 1 car; sundries, 1 car; car lots, 768.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 10.—Market active and nervous; May opened ⅛c off at 91c, sold up to 95⅝c at 10, up to 92¼c at 10:20, off to 91⅜c at 10:37, up to 91⅝c at 10:40, off to 90¾c at 11:40, put to 91c at 12:05, off to 90½c at 1, and closed ¾c off at 90⅜c bid. Cash—150,000 elevators at 1½@2½c over May. Half million bushels of wheat on way to Buffalo from Duluth has been stopped at various points and diverted to Chicago. Two boats were stopped at Sault another at Detroit, and a fourth on way to Buffalo, 50,000 bu worked for rail shipment to Chicago. Wheat—No. 1 hard cash, 91½c; May, 91⅜c; No. 1 northern, cash, 91½c; May, 90⅜c bid; December, 90¼c; No. 2 northern, 82c; No. 3, 78c; No. 1 northern, 91c; rye, 45¾c; oats, 22¾c; flax, $1.12; May, $1.17; corn, 26@25½c. Car inspection—Wheat, 47 cars; corn, 19 cars; oats, 10 cars; rye, 6 cars; barley, 8 cars; flax, 14 cars. Receipts—Wheat, 74,879 bu; corn, ley, 15,382 bu; flax, 16,948 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 256,449 bu.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

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

Wheat—The market opened yesterday below Thursday's close, and closed at the lowest point of the day. No. 1 northern, 93@94c; No. 2 northern, 87@90c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 25½@26c; No. 3, 25@25¼c.

Rye—44@45c.

Barley—25@30c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 21½@22c; No. 3, 20@21c.

Seed—Timothy, $1.10@1.30; red clover, $3.20@3.80; flax, $1.10@1.11.

Flour—Patents, per bbl, $4.80@5.20; straight, $4.40@4.60; bakers', $4@4.30; rye flour, $3.20@3.40.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, $10.75@11; coarse cornmeal, $10.25@10.50; bran, bulk, $7.25@7.50; shorts, $8@8.50.

Hay—Market lower again excepting for choice qualities. Receipts liberal. No demand whatever for common hay. Choice to fancy upland, $6@6.50; fair to good wild upland, $4.75@5.50; inferior qualities, $4.00@4.50; timothy, good to choice, $7@7.50. Straw steady; oats, $3@3.25; rye, $3.25@3.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

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

Closing cables: Paris—Flour, December unchanged; March, 20 higher. December wheat unchanged; March 20 higher. Antwerp—Red winter unchanged. Walla Walla—12½c higher.

Liverpool—Wheat quiet; December and March unchanged; May, ½d lower, making December, March and May 4d higher.

Modern Miller: There is no change to note in the condition of the growing wheat plant. The demand for flour was good in the West, fair in the central states, and lower than for three weeks in the South. Northern and Eastern markets did only a moderate business. Clearances of flour from the west coast were light. Feedstuffs continue in good demand, the week's business in this branch of the trade being liberal.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Flour—Receipts, 21,304 bbls; exports, 31,760 bbls; less active but nominally steady. Rye flour quieter. Buckwheat flour steady. Buckwheat dull. Cornmeal steady. Rye easy. Barley dull. Barley malt quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 127,650 bu; exports, 17,911 bu; spot weak; No. 2 red, 98 17c; options opened easy under disappointing cables; advanced sharply on a squeeze of May shorts, but collapsed in the afternoon owing to general unloading and small export demand, closing ¾@⅞c net lower; May, 93¾@95¼c, closed at 93⅞c; December, 97¾@99⅛c, closed at 92¾c. Corn—Receipts, 30,225 bu; exports, 196,719 bu; spot steady; No. 2 corn, 34c; options opened steady and advanced on bad weather for the movement, but finally reacted with wheat and closed partly ⅛c net lower; May, 33⅞@34¼c, closed at 33⅞c; December closed at 31⅞c. Oats—Receipts, 102,000 bu; exports, 1,995 bu; spot quiet; No. 2 oats, 27⅛@27¼c; options barely active and firmer on a demand from shorts, closing ⅛c net higher; May, 27½@27⅝c, closed at 27⅝c; December closed at 27⅛c.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

The following are the receipts and shipments at principal wheat markets:

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	.....	17,911
Philadelphia	15,069	6,255
Baltimore	38,632	113,521
Toledo	23,021	7,000
Detroit	15,105	436
St. Louis	49,457	7,200
Boston	16,572	48,539
Chicago	263,874	93,523
Milwaukee	44,436	5,850
Duluth	74,873	256,449
Minneapolis	400,890	85,020
Kansas City	63,000	40,800

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—Wheat about steady; fairly good demand; No. 1 hard, 85½c; No. 2, 83@85c; mixed, 85½c; No. 3, 80@84½c; No. 4, 79@80c; No. 1 red, 97c; No. 2, 94@97c; No. 3, 92@93c; mixed, 86c; No. 4, 87@89c; No. 2 spring, 82c. Corn about steady; fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 22¾@23c. Oats slow, ½c lower; No. 2 white, 23c. Rye weaker; No. 2, 43@44c.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—Wheat lower; No. 2 red, cash and elevator, $1.01; track, $1.02½@1.03, nominal; December, $1.01¾; January, 96⅜c; May, 93⅞c; No. 2 hard, cash, 86@90c. Corn easier; No. 2 cash, 24½c; December, 24¼c; January, 25c; May, 26¾c. Oats firm; No. 2 cash, elevator, 21½c; track, 22c; December, 21⅝c; May, 23c; No. 2 white, 24½@25c. Rye higher, 46c. Flax steady, $1.09.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 10.—Flour steady. Wheat unsettled; No. 1 northern, 91c; May, 91½c; No. 2 spring, 86c. Oats higher; No. 2 white, 23¾@24¼c. Rye weak; No. 1, 47c. Barley dull; No. 2, 41c; sample, 22½@39c. Receipts—Flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 44,000 bu; barley, 70,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 30,000 bbls; wheat, 6,000 bu; barley, 5,000 bu.

TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 10.—Wheat lower; weak; No. 2 cash, 96c; May, 94c. Corn dull; steady; No. 2 mixed, 26½c. Oats dull; steady; No. 2, mixed, 22c. Rye dull; weak; No. 2 cash, 47c. Clover seed dull; steady; prime, cash and December, $3.10.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—Closing: Wheat quiet, ½d lower; December, 7s 4⅞d; March, 7s 4⅝d; May, 7s 3⅝d. Corn quiet; ½d higher; December, 3s 2d; March, 3s 1⅝d; May, 3s 1⅝d.

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 the best goods for shipping and to cover the cost incurred, an advance over jobbing prices has to be charged:

Butter—Market firm on all grades.

Creameries—	
Extras	.22½
Firsts	.20 @.21
Seconds	.15 @.18
Hand separator	.20 @.21
Dairies—	
Extras	.19 @.20
Firsts	.15 @.17
Rolls and prints	.14 @.18
Ladies—	
Extras	.14 @.15
Firsts	.12 @.13
Packing stock	.11 @.13½
Cheese—Market steady. Offerings large.	
Twins, fancy full cream, new	.10½
Twins, fair to good	.08 @.09
Full cream Young America, new	.10½@.11
Swiss cheese	.12 @.13
Brick, No. 1 new	.12
Brick, No. 2, new	.09 @.10
Eggs—Market steady; receipts moderate.	
Candled stock, fresh, cases included	.16½@.17
Beans—Market quiet; supply moderate.	
Fancy navy, per bu	1.25@1.30
Medium, hand-picked, per bu	1.00@1.10
Yellow peas, per bu	.60@ .70
Potatoes—Steady.	
Burbanks, car lots, per bu	.48@ .50
Early Ohios, car lots, per bu	.55
Mixed stock, car lots, per bu	.40@ .45
Sweet potatoes, per bbl	2.50@3.00
Vegetables—	
Radishes, per doz	.40
Cauliflower, per doz	2.50
Beets, per bu	.25
Celery, per doz	.25
Rutabagas, per bu	.40
Turnips per bu	.40
Mint, per doz	.30
Carrots, per bu	.25
Cucumbers, per doz	1.00
Parsley, per doz	.20
Egg plant, per doz	.75
Miscellaneous—	
Concord grapes, basket	.13@ .14
Malaga grapes, bbl	6.00@7.00
Cranberries—	
Bell and bugle, bbl	8.00
Cape Cod, bbl	8.00
Apples—	
Jonathans, bbl	5.50@6.00
Ben Davis, bbl	2.75@3.00
Winesaps, bbl	2.75@3.00
Common, bbl	2.50
Lemons—	
Fancy Messinas, per box	3.75@4.00
California, per box	3.50@4.00
Oranges—	
California, box	4.25
Mexicans, box	4.25@4.50
Floridas, box	5.00
Nuts—	
Hickory, per bu	1.75
New California walnuts, lb	.09 @.11
Black walnuts, per bu	.75@1.00
Peanuts, raw, per lb	.04½@.05
Peanuts, roasted, per lb	.05½@.06
Brazils, per lb	.08 @.10
Pecans, per lb	.18 @.20
Filberts, per lb	.10 @.12
Hazelnuts, per lb	.05 @.06
Chestnuts, per lb	.15
Bananas—Supply large, demand active.	
Choice shipping, large bunches	1.75@2.00
Figs and Dates—	
Figs, fancy, five crowns	.14 @.15
Figs, fancy, four crowns	.13 @.14
Fard dates, 10-lb boxes	.08 @.09
Hallowee dates, new	.06
Honey—	
White clover	.13 @.14
Extracted	.06½@.07
Maple syrup, per gallon	1.00
Apple Cider—	
Sweet, per bbl	5.00@5.50
Sweet, per half bbl	2.75@3.00
Hard, bbl	6.00@8.00
Hard, per half bbl	4.50@5.00

(No charge for package or carriage.)

Dressed meats—Supply moderate; demand good.

Veal, fancy	.07 @.07½
Veal, medium	.06 @.06½
Hogs, country dressed	.03¼@.04
Mutton, country-dressed	.06 @.06½
Spring lambs, pelt off	.08 @.08½
Dressed Poultry—	
Turkeys, lb	.08 @.10
Chickens, lb	.06 @.06½
Hens, lb	.05 @.06½
Ducks, lb	.07½@.08
Geese, lb	.06½@.07
Fish—Good demand.	
Croppies, per lb	.04 @.05
Pickerel, lb	.04
Sunfish, per lb	.03
Pike, per lb	.06
Game—	
Mallard ducks, doz	3.00@3.50
Canvasback ducks, doz	5.00@10.00
Common ducks, doz	1.50
Plover, per doz	1.00@1.25
Woodcock, per doz	4.50@5.00
Bear carcass, hide on, lb	.12@ .18
Small rabbits, doz	1.00@1.25
Jack rabbits, doz	2.50@3.00

MINNEAPOLIS MARKET.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—Butter rules firm at quotations. The best call is for creamery extras with jobbers the principal buyers. Receipts of this grade are running light and the little coming sells quickly. Firsts and seconds in creameries are in fair request at quotations. Dairy extras are strong and in good request. Medium grade dairies are moving slowly at quotations. Best grades of ladies are in good request. Fresh, sweet packing stock is in excellent demand. Strictly fresh eggs are firm and wanted. Receipts are light, with jobbers and retailers good buyers. Held eggs and storage stock is easy and seldom wanted. Dressed poultry is without change from yesterday, with the exception of geese, which are a fraction higher. Spring chickens are in good demand. Hens are selling moderately well. Turkeys are in fair request. Ducks rule steady. Veal is in good demand and firm at quotations. Mutton is in light supply. Lambs are slow, with not many coming in. Dressed hogs rule firm at prices quoted.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Butter—Receipts, 4,600 pkgs; steady; Western creamery, 14@24c; Elgins, 24c; factory, 11½@14c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,089 pkgs; quiet; large white, September, 8¼@8½c; small white, September, 9@9¼c; large colored, September, 8¼@8½c; small colored, September, 9@9¼c; large, late made, 7½@7¾c; small, late made, 8¼@8½c; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 4½@5½c; full skims, 3@4c. Eggs—Receipts, 5,109 pkgs; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 21@25c; Westerns, 21@24c.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Butter steady; creameries, 15@23c; dairies, 12@19c. Eggs firm; fresh, 20c.

LIVE STOCK.

UNION STOCK YARDS.

Hogs—Steady to 5c lower. Quality some better. Sales were mostly to packers, butchers getting a few bunches.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	Dg.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dg.	Price.
4	360	..	$2 90	2	510	..	$3 10
5	332	120	2 90	75	192	..	3 10
4	325	..	2 90	1	110	..	3 10
2	435	80	2 90	2	460	80	3 10
4	297	40	2 90	51	192	..	3 10
4	322	..	2 90	28	201	..	3 10
4	300	120	2 90	3	406	40	3 10
5	398	..	3 00	76	190	..	3 10
15	86	..	3 00	72	197	..	3 10
51	206	200	3 00	7	138	..	3 10
16	147	..	3 05	83	199	40	3 10
17	286	40	3 05	41	236	..	3 10
57	206	40	3 05	36	180	..	3 15
98	156	40	3 05	40	198	..	3 15
78	181	..	3 07½	30	186	..	3 15
29	197	..	3 10				

Cattle—Butcher cattle continue firm and in good demand, although all prominent markets are lower. Fat cattle wanted. Stockers and feeders dull.

Representative Sales—

Butcher Cows and Heifers— No.	Wt.	Price.	Stockers and Feeders— No.	Wt.	Price.
1	800	$1 75	2	300	$3 00
2	800	2 35	2	415	3 00
4	905	2 35	1	250	3 00
5	982	2 40	1	480	3 20
7	881	2 40	1	380	3 35
2	775	2 40	18	662	3 40
3	1,000	2 40	37	571	3 45
1	1,110	2 40	27	933	3 17
1	1,080	2 40	1	570	3 50
6	918	2 40	8	527	3 50
3	916	2 45	1	730	3 50
1	850	2 50	2	725	3 50
2	1,020	2 50	1	420	3 50
1	1,040	2 60	3	563	3 50
3	983	2 65	44	551	3 55
1	950	3 35	1	530	3 60
19	1,188	3 55	3	683	3 60
5	990	2 80	2	640	3 60
4	935	2 80	4	252	3 60
12	1,019	3 10	1	710	3 65
5	980	3 15	5	702	3 70
Milkers and Springers—			3	366	3 75
1 cow		for 30 00	1	520	3 75
1 cow, 1 calf		for 30 00	5	338	3 75
1 cow, 1 calf		for 37 00	3	316	3 75
1 cow, 1 calf		for 38 00	4	332	3 80
1 cow		for 24 00	1	310	3 85
1 springer		for 28 00	1	410	3 85
1 cow		for 36 50	1	380	3 90
4 cows, 4 clvs.		144 00	1	357	3 90
Stock Cows and Heifers—			1	470	3 90
1	280	2 90	7	293	3 90
1	820	2 75	Bulls—		
1	260	2 90	1	780	2 50
1	820	2 75	2	1,040	2 60
1	760	2 90	1	670	2 65
5	365	2 90	2	1,375	2 65
2	740	3 00	1	1,190	2 75
2	520	2 65	Butcher Steers—		
4	670	3 00	1	900	3 40
4	350	2 90	1	1,000	3 60
Stockers and Feeders—			Veal Calves—		
11	262	2 65	1	100	5 00
2	565	3 00	1	140	4 00
1	400	3 00	Stags and Oxen—		
			1	1,580	2 50
			1	1,687	3 00
			1	1,600	2 50

Sheep—Firm and active. Good demand for sheep and lambs.

Representative Sales—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
36	73	$3 50	2	70	$4 80
9	136	3 75	6	113	3 75
30	81	3 80	13	lambs 70	4 75
3	90	3 25	8	lambs 85	4 75

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—For cattle there was no particular change in prices. Beef steers sold at $3.35@5.50 as an extreme range, the bulk of the cattle bringing $3.80@4.65. There were a few sales of Christmas cattle at $5.25@5.50, but comparatively few sales were made above $4.75. Texas fed cattle sold at $3.60@2.90 and Western fat cattle sold at a wide range. The stocker and feeder trade was much smaller than usual and prices were irregularly lower, with sales at $3@4.20. Butchers and canners' stuff shared in the decline, canners' cattle going at $1.75@2.40. Few bulls sold above $3.50 and only a few calves went over $6.25. There was a very active demand for hogs from Chicago packers, and prices were on an average slightly lower. Sales were largely at $3.25@3.35, prime lots selling at $3.37½@3.40, and coarse heavy packers at $3.10@3.20. The late market was strong and active. The market for sheep and lambs was dull, and heavy sheep sold much lower than a week ago. Sales of lambs ranged at $4@5.85, the bulk of the late transactions being at $5@5.70, with a good many going at $5.75@6.85. Yearlings sold at $4.50@4.75. Sheep sold at $2.75@3.50 for inferior to common, up to $4.15@4.50 for heavy export lots, with prime lightweight sheep at $4@4.65. Receipts—Cattle, 2,500; hogs, 34,000; sheep, 10,000.

MINNEAPOLIS.

NEW BRIGHTON, Dec. 10.—Cattle, 76; 1 calf, hogs, 280. Cattle—Everything desirable brought firm prices. Sales: 1 cow, 1,020 lbs, $2.75; 4 heifers, 643, $2.60; 1 cow, 900, $2.35; 4 heifers, 643, $2.40; 1 stocker, 540, $4; 1 cow, 960, $2.35; 2 heifers, 1,110, $2.90; 1 cow, 1,030, $2.55; 4 heifers, 515, $2.65; 1 cow, 1,110, $3.25; 2 stockers, 570, $3.75; 1 stocker, 640, $3; 1 stag, 510, $1.50. Hogs—Market about steady with yesterday; quality common to fair. Sales: 20 hogs, 235, $3.25; 1 hog, 233, $3.25; 65 hogs, 241, $3.20; 55 hogs, 181, $3.20; 6 hogs, $2.80; 53 hogs, 181, $3.20; 7 hogs, 170, $3.10; 7 hogs, 181, $3.10; 3