# WHEAT RULED STRONG

| | Close. | Prev. Day. |
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| May wheat, Minneapolis | 65⅝@¾ | 65⅛ |
| May wheat, Chicago | 67⅜ | 66⅞@67 |
| May wheat, New York | 72⅜ | 71⅝ |
| May wheat, Duluth | 66⅞ | 66 |

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Sharp advances in foreign markets and continued reports of damage to crops in Argentina made a very strong wheat market today, May closing ¾c higher than yesterday's final price. Corn and oats are practically unchanged. Provisions declined about 2½c.

Wheat opened very lively and buoyant. Buyers and sellers were both very numerous, but the confidence of buyers was the more evident. Prices started ⅛@¼c over yesterday's closing, with May at 67@67⅛c. One or two sales were made at it, and then under large purchases, May advanced to 67¾c. All the English markets showed sharp advances, Liverpool being up ⅝@1d, and London 1d. Hail was reported to have badly damaged the Argentine crop in some sections. On the other hand, Northwest advices were rather bearish. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 945 cars, compared with 857 last week and 635 a year ago.

The Northwest sold quite heavily in this market all day and sent predictions of continued large receipts. Chicago receipts were 113 cars, 7 contract. California reported continued rains, of inestimable value to the crop. Buying halted to some extent after May had reached 67¾c, and realizing became quite heavy, prices reacting for a short time to 67½c. But before 11 o'clock the market was booming again, and this time the demand did not let up until near the close. Late cables showed still further advances in foreign markets. The export demand was fair, the seaboard reporting about 40 loads taken. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour amounted to 707,000 bu; primary receipts aggregated 1,205,000 bu. The great strength of the Liverpool market, however, was the big factor.

Trade broadened out materially as the session advanced, and this in itself alarmed the shorts and caused heavy buying in that class of traders. Before 12:30 the price of May had risen to 68⅜c. Previous to that time realizing had again set in. Longs with wheat, showing good profit, took advantage of the strength of the market. Their selling finally became too heavy for prices to stand up under and in the last half hour quotations broke sharply. May finally sold down to 67¾c, closing fairly steady at that figure.

Corn was strong early, with much buying by outside shorts and local longs. The boom in wheat was the principal influence. Cables were strong and higher, and receipts were moderate, 440 cars, with softer weather in prospect. When wheat broke late in the day corn became weak, longs being heavy sellers and no short lines were also put out. The market closed rather nervous, with about all the advance lost. May ranged from 35c to 35½c, and closed a shade higher at 35c.

Oats were rather dull relative and price changes narrow. Early there was a fair local and outside investment buying, but the market quickly turned weak, when wheat and corn started to decline. The cash demand was good, though shippers were still handicapped by scarcity of cars. Receipts were 249 cars. May ranged from 26¾@27c, and closed unchanged at 26¾c.

Provisions were moderately active. Packers were free sellers all day, and there was another large run of hogs. As a result, the market, in spite of the strength of grain, was rather weak. There was a good deal of profit taking by longs on all the hard spots. At the close May pork was 2½c lower at $9.62½; May lard 2½@5c lower at $5.32½@5.35 and May ribs 2½c lower at $4.62½.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 165 cars; corn, 590 cars; oats, 330 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

| | Open-ing. | High-est. | Low-est. | Closing. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | | | |
| December | 66¼ | 66⅞ | 65¾ | 66⅝ |
| May | 67⅛ | 68⅜ | 67 | 67¾ |
| July | 65⅞ | 66¾ | 65⅝ | 66⅜ |
| Corn— | | | | |
| December | 33¾ | 34⅝ | 33¾ | 34¼ |
| May | 35⅛ | 35½ | 35 | 35 |
| July | 35½ | 35⅞ | 35⅜ | 35⅞ |
| Oats— | | | | |
| December | 26½ | 26⅝ | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| May | 26⅞ | 27 | 26¾ | 26¾ |
| Mess Pork— | | | | |
| January | 9 37½ | 9 42½ | 9 35 | 9 35 |
| May | 9 70 | 9 70 | 9 60 | 9 62½ |
| Lard— | | | | |
| January | 5 17½ | 5 17½ | 5 10 | 5 10 |
| May | 5 37½ | 5 37½ | 5 32½ | 5 32½ |
| Short Ribs— | | | | |
| January | 4 70 | 4 70 | 4 62½ | 4 65 |
| May | 4 87½ | 4 87½ | 4 80 | 4 82½ |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steadier. Wheat—No. 3 spring, 63½@66c; No. 2 red, 68@69c. Corn—No. 2, 34¼c; No. 2 yellow, 34½c. Oats—No. 2, 27¼c; No. 2 white, 29@29½c. Rye—No. 2, 55½c. Barley—Sample, 41@49c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.04½; Northwestern, $1.05½. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.27½@2.30. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $8.10@8.15. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.02½@5.12½. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), $4.55@4.75. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 4¼@4¾c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $4.82½@4.85. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, $1.26. Sugars unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 23,000 bbls; wheat, 231,000 bu; corn, 318,000 bu; oats, 391,000 bu; rye, 25,000 bu; barley, 96,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 42,000 bbls; wheat, 91,000 bu; corn, 118,000 bu; oats, 133,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 17,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14@20c; dairies, 13@16c. Cheese, 8¾@10½c. Eggs easy; fresh, 21@21½c.

## MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Wheat ruled stronger throughout the day.—December wheat opened at 63⅝c, against 63¾c Thursday, and advanced to 64¼c by noon. May wheat opened at 65¼c, being ⅛c better than Thursday, advanced to 65⅞c, lost ⅛c, firmed up to 66c, dropped to 65⅝@65¾c and advanced to 66⅛c bid by noon.—The cash wheat market was strong and active.—December wheat closed at 64¼c; May closed at 65⅞@65¾c.

| WHEAT. | Open-ing. | High-est. | Low-est. | Closing. Yest'day. | Fri. Thurs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec | 63⅞ | 64¼ | 63⅞ | 64¼ | 63¾ |
| May | 65¼ | 66⅛ | 65¼-¼ | 65⅝-¾ | 65⅛ |

ON TRACK—No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2 northern, 63c; December oats, 27c; December corn, 30½c; flaxseed, $1.05; To arrive, No. 1 hard, 65c; No. 1 northern, 65c; No. 2 northern, 62½c.

Curb on May wheat ..... 65⅝
Puts on May wheat ..... 65⅛-¼
Calls on May wheat ..... 66⅜

FLOUR—The flour market is strong and active. Prices are held a trifle higher, but values are quotably unchanged. Tomorrow a higher price will probably be established. First patents ..... $3 70@3 90
Second patents ..... 3 40@3 50
First clears ..... 2 90@3 00

CORN—Stronger; No. 3 yellow, 31c; No. 3, 30¾c; no grade, 30c.—OATS—No. 3 oats, 27¾c; No. 3 white, 27c.—RYE—In good demand at 48½@49c; no grade, 45c; no sales of rye reported.—BARLEY—High grade malting, 46@47c; No. 4, 40c; feed barley, 37@37½c.—FEED—Trade very heavy and prices inclining to a higher basis.

Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra ..... $11 75@12 00
No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra ... 12 50@12 75
Bran, in bulk ..... 9 50@10 00
Shorts, in bulk ..... 9 00@9 50
Middlings, in bulk ..... 10 50@11 00

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 87 cars ..... 65
No. 1 northern, 6 cars ..... 65¼
No. 1 northern, 15 cars, choice ..... 66
No. 1 northern, 1,500 bu, to arrive ..... 65¼
No. 1 northern, 700 bu, to arrive ..... 65
No. 1 northern, 7 cars, choice ..... 65½
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, choice ..... 65¾
No. 1 northern, 1 car, to arrive ..... 65

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

| Railroads. | Northern. No.1hd. | No.1. | No.2. | No.3. | Rjd. | NG. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Great Nor | 59 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 14 | |
| G., M. & St. P. | 95 | 24 | 2 | 3 | .. | |
| M. & St. L | 10 | 30 | 9 | 2 | .. | |
| Soo Line | 14 | .. | 2 | 5 | .. | |
| Nor. Pacific | 14 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| C.,St. P.,M. & O. | 75 | 76 | 13 | 5 | .. | |
| Totals | 267 | 153 | 44 | 26 | 16 | |

OTHER GRAINS—No. 3 corn, 28 cars; No. 4 corn, 13; no grade corn, 19; No. 3 oats, 37; no grade oats, 2; No. 2 rye, 4; no grade rye, 2; No. 3 barley, 9; No. 4 barley, 5; No. 1 flax, 21; rejected flax, 4.

CARS INSPECTED OUT—No. 1 northern, 37; No. 2 northern, 4; rejected, 1; no grade, 17; No. 3 oats, 5; No. 3 barley, 1; no grade barley, 1; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 1 flax, 3.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 644 cars, 502,320 bu; corn, 49,200 bu; oats, 43,770 bu; barley, 8,690 bu; rye, 10,800 bu; flaxseed, 15,000 bu; flour, 517 bbls; millstuffs, 210 tons; hay, 86 tons, fruit, 44,192 lbs; merchandise, 1,387,115 lbs; lumber, 15 cars; barrel stock, 10 cars; machinery, 245,000 lbs; coal, 947 tons; wood, 473 cords; brick, 15,000; cement, 200 bbls; dressed meats, 48,835 lbs; railroad materials, 5 cars; sundries, 42 cars; car lots, 1,106.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 42 cars, 34,020 bu; corn, 14,400 bu; oats, 1,340 bu; barley, 7,520 bu; rye, 950 bu; flaxseed, 5,670 bu; oil cake, 54,400 lbs; flour, 44,893 bbls; millstuffs, 2,038 tons; hay, 12 tons; fruit, 14,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,897,431 lbs; lumber, 44 cars; barrel stock, 3 cars; machinery, 73,800 lbs; live stock, 1 car; hides, pelts, etc., 24,000 lbs; railroad materials, 5 cars; sundries, 15 cars; car lots, 686.

## DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 16.—Market active and higher; December opened ¼c up at 63½c, sold off to 63⅜c at 9:50, up to 64⅛c at 11:30, and at 12:30 was quoted at 64¼c. Cash—300,000 bu at December price for cash and 1c over December to arrive. Wheat stocks are estimated to increase 600,000 bu this week. Cash Sales—One car No. 1 hard, 66⅝c; 6 cars No. 1 hard, 66½c; 10,000 bu No. 1 northern, 65c; 4,000 bu No. 1 northern, 64⅞c; 35,000 bu No. 1 northern, 64¾c; 86,000 bu No. 1 northern, 64⅝c; 12,000 bu No. 1 northern, 64c; 10,000 bu No. 1 northern, 63¾c; 14,000 bu No. 2 northern, 59@60½c; 4 cars No. 3 spring, 57c; 15 cars no grade, 52@57c; 40,000 bu flax, $1.04@1.04½. Receipts—Wheat, 222,283 bu; corn, 15,072 bu; oats, 1,112 bu; rye, 1,691 bu; barley, 12,663 bu; flax, 21,062 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 621 bu. December closed ½c up at 63⅝c; spot No. 1 hard, 65¾c; No. 1 northern, 63⅝c; No. 2 northern, 59c; No. 3 spring, 56¾c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 65¾c; No. 1 northern, 64¾c; No. 2 northern, 60c; No. 1 hard December, 65¾c; May, 67⅝c; No. 1 northern, May, 66⅝c. Oats, 28½@28c. Rye, 51¼c. Barley, 36@42c. Flax, $1.04; May, $1.08½. Corn, 32½c.

## ST. PAUL.

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

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 64¾@65⅛c; No. 2 northern, 63@63¾c.—CORN—No. 2 yellow, 31@31½c; No. 3, 30@31c.—OATS—No. 2 white, 26@26½c; No. 3, 25½@25¾c.—BARLEY AND RYE—Sample barley, 36@45c; No. 2 rye, 49@50c; No. 3 rye, 48@48¾c.—SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.03@1.04; timothy seed, $1@1.15; red clover, $3.60@4.—FLOUR—Patents, per bbl, $3.60@3.80; rye, flour, $2.40@2.80.—GROUND FEED—$12.75@13. —— COARSE CORNMEAL $12@12.25.——BRAN—$10@10.25. —— SHORTS —In bulk, $9.50@9.75.——HAY—Market about steady for choice qualities; lower for all other grades; receipts continue large; choice Iowa and Minnesota upland, $6@6.25; No. 1 upland, $5.25@5.75; wild, $4@6; good to choice timothy, $6.25@7; clover and timothy mixed, $5.25@6.——STRAW—Rye, $3.50@4; oat, $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 York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade.—The Modern Miller says: Domestic and foreign flour markets continue very dull, with but little business except of a hand-to-mouth character. In the soft winter wheat belt few mills are running full time. Hard wheat mills are generally running nearly or quite their full capacity, but stocks are not moving freely and threaten to accumulate unless demand increases or production is lessened. Prices are quotably lower in most markets.——Broomhall: Shipments of wheat the past week from Argentina and Uruguay nil, compared with nil a year ago. Shipments corn, 248,000, nil a year ago. Visible wheat, 328,000; corn, 1,840,000.——Buenos Ayres: A violent hail storm has caused the loss of 3 per cent of the crops of the various districts of Rio Janeiro. Argentine wheat shipments for the week, none, compared with none the week previous and none last year.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Wheat higher and active, No. 2 red cash elevator, 70c; track, 71@71½c; December, 69½c; May, 70¾c asked; July, 66c; No. 1 hard, 65@66c. Corn, strong; No. 2 cash, 33c bid; December, 32½c; May 33⅝c. Oats, higher; No. 2 cash, 27¼c; track, 27½c; December, 28c asked; May 28⅛c bid; No. 2 white, 29@29½c. Rye, firm, 53c. Flax higher, $1.02.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 16.—Flour higher; wheat, 1c higher; No. 1 northern, 67½@68c; No. 2 spring, 66@66½c. Oats, strong, 28½@29c. Rye, ½c higher; No. 1, 55c; No. 2, 54½@55¼c. Barley, steady; No. 2, 48½c; sample, 40@48½c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16.—Wheat, firm, 1⅜@2⅛d higher; December 5s 11¼d; March, 5s 10½d; May, 5s 8⅞d. Corn firm; 5¾d higher; December, 3s 10½d; March 3s 8⅝d; May nominal.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Wheat, higher; No. 1 hard, 63@64c; No. 2, 62@64c; No. 3, 59½@62c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 62@66c; No. 2 spring, 60@63c; No. 3, 56@59c. Corn, higher; No. 2 mixed, 32½; do white, 32½c. Oats, steady; No. 2 white, 28½c. Rye higher; No. 2, 50½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Flour—Receipts, 12,200 bbls; exports, 39,345 bbls; sales 10,000 pkgs; fairly active and strong. Wheat—Receipts, 39,775 bu, exports, 173,358 bu; spot firmer; No. 2 red, 77⅞c, f. o. b.; options, closed ⅜@1c net higher. December, 73@71¼c; closed 74c; March, 74⅝@75⅜c, closed, 75⅜c. Corn—Receipts, 28,275 bu, exports, 125,495 bu; spot firm; No. 2, 42c, f. o. b., afloat; options unchanged; December, 39⅝@40¼c; closed 39⅞c; May, 40⅞@40½c, closed 40½c. Oats—Receipts 20,400 bu, exports 7,800 bu; spot stronger; No. 2, 32¼c; options neglected.

## St. Paul Markets.

PRODUCE—Butter, eggs and potatoes steady. Lemons and nuts quoted lower.

The following are street quotations as corrected daily by C. L. Jett & Co.:

Apples—Per Bbl — Northern Spy, $2.75@4.50; Baldwin, $3.75@4.25; Greening, $3.75@4.25; Ben Davis, $3.50@3.75; other varieties, $2.75 3.25.

Bananas—Choice Shipping — Large bunches, $2.25; small bunches, $1.25@2.

Beans—Per Bu—Fancy, $1.25@1.35; dirty lots, 60@65c; fancy navy, $1.25; medium, hand-picked, $1.10.

Beef—Country dressed, fancy, 6@8; rough, 4@6c.

Butter—Per Lb—Creameries, extra, 19@20c; creameries, firsts, 18@19c; creameries, gathered, imitations, 12@12½c; packing stock, 11½c.

Cabbage—Home-grown, crate, $1.50@1.75.

Cheese—Per Lb — Brick, No. 1, 11@11½c; brick, No. 2, 9@9½c; Limburger, 9@9½c; twins, fancy, Minnesota and Wisconsin, 11¼@12½c; primost, 6@6½c.

Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5@5.50; sweet, per half bbl, $2.75@3.

Cranberries—Bell and bugle, $6.75@7; bell and cherry, $6@6.50; Cape Cod, $6.50@7.

Eggs—Fresh, subject to loss off, new, cases included, 20@21c; seconds, cases included, 13c.

Figs—California, 10-lb box, $1.35.

Fish—Per Lb—Pickerel, 4½c; crappies, 7c; trout, lake, 8c; whitefish, 8c.

Game—Ducks, mallard, per doz, $4.50@5; canvasback, $4.25@7; brant, per doz, $4@4.50.

Hogs—Clean, Per Lb—Heavy, 4½c; light, 4½ 5c; medium, 4c.

Honey—Lb Sections—Buckwheat, 5½@6½c; extracted amber, 6@6½c; extracted white, 11c; white fancy, 15c.

Lemons—California, 300s to 360s, $3.75@4; Messinas, fancy, 360s, $3.75@4; Messinas, choice, 360s, $3.25@3.50.

Maple Sugar—Per Lb—Ohio, in bricks, 10c; Vermont, in bricks, 10c; Western, in bricks, 10c.

Mutton—Per Lb—Bucks, 5½c; country-dressed, 7½@8½c; milk lambs, pelts off, 9½@10½c.

Nuts—Almonds, new, small quantities, 16@17c; almonds, Tarragonas, sacks, 100 lbs, 16c; Tarragonas, small quantities, 17c; filberts, sacks about 200 lbs, 9@9½c; filberts, small quantities, 10c; hickory, per bu, $1.50; peanuts, per lb, raw, 5@6c; peanuts, per lb roasted, 6@7c; pecans, small quantities, 9@10c; walnuts, 8@9c; walnuts, California, soft shell, sacks, 100 to 110 lbs, 9½@10c; walnuts, California, hard, less quantities, 12c; black walnuts, $1.

Onions—Per Bu—Silver skins, 35@40c; Red Globes, 45@50c; other varieties, 30@35c.

Oranges—Per Box—Mexican, $3.50@3.75; California, navel, $4@4.25.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 32@35c; Rural, 32@35c; Snow Flakes, 30@33c; Peerless, 25@28c; other varieties, 20@25c; Jersey Sweets, $2.25 per bbl; Cobdens, $2.25.

Poultry—Dressed—Spring chickens, 7@7½c; hens, 5@6c; roosters, 3c; turkeys, choice, 10@10½c; medium, 9@9½c.

Veal—Per Lb—Coarse and thin, 5c; extra, fancy, country-dressed, 6½c.

## Live Stock Markets.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Dec. 16.—The receipts at the Union stockyards today were: Cattle, 100; calves, 50; hogs, 1,300; sheep, 300. The cattle market was dull owing to light receipts. There was but little butcher stuff offered. Quotations were about steady on all good cattle. Common stuff was dull and weak. The hog market was active, opening steady and closing a shade stronger. The range on butchers was $3.17½ to $3.25 with the bulk going at $3.22½. The quality was fair. The sheep market was fairly active and sales included several from the pens. Quotations were about steady.

Hogs—Comparative receipts:
Total for today ..... 1,300
A week ago ..... 1,300
A year ago ..... 400

Market opened steady and closed a shade stronger. Buying was active and the yards cleared early. The range on butchers was $3.17½ to $3.25, with the bulk going at $3.22½. Representative sales:

Butchers—

| No. | Wt. | D'k'ge. | Price. | No. | Wt. | D'k'ge. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 68 | 202 | .. | $3 20 | 93 | 185 | .. | $3 22½ |
| 46 | 213 | 120 | 3 22½ | 62 | 198 | 40 | 3 25 |
| 85 | 185 | .. | 3 20 | 12 | 185 | .. | 3 20 |
| 83 | 245 | .. | 3 25 | 64 | 195 | .. | 3 22½ |
| 69 | 180 | .. | 3 17½ | 77 | 202 | .. | 3 22½ |
| 88 | 205 | 80 | 3 25 | | | | |

Packers—

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 285 | 40 | $3 00 | 3 | 365 | 40 | $3 00 |
| 3 | 270 | .. | 3 00 | 5 | 440 | .. | 3 00 |
| 3 | 390 | 80 | 2 90 | 1 | 490 | .. | 3 00 |
| 1 | 370 | 40 | 3 00 | 6 | 340 | .. | 3 00 |

Rough—

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| 2 | 175 | .. | $2 20 | 1 | 480 | .. | $2 00 |
| 1 | 210 | .. | 2 25 | 1 | 350 | .. | 1 75 |

Pigs—

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| 6 | 130 | .. | $3 00 | 10 | 115 | .. | $2 85 |
| 6 | 108 | .. | 2 85 | 7 | 120 | .. | 2 85 |
| 27 | 103 | .. | 2 85 | | | | |

Cattle—Comparative receipts—
Total for today ..... 150
A week ago ..... 300
A year ago ..... 250

Market about steady. The day's run was light and contained but little butcher stuff. Stockers and feeders were a shade higher. Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

| No. | Wt. | Price. | No. | Wt. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 965 | $2 85 | 2 | 1085 | $2 50 |
| 1 | 920 | 2 50 | 1 | 1080 | 2 85 |
| 1 | 980 | 2 90 | 25 | 1025 | 3 40 |

Stock Cows and Heifers—

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 960 | $2 25 | 1 | 840 | $2 25 |
| 1 | 960 | 2 50 | 26 | 650 | 2 75 |
| 5 | 615 | 2 75 | 3 | 623 | 2 25 |
| 1 | 840 | 2 80 | 12 | 620 | 2 60 |
| 9 | 855 | 2 75 | 2 | 510 | 2 30 |
| 3 | 680 | 2 70 | 3 | 590 | 2 75 |

Stockers and Feeders—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 500 | $3 25 | 4 | 755 | $3 25 |
| 1 | 570 | 3 00 | 1 | 470 | 3 25 |
| 2 | 775 | 3 00 | 2 | 865 | 3 50 |
| 16 | 685 | 3 40 | 1 | 490 | 2 75 |

Thin Cows and Canners—

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| 3 | 995 | $2 25 | 1 | 900 | $2 00 |
| 1 | 950 | 1 75 | | | |

Butcher Steers—

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| 1 | 1050 | $3 60 | 3 | 985 | $3 50 |

Bulls—

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1100 | $2 75 | 1 | 1170 | $2 50 |
| 1 | 1360 | 3 00 | 2 | 610 | 2 60 |
| 3 | 903 | 2 50 | 1 | 1100 | 2 80 |
| 1 | 540 | 2 60 | | | |

Veal Calves—

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| 1 | 120 | $5 00 | 1 | 130 | $4 75 |

Stags and Oxen—

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| 1 | 1700 | $3 00 | 1 | 850 | $2 75 |

Milkers and Springers—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 cows | $60 00 | | 2 cows | $63 00 | |
| 1 c and 1 c | 30 00 | | 2 c and 2 c | 70 00 | |
| 1 c and 1 c | 41 00 | | 1 cow | 29 00 | |
| 1 c and 1 c | 25 00 | | | | |

Sheep—Comparative receipts:
Total for today ..... 300
A week ago ..... none
A year ago ..... 3,400

Market steady on butcher sheep and lambs. The run was light and some of the sales were from the pens. Representative sales:

| No. | Wt. | Price. | No. | Wt. | Price. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11 sheep | 190 | $3 25 | 15 mixed | 95 | $3 00 |
| 52 stock ewes | 96 | 3 00 | 16 stock ewes | 93 | 3 25 |
| 9 stock ewes | 124 | 3 35 | 104 muttons | 115 | 3 50 |

| Day's Sales— | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep |
|---|---|---|---|
| Swift & Co. | 20 | 1,130 | .... |
| L. Gottfried | .. | .... | 101 |
| Staples & King | 4 | .... | 11 |
| W. E. McCormick | .. | .... | 100 |
| O. K. Gismy | .. | .... | 107 |
| E. W. Karn | .. | 6 | .... |
| Armour & Co. | .. | .... | 59 |
| E. A. Davis | .. | .... | 61 |
| Van Hoven company | 25 | .... | .... |
| Kerr | 39 | .... | .... |
| Bruinskill | 25 | .... | .... |
| E. Perrigo | 40 | .... | .... |
| P. Empey | 31 | .... | .... |
| Erickson | 5 | .... | .... |
| Grassley & Egan | 10 | .... | .... |
| A. Gagne | 12 | .... | .... |
| Unclassified, late sales | 40 | 50 | 75 |

MILCH COW EXCHANGE—South St. Paul, Dec. 16.—Lytle & Raeburn's report: Market about steady and demand for choice milkers and forward springers continues fairly good. Common cattle dragging. Representative sales:

| No. | Price | No. | Price |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 cows | $80 00 | 1 cow | $35 00 |
| 2 cows | 78 00 | 1 cow | 28 00 |
| 1 cow | 41 00 | | |

AMONG THE SHIPPERS—The following were on the market: F. W. Walters, Ellsworth, cattle, calves and hogs; L. Rausch, Howard Lake, hogs; J. Schmidt, Melrose, hogs; L. Worders, Red Wing, cattle and hogs; H. Huber, Alma, hogs; J. D. Billings, Fergus Falls, 2 loads sheep; Moody, Presty, hogs; M. C. Black, Cannon Falls, hogs, Laughlin, Owatonna, hogs; Jentz Bros., East Henderson, hogs; held & Helbritige, Nurstrand, hogs; Samuelson & Miller, Glencoe, cattle and hogs; John Hebelsen, Carver, hogs; John Wacek, New Prague, hogs; Ryan & Hoban, Waterville, higs; Karels Bros., New Germany, hogs.

COMMISSIONS, ETC.—Public inspection of hogs, 30c per car. Diseased animals, including lumpy-jawed cattle and meats, are condemned. Sales, unless otherwise stated, per 100 lbs, live weight. Dead hogs, 100 lbs and over, ½c per lb; less than 100 lbs of no value. All animals apparently affected with actinomycosis, or lumpy jaw, or having any swellings on the head or neck, are subject to inspection by the state veterinarian. If they pass, their carcasses are sold for food, otherwise for fertilizers, etc. Public inspectors dock pregnant sows 40 lbs and stags, altered boars, 80 lbs each. Yardage: Cattle, 25c; hogs, 8c; sheep, 5c per head. Feed: Corn, 60c per bu; hay, 75c per 100 lbs; bedding, 50c per 100 lbs. Commissions: Six dollars carload for single deck carloads of hogs and sheep, and $10 carload for double-deck carloads of the same. Fifty cents per head for cattle of all ages, up to $10 per carload; veal calves in less than car lots not less than 25c per head; cars of cattle containing less than five veal calves of less than 200 lbs weight each, the commission on the calves discretionary. Double-deck cars of calves, $18. Mixed carloads of stock, 50c per head for cattle, 25c per head for calves, 10c per head for hogs and sheep, up to $12 per carload. Thirty head and over of hogs and sheep arriving at these yards in a single car to be charged $6 per car; less than carload lots 50c per head for cattle, 25c per head for calves; under thirty head of hogs or sheep, 15c per head. Public inspection of hogs, 30c per car. Telegraphic market reports, except when quoting bona fide sales made the same day the telegram is sent for the person to whom the telegram is addressed, are at the expense of the recipient. All live stock not suitable for human food is condemned by the government.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTION — Cattle, hogs and sheep are held on account of advanced pregnancy. Cows within a month of parturition and for ten days after will be subject to condemnation; also sheep and hogs three weeks before and ten days after. The government inspectors in the various slaughter houses condemn the meat of all cows that have calves inside with hair on. The inspection of hogs made by the government inspectors at the scales before weighing is very close, and their decision is final, salesmen having no appeal therefrom. All badly pregnant sows, hogs with bunches, bolls, and also hogs with cuts on the hams and shoulders, "bob" or "deacon" calves are condemned. Scabby sheep and those that are emaciated are thrown out.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET — Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Dec. 16.—Barrett & Zimmerman's report: Trade regained a satisfactory activity. Logging horses had a special good disposal. Logging men were eager procuring such horses to go to the woods. Sound and first-class horses were the kind sold. Receipts of horses were not as heavy as yesterday, but of the available class for this market. Trades on farm horses steady. General purpose horses were rather weak demand. The nominal value of serviceable, sound horses, from 4 to 8 years, was as follows:

Drafters, choice to extra ..... $90@135
Drafters, common to good ..... 75@ 85
Farm horses, choice to good ..... 80@105
Farm horses, common to good ..... 50@ 75

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The general demand for cattle today was as good as usual so late in the week and prices showed no particular change. Fifteen steers sold at $3.80@5.75 for inferior to fat; the greater part going for $4.50@5.50. A few lots of Christmas beeves sold for $5.80@6.20; Texas cattle brought $3.20@4.70, and fed Westerns, $3.80@5.20. Stockers and feeders sold mostly at $3.20@4.20. There was an active demand for hogs from the packers and prices were steady at yesterday's decline, hogs selling at an extreme range of $3.15@3.42½c; chiefly at $3.30@3.35. Pigs sold mostly at $3@3.25. Small receipts of sheep and lambs caused a strong market. A sale of prime lambs was made at $5.60, the top price of the week; prices ranged down to $3.75@4; for inferior lambs. Yearlings sold at $4.15@4.50, and sheep sold briskly at $2.50@4.10; chiefly at $3.30@4.30, for fed Westerns. Receipts—Cattle, 4,000; hogs, 37,000; sheep, 7,000 head.

SIOUX CITY, Io., Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; Thursday, 489; shipments, 827; market steady. Sales: 6 cows, av 993 lbs, $2.25; 3 cows, av 900, $3.40; 4 stock heifers, av 442, $3.20; 6 stock heifers, av 800, $4.35; 2 bulls, av 110, $2.25; 3 bulls, av 900, $2.75; 2 bulls, av 890, $3.25; 5 stockers and feeders, av 710, $3.45; 8 stockers and feeders, av 890, $3.70; 3 calves, av 323, $4; 10 calves, av 290, $4.25; 6 yearlings, av 433, $3.50; 6 yearlings, av 510, $3.75. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; market strong to 5c higher, selling at $3.17½@3.25; bulk, $3.20@3.22½.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb. Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; steady; native beef steers, $4@5.30; Western, do, $4.30@4.70; cows and heifers, $3.10@4.25; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.40; calves, $4.50@6.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.25@3.85. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market shade to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $3.30. Sheep—Receipts, 600; market was steady; native muttons, $3.50@4.40; Westerns, $3.40@4.10; stock, $2.60@3.70; lambs, $4@5.25.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500, including 1,500 Texans; strong for natives; steady for Texans; native shipping steers, $4.25@5.35; light and dressed beef and butcher steers, $3@5; stockers and feeders, $2.20@4.45; cows and heifers, $2@3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; steady; pigs and lights, $3.25@3.35; packers, $3.30@3.35; butchers, $3.35@3.42½. Sheep—Receipts, 400; market steady at yesterday's quotations.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; market steady to strong; native steers, $2.85@5.25; Texas streers, $3.25@4.40; do cows, $2@3; native cows and heifers, $1.25@4.35; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.35; bulls, $2.75@3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; market weak to 5c lower. Slow; bulk of sales, $3.25@3.32½. Sheep—Receipts 1,000; strong; lambs, $3.50@5.35; muttons, $2@4.75.

## The Stock Markets.

| | Close. | Prev. Day. |
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| Bar silver, New York | 59⅝ | 59⅞ |
| Call money, New York | 2½ | 2¼@3 |

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The trading today resulted in only trifling changes in prominent stocks. The speculative public of England was active on both sides of the market, with purchases on balance slightly in excess of sales. Trading locally was less active than of late, but a very strong undertone was in evidence. The traders seemed largely on the short side, while there was buying by commission houses and pool support. Speculation during the forenoon was very regular, but variations generally were not significant except in a few cases. The market became dull with the cancellation of orders in commission houses.

During the afternoon a number of hitherto neglected stocks were taken up and advanced sharply, C., C., C. & St. L. leading with a jump of 6¾, but improvement was almost eradicated in the late slump. The revamping of the old story of Chicago & Alton passing into new hands was today connected with Union Pacific, instead of Missouri Pacific or Michigan Central, as the former rumors had it. To this tale, perhaps, was due a rise in Union Pacific. In the last hours the bears, by concerted action, reached stop-loss orders and carried prices off from 1 to 2 points generally. By delivery hour the movement petered out, and after a period of dullness prices picked up all around.

Newspaper articles regarding the sugar trade war as farcical, resulted in a sharp rise in that stock at the opening, but it was soon lost, the closing being at last night's figures. Rubber continued its weakness of yesterday, losing 2 points. Brooklyn Traction was very strong, crossing 74 on intimations that a long expected deal in that property might be looked for soon. The grangers were very strong most of the day, but reacted with the rest of the list on the bear raid.

The feature of the bond market was the enormous transactions in B. & O. 4½s. The two transactions that attracted considerable attention were of $513,000 and $569,000, at 98. Intermediate transactions included many blocks of $100,000 and over. The general tone was very unsettled, with the semi-speculative issues trending lower. Total sales, $8,355,000. U. S. new 4s and the 5s coupon advanced ¼ and the 3s and old 4s and 5s registered ⅛ in the bid price.

Total sales of stocks today, 702,400 shares including 10,601 Atchison, 32,340 do pfd, 9,675 Canada Southern, 26,250 Central Pacific, 25,700 C., B. & Q., 11,510 Denver & Rio Grande pfd, 7,245 L. & N., 7,660 Manhattan, 4,300 Metropolitan, 5,300 Reading 1st pfd, 5,050 Minn. & St. Louis, 12,725 M., K. & T. pfd, 54,550 N. Y. Central, 9,727 Northern Pacific, 3,990 do pfd, 6,730 Ont. & Western, 8,455 R. I., 12,526 Union Pacific, 20,403 St. Paul, 5,690 St. P. & Omaha, 4,570 Southern Pacific, 3,610 Southern Ry., 5,864 do pfd, 22,180 Union Pacific pfd, 4,395 Wheeling & L. E., 6,210 Tobacco, 49,549 Federal Steel, 38,886 do pfd, 23,970 People's Gas, 15,800 Lead, 5,140 Pacific Mail, 5,180 Rope and Twine, 43,342 Sugar, 9,980 Tenn. Coal & Iron, 4,850 Leather pfd, 12,266 Rubber, 3,715 Chicago Great Western.

STOCKS.

The following were the fluctuations of the leading railway and industrial shares, furnished by C. H. F. Smith &