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CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Wheat was lower today on lower cables and a poor shipping demand, January closing ⅞@1c lower. Corn closed a shade to ⅛c higher, and oats ¼c lower. Provisions at the close were 2½@7½c improved.

January wheat opened ⅛@¼c to ⅜@½c lower at 71½@71¼c, influenced by a decline at Liverpool. A bit of buying on yesterday's export sales, 55 loads of wheat and 100,000 bbls of flour, rallied the price to 71½@71⅝c during the first hour, but the bulge did not hold. Liquidation on the liberal receipts and lack of outside support kept the price on the downway road. At 70¾c the market steadied and reacted to 71c, shorts taking profits, but the close was weak at the bottom, ⅞@⅞c under yesterday at 70¾c. New York reported 15 loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 49,000 bu. Primary receipts aggregated 688,000 bu, compared with 671,000 bu last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 583 cars, against 490 a year ago. Local receipts were 116 cars, 30 of contract grade.

Corn was strong all forenoon, but eased off some later in sympathy with the wheat weakness. Shorts were still on the anxious seat, as today's receipts, 183 cars, included only 3 of contract grade, and only 12 cars were transferred from unlicensed houses. The weather was unfavorable for grading. There was a good shipping demand. Seaboard clearances aggregated 1,049,000 bu, making 3,300,000 bu for the three days. Country offerings were still small, although more liberal than they were last week. December sold between 37⅜c and 38c, and closed ⅛c higher at 37⅝c. May sold between 36½@36⅝c and 36⅞c, and closed a shade higher at 36⅝c.

Oats were dull. May sold between 23¾c and 23⅞@24c, and closed ⅛c lower at 23⅝c. Receipts were 144 cars.

Provisions advanced early on light hog receipts, a fair outside demand and local buying. Later, a local operator turned seller, and most of the early advance was lost. The close was steady. January pork sold between $12.20 and $12.37½, and closed 2½c over yesterday at $12.25; January lard between $6.90 and $6.95, closing 2½c higher at $6.92½, and January ribs between $6.30 and $6.35, with the close 7½c up at $6.35.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 160 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 26,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December	71⅛	71⅛	70½	70½
January	71¼-½	71½-⅝	70¾	70¾
May	74¼-⅜	74½	73½-⅝	73⅝
Corn—				
December	37⅝-½	38	37⅜	37⅜
January	36	36⅜	36	36⅛
May	36⅝-½	36⅞	36⅝-½	36⅝
Oats—				
December	21½	21½	21¼	21¼
May	23⅞	23⅞-24	23¾	23¾
Mess Pork—				
January	12 22½	12 37½	12 20	12 25
May	12 12½	12 15	12 05	12 10
Lard—				
December	7 17½	7 20	7 12½	7 17½
January	6 92½	6 95	6 90	6 92½
May	6 97½	7 00	6 97½	7 00
Short Ribs—				
January	6 30	6 35	6 30	6 35
May	6 37½	6 42½	6 37½	6 40

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady. Wheat—No. 3, 66@71½c; No. 2 red, 72@73½c. Corn—No. 2, 73½c; No. 2 yellow, 37⅝@37¾c. Oats—No. 2, 22¾@23c; No. 3 white, 23@23¾c. Barley—Fair to choice malting, 50@57c. Flax seed—No. 1, $1.68¼@1.68¾; No. 1 northwestern, $1.70. Timothy seed—Prime, $4.40. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $11.50. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $7.15@7.20. Sides—Short ribs (loose), $6.50@6.75. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 5¾@6¼c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $6.75@6.85. Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.27. Sugars—Cut loaf, $6.15; granulated, $5.60; confectioners' A, $5.55; off A, $5.40. Clover—Contract grade, $10@12.45. Receipts—Flour, 30,000 bbls; wheat, 78,000 bu; corn, 183,000 bu; oats, 188,000; rye, 12,000 bu; barley, 67,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 25,000 bbls; wheat, 295,000 bu; corn, 410,000 bu; oats, 156,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 7,000 bu. On the Produce exchange today the butter market ruled quiet: creamery, 15@24½c; dairies, 13@20c. Cheese—Active, 10¼@11½c. Eggs—Active, fresh, 35c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 6.—The burden of a lower Liverpool market and liberal Northwest receipts were too much for holders of wheat, and they sold on the opening, bringing a decline of ½c from opening prices and 1⅛c down from the high point of yesterday. Minneapolis and Duluth received 583 cars of wheat, against 500 last year. Minneapolis had 433 cars, against 342 last year; Duluth 145, against 158. The stock of wheat in Minneapolis has increased 600,000 bu in four days of the week, so that indications are for a good increase on the week. Wheat and flour cleared was 402,000 bu; corn, 1,604,000. Primary wheat receipts continue to hold above a year ago, 686,000 bu today, against 672,000 bu last year. Kansas City received 75,000 bu, against 35,000 last year. Liverpool closed ½d to ⅝d lower.

The market turned weak on the close, selling off on the afternoon curb to 74½c. May wheat closed at 74¼c, a decline of 1c from yesterday.

There was better demand for cash wheat. Flour sales have been enough larger to make a show of improvement in demand for milling wheat. No. 1 northern was well taken. The December-May difference narrowed fractionally, putting cash trades in No. 1 northern at 1⅛c under May for the average. No. 2 northern did not vary as to premiums, and 4c under May was the ruling price. The No. 3 grade, which was depressed yesterday, showed decided improvement, a on the whole sold better. The best brought 67c to 69c, ordinary sold around 65c, and tough No. 3 brought 64c. Rejected sold well up, and about in line with yesterday, the best around 63c, poorer lots ranging down. No grade sold at 60c, and to 63c for selections, and the ordinary run brought 53c to 55c. No. 1 northern to arrive was traded in around 73½c.

The following was the range of price of wheat today:

	Dec.	May.
Opening	72½	75@75⅛
Highest	72¾	75⅛
Lowest	72⅛	74⅞
Close—		
Today	72⅛	74¼
Yesterday	72⅞	75¼@⅜
Year ago	68⅝	68¾

On Track—No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 1 northern, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 70¼c.

Puts, May wheat, 73¾@73⅞c.

Calls, May wheat, 74⅞@74½c.

Curb, May wheat, 74¼c, sellers.

Flax—Opening prices showed but slight change from yesterday's close. After about an hour's business there was an upward turn. Duluth December advanced 2c, from $1.68½ to $1.70½. May from $1.68½ to $1.71. On the local board offerings were light, with only 21 cars in. Spot No. 1 was unsettled. In the early business quotations were below Duluth December, with 2c under bid. Later there was some inquiry for No. 1, said to be from shorts, and spot was bid up close to December price. Rejected sold well. Prices were fully up to yesterday, and for selected lots prices were 1c to 2c higher. A few cars rejected reached 5c under Duluth December, and 7c to 10c under was paid for others. Trades were made at $1.63½, $1.62 and $1.59. Minneapolis received 21 cars, against 32 last year. Duluth had 33 cars. Chicago received 17 cars. Closing prices: Minneapolis cash, $1.66½; to arrive, $1.67½; May, $1.60. Duluth cash, $1.68; to arrive, $1.68; December, $1.66½; May, $1.69.

Flour—The better demand that started yesterday continues, and millers report good orders received from domestic buyers principally. Prices are the same. First patents, $4@4.10; second patents, $3.75@3.85; first clears, $2.80@2.90; second clears, $2.05@2.15. Shipments continue light at 29,684 bbls.

Millstuffs— Bran in bulk is quoted $11.50@11.75; flour middlings, $12.50@12.75; bulk shorts, $11.50@11.75; red dog in 140-lb sacks, $14; feed in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments are small, only 889 tons.

Feed and Meal—Quotations show no change; coarse corn meal and cracked corn are quoted at $13.75; No. 1 feed, $14; No. 2 feed, $14.25; No. 3 feed, $14.50; granulated corn meal, in cotton sacks, at the rate of $1.95 per bbl.

Corn—The market is firm and active. There is little corn going out, no shipments reported. Receipts were 52 cars; No. 3 yellow sold to 34¾c, ¼c over yesterday's high figure; No. 3 yellow is quoted at 34¼@34¾c; No. 3, 33¾@34¼c; No. 3 corn, 32½c.

Oats—Trade was active and demand good. Prices firmed up a fraction in the trading and No. 3 sold to 23½c; No. 3 white is quoted at 23½@24c; No. 3 oats, 23@23½c. Receipts, 31 cars; shipments, 10 cars.

Barley—Trade was active. No. 5 barley sold to 48c; No. 4 to 46½c; no grade, 37c. Receipts were 21 cars and shipments 17 cars. Feed grades are quoted at 35c to 40c; malting grades, 40@49c.

Rye—There is a steady market; No. 2 is quoted at 45c. Receipts, 2 cars; no shipments.

Hay—Receipts are running fairly well up and were 251 tons. The tone is steady but without extreme strength. Choice Timothy is quoted at $14@14.50; Minnesota upland $12.50@13; Iowa upland, $12.50@13; coarse to medium, $7@9; rye straw, $6@7.50.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

	Northern.				No
	No.1H.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	Gd.
Great Nor.	9	59	23	7	45
C.,M. & St.P.	16	48	34	1	11
M. & St. L.	1	1	..	..	1
Soo Line	1	20	6	3	1
Nor. Pacific	..	9	7	5	5
C.,St.P.,M.&O.	5	16	7	2	1
Totals	32	153	77	18	70

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 44; No. 3 corn, 59; No. 4 corn, 8; No. 3 oats, 19; no grade oats, 5; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 3 rye, 1; no grade rye, 2; No. 4 barley, 3; No. 5 barley, 11; no grade barley, 5; No. 1 flax, 1; rejected flax, 18; no grade flax, 18.

Cars Inspected Out—No. 1 northern, 39; No. 2 northern, 8; No. 3, 12; rejected, 2; no grade, 20; No. 3 corn, 30; No. 5 oats, 20; no grade oats, 1; No. 5 barley, 14; no grade, 3; No. 1 flax, 1; rejected flax, 3.

CASH SALES.

No. 1 northern, 36 cars, 73¼c.
No. 1 northern, 6,000 bu to arrive, 73½c.
No. 2 northern, 5 cars, 71⅛c.
No. 2 northern, 6 cars, 70c.
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars, 65½c.
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, 66c.
Rejected wheat, 3 cars, 63c.
Rejected wheat, 2 cars, 60c.
No grade wheat, 5 cars, 61c.
No grade wheat, 10 cars, 60c.
No. 3 yellow corn, 2 cars, 34½c.
No. 3 yellow corn, 1 car, 34¾c.
No. 3 corn, 4 cars, 33¾c.
No. 3 corn, 2 cars, 33½c.
No. 3 oats, 3 cars, 23c.
No. 3 barley, 1 car, 48c.
No. 5 barley, 1 car, 46c.
No grade barley, 1 car, 37c.
No grade barley, 1 car, 35c.
Rejected flax, 3 cars, $1.51½.
Rejected flax, 3 cars, $1.6[illegible].
No grade flax, 3 cars, $1.40.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 6.—The market was weak today. It opened ¼c off at 76c, sold at 75⅝c at 10, at 75⅝c at 11:16, at 75¾c at 11:18, at 75⅝c at noon, at 75⅝c at 12:10, at 75½c at 12:50, and closed at 75¼@75⅝c. Cash sales were 75,000 bu at unchanged premiums. The close: Wheat—Cash, No. 1 hard, 75¼c; No. 1 northern, 71¼c; No. 2 northern, 62@67c; No. 3 spring, 53@60c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 75½c; No. 1 northern, 72⅞c; December, No. 1 northern, 71⅛c; May, No. 1 northern, 75¼@75⅝c; oats, 23½@23¾c; rye, 47¼c; barley, 40@58c; flax, to arrive, $1.68½; cash, $1.68¼; December, $1.68½; May, $1.69.

Car Inspection—Wheat, 145; corn, 23; oats, 6; rye, 2; barley, 3; flax, 13. Receipts—Wheat, 166,368 bu; corn, 5,582 bu; oats, 4,725 bu; rye, 1,467 bu; barley, 901 bu; flax, 34,510 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 273,592 bu; barley, 57,227 bu; flax, 281,641 bu.

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OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Flour—Receipts, 27,969 bbls; exports, 3,156 bbls; sales, 7,500 pkgs; market was less active and a shade easier. Wheat—Receipts, 41,400 bu; exports, 114,700 bu; sales, 2,320,000 bu futures; 80,000 bu spot; spot steady; No. 2 red, 75⅞c f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 red, 77⅜c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 83c f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 87⅞c f. o. b., afloat; options closed weak at ⅝@⅞c net decline; sales included No. 2 red, January, 77⅞@78⅜c, closed at 77⅞c; March, 79⅞@80⅝c, closed at 79⅞c; May, 79⅛@79 15-16c, closed at 79¼c; December, 77⅝@77¾c, closed at 77⅝c. Corn—Receipts, 124,800 bu; exports, 102,032 bu; sales, 110,000 bu futures; 96,000 bu spot; spot steady; No. 2, 46¾c elevator and 46c f. o. b., afloat; options closed easy at unchanged prices; May, 42⅝@42½c, closed at 42⅜c; December, 46¼@46½c, closed at 46¼c. Oats—Receipts, 46,200 bu; exports, 30 bu; spot steady; No. 2, 26½c; No. 3, 26¼c; No. 2 white, 30c; No. 3 white, 29c; track mixed Western, 26½@27½c; track white, 28½@28¾c.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 6.—Flour—Dull. Wheat—Steady; No. 1 northern, 74½@75c; No. 2 northern, 70@73½c. Rye—Firm, No. 1, 51c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 59c; sample, 42@56c. Oats—Firmer; No. 2 white, 25¾@26c.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 6.—Close: December, 62½c; May, 66½c; May, 66⅝c; cash No. 2 hard, 66@67½c; No. 2 red, 69c. Corn—December, 33¾c; May, 34½@34⅝c; No. 2 cash, 33¾@34c; No. 2 white, 35c. Oats—No. 2 white, 25c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 California steady at 6s 2½d; No. 2 red Western winter firm at 6s ¼d; No. 1 northern spring steady at 6s 3d. Futures quiet; December, 5s 1¼d; March, 6s ⅜d. Corn—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 4s 1¾d; futures steady; December, 4s 11½d; January, 3s 10⅜d; March, 3s 9⅝d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE AND SUGAR—New York, Dec. 6.—Coffee—Futures closed quiet, with prices 5 points net lower. Total sales 22,250 bags, including December at 6.00c; January, 6.10c; March, 6.30c; May, 6.40c; August, 6.50c; September, 6.55c; October, 6.55@6.60c. Spot coffee—Rio barely steady; No. 7 invoice, 7¼c; mild quiet; Cordova, 9½@13¼c. Sugar—Raw quiet but firm; fair refining, 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 9-16c; molasses sugar, 3 11-16c; refined steady.

METAL MARKET—New York, Dec. 6.—The feature of the metal market was the decline in tin to $27.50@27.75, with the market finally weak in tone. The loss was the result of decidedly weak cables, these showing a drop of £3 in London, later making the lowest point reached since the middle of January. Copper, though 5s higher in London (£72s 2s 6d) was very quiet locally at $17 for lake shore and 16⅞c for casting copper. Lead quiet at $4.37½. Spelter weak with future decline, closed on the basis of $4.25@4.30. Cables reported a loss in London of 2s 6d to £18 7s 6d. The iron market ruled quiet and without material changes.

BUTTER AND EGGS—New York, Dec. 6.—Butter—Receipts, 3,206 packages; state creamery, 18@26c; June creamery, 18@23½c; factory, 12@15½c. Cheese—Receipts, 7,015 packages; firm; large September, 11¼c; small September, 11½c; large late made, 10⅝@10¾c; small late made, 11c. Eggs—Receipts, 6,038 packages; firm; Western, regular packing at mark, 23@25½c; Western, loss off, 29c.

COTTON MARKET—New York, Dec. 6.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, middling uplands, 10 3-16c; middling gulf, 10 7-16c. Sales 180 bales. Futures closed barely steady; December, 9.82c; January, 9.76c; February, 9.71c; March, 9.67c; April, 9.62c; May, 9.57c; June, 9.55c; July, 9.51c; September, 8.58c; August, 9.23c.

PRODUCE AND FRUIT.

Butter—Steady and in active demand. Receipts light. Creameries—Extras, 23½c; firsts, 22c. Dairies—Hand separator, 21c; extras, 19@20c. Ladles—Extras, 15@16c; packing stock, 12½c.

Cheese—Market steady and active. Twins, fancy full cream, 12½c; full cream, Young American, new, 11½@12c; brick, No. 1, 10@11c; brick, No. 2, 9½c; Swiss cheese, old, 12½@14c; Limburger, as to grade, 8½@11c.

Eggs—Market firm. Receipts light. Fresh stock, cases included, loss off, 21c.

Beans— Mraket firm. Fancy navy, per bu, $2.25@2.35; medium hand-picked, per bu, $1.60@1.80.

Peas—Yellow peas, $1.25; fancy green, $1.30.

Potatoes—Steady; fair demand. New potatoes, bu, 25@30c.

Vegetables—Beets, per bu, 25c; lettuce, per dozen, 30c; parsley, per dozen, 15c; tomatoes, California, basket, 75c; spinach, bu, 50c; turnips, bu, 25c; beans, wax, bu, $1.50; string beans, bu, $1.50; cucumbers, dozen, $1; carrots, bu, 30c; turnips, dozen, 30c; horseradish, lb, 10c.

Cabbage—Steady. Per crate, 75c.

Onions—Steady. Home-grown onions, cwt, 90c@$1.

Apples—Market well cleaned up, and good stock commands firm prices at advanced quotations. Apples, fancy, $2.75@3.50.

Lemons—Receipts liberal; demand good. Fancy Messinas, box, $3.75@4; California, per box, $3.75@4.

Oranges—Jamaicas, box, $5.

Nuts—Hickory, per bu, $1@1.25; black walnuts, per bu, 75c@$1; new California walnuts, lb, 14c; peanuts, raw, per lb, 6c; peanuts, roasted, lb, 7c; Brazils, per lb, 4c; pecans, medium, 11@11½c; hazelnuts, per lb, 5@8c; chestnuts, new, per lb, 11@15c.

Bananas—Supply moderate; demand active. Choice shipping, $2@2.50.

Figs and Dates—Figs, new California, box, 85c@$1; fard dates, 10-lb boxes, 8@9c; Halloween dates, new, 5½c.

Apple Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5; sweet, per half bbl, $2.75; hard, per bbl, $9.

Dressed Meats—Demand light, supply fair. Veal, fancy, 6c; veal, medium, 5c; hogs, country dressed, 7c; milk lambs, pelts off, 7c.

Poultry—Demand fair, receipts liberal. Springs, per lb, 6@6½c; mixed chickens, 6c; hens, 5½@6c; turkeys, 7c; ducks, fancy, 5@6c; geese, 5c.

Fish—Fair demand. Piks, per lb, 4@5c; croppies, per lb, 4@5c; pickerel, per lb, 4c; frog legs, per doz, 4@8c.

TO GET CASH PRIZES.

Rewards for Meritorious Service on the Chicago & Alton.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Employes of the Chicago & Alton railroad are to be given cash prizes instead of medals for meritorious service.

The new arrangement will go into effect at once. Awards will be made every six months. The prizes are in two classes, one for conductors and engineers, and another for firemen, brakemen, collectors, and others in similar work. The marks will be for judgment in operating trains, obeying orders, preventing accidents, and general good behavior. Those with the high averages will be given passes.

SHE SAYS IT'S A LIE.

Miss Ione Woodward Never Heard of Lieut. Bismarck.

APPLETON, Wis., Dec. 6.—Miss Ione Woodward, of Evanston, Ill., who was a guest in the family of Minister Conger in Pekin during the siege of the legations by the Boxers, is here visiting her mother. She denies the report of her engagement to Lieut. Frederick Bismarck, of the German army, a grandson of Prince Bismarck. She said today: "I do not know the gentleman. I never met him, never heard of him in China or elsewhere. The report is a pure fabrication, and further than a most emphatic denial I do not care to discuss the matter."

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Iowa Going on a Cruise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The big battleship Iowa, flagship of the Pacific station in company with the Philadelphia has been ordered to leave San Francisco for the usual winter cruise southward. It is said there is no particular political purpose in this cruise.

EARLY ADVANCE WAS LOST

BULLS TRIED HARD TO BOOST THE PRICES OF STOCKS

BUT THEY WOULDN'T STAY UP

Some Few Shares Held Their Gains, but the General List Closed Practically Unchanged.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	64½	64½
Call money, New York	2½-5	4-5

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—A determined effort was manifest in the stock market to start a renewal of speculation for a rise. In the early realings there was a fair degree of success attending the effort under the influence of striking gains in a few stocks. Strength persisted in a few stocks throughout the day, but it was offset during the latter part of the day by equally striking losses in some of the leading specialties. A large part of the list fell back to about last night's level, and wavered in an uncertain way until the closing, which was generally easy. The rally in this market late yesterday was taken as a cue by the London market this morning. Foreign markets have shown a growing disposition of late to follow Wall street's lead, and the rally yesterday afternoon was pronounced by some observers as due to maniplation with the purpose of inviting buying of Americans in London today. If this was the purpose, it was successful; London bought stocks here at the opening, helping on the rise. There was a considerable short interest as a result of the weakness of the market, earlier in the week, which proved vulnerable to the rather imposing show of strength this morning. Even amongst these stocks which were afterwards the weakest, there were some considerable gains during the early strength, both Sugar and Tennessee Coal getting up about a point. Quite a number of important stocks achieved gains of nearly a point, but a careful scrutiny of the market showed that the movement all day was distinctly one of special stocks. The low priced non-dividend paying railroad stocks were the favorites, especially the Eries and the Wabash issues, both stocks and bonds. Nothing authoritative could be learned to explain this movement, which rumors attributed to buying for Vanderbilt control, and to joint plans for consolidation and through traffic agreements of the two lines. The rise extended to over two points in Erie first preferred and to 1½ in the second preferred, and both closed at about the top, being practically the only stocks in the list to do so. Besides these stocks there were upwards of thirty stocks selling under 40, which were advanced from a half to one and a half. St. Joseph & Grand Island first preferred jumped five points on prospects of a dividend increase. The Green Bay & Western issues were strong, though the principal activity was in debentures B's. Sugar was active and feverish all day, and apparently the traders were seeking to retrieve their losses on the bull side by a bear campaign. They circulated a report of the serious illness of the president of the company, which was denied. The stock fell an extreme 3⅜, and closed only slightly better at a net loss of 2¼. Tennessee Coal was even more actively affected and fell altogether 5⅝ to 64, closing at the lowest, with a loss of 4¼ on the day. The report was confidentially disseminated that it had been determined to pass the next dividend on the stock. The increase in the dividend rate for the half year on Denver & Rio Grande pfd from 2 to 2½ per cent caused a late advance in that stock of 1¾ and in the common stock of 1¼. This caused a sympathetic hardening of the market, but prices did not hold in the face of renewed weakness in the specialties. There was no appreciable change in money market conditions.

The bond market was active and consistently strong, many low grade junior and contingent bonds advancing strongly. Total sales, par value, $6,425,000. United States new 4s declined ⅜ per cent on last call.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by Charles H. F. Smith & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, Pioneer Press building, who have direct wires to Chicago and New York. Closing prices are bid:

	S'l's	High	Low	Closing. 6	5
American Hoop	3000	27¼	27½	28	27⅞
do pfd	100	76½	76¼	76	76
Am. Steel & Wire	14400	43¾	42⅝	42⅞	42⅞
do pfd	2300	86¼	85½	86	85¼
Anaconda M. C.	4400	48⅞	46¾	47½	47¼
Am. Tobacco	7300	107¾	106⅞	106⅞	106⅞
Am. Tin Plate	7700	43½	42½	42¾	42½
do pfd	100	87½	87¼	87½	87½
Atch., T. & S. F.	15400	39⅛	33¼	38⅝	38½
do pfd	21100	84⅝	83½	83½	84
Baltimore & Ohio	3400	80½	80	80⅛	79⅝
do pfd	300	85½	84¾	84¾	85⅜
Brook. Rap. Tran.	16200	72¾	70⅞	70⅞	71¾
C., B. & Q.	4900	136⅞	135¾	134¾	135⅞
Cana. Southern	2100	58⅝	58	58¼	58¼
Con. Tobacco Co.	4600	35⅞	34½	34½	35
do pfd	600	91¾	91½	91	91½
Chesa. & Ohio	14700	38¼	37¼	37⅞	37¼
Chicago & Alton	2700	40	39¼	39	39⅝
do pfd	1200	76¾	76⅛	76¼	75¾
Chi. G. W.	1400	14⅝	14½	14⅜	14¼
do deb. 4 per ct.	400	91½	91½	91⅜	91¼
do pfd A	200	78⅞	78⅞	78⅞	78¼
do pfd B	100	38¾	38¾	38½	38½
Con. Gas	3400	192	189¾	189	189½
Del., L. & W.	2600	184½	182	183	181½
Den. & Rio G.	14300	26¼	25¼	25¾	24⅞
do pfd	24200	80½	78¾	80	79
Erie	27900	17	16½	16½	16⅝
do 1st pfd	51200	45⅞	44	45⅝	43½
do 2d pfd	1000	25½	25½	25½	23
Federal Steel	15500	51⅛	49⅞	49⅞	50⅝
do pfd	300	76¼	76	76	76¼
Gen. Elec. Co.	600	167¾	167½	166	167¾
Gt. Nor. pfd	100	179½	179½	179	179
Hock. Val. Ry.	500	39¼	38¾	38¾	38¾
do pfd	1600	72¾	71¼	71¼	71⅝
Illinois Central	300	.....	.....	124½	124
Jersey Central	1400	148	146¼	146¼	146½
Lacleda Gas	100	71	71	70	70
Lake Erie & W.	200	37	36	36	35
Louis. & Nash.	2400	83¾	83	83	82¾
Leather	13200	14⅛	13	13	12⅝
do pfd	300	75½	75	75¼	74
Man. Con	17100	110¼	108⅝	108⅝	107⅝
Mat Traction	5400	169½	167	167	167¾
Minn. & St.	900	65½	64⅝	65	64
do pfd	300	100	100	99¾	99½
M., K. & T.	500	13½	13½	13¼	13
do pfd	6900	38⅞	38	37⅞	37⅞
Missouri Pac.	7600	59⅝	57¾	59¾	59⅛
Nor. Pac.	13200	71¼	70⅞	70⅝	70¾
do pfd	2800	82⅝	81¾	82¼	81⅝
New York Cent.	1400	143	142	142⅛	143⅜
Nat. Steel Co.	1400	35¾	34⅞	34½	35½
do pfd	100	93	93	93	93
Nor. & West.	2600	42½	42	42⅛	41⅞
do pfd	100	81½	81½	81	81
N. Y., Chi.&St. L.	1200	16⅞	16	16¼	15¾
Northwestern	200	168½	167½	167½	166½
do pfd	500	212	211	211	.....
Ontario & West.	10400	25⅞	25	25⅛	24⅞
Penn. Ry.	15100	143⅛	142½	142¾	142½
Pacific Mail	300	47	46¾	46¼	47
People's Gas	5300	100	98¾	98¾	99⅝
Rep. I. & Steel	200	16½	15¾	15¾	15⅛
do pfd	200	65	65	64¾	65
Reading	2900	21	20	20⅝	21¼
do 1st pfd	39500	64¾	63¾	63¾	63
do 2d pfd	5600	32⅞	31⅝	31⅝	36⅞
Rock Island	1700	111⅝	111¼	111¼	114⅛
Southern Ry.	24000	18¾	17¾	18	17⅞
do pfd	6200	67⅞	67⅞	67¼	67⅞
Southern Pac.	22700	42	41¼	41⅜	41⅛
St. L. & S. W.	800	16⅜	15¾	15¾	15⅞
do pfd	3600	38⅞	38¼	38¼	31¼
Sugar Refinery	48000	128⅝	125¼	125⅜	127¾
St. Paul	13600	128	126¾	126¾	126¾
do pfd	100	177⅛	177⅛	177⅛	178¼
St. J. & G. I.	.....	62½	62½	62½	.....
P. C. &I.	82500	69⅞	64	64	63
Tex. Pac.	5000	21¼	20⅝	20¾	20⅝
Union Pac.	15700	72⅝	71¼	71¼	71⅞
do pfd	2200	81⅞	81⅞	81	81½
U. S. Rubber	4600	30	28½	29	29⅛
Wabash	14300	9¾	9⅛	9¼	9
do pfd	12800	23	22⅜	22½	22¼
West. Union	400	83	82⅝	82⅛	82⅝
Wheel. & L. E.	900	10¾	10½	10⅜	10¼
do 1st pfd	600	54¾	53	53	52
do 2d pfd	1000	28	27⅛	27⅜	21½

Total sales, 735,800.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	104½	N. Y. C. 1sts	109⅝
do coup	105	N. J. C. gen. 5s	127
do 3s, reg	109¾	N. P. 3s	70¼
do 3s, coup	109¾	do 4s	105
do n. 4s, reg	137¾	N.Y.,C.& St.L.4s	107¼
do n. 4s, coup	137¾	N. & W. con. 4s	96¾
do old 4s, reg	114¾	Or. Nav. 1sts	111
do old 4s, coup	115¾	do 4s	102¾
do 5s, reg	113	Or. S. L. 6s	127½
do 5s, coup	113	do con. 5s	117½
D. of C. 3 65s	124½	Reading gen. 4s	91½
Atch., gen.