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PRICES MARKED UP

DECEMBER WHEAT, CHICAGO, LOSES AT AN ADVANCE OF 3-8c OVER WEDNESDAY

CROP ADVICES ARE BULLISH

Corn and Oats Also Show Slight Gains, While Provisions at the Close Are From 7 1-2@10c to 10@12 1-2c Higher.

	Closing. Wed.	Tues.
Dec. wheat, Minneapolis	67¼	67½-⅝
May wheat, Minneapolis	69¾	70 1-16
December wheat, Chicago	69⅞-70	70⅜
May wheat, Chicago	73¼	73⅝
December wheat, New York	75⅞	76¼
May wheat, New York	78⅝	78⅞
December wheat, Duluth	68¼	68⅝
May wheat, Duluth	71½	71⅞
December wheat, St. Louis	71⅝	71⅞
May wheat, St. Louis	74½	75

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Bullish statistics and foreign news lent intermittent activity to an otherwise dull market today, and December wheat closed ⅝c higher, December corn a shade higher, and December oats ⅛c advance. Provisions closed 7½@10c to 10@12½c higher.

Steady Liverpool cables, in the face of recent weakness here, gave strength to the opening, and December wheat started ¼@⅜c to ⅝@½c advance at 70¼c to 70⅜c. Small Northwestern receipts also lent an upward tendency, though the clearing weather has begun to favor a freer Northwestern movement. Numerous shorts covered their lines early, and then the market turned dull until December sagged to 70c. News of purchases here for Antwerp and Argentine, together with increased seaboard clearances brought a renewed activity. December sold at 70⅝c, but in the absence of any outside interest and an uneasy feeling among early buyers prices eased off and December closed barely firm, ⅜c higher at 70¼@70⅝c. Local receipts were 121 cars, 3 of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 63 cars, a total for the three points of 754, against 867 last week, and 78 a year ago. Primary receipts were 1,070,000 bu, compared with 875,000 bu last year. Seaboard clearances were equal to 872,000 bu. The seaboard reported 28 loads taken for export.

Corn was about steady at yesterday's closing figures at the opening, but improved a little under the influence of wheat. December was not disturbed by any fresh developments, disappointing husking returns on the one hand, counterbalancing a sluggish cash demand. There was still considerable changing of December for May. December ranged between 56⅛c and 56⅝@56¾c, and closed a shade higher at 56⅝@56⅞c. Receipts were 197 cars.

Reports of shipments for the South and Southwest brought a firmer tone to the oats market, though trade was light and fluctuations narrow. December ranged between 35⅛@35¼c and 35⅛c and closed firm, ⅛c higher at 35¼@35⅜c. Receipts were 139 cars.

Provisions were quiet, yet with a firm tone on the strength of a higher hog market. January pork closed 5c advanced at $15.27½, January lard, 10@12½c higher at $9.15@9.17½, and January ribs 7½@10c up at $7.97½.

The estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 105 cars; corn, 185 cars; oats, 135 cars, and 15,000 head of hogs.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
October	$0.68⅞	$0.68⅞	$0.68¾	$0.69
December	.70⅜	.70⅜	.70	.70⅜
May	.73¾	.74	.73⅜	.73⅝
Corn—				
October	.55	.55¼	.55	.55⅛
December	.56⅜	.56¾	.56⅛	.56½
May	.58⅝	.58⅞	.58¼	.58¾
Oats—				
October	.34½	.34¾	.34½	.34¼
December	.35¼	.35½	.35¼	.35⅜
May	.37¼	.37½	.37⅛	.37½
Mess Pork—				
October	13.70	13.82½	13.70	13.87½
January	15.20	15.32½	15.20	15.27½
May	15.30	15.37½	15.25	15.35
Lard—				
October	9.40	9.52½	9.40	9.52½
November	9.32½	9.42½	9.32½	9.42½
January	9.17½	9.17½	9.05	9.17½
May	9.10	9.17½	9.10	9.17½
Short Ribs—				
October	8.37½	8.50	8.37½	8.50
January	7.90	7.97½	7.90	7.97½
May	8.00	8.07½	8.00	8.05

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady. Wheat—No. 2, 67½@67½c; No. 2 red, 71c@71½c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 57c. Oats—No. 2, 36c; No. 2 white, 38c@38½c; No. 3 white, 37½@38c. Rye—No. 2, 56@56½c. Barley—Fair to choice malting, 54@58c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.50; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.51. Timothy seed—Prime, $5.55@5.65. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $13.95@14. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $9.50@9.52½. Sides—Short ribs (loose), $8.35@8.45. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 7½@7¾c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $8.90@9. Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.30. Receipts—Flour, 25,000 bbls; wheat, 242,000 bu; corn, 181,000 bu; oats, 205,000 bu; rye, 9,000 bu; barley, 53,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 15,000 bbls; wheat, 216,000 bu; corn, 447,000 bu; oats, 43,000 bu; barley, 21,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 13@19c. Cheese—Steady, 9¾@10¾c. Eggs—Firm; fresh, 17½@18c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—Firmness ruled in wheat this morning, holding the market steady to noon. December ranging from 67⅜c to 67½c to 67⅞c. The early gossip showed a half-leaning towards the bear side.

The market closed quiet and firm. December closed at 67¾c, an advance of ⅛c. May closed at 70¼c. Chicago closed December at 70¼@70⅜c.

Cash wheat sold well today, although there was not quite the sharp edge to the market that was noted yesterday. No. 1 northern sold at 1⅛c to 1½c over December, and No. 2 at ⅛c under December for the bulk. Some business was done in No. 1 northern to arrive, but the general trade in wheat to arrive was light. No. 3 ranged from 1½c to 2½c under December. Rejected and no grade sold from 58c to 61c, a good part of it going around 63c.

The following is the range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing. Wed.	Tues.
Wheat—					
May	70⅛-¼	70⅜	69¾	69¾	70 1-16
October	....	....	....	67¼	67⅝
December	67¾	67⅞	67¼	67¼	67⅜-½
Curb on December wheat					67¼-⅜
Puts on December wheat					67 1-16
Calls on December wheat					67⅜-½

On Track—Official closing quotations: No. 1 hard, 70¼c; No. 1 northern, 68½c; No. 2 northern, 66½c; No. 3 wheat, 64¾@65½c; oats, 34⅝c; corn, 53¼@53¾c; No. 3 corn, 52½c; rye, 50½c; barley, 48@56c; flax, $1.46; flax futures, October, $1.43; November, $1.36½; December, $1.32; May, $1.35.

Flour—The market is more quiet. Demand is less active all around. Sales are lighter, but this latter fact is due in part to the firmness of millers, who are less solicitous for orders just now than is usual. With large lots already booked and enough business in hand to insure grinding for some time to come, new business is entered only at firm figures.

Shipments for the day, 65,845 bbls.

First patents are quoted $3.65@3.75; second patents, $3.50@3.60; first clears, $2.75@2.85; second clears, $2.15.

Flax—The market took an upturn, spot No. 1 selling to $1.49½. Futures were active and excited to start. Minneapolis followed Duluth October and advanced in about the same degree. Rejected flax sold well on a range of $1.45½@1.48.

Minneapolis received 56 cars, against 110 last year. Duluth had 164.

Closing prices: Minneapolis—Cash, $1.49½; to arrive in ten days, $1.48½; October, $1.46; November, $1.40; December, $1.34; May, $1.37. Duluth—Cash, $1.49½; to arrive, $1.48½; October, $1.48½; November, $1.41; December, $1.35; May, $1.37.

Corn—The market was quiet and neglected owing to light receipts and slack demand. No. 3 yellow closed at 35¼@35¾c. Receipts, 5 cars; shipments, none.

Oats—There was a good demand and a lively trade, but no change of importance in the price range. No. 3 white closed at 34½c. Receipts, 23 cars; shipments, 2.

Feed and Meal—Coarse cornmeal and cracked corn are quoted at $20.25@20.50; No. 1 feed, $20.50@21.50; granulated cornmeal in cotton sacks at the rate of $2.50@2.60 per bbl.

Millstuffs—Bulk bran is quoted $12.50@12.75; bulk shorts, $13@13.50; flour middlings, $14.75@15; red dog, 140-lb sacks, $17@17.50; feed in 200-lb sacks $1 per ton additional. Shipments, 1,937 tons.

Rye—The market was firm; No. 2 sold at 50¾c for spot, and No. 3 at 50¼c; No. 2 rye closed at 50½c. Receipts, 8 cars; shipments, 11 cars.

Barley—Feed grades are quoted 48c to 50c, and malting grades 50c to 56c. Receipts were 27 cars; shipments 8 cars.

Hay—Upland fancy, $10@10.50; upland choice, $9.50@10; upland No. 1, $9@9.50; midland, $9; medium, $8@9; timothy, choice, $11.50@12; rye straw, choice, $4.50@5; wheat and oat straw, $3.50@4. Receipts, 138 tons.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Roads—	Northern. No.1hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	No Gd.
Great Nor.	..	18	29	39	7	49
C., M. & St. P.	..	2	16	18	2	2
M. & St. L.	..	1	1	16	..	9
Soo Line	..	..	6	6	7	3
Nor. Pacific	..	5	10	3	2	6
C., S.P., M. & O.	..	..	27	27	7	7
Totals	..	26	99	109	25	76

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 8 cars; No. 4 corn, 1 car; No. 3 oats, 12 cars; No. 4 oats, 7 cars; no grade oats, 2 cars; No. 2 rye, 4 cars; No. 3 rye, 2 cars; No. 3 barley, 5 cars; No. 4 barley, 16 cars; No. 5 barley, 9 cars; no grade barley, 5 cars; No. 1 flax, 32 cars; rejected flax, 16 cars; No. 1 northern flax, 6 cars.

Cars Inspected Out—No. 1 northern wheat, 40; No. 2 northern, 41; No. 3, 22; rejected, 11; no grade, 10; No. 4 corn, 3; No. 3 oats, 10; No. 3 rye, 3; No. 4 barley, 8; no grade, 11; No. 1 flax, 16; rejected flax, 4; No. 1 northern flax, 2.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 17.—The features of the Duluth market this morning was a flurry in cash wheat. From ¼c over December No. 1 northern jumped to 1¼c over, and then fell back to 1c over. No. 2 sold at 4½c under, and No. 3 at 4½c under. Shipping interests were bidding actively, and elevators were also sharp bidders. Sales were 175,000 bu. Trading in futures was light. The market opened ¼c up at 68½c, reacting to 68⅜c, bulged to 68⅝c, fell back to 68½c and closed at 68⅝c. October flax opened 2c up, fell off 1½c, and then bulged again until it sold at 3c over yesterday's close. It closed 2½c up. The close: Wheat—No. 1 hard, 72⅝c; No. 1 northern, 69⅝c; No. 2 northern, 66⅝c; No. 3 spring, 64½c, to arrive; No. 1 hard, 72⅝c; No. 1 northern, 69⅝c; October, 69⅝c; December, 68⅝c; May, 71⅜c. Oats, 35⅝@35⅞c. Rye, 51½c. Barley—Feeding, 45@50c; malting, 56@60c. Flax—Cash, $1.49½; to arrive, $1.48½; October, $1.48½; November, $1.41; December, $1.35; May, $1.37. Corn, 55¼c. Cars inspected: Wheat, 195; last year, 37; corn, 1; oats, 8; rye, 6; barley, 52; flax, 164. Receipts—Wheat, 226,541 bu; oats, 783 bu; barley, 74,162 bu; flax, 120,509 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 210,592 bu; barley, 997 bu; rye, 115,000 bu; flax, 156,173 bu.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Oats—No. 3, 35½@36c; No. 3 white, 36@36½c.

Corn—No. 3, 56½@57c; No. 3 yellow, 57@57½c.

Feed—Granulated cornmeal, in cotton sacks, $2.35; coarse cornmeal, ton, $20.25@20.75; ground feed, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, $21@22.

Bran and Shorts—Bran in bulk, $13@13.50; short in bulk, $14@14.50.

Hay—Good demand for best kinds; upland, choice, $9.50@10; upland, No. 1, $9@9.50; No. 1 wild, $8@9; No. 2 wild, $7@8; timothy, choice, $11@11.50; No. 1, $10.25@10.75; rye straw, choice, $4.50@5; wheat and oat straw, $3@4.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	62,700	12,949
Philadelphia	62,071	132,037
Baltimore	49,512	103,966
Toledo	23,999	....
Detroit	20,702	3,208
St. Louis	45,000	30,000
Boston	97,465	213,940
Chicago	41,600	215,709
Milwaukee	89,200	20,000
Duluth	226,514	210,092
Minneapolis	574,880	32,400
Kansas City	32,000	45,600

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Flour—Receipts, 22,369 bbls; exports, 14,275 bbls; more active and firmer. Rye flour steady. Cornmeal steady. Rye firmer. Barley quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 62,700 bu; exports, 12,949 bu; spot steady; No. 2 red, 77c f. o. b. afloat, and 75¼c elevator; No. 1 northern Duluth 77¼c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 81¾c f. o. b. afloat. Options were firm most of the day and higher on a renewal of bullish Argentine crop news, better cables, small spring wheat receipts, covering, and strong outside markets; closed firm at ⅝@⅞c net advance. May, 78¾@79 3-16c, closed 79c; October, 74⅝@74¾c, closed 74¾c; December, 74@74 7-16c, closed 76¼c. Corn—Receipts, 33,000; exports, 1,084; spot steady; No. 2, 64½c elevator and 61⅞c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm and were sustained by wheat most of the session, shorts covering moderately, closed steady and unchanged. Oats—Receipts, 51,000 bu; exports, 880 bu; firm; No. 2, 40c; No. 3, 39½c; No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 3 white, 41¾@42c; track mixed Western, 39@41c; track white, 40@46c; options slow but firm with other markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 17.—Flour steady. Wheat firmer; No. 1 northern, 70½@70¾c; No. 2 northern, 69@69½c; December, 70¼c; puts, 70@70⅛c; calls, 70¼@70½c. Rye steady; No. 1, 55c. Barley lower; No. 2 58@59c; sample, 45@58½c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 38c. Corn—December, 56⅜c; puts, 56⅛@56¼c; calls, 56⅝c.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 17.—Close: Wheat—December, 71¾@71⅞c; May, 74¾c; No. 2 hard, 69@70c. Corn firm; No. 2 cash, 57⅝c; December, 57¼@57⅜c; May, 59½@59⅝c. Oats easy; No. 2 cash, 35½c; May, 38¾@38⅞c; No. 2 white, 38½@39c. Lead dull at $1.27½@4.30. Spelter firm at $4.07½@4.10.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 17.—Close: Wheat—December, 66½c; May, 70⅝c; cash No. 2 hard, 66¼@67c; No. 2 red, 71c. Corn—December, 59½c; May, 59@59⅛c; cash No. 2 mixed, 59@59½c; No. 2 white, 59½@60c. Oats—No. 2 white, 38@38½c.

LIVERPOOL, Oct. 17.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 northern winter, 5s 7d; No. 1 northern spring, 5s 8¼d; No. 1 California, 5s 8½d; futures steady; December, 5s 8⅛d; March, 5s 9½d. Corn—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 4s 1⅝d; futures quiet; October, 4s 10¾d; November, 4s 10¾d; December, 4s 11d.

PRODUCE AND FRUIT.

Butter—Creameries—		
Extras	.20½@	.21
Firsts	.18½@	.19½
Seconds	.14½@	.15
Dairies—		
Extras	.19 @	.20
Firsts	.17 @	.18
Ladles—		
Firsts	.14 @	.15
Packing stock	.12½@	.13
Cheese—		
Twins, choice to fancy	.09 @	.11
Full cream, Young America	.09¼@	.12½
Brick, No. 1	.12½@	.13
Brick, Nos. 2 and 3	.07 @	.11
Swiss, as to grade	.09 @	.14
Limburger, as to grade	.08½@	.12½
Eggs—		
Fresh stock, cases included, loss off	.16½@	.17
Beans—		
Fancy navy, per bu	2.00 @	2.50
Medium, hand-picked, per bu	1.50 @	2.00
Brown, fair to fancy	1.50 @	2.25
Peas—		
Yellow peas	1.00 @	1.25
Green peas	1.00 @	1.35
Potatoes—		
New, bu	.65 @	.70
Car lots	.50 @	.55
Sweet, bbl	3.75 @	4.50
Vegetables—		
Beets, bu	.35 @	.40
Lettuce, per doz	.20 @	.25
Radishes, dozen bunches	.15 @	.20
Green onions, doz. bunches	.15 @	.25
Parsley, doz.	.15 @	.20
Tomatoes, bu	1.25 @	1.75
Wax and string beans, bu	1.00 @	1.50
Carrots, bu		.50
Onions, dry, bu	.65 @	.75
Cabbage, ton	8.00 @	10.00
Celery, dozen bunches	.25 @	.30
Cauliflower, dozen	2.00 @	2.50
Egg plant, dozen		1.25
Turnips and rutabagas, bu	.35 @	.40
Parsnips, bu	.50 @	.60
Spinach, bu	.35 @	.40
Miscellaneous—		
Peaches, Southern, crate	1.00 @	1.25
Peaches, California, box	.80 @	1.00
Grapes, basket	.15 @	.18
Bananas, shipping, bunch	2.00 @	2.50
Pears, Bartletts, box	2.00 @	2.50
Apples, new, bbl	3.00 @	3.50
Jonathans		4.50
Lemons—		
Fancy, Messinas, box	3.50 @	4.00
California, per box	3.50 @	4.00
Oranges—		
Late Valencias, box	5.00 @	5.25
Nuts—		
California, walnuts, lb	.13 @	.15
Peanuts, raw, per lb		.05
Peanuts, roasted, lb	.07 @	.07½
Brazils, per lb		.12½
Pecans, medium	.11 @	.11½
Figs and Dates—		
Figs, 10-lb box		.15
Fard dates, 12-lb boxes, lb		.10
Hallowee dates		.05
Apple Cider—		
Sweet, per bbl		5.00
Sweet, per half bbl		3.00
Hard, per bbl	7.00 @	7.50
Dressed Meats—		
Veal, fancy	.07 @	.07½
Veal, medium	.06 @	.06½
Hogs, country dressed	.06½@	.07½
Mutton, country dressed	.04 @	.05
Lambs	.06 @	.08
Live Poultry—		
Chickens, hens	.06½@	.07
Chickens, springs	.08½@	.09½
Roosters	.01 @	.05
Turkeys	.06½@	.08½
Ducks	.05 @	.08
Geese		.05
Fish—		
Sunfish and perch	.02 @	.03
Croppies, per lb	.03 @	.05
Frog legs, dozen	.03 @	.04
Pickerel, per lb	.04 @	.05
Pike, per lb		.07

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE AND SUGAR—New York, Oct. 17.—Coffee—Spot firm; Rio firm; No. 7 invoice, 6¼c; mild market steady; Cordova, 7½@11c. Sugar—Raw strong; fair refining, 3 5-16c; Centrifugal, 96-test, 3 11-16c. Molasses sugar, 3 1-16c; refined steady. Futures opened steady in tone at an advance of 5 points on September, while the rest of the list was unchanged. This was a disappointment to bulls, as cables were bullish enough to cause hope of a much better opening. Havre closed ¼ to ½ f higher, while Hamburg closed ½ to ¾ pfennig higher. The heavy crop movement, however, was what took prices down at the start. Trading during the early session was but moderately active, and prices did not vary 5 points during the forenoon nor well up into the afternoon. But just before the close prices shot up rapidly on a whirl of buying orders from all sides following more unfavorable crop reports from Santos, and the market finally closed excited and strong at a net advance of 15 to 25 points. Total transactions for the day were heavy, being 53,250 bags, including October, 5.40c; November, 5.45@5.55c; December, 5.60@5.70c; January, 5.70@5.80c; March, 5.85@6.00c; April, 6.00c; May, 6.00@6.15c; June, 6.05c; July, 6.10@6.30c; August, 6.35@6.45c; September, 6.30@6.50c.

METALS—New York, Oct. 17.—Owing to an almost absence of demand for tin at New York and London, it took a drop to meet the views of buyers today. The former declined about 60 points and ruled weak and unsettled all day, closing at $24.25@24.75 for spot, while at London values dropped £2 10s, and closed weak, with spot quoted at £112 10s and futures at £105 10s. Copper took a sudden drop and fell off £1 pound 10s to £63 15s for spot and £62 10s for futures. The local market ruled quiet at yesterday's advances, spot Lake Superior closing at $16.85@17 and 16⅝@16⅝c for castings and electrolytic. Lead was dull and unchanged at home and abroad, closing at $4.37½ and £11 7s 6d, respectively. Spelter was also unchanged at both points, closing at $4.20@4.25 and £17 2s 6d, respectively. Domestic iron markets ruled dull and nominally unchanged on the basis of $9.50@10.50 for pig iron warrants; No. 1 northern foundry, $15@16; No. 2 southern foundry, $14@15; No. 1 southern foundry, $14.50@15.50; No. 1 southern foundry soft, $14.50@16. Glasgow warrants closed at 53s 9d and Middlesboro closed at 45s 3d.

NEW YORK STOCK GOSSIP—Reported by H. Holbert & Son: "There continue to be many rumors of adjustments and readjustments, consolidations and reorganizations of the various Northwestern and Southwestern properties. We are not in a position to state that anything has been definitely determined, but expect that the announcement of the Northern Pacific settlement will come within a day or two. Rumors continue to dominate the trading, and the heralded news of the new Burlington company was used in an endeavor to instill activity and create higher prices at the opening, but we are informed that this company is simply a legal necessity for the consolidation of the various auxiliary properties of the Burlington system. The market closed dull but firm, and we look for but little activity until after the election or until some announcement as to the settlement of the Northern Pacific-St. Paul-Northwest situation."

NEW YORK PRODUCE—New York, Oct. 17.—Butter—Receipts, 4,589 pkgs; steady; state dairy 14@20c; creamery, 15@22c; June creamery, 17½@21c; factory, 12½@15c. Cheese—Receipts, 21,712 pkgs; steady; fancy large colored and white, 9¼c; fancy small colored, 10¼c; fancy small white, 10@10¼c. Eggs—Receipts, 8,234 pkgs; easier; state and Pennsylvania, 21½@22c; Western candled, 21½@22½c; Western uncandled, 16@21c.

COTTON—New York, Oct. 17.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, but 1-16c lower; middling uplands, 8½c; middling gulf, 8¾c; sales, 300 bales; futures closed steady; October, 8.05c; November, 8.07c; December, 8.09c; January, 8.08c; February, 8.04c; March, 7.99c; April and May, 7.97c.

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SOME STRENGTH YESTERDAY

Renewal of Activity in Northern Pacific Preferred After a Long Period of Complete Stagnation.

	Closing. Thursday.	Wed.
Bar silver, New York	57½	57½
Call money, New York	3-3½	3-3½

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Today's stock market was again quite inconclusive as as index to any speculative sentiment. Confusion and hesitation were the only feelings revealed. Although prices covered a considerable range and in some cases several times, the net changes of any consequence will be found very few. The same brokers, acting to all appearance for the same interests, were on different sides of the market at different times of the day. This was especially true of the operations in the Southwestern railroad group, in which heavy selling, seemingly by inside interests, was followed by seemingly heavier buying from the same source. Midday weakness in this department interrupted the hardening today as it did yesterday. The feature of the morning dealings was the marking up of a number of high priced investment railroad stocks. This movement was prompted by the sales yesterday of Lake Shore at 300, which were confined to two transactions, and the alleged raising of the bid for Chicago, Burlington & Quincy to 211, which proved on investigation to be wholly fictitious. On this rather slender basis there were hung various sapient dissertations upon the significance of the pressure of capital thus revealed into the high-class railroad stocks, and the example was taken up this morning, possibly by investors and possibly by ingenious professional operators, who have been seeking to awaken speculative interest in stocks. The movement had lost much of its force by midday. Much more impressive was the sudden activity in Northern Pacific preferred, after a period of practical stagnation lasting ever since the panic of May 9. Not only was the demand for this stock quite strong, but the supply was extremely liberal, many 1,000-share lots being dealt in, and the day's transactions reaching a considerable total. Among the prominent sellers were brokers often employed by capitalists whose jealously guarded control of the company is known to be maintained by holdings of the preferred stock. The incorporation in Iowa of a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway company, stated to be for the purpose of acquiring the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, coupled with this movement in Northern Pacific preferred, caused new attention to the recently prevalent reports of progress in the plan of settlement in working out the Northern Pacific tangle, but the influences of this development did not extend beyond St. Paul, Great Northern preferred, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. Amalgamated Copper continued active, but the belief grows that this stock is influenced at present by a speculative deal between professional operators, rather than the actual condition of its finances, or the trade. The stock was firm to strong, and shows a net gain of 1¼. Sugar was another prominent feature and gained for the day 1¾. The covering of outstanding shorts was an important influence on the latter stock. The weekly exhibits of the great European banks reflected clearly the strained conditions which have developed in the Paris money market, while the condition of the Imperial German bank showed a material and unexpected improvement. Otherwise there was no marked change in the money or international exchange situation.

Railroad bonds were quite firm on a good volume of business. Total sales, par value, $1,850,000. United States 3s advanced ¼, and the 5s coupon declined ½ per cent.

STOCKS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Last Bid.
Atchison	20300	78¼	77⅜	77⅝
do pfd	3600	97	96¼	96½
Baltimore & Ohio	800	102½	101½	102⅛
do pfd	....	....	....	93
Canadian Pacific	1300	110¼	109⅞	109½
Canadian Southern	....	....	....	81½
Chesapeake & Ohio	200	45½	45½	45½
Chicago & Alton	2800	37½	36⅞	36⅞
do pfd	....	....	....	77½
Chi., Ind. & Louis	1500	41½	40	40½
do pfd	100	72½	72½	72
Chi. & Eastern Ill.	....	....	....	125
Chi. Great Western	1300	22⅜	22	22
do A pfd	200	85½	85¼	85¼
do B pfd	100	43	43	43
Chi. & North-West	4000	202	197	200
C., R. I. & P.	100	142¼	142¼	142
Chi. Term. & Trans.	2000	20⅜	20	20
do pfd	4600	37	36	36½
C., C., C. & St. Louis	....	....	....	96½
Colorado Southern	900	13⅞	13⅝	13½
do 1st pfd	300	54	52¾	53
do 2d pfd	600	24	23	23¼
Delaware & Hudson	6300	169⅞	169⅛	168⅞
Del., Lack. & West.	1200	226½	223⅞	225
Denver & Rio Grande	400	44½	44⅜	44⅜
do pfd	100	92	92	91½
Erie	14000	41⅝	40⅞	40⅞
do 1st pfd	600	69½	69⅜	69
do 2d pfd	....	....	....	55
*Great Northern pfd	6500	196	192¾	194
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	52¾
do pfd	....	....	....	74
Illinois Central	6600	147¾	145⅝	146
Iowa Central	100	40	40	39½
do pfd	200	77¾	77¾	77½
Lake Erie & Western	300	69½	69	69
do pfd	....	....	....	125
Louisville & Nashville	1400	103¼	102⅞	102¾
Manhattan L	1700	120	119½	119½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	1600	158⅝	157⅞	158
Mexican Central	1600	22	21¾	22
Mexican National	1600	14⅜	13⅞	14⅛
Minneapolis & St. L.	2700	108¼	105½	108
Missouri Pacific	18400	95⅝	93¾	94¾
M., Kan. & Texas	3100	25½	24	24¾
do pfd	5000	50	48¼	49½
New Jersey Central	....	....	....	163
New York Central	7000	157¾	156¼	156½
Norfolk & Western	3900	55⅞	55½	55½
do pfd	....	....	....	88
Northern Pacific pfd	27600	101½	98½	101½
Ontario & Western	2000	33½	33¼	33½
Pennsylvania	12300	147½	146⅜	146½
Reading	3400	40¾	40⅛	40½
do 1st pfd	1300	76½	76¼	76½
do 2d pfd	100	51½	51½	51¼
St. Louis & S. F.	1100	41¼	40⅞	41⅛
do 1st pfd	....	....	....	77
do 2d pfd	200	66¾	66⅝	66¾
St. L. Southwestern	1800	27	26	26½
do pfd	3900	56	54¾	54⅞
St. Paul	46400	166⅝	164¾	165½
do pfd	400	188¾	188	188
Southern Pacific	23400	59½	58⅞	59¼
Southern Railway	2500	32⅝	32¼	32⅜
do pfd	1400	86½	85⅝	85⅞
Texas & Pacific	6800	38½	37½	37½
T., St. L. & West.	....	....	....	21
do pfd	700	36¼	35	36
Union Pacific	40600	99⅝	98	98⅝
do pfd	800	88½	87¾	88
Wabash	1000	20¾	19⅞	19⅞
do pfd	12600	37⅛	35⅝	36
Wheel. & Lake Erie	....	....	....	17¾
do pfd	....	....	....	28
Wisconsin Central	600	20¾	20⅜	20
do pfd	500	40¼	40	40
Amalgamated Copper	39000	88	86⅝	87½
Am. Car & Foundry	800	25½	25⅛	25
do pfd	....	....	....	80
Am. Linseed Oil	200	17½	17	18
do pfd	....	....	....	46
Am. Smelt. & Refining	1100	43¾	43	43
do pfd	100	97⅞	97⅞	97
Anaconda Min. Co.	2000	35¾	34¼	35
Brook. Rap. Transit	6700	60¾	60	60
Col. Fuel & Iron	400	92	91¾	92
Consolidated Gas	2100	218⅞	217	217½
Con. Tobacco pfd	....	....	....	115¼
General Electric	500	258	257	257
Glucose Sugar	1300	43½	42½	43
Hocking Coal	400	17	17	16½
International Paper	....	....	....	22½
do pfd	200	78⅜	78⅜	78
International Power	700	88⅛	87½	86¾
Laclede Gas	....	....	....	90
National Biscuit	....	....	....	31⅝
National Lead	....	....	....	19½
National Salt	300	31¼	31¼	31
do pfd	....	....	....	63¾
North American	200	....	....	96
Pacific Coast	100	62¾	62¾	62
Pacific Mail	1700	45	44⅛	44