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Wheat Dropped One Cent and Made a New Low Price Record.

RESULT OF THE VISIBLE SUPPLY REPORT

Corn Was Easy and Dull but Resisted the Depressing Influence of the Slump in Wheat Remarkably—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Wheat dropped 1c today and made a new low price record for May at 64⅝c on financial troubles east and Bradstreet's report of an increase in the visible supply. Corn acted independently and lost but ⅛c, and provisions were slightly higher all around.

Wheat opened easier, with May ⅛c lower at 65⅝c on free offerings induced by a weak opening on the New York Stock exchange. A little buying caused an advance to yesterday's closing figures, but Liverpool reported dullness and light demand, and the feeling among traders became generally bearish. Various disquieting rumors from New York were afloat and aided materially in the day's decline. The rumors were emphatically denied, but continued to weaken the market. The price for May remained near 65c, with a few rallies until Bradstreet's visible supply report was posted. It gave an increase in stocks east of the Rockies of 81,000 bu. and west of 16,000 bu., making a net accumulation for the week on both coasts of 97,000 bu., compared with the official decrease as published yesterday of 104,000 bu. With this showing May dropped to 64⅝c, making a new low price record. The selling continued heavy until the close, there being but few rallies, and May closed at the bottom figures of the day. May opened at 65⅝c, advanced ⅛c, sold down ⅜c, rallied ¼c, lost ¼c, declined another ¼c, rallied ⅜c, and declined ⅛c to the close at 64⅝c.

Corn was easy and dull, but resisted the depressing influence of the slump in wheat remarkably, fluctuations being confined to a range of ⅜c. Heavy receipts were a bearish influence, but light estimates for tomorrow helped to sustain prices. May opened ⅜c lower at 38⅜c, lost ⅛c, advanced ¼c, and reacted ⅛c to the close where it opened.

Trading in oats was light and prices about steady. A decline in stocks aided in firming up the market. May opened ⅛c lower at 30c and after advancing ⅛c declined ¼c and reacted ⅛c to the close at the opening figures, midway between the top and bottom figures of the day.

The provision market opened steady and became strong on light hog receipts and coverings by shorts. Later, with other free offerings, prices declined somewhat, but the demand was sufficient to make a slightly higher close.

Compared with last night January pork is 2½c higher, January lard 7½c higher and January ribs 10c higher.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 87 cars; corn, 337 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 27,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.....	60⅝	60½	59⅛	59⅛
May.....	65⅝	65¾	64⅝	64¾
CORN—				
Dec.....	34¼	34¼	34⅛	34⅛
Jan.....	34¼	34¼	34⅛	34¼
May.....	38⅝	38⅝@¾	38	38⅛
OATS—				
Dec.....	28¼	28¼	28	28
Jan.....	28¼	28¼	28	28
May.....	30	30@30⅛	29⅞	29⅞@30
MESS PORK—				
Jan.....	12 35	12 47½	12 35	12 40
May.....	12 50	12 67½	12 50	12 55
LARD—				
Jan.....	7 80	7 90	7 77½	7 85
May.....	7 57½	7 62½	7 55	7 62½
SHORT RIBS—				
Jan.....	6 40	6 50	6 40	6 47½
May.....	6 47½	6 57½	6 45	6 52½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Weak; unchanged.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 59½c; No. 3 spring, 60@60½c; No. 2 red, 59½c.

CORN—No. 2, 34¼c; No. 3 yellow, 33¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 28c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 45½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 38@48c; No. 4, 35@46c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.33.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $4.30.

PORK—Mess, per bbl., $12.55@12.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $8.75½; short ribs sides (loose), $6.62½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.37½; short clear sides (boxed), $6.75@7.00.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.15.

SUGARS—Unchanged; cut loaf, $5.41; granulated, $4.70; standard "A," $4.60.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour, bbls.....	22,000	14,000
Wheat, bu.....	118,000	10,000
Corn, bu.....	488,000	426,000
Oats, bu.....	326,000	231,000
Rye, bu.....	17,000	13,000
Barley, bu.....	78,000	24,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull; creamery, 20@27c; dairy, 17@22c. Eggs, dull; strictly fresh, 21@22c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—FLOUR—Dull and weaker; southern flour, weak; rye flour, dull; buckwheat flour, dull.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; Canadian in bond, 80c.

CORN MEAL—Easy; yellow western, $2.55@2.70. Brandywine, $2.70.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 61@62c; two-rowed state, 62@63c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 65@80c; Canadian, 90@93c; six-rowed, 80@81c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 133,300 bu.; exports, 109,700 bu.; sales, 185,000 bu. futures and 152,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull and 1c lower; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 65@65⅛c; afloat, 66¼@66½c; f. o. b., 66¼@66½c; No. 1 northern, 70c. Options opened dull, breaking on liquidation, closing weak at 1@1⅛c decline. May touched the lowest price on record, and cash wheat sold within ½c of the July 31 panic price; No. 2 red, January, 66@66⅞c, closing at 65c; February, 66¼@66⅞, closing at 66⅛c; March, 67⅜@68⅛c, closing at 67⅝c; May, 70@71c, closing at 70c; December closed at 65c.

CORN—Receipts, 237,600 bu.; exports, 45,800 bu.; sales, 925,000 bu. futures and 118,000 bu. spot. Spot market dull and weaker; No. 2, 42½@42¾c in elevator; 43½c afloat; yellow, 44c; steamer mixed, 43¾c. Options were quiet, but weaker with wheat, and on talk of bigger receipts, closing weak at ⅛c net decline; January, 42@42⅛c, closed at 42⅛c; February, 42⅜@42⅝c, closed at 42⅜c.

LEATHER—Dull; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 14@19c.

PROVISIONS—Cut meats, easier; pickled bellies, $7.00@8.25; pickled shoulders, $6.00; pickled hams, $9.00@9.50. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $8.50; sales, none; option sales, none; December closed at $8.50, nominal; January, $8.25, nominal; refined, firmer. Pork, quiet; new mess, $13.75@14.50; extra prime, $13.25@13.75; family, $15.00@15.50; short clear, $15.50@15.70.

CUTTO SEED OIL—Steady, but quiet; exporters holding off; local demand small; prime crude, 28c; off crude, 24@27c; yellow butter grades, 30c; choice yellow, 38c; prime yellow, 34c; yellow off grades, 30@33c; prime white, 38@39c.

BUTTER—Weak; western dairy, 18@21c; western creamery, 20@28c; western factory, 16@21c; Elgins, 28c; state dairy, 19@26c; state creamery, 22@26½c.

CHEESE—Dull; large, 9@11½c; small, 10½@12½c; part skims, 4@9½c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Market steady; state and Pennsylvania, undelivered, ice house, 17@21c; western fresh, 22@25½c; southern, 23@24½c; receipts, 5,780 pkgs.

TALLOW—Steady.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed at 78¾c bid.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.27½@1.30.

TURPENTINE—Firmer at 29¾@30½c.

RICE—Market dull; domestic, fair to extra, 5⅛@5½c; Japan, 4⅞@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Dull; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 35@40c.

PIG IRON—Quiet; Scotch, $20.00@20.50; American, $12.00@15.00.

COPPER—Dull; lake, $10.25.

LEAD—Quiet; domestic, $2.20.

TIN—Quiet and steady; Straits, $20.65 asked.

SPELTER—Easy; domestic, $3.50 bid.

SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 2⅝c; centrifugals, 96 test, 2⅞c; sales, 4,000 bags centrifugals, 96 test, at 2⅞c cost and freight; refined, steady; No. 6, 3 11-16@3¾c; No. 7, 3 9-16@3¾c; No. 8, 3⅜@3 11-16c; No. 9, 3 7-16@3⅜c; No. 10, 3⅜@3 9-16c; No. 11, 3 5-16@3⅜c; No. 12, 3¼@3 7-16c; No. 13, 3⅛c; off A, 3⅜@3½c; mould A, 4⅛@4 11-16c; standard A, 4 11-16c; 4¾c; confectioners A, 4 1-16@4¼c; cut loaf, 5 3-16c; crushed, 5 5-16c; powdered, 5 7-16@5⅜c; granulated, 4 3-16@4⅛c; cubes, 5⅛c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Wheat was a little slower, caused mainly by discouraged longs selling out in liquidation. A little wheat was sold that appeared to be by elevator people and was supposed to be against fresh purchases. There was not enough of it, however, to create weakness if it had not been for longs selling out. Track wheat followed down in sympathy, the range of sales being on the basis of 60@60½c for No. 1 northern, delivered. No. 2 sold at 1⅛@2c below No. 1 northern; very little hard was offered. But little money was called for from the country, indicating small farm deliveries. Receipts were 287 cars; shipments, 53 cars. December trading was nominal and May opened at 61½c and closed at 60¾c. December closed at 58⅝c. Track wheat closed: No 1 hard, 61c; No. 1 northern, 59½c; No. 2 northern, 57½c.

Flour about steady. The prices for patents ranged from $3.05 to $4.60. Bran steady.

Omaha Produce Market.

BUTTER—The local demand is light and the surplus stock has to be shipped in order to keep the market cleaned up. At the same time dealers complain that the shipping demand is not very active. The market is very weak and the amount of butter that brings 20c is very small; choice country, 17@18c; fresh packing stock, 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY—The poultry market is not very active and prices remain about steady. Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, 9@10c; geese and ducks, 7@8c. Inferior stock would sell below the above figures.

LIVE POULTRY—Dealers generally are advising against the shipment of live poultry, as the demand is very light, the trade generally preferring dressed poultry.

VEAL—The arrivals are not heavy and the market firm at previous quotations: choice small and fat veals, 7@7½c; thin or heavy, 3@5c.

GAME—The game market has collapsed. The season closes the first of the new year, and that fact, together with the warm weather, has spoiled the trade. Prairie chickens, $3.50; grouse, $3; quail, $1.25; jack snipe, $1; golden plover, $1; Canada geese, $6.00@6.50; small geese, $4.00@4.50; brant, $3.00@3.50; mallard ducks, $2.75@3.00; redhead ducks, $3; blue wing teal ducks, $1.75@2.00; green wing teal ducks $1.50; mixed ducks, $1.25@1.50; canvasback ducks, $3.00@5.00; jack rabbits, $2; small rabbits, $1; squirrels, 75@90c; deer saddles, per lb., 13@15c; deer carcasses, 10c; antelope saddles, 12@13c; antelope carcasses, 8@9c.

EGGS—The receipts of fresh laid eggs are not very heavy and the market is weak at 23c. The bulk of the cold storage stock is going at 20@21c.

HONEY—Choice white clover, 15c; California, 16c.

OYSTERS—Medium, 15c; horseshoes, 19c; extra standards, 20c; selects, 21c; extra selects, 23c; snapsy selects, 26c; counts, 30c.

NUTS—Chestnuts, 13@15c per lb.; Italian chestnuts, 12@13c; almonds, 18c; English walnuts, 12@14c; filberts, 12½c; Brazil nuts, 12@13c; pecans, large, 12@14c; pecans, medium, 10c. The market on black walnuts is low and no one wants to buy.

VEGETABLES.

BEANS—California hand-picked navy, $1.90@2.00; western navy, $1.85@1.90; common white beans, $1.50@1.75.

ONIONS—Onions are quoted at 50@65c, and on orders at 65@70c; Spanish onions, per crate, $1.50.

WATER CRESS—Put up in berry boxes, per doz. bunches, 75c.

POTATOES—Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 65@70c; same in car lots, 60c; Colorado, from store, 75c; Colorado lots, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—Orders for cabbage from the country are filled at 2½c per lb.

CELERY ROOTS—According to size, 40@50c per doz.

CELERY—Good stock, 35c; extra fancy California, 60@85c.

SWEET POTATOES—The supply is fair; good stock, per bbl., $3.50.

GREEN VEGETABLES—Spinach, per bbl., $2.25; salsify, 30@35c per doz.; radishes, per doz., 20c; endive, per doz., 75c; onions, per doz., 20c; cauliflower, per doz., $1.50@2.00; lettuce, per doz., 50@75c; cucumbers, $2; tomatoes, per crate of 20 lbs., $2; string beans, $2.50 per ½-bu. box; parsley, per doz., 30c.

FRUITS

GRAPES—Catawbas, per 5-lb. basket, 17@18c; Malagas, per 50-lb. bbls., net, $5.50@6.00; Malagas, per 55-lb. bbls., net, $6.50@7.00.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—There is not much left on the market; pears, $2.50.

APPLES—The supply is light on this market and prices higher; fancy western, $1.75 per box; bellflower, $2 per box.

CRANBERRIES—Cranberries are arriving very freely and are in good demand; Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.25@6.50; bell and bugle, $6.50@6.75; Jersey, $6.25; bell and cherry, $5.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Prices remain about steady; per bunch, large, $2.00@2.50; per bunch, small to medium, $1.75@2.00.

LEMONS—New Messina lemons, size, 300, $5.25; size 360, $5.

ORANGES—Mexicans, per box, $2.75; large sizes, $2.50; fancy Floridas, $2.75; choice Floridas, $2.50@2.60.

TANGERINES—Per box, $2.75.

GRAPE FRUIT—Per box, $5.

FURS.

Bear—No. 1 black, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $15; small, $8.00@10.00; black yearlings, large, $12.00@15.00; medium, $10; small, $7; black cubs, large, $8.00@8.00; medium, $5.00@6.00; small, $7; black Montana and Rocky mountain, large, $18.00@22.00; medium, $14; small, $10; black Montana yearlings, large, $12; medium, $8; small, $5; black Montana cubs, large, $6.50; medium, $4.50; small, $3; silver tip, large, $20; medium, $12; small, $8; silver tip yearlings, large, $11; medium, $8; small, $5; silver tip cubs, large, $6; medium, $4.50; small, $3; brown, large, $20.00@25.00; medium, $16; small, $12; yearlings, large, $10.00@12.00; medium, $8; small, $6; cubs, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $3; badger—No. 1 large, $1.00@1.50; medium, 60c; small, 50c; fisher—No. 1 large, $8; medium, $6; small, $4; fox silver, as to color according to beauty—No. 1 large, $100; medium, $60; small, $40; silver pale, according to beauty, large, $50; medium, $30; small $20; cross, large, $7; medium, $3; small, $2; red, large, $1.50; medium, $1.25; small, $1; gray, large 75c; medium, 50c; small, 40c; kit, large, 50c; medium, 40c; small, 30c. lynx, No. 1 large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; marten, No. 1, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, $6@$10.00; medium, 75c; small, 65c; mink, dark, No. 1, large, $1; medium, 75c; small, 50c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1, large, $1.00@2.00; imperfect skins, 25@50c; otter, No. 1, large, $8; medium, $6.00@7.00; small, $5; otter, pale, No. 1, large, $7; medium, $5; small, $4; raccoon, No. 1, large, 80c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1, large, 50c@$2.00; skunk—black, scared, No. 1, large, $1.25; medium, 75c; small, 50c; short striped, large, $1; medium, 70c; small, 45c; narrow striped, large, 40c; medium, 40c; small, 25c; broad striped, large, 30@25c; wolverine, No. 1, large, $4; medium, $3; small, $2; wolf—mountain, No. 1, large, $3; medium, $2; small, $1.50; prairie, large, 70@75c; medium, 60c; small, 50c; beaver—per skin, No. 1, large, $5.00@6.00; medium, $4.50; small, $2; kits, large, $2; medium, $1.50; small, 75c; muskrats—winter, No. 1, large, 10@11c; medium, 9c; small, 7c; fall, large, 8@9c; medium, 7c; small, 6c; kits, large, $2@3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 2½c; No. 2 green hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 2c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 3c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 lbs. to 40 lbs., 2c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 lbs. to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c. Part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 35@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 10@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2 each 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 10@11c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 17@20c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 9@10c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 7@9c; dry pieces and bucks actual weight, 6@7c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged to 15 points advance, ruled fairly active and closed steady at 5 points decline to 15 points advance; sales, 11,750 bags, including: December, $17.65@17.70; January, $17.10; February, $16.70; March, $16.35; May, $15.90; July, $15.45, and September, $15.20. Spot coffee, Rio, firm; No. 7, $18.37½@18.50; market quiet and steady; Cordova, $20.00@20.25. Sales, 2,000 bags; Rio, No. 8, $18.25; 1,750 bags, No. 7 afloat at $18; 100 bags Rio, No. 9, afloat, $17.

HAMBURG, Dec. 27.—Steady at 14@14½ pfg advance.

HAVRE, Dec. 27.—Quiet at ¼@⅜f advance.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 27.—Quiet; No. 7, $15; receipts, 9,000 bags; stock, 294,000 bags.

SANTOS, Dec. 27.—Quiet; good average, $15; receipts, 5,000 bags; stock, 59,000 bags.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Steady at 3@6d advance.

Cotton Market.

GALVESTON, Dec. 27.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7¼c; low middling, 7 15-16c; good ordinary, 4¾c; receipts, 9,065 bales; France, 7,128 bales; sales, 1,545 bales; stock, 181,421 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7¼c; low middling, 6¾c; good ordinary, 6½c; net receipts, 32,808 bales; gross receipts, 34,620 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,700 bales; France, 4,036 bales; continent, 10,117 bales; coastwise, 6,759 bales; sales, 5,000 bales; stock, 369,580 bales. Futures, 92,700 bales; December, $7.06@7.07; January, $7.06@7.07; February, $7.21@7.22; March, $7.30@7.31; April, $7.39@7.40; May, $7.48@7.49; July, $7.65@7.66.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—COTTON—1-16c lower and steady; middling, 7 5-16c; sales, 100 bales; receipts, 7,200 bales; shipments, 6,100 bales; stock, 56,400 bales.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Quiet; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California, 5s 5½@5s 7d; No. 2, red western spring, 5s 8d@5s 9d; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 3d@5s 4d.

CORN—Quiet; demand poor; mixed western, 2½d.

PEAS—Canadian, 5s.

PROVISIONS—Pork, prime mess, firm, 83s 9d. Lard, 6s 6d. Beef, extra India, 112s 6d. Bacon, long and short clear, 55 lbs., 42s 6d; long clear, 45 lbs., 43s 6d.

TALLOW—American-Liverpool, fine, 27s 6d.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The whole dry goods trade seems impressed with the importance of sailing close to the wind, as if expecting squalls from Washington. The further decline in the prices of raw material is checking the demand somewhat in cotton goods, stocks of which, however, are not large, and there is no particular pressure on the market for either bleached or brown goods at recent reductions. Print cloths rule fairly steady at 3c for extras. Prints and printed fabrics are fairly held and steady, if the proper complexion for spring trade. Ginghams and wash fabrics generally show some improvement, as to demand, with the tendency of prices in buyers' favor. The jobbing trade is picking up a little, and all things considered the condition of the dry goods market for the holiday week is such as to encourage the expectation of larger activity with the new year.

St. Louis Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—FLOUR—Very dull and unchanged; patents, $2.05@3.10; extra fancy, $2.65@2.75; fancy, $2.20@2.30.

WHEAT—Fell ½@¾c at the opening, then recovered, soon dropped ⅜c; later very unsettled and closed 1c under yesterday; cash, 56⅝c; December, 56¼c; January, 56⅞c; May, 61⅝c.

CORN—Cash and December, higher; 32⅝@32¾c; options weak; January, 31¾c; May, 34⅝c.

OATS—Very dull; cash, 27½c; December, 27c; May, 30¼c bid.

RYE—Firm; 47c.

BARLEY—Active; Iowa, 50@54c; Minnesota, 45c.

BRAN—Weak; 64@65c, east track.

HAY—Dull, unchanged; timothy, $10.00@12.00; prairie, $7.50@9.00.

LEAD—Quiet at $3.12½.

SPELTER—Offered at $3.37½.

FLAX SEED—Quiet at $1.25.

BUTTER—Unchanged; creamery, 22@26c; dairy, 20@23c.

EGGS—Weak at 17c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet at $1.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.15.

BAGGING—Unchanged at 4½@6c.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged at $1.00.

PROVISIONS—Stronger and some sales higher; pork, $13.25; lard, $8; loose and dry salt shoulders, $6; longs and ribs, $6.55; shorts, $6.75; boxed longs, 15c more; bacon, shoulders, $7; longs, $7.31¼; ribs, $7.50; shorts, $7.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 134,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 16,000 bbls.; wheat, 65,000 bu.; corn, 256,000 bu.; oats, 55,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—½@1c lower; No. 2 red, 52½c.

CORN—½@½c lower; No. 2 mixed, 29@29¼c; No. 2 white, 29½@29¾c.

OATS—Slow and steady; No. 2 mixed, 26@27c; No. 2 white, 27@28c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, nominally 49c.

FLAX SEED—Irregular at $1.19@1.20.

BRAN—Weak at 56@58c.

HAY—Very dull and weak; timothy, $8.00@9.00; prairie, $5.00@6.00.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; creamery, 20@24c; dairy, 16@17c.

EGGS—Quiet at 19c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, none; oats, none.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 27.—FLOUR—Quiet.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 58c; No. 1 northern, 63c; May, 61⅞c.

CORN—Steady; No. 3, 34c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 30c.

BARLEY—Nominal; No. 2, 50c; sample, 38½@48c.

RYE—Drooping; No. 1, 48½c.

PROVISIONS—Firm; pork, $12.40; lard, $8.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 9,600 bbls.; wheat, 72,200 bu.; barley, 46,400 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 24,900 bbls.; wheat, 18,200 bu.; barley, 55,200 bu.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 27.—CORN—Market active, firm; No. 2, 34½c; No. 3, 33½c.

OATS—Scarce, market firm; No. 2 white, 29¼@29½c; No. 3 white, 29¼@29½c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 46@47c.

WHISKY—Market firm; wines, $1.15; spirits, $1.17.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 145,600 bu.; oats, 60,500 bu.; barley, 4,200 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 1,200 bu.; corn, 145,600 bu.; oats, 53,900 bu.; barley, 4,200 bu.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Dec. 27.—National transit certificates opened at 79; highest, 79½; lowest, 79; closed, 79; sales, 14,000 bbls.; shipments, 143,818 bbls.; runs, 127,395 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—National transit certificates opened at 79; closed at 79; highest, 79½; lowest, 79; sales, 10,000 bbls.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Market dull and dead today. Close: No. 1 hard, cash, 61½c; December, 61c; May, 64½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 60¼c; December, 59¼c; May, 63c; No. 2 northern, cash, 56½c; No. 3, 52c; rejected, 46½c. On track: No. 1 northern, to arrive, 60½c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—WOOL—No sales reported and no change in tone of market or prices.

Financial Notes.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $1,561,226.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $3,567,501.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $2,457,814; balances, $626,706.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $93,611,647; balances, $4,400,528.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Three per cent rentes, 98f 32½c for the account.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $10,850,026; balances, $1,418,585.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 27.—Money, 3½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25@60c premium. Clearings, $1,885,550.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balances today was £7,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $13,561,000. Sterling exchange, dull; actual, $4.84½@4.87. Money, plenty; rates unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $4,619,378; balances, $720,947. Money, quiet at 7@8 p. r cent. Exchange on New York, 75c premium.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Clearings, $14,907,759; balances, $1,066,578. Money, 1 per cent. Exchange on New York, 5@5c premium for cash.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany for the week ended December 23 shows a decrease in bullion of 7,380,000 marks; treasury notes, decrease, 3,180,000 marks; other securities, increase, 25,900,000 marks; circulation, increase, 50,740,000 marks.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation in Securities Yesterday Was Feverish and Unsettled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Speculation on the Stock exchange today was feverish and unsettled. It was known at the opening of business that a receiver had been applied for by the opponents of President McLeod for the New York & New England Railroad company, and before noon the announcement was made that Thomas C. Platt had been made receiver. Although this contingency had been largely discounted during the past few days, there was a rush to sell the shares on the part of those holders who had believed that President McLeod would hold control of the property and their sales were supplemented by heavy offerings on the part of the bears, and the result was a break of ⅝ per cent from yesterday's closing. When the lower level was reached a good buying movement was started. The decline in the stock on the day is 2 per cent. General Electric was strong in the early dealings and rose 1⅝ per cent, but during the afternoon was exceptionally weak and was freely sold for both long and short account.

After midday the pressure to sell became very pronounced, and a break of 6½ per cent was made, but the net loss on the day's transactions was only 3⅝ per cent. Louisville & Nashville declined 3¼ per cent, with a final rally of ⅝ per cent. National Cordage rose 3¼ per cent, but in the late dealings a reaction of 1¼ per cent and a recovery of ¼ per cent ensued; the preferred shares advanced 5½ per cent. The general market was firm at the opening, and in the early dealings advanced a fraction, but within half an hour Baltimore & Ohio dropped 2½ per cent and the rest of the list ⅛ to 1 per cent, which was quickly followed by a reaction of ⅜@1¼ per cent. The whole market was strong between 11 and 12 o'clock, prices advancing ¼ to 1⅜ per cent, Chicago Gas and the grangers leading the upward movement. During the afternoon a decline of ⅛@2 per cent was recorded, in which Minneapolis & St. Louis common and preferred and Sugar were most prominent. This was followed by a slight rally and quick reaction, but in the late dealings a better tone prevailed and prices moved up ⅛@1¼ per cent, the market closing generally firm.

The Post says: Today's stock market fairly reflected the mental confusion into which Wall street has this week fallen. New England broke again several points on the receivership. General Electric and Distilling certificates were especially affected. This was not at all surprising, the Atchison and New England matters having seriously taken in official statements and promises. But these stocks by no means governed the movement of the general market. At the start operations for the fall received some check from a quite unexpected source on the London, followed by foreign arbitrage purchases. This scared the heavy local interests into covering, and many stocks secured material advances. Among these the active granger stocks were conspicuous, but Chicago Gas, Western Union and others moved similarly. The strength of the general market grew even more pronounced at the last hour, when there was a particularly rapid rally in Distilling stock. The appearance, indeed, of the whole afternoon, was that of an effort to buy in shorts under cover of attacks on Louisville and General Electric. Perhaps the fact that one more disaster rumored yesterday had occurred played its part in the day's later transaction.

Shortly after noon the Cordage shares became strong on reports that important suits had been settled favorably to the company and the common advanced ¼ per cent and the preferred 5⅛ per cent. The general market also improved from ⅛ to 1 per cent. An attack was then made on General Electric, which broke 2⅝ per cent. A rally of ⅝ per cent followed. Shortly after 1:45 o'clock General Electric broke on reports of a proposed reorganization of the company, by which the Edison and Thomson-Houston interests are to be separated from the General Electric. In the later dealings General Electric rallied ⅜ per cent and the general list from ⅛ to 1¼ per cent, closing firm.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison.....	13⅝	Northern Pacific...	4⅝
Adams Express...	151	North'n P. pref'd.	19
Alton, T. H.....	18	O. R. & N. Co.....	4⅝
do pref'd.....	105	Northwestern.....	98⅝
American Express	116	do pref'd.....	134
Baltimore & Ohio..	48	New York Central.	98
Canada Pacific....	71	N. Y. & N. E.....	13
Canada Southern..	49½	Ontario & Western	14¾
Central Pacific...	18¼	Oregon Imp.....	11
Ches. & O.....	19	Oregon Nav.....	25
Chicago Alton....	135	O. S. L. & U. N...	5
C., B. & Q.....	74⅞	Pacific Mail.....	13
Chic. Gas.....	61⅝	Peoria, Dec. & E...	4½
Consolidated Gas.	124⅝	Pittsburg.....	148
C. C. C. & St. L...	75¼	Pullman Palace...	164
Col. Coal & Iron...	10	Reading.....	17
Cotton Oil Cert...	27	Richmond Ter....	2⅛
Del. & Hudson....	125	do pref'd.....	12
Del. Lack. & West.	152½	Rio Grande West..	14⅝
D. & R. G. pref'd...	30	do pref'd.....	42
Dis. & C. Firs. Co...	21⅝	Rock Island.....	63¾
East Tenn.....	⅝	St. Paul.....	58
Erie.....	14⅛	do pref'd.....	116⅝
do pref'd.....	31	St. Paul & Omaha.	34⅝
Fort Wayne.....	148	do pref'd.....	110
Great North'n pf'd.	100	Southern Pacific...	19⅛
Ill. & East. Ill. pf'd	96⅝	Sugar Refinery....	81⅝
Hocking Valley....	18¾	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	14⅝
Illinois Central...	89	Texas Pacific.....	7
St. Paul & Duluth.	24	Union Pacific.....	18⅝
Kan. & Texas pf'd.	23¾	U. S. Express.....	50
Lake Erie & West..	12½	W. St. L. & Pac....	6⅝
do pref'd.....	61⅝	do pref'd.....	13
Lake Shore.....	122⅛	Wells Fargo Exp...	125
Lead Trust.....	22⅝	Western Union...	87
Louisville & N....	47⅛	Wheeling & L. E...	12¾
Louisville & N. A.	8⅝	do pref'd.....	47⅛
Manhattan Con....	122¾	M. & St. L.....	8¾
Memphis & C.....	10	D. & R. G.....	9⅝
Michigan Central..	90	General Electric...	124⅝
Missouri Pacific...	40¼	National Linseed..	20¾
Mobile & Ohio.....	15	C. F. & I.....	23
Nash. & Chatt.....	70	C. F. & I. pref'd...	70
National Cordage..	19	H. & T. C.....	2
do pref'd.....	46	T. A. & A. M.....	6⅛
N. J. Central.....	112	T. St. L. & K. C....	1
Norfolk & W. pf'd..	19⅛	do pref'd.....	8
North Ameri'n Co..	3⅝		

The total sales of stocks today were 415,000 shares, including: Atchison, 13,800; American Sugar, 11,300; Burlington, 16,800; Chicago Gas, 12,100; Distillers, 29,400; New York & New England, 57,300; Northwestern, 6,200; Reading, 5,300; Rock Island, 5,700; St. Paul, 35,600; Union Pacific, 3,000; Western Union, 12,300.

The range of prices as reported by J. W. Deane & Co., Board of Trade hall, is as follows:

Stocks.	Open	High	Low.	Close	Yes't
Erie.....	14¾	14¾	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
Pacific Mail.....	.....	.....	.....	13	13⅞
L. & N.....	46	46	43¾	43¾	46⅛
Northwestern.....	96	96	92½	92½	96
Mo. Pacific.....	21¾	21¾	21⅛	21⅛	21¾
Union Pacific.....	18	18⅛	17⅞	18	18
N. Pacific pf'd.....	19	19⅛	19	19	18⅝
N. Pacific com.....	4¾	4¾	4⅛	4⅛	4½
C. B. & Q.....	73⅝	73⅝	73⅝	73¾	73⅝
Rock Island.....	63⅝	64⅝	63½	63⅞	63⅝
St. Paul.....	57⅛	58¼	56⅞	58	57
Western Union.....	81¾	82⅝	81½	81½	81½
Sugar Trust.....	92⅝	92⅝	91⅞	91⅞	92⅝
New England.....	14⅝	14¾	12	13¾	15¾
Atchison.....	13⅝	13¾	13⅝	13¾	13⅝
Chicago Gas.....	61⅛	62⅝	56⅛