COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Picks Up a Little, Closing at an Advance of One Cent.

OTHER MARKETS ARE DULL BUT STEADY

Large Orders for England Give Strength to the Advance—Shorts Do Not All Rush to Cover.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Wheat opened strong and closed at an improvement for the day of 1c per bu. after an immediate early decline to ⅛c below the lowest it sold at yesterday. Some of the shorts covered, but many more are still out in the frigid weather. A great deal of strength came from the heavy exporting agreements reported from Boston. Other markets were extremely dull but steady, corn closing a shade higher, oats ⅛c higher and provisions 5c higher.

Wheat had recovered from the extremity of yesterday's depression by the time of beginning the operations of another day. It started with a rise of ½c or at from 81⅞c to 82c for May. Only for a short time, however, did the fair opening promise for the bulls continue, and they had to suffer another bad half hour before the bull news became strong enough to change the tone of the market. In half an hour from the start May wheat had dropped to 81¼c. In the course of the next hour it had recovered to 82⅝c. The firm opening was caused by the opening strength of Liverpool and the small local and northwest receipts. The Ohio state crop report, which gave the condition of wheat at 88c, compared with 101 December 1, also contributed slightly to the opening advance. Liverpool, while noting a decline there of ¾d per central to start with, ascribed it entirely to sympathy with the previous day's depression here. Chicago received 10 carloads compared with 51 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth got only 209 cars, against 261 a week ago and 585 the corresponding day of the previous year. The temporary decline which followed the opening advance so quickly was partly because of second telegrams quoting a further decline at Liverpool and partly owing to the bearish tone of the Cincinnati Price Current's remarks concerning the condition of fall sown wheat. Evidences of continuing demand for wheat from the United Kingdom then came in and turned the course of the market. Telegrams from Boston, New York and Buffalo reported vessels engaged at the former place for great quantities of grain for the United Kingdom; in fact, all the available freight room at Boston until April. Buffalo said 750,000 bushels of wheat were under orders to go from there to Boston, and a New York message reported a great deal of the Boston vessel room was taken for wheat from Chicago. About half an hour from the close May was bringing 82⅝c, and it closed at 82½c sellers.

Corn was inanimate, notwithstanding some disturbing rumors of immense quantities of hot corn in railroad cars at New Orleans and Galveston, which were, however, officially contradicted from both places. The business in the pit was very small, and the fluctuations in price narrow. May opened a shade lower at 25⅛c, declined to 25⅛c, recovered to and closed at 25½c. Receipts were only eighty cars.

Oats was a shade firmer, as the break yesterday seems to have started considerable buying both to cover shorts and for the long account. Trading was extremely narrow, what little business there was being in small lots. A rumor from Boston to the effect that charters or oats for three days amounted to 1,000,000 bushels assisted materially in the late advance. May opened ⅛c higher at 19⅞@19⅞c, sold back to 18⅞c and recovered to 19⅛c, at which price it closed.

Trading in provisions almost went to nothing today, not a single transaction being recorded in the first half hour. Opening prices were nominally a s a le higher, in sympathy with a lighter run of hogs than expected. When trading did commence this advance was maintained and a little more added to it, aided perhaps by the strength of wheat. At the close May pork was 5c higher at $7.85; May lard about 5c higher at $3.97½@4.00, and May ribs about 5c higher at $4.00.

Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 16 cars; corn, 105 cars; oats, 95 cars; hogs, 26,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Jan.....	78⅝-79	79⅛	78	79¼	78
May.....	81⅞-82	82⅝	81¼	82½	81⅛
July.....	76⅝-7⅞	77⅛	76⅛	77⅜	76⅜
*Corn—					
Jan.....	22⅞	23	22⅞	23	23
May.....	25⅝	25⅝@⅞	25⅛	25⅜	25⅛@⅜
July.....	26¼@⅜	26¼@⅜	26⅛	23¼@⅜	26¼
*Oats—					
Jan.....	15⅝	16	15⅝	16	15⅝
May.....	19-19⅛	19⅛	18⅞	19⅛	18⅞-19
Po'k—					
Jan.....	.....	.....	.....	7 60	7 55
May.....	7 80	7 85	7 80	7 85	7 80
Lard—					
Jan.....	3 80	3 82½	3 80	3 82½	3 80
May.....	3 95	4 00	3 95	4 00	3 95
Sh't Ribs					
Jan.....	.....	.....	.....	3 90	3 85
May.....	3 97½	4 00	3 97½	4 00	3 97½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easier; winter patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.50@4.75; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.15@4.50; straights, $3.75@4.00; bakers, $3.10@3.15.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 79⅛@79½c; No. 3 spring, 75½@76c; No. 2 red, 83½@83c.

CORN—No. 2, 23c; No. 2 yellow, 23c.

OATS—No. 2, 16½c; No. 2, white, f. o. b., 19@19½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17@20c.

RYE—No. 2, 38c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 24@31½c; No. 4, f. o. b., 25@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 74@76½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65@2.70.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.60@7.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.80@3.82½; short ribs, sides (loose), $3.75@4.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $3.87½@4.00.

DRESSED POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 11c; chickens, 8c; ducks, 10@10½c.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.63. The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	4,000	2,000
Wheat, bu.....	13,000	72,000
Corn, bu.....	94,000	47,000
Oats, bu.....	215,000	188,000
Rye, bu.....	5,000	.....
Barley, bu.....	41,000	42,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@18c; dairy, 9@17c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 17c. Cheese, steady; 8½@9¼c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, weak at 16c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 8@9c; choice to fancy roll, 12@14c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; redheads and mallards, $3.75; small rabbits, 75c; jacks, $1.50; squirrels, 60@75c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10½c; Edam, per doz., $8.00; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10¼c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 11@12c; geese, 8@9c; ducks, 8@9c.

LIVE POULTRY—Not wanted.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; dead pigeons, not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4.00; lowland, $3.50; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½@2¾c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2¼c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $1.75.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 65@75c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb. 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.35.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per hundred, $1.25.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy, large, 40@40c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 25@30c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Crates, 15 pony baskets, Concorda and Catawbas, per crates, $2.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $8.00@6.50.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.65@1.75; fancy New York, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2.00@2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

PINEAPPLES—Per crate of two to three doz., $4.00@4.50.

ORANGES—Mexican, $3.50@3.75; California navels, $3.00@3.50; seedlings, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—Messmas, $3.50@4.00; choice California, $3.00@3.50; fancy, $3.50@3.75.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California, amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.50@2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50; cocoanuts, 5c each.

SAUER KRAUT—Per half bbl., $1.75.; bbls., $3.00@3.25.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3-crown, 11c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5c; No. 2 green hides, 4c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ⅛c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1⅝c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine, heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheaty, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece Washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

BONES—In car lots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5¼@6c; western steers, 4½@5¼c; good cows and heifers, 3½@4c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 4c; good forequarters native steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½c; good hindquarters native steers, 7c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4c; plates, 3c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8c; ribs No. 1, low ribs, No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 5c; rounds, 5¾c; rounds, shank or rump off, 6½c; rounds, shank and rump off, 7c; trimmings, 4c; brains, per dozen, 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; kidneys, each, 3c; ox tails, each, 5c; livers, each, 20c; hearts, each, 6c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4¾c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 2½c; snouts and ears, 2½c; back bones, 3c; neckbones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per dozen, 25c; stomachs, each, 2c; tongues, each, 8c; kidneys, per dozen, 10c; brains, per dozen, 15c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed sheep, 6c; racks, 8½c; loins and saddles, 7½c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 2c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—FLOUR—Receipts, 13,666 bbls.; exports, 12,196 bbls.; firm, but very quiet, buyers and sellers being considerably apart; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.30; winter patents, $4.85@5.15. Rye flour, quiet; superfine, $2.75@2.85. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.30, spot.

BUCKWHEAT—Steady at 35c.

RYE—Steady.

CORN MEAL—Steady at 60c.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 28½@28¾c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 225 bu.; exports, 57,000 bu.; spot firm; No. 1 hard, 76¾c. Options opened firm on foreign buying and after a sharp reaction sold steadily on covering, light offerings, reports of large freight engagements at the seaports and inquiries for cash wheat west; closed ⅜c net higher; No. 2 red, January, closed at 80⅝c; May, 87 9-16@88 9-16c, closed at 88⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 18,225 bu.; exports, 105,391 bu.; spot easier; No. 2, 29½c. Options opened steady, ruled quiet and about steady all day; closed steady; January closed at 29⅜c; May, 31⅜@31½c, closed at 31½c.

OATS—Receipts, 50,500 bu.; exports, 70,432 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 22½c. Options quiet but firmer on covering and closed ⅛c net higher; January closed at 22¼c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 52½@57½c; good to choice, 67½@70c.

HOPS—Steady; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3½@7½c; 1896 crop, 90@13c.

HIDES—Firm; Texas, dry, 9½c; California, 5½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $8.50@10.00; extra mess, $7.50; packet, $8.00@9.00; beef hams, $8. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4½@4¾c. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.07½; refined, steady. Pork, steady; mess, $8.25@8.75; short clear, $8.75@10.00; family, $9.50@10.00.

TALLOW—Dull; city, 3 5-16c.

OILS—Petroleum, dull; United closed at 90c bid. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.37½. Turpentine, firm, 27½@28½c. Cottonseed, steady; prime summer yellow, 22½@23c; off summer yellow, 22@22½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,675 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 13@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 9@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,621 pkgs.; market quiet; state, large, 7½@11c; state, small, 7½@11c; part skims, 4@8c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,485 pkgs.; market quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 19@21c; western, 14@18c.

RICE—Steady; 3¾@6¼c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, 20@34c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $11.25; northern, $11.00@13.00. Copper, steady; brokers, $11.50; exchange, $11.50. Tin, steady; straits, $13; plates, dull. Spelter, easy; domestic, $3.90@4.00. Lead, continues to show a strong market on favorable foreign advices and scant local offerings. The exchange quotation is $3.00@3.05, while some brokers are quoting as low as $2.90.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—FLOUR—Unchanged; patents, $4.60@4.75; extra fancy, $4.10@4.20; fancy, $3.40@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.10.

WHEAT—Opened strong and advanced, the bullish Ohio state crop report for January following the break of yesterday, causing a reaction. There was no decline until near the close, which was from 1c to 1¼c higher than the previous day's final figures. Spot, easier; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 83¾c; track, 91@92c; No. 2 hard, cash, nominal; May, 89⅝c asked; July, 76¼c asked.

CORN—Futures dull and irregular; closed fractions either side of yesterday's close; spot, easy; No. 2, cash, 20¼c; May, 22½c bid.

OATS—Dull; steady, with light receipts and no demand; No. 2 cash, 17c bid; May, 19¾c.

RYE—Nominal; 32c, track.

BARLEY—Dull; 30@40c.

CORN MEAL—At $1.35.

BRAN—Dull and nominal; sacked, east track, worth nominally 38@40c.

FLAXSEED—Better; 77c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.40.

HAY—Quiet; firm; timothy, $5.50@10.00; prairie, $3.75@7.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 17@20½c; dairy, 12@15c.

EGGS—Steady; 16c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

METALS—Lead, dull; $2.75@2.82½. Spelter, dull; $3.85.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $7.45@8.00. Lard, higher; prime steam, $3.65; choice, $3.75. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $4.50; extra short clear, $4.62½; ribs, $4.70; shorts, $4.87½. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4; extra short clear, $4; ribs, $4.25@4.37½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 1,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 86,000 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 59,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 7.—WHEAT—Spot quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 11½d; No. 1 California, 7s 1d. Futures opened steady, with near positions ¾d lower and distant positions ½d lower; closed easy, with March 1¼d lower and other months 1d lower; business about equally distributed; January, 6s 9¼d; February, 6s 10¼d; March, 6s 11d; May, 6s 11¼d.

CORN—Spot steady; American mixed, new, 2s 10½d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed steady, with March and April ¼d lower and other months ¼d lower; business heaviest on middle positions; January, 2s 9¾d; February and March, 2s 10d; April, 2s 10½d; May, 2s 10¼d.

FLOUR—Firm; demand poor; St. Louis fancy, 9s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 27s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 26s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 21s; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 26s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 24s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 27s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 26s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s. Tallow, fine North American, 19s. Beef, extra India mess, 62s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d; medium western, 41s 3d. Lard, dull; prime western, 29s 9d; refined, in pails, 22s.

CHEESE—Firm; demand moderate; finest American white and colored, 61s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s.

OILS—Linseed, 16s 6d. Petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¾d; hindquarters, 6¾d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £3 10s.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y.....	111 1-16	St. Paul common..	76¾
Consols, acc't.....	111⅛	N. Y. Central.....	96¼
Can. Pacific.....	57⅞	Pennsylvania.....	53¼
Erie.....	15⅝	Reading.....	14
Erie 1st pfd.....	35¼	Mex. Cen. new 4s.	68¾
Ill. Central.....	95	Atchison.....	14⅝
Mexican ordinary.	24¼		

BAR GOLD—77s 11d.

AMERICAN EAGLES—76s 6d.

BAR SILVER—29 11-16d per ounce.

MONEY—2@2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 2¼ per cent.

Sugar Market.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—SUGAR—Cane, steady; centrifugal Java, 11s 3d; Muscovado, fair refining, 9s 3d. Beet, quiet; buyers and sellers indifferent; January, 9s 3d; February, 9s 3¼d.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—SUGAR—Raw, steady and quiet; fair refining, 2 13-16@2⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 3-16@3¼c; refined, firm.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—COTTON—Spot, closed quiet; middling, 7 5-16c; middling, uplands, 7 2-16c; middling, gulf, 7 7-16c; sales, 131 bales. Futures closed steady; sales, 99,200 bales; January, $6.94; February, $6.95; March, $7.06; April, $7.12; May, $7.20; June, $7.30; July, $7.39; August, $7.41; September, $7.42; October, $7.02; November, $7.09. Business on the Cotton exchange was easy. A decline of from 2 to 4 points on the opening call was due to disappointing English cables. The discouraging condition of the print cloth market at Fall River and lack of export interest in spot cotton in southern markets added to the general depression. Trading up to 11 o'clock reached but 35,000 bales. At that time the market was dull and unchanged from the opening.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—COTTON—Steady and unchanged; middling, 6⅞c.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—COTTON—Very steady; middling, 6⅞c; low middling, 6⅝c; good ordinary, 6⅜c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

General Upward Trend of Prices, with Anthracites an Exception.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The stock market today, generally speaking, reflected the efforts of powerful financial interests to neutralize the effect of the reduction of the Delaware & Hudson dividend. Manipulation was evident in the high-priced stocks, for effect upon the general list. A tendency toward a higher level was apparent at the outset, which was influenced by foreign buying in this market and the execution of orders for commission account. Execution of improvement in impending railway traffic returns stimulated an inquiry for the leading railroad stocks. The traders disregarded a stronger market for foreign exchange, owing to the more reassuring Washington advices regarding the Cuban question, and made decided efforts to advance prices. Burlington rose a point on purchases for Boston account, and there was fair buying of the low-priced shares on orders, principally from the west. The exception to the general trend of the market was the anthracite coal group, which displayed heaviness. The strength of the exchange market was due to large purchases of bills by prominent lower Wall street interests, and the light offerings were subsequently supplemented by supplies of recently hoarded exchange. Actual rates rose slightly, but the advances in posted figures were more noteworthy. Chesapeake & Ohio was in good inquiry, advancing to 18 on orders for foreign account, induced by the recent more favorable traffic returns and gossip of the probable declaration of a small dividend. The upward movement was checked soon after the call of the first hour by a vigorous drive at the high-priced industrials and a renewal of liquidation in the coalers. Business was less active on the decline, but the pressure was very persistent, and eventually material losses were recorded in a number of stocks. Chicago Gas sold off 2⅝ per cent and Leather 2 per cent on rumors of a probable discouraging annual report and uncertainty regarding the disposition of the holdings of the late president of the company. Consolidated Gas lost 3 points to 41, and sharp declines occurred in Sugar and Tobacco. Delaware & Hudson was very erratic at the outset, but eventually dropped 2⅝ per cent to 110¾, rallying later to 112¼. The railway shares were well supported and rallied easily, partly on covering. The closing was steady, with the net changes unimportant aside from the specialties.

The bond market was strong and higher in most instances, some of the inactive issues excepted. Chicago & Northern Pacific lats, trust receipts, developed activity and strength after long continued neglect and rose 2 per cent to 42. The sales were $1,550,000. The principal advances ranged from ½ to 2⅝ per cent, the last in Louisville & Nashville B. & A. 4s. The more noteworthy declines extended from 1 to 3 per cent. Governments ruled generally firm on transactions of $7,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were steady today, but only moderately active. Americans were very dull at the opening, but closed comparatively firm. Some of the large houses report that there has been buying of both American shares and bonds here on investment account, certain securities of which for weeks past have been very difficult to negotiate having found a market. Proposals to restore the finances of Peru have caused a sharp rise in the debentures of the Peruvian corporations. France is said to be willing to arrange a loan to Peru, on the understanding that the latter shall recognize the claims of the corporation. The Paris Bourse was quiet and steady and the Berlin market firm.

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

Atchison.....	14¼	Ontario & W.....	14⅜
Adams Ex.....	150	Oregon Nav.....	14
Alton T H.....	55	O. S. L. & U. N.....	13½
Am. Express.....	110	Pacific Mail.....	23¼
Baltimore & Ohio.	16⅛	Peoria, Dec. & E..	2
Canada Pacific...	56	Pittsburg.....	162
Canada Southern..	45⅛	Pullman Palace...	153
Central Pacific....	15	Reading.....	26⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	17¾	R. G. W.....	15
Chicago & Alton..	160	do pfd.....	40
C. B. & Q.....	71¾	Rock Island.....	67¾
Chicago Gas.....	75⅛	St. Paul.....	74¾
Consolidated Gas.	141	do pfd.....	131
C., C., C. & St. L..	26⅛	St. Paul & Omaha.	48⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	⅛	do pfd.....	130
Cotton Oil Cert...	18½	Southern Pacific...	13⅛
Delaware & Hud...	112¼	Sugar Refinery....	110
Del., Lack. & W...	155	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	26½
D. & R. G. pfd....	42	Texas Pacific.....	9½
East Tenn.....	15	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	20
Erie.....	34	Union Pacific.....	20⅝
Erie pfd.....	19¾	U. S. Express.....	39
Fort Wayne.....	164	W. St. L. & Pac...	6⅜
G. Northern pfd...	118	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	15⅝
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	Wells Fargo Ex...	98
Hocking Valley....	17¼	Western Union...	84
Illinois Central...	92	Wheeling & L. E..	6½
St. P. & Duluth...	20	do pfd.....	27¼
K. & T. pfd.....	29⅛	Minn. & St. Louis.	18⅛
Lake Erie & West.	17	Den. & R. G.....	15⅛
do pfd.....	68	Gen. Electric.....	33¾
Lake Shore.....	152½	Nat'l Linseed.....	13
Lead Trust.....	23¾	Col. Fuel & I.....	23½
Louisville & N....	49⅛	do pfd.....	74
L. & N. A.....	¼	Tol. St. L. & K. C..	4½
Manhattan Con....	88¾	do pfd.....	10
Memphis & C.....	15	Southern.....	9⅛
Michigan Central.	88	Southern pfd.....	29½
Mo. Pacific.....	21	Tobacco.....	77¾
Mobile & Ohio.....	21	do pfd.....	103⅛
Nashville Chat....	68	Am. T. & C. Co...	85
N. J. Central.....	100	C. C. Co.....	150
N. & W. pfd.....	16⅝	Am. Sugar pfd....	100⅛
North Am. Co.....	4½	Leather pfd.....	58¾
Northern Pacific..	13¾	Rubber.....	24¼
N. Pacific pfd.....	33½	Rubber pfd.....	75
U. P., D. & G.....	12	Cotton Oil pfd....	85
Northwestern.....	103⅛	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	45
do pfd.....	152⅛	Am. Spirits.....	12⅝
N. Y. Central.....	93	do pfd.....	27½
N. Y. & N. E.....	43	*B., L. S. & E. 1sts	35

* bid. † all assessments paid.

The total sales of stocks today were 157,873 shares, including: American Sugar, 9,500; Burlington, 18,400; Chicago Gas, 6,500; Chesapeake & Ohio, 9,300; Delaware & Hudson, 14,900; Louisville & Nashville, 6,100; Reading, 12,800; St. Paul, 17,700; Union Pacific, 3,800; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 6,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed, 1@1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand, and at $4.84¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84¼@4.85 and $4.86½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.82¾@4.83.

BAR SILVER—64⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64¾@65¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Quiet; new 4s, reg. and coupon, 120½; 5s reg. and coupon, 114; 4s reg., 110¼; coupon, 111; 2s, 95½; Pacific 6s, 1897, 102¾.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILWAY BONDS—Strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new reg.....	120¼	D. & R. G. 7s.....	110
U. S. new coup.....	120¼	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88
U. S. 5s. reg.....	114	Erie 2ds.....	63
U. S. 5s. coup.....	114	G. H. & S. A. 6s....	95¼
U. S. 4s. reg.....	110½	do 7s.....	96
U. S. 4s. coup.....	111½	H. & T. C. 5s.....	107
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95¼	do 6s.....	100
Pacific 6s of '95...	102⅜	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	82½
Ala., class A.....	102	do 2s 4s.....	61½
Ala., class B.....	102	Mutual Union 6s..	111
Ala., class C.....	94	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	115
Ala. Currency.....	93	No. Pacific 1sts...	113¼
La. New Con. 4s...	94	N. W. Consols.....	140¾
Missouri 6s.....	108	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	110
N. C. 6s.....	124	R. G. West. 1sts...	73¾
N. C. 4s.....	101	St. P. Consols 7s..	129
S. Carolina 6s.....	¼	do C. & P. W. 5s.	112
Tenn. new set 6s..	80	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	75⅛
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	108⅛
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	Texas Pac. 1sts...	86
Va. Centuries.....	63¼	Texas Pac. 2ds....	21
do deferred.....	6⅛	U. P. 1sts of '96...	103¼
Atchison 4s.....	80	West Shore 4s....	105⅝
Atchison 2d A.....	44¼	O. R. & N. 1sts...	110¼
Canada So. 2d.....	104	O. R. & N. 4½....	80¾
Southern 5s.....	85¾	N. P. 3ds.....	78
C. P. 1sts of '95...	100½		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	3	Hale & Norcross..	100
Alpha Con.....	17	Justice.....	5
Andes.....	15	Kentucky Con....	4
Belcher.....	54	Mexican.....	43
Best & Belcher....	55	Occidental Con...	20
Bullion.....	6	Ophir.....	100
Calaveras.....	12	Overman.....	16
Challenge Con....	64	Potosi.....	54
Chollar.....	77	Savage.....	27
Confidence.....	145	Sierre Nevada....	46
Con. Cal. & Va....	105	Silver Hill.....	1
Con. Imperial.....	1	Union Con.....	44
Crown Point.....	29	Utah Con.....	7
Gould & Curry....	27	Yellow Jacket....	40

Silver bars, 64½c. Mexican dollars, 52@52½c. Sight drafts, 12½c; telegraphic, 15c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Call loans, 2¼@4 per cent; time loans, 3¼@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅛	West End.....	65⅛
American Sugar..	110¼	West End pfd....	86
Am. Sugar pfd....	100¼	Centennial.....	2⅛
Mexican Central..	7⅝	Franklin.....	11
N. Y. & N. E.....	60	Kearsarge.....	17¼
Old Colony.....	176¼	Osceola.....	29½
Ore. Short Line...	14	Quincy.....	124
Rubber.....	24¼	Tamarack.....	99
Union Pacific.....	9¼	Wolverine.....	9

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	60	Ontario.....	850
Chollar.....	68	Ophir.....	90
Crown Point.....	25	Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	100	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	1000	Quicksilver pfd...	1200
Gould & Curry....	25	Sierra Nevada....	43
Hale & Norcross..	95	Standard.....	1920
Homestake.....	2900	Union Con.....	43
Iron Silver.....	30	Yellow Jacket....	30
Mexican.....	40		

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Business at the Local Yards in a Rather Unsettled Condition.

FAIRLY LIBERAL RECEIPTS FOR THE DAY

Cattle Trade Generally Easier, with Early Sales and Hogs Active and Ten Cents Lower—Sheep Steady.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 7.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
January 7.....	2,3 0	6 10