REAL ESTATE
FARM & RANCH LANDS FOR SALE

All Goes to Highest Bidder at Marsland, Neb., Dec. 21st.

Three forty-acre tracts, one eighty-acre tract, all joining the townsite; one 160-acre tract, one 240-acre tract, both 3½ miles east of Marsland; 200 town lots in Marsland; sixty 1-acre tracts joining Marsland on the east. These lots and acreage tracts will be auctioned off to the highest bidder on Saturday, Dec. 21, regardless of the price they bring. Terms on the lots will be one-tenth cash, and one-tenth a month thereafter until purchase price is paid. A few lots will make you big money. The 1-acre tracts will be sold on the same terms, while the 40, 80, 160 and 240-acre tracts will be sold on terms of one-tenth cash and one-tenth every six months. Here is the chance you have been looking for to buy a nice, close-to-town farm on such easy payments that you will be able to handle and not notice the expenditure. Automobiles will be in waiting at the hotel in Marsland on Friday, Dec. 20, and in the morning Saturday, December 21, the day of the auction, to show you the land free of any charge, so that you will know exactly what you are bidding on. Either of these places will make you a fine little farm and they are going cheap. Be sure to leave home in time to get to Marsland Friday if you can, but Saturday morning will do if you can't. If you come over the C. & N. W., via Crawford, you can go down to Marsland on the special that will leave about 9 o'clock. If you come over the Burlington, stop off at Marsland, 20 miles south of Crawford.

ARAH L. HUNGERFORD,
EBEN D. WARNER,
Owners.

COL. P. G. COOPER,
COL. H. P. COURSEY,
Auctioneers.

All passenger trains will stop at Marsland, Neb., Saturday, December 21, besides the special train. Morning train from Omaha arrives at 5 o'clock; night train going east leaves at 11 o'clock.

AUCTION SALE AT MARSLAND, NEBRASKA.

200 Town Lots; 50 one-acre Tracts; 3 forty acre tracts, one 80-acre tract; one 160-acre tract and one 240-acre tract.

I am going to sell to the highest bidder on terms of one-tenth cash, the above described lots, acre tract and acreage on Saturday, December 21st, 1912. You had better arrive in Marsland, which is on the Burlington, 20 miles south of Crawford, on Friday, the 20th, if possible. I will have a representative there at the hotel with a car ready to show you the different pieces of land I am to sell at auction. The 40-acre tracts joins the townsite on the west, the one acre tracts join the townsite on the east, the 80-acre tract joins the townsite on the northeast; while the 160 and the 240 acre tracts lay 3½ miles east of Marsland. Just ask for the man representing me there at the hotel in Marsland when you arrive and tell him you want to see the land that is to be sold. It costs you nothing and he will be glad to show it to you. Marsland is a fine little city and has every advantage in the way of railroad facilities, good schools, churches, stores up-to-date, etc. Come early if you can, but come anyway.

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We have for sale over 20,000 acres of Cheyenne county, Nebraska's choicest farm land, where the crop yields for 12 years, including 1910 and 1911, average with the best in the state. Alfalfa also a leading crop. Better soil, water and climate cannot be found. Write for full information. Agents wanted everywhere. FUNDINGSLAND INVESTMENT CO., SIDNEY, NEB.

THREE 40-acre tracts, one 80-A., one 160-A., one 240-A. tract, 200 town lots, sixty 1-A. tracts, will all be sold to the highest bidder at Marsland, Dawes county, Neb., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday, Dec. 21st. Come—THIS is your chance. Only one-tenth down. Free automobiles at the hotel to show land. All goes to the highest bidder.

COME to Marsland, Dawes county, Neb., and attend the auction of town lots and acreage tracts Saturday, Dec. 21st. It all goes to the highest bidder.

All passenger trains will stop at Marsland, Neb., Saturday, December 21, besides the special train. Morning train from Omaha arrives at 5 o'clock; night train going east leaves at 11 o'clock.

DUNDY county farm, must be sold at once; 65 acres broke, no improvements; $600 cash will buy it; worth $1,500. Here's where you can make $900 profit by taking this snap. Inquire 415 Karbach Block, Omaha, Neb.

160-acre improved farm within 3 miles two good towns in Boyd county, Nebraska; about 90 acres under cultivation, rest choice pasture and hay land; good black loam soil; very productive; good water; near public school; good neighborhood. Price, $50 per acre; easy terms. Neb. & S. Dakota Realty Co., W. O. W. Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

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Rural Commission to Prepare Report

The Nebraska Rural Life commission met at Hotel Rome at 9 o'clock this morning to frame its annual report to the governor. Nearly all members of the commission are in Omaha to attend the third annual convention of the Country Life congress. Investigation section managers also are here. The latter are:

Education—Prof. J. W. Crabtree, chairman.
Farm Health and Sanitation—Dr. George E. Condra, chairman.
Local Organizations—J. D. Ream, chairman.
Co-operative Enterprises—J. S. Canady, chairman.
Agricultural Schools—Dr. Charles E. Bessey, chairman.
Landlord and Tenant—J. A. Ollis, chairman.
Farm Labor—L. C. Lawson, chairman.
Transportation—R. W. McGinnis, chairman.
Taxation—W. S. Delano, chairman.
Publicity and Statistics—Frank G. Odell, chairman.

PETER LOCH'S BROTHER ENDS LIFE; DESPONDENT

Valentine Loch of Manning, Ia., brother of Peter Loch and Joseph Loch of Omaha, committed suicide yesterday, according to a brief message received by his brothers in Omaha. Peter Loch left for Manning last night.

Mr. Loch was subject to fits of despondency, though he had no troubles that would move him to take his life. Joseph Loch, who only yesterday returned from a visit to his brother, said Valentine accompanied him to the railroad station at Manning and seemed to be in the best of spirits.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Expert Issues Statement on Spring Wheat Situation.

ONLY A DOMESTIC SUPPLY

Demand for Cash Corn is Not as Great as it Has Been—Prices Remain Unchanged for Low Grade Mixed.

OMAHA, December 18, 1912.

B. W. Snow, the crop expert and statistician, yesterday issued an analysis of the spring wheat movement to date and the requirements of country millers in the four spring wheat states, with the amount which must be reserved for seed, leaving an apparent total of only 74,000,000 bushels. Out of this amount Minneapolis and Duluth mill requirements for eight months and the carry over at the end of the year must be supplied. The spring wheat crop of Minnesota and the two Dakotas and Montana was placed by the government at 270,000,000 bushels and by Mr. Snow at 285,000,000 bushels. This statement attracted the attention of larger speculators and there was good buying not only by shorts, but an investment demand of considerable prominence sprung up, and this buying changed sentiment from that of a decidedly bearish feeling to the opposite or bullish side of the market.

According to this report of Mr. Snow, the United States, so far as the spring wheat crop is concerned, is now down to a domestic basis. The entire world knows that the crop of wheat raised in the southwest has been pretty well marketed, although the receipts from day to day continue of fairly liberal proportions. Wheat bulls said last night that the action of the market in advancing above 90c on a light trade, also that the course of values in the last week, in rallying from every decline, showed that prices were low enough for the present, and it was on a good basis. Bears, however, said that an advance of 5c a bushel in cash wheat would be necessary to justify a bulge in the May option, and that the trade must broaden susceptibly before much of an advance can be held. Cash wheat ½c to 1c higher.

The demand for cash corn was not as large yesterday as on previous days, sales in Chicago being only 135,000 bushels. Prices in the sample markets were unchanged for choice, but low grade mixed corn declined 1 cent. It was the general impression among the best posted corn handlers that there would be little change in cash values between now and January 1, and that consignments would be rushed in to market. Cash corn ½c lower to ½c higher.

The oats receipts are still small and undoubtedly will continue so until there is enough cars to get that grain to market. Cash oats ½@¾c higher.

Clearances: Wheat and flour, 871,000 bu.; corn, 3,000 bu.; oats, 712,000 bu.

Liverpool close: Wheat, ½@¾d higher; corn, ½@¾d higher.

Primary wheat receipts were 1,328,000 bu. and shipments 577,000 bu., against receipts of 546,000 bu. and shipments of 355,000 bu. last year.

Primary corn receipts were 1,329,000 bu. and shipments 441,000 bu., against receipts of 508,000 bu. and shipments of 549,000 bu. last year.

Primary oats receipts were 846,000 bu. and shipments 640,000 bu., against receipts of 563,000 bu. and shipments of 474,000 bu. last year.

The following sales were reported today: Wheat: No. 2 hard, winter, 1 car, 82½c; 10 cars, 82c; No. 3 hard, winter, 1 car, 81c; No. 4 hard, winter, 2 cars, 78c; No. 3 spring, 1 car, 82c; 1 car, 81½c; 2 cars, 81c; 1 car, 80½c; no grade, spring, 1 car, 77c; No. 3 mixed, 1 car, 81c; No. 3 mixed, durum, 2 cars, 81c. Oats: No. 2 white, 1 car, 32½c; No. 3 white, 4 cars, 31½c; 4 cars, 31½c; No. 4 white, 2 cars, 31¼c; no grade, 1 car, 31c.

Corn: No. 3 white, 1 car, 42½c; ¾ car, 42¼c; 1 car, 42c. No. 4 white: 1 car, 41½c. No. 3 color: 1 car, 42½c. No. 4 color: 1 car, 41½c. No. 3 yellow: 9 cars, 41¾c. No. 4 yellow: 2 cars, 41½c; 4 cars, 41c. No. 2 mixed: 1 car, 42½c. No. 3 mixed: 12 cars, 41½c; 1 car, 41¼c. No. 4 mixed: 1 car, 41½c; 4 cars, 41c; 9 cars, 40¾c; 4 cars, 40½c. No grade: 1 car, 40c; 1 car, 39½c; 3 cars, 39c; 1 car, 38¾c. Rye: No. 2, 1 car, 59c.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 81½@83½c; No. 3 hard, 80½@82½c; No. 4 hard, 77@79½c; No. 3 spring, 80½@82c; No. 4 spring, 78½@80c.

CORN—No. 3 white, 42@42½c; No. 4 white, 41@41½c; No. 3 color, 42½c; No. 4 color, 41½c; No. 3 yellow, 41½@41¾c; No. 4 yellow, 40¾@41¼c; No. 2, 42½c; No. 3, 41@41½c; No. 4, 40½@40¾c; no grade, 38@39½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31½@31¾c; standard, 31½@31½c; No. 3 white, 31@31¼c.

BARLEY—Malting, 52@63c; No. 1 feed, 49@45c.

RYE—No. 2, 58@59c; No. 3, 58@58½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats
Chicago	28	602	186
Minneapolis	611	...	...
Duluth	288	...	...
Omaha	48	122	30
Kansas City	71	43	3
St. Louis	76	80	40
Winnipeg	776	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wheat and corn finished strong today, oats steady and provisions irregular. Wheat closed ⅞c over yesterday; corn, ⅝c to 1⅛@1¼c higher; oats, ⅜@⅝c higher, and provisions from 2½c up to 30c lower.

The wheat market opened ⅛@⅜c higher in sympathy with an advance at Liverpool, but trade was indifferent until the last hour, although the initial gain was fairly maintained. Eventually shorts, said to be rather numerous, grew apprehensive of the improvement reported in the cash situation here at the seaboard and at other places. Both export and milling demand was reported strong and in addition private wires said that the Argentine harvest was falling short of expectations. May having sold between 90¼c and 91¼c, closed, ⅞c over yesterday at 91¼c. Primary receipts continued heavy, but spot wheat was mainly held at a premium over December.

Corn prices spurted sharply toward the close, although the market ruled firm throughout the session. The wheat strength developed anxiety among corn shorts and disclosed that the market had been considerably oversold, particularly December closed 1⅛@1¼c higher at 48⅝c, poor. May sold between 48¼@48⅝c and 48⅞@49c, closing ⅝c up at the top. December closed 1⅛@1¼c higher at 48⅝c.

Buying of December oats by cash houses advanced prices in the futures market. May ranged between 32⅞@33c and 32⅝c, closing ⅝c up at 33⅝c.

In the provision market, January products were liquidated to a considerable extent, much of it by way of changing to the May delivery. May pork closed 5s down at $18.000; May, lard, 2½s higher at $9.85 and May ribs, 2½c up at $9.65.

Futures ranged as follows:

Article	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat					
Dec.	85½@8⅝	88	85¼	86	85⅛
May	90⅝@⅞	91¼	90¼	91¼	90⅜
July	87⅛	87⅞	87	87⅞	87
Corn.					
Dec.	47⅝	48⅞	47⅝	48⅝	47⅝@½
May	48¼@⅜	48⅞@49	48¼@⅜	48⅞@49	49
July	49	49⅝	49¼	49⅝	49
Oats.					
Dec.	32½	33	32½	32⅞@33	32½
May	33	33⅝	32⅞@33	33⅝	33
July	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛
Pork.					
Jan.	17 87½				
	17 92½	17 92½	17 60	17 75	17 95
May	17 97½	18 05	17 85	18 00	18 05
Lard.					
Jan.	9 85@90	9 90	9 75-7½	9 82½	9 90
May	9 85	9 85-7½	9 75-7½	9 85	9 92½
Ribs.					
Jan.	9 70	9 72½	9 61½	9 62½	9 72½
May	9 60-2½	9 65-7½	9 60	9 65	9 62½

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.30@4.90; straights, $3.90@4.60; spring patents, $4.60@6.00; straights, $4.00@4.90; bakers, $3.40@3.60.

RYE—No 2, 63@63½c, on track.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, 46@50c; fair to choice malting, 56@65c.

SEEDS—Timothy, $3.35@3.65. Clover, $18.25@18.50.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess, $17.00@17.25. Lard (in tierces), 9.32½@9.55. Short ribs (loose), $9.12½@9.75.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 871,000 bu. Primary receipts were 1,328,000 bu., compared with 546,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 38 cars; corn, 347 cars; oats, 161 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

Chicago Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 red, $1.08@1.09½; No. 3 red, $1.04@1.07; No. 2 hard, 88@89c; No. 3 hard, 86@87c; No. 1 northern, 88½@88¾c; No. 2 northern, 86@88c; No. 3 northern, 85@86c; No. 2 spring, 86@87c; No. 3 spring, 84@86c; No. 4 spring, 79@83c; velvet chaff, 84½@87½c; durum, 85@88c. Corn: No. 2, 48½@49½c; No. 3, 48½@49½c; No. 3 white, 46½@48½c; No. 3 yellow, 46½@46½c; No. 4, 43½@45c; No. 4 white, 44@45½c; No. 4 yellow, 44@45½c. Oats: No. 2 white, 34@35½c; No. 3 white, 33½@34c; No. 4 white, 31@33½c; standard, 34@34½c.

Seeds, Timothy, $3.00@3.30; clover, $10.00@18.00. Barley, 46@75c. Rye, 63@64½c.

BUTTER—Easy; creameries, 26@32c.

EGGS—Fresh, unchanged; receipts, 4,398 cases; fresh current receipts, 17@22c; refrigerator fresh, 17c; firsts, 24c.

CHEESE—Firm; daisies, 16½@17c; twins, 16½@16¾c; young Americas, 16½@17c; long horns, 16½@17c.

POTATOES—Weak; receipts 35 cars; Michigan, 48@50c; Minnesota, 45@48c; Wisconsin, 42@46c.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, alive, 15c; dressed, 20½c; chickens, alive, 11c; springs, alive, 10½c.

VEAL—Steady; 9@14c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—FLOUR—Steady; spring patents, $4.40@4.65; winter straights, $4.45@4.55; winter patents, $4.65@6.00; spring clears, $4.15@4.45; winter extras No. 1, $4.05@4.15; winter extras No. 2, $3.95@4.05. Kansas straights, $4.00@4.10. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $3.60@3.85; choice to fancy, $3.90@4.00. Buckwheat flour, quiet; $3.30@3.50.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.35@1.40; coarse, $1.30@1.35; kiln dried, $3.85.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 63@68c c. i. f. Buffalo.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 58½c c. i. f. New York; malting, 58@70c c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Spot market, firm; No. 2 red, $1.07 elevator and $1.08 f. o. b. afloat, nominal; No. 1 northern Duluth, 97½c f. o. b. afloat. Futures market closed ⅝@1¼c net higher. December closed, 94½c; May, 98⅝@97½c; closed, 97½c.

CORN—Spot market, firm; export, 54½c f. o. b. afloat to arrive.

OATS—Spot market, firm; standard white, 40c; No. 3, 39@39½c; No. 4, 38@38½c; white clipped, 39@42c, all on track.

HAY—Quiet; standard, $1.05; No. 1, $1.10@1.12½; No. 2, 97½c@$1.05; No. 3, 85@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1912 crop, 34@32c; 1911 crop, 13@15c; Pacific coast, 1912 crop, 15@23c; 1911 crop, 15@17c.

HIDES—Easy; Central America, 28½c; Bogota, 28@29c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock firsts, 28@29c; seconds, 27@28c; thirds, 24@25c; rejects, 19@20c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; mess, $19.25@19.75; family, $23.00@24.00; short clear, $22.00@24.50. Beef, firm; mess, $20.00@21.00; family, $34.00@35.00; beef hams, $30.00@32.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 10 to 14 pounds, $13.25@12.75; pickled hams, $14.00@14.50. Lard, weak; middle west prime, $10.10@10.20; refined, easy; continent, $10.90; South America, $12.00; compound, $7.82½@8.12½.

TALLOW—Dull; prime city hhds., 6¼c asked; special, 7c; country, 6@6¼c.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; receipts, 6,458 tubs; creamery extras, 36½@37c; creamery held extras, 32@33c; creamery firsts, 34c; process extras, 27@27½c; imitation creamery, firsts, 25@25½c; factory, held, 24@24½c; factory, current make, firsts, 24c; packing stock, held, 22½@23½c.

CHEESE—Dull; receipts, 2,527 boxes; state whole milk, held, colo ed, specials, 18c; state, whole milk, white, 18c; state, whole milk, fresh white or colored, specials, 17½@17¾c; state, whole milk, poor, 14½@15½c; skims, 4@14½c.

EGGS—Steady; receipts, 6,134 cases; fresh gathered extras, 35@36c; held, fresh, average best, 24@26c; refrigerator, special marks, fancy local, storage charges paid, 18½@19½c; nearby fancy henery, whites, fancy large, new laid, 42@45c, browns, 35@36c; western gathered whites, 30@36c.

POULTRY—Dressed, steady; fresh killed western chickens, 14½@18½c; fowls, 13@16½c; turkeys, 14@23½c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Strong, track, No. 2 red, $1.08@1.09; No. 2 hard, 87½@92c.

CORN—Firm; track, No. 2, 46½c; No. 2 white, 49½@50c.

OATS—Steady; track, No. 2, 33½c; No. 2 white, 34½@35c.

RYE—Unchanged; 61c.

Closing prices of futures:

WHEAT—Higher; May, 92½@92¾c; July, 86⅞c.

CORN—Higher; May, 47¾@47⅞c; July, 48¾c.

OATS—Higher; May, 33¼@33½c; July, 33¼c.

FLOUR—Slow; red winter patents, $4.85@5.75; extra fancy and straight, $4.25@4.75; hard winter clears, $2.10@2.40.

SEED—Timothy, $10.00.

CORNMEAL—$2.90.

BRAN—Quiet; sacked (east track), 94@96c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $12.00@18.00; prairie, $11.00@14.00.

BAGGING—9¾c.

TWINE—Hemp, 8c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; jobbing, $10.95@11.75. Lard, unchanged; prime steam, $10.05@11.05. Boxed salt meats, lower; boxed extra shorts, $11.37½; clear ribs, $11.37½; short clears, $11.62½. Bacon, lower; boxed extra shorts, $12.37½; clear ribs, $12.37½; short clears, $12.62½.

POULTRY—Slow sale; chickens, 9½c; springs, 11½c; turkeys, 17c; ducks, 13½c; geese, 11c.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 27@35c.

EGGS—Unchanged; 25c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	7,000	15,000
Wheat, bu	91,000	61,000
Corn, bu	96,000	73,000
Oats, bu	68,000	99,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Cash, ½c higher; No. 2 hard, 82½@87½c; No. 3, 81½@83½c; No. 2 red, $1.00@1.03; No. 3, 96c@$1.01.

CORN—½@½c higher; No. 2 mixed, 46½c; No. 3, 45½@46½c; No. 2 white, 47c; No. 3, 45½@46c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 34@35c; No. 2 mixed, 33@33½c.

Closing prices of futures:

WHEAT—May, 85⅝@85⅞c; July, 82⅝c.

CORN—May, 46⅞c; July, 47½c.

OATS—May, 34⅝c.

HAY—Unchanged; choice timothy, $13.00@13.50; choice prairie, $12.00@12.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 33c; firsts, 31c; seconds, 28c; packing stock, 21@22c.

EGGS—Extras, 26½c; firsts, 24½@25c; seconds, 13c.

POULTRY—Hens, 9½@11c; roosters, 8c; young turkeys, 16½c; ducks, 13@14c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	71,000	83,000
Corn, bu	43,000	19,000
Oats, bu	9,000	10,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—BUTTER—Dull and lower; western creamery, extra, 35½c; nearby prints, fancy, 38c.

EGGS—Lower; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, $4.00 per case; current receipts, free cases, $3.10@3.70 per case; western firsts, free cases, $3.60@3.70 per case; current receipts, free cases, $3.10@3.70 per case.

CHEESE—Scarce and unchanged.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 1 Manitoba, 7s 6½d; No. 2 Manitoba, 7s 4½d; No. 3 Manitoba, 7s 2½d; futures, firm; December, 7s 4½d; March, 7s 4d; May, 7s 2⅝d.

CORN—Spot, easy; American mixed, old, 6s 2½d; American mixed, old, via Galveston, 6s 1½d; futures, firm; January, 4s 11½d; February, 4s 8½d.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 18—CORN—½@¾c higher; No. 3 yellow, 44½c; No. 4 yellow, 43@43½c; No. 3 mixed, 44½c; No. 4 mixed, 43½c; sample, 40@41½c.

OATS—¼c higher; No. 2 white, 34c; standard, 33½c; No. 3 white, 32½@32¾c; No. 4 white, 31½c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 81½c; No. 1 northern, 82½c; No. 2 northern, 80½c; Montana, No. 2 hard, 81½c; July, 87½c, nominal; December, 81½c bid; May, 85½@86c.

OATS—39½c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 18.—SEED—Clover, prime cash, $11.47½; December, $11.47½; February, March, $11.85. Alsike, prime, cash, $12.90; December, $12.90; March, $12.00. Timothy, prime, cash, $2.40; December, $2.60; February, $2.65; March, $2.07½.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—WHEAT—December, $1.08½c; May, 88⅝@88¾c; July, 87½c. Cash: No. 1 hard, 88½c; No. 1 northern, 82@88½c; No. 2 northern, 80@81½c; No. 2 hard, Montana, 82½c; No. 3, 78@79½c.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Burst of Exciting Bidding Late in Day Shortlived.

READING DIVIDEND INCREASED

Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Lehigh Valley and Steel Rise to One Point Above Previous Day's Close.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—An outburst of excited bidding aroused the stock market today to sudden activity toward the close of what had been a dull and colorless session. With the news from Philadelphia of the increase in its quarterly dividend from 1½ to 2 per cent, Reading soared swiftly from 168¾ to 170. On the first transaction after the flash from Philadelphia it gained a point and on the next 1¾. After touching the high mark of 170, a rise of 5¾ from the previous low price, it sold off again and closed at 168½, unchanged on the day.

Other stocks responded to the jump in Reading, and Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Lehigh Valley and Steel rose to a point above yesterday's close. This advantage was short lived. The spurt in prices induced heavy offerings and at the close a number of leading issues were selling below yesterday's final quotations.

News of the Reading dividend increase at this time came as a surprise, although there had been vague reports that with the supreme court's decree in the anthracite case made known, the directors might take some action favorable to stockholders at today's meeting. Earlier in the day Reading had been the weak feature among the prominent stocks, selling 2 points below yesterday's close. More than half the day's business was transacted within the last hour. Previous to that time little interest was shown in the market and business at times came to a standstill. Although the market responded in spots to pressure, bear traders were not willing to venture upon extensive dealings and prices moved back and forth in a halting way, with a heavy undertone.

Bonds were slightly lower on small offerings. Total sales, par value, $960,000. United States 4s declined ⅛ on call.

Number of sales and leading quotations on stocks were as follows:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper	26,700	72¾	71¼	71¾
American Agricultural	...	...	...	55
American Beet Sugar	200	50	49¼	49¼
American Can	3,800	28¾	27¾	27¾
American Can pfd	2,900	118¼	113¾	114¾
American C. & F.	1,400	53¼	53	53
American Cotton Oil	...	...	...	50
Am. Ice Securities	500	19½	19	18
American Linseed	200	11	11	11
American Locomotive	400	41	40¼	40¾
American S. & R.	5,100	69¼	67¼	67¼
Am. S. & R. pfd	...	...	...	104
Am. Sugar Refining	300	116¾	116¾	116¾
American T. & T.	300	140	140	139¾
American Tobacco	3,800	272¼	268	270
Anaconda Mining Co.	900	38¾	39	37¼
Atchison	1,000	105¼	105¼	105¼
Atchison pfd	100	101¾	101¾	101¾
Atlantic Coast Line	1,100	138	137¾	138
Baltimore & Ohio	3,800	104¾	104¼	104¼
Bethlehem Steel	1,100	35¾	35¼	35¼
Brooklyn Rapid Tr.	600	88¼	87¾	87¾
Canadian Pacific	3,200	256¾	255	255
Central Leather	300	27¾	27¼	27
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,600	78¾	77¼	78
Chicago G. W.	...	...	...	16¾
Chicago, M. & St. P.	1,700	111¼	111	111¼
Chicago & N. W.	300	136¼	136	136¼
Colorado F. & I.	800	23½	23	23
Consolidated Gas	500	139	138¾	138¾
Corn Products	400	13¾	13¾	13¾
Delaware & Hudson	400	162	162	162¼
Denver & Rio Grande	...	...	...	20
Denver & R. G. pfd	...	...	...	37
Distillers' Securities	1,100	22¾	22¾	22¾
Erie	8,000	31¼	30¾	30¾
Erie 1st pfd	200	49¾	47¾	48¼
Erie 2d pfd	200	37¾	38¼	38¼
General Electric	1,000	181¾	181	180¾
Great Northern pfd	1,700	134¼	133	133
*Great Northern Ore ctfs	...	...	...	41
Illinois Central	400	136¾	136	136
Interborough Met.	100	17¾	17¾	17¾
Inter. Met. pfd	300	60¾	57¾	59¾
International Harvester	400	109	109	107¼
Inter-Marine pfd	...	...	...	18
International Paper	100	13	12	11½
International Pump	...	...	...	19
Kansas City Southern	...	...	...	23¾
Laclede Gas	...	...	...	102
Lehigh Valley	10,000	171	168¼	169
Louisville & Nashville	1,000	139¾	139	138½
M., St. P. & S. S. M.	200	*138¾	138¾	138
Missouri, K. & T.	100	26	26	25¾
Missouri Pacific	1,500	41¾	41	41
National Biscuit	100	120	120	119
National Lead	...	...	...	55
N. R. R. of M. 2d pfd	...	...	...	36¼
New York Central	400	109	108¾	109
N. Y., O. & W.	200	31½	31	31
Norfolk & Western	400	112¾	113	112¾
North American	...	...	...	78¾
Northern Pacific	1,400	120¼	119¾	119¾
Pacific Mail	100	29¾	29¾	29¾
Pennsylvania	2,000	121¾	120¾	121
People's Gas	100	111	111	110½
P., C., C. & St. L.	...	...	...	100
Pittsburgh Coal	200	21¼	21	20¾
Pressed Steel Car	...	...	...	34½
Pullman Palace Car	...	...	...	160½
Reading	152,400	170	164¾	168¾
Republic I. & S.	100	25¼	25¼	25
Republic I. & S. pfd	200	85	84¼	84¾
Rock Island Co.	700	23¼	22¾	22¾
Rock Island Co. pfd	300	43½	43	43
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	...	...	...	30
Seaboard Air Line	...	...	...	26
Seaboard A. L. pfd	...	...	...	45
Sloss-Sheffield S. & I.	...	...	...	46
Southern Pacific	6,100	107¾	106¾	105¾
Southern Railway	700	27¾	27¼	27¾
So. Railway pfd	100	80	80	79¼
Tennessee Copper	100	36½	36½	36
Texas & Pacific	400	22	21¾	21¾
Union Pacific	39,300	158½	156	155¾
Union Pacific pfd	200	90	90	90¼
United States Realty	200	75	72½	72
United States Rubber	2,200	67	65½	65¾
United States Steel	43,000	66¾	65	65
U. S. Steel pfd	...	...	...	109
Utah Copper	1,700	56½	55¾	55¾
Va.-Carolina Chemical	800	45	43	43
Wabash	...	...	...	4
Wabash pfd	...	...	...	13½
Western Maryland	1,500	47	45	45½
Western Union	100	73½	73½	73½
Westinghouse Electric	200	77	76¾	76¾
Wheeling & L. E.	...	...	...	7

*Ex-div.

Total sales for the day, 412,400 shares.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—MONEY—On call, firm; 3¾@6 per cent; ruling rate, 4¾ per cent; closing bid, 3¾@3¾ per cent; offered at 4 per cent. Time loans, steady; sixty and ninety days, 6 per cent; six months, 5½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8115 for sixty-day bills and at $4.8500 for demand; commercial bills, $4.80¾.

SILVER—Bar, 65¼c; Mexican dollars, 49¼c.

BONDS—Government, easier; railroad easier.

Closing quotations on bonds today were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	100¼	*K. C. So. ref. 4s	87¾
do coupon	100¾	L. S. deb. 4s 1931	93¼
U. S. 3s, reg.	102½	L. & N. uni. 4s	97¾
do coupon	102½	*M. K. & T. 1st 4s	94
C. s. 4s, reg.	113¾	do gen. 4½s	88¾
do coupon	113¾	*Mo. Pacific 4s	79
Panama 3s coupon	101¾	do conv. 5s	86¾
*A.-C. 1st 5s ctfs	97	N. R. R. of M. 4½s	85¾
Amer. Ag. 5s	101¾	*N. Y. C. & S. 3½s	63¼
*A. T. & T. cv 4s	108¾	do deb. 4s	91¾
*Am. Tobacco 6s	119	*N. Y. N. H. & H.	
Armour & Co. 4½s	91	cv. 3½s	88¼
Atchison gen. 4s	96¾	*N. & W. 1st c. 4s	96¾
do cv. 4s 1909	102¾	*do cv. 4s	111
*do cv. 5s	106¾	No. Pacific 4s	98
A. C. L. 1st 4s	98	*do 3s	67¾
Bal. & Ohio 4s	97	*O. S. L. rfdg. 4s	91¼
do 3½s	91	Penn. cv. 3½s 1915	98¾
Brook. Tr. cv. 4s	88¾	do con. 4s	101¾
*Can. of