COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain Markets Strong and All Close with Substantial Gains.

CORN AND OATS BOTH UP HALF A CENT

Provisions Wobbly and Demand Fairly Good—Heavy Cattle Receipts and Large Sales Are Made.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—All the grain markets were strong today and closed at substantial advances. In wheat the continued falling off of receipts in the northwest was the main factor. May and December each closed about ⅝c higher; corn and oats advanced about ½c each; provisions closed 2½@5c lower.

Opening prices in wheat were practically unchanged from yesterday, May starting at 65 1-8@65¼c. Northwest receipts were comparatively small, but then this was offset by a decline of 3-8d in futures and 1d for spot at Liverpool. For a few minutes prices were about at a standstill with a very narrow trading, but the demand increased rapidly and inside of the first half hour's trading the May price had been hoisted to 65 5-8c, around which point the market swung for the greater part of the session. Shorts were good buyers and many longs, acting on the belief that prices were in for a good advance, increased their holdings. Apparently the rapid decline in farmers' deliveries in the northwest, as shown by the receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth, overshadowed everything else in its influence on traders. Argentine news was favorable and early reports from the seaboard did not indicate very bright prospect for a continued good foreign demand for American wheat, one cable from Germany refusing offerings on the ground that Russia was offering wheat under American parity. Nevertheless, the local sentiment was emphatically bullish and even at the good advance wheat did not come out in very great quantities.

Northwest receipts were 864 cars compared with 1,531 last week and 582 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 222 cars, ten of contract grade. Total primary receipts were 1,173,000 bushels. The increase in the world's visible was put at 3,424,000 bushels, about what was expected. Last year the increase was less than 400,000 bushels. Near the end of the session reports of heavy shipping orders here for St. Louis and the seaboard proved an additional stimulus to buying and May, which up to that time had been steady at around 65 5-8c, advanced rapidly to 66c. Some reports put the eastern shipping orders here as high as 700,000 bushels. May closed firm at 65 7-8@66c.

Corn was higher and active. Receipts were fairly large—465 cars—while the weather was favorable for shipping and for improving the quality. But country offerings were not heavy and a good export inquiry existed. Local bull traders bought aggressively. The wheat strength had considerable influence. May ranged from 34 1-8c to 34 5-8c and closed ½c higher at 34 5-8c.

Oats, though rather dull, were firm. Receipts were large—501 cars—but the strength of wheat and corn made shorts uneasy and caused a good deal of scattered buying. Offerings were not large. The shipping demand was good. May ranged from 26c to 26½c and closed 3-8@½c higher at 26½c.

Provisions were rather wobbly. The demand was very good, but hog receipts were heavy and packers bought freely of all products. There was also some realizing by recent buyers. Liquidation became lighter late in the day and the market firmed up somewhat. May pork closed 5c lower at $9.65, May lard 2½c lower at $5.42½ and May ribs 2½c lower at $4.87½.

Estimated receipts Wednesday: Wheat, 190 cars; corn, 425 cars; oats, 245 cars; hogs, 50,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Yes'd'y	Close.
*Wheat.					
Dec....	63¾	64⅝	63⅝	64⅛@¼	63¾
May....	65⅛@¼	66	65⅛	65⅝-66	65⅞@66
July....	64	64½	64	64⅛	64
*Corn.					
Dec....	33	33⅜	33	32½	33
May....	34⅛@¼	34⅝	34⅛	34⅛	34⅝
July....	34¾@⅞	35 @⅛	34¾@⅞	35 @⅛	34⅞
*Oats.					
Dec....	26	26⅛	26	26⅛	25⅞
May....	26 @⅛	26½	26 @⅛	26⅛	26 @½
Pork.					
Jan....	9 45	9 50	9 35	9 37½	9 47½
May....	9 70	9 72½	9 60	9 65	9 70
Lard.					
Jan....	5 25	5 25	5 17½	5 22½	5 25
May....	5 45	5 45	5 37½	5 42½	5 45
Ribs.					
Jan....	4 70	4 70	4 62½	4 67½	4 70
May....	4 87½	4 90	4 80	4 87½	4 90

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull and steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.75; straights, $3.10@3.20; spring specials, $3.40@4.00; spring patents, $3.20@3.50; bakers, $2.20@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 62c; No. 3 spring, 61@62½c; No. 2 red, 66@68c.

CORN—No. 2, 33 5-8@33 7-8c.

OATS—No. 2, 26½@26¾c; No. 3 white, 26½@28½c.

RYE—No. 2, 54c.

BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 39@50c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.04½@1.06½. Prime timothy seed, $2.30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.10@8.15. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.12½@5.22½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.50@4.70. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.85@4.87½.

DRESSED POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, 11c; chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 6½@7c.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.96; granulated, $5.45.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls..........	49,000	40,000
Wheat, bu..........	149,000	220,000
Corn, bu..........	133,000	86,000
Oats, bu..........	422,000	24,000
Rye, bu..........	34,000	6,000
Barley, bu..........	112,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creameries, 14@19½c; dairies, 12@19c. Cheese, steady, 8¾@10½c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 21½c.

WORLD'S AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

Item of Decrease of 300,000 Bushels of Wheat in Northwest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in the available supply of grain last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 2,424,000 bu; Liverpool Corn Trade News reports afloat for and in Europe, increase, 1,000,000 bu. Total supply, increase, 3,424,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 357,000 bu.

Among the more important increases reported by Bradstreet's not given in the official visible supply statement are the gains of 530,000 bu. at Manitoba storage points, 239,000 bu. at Chicago private elevators, 124,000 bu. at Milwaukee private elevators, 77,000 bu. at Portland, Me., and 50,000 bu. at Minneapolis private elevators.

The principal decreases reported by Bradstreet's are 763,000 bu. at Fort William and Keewatin, Ont., 300,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators and 220,000 bu. at New Orleans. The aggregate stocks of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., increased 93,000 bu. for the week.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,583 bbls.; exports, 17,484 bbls.; fairly active and firmer at previous prices; Minnesota patents, $3.65@3.85; Minnesota bakers, $2.85@3.00; winter patents, $3.60@3.80; winter straights, $3.45@3.70; winter extras, $2.65@2.90; winter low grades, $2.40@2.65.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 75c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 60@60¼c, f. o. b., afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; 60@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 199,800 bu.; exports, 824,000 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, 76¼c. Options opened firm and ruled so all day; closed strong at ½@7-8c net advance; there were active coverings of shorts on bullish foreign news, a small interior movement; strength in corn and big clearances; January, 71 15-16@72 5-16c; March, 72½@73½c; closed 73½c.

CORN—Receipts, 103,375 bu.; exports, 258,234 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 41c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firm and was advanced by strong cables, disappointing receipts and covering; closed 3-8@½c net higer; May, 39 3-8@39¾c, closed 39¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 48,000 bu.; exports, 125 bu.; spot, firmer; No. 2, 31 3-8c; No. 2 white, 37½c; options were inactive.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,524 pkgs.; market firm; western creamery, 15@21c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 12@14½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,298 pkgs.; market very firm; large white, 10@10¼c; small white, 10¼@10¾c; large colored, 10@10¼c; small colored, 10¼@10¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,196 pkgs.; market steady; western, 25c; southern, 22@24c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Firm; prime crude, 17½c; prime yellow, 21@22c.

METALS—Copper and lead further improved today on continued good buying, smaller offerings and generally favorable news. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants nominal at $7.25. Lake copper was firm at $12.75 bid and $12.85 asked. Tin was unchanged with $18.00 bid and $18.10 asked. Lead was firm with $3.65 bid and $3.67½ asked. Spelter was unchanged with $5.25 bid and $5.35 asked. The firm naming the settling price for leading western miners and smelters quotes lead at $3.50 and copper at $12.75.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 20c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@12c; choice, 10@16c; separator, 20@21c; gathered creamery, 18@19c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 4½c; dressed, 5½c; old roosters, live, 3c; dressed, 4@4½c; spring chickens, live, 5@5½c; dressed, 6@6½c; ducks, live, 5½@6c; dressed, 7c; geese, live, 6@6½c; dressed, 7c; turkeys, live, 8@9c; dressed, 10@11c.

GAME—Teal, blue wing, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; mixed, $1.75@2.25; prairie chickens, $5; quail, per doz., $1.00@1.10; jack rabits, 75c@$1.00; cottontails, 40@50c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@9c.

VEGETABLES.

ONIONS—Per bu., 40@50c

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.30@1.40.

POTATOES—Choice stock, 45@50c; sacked, 45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 1½c.

CELERY—Per bunch, 25@30c; Colorado celery, 35@40c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $4.00@4.25; choice, $3.75@4.00.

ORANGES—Mexicans, $4.00; small sizes, $3.75; Navels, fancy rose brand, $4.00@4.25; Redland, choice, $3.75@4.00; seedlings, $3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Western Ben Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl., $3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $3.75@4.00.

PEARS—Bartlett, California, out of the market; other varieties, $2.25.

STRAWBERRIES—Per box, 30c.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $7.50@8.50; Catawbas, per basket, 18c.

CRANBERRIES—Bell & Bugles, per bbl., $7.50; Jersey, $6.50; per crate, $2.25.

QUINCES—Per box, $2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—Trees, 4-5 feet, per doz., $2; 5-8 feet, per doz., $2.50; 7-9 feet, per doz., $3.50; 8-11 feet, per doz., $4.50; extra large trees, for school and church purposes, 12 to 24 feet, according to size and beauty, $2 to $5 each; evergreen wreathing, in coils of 20 yards, per coil, $1; holly branches, in cases 2x2x4 feet, about 60 lbs., $4.50; in bbls., per bbl., $2; wreathes, crosses and horseshoes, per doz., $1.50; long needle pines, 3 to 5 feet long, per doz., $3.50; mistletoe, in boxes of about 25 lbs., per box, $3.75; in smaller quantities, per lb., 20c.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, 11c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; coconnuts, per 100, $4.50; peanuts, raw, 6@6½c; roasted, 7@7½c; chestnuts, 8@9c.

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

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.50.

HONEY—Choice white, 12½@13c.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6@6½c; Sair, 5½@6c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00@3.15.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.00.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¼c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; 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.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@50c; muskrat, 3@7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—FLOUR—Dull and lower; patents, $3.20@3.45; straights, $2.95@3.10; clear, $2.75@2.90; low to medium, $2.00@2.50.

WHEAT—Futures strong and higher; spot higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 69½c; track, 69½@70½c; December, 70¼c; May, 69@69 1-8c; July, 64¼c; No. 2 hard, cash, 64@65c.

CORN—Fractionally higher; spot higher; No. 2, cash, 32c bid; December, 31¾c; May, 32 7-8@33c.

OATS—Steady for spot and higher for options; No. 2, cash, 27c bid; track, 27½c; December, 27c; May, 27½c; No. 2 white, 29c.

RYE—Scarce at 52c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, higher at $1.01. Prime timothy seed, $2.30.

CORNMEAL—$1.55@1.60.

BRAN—Easier; sacked, east track, 55c.

HAY—Timothy, firm at $7.00@8.00; prairie, dull and easy at $7.25@7.50.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 5@5½c; ducks, 6@6½c; geese, 5@6c; turkeys, 8½@9c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 16@22c; dairy, 13@18c.

EGGS—Firm at 20c.

METALS—Lead, $3.50@3.52½. Spelter, $5.00@5.02½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, old, $8.25; new, $9.25. Lard, lower; prime steam, $5.05; choice, $5.10. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.12½; extra shorts, $4.62½; ribs, $4.75; shorts, $4.87½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $5; extra shorts, $5.12½; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 40,000 bu.; corn, 82,000 bu.; oats, 48,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 42,000 bu.; corn, 192,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—WHEAT—Market firmer; No. 1 hard, 61½c; No. 2, 60½@61½c; No. 3, 57½@60½c; No. 2 red, 67½c; No. 3, 61@65c; No. 2 spring, 60@61c; No. 3, 57½@59c.

CORN—Market higher; No. 2 mixed, 31c; No. 2 white, 31c; No. 3, 30½c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 27¾@28c.

RYE—Market steady; No. 2, 48c.

HAY—Market higher; choice timothy, $7.00@7.50; choice prairie, $6.75@7.00.

BUTTER—Market steady; separator, 19c; dairy, 16c.

EGGS—Market higher; fresh, 22c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 52,250 bu.; corn, 7,100 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 41,400 bu.; corn, 6,500 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 67½c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

OATS—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 56c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at $5.00; bulk meats, steady at $4.50; bacon, easy at $5.50.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.26.

BUTTER—Easier and lower; fancy Elgin creamery, 22½c; Ohio, 15@18c; dairy, 12½c.

SUGAR—Firm.

EGGS—Firm at 19c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

DULUTH, Dec. 13.—Receipts: Wheat, 513 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—Receipts: Wheat, 351 cars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Receipts: Wheat, 222 cars; corn, 645 cars; oats, 501 cars. Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 190; corn, 225; oats, 245.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—Receipts: Wheat, 87 cars.

Receipts at primary markets: Wheat, 1,175,603 bu.; corn, 778,939 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 13.—WHEAT—Higher and firm; No. 2, cash and December, 33¾c bid; May, 69 1-8c bid.

CORN—Active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

OATS—Dull and firm; No. 2 mixed, 27c.

RYE—Unchanged; No. 2, cash, 54c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, $4; new and December, $4.40.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Dec. 13.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 33c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 3 white, 26@26¼c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13. — WHEAT—Higher; No. 1 northern, 64½c; No. 2 northern, 64c.

RYE—Dull; No. 1, 53¼@53½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2, 48@48¾c; sample, 40@47½c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 13.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 63 3-8c; May, 66c; No. 1 northern, cash, 62¼c; May, 65 1-8c; receipts, 440,700 bu.; shipments, 338,800 bu.

OATS—27c.

CORN—31 5-8c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Firm; evaporated apples, common, 7@8c; wire tray, 8@8½c;

choice, 9@9½c; fancy, 10c. Prunes, 4@10½c. Apricots, Royal, 11@14c; Moor Park, 14@17c. Peaches, unpeeled, 8½@12½c; peeled, 18@20c.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 23,904 bbls.; exports, 2,700 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, 70 7-8@71c; January, 71¼@71½c; steamer, No. 2 red, 68@68½c; receipts, 82,000 bu.; exports, 260,000 bu.; southern wheat by sample, 68@72c; southern on grade 68½@71½c.

CORN—Easy; spot and month, 39@39¼c; steamer mixed, 35@35⅛c; receipts, 241,982 bu.; exports, 244,373 bu.; southern white corn, 36@39¼c; southern yellow, 35⅝@38¾c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 32½@33c; No. 2 mixed, 31½@32c; receipts, 27,913 bu.; exports, none.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 23@24c.

Dividends Declared.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph company has recommended the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent.

The directors of the Mergenthaler Linotype company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent and an extra dividend of 2½ per cent, payable December 31.

The directors of the Manhattan Elevated Railway company have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.—WHEAT—Market steady, ¼d higher; December, 5s 10d; March, 5s 8 3-8d; May, 5s 7d.

CORN—Market firm, ⅛@¼d higher; December, 3s 9⅛d; March, 3s 7¼d; May, nominal.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—WHEAT—Strong; December, 62½c; May, 64c; No. 1 hard, 64½c.

Manchester Textile Fabrics.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 13.—Cloths steady, with a fair demand; cottons, light demand.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Bulls Try to Depress Prices but Their Influence is Lost.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The stock market was irregular today during the process of digesting large realizing sales during the current movement, the prominent railways closing at about the lowest.

The market encountered efforts on the part of soldout bulls to depress values and was largely affected by the demoralization in Sugar. This stock, which was early supported and gained a point, subsequently declined 5 points on reported demoralization in the Sugar trade. In the early dealings the moderate fractional advance here followed the improvement in London, where the public was buyers of Americans. Subsequently stocks became quite reactive, but sales, particularly in the standard stocks, were well taken on actual investment and semi-investment purchases and covering of short contracts. Rallies ensued, particularly among the early sufferers, and around delivery hour gains were considerable. The Atchison issues recently brought to the front by prominent interests were sustaining factors. The vulnerability of Sugar was largely responsible for the extreme irregularity of the market. The traders hammered this specialty industriously and uncovered round amounts of stop loss orders. Considerable support was extended to the general market throughout and pool buying was instrumental in lifting into prominence some of the low priced stocks which had not as yet moved in proportion to the rest of the list. This was specially true of Kansas & Texas preferred and Wabash preferred. The current earnings of the southwestern group have begun to show gains over last year through the lifting of the cotton blockade. Missouri Pacific was the only laggard in this category of shares, profit taking conspiring to keep the price well below yesterday's level. The Federal Steel stocks, which had been left somewhat neglected, were taken in hand late in the day and advanced materially. Speculation generally betrayed a very good undertone considering the heavy blocks of realizing orders which came out after every rally. London operations were quite extensive, arbitrage dealings being for both accounts, but heavily in favor of the bulls. Omaha took the initiative in the final rise in prices and gained 3 points. Northwest moved up sympathetically, but the advance in the other granger stocks was not significant. Speculation left off heavy in tone with net changes fractionally either way.

The bond market gave a better illustration of strength than the stock list and, although realizing orders were in force in the speculative issues, final prices record substantial gains in many classes. Total sales, $5,710,000. United States 3s, the old coupon, and the 2s, registered, advanced 1-8 per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The new account here was opened well amid general firmness. But the only buoyant market was the Americans. In them the largest business for months was done. There was a free exchange of shares, the bears closing out and fresh buying and profit taking marking the dealings. The public is distinctly joining in the transactions. The chief favorite is Atchison preferred. The general continuation rate was 4½ to 5 per cent; St. Paul, 3 to 4 per cent. Louisville & Nashville and Atchison were rather scarce. Ten thousand pounds sterling in gold were taken for Lima.

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

Atchison	19¼	St. L. & S. F.	8½
do pfd	51½	do pfd	63½
Balt. & Ohio	59¾	do 2d pfd	33⅝
Canada Pacific	85¼	St. L. & S. W.	7
Canada Southern	54½	do pfd	16
Central Pacific	34⅝	St. Paul	116⅝
Ches. & Ohio	25⅝	do pfd	165½
Chi. & Alton	167	St. P. & O.	85¼
C., B. & Q.	121⅝	do pfd	167
Chi. & E. Ill.	59	St. P., M. & M.	173
do pfd	111	So. Pacific	29⅛
Chi. G. W.	15	So. Railway	10½
Chi., Ind. & L.	7½	do pfd	42⅝
do pfd	34	Texas & Pacific	16¼
Chi. & N. W.	139⅝	Union Pacific	38½
do pfd	182	do pfd	71⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	44¼	*U. P. D. & G.	12⅜
do pfd	95	Wabash	8⅛
Del. & Hudson	108½	do pfd	23½
Del., L. & W.	149	**Wheel. & L. E.	5⅜
Del. & Rio G.	15⅜	do pfd	29½
do pfd	64⅝	Adams Ex.	108
Erie (new)	14¼	American Ex.	144
do 1st pfd	37¼	United States	54
Fort Wayne	175	Wells-Fargo	129
Gt. Northern pfd	139	Amer. Cotton Oil	34¼
Hocking Valley	2⅞	do pfd	88
Illinois Central	114	Amer. Spirits	12⅝
L. E. & W.	14¼	do pfd	35
do pfd	63¼	Am. Tobacco	140⅝
Lake Shore	197	do pfd	128
Louis. & Nash.	64¾	Con. Gas	192
Manhattan L	99¼	Com. Cable Co.	175
Met. St. Ry.	192	Colo. F. & Iron	26
Michigan Central	110	do pfd	81
Minn. & St. L.	28⅜	Gen. Electric	93¼
do 1st pfd	95	Hawaii Com'l Co.	51
Mo. Pacific	42⅝	International Paper	60
Mobile & Ohio	30¼	do pfd	92
M., K. & T.	12	LaClede Gas	52¼
do pfd	37½	Lead	36¼
N. J. Central	95	do pfd	113¼
N. Y. Central	119¾	Nat. Linseed Oil	9¼
N. Y., C. & St. L.	14½	Pacific Mail	43⅝
do 1st pfd	70	People's Gas	109½
do 2d pfd	36	Pullman Palace	149½
North. & West.	16	Silver Certificates	58¼
No. American Co.	6⅝	Standard R. & T.	7⅜
No. Pacific	41⅝	Sugar	128½
do pfd	76¾	do pfd	114⅝
Ontario & W.	17	T. C. & Iron	33¼
Ore. R. & Nav.	56	U. S. Leather	5⅞
Ore. Short Line	37½	do pfd	68¾
Pac. Coast 1st pfd.	80½	U. S. Rubber	46¼
do 2d pfd	59	do pfd	111½
Pittsburg	172	Western Union	95¼
Reading	18⅞	Federal Steel	32⅞
do 1st pfd	46½	do pfd	78½
[illegible]	27	Brooklyn R. T.	72⅜
do pfd	64		
Rock Island	119¾		

*Second assessment paid. *Fourth assessment paid.

The total sales of stocks today were 910,400 shares, including 50,255 Atchison, 131,500 Atchison preferred, 3,838 Baltimore & Ohio, 3,900 Central Pacific, 7,430 Chesapeake & Ohio, 7,229 Burlington, 5,385 Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 3,560 Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 8,830 Illinois Central, 14,287 Louisville & Nashville, 7,190 Manhattan, 5,206 Metropolitan, 6,660 Hawaiian preferred, 27,940 Missouri Pacific, 3,848 New York Central, 43,175 Northern Pacific, 9,000 Northern Pacific preferred, 15,235 Rock Island, 10,935 Union Pacific, 17,990 St. Paul, 6,800 St. Paul & Omaha, 3,700 Southern Pacific, 10,147 Southern Railway, 21,887 Southern preferred, 14,395 Texas & Pacific, 18,250 Union Pacific preferred, 27,243 Wabash preferred, 4,910 Wheeling & Lake Erie, 8,289 American Spirits, 19,520 Tobacco, 28,199 Illinois Steel, 37,115 Illinois Steel preferred, 3,900 People's Gas, 4,253 General Electric, 5,350 Pacific Mail, 3,375 Pullman, 90,020 Sugar, 17,950 Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,480 Rubber, 20,115 Western Union, 3,200 Chicago Great Western.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alpha Con	3	Kentucky Con	6
Andes	6	Mexican	28
Belcher	15	Occidental Con	100
Best & Belcher	35	Ophir	56
Bullion	2	Overman	7
Caledonia	18	Potosi	19
Challenge Con	14	Savage	13
Chollar	19	Scorpion	3
Con. Cal. & Va.	110	Sierra Nevada	86
Crown Point	14	Union Con	17
Gould & Currie	26	Utah Con	11
Hale & Norcross	162	Yellow Jacket	15
Justice	16	Standard	185

Silver bars, 59¼c; Mexican dollars, 47¼@47¾c. Drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3¼@4 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & St. F.	19	Gen. Elec. pfd	158
Am. Sugar	128⅝	Atchison pfd	51½
do pfd	114	Atchison 4s	98¼
Bell Telephone	276	New England 6s	114
Boston & Albany	247½	Gen. Electric 5s	107⅝
Boston & Maine	167	Wis. Central 1s	62
Boston L	84	Allouez Mining Co.	5
C., B. & Q.	121¼	Atlantic	42
Fitchburg	106	Boston & Mont.	228
Gen. Electric	93⅝	Butte & Boston	67¼
Mexican Central	6⅝	Calumet & Hecla	610
N. Y. & N. E.	96	Centennial	25⅝
Old Colony	198	Franklin	18
Ore. Short Line	37½	Old Dominion	33¼
Rubber	46	Osceola	70
Union Pacific	39¼	Quincy	135
West End	89⅝	Tamarack	171¼
Westingh. Elec.	40	Wolverine	32
do pfd	64	Humboldt	3⅝
Ed. Elec. Tel.	196	Union Land	9

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally, 2¼@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3¼@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84¼@4.84½ for demand, and at $4.81½@4.81¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80½.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59½@60½c.

BAR SILVER—59⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLARS—46¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; United States 3s, 106⅝; new 4s, reg., 127⅝; new 4s, coupon, 128; 4s, 111½; 4s, coupon, 112⅝; 2s, 99½; 5s, reg., 112½; 5s, coupon, 112¾; Pacific 6s of '99, 102⅝.

U. S. new 3s	106⅝	N. Y. C. 1sts	117¼
U. S. new 4s. reg.	127⅝	U. P. 4s	102⅝
U. S. do coup	128	N. J. C. 5s	113⅜
U. S. 4s. reg	111½	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. do coup	112⅝	N. C. 4s	104
U. S. 2ds, reg	99½	No. Pacific 1sts	117¼
U. S. 5s, reg	113	No. Pacific 3s	69⅝
U. S. 5s, coup	112¾	No. Pacific 4s	102
District 3. 65s	118	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	106¼
Ala., class A	108	N. & W. 6s	127⅝
Ala., class B	108	N. W. Consols	143
Ala., class C	100	N. W. Deb. 5s	118
Ala., Currency	100	Ore. N. 1sts	114
Atchison 4s	99	Ore. N. 4s	99
Do. adj. 4s	78⅜	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	130
Canada So. 2ds	111⅛	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	111
C. & O. 4½s	91	Pacific 6s of 95	102⅝
Chi. Terms., 4s	94½	Reading 4s	86
C. & O. 5s	118	R. G. W. 1sts	93¼
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	103½
D. & R. G. 1sts	110	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	124¼
D. & R. G. 4s	100⅝	St. P. Consols	163
East Tenn. 1sts	107¼	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	120¼
Erie Gen. 4s	75¼	St. P. C. & P. 5s	119⅝
F. W. & D. 1sts. t. r.	86½	So. Ry. 5s	105
Gen. Elec. 5s	107⅝	S. R. & T. 6s	80
G. H. & S. A 6s	107	Tenn. new set 3s	94¼
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	103	T. P. L. G. 1sts	108½
H. & T. Cent. 5s	112	T. P. Rg. 2ds	48½
H. & T. C. con. 6s	110	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	88¼
Iowa C. 1sts	105¼	Wab. 1st 5s	113¾
La. New Con. 4s	107¼	Wab. 2ds	84½
L. & N. Unl. 4s	97	W. Shore 4s	112½
Missouri 6s	100	Va. Centuries	81⅝
M. K. & T. 2ds	67	Va. deferred	6
M. K. & T. 4s	90¼	Wis. Cent. 1sts	62¾

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	110⅝	N. Y. Central	123⅝
Consols, acct	110 7-16	Pennsylvania	63¼
Can. Pacific	88½	Reading	9⅞
Erie	14⅝	Union Pacific pfd	73⅝
do 1st pfd	38¼	Atchison	18¾
Illinois Central	118	Louis. & Nash	67¼
North. Pacific pfd	79¾	Grand Trunk	7⅝
St. Paul, common	121		

BAR SILVER—Dull at 27 7-16d per ounce.

MONEY—2¼@2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills and three months' bills, 3 3-8 per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Cholar	22	Ontario	500
Crown Point	12	Ophir	50
Con. Cal. & Va.	105	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	200
Gould & Curry	23	do pfd	650
Hale & Norcross	150	Sierra Nevada	80
Homestake	5000	Standard	155
Iron Silver	75	Union Con	20
Mexican	28	Yellow Jacket	15

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—Bank clearings today were $1,096,241.32; balances, $73,718.91. One year ago the clearings were $1,008,537.88; balances, $118,507.32; increase in clearings, $87,703.44.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $20,101,735; balances, $1,809,985; New York exchange, 15c premium; posted rates, $4.82½@4.85½. Stocks fairly active; West Chicago, easy on liquidation; Diamond Match strong; Alley L, 75½; Biscuit, common, 46½; Biscuit, preferred, 103½; Diamond Match, 147½; Lake Street L, 13 1-8; North Chicago, 225; West Chicago, 96½; Metropolitan, 3½.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $6,349,113; balances, $785,470; money, 5@7 per cent; New York exchange, 10c discount bid, par asked.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—Money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, par; clearings, $1,975,750.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $6,562,016; balances, $567,986.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $19,615,635; balances, $2,411,871.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $233,463,989; balances, $10,968,984.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $13,039,008; balances, $2,547,200.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—Clearings, $3,402,524; New York exchange, bank, par; commercial, $1 discount.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The market for American securities opened better and improved somewhat. Bulls operated steadily and controlled the market. The closing tone was firm and the demand good. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £10,000. Spanish 4s, 42.38.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—On the bourse today international securities were firm, Spanish 4s being in special request. Argentines advanced on the decline in premium on gold. American securities were buoyant, being encouraged by the advices from London and New York. Local securities fluctuated greatly under the influence of the operations in Vienna in connection with a semi-official attack on a prominent iron company and closed quieter.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Prices on the bourse today were strong, being favorbly influenced by the sharp rise in Spanish 4s. Rio tintos started dull, but subsequently recovered, owing to the price of copper. DeBeers mines were in good demand on English account. South Africans were active and hardening. Spanish 4s, 42.77.

Wool Market.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—WOOL—The present series of the wool auction sales for this year closed today with a good attendance of buyers present. The closing tone was firm and the prices realized today were practically the best of the series. The number of bales carried over was 21,000; 57,000 bales were sold to home buyers and 80,000 to the continent. At the opening of the sales competition was active , and merinos firm. Fine cross-breds were well maintained, while low coarse stock ruled irregular at a fall of 5 per cent under the October figure. The demand for merinos increased, the continent being especially eager buyers. After the first week of the sale medium scoureds and greasies and scoured locks and pieces advanced 5 per cent, and finer grades of wool were better supported. Yorkshire wools sold at full value and at an unappreciable advance over the prices obtained at the October sales. Cross-breds were well sought for since the opening and especially medium and coarse. Heavy continental stocks were low owing to the Buenos Ayres gold premium being against them and the fact that French buyers had turned their attention here at the same time. Yorkshire wools increased in demand. Riveria new clip wools turned out more lighter and of dirtier quality than in 1897. South Australian wools were heavier and of better quality. South African stocks were in strong demand throughout.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—WOOL—The wool market here continues to show a certain amount of activity, with prices on a fairly settled basis. Territory wools yet lead the sale, with prices ruling all the way from 40c to 45c for staple lots. Fleece wools are selling fairly well, with prices steady. Australian wools have been moving, nearly 1,000,000 pounds being reported at current prices. The following are the quotations for leading descriptions: Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces—X and above, 26c; XX, 28c; XX and above, 29c; Delaine, 29@30c; No. 1 combing, 30c; No. 2 combing, 29@30c. Michigan and Wisconsin—X Michigan, 22@23c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 29c; No. 2, 28@29c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 29c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 28@29c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 22c; No. 2 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 28c; Delaine and Michigan, 26@27c. Unwashed medium, Kentucky and Indiana quarter-blood combing, 21@22c; three-eighths-blood 21@22c; Missouri quarter-blood combing, 20c; braid combing, 18@19c; Lake and Georgia, 18@20c. Texas wools, spring medium (twelve months), 17@18c; scoured, 40@42c; spring fine (twelve months), 16@18c; scoured, 43@45c. Territory wools, Montana fine medium and fine, 14@16c; scoured, 43c; staple, 47@48c. Utah and Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 13@15c; scoured, 43c; staple, 47@48c. Australian, scoured basis, combing, superfine, 70@72c; good, 65@68c; average, 62@65c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at 5 points decline; ruled inactive and featureless, unsatisfactory European cables being offset by more bullish advices from Brazil and firmness of local spot holders; speculation was very slack; local covering moderately active, but no investment demand; closed steady and unchanged to 5 points higher; sales, 17,710 bags, including January at $5.70@5.75; February, $5.80@5.85; March, $5.90@5.95; April, $5.95; May, $6.00@6.05. Spot coffee, Rio, firm; No. 7, invoice, 6 5-8c; No. 7, jobbing, 7 1-8c. Mild, steady; Cordova, $7.75@15.00; good general business doing.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Liberal Supply in All the Pens and a Difference Between Traders.

CATTLE MEN SCALE PRICES SOMEWHAT

Beef Business Drags at Ten to Fifteen Cents Lower—Hogs Brisk and Two and One-Half Cents Higher Under Buying Pressure.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 13.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts today	2,263	15,291	2,483
Official Monday	2,589	6,072	1,837
Two days this week......	4,852	21,963	4,320
Same days last week....	3,398	10,994	5,547
Same days week before..	7,226	11,920	2,811
Three weeks ago..........	4,184	3,391	5,615

Average price paid for hogs for the last several days, with comparisons:

	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.	1892.
Dec. 1	3 25	3 23	3 19	*	4 41	5 29	5 70
Dec. 2......	3 26	3 25	3 09	3 35	*	5 19	5 79
Dec. 3......	3 29	3 19	3 28	3 42	4 47	*	5 83
Dec. 4......	*	3 21	3 16	3 39	4 38	5 13	*
Dec. 5......	3 37	*	3 09	3 30	4 27	5 14	5 91
Dec. 6......	3 24	3 25	*	3 33	4 35	5 03	6 05
Dec. 7......	3 27	3 22	3 09	3 38	4 35	5 05	6 01
Dec. 8......	3 29	3 17	3 19	*	4 34	5 14	5 98
Dec. 9......	3 29	3 13	3 21	3 32	*	5 15	5 86
Dec. 10......	3 31	3 13	3 21	3 35	4 20	*	6 00
Dec. 11......	*	3 18	3 17	3 28	4 20	5 10	6 04
Dec. 12......	3 37	*	3 20	3 31	4 25	5 07	6 11
Dec. 13......	3 38	3 20	*	3 33	4 20	5 07	6 11

*Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.........	5	8	..
O. & St. L. Ry..............	2	4	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.........	11	7	..
Union Pacific System	19	33	4
C. & N. W. Ry..............	4	8	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.......	22	55	2
S. C. & P. Ry..............	1	1	2
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.......	8	22	..
B. & M. R. R. R............	13	35	3
C., B. & Q. Ry..............	8	35	2
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east.....	..	24	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west......	..	3	..
Total receipts	93	235	13

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.......	247	1,747	.....
G. H. Hammond Co......	38	2,536	.....
Swift and Company......	468	3,537	829
Cudahy Packing Co......	495	2,138	352
Armour & Co.............	345	5,098	591
Vansant & Co............	15	.....	.....
Lobman & Co.............	18	.....	.....
W. I. Stephens	26	.....	.....
Huston & Co.............	101	.....	.....
L. F. Husz	35	.....	.....
Livingston & Schaler ...	127	.....	.....
Omaha, Kansas City	48	.....	.....
Hammond, Kansas City.	.....	252	.....
Cudahy, Kansas City....	181	464	.....
Other buyers	117	10	.....
Left over	.....	.....	582
Totals	2,261	15,782	2,354

CATTLE—Receipts were larger than a week ago and a little above the average for a Tuesday since the range season came to a close. Of the cattle received ten loads were consigned direct to packers and were not offered for sale. The market, as a whole, was slow, and to that extent at least very unsatisfactory to the sellers.

There were not far from thirty-five loads of cornfed cattle on sale, which was considerably above the number that has been on sale for the last week at this point and that taken in connection with the ten loads of fat cattle from Kansas City, made buyers feel as if they had the best of the situation. Last week the Chicago cattle market broke badly, as was noted at the time, but the receipts here were so light that buyers were unable to force the market down any. The result has been that prices for several days have been very high here, as compared with other markets. Today, when the offerings were more liberal, buyers took advantage of the situation to force the concession that they believed to be their due. Their bids on all but the most desirable cattle were 10@15c lower. Sellers were naturally slow to take off, and the market was a drag from start to finish. The best cattle sold largely at $5.00@5.30, some handy yearling Polled Angus bringing $5.15. Fair to good stuff went at $4.75@5.00. Some common rough westerns brought $4.05, and some little southern stuff $3.80.

The market on cows and heifers, like the steer market, was very slow and weak, with buyers generally bearish. If the stuff just happened to please them they would bid up pretty well, in some cases sellers reporting their sales as steady. As a rule, however, it was a lower market. There were among the offerings some very choice heifers. Big paunchy, old cows were especially bad sellers. Veal calves were also lower, good veals, such as sold recently at $6.75, going at $6.50.

Very few feeders were included in the day's receipts and the market was slow and without feature of importance. In fact, there was hardly enough doing to make a test of the market on that kind of cattle. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1..	960	$2 80	1..	800	$4 25	2..	1220	$4 65
44..	1078	3 80	52..	1287	4 30	38..	1240	4 70
1..	940	3 85	23..	1272	4 30	53..	984	4 70
6..	1025	3 85	7..	1078	4 30	51..	1126	4 80
60..	1056	3 90	32..	1253	4 40	2..	1120	4 80
51..	1074	3 90	23..	1185	4 40	26..	1058	5 00
42..	1202	4 05	7..	1107	4 40	23..	1062	5 15
20..	919	4 15	2..	920	4 50	9..	1177	5 25
19..	1051	4 20	44..	1237	4 60	49..	1360	5 30
5..	1160	4 25	10..	1231	4 60	51..	1342	5 30

BULLS.

1..	780	2 50	1..	1200	3 00	1..	1550	3 25
2..	1275	2 75	1..	800	3 25	1..	1620	3 50
1..	1430	2 85	1..	710	3 25	1..	1550	3 65
1..	1560	2 85						

HEIFERS.

1..	470	2 50	2..	660	3 20	1..	800	3 25
1..	610	3 00	4..	715	3 20	1..	880	3 40
24..	845	3 45	12..	808	3 45	1..	770	3 60
11..	823	3 50	2..	1235	3 50	1..	680	4 10
1..	930	4 15	1..	1160	4 60	54..	957	4 60

CALVES.

1..	200	5 00	2..	125	5 75	1..	170	6 25
1..	200	5 50						

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

2..	625	3 25	4..	892	3 50	1..	960	4 00
5..	622	3 35	9..	741	3 80	15..	484	4 40
15..	835	3 50						

COWS.

1..	890	2 00	1..	970	3 00	6..	1043	3 35
3..	970	2 10	11..	937	3 00	1..	830	3 40
3..	966	2 10	1..	720	3 00	2..	1085	3 40
60..	784	2 40	2..	1195	3 10	8..	1228	3 40
1..	1000	2 50	1..	1000	3 10	3..	1160	3 40
1..	1010	2 50	18..	1189	3 15	3..	1293	3 40
2..	1080	2 60	4..	1022	3 15	9..	1157	3 45
1..	750	2 65	1..	720	3 25	12..	1060	3 50
1..	1040	2 75	2..	1055	3 25	3..	810	3 55
1..	1080	2 75	2..	1290	3 25	1..	1320	3 70
8..	1121	2 80	26..	1040	3 25	21..	1144	3 75
5..	1162	2 90	4..	1046	3 30	23..	1103	3 75
1..	1150	2 90	3..	1120	3 35	4..	822	3 80
2..	1160	2 90	1..	1110	3 35			

HOGS—The market on hogs was active and strong this morning. Local packers all wanted hogs, and each one seemed to be afraid that he would not be able to buy everything in the yards. The offerings were snapped up in short order, and it was not long until all the early arrivals had changed hands. The prices ranged from $3.35@3.45, as against $3.32½@3.42½ yesterday. Yesterday half of the hogs sold at $3.35, while today the long string went at $3.35@3.37½. Heavy hogs, if rough, sold at $3.35, if good to prime, at $3.37½@3.40. Good medium weights and light mixed sold very largely at $3.37½@3.40, and good light weights at $3.40@3.45. Later on after the more urgent orders were filled the market slowed up and closed easier, the strength of the morning being all lost. Late sales were largely at $3.35.

A glance at the table of average prices given above will show that the hogs sold today as high as any time this month. They are also selling considerably higher than one, two and three years ago. Receipts at this point, while liberal, are far below the requirements of the market, in spite of the fact that this is the best market in the country and that prices here are close up to Chicago. The packers want the hogs and they are buying them wherever they can find them, in spite of the fact that the country is said to be full of hogs, and that the supply promises to be large all the season. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
129......	111	...	3 15	69......	301	...	3 37½
67......	180	...	$3 22½	72......	287	80	3 37½
12......	359	...	3 35	78......	276	40	3 37½
67......	296	160	3 35	62......	275	120	3 37½
40......	300	80	3 35	75......	232	120	3 37½
99......	327	80	3 35	60......	311	80	3 37½
52......	333	40	3 35	77......	229	...	3 37½
71......	268	...	3 35	76......	231	80	3 37½
49......	234	...	3 35	226......	352	280	3 37½
46......	317	...	3 35	52......	311	160	3 37½
48......	400	80	3 35	49......	316	40	3 37½
59......	301	40	3 35	54......	371	40	3 37½
66......	271	80	3 35	65......	319	120	3 37½
63......	322	120	3 35	64......	365	80	3 37½
127......	291	300	3 35	68......	265	200	3 37½
30......	202	...	3 35	79......	297	160	3 37½
21......	254	...	3 35	53......	277	120	3 37½
60......	354	...	3 35	85......	170	120	3 37½
61......	261	160	3 35	64......	308	160	3 37½
61......	351	...	3 35	54......	314	160	3 37½
59......	330	80	3 35	54......	328	80	3 37½
20......	356	80	3 35	58......	240	160	3 37½
52......	371	120	3 35	62......	307	120	3 37½
54......	331	120	3 35	38......	253	80	3 37½
62......	301	40	3 35	29......	236	...	3 37½
61......	370	320	3 35	16......	251	...	3 37½
80......	282	...	3 35	44......	340	40	3 37½
62......	277	80	3 35	58......	339	120	3 37½
24......	304	80	3 35	50......	289	...	3 37½
43......	298	160	3 35	56......	239	...	3 40
60......	312	40	3 35	67......	239	40	3 40

38	371	240	3 35	48	238	120	3 40
34	306	40	3 35	60	277	...	3 40
46	358	240	3 35	59	256	160	3 40
51	308	80	3 35	96	219	...	3 40
43	368	...	3 35	61	290	80	3 40
52	321	160	3 35	68	256	160	3 40
57	342	80	3 35	59	266	80	3 40
56	323	160	3 35	65	285	...	3 40
71	257	40	3 35	66	279	40	3 40
71	302	160	3 35	62	296	...	3 40
63	331	40	3 35	73	274	80	3 40
48	396	...	3 35	61	250	80	3 40
82	232	80	3 35	60	284	80	3 40
55	339	80	3 35	59	266	80	3 40
59	385	460	3 35	78	301	160	3 40
49	317	200	3 35	64	283	...	3 40
79	325	360	3 35	78	285	200	3 40
55	385	120	3 35	65	276	200	3 40
68	309	160	3 37½	63	283	...	3 40
51	320	...	3 37½	54	322	160	3 40
58	282	80	3 37½	58	285	...	3 40
126	269	160	3 37½	64	276	160	3 40
84	290	280	3 37½	49	308	...	3 40
56	301	120	3 37½	81	257	...	3 40
67	324	80	3 37½	54	282	20	3 40
60	306	80	3 37½	54	326	...	3 40
72	229	...	3 37½	79	205	80	3 40
63	283	120	3 37½	55	236	80	3 40
78	250	160	3 37½	52	221	80	3 40
52	312	...	3 37½	50	362	40	3 40
64	327	80	3 37½	89	281	120	3 40
76	276	160	3 37½	65	299	80	3 40
76	291	...	3 37½	127	310	200	3 40
69	279	80	3 37½	56	277	...	3 42½
54	340	80	3 37½	75	227	120	3 42½
73	247	120	3 37½	82	180	...	3 42½
55	291	...	3 37½	63	279	160	3 42½
48	327	80	3 37½	65	275	80	3 42½
121	333	120	3 37½	64	250	160	3 42½
41	268	...	3 37½	45	201	...	3 42½
61	331	200	3 37½	67	241	...	3 42½
61	297	80	3 37½	83	186	...	3 45
59	343	...	3 37½	65	190	...	3 45
57	365	...	3 37½	71	226	40	3 45
66	305	160	3 37½	69	253	40	3 45
104	208	40	3 37½	78	218	...	3 45
51	327	40	3 37½				

WAGON LOTS—PIGS.

1	430	...	2 35	3	340	...	3 35
1	260	...	2 37½	8	190	...	3 35
3	310	...	3 30	1	430	...	3 35
5	190	...	3 35	4	235	...	3 35
2	390	...	3 35	8	240	...	3 37½
1	300	...	3 35	7	175	...	3 37½
5	352	...	3 25	1	290	...	3 40

SHEEP—Today's receipts were the largest since Thursday of last week. The offerings were about equally divided between sheep and lambs, among the latter being the first shipment of Fort Collins lambs. The market did not show much change, values being just about steady. The trade, however, was inclined toward slowness and there is not much to encourage shipments just at present. Commission men are generally advising owners to hold back supplies until after the holidays, as eastern markets are pretty full of mutton. If obliged to ship this market it relatively about the highest in the country. Some western yearlings and sheep brought $3.75 here today and a part of the same lot sold yesterday in Chicago at the same price. Yesterday a bunch of lambs brought $4.45 in Chicago and a part of the same lot sold for $4.65 on this market on Friday of last week. Among other sales here today was a bunch of western yearlings and sheep at $4.00 and some light lambs at $5.05. A bunch of Christmas lambs sold for $5.40.

Quotations are: Good cornfed western wethers, $3.75@3.95;; fair to good, $3.60@3.75; good to choice Mexican yearlings, $4.35@4.50; choice western yearlings, $4.15@4.25; fair to good western yearlings, $4.00@4.15; fed ewes, $3.25@3.65; good to choice lambs, $5.00@5.15; fair to good lambs, $4.65@4.90; feeder yearlings, $3.75@3.85; feeder lambs, $4.20@4.40; cull sheep, $2.00@3.00; cull lambs, $3.00@4.00. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
1	buck	230	$3 00
5	western sheep	128	3 25
1	buck	140	3 50
313	western yearlings and sheep	126	3 75
465	western yearlings and sheep	107	4 00
283	western lambs	78	4 65
90	western lambs	82	5 05
33	Christmas lambs	102	5 40
149	California feeders	93	3 50
1	native buck	190	3 50
79	California lambs	71	4 10
89	native yearlings	114	4 40
14	native lambs	105	5 35
21	native lambs	93	5 40

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Offerings of Hogs Large but Prices Rule Strong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts today were unusually small, but prices were barely steady, buyers showing no eagerness to take hold and asking concessions in some cases. The class of offerings were fairly good. Common half-fat steers brought $3.90@4.25, fair to good shipping steers selling for $4.50@5.50, while prime to fancy cattle were disposed of at $5.60@6.05; stockers and feeders sold largely at $3.25@4.10; calves were active, common grades selling for $3.00@5.75, while prime lots brought $6.00@6.75.

HOGS—Offerings of hogs were large, but the demand was active and prices ruled strong, with sales largely 5c above yesterday's closing quotations. Hogs sold all the way from $3.25@3.35 for the commoner droves up to $3.46@3.52½ for good to prime lots, heavy packing lots going for $3.30@3.40. The bulk of the offerings sold for $3.42½@3.50, prices showing a marked narrowing tendency. The average quality was fair.

SHEEP—A fair demand caused an advance of about 10c in choice lambs and choice sheep sold better, but heavy weights were again discriminated against; most of the sheep were fed westerns and they sold mostly at $3.40@4.00; yearlings were taken at $4.25@4.50 and lambs had buyers at $4.00@5.35 for inferior to prime lots, feeders selling at $4.40@4.75.

RECEIPTS—Cattle, 2,500 head; hogs, 42,000 head; sheep, 7,000 head.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Hogs Sell Well at an Advance of Five and Ten Cents.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts, 10,040 natives, 120 Texans; liberal supply, consisting largely of fair quality of slaughtering cattle, that sold actively at steady prices; good feeders were in light supply and sold steady to a shade higher; holiday cattle sold at $6; heavy dressed beef steers, $5.00@5.40; medium, $4.30@5.00; light weights, $4.00@5.10; stockers and feeders, $3.25@4.50; western steers, $3.00@4.85; Texas steers, $3.00@4.75; Texas butcher cows, $2.65@3.25; canning stock, $2.00@2.60.

HOGS—Receipts, 20,540 head; local packers were very active buyers at 5c advance for heavies, while lights were 5@10c higher; heavies, $3.35@3.50; mixed, $3.30@3.45; lights, $3.20@3.40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,920 head; local packers were active buyers at 10c advance in prices; lambs, $5.00@5.50; muttons, $3.75@4.25; feeding lambs, $3.30@4.25; feeding sheep, $3.25@3.75; stockers, $2.50@3.50.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,400 head, including 1,200 Texans; shipments, 500 head; market steady and slow; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $4.25@5.40; bulk of sales, $4.60@5.30; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.50@5.30; bulk of sales, $3.80@5.25; steers under 1,000 lbs., $3.00@4.25; bulk of sales, $3.40@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.30@4.45; bulk of sales, $3.25@4.40; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50; bulk of sales of cows, $2.60@3.40; bulk of heifers, $3.15@3.75; bulls, $2.35@3.40; Texas and Indian steers, $2.75@4.30, with the top at $5.00; bulk of sales, $3.00@4.10; cows and heifers, $2.50@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,000 head; shipments, 1,800 head; market steady; yorkers, $3.10@3.25; packers, $3.20@3.30; butchers, $3.30@3.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,500 head; shipments, none; market steady to firm; native muttons, $3.50@4.25; culls and bucks, $2.50@3.20; stockers, $2.50; lambs, $4.50@5.60.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1,597 head; no trade; feeling steady; cables unchanged; exports, 2,460 quarters of beef. Calves, receipts, 140 head; quiet but steady; veals, $4.00@8.50; barnyard calves, $3.00@3.25; one car of western, $3.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 368 head; very little demand; prices steady; sheep, $3.00@3.40; culls, $2.50; lambs, $4.80@5.60.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,802 head; no sales reported; nominally weak at $3.55@3.70.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,200 head; market active and steady to 10c higher; nothing good here; natives, $3.60@5.00; Texans and westerns, $2.75@4.60; cows and heifers, $1.60@4.10; stockers and feeders, $2.90@4.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,000 head; market active and steady to strong, selling at $3.27½@3.45; bulk, $3.32½@3.40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; demand strong for good killers.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal markets for December 13:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	2,263	15,291	2,483
Chicago	2,500	42,000	7,000
Kansas City	10,160	20,540	4,900
St. Louis	3,400	15,000	2,500
Totals	18,323	92,831	16,903

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—HOGS—Steady at $3.00@3.40.

CATTLE—Steady at $2.50@4.75.

SHEEP—Steady at $2.25@4.00; lambs, strong at $4.00@5.25.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—In dry goods the general demand for cotton goods of all descriptions has been well maintained all day. The only advances quoted, however, are confined to a few makes of low grades of cambrics. Prints are strong in position and advances are expected in some leading makes of more staple varieties. Regular print cloths sold today at 2¼c and wide odd goods at 3 1-16c for 13-8-inch box squares. Heavy brown cottons were strong in all leading makes and tending upward. Lightweight fine yarn gray goods were also strong. Ginghams were firm in price, with fair sales. White goods were generally sold up for spring and firm in prices. Sales of denims and ticks are improving and prices of these and other coarse colored goods steady. There was no change in the woolen goods situation, a fair demand for men's wear fabrics and dress goods being reported at previous prices.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—COTTON—Futures were barely steady; December, $5.08 bid; January, $5.07@5.08; February, $5.13@5.14; March, $5.17@5.18; April, $5.22@5.24; May, $5.27@5.28; June, $5.31@5.33; July, $5.36@5.38; August, $5.36@5.38; September, $5.30 bid; October, $5.32 bid. Spot cotton, steady; sales, 3,800 bales; ordinary, 3 7-8c; good ordinary, 4 7-16c; low middling, 4 13-16c; middling, 5¼c; good middling, 5 7-8c; middling, fair, 6 3-8c; receipts, 21,755 bales; stock, 442,151 bales. Consolidated statement: Receipts, net, 176,016 bales; exports to Great Britain, 26,872 bales; France, 26,470 bales; continent, 36,198 bales; stock, 1,349,173 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 5 13-16c; net receipts, 584 bales; gross, 4,655 bales; sales, 807 bales; stock, 93,470 bales; continent, 564 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 176,016 bales; Great Britain, 26,872 bales; France, 26,470 bales; continent, 36,198 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 70,606 bales; Great Britain, 8,421 bales; France, 13,018 bales; continent, 12,042 bales; stock, 1,349,173 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 4,934,957 bales; Great Britain, 1,726,972 bales; France, 369,801 bales; continent, 1,236,863 bales.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—SUGAR—Firm; open kettle, 3¼@3 11-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 3 5-8@4 1-16c; centrifugal, granulated, 4 9-16@4¾c; whites, 4¼@4 9-16c; yellows, 4@4 3-8c; seconds, 2 7-8@4c. Molasses, strong; open kettle, 21@22c; centrifugal, 1@20c; syrup, strong at 25@31c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—SUGAR—Raw, irregular; fair refining, 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 7-16c; molasses sugar, 3 11-16c. Refined, quiet; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5 3-8c; granulated, 5¼c.

Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Dec. 13.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.17; certificates closed at $1.17½ bid for cash; sales, 1,000 bbls. cash at $1.17½; shipments, 48,241 bbls.; runs, 78,790 bbls.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—LINSEED OIL—16s 7½d. Petroleum, spirits, 8¼d; turpentine spirits, 29s 3d.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 13.—OIL—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 37¼c bid; closed firm at 37½c.

PASSED FROM THE PUBLIC EYE.

Ex-Senator Evarts is Now 81 Years Old and Totally Blind.

Ex-Senator Evarts has entirely disappeared from the public eye and, according to the fickleness of mankind, is almost forgotten. You never see his name in the newspapers, says the New York Press, and seldom hear him spoken of these days, although twenty-five years ago he was one of the most conspicuous men of the nation. He still lives in a large old-fashioned red brick house with green blinds, in Stuyvesant square, in the old part of New York. Mr. Evarts is now 81 years old and totally blind. He sits all day in a reclining chair in a sunny room in the second story of his residence, where a young lady secretary attends to his correspondence and reads to him the newspapers, magazines and novels. He retains full possession of his faculties and continues to enjoy life, for several old cronies call upon him every day and some of his numerous grandchildren are almost always around his chair. The neighbors say that when they see a white-aproned nurse and a baby carriage they know it belongs to the Evarts family.

No pleasant day passes without a visit from all the grandchildren and the old gentleman watches eagerly for their coming. Some of them he has never seen. The light began to leave Mr. Evarts' eyes about ten years ago, after an accident, when he was thrown from a car and struck his forehead upon the pavement. The doctors say the shock burst the blood vessels of his eyes and caused a film to spread over the retina which could never be removed. He has received treatment from the best specialists in Europe and America and Dr. Delafield, a celebrated oculist of New York, calls upon him at least once a week, but gives him no hope of recovery. Otherwise his health is as vigorous as one could expect in a man of his age. He has taken no active part in affairs since he left the senate, although he still retains a nominal connection with his old firm, Evarts, Choate & Beaman, the junior partner being one of his seven sons-in-lay. Two of his sons and several other members of the family are employed with the firm.

Notwithstanding his eventful career of nearly sixty years at the bar, in politics and public office, Mr. Evarts has resisted all persuasion to write the reminiscences of his busy and eventful life.

STEVE CRANE'S WHEEL.

An Alleged Summary of His Literary Headgear.

When a poet sings of himself he is intensely interesting; when he gives the public a rythmical invoice of his headgear he becomes fascinating. So declares the Chicago News. Stephen Crane has lain bare the innermost recesses of his intellectual machinery in a poem, from which we ruthlessly pluck this bit:

Rumbling, buzzing, turning, whirling wheels,
Dizzy wheels!
Wheels!

Thus equipped, Mr. Crane's ability to transfix the world by a motion of his pen is explained. It is perhaps safe to say that all men have wheels, but they, or most of them anyway, have them under control. It is doubtful, however, if many have wheels that perform as described by Mr. Crane. We have read of men whose wheels rumbled and turned, but there is no other record of their buzzing and whirling until they are dizzy.

From his invoice we judge Mr. Crane's stock is full. After scheduling the several kinds of wheels he adds some more wheels, as if to make sure that the entire contents of his wheel house is comprehended. In all the world's poetry there is but one stanza which may be compared with Mr. Crane's. It was written by an inmate of a padded cell and is as follows:

Fantastic, alluring, inspiring, delicious dope,
Dreamy dope!
Dope!

Missouri News Notes.

Mexico wants a shoe factory.

Senator Drum is trying to get an asylum for southeast Missouri.

C. J. Simmons of Clarence is a candidate for the position of clerk of the legislature.

Mexico will have a poultry show and a meeting of the Horse and Swine Breeders' association this week.

A Poplar Bluff youth, aged 18, married his stepmother's stepmother last week. She is 50 years old.

The forty-first annual meeting of the Missouri State Horticultural society was held at Columbia last week.

The Missouri State School Board association will hold its third annual meeting at Jefferson City December 29-30.

Adjutant General Bell will ask the Missouri legislature to increase the annual appropriation for the maintenance of the national state guard from $20,000 to $40,000.

At a called meeting of the curators of the Howard-Payne college at Fayette the recommendations of the Missouri annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church (south) for the merging of that college with Central college were non-concurred in.

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