THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat For the Most Part Characterized By Dullness.

SCALPERS DESERT THE CORN PIT

Postings of Oats Show Extremely Light Receipts and Business Neglected—Provisions Dull—Hogs in Good Demand.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Wheat made a brave start, with May selling at 81¾c. The price had been bid up on the curb and the market at the opening presented an appearance of strength. Leading local traders offered wheat freely at 81¾c and sold the market down, first to 81¾c, then to 81⅛c and later to 81c. Cudahy, Pardridge and Hutchinson were the names most freely mentioned as liberal sellers. Near the middle of the session the scalpers gave it out that a leading "privilege trader," who is also a conspicuous "short," was trying to force the price down in order to get a big line of wheat "put" to him and thus fill his contracts without being obliged to go into the open market and buy property. This is a device well understood among speculators, but an open play has not been attempted before in years owing to the embargo on privilege trading. The action at the annual meeting on Monday seems to have been taken by some as tacit permission to resume old practices. Such permission may be withheld, however, but today the feature referred to was the thing most generally discussed on the floor up to noon, and, the truth is, not commonly in complimentary terms. The weakest point of the session was toward the last. Trading was active early and then occurred a lull in operations extending over a period of possibly two hours. In the last half hour the dealings were on a very generous scale and the market was plugged full of wheat. The price broke from 81¾c to 81c, the lowest price yet ruling for May wheat, and the close was at the very bottom. The last quotations were: January, 76¾c; February, 77⅛c; May 81c; July, 79⅛c. The closings record a loss of ⅛@⅜c as compared with yesterday and in May a fluctuation of ⅜c in the day's prices. Yesterday afternoon the point was given out that a proposition from a prominent operator to form a pool to buy 5,000,000 bushels and bull the market was held in abeyance only on account of the illness of one of the parties said to be interested, the inference being that as soon as the gentleman could overcome a mild attack of grip the scheme would be put in operation. This report may have had something to do with the strong opening. Seemingly the "pointer was wrong, and, judging from the record made by the "prominent operator" today, it was a bear instead of a bull pool that was proposed. The sick man must also have recovered his health.

The wheat trade was dull for the most part, but that word does not begin to characterize the condition of affairs which prevailed around the corn pit. There was nothing in the outlook to foster any desire to trade, the most restless and indefatigable scalpers deserting the uncongenial neighborhood of so dull a market. The Liverpool market was quoted easy and eastern centers acted in sympathy with foreign advices. There were moderate clearances from the seaboard, and at the easier prices prevailing there a good demand was noted on foreign orders, easier ocean freights helping holders of those orders to reach their limits. Receipts here were less than yesterday's estimates, amounting to only 178 carloads, of which twenty-three were No. 2. Transactions were few and far between and the weakening tone of the wheat market caused the undertone in corn to lean in the same direction, and the more decided slump in wheat near the close created more pronounced weakness in corn also. The closing quotations were: February, 28⅜@29¼c, and May 31⅞c bid.

At no time for many days past were the receipts of oats as light as indicated by the postings today, with only eighty-three cars inspected. While there was a fair demand for cash oats, the speculative market was tame and rather neglected. With the crowd inclined to sell May and little buying support developed the feeling was easy around 22c, with near months about steady. For January 20⅞c was bid and No. 2 in store sold sparingly at 20¼c. Improved inquiry at New York for export with more favorable ocean freights was reported, with 70,000 bushels taken last evening. No. 2 white oats for May delivery were dull at 23⅜@23⅞c.

Speculative trading in hog products was again "as dead as a door nail" today. Underwood bought a jag of May pork on call and during the regular session Geddes purchased a little pork and Armour a little lard—all for May delivery—aside from which business in futures was at almost a complete standstill. With reference to prevailing apathy in speculation a broker remarked: "Packers would probably come in and buy if prices should decline appreciably, but they are not selling the product ahead." The fact is, they are having an excellent cash trade, a trade with which they are well satisfied, both as to volume and profits. At present prices there ought to be a profit of 50c on every hog killed. The demand for distribution, both home and foreign, is active, as statistics show, and western packers are smoking out short ribs as fast as their facilities will admit of. In ordinary seasons the demand for smoked meats does not start up until April or May. Throughout the session May property was pegged around $9.87½@9.90 for pork, $6.05@6.07½ for lard and $5.40@5.42½ for ribs, which is about where the market has held stubbornly for a week or more. May pork sold at $9.87½@9.90 and closed at $9.90, being 2½c above yesterday's closing. The same future of lard sold at $6.05@6.07½ and ribs at $4.90@4.92½, both closing at the outside figures.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Business was rather slow and prices only barely steady at the recent decline. A large number was carried over last night and good judges placed the number on sale equal to 10,000, a larger number than is wanted on Friday. There were a few loads of corn-fed Texans on sale. Canning and old cow stock at present may be quoted about as low as at any time the past twelve months, as sales below will show. Fair to good cows are also down to about low water mark. There was nothing new in the stocker and feeder trade and prices were about the same as at the opening of the week. Choice to extra beeves were nominal at $4.80@5.20; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, $4.00@4.75; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $3.50@4.20; 950 to 1200 lbs, $3.00@3.80. Stockers and feeders, $2.10@3.15; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.20@3.00; bulls, $2.15@2.60. Texas cattle, corn-fed, $3.00@3.90; grass cows, $1.70@2.90.

HOGS—The demand was again active, with prices rather on the upturn than otherwise. Packers paid $3.70@3.85, largely $3.77½@3.85. Shippers paid $3.77½@3.85, and light sorts sold at $3.70@3.77½, largely at $3.75. The market closed steady with about everything sold. Trains on the St. Paul road were late, yet stock on the same sold at the morning range of prices.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—Business in stocks today was a continuation of the grind, with no distinct features to trade except that there was a somewhat better tone to dealings, and while Sugar Refineries and Lackawanna were specially active, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Reading, Canada Southern and Rock Island were in the second rank and all others were dull and generally without feature or interest. First prices, as compared with the final figures of last evening, were generally slight fractions higher and Lackawanna was up ⅝ per cent, though Jersey Central at 120¾ was down ⅝. Jersey Central was quickly lifted 1 per cent and Canada Southern a like amount, both on extremely light dealings, and though Sugar Refineries rose 1 per cent to 96¾, it was only ¾ per cent higher than last night's figures. Changes were light and the fluctuations for an hour were generally made within a range of less than ½ per cent. Toward the end, however, some weakness developed in trusts and Cotton Oil dropped 1¾ per cent to 29 and Sugar lost a fraction. The hour to 13 o'clock was uneventful, but trade seemed apprehensive that another drive like that made during the late hours yesterday might occur before the close. There was no raid on the list late in the day, but some pretty good investment buying and some manipulation in favor of higher prices. Most of the active stocks closed at a net gain for the day. Big Four was up over 1 per cent at 71¾ after touching 72. Wisconsin Central was bulged to 34½ on a rumor regarding its connection with the Northern Pacific. Coal stocks and Grangers showed ¼@¾ per cent net gain all around, except Burlington and Rock Island, which were steady. Chicago Gas closed at 46 again and Sugar at the close was but ⅛ per cent higher at 96¾. Money was easy and railroad earnings were reported good.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s regular	126	Northern Pacific	30¾
U. S. 4s coupons	126	do preferred	74¾
U. S. 4½s regular	109¼	O. & N. W	109¾
U. S. 4½s coupons	109¾	do preferred	140
Pacific 6s of '95	116	N. Y. Central	105¾
Central Pacific	33½	P. D. & E.	16
Chicago & Alton	150	Rock Island	98
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	105¾	C., M. & St. P.	98½
D., L. & W.	135½	St. Paul & Omaha	62
Illinois Central	119	do preferred	94
L. E. & W.	91¼	Union Pacific	45¾
Kansas & Texas	9¾	W., St. L. & P.	16
Lake Shore	104½	do preferred	31½
Michigan Central	99	Western Union	83¼
Missouri Pacific	72½		

MONEY—On call easy, 3@5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@7 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE — Dull and firm; sixty-day bills, $4.82¾; demand, $4.86.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Alice	110	Homestake	830
Anaconda E. B.	145	Mexican	200
Con. Cal. & Va	425	Ophir	325
Commonwealth	350	Plymouth	240
Comstock, T. sep.	1000	Sierra Nevada	185
El Cristo	140	Deadwood T.	135
Horn Silver	235		

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—1:17 p. m. close—Wheat—Easy; January, 76¾c; May, 81c.

Corn—Steady; January, 20¾c; May, 22c.

Oats—Steady; January, 20⅛c; May, 22c.

Rye—January, 44¾c.

Barley—No trading.

Prime Timothy—$1.20.

Flax—Cash, $1.35.

Whisky—$1.02.

Pork—Higher; January, $9.4-; May, $9.90.

Lard—Steady; January, $5.82½; May, $6.07½.

Flour—Quiet; winters in light supply and firm; spring patents quotable at $4.50@4.60.

Provisions—Shoulders, $4.12½@4.25; short clear, $4.95@5.00; short ribs, January $4.70.

Butter—Dull; creamery, 17@20c; dairy, 14@20c.

Cheese—Dull; full cream cheddars and flats, 9@9½c; Young Americas, 9¾@10¼c.

Hides—Steady; heavy and light green salted, 4½c; salted bull, 3½c; green salted calf, 5½c; dry salted, 6c; dry flint, 6@7c; dry calf, 5@6c; deacons each, 20c.

Tallow—Steady; No. 1, solid packed, 4c; No. 2, 3¾@3¾c; cake, 4c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 14@14½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	11,000	18,000
Wheat	20,000	14,000
Corn	204,000	271,000
Oats	118,000	175,000

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—Wheat—Lower; cash, 77⅝c; May, 81¾c.

Corn—Firm; cash, 26c; May, 28c.

Oats—Higher; cash, 21¼c; May, 21⅝@21⅝c.

Pork—Firm; cash, $9.87½@10.00.

Lard—Steady at $5.70.

Whisky—Steady at $1.02.

Butter—Quiet; creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 20@21c.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 17. — Wheat — Quiet; holders offer moderately; California No. 1, 7s 4¾d per cental; red western spring, 7s 5d; red winter, 7s.

Corn—Not quoted.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17.—Wheat — Weak; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 72@73c; May, 75¼c.

Corn—Quiet; No. 3 on track, 27c.

Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, on track, 23½c.

Rye—Steady; No. 1, in store, 45¼c.

Barley—Quiet; No. 2 in store, 42¾c.

Provisions—Steady; pork, $9.45.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17. — Wheat — Firm; No. 2 red, 80c.

Corn—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 32@33c.

Oats—In fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

Whisky—$1.02.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 17.—Wheat—Good demand for wheat; receipts, 202 cars; shipments, 35 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, January, 79c; May, 82¾c; on track, 79¾c; No. 1 northern, January 76½c; May, 80¾c; on track, 77¾@77¾c; No. 2 northern, January and February, 74c; May, 77½c; on track, 74@76c.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 hard, cash, 63c; No. 2 red, cash, 63¾c.

Corn—Stronger; No. 2, cash and January, 22c.

Oats—No. 2, cash, 18¾c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Wheat—Receipts, 18,700 bushels; spot nominally lower; No. 2 red, 86¾@86¾c in elevator, 87½c afloat; options quiet and closed weak; No. 2 red, January, closing at 86¾c.

Corn—Receipts, 113,400 bushels; exports, 17,200 bushels; spot easier; No. 2, 38c in elevator, 39¼@39¾c afloat; ungraded mixed, 38¾c; options weaker; January closing at 37¾c.

Oats—Receipts, 64,000 bushels; exports, 199 bushels; spot earier; options firmer, January closing at 28c; spot No. 2, white, 29¾@30¼c; mixed western, 29¾@30c; white, 30@34c.

Coffee—Options closed steady at 5@10 points up; dull. Sales, 21,250 bags. January, $15.90@15.95; May, $15.95@16.00; spot Rio steady; fair cargoes, $19.75.

Sugar—Raw, firm, with fair demand; refined fairly active and firm.

Petroleum—Steady; United closed at $1.05¼ for February.

Eggs—Firm; western, 16¼@16¾c.

Pork—Quiet and firm; new mess, $10.50@11.00.

Lard—Quiet and steady; western steam, $6.20¼@6.25, closing at $6.22½.

Butter—Weak; Elgin, 28@28½c; western dairy, 8@16c; creamery, 12@20c.

Cheese—Dull; western, 8@10c.

LIVE STOCK

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:

Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; market slow; beeves, $4.80@5.25; steers, $3.00@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.10@3.15; Texas cattle, $1.70@3.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; market strong; mixed, $3.60@3.80; heavy, $3.60@3.87½; light, $3.60@3.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; market strong; natives, $3.50@5.70; western corn-fed, $5.00@5.55; Texans, $3.50@4.25.

SIOUX CITY, Jan. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 240; shipments, 190; market unchanged; canners, 75c@$1.50; cows, $1.00@2.15; stockers and feeders, $1.50@2.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,500; market opened higher and closed a shade weaker; light, $3.52½@3.65; heavy, $3.60@3.67½; mixed, $3.57½@3.62½.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; shipments, 2,300; market higher; steers, $3.10@5.00; cows, $1.80@2.60; stockers and feeders, $2.40@4.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,600; shipments, none; market higher; all grades, $3.62½@3.72½; bulk, $3.67½@3.70.

NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, East St. Louis, Jan. 17. — Cattle—Receipts, 700; shipments, 900; market strong; fair to fancy native steers, $3.80@5.40; stockers and feeders, $1.90@3.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,400; shipments, 1,800; market strong; heavy, $3.60@3.70; packing, $3.50@3.65; light, $3.45@3.60.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Friday, Jan. 17.

The cattle market was a drag all the morning and was by no means active at any time during the day. The market was in about as bad a condition as it has been this week. The buyers did not appear to make any effort to buy the cattle unless it happened to be something that they especially wanted. In the afternoon additional orders were received and there was more activity to the trade. Such cattle as happened to strike the fancy of the buyers sold at steady prices, but the more undesirable cattle were undoubtedly lower. Most everything sold at $3.00@3.60. The market on cow stuff was also slow and draggy and though some thought they were offered steady prices others regarded the buyers' bids as lower. The bulk of the sales were at $2.00@2.35. There were more stockers and feeders in the yards than for some days and there were a number of country buyers here looking for that class of cattle. Prices were about steady, but the buyers were a little slow to accept the sellers' terms.

Hogs.

The hog market took an upward turn of 5c today and was active at the advance. The prices paid ranged from $3.65 to $3.70, a popular price being $3.67½. Quality cut very little figure in the market, and while good packing hogs had to sell at $3.67½, some rough loads brought the same money. At the most, there is only about 2½c between a smooth and a rough load.

Sheep.

The receipts were large and the market fairly active and higher.

Receipts.

Cattle	1,400
Hogs	2,400
Sheep	800

Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock mentioned:

Prime steers, 1300 to 1600 lbs	$3.85 @4.45
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.40 @4.00
Good steers, 1050 to 1300 lbs	3.00 @3.80
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers	2.90 @3.20
Common canners	1.25 @1.60
Ordinary to fair cows	1.60 @1.90
Fair to good cows	1.90 @2.10
Good to choice cows	2.10 @2.40
Choice to fancy cows	2.40 @2.80
Fair to good bulls	1.50 @2.50
Choice to fancy bulls	2.50 @3.25
Light stockers and feeders	2.00 @2.60
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs	2.20 @2.80
Fair to choice light hogs	3.67½@3.70
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.67½@3.70
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.65 @3.67½

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	840	$3 00	6	1167	$3 25
2	1125	3 00	22	1194	3 25
17	1140	3 00	21	1155	3 25
13	1119	3 00	11	1182	3 25
18	1077	3 10	8	1077	3 30
11	1020	3 10	15	1211	3 30
20	1047	3 10	20	1297	3 40
16	1004	3 12½	20	1263	3 45
10	1051	3 15	18	1150	3 45
11	1070	3 15	20	1272	3 60
34	1128	3 15	44	1432	3 70
25	1118	3 20	18	1277	3 70
17	1009	3 20	13	1391	3 80
18	1290	3 20	19	1338	3 85

COWS.

17	996	1 90	8	1000	2 20
1	1090	2 00	12	1073	2 30
23	952	2 00	2	730	2 25
6	1027	2 00	8	1106	2 25
3	993	2 00	1	1050	2 25
18	1088	2 05	22	1051	2 25
20	1077	2 05	1	1100	2 25
21	1019	2 05	14	1091	2 25
20	1071	2 07½	1	1050	2 25
17	1011	2 10	16	1105	2 25
14	1023	2 10	6	923	2 25
49	931	2 10	1	1017	2 50
31	1038	2 12½	12	1044	2 35
1	1000	2 15	5	1060	2 40
25	1053	2 15	7	916	2 40
2	1130	2 15	4	1095	2 45

BULLS.

1	1400	1 75	1	1650	2 20
1	1630	1 75	1	1620	2 25
1	1490	2 00	1	1310	2 20
4	1340	2 00	1	1060	2 30
1	1460	2 00	1	1800	2 30
1	1720	2 00	1	1710	2 40
1	1210	2 00	1	1580	2 50
1	1600	2 05	1	1700	2 75
2	1250	2 10	1	1593	2 80
1	1460	2 15			

FEEDERS.

5	984	2 65	23	735	2 90
19	704	2 75	16	769	2 95
1	740	2 75	27	859	2 95
9	1000	2 85	17	882	3 00
14	870	2 90	6	1002	3 00

CANNERS.

2	1135	1 60	1	860	1 65
6	1100	1 65	1	940	1 65

STOCKERS.

36	490	2 35	1	480	2 60

STAGS.

3	1556	2 60	1	1340	3 25

OXEN.

2	1700	2 90			

HEIFERS.

18	766	2 00			

CALVES.

1	320	3 00			

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owner and No.	Av.	Pr.
37 steers, corn-fed	1275	$3 10
21 steers, coarse corn-fed	1426	3 15

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sk.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sk.	Pr.
6	227	3	62½	62	259	40	3 67½
68	245	120	3 65	50	246	40	3 67½
67	270	240	3 65	62	311	160	3 67½
60	329	240	3 65	46	239	40	3 67½
67	351	120	3 65	74	259	40	3 67½
57	325	320	3 67½	55	288	40	3 67½
56	358	160	3 67½	66	241	120	3 68½
44	408	40	3 67½	66	257	80	3 67½
84	217	80	3 67½	64	243	—	3 67½
69	260	160	3 67½	73	219	40	3 67½
67	283	120	3 67½	61	261	40	3 67½
69	277	—	3 67½	59	258	160	3 67½
55	209	80	3 67½	54	314	80	3 70
76	259	160	3 67½	50	378	—	3 70
57	281	40	3 67½	66	295	120	3 70
54	280	160	3 67½	65	290	—	3 70
61	233	—	3 67½	49	271	160	3 70
75	287	160	3 67½	60	244	—	3 70
55	294	120	3 67½	56	297	40	3 70
56	298	120	3 67½	55	316	—	3 70

PIGS.

14	182	40	3 35

SHEEP.

No.	Av.	Price.
203 westerns, cornfed	116	4 65
89 westerns, cornfed	121	4 75
206 westerns, cornfed	117	4 75
201 westerns, cornfed	99	4 50

Purchases of Hogs.

Showing the number of hogs bought by the packers and leading buyers on today's market:

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	750
Omaha Packing Co.	623
Swift & Co.	496
George H. Hammond & Co.	412

Purchases of Sheep.

Swift & Co.	201
George H. Hammond & Co.	192
N. Morris	409

Purchases of Cattle.

	No.
Swift & Co.	459
George H. Hammond & Co.	66
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	300
Rothschild & Underwood	85
Hamilton, Stephen & Co.	28
R. Becker	74
Nels Morris	185
Shippers and feeders	98

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: R. Frasier, Carroll; C. Bailey, Schuyler; J. R. Alter, Grand Island; Creighton C. and D., Waterloo; George Eiser, Nebraska City; C. A. Putnam, Logan, Ia.; P. Brady & Son, Logan, Ia.; M. M. Canyers, River Sioux, Ia.; Fred Kelly, River Sioux, Ia.; S. S. Heavy, Hesburn; Charles Smith, Linwood; Thomas Price, Thayer; J. Hastie, Howe; J. P. Bayne, Luton, Ia.; Crockett & S., River Sioux, Ia.; Babbitt & Evans, South Bend; A. S. Will, Cedar Creek; S. Octerlon, Hooper; M. P. Miller, Hooper; H. Lemmer, Lindsay; M. H. Smith, Petersburg; T. C. Bliss, Howells; T. W. & A. J. West, Wisner; Chris Esswein, Stanton; W. D. Whaler, Stanton; S. C. Fairchild, Oakdale; J. Payne, Blue springs; C. Strathern, Long Island; G. Richmond, Curtis; T. L. Jones, Hendley; Fred Kelly, River Sioux, Ia.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs: F. Johnson, Hiale; A. Jenkins, Manley; Farmer's Co. A., Cedar Bluffs; A. Eisenhauy, Union; J. H. Butler, Crescent; G. H. R., Woodbine; A. D. Sears, Havens; C. Bailey, Schuyler; J. R. Alter, Grand Island; R. L. Johnson, Orient; Menagh & Co., Denison, Ia.; Shirtcliff & M., Vail; D. S. Kinsella & Son, Panama; Shoch & Otis, Blue Springs; B. J. Tierney, Ansley; H. Agor, St. Paul; J. T. Goodell & Co., Western; J. Grabow, Gretna, Thomas Wheaton, Sacramento; Wye, W. M. company, Lindsay; Chris Esswein, Stanton; I. B. Baker, Battle Creek; R. Anderson, Yutan; Anderson Brothers, Wilsonville; Wiley & Jenkins, Alma; J. H. Blause, Venango; J. M. Barbour, Tabor; S. S. Heady, Hepburn; C. Saup & Co., Abie; A. D. Richey, Surprise; Ed Butterfield, York; J. A. Kehoe, Platte Center.

With Sheep.

On the market with sheep: J. D. Fordyce, Central City; E. W. Ticknor, North Bend; Morse, Rogers & Co., Morse Bluffs.

Live Stock Notes.

Cattle opened slow.

Hogs sold 5c higher.

Sheep market higher.

The average price paid for hogs yesterday was $3.67½.

The market yesterday was at the highest point touched since November 16, when the bulk of the hogs changed hands at $3.70, or about 2½c higher than today.

Thus far this week there has been a falling off in the receipts of hogs of over 8,000 as compared with the same time last week. The most apparent reason for the decrease is the heavy snow in the country, which has interfered with the handling of hogs.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Produce, Fruits, Etc.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 13@14c; cold storage, nominal.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, ETC—Green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2, 2 c. hides, 3c; dry flint hides, 5@7c; calf hides, 4½@4½c; damaged hides, 2c less; sheep pelts, green, each, 25c@$1.00; sheep pelts, dry, per lb, 7@13½c; tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3@3½c; grease, white, 4@4½c; yellow, 2½@3c.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy 20@22c; choice, 19@20c. Dairy, fancy, 14@16c; choice, 12@14c. Country, fancy, 11@12c; good to choice, 9@11c; fair, 7@8c; inferior, 5@6c.

PICKLES—Medium per bbl, $5.00; small, $6.00; gherkins, $7.00; C & B chow chow, qts, $5.85; pts, $3.85.

POTATOES—20@30c for choice.

ONIONS—90c@$1.00.

SAUER KRAUT—Bbls, $4.75; half bols, $2.85.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00; teal, $1.25@1.50; jack snipes, $1.00@1.25; jack rabbits, $3.50@4.00; small rabbits, $1.00@1.20; squirrels, $1.00@1.10; plover, 75c@$1.00.

LEMONS—Fancy, $3.00@3.50; choice, $2.50@3.00.

CELERY—Per doz, 30c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—$2.00; pears, $2.75.

MESS PORK—Per bbl, $9.75@10.50.

BANANAS—According to size, per bunch, $2.00@3.00.

BUTTERINE—Tubs, 13c; roll, 14c.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $5.00.

APPLE BUTTER—6c.

CIDER—Bbls, $5.50; hlf bbls, $3.00.

MAPLE SUGAR—12½@15c per lb.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $10.00@11.00.

ORANGES—Florida, per box, $3.00@5.00.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Per bbl, $5.50@6.00.

WOOL—Fine, average, 22@23c; medium, average, 21@22c; quarter blood, average, 20@21c; coarse, average, 15@17c; cotts and rough, average, 14@16c.

FURS—Beaver, per lb, $2.50@4.00; otter, each, $3.00@7.00; wolf, each, $15.00@20.00; coon, each, 25@75c; mink, each, 15@90c; muskrat, fall, 5@6c; skunk, rat, 25@90c; badger, rat, 25@80c; deer skins, fall, per lb, 18@27c; winter, 12@22c.

BEANS—Choice hand picked navy, $1.75@1.80; choice hand picked medium, $1.65@1.70; choice hand picked country, $1.55@1.65; clean country, $1.50@1.60; inferior country, $1.00@1.25.

PROVISIONS—Hams, No. 1, 16 lb average, 9¾c; 20 to 22 lbs 8½c; 12 to 14 lbs, 10¼c; shoulders, 5c; breakfast bacon, No. 1, 8½c; ham sausage, 8½c; dried beef hams, 7½c, beef tongues, $6.00 per dozen; dry salt meats, 5@5¼c per per lb; ham roulette, 6½c; add 1c per lb for small lots.

APPLES—Per bbl, common, $2.00@2.25; choice, $2.50@4.00; fancy, $4.00@5.00.

MINCE MEAT—20 lb cans, 7¼c.

HONEY—15c per lb for choice.

PRESERVES—9½@10c per lb.

JELLIES—4@4½c per lb.

BEESWAX—No. 1, 19@19c.

PIGS FEET—Pickled kits, 70c; spiced pigs tongues, kits, $2.35; pickled tripe, kits, 65c; pickled H. C. tripe, kits, 85c; spiced pigs hocks, kits, $1.15.

LARD—Tierce—Refined, 5½c per lb; keg, 6½c; kettle rendered, 6¾c. Add ⅛c to ¼c for smaller quantities.

BEEF TONGUES—Salt, per bbl, $20.00.

HAY—$5.00@6 00.

CHOP FEED—$12.00.

BRAN—$10.00.

CORN—18c.

OATS—16c.

VEAL—Choice, medium size, 6@8c; choice, heavy, 4@6c.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz, $1.50.

Groceries.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants, new, 6c; prunes, casks 1,300 lbs, 4¾c; prunes, bbls or bags, 5c; citron peel, drums, 20 lbs, 23½c; lemon peel, drums, 19½c, 20c; fard dates, boxes 12 lbs, 9c; apricots, choice evaporated, 14c; apricots, jelly, cured, 25 lb boxes, 15c; apricots, California, Moore, Hamilton, 25 lb boxes 16c; apricots, choice, bags, 50 lbs, 14½c; apples, evaporated, Alden, 50 lb boxes, 9½c; apples, sliar, 8½c; apples, fancy, Alden, 5 lb, 10c; apples, fancy, Alden, 3 lb, 10½c; Salt Lake, 5½c, blackberries, evaporated, 50 lb boxes, 5½@6½c; cherries, pitted, dry cured, 13c; pears, California fancy, 1½ boxes, 25 lb, 12c; peaches, Cal. No. 1, fancy, 1½ bags, 80 lb, 15c; nectarines, red, 14c; nectarines, silver boxes, 15c; pitted plums, Cal. 25 lb boxes, 8½c; raspberries, evap. N. Y., new, 26c; prunes, Cal. R. C. 90-100, boxes, 25 lbs, 7c; prunes, R. C. 60-70, 9c; orange peel, 15c; raisins, California Loudon, crop 1889, $2.25; Cal. loose, muscatels, crop 1889, $2.00; Valencias, 1888, 6½c; Valencias, new, 8½c; Cal. seedless, sun, 7½c.

CANNED GOODS—Fruits, California Canned Goods, Standard Brands, 2½ lbs, per doz.—Apricots, $1.70@1 85; apricots, pie fruit, $1.55; gallons, $4.65; blackberries, $2.25; cherries, black, $2.00@2.25; cherries, white, $2.25@2.50; grapes, $1.65@1.80; pears, Bartlett, $2.10@2 25; peaches, yellow, $2.10@2.25; peaches, lemon cling, $2.35; plums, egg, $1.65@1.80; plums, gold drops, $1.80; plums, green gages, $1.65@1.80; peaches, Hay City, with pitts in, $1.60; currants, $2.30; gooseberries, $2.30; nectarines, $2.05; quinces, $2.10; raspberries, $2.90; strawberries, $2.70; peaches, 3 lb eastern standards, $1.85; 3 lb eastern seconds, $1.35@1.50; 3 lb pie, $1.10; 6 lb pie, $2.00; gallon, pie, $3.00; Crescent apples, high standards, $2.50; 2 lb gooseberries, 90c; 2 lb strawberries, 90c@$1.00; 2 lb raspberries, $1.00; 2 lb blueberries, 90c@$1.00; 2 lb blackberries, 65@75c; 2 lb strawberries, preserved, $1.80; 2 lb raspberries, preserved, $1.80; 2 lb blackberries, preserved, $1.80; pineapples, Bahama chopped, $2.00; 2 lb Bahama grated, $2.75; 2 lb Bahama sliced, $2.50; 2 lb Standard sliced, $1.25@1.50; cherries, 2 lb red, Baltimore, 85@95c.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes—3 lb extra, $1.00; 3 lb Standard, Western brands, 90@95c; Galls, Sterling Can Co., strictly standard, $2.00. Corn—Preferred stock sugar corn, finest grown, $1.00; gilt-edge sugar corn, very fine, $1.50; McMurry's 2 lb sugar corn, $1.30; 2 lb extra, Western brands, 85c@$1.00; 2 lb standard, Western brands, 70@80c. Mushrooms—1 lb French, extra fine, 22@25c; 1 lb French, fine, 18@22c; 1 lb French, ordinary, 16@18c. Peas—Tres fine, per can, 25c; demi fine, per can, 19c; 2 lb extra, sifted, $2.00; 2 lb Early June, $1.25@1.35; 2 lb Marrow, standard brand, $1.10; 2 lb soaked, 57c. String Beans—2 lb high grade refugee, 90c; 2 lb Golden Wax beans, 75c; 2 lb string beans, 70c. Lima Beans—2 lb soaked, 75c; Boston Baked Beans—3 lb Lewis, $1.65; Crown brand, $1.50. Sweet Potatoes—3 lb New Jersey, $1.60; Daisy, $1.35. Pumpkin—3 lb new pumpkin, 95c.

CANNED FISH—Brook trout, 3 lb, $2.40; salmon trout, 2 lb, $2.25; clams, 1 lb, $1.25; clams, 2 lb, $2.00; clam chowder, 3 lb, $1.25; deviled crabs, 1 lb, $2.25; deviled crabs 2 lb, $3.50; codfish balls, 3 lb, $1.75; cavier, ¼ lb, $2.25; eels, 1 lb, $3.40; lobsters, 1 lb, $1.90; lobsters, 2 lb, $2.85; lobsters, deviled, ¼ lb, $2.25; mackerel, 1 lb, $1.75; mackerel, mustard sauce, 3 lb, $2.60; mackerel, tomato sauce, 3 lb, $2.60; oysters, 1 lb, $1.10; oysters, 2 lb, $1