## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1893-SIXTEEN PAGES,

# CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

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Slow Until After the First of the Year.

As a general thing even during seasons when trade is at its best the latter half of December sees very little business transacted by the jobbers. Before the middle of the month is reached the retail merchants of the country have laid in stocks sufficient to last over the holidays, and during the balance of the month they are too busy in selling out these stocks to admit of any thought of buying more. As soon as the holiday rush is over the retailer commences to take stock, which occupies his attention until the coming of the new year. Thus, it follows that the jobber has very little to do in the way of selling goods during the last

half of the last month of the year. As most retail merchants put in good stocks just before the holidays it is very requently the case that they are not for to buy to any extent until well along in the month of January, and for that reason job-bers have come to expect no very heavy business during the first month of the year. The past week was no exception to the general rule noted above as regards the volume of business, though in some lines there was a fair movement of goods, made up to a considerable extent of small orders for ar ticles that had been overlooked earlier, or for which there had arisen some special demand. Quite a good many orders for goods intended for Christmas presents were re-ceived and ordered shipped by express so as to reach their destination in time. The job-bers of hardware report some trade of this character, and there was a pretty good movement of fancy groceries. Boots and shoes, dry goods, hats and caps and kindred lines

e rather quiet. lost reports agree that collections are quite good in the country, where money ap-pears to be more plenty than in the city. The year will close with few obligations unprovided for.

While trade during the past week was light, it is safe to say that in some lines the volume of business for the whole month will come pretty well up to the mark set last year, as business was very active during the first two weeks of the month. Other lines, however, will fall considerably behind last scason's record.

#### The Retail Trade.

Business in a retail way in Omaha has been fair, but it has failen considerably be-hind last year's holiday trade. There has been a very marked tendency to limit the purchases to the more inexpensive class of goods, and while the number of buyers may have been as large as usual, the amount of goods sold has not been nearly so large in the aggregate. This appears to have been the experience of every retail merchant in e city, regardless of any special line of business.

It is very frequently the case that holiday purchases consist very largely of fancy articles which do not tend to reduce the subsequent demand for articles of necessity or general use. This year a good many merchants are commenting upor the fact that purchasers of Christmas goods appeared to give the preference to articles of general utility, selecting such things as might be of immediate use in the family and passing by the more showy but less useful articles. - Cheapness and utility appear to have been the two features most sought for by the purchasers of holiday goods. The dealers in produce and fruits who

usually enjoy a very heavy business at this time, amounting frequently to a positive rush, report a much lighter business than usual, showing that people are practicing economy in the matter of edibles as well as m the matter of Christmas gifts.

#### Bank Cics 1 ags.

facilities for all lines not now properly ac-commodated. It sets at rest also whatever doubt may have existed as to the good faith of the enterprise. It ought to satisfy critics that the East Omaha Bridge and Terminal company is not tied up with the old corpora-tions, but is in position to aid them and all others in improving the transportation conlitions at this center

The fourth call of the comptroller of the currency was made on the 19th. The state-ments have not yet been published, but bus-iness people and bankers are greatly interested in the results which will short y be

"One of the curious things connected with business in this city is the method by which the saloons are conducted. Of course there the saloons are conducted. Of course there are a number of well-to-do saloon keepers in the city who pay their licenses and pay them in advance, but a leaving dealer in saloon goods is my authority for the statement that the browers of Omaha and South Omaha] advance over \$100,000 in licenses on the 1st of January every year for saloon keepers who are not able to put

## up \$1,000 in cash themselves.

## Idle Gossip Hurts. "Another curious but more regretful fact a connection with business in Omaha disposition to circulate rumors affect-ing the credit of old and well established houses. During the last summer this was very noticeable, and scarcely a bank in Omaha escaped the an-noyance of this kind of slander. Our clunoyance of this kind of slander. Our clu-zens should be more cantious as well as more loyal in matters of this kind. In uncertain times a false rumor unfavorably affecting the credit of a house onlirely solvent under ordinary conditions may force it into a disastrous failure. In these days of easy and rapid intercommunication between business houses and between clifes a rumor, whether false or true may reach from one whether false or true, may reach from one end of the country to another in a short time. It is no uncommon thing in office to receive a telegram from York or Boston inquiring as to a report unfavorably affecting the credit of a house within an hour after the rumor was first started. This will give the render some-

thing of an idea of the possible disadvan-tages which may occur to such a firm by silly and hendless talk. "Considerable interest is felt by the Omaha members of the National League of Commission Merchants of the United States

in the forthcoming meeting at Cincinnati, to occur on the 10th of January. The league is organized among commission merchants for the benefit of members and their customers. Its purpose is to promote satisfactory relations between producers and the commission dealers by offering to the dealers through the nembership of the league the names of thorbughly reliable firms throughout the ber of topics interesting to the trade will be discussed and the benefits of the organization as experienced by its members fully explained. The local league will send one or more delegates, and it is expected that Omaha will be heard from in the January national meeting.

#### Beet Sugar Boom.

"The beet sugar meeting at the Commercial club rooms on Monday was by far the best public meetings 1 have ever attended in Omaha. It proves conclusively that when our citizens properly wake up to the importance of an enterprise they can be relied on to put their shoulders to the wheel. It is too early yet to announce definitely what will result from the meeting, but it is en-tirely proper to say that everything that has occurred since Monday, and including that meeting, has been favorable."

#### Produce Pointers.

The American orange crop for this year is placed at 7,000,000 boxes. The largest pre-vious yield was that of 1892, which amounted to only 5,450,000 boxes.

The special rate on vegetables from Cali-fornia which has been 70 cents per hundred to Kansas City and 80 cents to Omaha will be put back to \$1 January 1. The lowa weather bureau figures the crop of Irish potatoes in that state at 6,172,000

bushels, the average price being 65 cents per bushel. The yield was 59.2 bushels to the acre. Denver commission merchants have con-

merchants are about to make a similar While there has been a fair demand for

that butter is too high in the country. . The stores are paying the farmers 15 to 30 cents for butter that selis mostly at 16 cents in this market. In a vain endeavor to stop the loss merchants are shipping a great deal of their tutter to retail stores and hotels, which receive more than they can use and are compalied to turn over the surplus to the commission men to dispose of. All this only tends to demoralize the market and make

trade still more lifeless. A sample of dried figs, raised and cured in California, has been received by Branch & Co. from George D. Kellogg, the fruit ship r of Newcastle, Cal. Mr Branch sub-litted the sample to an Omaha broker, who

has the reputation of being an expert in that line, and he pronounced the fruit equal to the figs imported from Smyrna. The fruit was of good size and color and the skins tuin. The raising and curing of figs is still in the experimental stage in California, but t looks very much as if the problem was about solved and that in the near future the United States will not be compelled to look to the Mediterranean countries for its supply of figs.

The New Yorz Commercial Bulletin says

"Not within memory of the "oldest inhabi-tant" has the position of the banana market been so unfavorable as has been witnessed been so unfavorable as has been witnessed during the past two or three months. The fruit appears to have no friends in the trade, but when the mat-ter is sifted down for the true cause of the depression, it can readily be seen that to the doors of the importing in-terest can be laid the slow sale and unre-munerative prices with which the trade is at present forced to contend." The Bulletin then proceeds to snow that the unsatisfac-tory condition of the trade is due to the auctory condition of the trade is due to the aution system of disposing of the fruit and concludes with the question, "is the auction system a success!" This is a question which the fruit houses in Omaha that are in favor of the introduction of the auction system in this city may take into consideration.

## New York Money Market,

NEWYORK, Doc. 23 .- MONEY ON CALL-Easy PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-353555 per cent. STREAM EXCHANGE-Inactive, with actual usiness in bankers' bills at \$4,804,264.87 for emand, and at \$4,844,946.844, for sixty days, osted rates, \$4,85204.854, Commercial bills, 1890/0748400

4.834674.83) SLEVER CERTIFICATES-69%c last bid; no GOVERNMENT BONDS-Easter. State bonds,

The closing quotations on bonds:

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cluded to form a branch of the National league and send representatives to the Cin-cinnati convention. Milwaukee commission 2001. Cal. & Va..... 220 Gould & Curry.....

ONE KILLED AND THREE HURT.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS Week Shows a Falling Off in Quantity and

Quality of Receipts. SOMEWHAT STRONGER FEELING PREVAILS

> Cattle Close the Week with a Good Advance but Uncertain-Hogs Still Afford Cause for Much - Anxious Speculation.

## SATURDAY, Dec. 23.

Receipts of all kinds have been light this week. This is usually the case during the week immediately preceding the holidays, but receipts have even been lighter than for the corresponding week last year. The figures are as follows:

During the early part of the week, with fairly liberal supplies, the market was dull, dragging and lower. The demand was entirely local and decidedly limited. Then, too, the generally inferior quality of the offerings had a most deproving influence, and the trade altogether was about as mean as it ever gets. Buyers would condescend to take the fair to good cattle at very low prices, but it was hard to get them to look at common and inferior stuff. This condition of the market resulted in shutting off receipts to some extent

and since then prices have been on the mend and a better feeling is noticeable in all branches of the trade. Up to Wednesday there was all of a 25c drop in beef cattle values, but this decline has been practically regained during the past two or three days. so that the market closes about the same as a week ago.

#### Supplies Were Scarce.

There were hardly enough fresh cattle reeived today to make a market. Only fortyfour loads, less than 1,200 head, were reported in, a shortage, compared with last Saturday, of nearly a thousand head, and a shortage for the week, compared with last, of nearly 7,000 nead. Conditions were favorable for a good market, had there been any good cattle here, but the offerings were almost entirely butchers' stock and feeders. There was a very fair demand from all the local was a very fair demand from all the local dressed beef houses, and prices were nomi-nally stronger—all of a quarter stronger than Wednesday, but the meager offerings furnished an insufficent test of the strength of trade. A few odd bunches of poor to fair warmed up native cattle changed hands at from \$2.75 to \$3.35 and a string of pretty decent western cattle brought \$3.40. The feeling was firm and everything sold in good

The cow market experienced much the same fluctuations that were roted in the market for fat cattle, weak the fore part of market for fat cattle, weak the fore part of the week and strong and active later. There were pretty close to thirty loads of cows and mixed stock included in the fresh re-ceipts, and with every one after them trade was brisk and prices raied anywhere from strong to a dime higher than Friday. Ex-treme sales of poor to prime cows and helfers were at from \$1.30 to \$3.60, with the bulk of the fair to good butchers' stock selling at from \$2.10 to \$2.50. Calves at from \$1.75 to \$4.50 were fully steady and the same was true of rough stock genorally, sales being at from \$1.40 to \$2.90. There has been very little life to the eeder market all week and no strength at all. Offerings have not been at all excessive, but neither has the deminal. Two weeks ago feeders were selling 25° to 40° higher than at present. Business today was par-ticularly dull and weak on account of the two succeeding holidays, Sunday and Christmas, but prices were practically unchanged. Good to choice feeders are quoted at from

23 to \$3.30, fair to good at from \$1.50 to \$2.80.

and common and stockers at from \$2 to \$2.50.

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#### Representative Sales.

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Sheep Trade Steady

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Omana Produce Market.

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Chicago Live Stock Market.
Chicago Dec. 23.—The receipts of cattle were estimated at \$300 head, making 46:001 head for the week. This is 17:000 head less than a rerived last, week, and 7,000 head. The demand, as on the preceding days of the week, was were small, and therefore no one was seried of 42,000 head. The demand, as on the preceding days of the week, was were small, and therefore no one was seried of the meager proportions of today's supply. Not much choice and canners' stock was offered, and so far as shipping steers were concerned the market existed in according to the meager proportions of today's supply. Not much choice and canners' stock was offered, and so far as shipping steers were concerned the market existed in the cost was offered and so far as shipping steers were concerned the market existed in the store of hors had another good day. They will be no trading Monday.
Soliders of hors had another good day. They store that week act today's trading being at train % edmasday and from 10c to 10c in the assly. There was brisk while the supply last and the close was firm. Receipts were allowed week, as against 175,150 for last week and the dose as ship arrived today. They would have been about 22,000. The market was him for the week 52,000. The market was him for the week 52,000. The market was him do to choice. Sales of lambs were at lower and year ago. Since November 1 the receipts have been about 22,000 head. The week was do to shoen a bout 22,000 head. The two the shoen about 20,000 head. The week for the sect of th \$2 00 2 50 5 00 2 30 SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts, 1,000 head;

shipments, none; market slow and unchanged top sheep, \$2,75:24.25; top lambs, \$3,75:24.25; a lot of 3,000 good western ewes, averaging 58 lbs\_sold for \$1.85; the lowest price on record.

#### New York Markets.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

New York Markets. New York, Dec. 23.—HAY—Quiet; shipping, \$6; good to choice, 80. Hors—Duil; state, common to choice, 1820 224;e: Pacific const, 18 (224); HIDES—Firmer; wet salted New Orleans, 41; (5);e; Texas, selected, 425;e; Bacnos Ayres, dry, 10;4;21;e; Texas, dry, 6:27; LEATHER—Firmer; hembock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 14;0;10;c; RUTTER—Duil; western darry, 18;222;; western creamery, 22;25;e; western factory, 16;9;221;e; Eigins, 28;4;; state dairy, 19;6; 26; state creamery, 22;25;e; western factory, 16;9;221;e; Eigins, 28;4;; state dairy, 19;6; 26; state creamery, 22;25;e; western factory, 16;9;221;e; bart skims, 46;9;9;e; full skims, 27;3; Eage-Steady; harge, 92;11;4;; small, 10%; 27;; ice house, 18;224;; western fresh, 22;6; 26; southern, 24;226; Carronskep Oit.—Duil; prime crude, 28;; prime yellow, 34;; Perneterm-Spot market duil and nominal; Washington, 85; Rosin—Duil; strained common to good, \$1,27;4;3,13; Trarestine—Duil; 29;6;29;; Rice—Oute; domestic, fair to extra, 35;6;

Omana Produce Market. BUTTER-The local demand is light and the surplus stock has to be shipped in order to keep the market cleaned up. At the same time dealers complain that the shipping de-mand is not very active. The market is very weak and the amount of builter that brings 20c is very small; choice country, 18/220c; fresh packing stock, 15c. — DRESED POULTRY-Chickens are plenty and the market is low. Turkeys are not coming in very first yet, builthe domand is still light. It looks as if the trade was putling of buying as long as possible and there is liable to be a gen-eral scramble after supplies toward the close of the week. Chickens, choice, 5c; geose and ducks, 768c; turkeys, choice, 50; how are advis-ing against the shipment of live poultry, as the demand is very light, the trade generally preferring dressed poulity. — Warket firm at previous quotations; choice small and fat veals, 767; c; thin or heavy, 3025c. — GAMS — Prairie chickens, \$4; grouse, \$3.25 (A 50; c anall \$125; inck senie, \$1; grouse, \$3.25 LEAD-Firmer: doméstic, 83.25. Tix-Quiet; Straits, 820.65. SPERTER-Nominal; domestic, 83.50 bid. SUGAR-Raw, quiet; fair refining, 2%c; centriugals, 2%c3: 15-16c; sales, none; refined, quiet; of A, 3%c4 11-16c; mould A, 4%c44 11-16c; standard A, 4%c45-16c; confectioners A, 4%c4 5-16c; cut loaf, 5% 5 13-16c; crushed, 5%5 3-16c; powdered, 4 9-16%44;c; granulated, 4 5-166;44;c; cubes, 4 9-16%44;c; granulated, 4 5-16%;44;c; cubes, 4 9-16%44;c; granulated, 4 5-16%;44;c; cubes,

#### New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The day before the holiday, the end of the year and of the week, all conspired to make a duli trade in any line of dry goods today. In nearly all branches the market was almost as good as closed.

to the company's affairs, was a large seller of New England. When it became #nown that a directors'

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When it became "nown that a directors' meeting yesterday had appointed Mosars. McLeod, Prince, Armstrong and Ervin a committee to raise the \$300,000 required to meet the January interest, thus confirming the general belief that money had not been obtained, there was a rush to soil the stock, which became more pronounced when it was rumored that the apposition company had obtained control of New England's float-ing dobt with the object of forming a re-ceivership. Under combined sales of long stock for the short account, prices broke 45 pe, cent amid consider able excitement. The lower range of values induced some buying, pe, cent amid consider able excitement. The lower range of values induced some buying, which resulted in a recovery of 1% per cent, followed by a reaction of 1% per cent and a final rally of 1 per cent. The boss on the day was 3% per cent. The only other stock the sales of which reached 10,000 shares, was Western Union, which, after advancing b way cent at the commer deshares, was Western Union, which, aller advancing is per cent at the opening, de-clined 114 per cent, closing at a recovery of 55 per cent. A drive was made on Distilling, which sent it down 255 per cent, being based on alleged advices from Washington that the ways and means com-Washington that the ways and means com-mittee had not yet definitely decided to in-crease the spirit tax. When the pressure to sell was removed the shares quickly railied and closed  $1^{\infty}_{2}$  per cent above the lowest point touched. Atchison was need steadily throughout the day, at one time be-ing  $5_{2}$  per cent higher than the clos-ing figure of yesterday, then reacting  $5_{3}$  per cent, and then recovering to and clos-ing at yesterday's price. There was a gen-eral raily in the final dealings and the mar-ket closed firmer, but from  $h_{1}$  to  $5_{2}$  per cent erat closed firmer, but from 14 to 35 per cent lower on the day: New England, 154 per cent; Tobacco, Pittsburg and Chicago, Cleve hand, Cincinnati & St. Louis, I per cent; Na-tional Linsced and Green Bay trust receipts. t per cent; Norther Pacific, Distilling, Cot-ton Oil common and preferred and Canadian Southern, 1 per cent. New Jersey Central shows an advance of 1 per cent. The transactions of the week have re-

sulted in a universal depression in values, there being scarcely a stock dealt in which has not declined from the closing price of has not declined from the closing price of Saturday last. The principal breaks are: New England, 4½ per cent; Pullman, 8 per cent; Western Union, 5½ per cent; Rio Grando Western and Distilling, 4½ per cent; Atchison, 4½ per cent; Iowa Central preferred, 3½ per cent; Delaware, Lacka-wanna & Western and Rock Island, 2½ per cent; Missouri Pacific, 2½ per cent; North-ern Pacific preformed and Oregon Improve-ment, 2½ per cent, and Union Pacific, Ore-gon Navization and Barlington, 2 per cent. The only sparse which have advanced on

gon Navization and Borlington, 2 per cent. The only shares which have advanced on the week are: Cordage preferred, 1 per cent, and Wells-Fargo, 1 per cent. The Post says: From the opening of to-day's stock market prices reflected extreme discouragement. This discouragement af-fected chielly the professional element. There was, however, some heavy selling, and numerous unpleasant rumors regarding corporations were utilizently circulated. London market, too, was closed, which cut off possible support from that quarter. In the last half hour many short contracts were covered, and some stock ralled even above the opening figures, but these were the exceptions.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks on the New York ex-

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

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Receipts and Disposition of Stock. Official recolpts and dispetition of stock as shown by the books of the Ualon Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o clock p. m., December 23, 1893; UKCEIPTS. CATTLE. | HOGS. | SHEEP. |HORSES & MLS. Cars. Head Cars. Head Cars. Head. Cars. | Head. 44 1.176 52 3.230 6 1.087 Disposition. CATTLE. | BOGS. |SHEEP  $\begin{smallmatrix} 503\\130\\373\\870\\1,504 \end{smallmatrix} , 1,062\\26$  $^{14}_{127}^{55}_{1278}$ 298

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\$1.274/01.30. TURRENTING-Dull; 29/020%C.
 RIGE-Quiet: domestic, fair to extra, 3%@ 5%C; Japan, 4%24%C.
 MOLASSES-Dull; nominal; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 35@40c.
 P16 IRON-Dull; Scotch, \$20.00@20.50; American, \$12.00%15.00. Corrent-Quiet; Inkc, \$10.30. LEAD-Firmer; domestic, \$3.25. Tix-Onlet; Stratts, \$20.65.

The decrease in the bank clearings at Omaha was large last week, amounting to 30 per cent, which is the heaviest decrease recorded in a long time. For the first time this winter the decrease at Omaha has been heavier than at Minneapoins. St. Paul leads Omaha, with a decrease of 30 per cent. Den-ver 58, Sioux City 30 and Milwaukee 51 per cent, while Kansas City only shows a de-crease of 23 per cent and St. Joseph 7.2 per cent. The cities of the country which have suffered the greatest decrease in the matter of clearings are Spokane, 74; Nashville, 62, and Denver, 58 per cent. The following will show the clearings at Omaba for each day of the past week: \$997,931,23 Monday . 830,769.04844,802.07638,134.35hursday riday 820,437.35 1,057,037.29 Saturday.

AS DUN SEES IT.

#### Christmas Week and the Coming of a Bright New Year,

"Christmas week," says Mr. W. H. Rober son, Omaha manager of R. G. Dun & Co., "is always a poor one in jobbing circles. Purchases for the Christmas trade have all been made, and the opproach of January 1st always causes a falling off among buyers, who walt until their annual statements are compieted before figuring on the new year's busness. There is, therefore, nothing of interest to be said concerning the jobbing trade except that it is duller, if possible, than usual ever at this dull season. "Among retail dealers the last two days

of the week have been active, but the volume of Christmas business has been disappoint-ing all around. Stores are filled with lookers, but buyers are especially economical, and Christmas gifts are generally inex-pensive. Some of the houses have had an excellent trade, but generally speaking, it was disappointing.

The last two weeks of December in banking circles are usually marked by a slight increase in deposits for the reason that depositors are preparing to a considerable ex-tent for January payments. Usually the money market is stiff about this season of the year. Interest on bonds and mortrages and other classes of security is usually payand other classes of security is usually pay-able on January 1 and a marked con-traction is noted on all sides. After the first of the year money matters generallyfease up and the large amounts paid out for interest and other purposes are unloosed. By the 1st of February good judges of the situation think money will be plentiful and bankers will be more willing to accommodate borrowers who can offer accommodate borrowers who can offer reasonable security.

#### Commercial Club and Charity.

"The Commercial club inaugurated a new coparture. I think, in holding a meeting in the interest of charity under its anspices. So far as I am aware this is not customary. the general purpose of the Commercial club being business and not benevolence. It is It is creditable, however, to this young organiza-tion that its members were not only willing to be identified with a movement for the interest of the poor and distressed, but that these present promptly and cheerfully raised over \$700 for the beneficent purpose. "I have no hesitation at all in commend-ing this organization to the business public. It has established itself here for a definite nurpose and is making most excellent head-way. Its membership should contain all the business men of Omaha, both these engaged in wholesale and in retail lines. What this city has greatly needed at all times in the past was a representative organization, which could aid all the business men in the city in work-ing harmoniously for the common most of ing harmoniously for the common good of the community. I wish that the new year might see 500 new names signed to the roll of membership. With such a compact work-ing organization preparations can be made this winter for improvements and enter-prises next year which will go a long way towards enabling this city to recover from the present deuression its present depression.

#### Terminal Company Doing Business.

"In my opinion the fact that the Terminal

demand has been light as compared with previous seasons. People have not bought as freely as usual of the delicacies offered on the market.

move.

New York City consumes between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 eggs daily. A produce dealer who handles more eggs than any other concern in the country says that if the whole surface of the state of New York were covered with hens they could not lay

enough eggs to supply New York City. From present indications it appears that peanuts will fall far short of an average crop this season. Tennessee advices state that early in the season the drouth did much damage and at harvesting time a heavy rain added to the injury. Virginia also shows a short yield, with quality below the average. The lemon market at this point has not advanced in proportion to the advance in eastern markets. Reports from all points indicate that stocks are light and that there is an upward tendency in prices. The lemon op in Sicily 18 said to be large, but ship ments to this country so far have been light. New York City has been struggling with a lemon famine. The buyers there have been at their wits' end to meet the large western and holiday demand. One merchant there remarked that in his experience of thirty years he had never known such a de-mand for iemons and no stock to fill orders. Orange picking began in Highlands, Cal., December 8. Growers estimate the High-lands output this season at 100 carloads. This is an increase of 25 per cent over last year's shipments. This is quite a good in-crease, especially in the face of the fact that

last year there was a very heavy crop of seedlings, and the crop of this variety is very light in most orchards. On the 1st of January, the season when prairie chickens, grouse, quail, deer and an-telope may be legally killed and, shipped, ex-pires. The past season has not been entirely satisfactory to the dealers in game. During the greater part of the fail prices were much lower than usual, and at no time during the

season has there been such an active domand as is experienced most years. Florida oranges are ruling much lower this season than last. The grower is not netting more than 40 conts a box, while the trans-portation companies get 60 or 50 per cent more. The gross receipts on this year's crop to the growers, if calculated on an estimate of 4.000,000 boxes, will be about \$1,600,000, while the share of the railroad and steamship lines will be fully \$2,400,000.

A fruit growers' convention, with dele-rates from all portions of Washington. Idano and British Columbia, will be held in Spokane, Wash, on the second Wednesday of Februar, to continue two days. The in-terests of this important and growing in-dustry demand that united action be taken by those interested to develop their possibilities and the fruits of the gathering are

expected to be of great value. President Phillips of the National League f Commission Merchants has issued the following: Representatives of any agricul-tural, dairy or other commercial organiza-tions and shippers interested in the objects and purposes of the National League of Commission Merchants are cordially invited to attend the convention to be held in Cincinnati January 10, 1894. To such repre-sentatives every privilege to hear and be heard will be extended that the time and state.

ousiness of the convention will permit. The commission trade has to contend with a good many nuisances, but one of the greatist and most constant is the retail buyer. Every person who has an acquaintance in the commission business feels it is his special privilege to get anything that he wants in that line and at wholesale prices. If a ommission man attempts to drive away the undesirable class of custom he makes his friends "mad." If he accommodates his friends he makes the retail trade "mad." Whichever course is taken the results are unpleasant.

The question that is agitating commission The question that is agitating commission men just now is "what is the matter with the butter market!" The local market is slow and the demand is very light. A good many are inclined to lay the blame at the door of butterine. There is no doubt but what butterine is largely taking the place of butter in this market and from what can be learned the same is true to a great extent of other markets. Nebraska country mer-chants are complaining about the low price

Effects of the Cave That Caught the Home stead Workmen. HOMESTEAD, Pa., Dec. 23 .- An accident occurred by a cave-in at the Carnegic steel 19 plant at 1 o'clock this morning, by which one man was killed and three others seriously injured. Their names are: JOHN KNEDDIE, Polander, aged 40 years, married; killed. JOHN LOROSKI, may die. JOHN HAREO. CHARLES MARREGLATT. All the wounded were Hungarians. Superintendent Malamphy says the pit would have been completed in a few hours if the accident had not occurred. The men were trimming the corners so that the bricklayers could commence work at daylight. There were fourteen men at work and when the earth caved in the report quickly spread that all had been killed. Large crowds soon surrounded the works, including relatives of the supposed victims, and the excitement was intense. The report was sent to Pittsburg and the newspapers dispatched reporters to the scene in carriages and on foot. The extreme difficulty of getting any communication to Homestead at all rendered it a matter of several hours before the true extent of the accident was known here. Extensive improvements were in progress and the work was being rushed along night and day with the view of having the new departments ready by the time the great plant resumed after the holidays. It was the foundations of the new building that caved in. WITY THE BANK BROKE. . Paying Teller of the Closed St. Nicholas Arrested for Fraud. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-The first intimation of fraud in connection with the St. Nicholas bank came in a startling way. Superintendent Preston and Examiner Judson, while examining the books yesterday morning, discovered a big deficit in the accounts of Louis A. Hill, paying teller. At noon it had risen to \$42,000, and Judge Marline issued a warrant and Hill was arrested at Newark, N. J., last night. He was taken to police headquarters and subsequently was committed for thirty days pending extradition proceedings in New York, and was released on \$20,000 ball. He said last night he would go to New York today without extradition papers. From the reticence shown by officials of the St. Nicholas bank and the mystery surrounding the affairs of the institution, it is not unlikely that in the course of the next few days developments of a more startling nature yet may come out. The actual con-dition of the bank will not be known until the receiver is appointed next Tuesday. It is understood that L. C. Lathrop, the vice president, stands the best chance to secure

# the appointment. Bank Examiner Judson admits that the depositors will be paid m full, but within what time he declines to TO FREEZE THEM OUT.

## Edison Company Cuts Prices on Electric Lamps to Defy Competitors. CHICAGO, Dec. 23 -Injunctions failing to

rid the Edison General Electric company of the numerous competitors in the electric lighting business, the big trust has determined to run them all out of the field by cutting prices below all competitors. A sweeping reduction of 25 per cent on every grade of lamp in manufacture has been

made Governors Will Write on Tramps. TOPEKA, Dec. 23.-Governor Lewelling today received a request from the North

American Review asking him to write a 3,500 word article on "Tramps," to appear with articles on the same subject by Governors company has brought into Omaha a solid train of cars for one of the lowa lines is very significant. It shows con-clusively that this institution is in position to afford terminal transportation is an internal the same is true to a great extent of ther markets. Nebraska country mer-chants are complaining about the low price of butter and the fact that they lose money on almost every shipment. The trouble is

3725c. GAME — Prairie chickens, \$4: grouse, \$3.25 (@3.50; quall, \$1.25; jack snipe, \$1: golden plover, \$1: Canada geose, \$6,007265.50; small geose, \$4,00724.50; brant, \$3.0023.50; mallard ducks, \$2.75723.00; redhead ducks, \$3: blue wing teal ducks, \$1.7572.200; green wing teal ducks, \$1.50; mixed ducks, \$1.25721.50; canvas-back ducks, \$1.500765.00; ducks, shifts, \$1.50; canvas-backs, \$1.50; mixed ducks, \$1.50; mixed ducks, \$1.50; canvas-backs, \$1.50; mixed ducks, \$1.50; ducks, \$1.50; mixed ducks, \$1.25%1.50; canvas-back ducks, \$5.0026.00; jack rabbits, \$2; small rabbits, \$1: squirrels, 75/690c; deer saddles, per lb., 13@15c; deer cavcasses, 10c; antelope saddles, 12@13c; antelope carcasses, 8290; \$3 25 3 35

Serge. EGOS-The receipts of fresh laid eggs are not very heavy and the market is 23c. The bulk of the cold storage stock is going at 202

HONEY-Choice white clover, 15c; Call-

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 Lett. 23c; company selects, 20c; extra selects, 20c; extra selects, 20c; counts, 30c.
 NUTS - Chestnuts, 132/15c; per 1b.; Lulian chestnuts, 122/13c; ulmonds, 18c; English wall-nuts, 122/14c; illorts, 123c; Barlinuts, 122/14c; illorts, 123c; perns, large, 122/14c; perns, medium, 10c. The market on black walnuts is low and loc.

no one wants to buy VEGETABLES.

CELERY-Good stock, 35c; extra fancy Call- $\begin{array}{r} 4 & 00 \\ 4 & 25 \\ 4 & 50 \\ 4 & 50 \\ 2 & 00 \end{array}$ 

fornia, 60/285c. SWEET POTATONS-The supply is fair; good stock, per bbl. \$3.50. GHEEN VERETABLES -Spluach, per bbl., \$2.25; salsify, 30/235c per doz. radishes, per doz. 20c; endive, per doz. 75c; onloas, per doz. 20c; culliflower, per doz. \$1.50(23.00); lettuce, per doz. 50(275c; cuclimbers, \$2; toma-tom, per doz. 50(275c; cuclimbers, \$2; toma-show based of the solution of the sol

FRUITS GRAPES-Catawbas, per 5-1b, basket, 17@18c; Malagas, per 50-1b, bbis, net, 35,508:6.00; Malagas, per 55-1b, bbis, net, 86,5087.00, Catabonnia Faures There is not much left

CALIFORNIA FRUITS - There is not much left on the market; pears, 82.50. APPLES—The supply is light on this market and prices higher; fancy western, \$1.75 per box; bellflower, \$2 per box. CRANDERNIES—Cranberries are arriving very freely and are in good demand; Cape Cod. per bbl., \$5.25%6.50; bell and bugle, \$6.50 \$6.75; Jersey, \$6.25; bell and cherry, \$5.

TROPICAL FIGURE. BANANAS-Prices remain about steady; per bunch, harge \$2.00%2.59; per bunch, small to medium, \$1.75%2.00. LEMONS-New Messina lemons, size, 300. \$5.25; isze 300, \$5. ORANGES-Mexicans, per box, \$2.75; large sizes \$2.50; fancy Fioridas, \$2.75; choice Fior-idas, \$2.50%2.00. TANGEPINES-Per box, \$2.75, GRAPE FRUIT-Per box, \$5. - FUES.

Idas, 92,500/2007.
TANGERDINES-POR DO X, 92,75, Grappe Future-Per box, 85.
FURS.
Bear-No. 1 black, large, \$20,000/225,00; medium, \$10; small, \$84,000/210,00; black yearhings, large, \$12,000/215,00; medium, \$10; small, \$7; black Montana and Kocky mountain, large, \$12,000/212,00; medium, \$10; small, \$10; black Montana yearlings, inverting, large, \$12,000/212,00; medium, \$4,50; small, \$12; small, \$14; small, \$15; small, \$14; small, \$12; small, \$12; small, \$12; small, \$14; small, \$12; small, \$14; small, \$15; small, \$14; small, \$16; Pr. COLORADO. COLORADO. 6 stags. 1250 1 80 155 cows... 712 1 90 18 cows... 767 2 00 86 cows... 801 2 20 3 feed'rs 943 3 00 2 cows... 1010 1 75 1 buil... 1120 1 85 44 feed'rs 805 3 05 1 stag... 1060 2 50 98 feed'rs 855 3 05 6 cows... 953 1 65 14 cow... 780 2 25 48 cows... 870 2 25 14 cows... 1095 2 25 10 cows... 1095 2 25 Receipts were comparatively light, less

In any goods body. In hearly an braches, the market was almost as good as closed. Staple cotton goods were quiet. Print cloths are quiet at 3c, sellers maintaining quite a steady front at these figures. Printed fabrics continued dull, with perhaps some of the up-per grades of goods doing better than the more expensive. In ginghams and wash fab-ries buyers are venturing only a little way ahend. Woolen goods are flat. The jobing trade, as expected, was almost at a standstill, owing to the holidays. Micolgan Central., Missouri Pacific., Mobile & Ohio..., Nash. & Chatt., National Cordage., do pref.d., National Cordage. do pref d....... N. J. Central........ Norfolk & W. pf d... North Ameri n Co., Northern Pacific...

# Collee Market.

Coff-e Market. New York, Dec. 23.—Corres—Ontions opened full at an advance of 5 points on March and 15 points on September, others unchanged, and ruled quiet, but firm; closed steady at 5 to 15 points hot advance: sales, 6,250 bags, neluding: January, 816.25; February, 816.50; March, 816.30; May, 815.75; July, 815.30; eptember, \$15.10; December, \$17.40@17.45, ipot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, \$18.25@18.37%; nild, quiet and steady; Cordova, \$20.00@ 20.25. Sales, 750 bags. HAMBURG, Dec. 23.—Quiet and unchanged to Stocks: Pacific Mall. . & N Northwestern... Pacific, p'f'd Pacific cum. k Island. HAMBURG, Dec. 23 .- Quiet and unchanged to St. Paul. St. Paul. Sugar Trust. New England. Atchiaon Chicago Gas. Bandhor pfg lower. HAVEE, Dec. 23.-Dull and %f lower. LONDON, Dec. 23 .- Quiet. Kansas City Lave Stock Market. el. & Hudson.

Kansas City Live stock Market. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,600 head; shipments, 2,500 head; best cattle were strong, others steady; Texas steers, \$2,500,3,45; shipping steers, \$4,003,50; Texus and mative cows, \$1,600 3,35; butcher stock, \$3,350,4,10; stockers and feeders, \$2,000,3,50. Hoos-Receipts, 3,800 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady to strong; bulk \$4,900,25,00; heavy, packing and mixed, \$4,50 0,50,5; light, Yorkers and pigs, \$4,900,50,00. SHEEP-Receipts, 100 head; shipments, none; market unchanged.

Wool Market.

Sloux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Doc. 23.—HODS-Receipts, 1,590 head; official yesterday, 1,338 head; ship-ments, 891 head; market 15c higher at \$4,95 (5.05; balk, \$5.00(25,95). CATTLE-Receipts, 100 head; official yester-

Oil Markets.

Holiday at Kausas City.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Business Yesterday.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- While New England

was the leading stock in today's speculation

on the Stock exchange and took up a third

of the dealings, there was a fully active and

well distributed business in the rest of the

list. Trading was mainly on the bear side

of the market, but the shorts did a little

covering, which checked the downward

tendency at frequent intervals and served to indicate that the short interest was

not prepared to leave out very long lines

over the Christmas holidays. The London Stock exchange being closed until next Wednesday kept the arbitrage houses out of

the market, confining the speculation to purely local lines. There were both selling and buying orders in New England from Hoston, but the former largely outsumbered the latter and a prominent broker, said to be

acting for persons usually well informed as

306 head; shipments, 109 head; market

The total sales of stocks today were 149,900 shares, Including: Atchison, 7,200; Ameri-can Sugar, 4,500; Burlington, 6,200; Chi-cago Gas, 9,700; Distilling & Cattlefeeding, 9,900; General Electric, 2,800; Louisville & Nashville, 2,100; Missouri Pachic, 4,500; New York & New England, 57,000; Rock Island, 4,600; St. Paul, 9,100; Union Pachic, 2,100; Western Union, 19,500

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

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#### Financial Notes.

New ORLEANS, Dec. 23.-Clearings, \$2,194,-Pants, Dec. 23 .- Three per cent rentes, 98f

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Three per cent rentes, 98f 37 pc for the account. MEMPHOS, Dec. 22.—New York exchange, sell-ing at par. No clearings-holiday. PRILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$9,883.-337; balances, \$1,515,054. For the week, \$22;-188,407; balances, \$0,001,876. BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$1,890,330; balances, \$224,405. For the week, clearings, \$13,222,727; balances, \$1,802,135. New York, Dec. 23.—Clearings, \$1,800,330; balances, \$224,405. For the week, clearings, \$13,222,727; balances, \$1,802,135.

New Yons, Dec. 23.-Clearings, \$88,607,851; balances, \$5,882,020; for the werk exchanges, \$514,500,971; balances, \$34,109,650.

BOSTON. Dec. 23.-Clearings. \$13,693,716; balances, \$1,423,306; for the week, \$81,738,-448; balances, \$9,434,356. Money I per cent. New York, Dec. 23.-Exports of specie from the port of New York for the wesk ending today were: Gold, \$75,204; silver, \$1,083,204.

New YORK, Dec. 25.—The imports from the port of New York for the week ending today were: General merchandise, \$7,301,0511 dry goods, \$1.158,514; specie, \$207,828.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—Money, 3886 per cent, New York exchange, 35530c premium. Char-ings, 82,034,350. For the week, 813.040.050. For the same week last year, 814.647,250.

Curcado, Dec. 23.-New York exchange, 80e premiuw; sterling exchange, dull; actual, \$4.85e34.87%. Clearings, \$12,117,000; totai for the weak, \$81,025,000; for the correspond-ing week last year, \$100,034,000. Money, plenty; domand, light; rates unchanged.

J. E. McElroy & Co. Priving Dec 23.-National transit cer-tificates opened at 79: closed at 79; high-est, 79; lowest, 79; no salast INVESTMENT KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23 .- No grain markets to-BANKERS, 134 Washington St., CHICAGO. There Was an Active and Well Distributed

#### MUNICIPAL BONDS,

Bonds of Electric Street Bailway Companies.

#### High Grade Investment Securities.

#### CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

Stockholders' Meeting. Stockholders' Meeting. Omaha & Elichorn Valley Bailway Company: Notice is hereby given that the annual meet-ing of the stockholders of the Omaha & Eli-horn Valley Railway company, for the election of seven directors and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting, will be held at the office of John M. Thurston, Ualon Pacific building, Omaha, Neb. upon Wednesday, the 3rd day of Jan-uary, 1894, at 10 o'clock a.m. The stock transfer hooks will be closed ton days before the date of the meeting. Bostou, Dec. 14, 1893. ALEX MILLAR. Secretary.

# Peculiar Hog Trade. Hog and cattle values find a good deal in common this week. For the first four days the market steadily wowkened, but on Fri-day and Saturday lightPreceipts and sharp shipping competition gave the market a boom and prices advanced all of 25c in the two days. Nothing new has come to the surface and the unnatural spread in prices between hogs and hog products continues to between hogs and hog products continues to keep the market for both unsettled. The Price Current remarks: In the provision trade the demand either speculiative or for distribution has not en-larged, and in fact, has been of a quiet nature throughout the week, with an almost steady, but gradual tendency to lower values. In view of current prices of leading articles of product, it is anomalous that values of hogs should not be lowered more than has been the case. By what means prices ofhiogs are so well sustained is not very clear, but that they are relatively higher than product, and have been so for a considerable time, seems quite ap-parent.

than half as many as were comparatively light, less than half as many as were here on last Satur-day, and a shortage for the week, compared with last, of about 7,000 nogs. The quality was fair, nothing extra. It has fallen off considerably this week, although the

VEGETABLES. BEANS-California hand-pleked navy, \$1.9020 2.00; western navy, \$1.852(1.90; common white beans, \$1.5041.75. ONIONS-Onions are quoted at 50265c, and on orders at 05270c; Spanish onions, per crate, \$1.50. WATER CHESS-Put up in berry boxes, per case of 16 qts., \$1.50. POTATOES-Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota grown potatoes, in small lots from store, 0526 70c; same in car lots, 602; Colorado, from store, 75c; Colorado lots, 65270c. CABBAGE-Orders for cabbage from the coun-try are filled at 294c per 15.

ry are filled at 24c per lb. CELERY ROOTS-According to size, 40260c

toes, per 40., 20c; string beans, \$2.50 per %-bu, box,

\$3.0023.50.

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day-holiday.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Wool Mirket. Bosrov, Dec. 23.—There is no change in essential conditions in the wool market. There has been a fair attendance of buyers this week, but they have sathered apparently to talk tariff and have bought very little wool. Texas wools are weak. Fine wool is scarce, Puiled wools are in fair request. Foreign wools are quilet. Carpet wools are very duil.

BIDES, TALLOW, ETC. Hings-No. 1 green hides, 2%c; No. 2 green St. Louis Live Stock Market.
St. Louis, Dec. 23.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300 head: shipments, not reported; market steady; native steers, range, \$3.00604.50; cows, \$1.75 (\$2.25; fed Texus steers, \$3.30(\$3.50) grass Texas steers \$2.40(\$3.00].
Hoas—Receipts, 1.000 head; market 10c higher; butchers, \$5.1025.30; packers, \$4.90 (\$5.20; Yorkers, \$5.1025.25].
SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market quiet; mixed natives range, \$2.00(\$2.10; muttons, \$3.00(\$3.50]. Stock in Signi, Receipts of live stock at the four principal western markets Saturday, December 23:

 
 Chicago
 800
 12,000

 Kansas City
 1,600
 3,800

 St. Louis
 300
 1,000
  $\frac{100}{200}$ Total...... 3,876 20,038 2,387