TOO HIGH-TONED FOR ORDINARY TRADERS

Bull Crowd is Giving Its Attention Now to the May Option, and Prices Advance Accordingly.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20,-The Leiter crowd took a turn at the May option in wheat today and the market in consequence closed at the top of an advance of 1%c. The trade was the biggest in the pit for several weeks, Corn was very strong and advanced %2%c Oats closed 14934c higher, Provisions were influenced by grain and advanced 10020c, with a big trade,

Wheat opened a trifle under Saturday's closing price. May starting at 9244692%c. Under covering by shorts the slight decline was quickly recovered and the market during the next hour kept a little above the final quotations of the preceding session, Trading during the time referred to was not heavy and was almost entirely of a local professional character. The opening decline was probably due to the heavy recelpts at Chicago, much of which was of contract grade, but this was apparently

contract grade, but this was apparently forgotten when it was seen that it did not keep buyers out of the market.

Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts at 9% cars, against 1,2% the week before and 56% the corresponding week of last year. Chicago received 51% cars, of which 272 were No. 1 northern spring and 35 cars of No. 2 red winter, and 161,000 bu, and 58 cartonds were transferred from unifcensed to regular elevators. An addition of about 511,000 bu, was made to the contract stocks.

The total quantity shipped from all quarters to Europe and the United Kingdem last week was 5,75,000 bu, against 9,166,000 bu, the week before. Of last week's total Russia contributed only 1,880,000 bu, against 2,112,000 bu, the previous seven days. This country and Canada shipped as usual two-thirds of the whole. The clearances of wheat and flour from Atlantic ports were 520,000 bu.

It was not until after the visible supply statement for the week was completed and the increase in the spocks found to be smaller than expected that the market gave any very clear indication as to which side of the deal it would ultimately favor. With that out of the way and the week's increase only \$21,000 bu, as against from 1,000,000 bu, to 1,000,000 bu, no responded, The total of the day's clearances from the scabbard was increased to 17,000 bu, by shipments from Galveston. That gave further courage to the buyers, who took more wheat at an advance of ic over the earlier price they puid for May, and of course the more the buils bought the more was also wanted by such of the bears as had been selling during the first hour. Alien & Grier, representing the Leiter crowd, were very prominent in the buying, leading it, in fact, but trade was greatly increased with plenty of outside orders. It was not until after the visible supply

f outside orders. Shortly after the opening May advanced Sac and hung for an hour between that e and 324c. The heavy buying which menced after the announcement of the day's clearances gave fresh impetus to the advance and at the close May was bring-

ing 943c.

December attracted but very little attention; the general body of speculators abandoned it long ago and are how merely onlookers at the narrowed down combat between the Leiter-French bull combination and the Armour-Weare-Scaverns-Peaves elevator interests, it ranged between 98c and \$1.02 and closed at \$1. About 500,000 bu, are said to have been delivered by Armour to the Leiter crawd in the afternoon. There was a greatly increased trade in corn, operators in wheat and provisions both being in the market, and prices were firm and blebye almost. corn, operators in wheat and provisions both being in the market, and prices were firm and higher almost from the start. The action of wheat, the smal receipts, 162 cars, and the visible reduction of 2,141,000 bu, all helped. The market showed its greatest strength after the visible statement. May ranged from 20% to 20% c and closed %0% c higher at 25%c.

Cuts was firm, but did not keep pace with wheat and corn and showed but \(\frac{1}{2} \) c advance at the close. There was better buying by elevator concerns and by commission houses in general, but there was also a tendency to realize. Cash demand was not so good. The visible increased 34,000 bu. May ranged from 22% to 22% and closed at 22% 6722%c.

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Provisions were very strong and the volume of speculative trading showed considerable increase. The market started firm and higher, helped by the light run of hogs. Some of the later strength came from the advancing wheat and corn markets. The dayancing wheat and corn markets. The feature was the purchase of about 2,000,000 pounds of ribs by one firm. The highest prices of the day were quoted at the close. May pork, 30c higher at \$9.65; May lard, 10c higher at \$1.50 and May ribs 15c higher at \$1.50 and at \$4.60 and May ribs 15c higher at

Articles.	Open	Htrh.	LOW.	Close	Sardy
Wheat- Dec Jan May		1 02 95% 94%	99 94% 92%	1 00 95% 94%	99 94% 92%
Dec Jan May Oats July Dec Mny		26% 27 29%	2014 2014 2014	26% 27 29%	2636 2636 2936@14
	37.14	30% 2134 2236	20% 21% 22%	30% 21% 22% 22%	2156034 2254034
Pork- Doe Jan May	8 70	7 72¼6 8 77¾ 9 05	7 70 8 674 8 924	7 7236 8 7736 9 05	
Dec.	4 75	4 65 4 82%	4 57% 4 75	4 50 4 65 4 82%	4 424 4 55 4 7234
Dec.	4'45"	4 50	4 45	4 47% 4 50	4.37%

May ... 4 57% 4 67% 4 57% 4 07% 4 52%

*No. 2, Cosh quotations were as follows: Fr. SURF-Firm: WHEAT-No. 2 spring. 885-38554c; No. 2 spring. 885-38554c; No. 2 spring. 885-38554c; No. 2 spring. 885-3856. Spring. 88

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15621c; dairies, 12g/9. Cheese, quiet at spelge Ears, firm at 2cc threased poulity, easy; turkeys, lightly-chickens thate; ducks, 665c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 26, 24 this,; experts, 25.545 bhis.; inactive but nom clears, \$5.4005.50; winter straights, \$4.500 Minnesota patents, \$5.10gr5.35; winter ex-\$2.40gr4.0; Minnesota bakers, \$4.70gr4.6; winter low grades, \$2.9961.00. Hye flour, dull at \$2.7093.25, latter fancy. Buckwheat flour, quiet at \$1.4061.45.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; reliow western. Ger city.

60c.

11 F. Duli. No. 2 western. 50 pc.

11 ARIELY -Quiet; feeding. 28 pc.

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12 ARIELY -Quiet; feeding. 28 pc.

13 ARIELY -Quiet; feeding. 28 pc.

14 ARIELY -ALT -Quiet; western. 12 pc.

15 WHEAT -Heedins. 161.00 bn.: exports. 321.775 bn.: sps. strong; No. 2 red. 4.19%. Options opened firmer on strength in Chicago and advanced with few interruptions all day on bull
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cember and Heighes Det higher on other months.

No. 2 red. May, strucke. cleand, 50 pc.

CORN-Receiptes, 21.49; exports, 15,550 bu.;

spot firm: No. 2 25 pc. Cytions opened firm

with wheat and advanced on big visible supply

decrease and bad weather west, cleaned, 24 pc.

CATS-Receipts, 36,50 bn.: exports, 362,57 bu.;

spot firm: No. 2 25 pc. Options dull but firmer,

vith the other markets cleaning 1625c net

1 system May alosed, 27 pc.

PEED-Steady bran. 55 stor; middlings, Tog.

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16970c.

11 OPS-Steady; state, common to choice, 1824.

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HOPS—Steady: state, common to choice, 1825
rop, 49:6c; 1895 crop, 69:5c; 1897 crop, 18915c;
'actic coast, 1895 crop, 49:5c; 1896 crop, 69:9c;
'but crop, 18915c.

LEATHER Quiet; hemieck sole, Buenos

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.—WHEAT—About a cent higher: market very firm; No. 1 hard Signific; No. 1 Signific; No. 1 Signific; No. 2 Step No. 4 Egibo bid; No. 2 spring, Signific; No. 2, Sepsie, 4 Egibo bid; No. 2 spring, Signific; No. 2, Sepsie,

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL strong, fork, strong; meva \$1,000,000, tallow, steady; city, Fig. bid; country, \$1,000,000, Tallow, steady; city, Fig. Country, \$1,000,000, Tallow, \$1,000,0

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce. EGGS-Strictly fresh, 18c. BUTTER-Common to fair, 1981ie: choice to

fancy, 146:17c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered PRESSED POULTRY-Chickens, unsalable at

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, unsalable at 5c; turkeys 11615c; geese, 7c; ducks, 7c; GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 5k; large, per doz., 7k; fil. 20; prairie chickens, 5k; quall, 5k; fil. 3c; sequence, 10 prairie chickens, 5k; quall, 5k; fil. 3c; fil. 3c; dead pigeons not wanted. HAY—Upland, 8, 5c; indiand, 8, 5c; lowland, 10, 5c; straw, 31; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

(CELERY—Good stock large, the grad! 550

CELERY-Good stock, large, 40c; small, 259 6c.
GNIONS-Per bu., 60@65c.
BEANS-Hand-picked navy, per bu., \$1.23.
SWELT POTATOES-Per bul., \$2.59.
CASHAGE-Good stock, per bb., 1½c.
POTATOES-Home grown, 50@55c; western

PRUITS. FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per pt. 35c.
QUINCES—California, per box, 11.25.
APPLES—Winter stock, 21.591.9c. California
Belledour, boxes, 21.50. Colorado Jonathans,
boxes, 81.75. Oregon, boxes, 41.5c.
CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., 27.9007.35.
Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, 47.56, Wisconsin Bell
and Cherry, 28.56.
GRAPES—Catawbas, 5-1b, baskets, 14615c; Maiagas, 35.0036.90.
TROPICAL FRUITS

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ORANGES-Mexican, per box, El.50g3.75 Callformia mayals, El.50g3.00,
LEMONS-Messinas, El.00g3.00, California, 560,
El.35.661.30; 500, El.50,
HANANAS-Choice large stock, per bunch, 22.00
62.25; medium sizes bunches, El.7562.00,
MISCELLANEOUS

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NUTS-Almonds, per lb., large size, 124@13c; small lle; Brazils, per lb., \$60c; English walnuts, per lb. fancy sort shell, lle; standards, b grice filberts, per lb. foc; pecans, polished, medium, 80c; extra large, loc; large hickory nuts \$1.00g1.19 per bu; small, Fi.75@1.35 per bu; cocoanuts, per loo, \$4.00; peanuts, raw, 50c5ec; rossted, \$60c1ec. fincy, 2 crown, 14-lb, boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 44-lb, boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 44-lb, boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 44-lb, boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 54-lb, boxes,

WHC.

KRAUT-Per bbl., \$4,00; half bbl., \$2,25@2.55.

MAPLE SYEUP-Pive-gal, cans, each, \$2,75;
gal, cans, pure, per doz., \$12,00; half-gal, cans, \$6,75; quart cans, \$2,50.

DATES-Hallowee, 60 to 76-1b, boxes, 6c; Sair, Bluc, Fard, 5-1b, boxes, 9c.

CIDER-Per half bbl., \$3,00; bbls., \$5,25. FRESH MEATS. DRESSED BEEF-Good native steers.

No. 3 chucks, 41sc; boneless chucks, 5c; couplates, 31sc; steer plates, 41sc; flank steaks, 61sc; couplates, 31sc; steer plates, 41sc; flank steaks, 61sc; couplates, No. 1 Mc; loins, No. 2 Mc; loins, No. 3 Mc; loins, look loins, No. 2 Mc; short loins, market eighs, 2c above loins, short loins, hore is style, 2c above loins, 2cow loir ends, 3c; steer loin ends, 9c; hanging tender cloins, 44sc; ribs, No. 1 L24sc; ribs, No. 2, 84sc; ribs, No. 2, 64sc; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 61sc; cow rounds, 3shank and rump off, 81sc; crimmings, 4tsc; beel shanks, 31sc; brains, per dox, 35c; sweetbreads shanks, 31sc; brains, per dox, 35c; sweetbreads per lb. 121sc; sweetbreads (calves) per lb. 48c kitneys, per dox, 35c; ox talls, each, 3c; liyers, per tb. 2c; hearts, per lb. 3c; tongues, per lb. 124sc; calf livers each, 55c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 3c; calf head and fort Ib., Sc: bearts, per lb., Sc; tongues c; calf livers, each, S5c; calves, w s or sides, Sc; calf head and feet,

reston burts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 43, ders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 41/c; leaf rendered, 5c; heads cleared 25c; stomachs, each, 2c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz.
25c; stomachs, each, 2c; tongues, each, 7c; kid
neys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs
feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds,
2c; blade bones, 5c.
HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

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HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 raited hides, 8%c; No. 2 green saited hides, 7%c; No. 1 veal caif, 8 to 12 lbs., 16c; No. 2 veal caif, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELITS—Green saited, ench. 15@The; green saited shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 16c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 16c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins). No. 1, ench, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per 1b., actual weight, 465c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per 1b., actual weight, 16g 4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per 4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool petts, pet lb., actual weight, 465c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 364c HORSE HIDES-Each, \$1,2062.25. TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1 25c; tallow, No. 2, 24c; rough tallow, 14c white grease, 246625c; yellow and brown grease

FURS Bear (black or brown), \$5.00920.00 otter, \$1.50926.00; mink, Lagsoc, benver, \$1.0098.00; mink, Lagsoc, benver, \$1.0098.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 2c, 5c, 7c raccoon, 18650c; red fox, 25c@912.50; wolf (timber), 25c@92.50; badger, 5c@8c atter fox, \$50.00975.00.

EGGS-Higher at 18c.
WHISKY-\$1.15.
COTTON TIES-68c.
BIAGGING-Clerko.
METALE-Lead, rivady at \$1.55@2.51. Spelter, obbins, \$8.7a. Lard, higher; prime steam, \$4.55; house, \$4.52; Eacon, boxed lots, extra short-lear, \$5.90[5,125; ribs, \$5.2575,56; shorts, \$8.571; p.5.50. Dry sait mean, shoulders, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; p. 24.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$4.756[5,00]; extra short clear, \$6.000 bis; wheat, \$6.000 bis; corn, \$28.600 bis; corn, \$7.000 bis; wheat, \$2.900 bis; corn, \$7.000 bis; cats, \$17.900 bis.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—FLOUR—Quiet; western superfine, 12.10(2.00); western extra, 51.50(2.40); western family, 14.00(4.5); epring wheat patents, 55.00(5.20); spring wheat straights, 34.50 (24.50); receipts, 13.464 bbls.; exports, none; wheat straights, 34.50 (24.50); receipts, 13.464 bbls.; exports, 76.224 bbl.; steamer No. 2 red. 20(2.31); receipts, 76.224 bbl.; sexports, none; southern wheat, by sample, 20(3.90); southern wheat, on grade, 35(4.25); c. (OBN-Strong; spot. 35(4.25); month, 335.9 (33); month, new or old, 235; c. steamer mixed, 235; date; receipts, 25.55; bbl.; exports, none; southern white and yellow, 28(2.35).

OATS—Barely steady; No. 2 white, 26(2.30); No. 1 mixed, 27(2.37); receipts, 20.005 bbl.; exports, none. Baltimore Markets. none.

RYD.—Firm; No. 2 nearby, 62c; No. 2 western.
536 bid receipts, 12,806 bu.; experts, none.

HAY.—Firm for the better grades; choice timothy, 412.66 askel.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet; steam to Liverpool, per bu. 4d. December; Cork for orders.

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per quarter. 2s 6d; January.
IRITTER—Fancy creamery, 2hc; good ladie, 15
Quiet; store backed, 120/ide.
EGGS—Steady; fresh, 16c.
CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 94-6
10c; fancy New York, medium, 100/i64/c; fancy
New York, small, 164-6/i64/c. . Cincinnati Produce Markets.

CINCINNATI. Dec. 20.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, M. 2094-50; family, 13.25-93.80. WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 ried, 92c. CORN—Strong: No. 2 mixed, 174c. OATS—Strong: No. 2 mixed, 2492-94c. Bulk meats, firm at \$4.35. Bacon

at 5.50.
WHISKY-Quiet at R.19.
BUTTER-Quiet and lower: Eligin creamery.
Me: Chio, 14900c; dairy, 12915c
EGGS-Firm at 165c.
CHEESE-Quiet; good to prime Ohio flat, \$15
05c.

CORN—Active and the higher; No. 2 mixed.

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INTERLANG EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual husiness in bankers bills at \$4.545-64.55 for demand; and at \$4.576-64.55 for demand; at \$4.576-64.55 for deman OAID TRULE NO. 2, 40c.
NYE-No. 2, 40c.
HAY-Firm and higher in some cases; choice timeghy, this age 73; choice p airie, E 5;
EUTTER-Wesher; creamery, 17918c; dairy, 18 ### 15/18 Firm: fresh, 194c, storage: 119/13; RECEIPTS Warst, 125.80 bu.; corn, 115.00 bu., dats 16:000 bu. SKIPMENTS Wheat, 25,800 bu.; corn, 34,400

Liverpool Market. S. now48, ror. LIVERPOOLs Dec 25. WHEAT Spot. No. 2 red western, winter stocks exhausted; No. 1 sorthern, spring, steady at a Stell CARIAN-Steady; futures were steady; December, 2s Tad. January, 2s Tad. February, 2s Tad. bid. 3s Two. January winter, steady at PLOUR-St. Louis funcy winter, steady at PLOUR-St. Louis funcy winter, steady at HOPS_At London (Pecific const), firm at £4 HOU'S—At Lendon (Pacific const), firm at £4 lbeu£6 bs.
PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mers, 6s 3d; prime mess, 5s 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, nos 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, nos estern, ste at. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs. Els. Hacon, short ribs, dull at 26s 6d; long clear middles, light, dull at 26s 1ong clear middles, beavy, dull at Da, clear brilles, firm at 25s 6d; shoulders, equare, firm at 25s. Lard, prime western, steady at 2la 6d. Tallow, prime city, steady at 15s 6d.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, dull at 2la 6d. en Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, isc.

EUTTER—Common to fair, 1968lie; choice to ancy, 14681c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered reamery, 20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 30 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; be closed friday, Saturday and Monday and the Provision exchange Saturday and Monday.

CHEESE—American, finest white and colored, dull at 428 6d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool from Atlantic ports were 60,000 quarters, 70c into Liverpool from Atlantic ports of corn into Liverpool from Atlantic ports of corn into Liverpool from Atlantic ports of corn into Liverpool from Atlantic ports were 30,200 quarters. The Grain exchange will be closed Friday, Saturday and Monday and the Provision exchange Saturday and Monday. New Orleans Markets.

New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—HOG PRODUCTS—
Steady Mess pork, standard, St.Sty. Lard, refined tierce, St.7693.874, Boxed meats, dry salt
meats, H.52464775, sides, H.6256, Bacon, clear
rib sides, St.374685.50, Hams, clear sugar cured,
remess 25. COFFEE-Firm; Rie, ordinary to fair, Date FLOUR-Extra fancy, \$4.50@4.60; patents, \$1.90 76.99.
CORNMEAL—Quiet at \$1.60.
BillaN—Quiet at \$59/70c.
HAY—Easy; prime, \$11.00@12.50; choice, \$14.00.

CORN-Steady No. 2 sacked white, 250:25c; nixel, Me; yellow, Meste. GATS-No. 2 sucked, Mestyle. RICE-Quiet; ordinary to good, Massyle.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.-Receipts: Wheat 533 ars.
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Receipts today: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 163 cars; cars, 45; cars. Estimated, arlota tomorrow: Wheat, 500 cars; corn, 400 ars; corn, 400 cars; LOUIS, Dec. 20.—Receipts: Wheat, 114 DULUTH, Dec. 20.—Receipts: Whent. 62 cars.
PEOHIA Dec. 20.—Receipts: Corn. 57,050 bu;;
oats. 58,10 bu; rye note. Shipments: Corn,
12,50 bu; oats. 39,900 bu; rye, none; whisky, 62;
bbls.; wheat none.

Visible Grain Stocks. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The statement of the isible supply in store and aff at Saturday, De-ember 18, as complied by the New York Product volungs, is as follows. Sentings, 18 as follows.

WHEAT - 1,455.00 bu.; increase, 21,200 bu., CORN-38,529.00 bu., decrease, 2,142.00 bu., CATS-44,25.00 bu., increase, 25,00 bu., PYE-3,25.00 bu., increase, 35,000 bu., BARLEY-4,05.00 bu., dourease, 284,000 bu. Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 20. WHEAT-Firm; No. 2 mass and December, 204c; May, 204c. CORN-Active, firm; No. 2 mixed, cash and ecsember, 27tsc, OATS-Dull; No. 2 mixed, 22c, RYE-Dull; bisher; No. 2 cash, 47c, CLOVERSEED-Higher; prime cash, \$3.25, Peoria Markets.

PEORIA. Dec. 20 .- CORN-Firm and higher No. 2, 26U.c. OATS-Firm and higher: No. 2 white, 27%c. RYE-Steaty; No. 2, 45c. WHUSKY-Firm and steady; high proof spirits,

Detroit Market. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—WHEAT-No. 1 white, Sic; No. 2 red. 80-er; May, 90-e. CORN-No. 2 mixed, 250-e. Philadelphia Produce.

PHILATONIUHIA Dec. 20.—BITTER—Quiet ut steady: fancy western creamery, 22c, ENGS-Firm, fresh nearby and western, Ilc. CHITESE—Unchanged.

Decline is Noted Throughout the Gen-

STOCKS AND BOADS.

eral List.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—After a few spasmodic efforts to continue the rise of Saturday today's stock market fell back into a decline and failed a recuperate. The aggressive strength of some of the specialties at the opening served to sus-tain that market for a time and to give it an tain that market for a time and to give it an appearance of strength, but realizing sales in the general list went hand in hand with the manipulation for a rise in specialitic, and even the stocks which had shown wide gaps lost after profits had been taken in the general list. Coalers were strong as a group on acquant of the growing belief in an agreement to restrict production and to keep up prices. They were also belied by the cold weather and the

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**bid. *fourth assessment paid.
The total sales of stocks today were 273,400 thares, including: Atchison preferred, 2.875; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 20,282; Louisville, & Nashville, 2.635; Manhattan, 15,510; Metropol-& Nashville, 2,635; Manhattan, 15,510; Mei itan Street Bailway, 2,50; New Jerney Cr. 287; Northern Pacific, 10,200; Northern 1 preferred, 16,491; Ontario & Western, 8,760; ing. 10,460; Book Island, 7,975; St. Paul Union Pacific, 2,529; Chicago Great We 9,651; People's Gas, 7,656; Sugar, 41,106.

BAR SILVER-6040 MEXICAN DOLLARS-6040 GOVERNMENT BONDS-Weak, STATE BONDS-Dull, RAILROAD BONDS-Firm, Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

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103 N.W. Cornsols 124 M
105 N.W. Cornsols 144 M
105 N.W. Dais Sis 117
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105 Occ. Nav. 1818 118 M
106 Occ. Nav. 1818 118 M
107 O. Im. 1818 1 T 102 M
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4 O. Im. 1818 1 T 45 M
108 Occ. Nav. 1818 1 T 102 M
109 Occ. Nav. 1818 1 T 102 M
100 Occ. Nav. 1818 1 T 102 M
100 O. Im. 1818 1 T 102 M
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C. & O. 58. 129. Pacific 75 of 23. 10
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East Fran. 1818. 1109
St. Li & H. & Con. 3
Eric Gen. 48. 72
St. P. Coasesis. 14
F. W. & D. In. t. 7. 724
St. P. C. & P. 1818. 12
G. H. & S. A. 69. 105
G. H. & S. A. 69. 107
G. H. & S. A. 69. 108
G. H. & S. A. 69. 107
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San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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Silver bars, 56% Mexican dollars, 47% 480; drafts, sight, 150; telegraphic, 17% Boston Stock Quotations.

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New York Mining Quotations. SEW YORK, Dec. 20.-The following are the sing mining quotations: London Stock Quetations.

LONDON, Dec. 20.-4 p. m.-Closing:
 Consols, m'v. 112 11-16
 Mexican ordinary.
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 Consols, acet. 112 18-16
 St. Paul common.
 98%

 Can. Pacific.
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 107%
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 69%
 American Securities in London.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The market for Ar ran securities advanced at the opening and mained stendy all day on a more buoyant mained steady all day on a more buoyant feeting. The close was steady and the demand moderate,

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Clearings, \$29.538.267, New York exchange, 30c premium. Posted rates, \$4.535 and \$4.855 Stocks fairly active and firm. Closing: West Chicago, 1922 Diamond Match., 179.53; North Chicago, 212 Diamond Match., 179.53; North Chicago, 226 bidg. lake Street L., 173, New York discout, 62, Strikwboard, 25 bid., 235 south Side L., 63; City Railway, 23 bid, 235 asked.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Clearings, \$15.130.367; ballinges, \$16.53,571. YORK Dec. 20.—Clearings, \$81,552,440; \$4,459,666. ances, \$64.141. New York exchange selling at par, NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—Clearings, \$1,530.— 462. New York exchange, bank, par, commer-cial, \$1,25 per \$1,000 discount, CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—Money, 25,366 per cent.

BOSTON, Dec. 29. Following are the quota-tions for leading descriptions:
Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 276728c, XX and XX above 256729c; delaine, 20 gale, No. 1 combing, 38c; No. 2 combing, 28g Sec; Michigan, Wisconsin, etc., X, Michigan, 23

55c. Australian scoured hasis combing, supering, 70972c; combing, good, 65g/85c; combing, average, 62g/65c; Queenstand combing, 65c.

ST. LOVIS. Dec. 29.—WOOL—Quiet and unchanged; medium, 15g/25c; heavy fine, 5g/14c; light fine, 15g/17c; tub washed, 22g/35/5c. Coffee Markets,

NEW YORK, Dec. 29—COFFEE—Options opened steady at unchanged prices to 5 points advance; ruled quiet, with pariow variations selling checked by better European cables than expected and small receipts at Rio and Santoe; buying checked by barge American visible supply on board; closed steady at net unchanged to 10 points bigher; sales, 23.50 bags, including March, \$6.20. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, \$6.35, No. 7, jobbing, 47.28. Mild, steady; Cordova, \$6.366, No. 7, jobbing, 47.28. Mild, steady; carge Santos, 9.600 reis; receipts, 14.999 bags, stock, \$18.000 bags. Weekly report; Firm; good average, per 10 kilos, 9.600 reis; receipts, 15.000 bags, stock, 19.000 bags.

HIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 29—COFFEE—Firm; No. 7 Rio, 8.175 reis; exchange, 7.3-224; receipts, 12.000 bags; cleared for the United States, 11.000 bags, stock, 40.000 bags, weekly report; Firm; exchange standard, 8.175 reis; shipments to the United States, 6.000 bags, stock, 41.000 bags, HAMBURG, Dec. 20—COFFEE—Opened ½ firm; sales, 8.000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 20—COFFEE—Closed ¼ higher to ½ feet lower; sales, 20,000 bags.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 20.—Credits balances, 65c; certificates, first bid, 67c. One thousand barrels options sold at 67c; 5.99 barrels cash delivery sold at 66c; closed, 664c bid for regular; 66c bid for cash. Shipments, 181,476 bbis.; runs, 156,655 bbis. bid for cash, Shipments, 181,476 bbls.; runs, 186,635 bbls.

CHARLESTON, S. C. Dec. 20.—OILS—Turpentine, firm: 30c bid; 30%c asked; sales, none. Rosin, firm: sales none; unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 20.—OILS—Spirits turpentine, firm: 30%c bid; sales 827 bbls.; receipts, 828 bbls. Rosin, firm; sales, 5,236 bbls.; receipts, 5,236 bbls. Quete close, A. R. C. D. 51,15671,20; E. F. 51,28671,25; G. 51,39671,35; H. 51,51; I. 180; R. 1875; M. 11,95; N. 12,20; W. G. 51,50; W. W. 31,13.

WILMINGTON, N. C. Dac 20.—OILS—Spirits turpentine, steady; 3047304c; Rosin, quiet, 11,15; 61,20. Crude turpentine, steady; 51,49 and 31,90. Receipts, 32 bbls. Tar, firm; 11,65.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—SUGAR—Open kettle, steady at 24,075 c; semirifugal, steady; granulated, 47-1664 Il-16c; seconds, ph.507 k; Molasses, kettle, steady at 1508c; contribugal, easy at 49 lic; syrup, steady at 1607 c; contribugal, easy at 49 lic; syrup, steady at 1607 c; CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, 41.065.57.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—SUGAR—Haw firm; fair refining, 15-16c; centrifugal, 56 test, 41-16c; granulated, 5-kc; mould A, 5-kc; standard A, 5-kc; confectioners A, 5c; cut loaf, 5-kc; cubes, 5-b-16c. LONDON, Dec. 20.—SUGAR—Beet sugar, December, 18 stigat.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK Dec. 20.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Steady: evaporated apples, common, leffe; prime wire tray, \$c; good dried, prime, signific; choice, file; fancy, \$p\$ples, Prunes, 1698.—Apricots, royal, 7688.—Mour Park, \$9\$lic. Peaches, unpecied, 7616c; pecied, 16915c.

Week Starts Out with a Famine in Offerings at the Yards.

LITTLE COMPETITION FOR THE CATTLE

Supply Too Light to Excite the Buyers, Who Bid About Stendy-Hogs Strong and Slightly Higher.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 20.-Receipts for the days indicated were: December December | December | 15 | 2,454 |
December	14	2,457
December	13	2,951
December	10	1,031
December	10	1,107
December	9	1,832
December	3,474	
December	3,474	
December	4,294	
December	513	
December	2,1469	
December	3,1469	
Dec The official number of cars of brought in today by each road was: cars of stock Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, H'r's		

Total receipts 39 62 The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the nul

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, 14 24 275 878 4:193

were not enough cattle here to make it any object for buyers to take hold and to buy them,

buy them.

About one-half of the receipts consisted of cows and helfers, quite a number of them westerns. The market as a whole was not much changed, though medium cow stuff was rather weak, canners or very choice stuff being in better demand.

The few feeders here changed hands at about study prices. Bepresentative sales. about steady prices. Representative sales:

NATIVES, HEEF STEERS, No. Av. Pr. 5....120 \$3.55 No. Av. Pr. 6....965 34 65 18....1190 4 90 13.... 870 2 95 2.... 683 2 601650 % 101470 # 65

916 2 00 for the day's run at Chicago fell short. This fact, combined with the very good demand, rendered the market good, and strong, and

remotered the market good, and strong and active.

Heavy loads weighing 200 pounds and over sold at \$1.275-2.275, as against \$1.25-2.275 on Saturday, but practically all of them brought \$1.20 today, while on Saturday over half of them sold at \$1.25-2.275.

Light loads sold at \$1.275-2.45, while the top on Saturday was \$3.475. The average of all the sales was 25% higher than Saturday, this being the seventh day in succession that the market has shown an advance.

The market was active at prevailing prices

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Prices of Cattle Are Stronger and in Some Cases Higher. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Offerings of cattle were taken today at steady to stronger prices, good fat cattle selling in most instances at least a \$4.40 to \$5.10, common lots going to dressed beef concerns around \$2.70 and \$4, while fancy

beef concerns around \$2.70 and 14. while fancy cattle were strong at from \$1.20 to \$5.50. Exporters were buyers around \$4.75 and \$5.10. The stocker and feeder trade was fairly good at from \$4 to \$4.25, and cows, helfers and bulls were fairly active and steady.

In hogs western shippers made very moderate purchases, but local packers bought freely and prices ruled strong at about last Saturday's figures. Hears sold largely at from \$3.40 to \$5.50, coarse heavy packers selling at from \$2.50 to \$2.55. Pigs sold chiefly at from \$1.25 to \$2.55. Pigs sold chiefly at from \$1.25 to \$2.55. There was a very good demand for sheep and lambs and prices were steady for destrable offerings, sheep being wanted at from \$2.50 to \$2.55. Figs sold chiefly at from \$4.75 to \$4.00 to \$4.50. Western fed sheep were in good demand at from \$2.75 to \$4.40 and heavy export sheep were dull at from \$4.15 to \$4.50. Its \$4.50 to \$4.50 to \$4.50 to \$4.50. Its \$4.50 to \$4.50 to \$6.50 to \$4.50 to \$4.50 to \$6.50 to \$

New York Live Stock.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—BEEVES—Receipts, 1.413 head; steers and owen, active and higher;
huils casier; ary cows, generally steady, native steers, 14.5925.06; stags and owen, 12.750
4.50; bulls, 12.7592.25; dry cows, 11.5092.45; Cables quote American steers at 105.0311/c; refrigeratur beef, 54.685.c; no exports.
CALVES—Receipts, 316 head; veals, 4/c higher;
grassers, lower; veals, 55.0025.50; grassers, 51.00
62.25; western, 42.9064.70.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 6,625 head;
cheep, firm; lambs, 4/c higher; sheep, 51.0024.50;
tambs, 56.0006.67%;
HOGS—Receipts, 14,194 head; firm at \$2.652
1.50.

Cincinnati Live Stock CINCINNATI. Dec. 20.—HOGS—Active and trong at \$1.062.55. CATTLE—Steady at \$2.2565.10.

Indianapolis Live Stock.
INDIANAPOLIS. Ind., Dec. 29.—CATTLE—
Receipts light; shipments, none; few fresh arrivals of cattle and all sold; good to prime

steers. M.S.G.C.; fair to medium steers, 14.789
£49; common to good stockers, 15.7893.18.
HOMES Receipts, £500 head; shipments, L.890
head; market active and Fig. lower; good to
choice medium and heavy. H. 1893.50; mixed and
heavy E. 1002.25; common lights, 22.893.10;
SHEEP Receipts, light; shipments, n.50; mark
het quotably steady; good to choice lambs, E. 25
gi.T.; common to medium lambs, E. 2595.17;
common sheep, E. 2592.75.

St. Louis Live Stock. strong for matives, with the best grades a shade higher within the image. Texans steady and slow. Fair to hance mative shipping and expent steers, 14.2866.25; balk of sales, 2.5661.79; dressed beef and butchers steers, 2.5661.79; bulk of sales 2.5661.79; canning cows, 31.2662.49; bulk of cows, 31.562.25; higher and helfers, 32.2662.40; beery, 31.2662.40; bead; shipments, 2.569; bead; market steedy: light, 31.2662.39; mixed, 32.2662.40; beavy, 31.4662.36; shipments, 2.9664.79; cuits and bucks, 31.7525.25; lambs, 35.00 ps.09.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO. Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Steady; choice shipping, M.GGS.80; medium to beavy, M.5094.50; coarse rough, M.7594.50; choice fat before, M.0094.50; mixed burchers stock, M.4094.00; fat cows, M.5095.50; mixed burchers stock, M.4095. Good to choice Yorkers, S.609; light Yorkers, M.6093.60; mixed packers grades, M.5091.50; medium weights and heavy, M.50; roughs, M.5091.50; medium weights and heavy, M.50; roughs, M.5091.50; medium weights and heavy, M.50; roughs, M.5091.50; medium weights and heavy, M.5093.75.

LAMBS—Yearlings, whose to prime, M.7505.00; fair to good, M.5094.85; culls, M.5094.80; matives, choice to extra, M.5094.80; culls, M.5094.80.

SHEEP—Choice to selected wethers, M.5094.80; mixed, M.5094.50; culls, M.5094.75.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

4.90. Texas cows, \$2.25673.09; native steers, \$2.5067 5.00; native cows and helfers, \$1.3064.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.8064.50; bulls, \$2.7563.00; HOGS-Receipts, 7.000 head; market steady; bulk of sales, \$5.3562.45; heavies, \$3.3067.475; lights, packers, \$3.3067.45; mixed, \$7.3067.475; lights, \$1.2563.40; yorkers, \$5.3565.47; pigs, \$3.5068.75; SHEEP-Receipts, \$5.00 head; market steady; lambs, \$3.8065.25; muttons, \$2.5064.40. Louisville Live Stock. LOUISVILLE. Ky., Dec. 20 -- CATTLE-Re-celpts, 969 head; market active and prices steady to strong.

o strong. HOGS-Receipts, 6,622 head; market steady at aturday's close; tops selling at 13,45 pigs, dul at \$1.75(2.20).
SHBEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 216 head, market steady and prives unchanged. Stock in Sight.

| Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for December 28: Cattle Hogs Sheep. Omaha STI 4.84 1.31 Chicago 11.000 27.000 21.00 Example Chicago 1.000 27.000 21.00 Example Chicago 4.000 6.600 800 St. Louis 4.000 6.600 800 New York Dry Goods Market.

European Crop Prospects. European Crop Prospects.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Mark Lane Express, reviewing the crop prospect, sf7x:

The English wheat fields have a satisfactory appearance and those of France are now regarded as favorable, but it is doubted if the acreage will be us large as a year ago. The Italian nersuge will probably be increased, as the whole autumn has been favorable to sowing. The news from Italian wires. Mildness is reported in the Black sea littoral and snow in the streater portion of the empire. Ereafer portion of the empire.

The stocks awaiting export in Russian ports amount to 1,52,000 quarters, expinst 2,52,000 quarters a year ago, a suggestion that the recent Russian shipments were beavier than the reserves justified.

DUSTLESS BUILDINGS.

Plans for Remedying One of the Discomforts of Skyscrapers.
C. J. Woodbury says in the Globe-Democrat that while we are progressing fairly buildings, we have somewhat further to go in sanitary science before we reach the ideal indoor atmosphere. Mr. Woodbury points out that the constantly increasing height of office buildings, while bringing their upper occupants relief from the noise of the streets and gaving them the comfort of transacting their business above the fiv well in the matter of ventilating our large transacting their business above the ny transacting their business above the ny elt, which is as well defined as the snow-elt, which wountain, also exposes them and ventilating such a building is by means of a blast of air drawn down a flue, warmed and forced through the building in such quantities that four times the volume of the building is frequently circulated through the rooms each hour. Although this method of heating is more efficient than direct radiation in rooms, is less expensive and affords the sanitary requisite of ventilation without cold drafts, it distributes large amounts of dust through the building. In a city using bituminous coal there is a fine impalpable carbon deposit, which is especially objectionable, spoiling or clorging drawings, books and delicate mechanisms, and producing tenacious smudges whenever it is touched. This dust is not only disagreeable, but an undesirable substance to take into the lungs, Mr. Woodbury's plan for removing it from the air is to use cotten cloth filters, so arranged that the air shall approach the fabric at an acute angle. The momentum thus carries the dust beyond a point where the air passes through the filter. The dust particles are found to have a tendency to glance off and be carried to the bottom of the filter, rather than to clog the interstices in the fabric. A successful trial of this method was made in a building of nearly 500,000 cubic feet capacity, through which 25,000 cubic feet per minute was usually blown for heating and ventilation. The outside air used for the purpose was drawn down a flue thirty-seven square feet in cross section, and reached a velocity of 700 feet per minute. From half a peck to a peck of dirt per month was gathered from the filtering bags. The efficiency of the device was tested by placing freshly painted boards at the bottom of the flue before the installation of the apparatus, and then giving another coat of paint after the device was in service. In the first instance, the fresh paint collected fine dust until it resembled fine sandpaper, and in the second, the paint dried into a smooth surface.

sandpaper, and in the second into a smooth surface,

Washington Star: "It is a great pleasure," said a congressman, as he beamed over the big bunch of flowers on his desibe remembered by one's constituents i this manner."
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always convenient brick to throw at a
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dixit."
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IN THE DEED, NOT THE ARTICLE.

It is the Spirit Typified that Glorifles the Christmas Gift. Replying to a letter of inquiry as to the most appropriate holiday gift for a young woman, the New York Sun gives this sensible

advice:

woman, the New York Sun gives this sensible advice:

The multitude of gifts proper for Christmas is endless in variety, and, happily, it includes numberless articles whose princes are within the means of every giver, no matter how light his purse. The cheapness of many really beautiful manufactures is amazing. Our friend, however, it is evident, desires that his gift shall represent and signify in its importance and appropriateness the great depth of his affection and sympathy for the woman of whom he is chamored. Most of all, he wishes that it should touch her heart and reveal to hen the richness of his sentiment toward her. But magnitude in the gift is not requisite for that purpose. It is the giving rather than the mere material form of the gift which expresses that feeling. The gift is only the outward and visible sign; the emotion that prompts the giving is the inward and spiritual grace.

Hence it is not of much matter what the gift is, so long as he gives it and she accepts it as a revelation of that gift. If it is possible for him to discover what she desires particularly, that will be an appropriate gift, but so also will any gift be appropriate gift, but so also will any gift be appropriate. It is not the gold in the wedding ring which makes the matron cherish it through life with an almost superstitious regard, but the marriage it typifes and symbolizes. The veriest trifle may be enriched beyond price by the inward grace of which it is the outward expression. Diamonds and rubles can tell no more of that spiritual sentiment than the cheapest article at the bargain counter. The two have no relation. The only value worth consideration is in the feeling.

Great complaint is made of the unequal distribution of the blessing of all. Affection is independent of poverty or riches; it bears no relation to material electimatiances. Everybody gets of it the full share, he deserves, since the blessing to all the girt will be glorined by the affection it symbolizes and to which it appeals.

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