HOLIDAY QUIET APPROACHES

Business Feels the Influence of the Christmas

INTRINSIC FIRMNESS, HOWEVER, IS SHOWN

President's Message Wisely Devoid of Radical Elements and So Does Not Affect Business Circles-Foreign Trade Balance Encouraging.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Henry Clews, head of the banking house of Henry Clews & Co., writes of the situation on Wall street

As December advances the duliness in Wall street usually incident to that month becomes more apparent. Holiday interruptions, the making up of yearly accounts, the settlement of annual balances and the reservation of operations for the January disbursement of earnings upon investments

each has its influence at the moment in
postponing transactions. At present, therefore, and perhaps until the close upon the end of the month, business may be expected to remain quiet. There is, however, a very general feeling that, under the favorable conditions now existing in business at large and in all sections of the country, there should be a very active market at the opening of the new year and a consequent rise in prices; and it is not impossible that, in yiew of the intrinsic firmness of the market and the smallness of the chances of any recession of prices, there may be some free buying later in this month in antici-pation of a probable rise in prices in Jau-uary. In any case there is nothing that can be construed into an argument for selling; and, upon the whole, the probabilities seem to favor the prospect of at least a moderate buying movement for the remainder of this

week was made important by the The week was made important by the virtual completion of the peace treaty with spain, which yields to the United States the concessions so brilliantly won in our contest on land and water. Spain made the best struggle it could, but had finally to yield to the inevitable. It has now met the same fate in the diplomatic encounter at Paris. This happy result consigns the American-Spanish war to history, making a proud record for this county, but a very sad one

for Spain.

Another important event was the meeting of congress, which brought out the presidents' message, which was certainly, to say the least, a very conservative document. It was wisely devoid of all spread-eagleism. It was simply a narrative of what had occurred between the adjournment of the last congress and the meeting of the present one—a most historical and eventful period. Wall street was not sensationally affected. wall street was not sensationally affected by either of these two important matters, due to the fact that as usual the full effects of both had been artificiated. of both had been anticipated and discounted

Bright Outlook for New Year. Bright Outlook for New Year.

The new year now near at hand will present a more brilliant outlook than almost any previous one. The disbursements for interest and dividends will aggregate larger than ever before. Railroad earnings, judging from the amount of material in sight waiting to be moved, will be equally encouraging. The prospective continued ease in the money market is also a factor of no small dimensions. If there was ever a genuine reason for a January rise in the stock market it is reasonable to expect its adventat the opening of the new year. It is at the opening of the new year. It is true that a good many stocks have already screethat a good many stocks have already scored a large advance: but as during the depression which prevailed for several years it was very evident that prices receded much below intrinsic values, now, with the reverse conditions which confront us, prices are not unlikely to reach figures before the end comes as much too high as they were too low during our mercentile and financial

are not unlikely to reach figures before the end comes as much too high as they were too low during our mercantile and financial dark age period from March, 1892, to 1896.

In taking a view of the situation, our foreign trade balance—which is constantly increasing—must not be lost sight of, as it is the most remarkable showing ever made by any country. Its total for three years up to date will be, including the net exports of silver, about \$978,000,000; deducting from which the net imports of gold, \$156,000,000, and \$500,000,000 for debtor items, other than ascurities, outside of the trade movement, we should have a net balance now in our favor of about \$320,000,000.

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This has been offset, however, in a measure, by our purchase of securities from Euare, by our purchase of securities from Europe during the three years; but exactly to
what extent it is impossible to say. It is
perhaps quite safe to say that the net import of securities does not suffice to offset
the credit balance of \$320,000,000 by a considerable sum; so that Europe is probably
atil materially in debt to the United States;
and the indebtedness due us from abroad
gives this country a call on Europe for more
gold than they can spare without inconvonience. When our securities are degives this country a call on Europe for more gold than they can spare without inconvenience. When our securities are depressed they were returned to us from abroad in large quantities instead of sending us gold, and now the floating supply of our bonds and stocks on the other side in the tands of people willing to part with them is comparatively small. With the improved condition of affairs on this side and the prestige and high credit which this country flow possesses with foreigners, those who hold American recurities are not likely to sell them. It is therefore not going to be so easy in the future for nations in debt to this country to liquidate their obligations excepting through gold payments. This gives this country the option of letting this indebtedness remain at European centers at high rates of interest or of drawing the yellow metal from them at any time it may low metal from them at any time it may desirable to do so. We certainly have now, and will have for some time to come, the call on Europe. They not only appreciate our securities and want to keep what they have, but they want to hold the gold which they owe us, too. We are in a position, therefore, to say to them, "You must either pay us so much interest on what you owe us, or else settle up." Banks Reduce Interest Rate.

The movement among the savings banks or reduce their rate of interest on deposits attention as a factor bearupon the value of securities. In recent s their interest allowance has averaged years their interest allowance has averaged 4 to 4½ per cent. It is now proposed to reduce the rate to 3½ per cent, which would represent a cutting down of fully one-eighth, or 12½ per cent, in the interest earnings of these institutions. The proposition is marked by evidence of the tendency toward a decline in the earnings of capital, which has been long evident in the interest rate of the national banks, as well as in real has been long evident in the interest rate of the national banks, as well as in real estate mortgages and new issues of raliroad bonds. The significance of this tendency to the stock market is very evident. For, so far as the rate of interest is reduced, the relative value of the principal is increased; and thus stocks having a fixed dividend rate, of say 4 or 5 per cent, bring a higher price just in proportion as the difference between their rate and the current average interest rate widens. Besides, a reduction in the interest return of any given investment has a tendency to induce the holder to realize upon his security and invest in something that yields a better result; and so it happens that railroad stocks are the principal available resource for making such reinvestments. Upon the same principale we find the current demand for railroad mortgages running largely upon a grade of ple we find the current demand for railroad mortgages running largely upon a grade of 4 per cent bonds selling at from 10 to 20 points below par. This drift of reinvestment has already reached a point at which it must sell favorably upon the value of stock issues and I look for its results in the future course of the market.

LONDON MONEY MARKET REVIEW.

Foreign Securities Lower, Owing to Lack of Continental Support. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Business on the stock exchange generally has dwindled. Most of the gilt-edge home and foreign securities are lower, owing to the absence of continental support.

nental support.

American railway securities have dis-American railway securities have displayed the principal activity during the last few days, but even here prices were irregular in the early part of the week just passed, although they closed strong and better all around, under the lead of St. Paul. 14 points; Wabash preferred, 14 points; Wabash preferred, 14 points; Wabash preferred, 14 points; Wabash predujuments, 1 point; Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Agustuments, 1 point; Atchison, Topeka &

point; Reading ordinary, ¼ point; Union Pa-cific, ¾ point; Union Pacific preferred, ¼ point; Denver & Rio Grande, ¼ point; New York Centra: & Hudson River, & point; New York Centra: & Hudson River, & point; Erie, & point: Erie first preferred, & point; Norfolk & Western preferred, & point; Nor-folk & Western ordinary, & point; Missouri, Kansas & Texas, & point; New York, On-tario & Western, & point; Southern, & point;

Money was unsettled, the rate until Mon-day being 2 per cent, while three months' bills commanded from 3 3-16 to 3¼ per cent. CONDITION OF NEW YORK BANKS. Expansion of \$1,561,900 in Lonus and \$7,262,200 in Deposits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Financier

says:

The statement of the New York clearing house bank for the week indicates an expansion of \$4,561,900 in loans and \$7,262,200 in deposits. The increase in liabilities, however, as shown in the latter item, makes but little change in the total of the banks' reserves, the decrease amounting to about one-third of \$1,000,000.

It is evident that the loans have gone to swell banking credits and, incidentally, deposits, the gain in cash partly making up

G1.40.
POTATOES—Choice stock, 45@50c; sacked, 45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., \$2.50.
CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 114c.
CELERY—Per bunch, 25@30c; Colorado

TROPICAL FRUITS. TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

ORANGES—Mexicans, \$4.00; small sizes, \$4.75; Navels, fancy rose brand, \$4.00@4.25; Redland, choice, \$3.75@4.00; seedlings, \$3.50.

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

celery, 35/440c.

FRUITS.

APPLES-Western Be., Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl., \$3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., \$3.75/14.00.

PEARS-Bartlett, California, out of the market: other varieties, \$2.25.

STRAWBERRIES-Per box, 30c.
GRAPES-Maiaga, per bbl., \$7.50@8.50; Catawbas, per basket, 18c.
CRANBERRIES-Bell & Bugles, per bbl., \$7.50; Jersey, \$6.50; per crate, \$2.25.

QUINCES-Per box, \$2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

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MISCELLANEOUS.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—Trees. 4-5 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 7-9 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 8-11 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 7-9 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 8-11 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 8-12 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 8-13 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 8-16 feet, per doz., \$2.50; manualler governments, in colis of 20 yards, per coll. \$1; holly branches, in cases \$2.224 feet, about 90 lbs., \$4.50; in bbis., per bbl., \$2; wreathes crosses and horseshoes, per doz., \$1.50; long needle pines. \$1 to \$5 feet long, per doz., \$3.50; mistletoe, in boxes of about 25 lbs., per box., \$3.75; in smaller quantities, per lb., 20c.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., \$610c; English walnuts, \$620c.

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

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

HONEY—Choice white, \$124613c.

DATES—Hallowee, \$60 to 70-lb. boxes, \$620c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., \$3.0063.15.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., \$2.00.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides 70; No. 2 green

BAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., \$2.00.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 84c; No. 2 salted hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 84c; No. 2 salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., loc; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 bs., &c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2 24c; reugh tallow, 14c; white grease, 24c3c; yellow and brown grease, 14c3c24c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15c6 f5c; green salted shearings (short wooled carly skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansus and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4d5c; dry flint, Kansus and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4d5c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3d4c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4d5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3d4c; dry flint, Colorado furrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3d4c, fURS—Mink, 10d75c; bear (black or brown), \$5.00d20.00; otter, \$1.50d8.00; beaver, \$1.06d6.00; skunk, 15d56c; muskrat, 3d7c; raccoon, 15d50c; red fox, \$25cd32.50; wolf (prairie), coyote, 10d50c; wildcat, 10dg25c; badger, 5d40c; silver fox, \$50.00d75.00.

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KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—

Steady; No. 1 hard, 61½@62c; No. 2 60½@62c; No. 3 581½@60½@c; No. 2 red, 67½c; No. 3 56056c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 30½@30½c; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 30c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 27½@28½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 48c.

HAY—Lower; choice timothy, \$7.0c; choice prairie. 36.7507.00.

BUTTER—Steady; separator, 19c; dairy, 16c.

Gsc bid; receipts, 112,812 bu.; exports, 82 276 bu.; southern wheat by tample, 67471 c; southern on grade, 684,47,14c.

CORN-Strong; spot and month, 294,46 39 3-8c; December, new or old, 384,6738 7-8c; camer mixed, 351,635 3-8c; receipts, 172,-451 bu.; exports, 206 230 bu.; southern white corn, 267,66; southern yellow, 35-46,534c.

OATS-Dull; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 2 mixed, 310,32c; receipts, 2,198 bu.; exports, none.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. entures of the Trading and Closing

Prices on Saturday. CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Wheat today ruled firm and closed at an advance of 3-8c for May and 1/2c for December. The continued shipping out by all rail of wheat delivered on December contracts and evidence of a lecrease of farmers' deliveries in the northwest made shorts uneasy and caused a more active demand. Corn and oats were firm without any noteworthy changes in prices. Provisions were strong and advanced 1400

ever; as shown in the latter item, makes but little change in the total of the banks' reserves, the decrease amounting to about one-third of \$1,000,000.

It is evident that the loans have gone to swell banking credits and, incidentally, deposits, the gain in cash partly making up for the discrepancy between the two items. The net increase in cash, in fact, very nearly supplied the added reserve requirement and the statement is favorable from a banking standpoint, in that use has been found for all the money which came into the institution last week.

As an exemplification of the theory of banking operation outlined by the secretary of the treasury in his annual report last week, the current exhibit of the banks is peculiarly to the point. In detail the statement presents nothing that throws light on the current situation. The expansion in loans can be traced to three or four of the larger banks and gains in deposits have been limited for the most part to about the same.

Provisions were strong and advanced 140 in the banks is the total of the banks; and the banks is some to period a divanced 140 in the banks is some and the statement is favorable from a great deal in the statement is favorable from a time. Besides the Liverpool market, which showed a closing decline of about the wakness of the foreign market was rather unexpected and held buying in check for a time. Besides the Liverpool decline bears had to comfort them a very limited export demand at the seaport. Advices from the northwest, however, were practically unanimous in claiming that farmers' deliveries in that section were some grounds for the claims was some grounds for t

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ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments
Flour, bbls Wheat, bu Corn, bu	33,000	30.00
Wheat, bu	175,000	83,00
Corn, bu	319,000	291,000
Oats, bu	467,000	231.000
Oats, bu	40,000 94,000	107,000

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash. 63½c; December, 641-8c; May, 65%c bid; No. 1 northern, cash. 625-8c bid; December, 621-8c; May, 64%c bid; No. 2 northern, 585-8c; No. 2 spring, 555-8c. To arrive: No. 1 hard. 655-8c; No. 1 northern, 625-8c; receipts, 391,900 bu.; shipments, 469,400 bu. OATS—26%627c.

RYE—50c.

BARLEY—36642c.
FLAX—\$1.01%; December, \$1.01; May, \$1.054.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

Cattle Trade Closes the Week in Very Good

LIGHT RECEIPTS AND GOOD DEMAND

Business Generally Satisfactory and Experience | Uneventful-Another Stiff Run of Hogs Finds Request Equal to Supply.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 10. Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.
818 10,569 1,459
1,739 2,235 2,627
1,659 8,759 2,920
2,831 14,444 1,171
1,941 12,495 3,065
2,192 9,329 1,096 .11,180 58,031 14,941 44,163 11,207 46,820 .15,767 50,277 14,322 39,670 Average price paid for hogs for the last several days, with comparisons:

| 1898 | 1897 | 1896 | 1896 | 1897 | 1896 | 1897 | 1896 | 1897 | 1896 | 1897 | 1896 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 | 1897 |

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET Ordinary Cattle Prices Unchanged— Hogs Five Cents Up. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 10.—CATTLE—Re-ceipts, 250 head. Prices unchanged. Improved demand this week for fancy dressed beef steer and butcher stock advanced

as this day last week. Heavy, \$3.2543.40; mixed, \$3.2643.35; lights, \$3.1543.30.

SHIEEP—Receipts, 100 head. Prices unchanged. Supply this week of good slaughtering stock not equal to demands; most desirable lambs selling 25c higher. Good mutton grades, active at from steady to shade higher prices. Cold weather checked the demand for stockers and feeders, the best bunches selling about steady. Common lots slow and lower. Lambs, \$5.0025,500; muttons, \$3.504.25; feeding sheep, \$3.2543.80; stockers, \$2.5043.50. CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Good Sale for Beeves, Hogs Steady Successors Wilson & Drake.

Manufacturers boilers, smoke stacks and breechings, pressure, rendering, sheep dip, lard and water tanks, boiler tubes constantly on hand, second hand boilers bought and sold. Special and prompt to repairs in city or country. 19th and Pierce. and Sheep Nominal.
CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—The cattle market today was little more than a nominal one.
Very few lots were offered and they were disposed of at prices unchanged from yesterday. The week has been a good one for

disposed of at prices unchanged from yesterday. The week has been a good one for sellers of well fattened beeves, holiday cattle bringing high prices. But receipts of half-fat cattle have been much too large and prices for such lots have declined sharply. The market as a whole closed in fairly good condition.

There was a good demand for hogs from Chicago packers and prices ruled steady, with sales at \$3.2073.40 for common to choice light and \$3.2573.45 for poor to prime heavy weights, the bulk of the hogs selling at \$3.32\frac{1}{2}3.37\frac{1}{2}\$. The best hogs sold 2\frac{1}{2}c lower than a week ago. Most of the pigs sold at \$3.1503.30.

Receipts of sheep and lambs were very light and the market in consequence was almost nominal. Lambs were quoted at \$3.5075.30 for inferior to prime flocks. Yearlings sold at \$4.0074.65 and sheep at \$2.0074.30, few going over \$4.10.

Receipts: Cattle, 100 head; hogs, 28,000 head; sheep, 5,000 head.

St. Louis Live Stock.

Shipments, 1,100 head, Market steady to firm for choice to extra native steers; others lower and Texans 15c off for the week; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, 34.2505.40, bulk of fancy native shipping and export steers, 34.2505.40, bulk of sales, \$4.1504.75; steers, under 1,00 lbs., \$3.00 g4.25, bulk of sales, \$3.5063.35; stockers and feeders, \$2.2564.45, bulk of sales, \$2.9074.00; cows and helfers, \$2.20674.25, bulk of cows, \$2.2563.30; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.50g 4.25, bulk of sales, \$3.80g4.20; cows and helfers, \$2.3563.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 5.000 head; shipments, \$00 head. Market strong; yorkers, \$3.1560 2.30; packers, \$3.30g3.40; butcher, \$3.3563.45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, none. Market dull, steady; native muttons, \$4.0064.10; culls and bucks, \$3.7563.60; stockers, \$1,8062.50; lambs, \$4.0065.50.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—BEEVES—Receipts, 115 head; no trading; feeling easy; cables unchanged; exports, 83 cattle, 50 sheep and 4,670 quarters of beef; calves, receipts, 616 head, mainly direct; feeling steady; veals, \$5.0065.75; common westerns, \$2.50. \$2.50. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,134 head; sheep steady; lambs, \$5.45@5.90; sheep, \$3.00@4.50; bulls; \$2.00@2.50. HOGS—Receipts, 1,224 head; nominally firm at \$3.60@3.75.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,100 head. Market nominal;
natives, \$3,75@5.10; Texans and westerns,
\$2,75@4.60; cows and heifers, \$1.60@4.20;
stockers and feeders, \$2,40@4.10,
HOGS—Receipts, 3,700 head. Market active and 5c higher, selling at \$3.25@3.40, bulk
at \$3.274@3.35.
SHEEP—Receipts, none. Strong demand
for killers.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—HOGS—Active, steady; \$2.90\;\text{32.50}\text{32.50\;\text{4.75}\text{5.}} CATTLE—Steady; \$2.50\;\text{4.75}\text{5.} SHEEP—Steady; \$2.25\;\text{64.00}\text{.}

Following are the receipts at the four principal markets for December 10:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

Omaha 813 10.569 1,459
Chicago 100 28.000 5,000
Kansas City 250 7,050 100
Bt. Louis 600 5,000 100 Totals 1,763 50,619 6,669 & P. WELLER, V. Prest.

Minneapolis Wheat Market. Minneapolis Wheat Market.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—
Strong; December, 624c; May, 634263 3-8c; on track, No. 1 hard, 64c; No. 1 northern, 63c; No. 2 northern, 61c.
FLOUR—Millers have done a suitable business in flour during the last week. Foreign and domestic buying had been good and millers have sold their output and more; first patents, \$3.563.65; second patents, \$3.563.45; first clears, \$2.602.70.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO. Dec. 10.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 cash and December, 62½c; May, 69 3-8c.

CORN—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 344c. OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, cash and May, 27c.

Liverpool Grain Market. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—Quiet, unchanged to 4d lower; December, 5s 94d; March, 5s 84d; May, nomma.
CORN—Quiet and unchanged; December, 5s 8 8-8d; March, 3s 34d; May, nominal.

Milwaukee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 1 northern, 86c; No. 2 northern, 64½c. RYE—Firm; No. 1, 53@53½c. BARLEY—Lower; No. 2, 48@48½c; sample, 41@48½c.

Peoria Market. PEORIA, Dec. 10 .- CORN-Steady; No. 2 3¼c. OATS—Quiet, irregular; No. 3, 25¼@25¼c. WHISKY—Firm at \$1.26. TOLD OF LITTLE WILHELMINA.

How the Queen of Holland When Child Saved a Servant. Dr. Kuyper of Holland, upon his recent visit to Rochester, N. Y., related an inter-esting story connected with the early life of the young Queen Wilhelmina, which is significant as illustrating the character of

the queen. It occurred when she was not more than 7 years old. Her father, the late king, was presented with a beautiful and very choice set of cups and saucers and so highly did he prize the gift that he solemnly impressed upon his servants and the members of his household that if the pieces were destroyed or injured in any way the unfortunate person responsible for the accident should be severely punished. It happened that some time later a footman, in carrying the dishes from the room in which he had been serving, accidentally broke one of the cups. He was horrified and filled with grief at the misfortune, which he knew would cost him his position and his home.

Happening at that moment to meet the little princess, he said to her with sobs: "Goodbye, I have got to go. I have broken one of the cups." The little lady expressed her regret and asked why, and the footman explained to her the decree of the king. The princess became thoughtful and finally

"I will help you out of this trouble and I'll tell you what to do. You get some give and fasten the pieces together and tomorrow you bring the cup to me filled with tea, but be sure it is cold tea, and I will see what I can do about it."

The footman, much relieved, obeyed the

little princess and the following evening the footman handed her the cup of cold tea. In a moment she managed to let it fall. The cup of course broke into a thousand pleces. The king was furiously angry. Little Wilhelmina ran to him and, throwing her arms around his neck, said: "Goodby, father, I am going." "What do you mean?" asked the king, perplexed. "Why, you said the first person who

broke one of these cups was to be banished, so I am going." At this the king, who worshiped his little daughter, took her in his arms and forgave her and he never knew that the child had committed the act to save the footman.

Kansas City Journal: What is probably one of the most remarkable accidents on record is back of the suit of William Henderson against the city for \$15,000 damages, which is on trial in Judge Gates' court. Last summer Fred Erickson was wiping the pistonrod of one of the big engines at the Turkey Creek pumping station of the city water works. His hand was caught by the drving wheel and his arm torn off. Assistant Police Surgeon Pierce was at once summoned and after he had hastily dressed the wounded arm inquired into the cause of the accident.

William Henderson, a young man who helped about the engines, stepped up to the pistonrod and said:

"I'll show you just how it happened."

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