COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Profit Grabbing in Trading in All Lines. Causes Moderate Decline.

PROVISIONS OPEN STRONG AND CLOSE WEAK

Wheat Drops Off Fourth of a Cent. Corn Half a Cent and Provisions from Five to Fifteen Cents Late in the Day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A general desire to take profits today marked trading in all the grain and provision markets, and moderate declines in everything resulted. The country was especially active in the liquidation. Wheat declined %c, corn %25-5c and oats closed a shade lower. Provisions declined 5615c.

For the first fifteen or twenty minutes of trading in wheat it looked as if the market was in for a wild day of it. The bull sentiment carried over from yesterday was augmented by sharp early advances in the Liverpool and Paris markets, which caused shorts some anxiety and drove hesitating bulls to action. The result was a regular scramble for wheat at the opening, with initial prices varying considerably. May started at 71271%c. or 3-826-8c over yesterday's closing price. But 'wise' dealers, who had been accumulating wheat for ever two weeks for just such a demand, poured in such quantities of the cereal that the market, after fluctuating for a few minbulls to action. The result was a regular scramble for wheat at the opening, with initial prices varying considerably. May started at 712714c. or 3-826-8c over yesterday's closing price. But "wise" dealers, who had been accumulating wheat for over two weeks for just such a demand, poured in such quantities of the cereal that the market, after fluctuating for a few minutes between 71c and 70%c, broke with a crash, the May price being driven back to 70-3-82670½c, under the flood of offerings. During this decline, local holders did a great deal of liquidation, but most of the wheat came from the country. The heaviness of outside seiling in fact, was the chief source of weakness at the time, as it was thought to indicate heavier receipts in the near future. Later cables continued to show strength and early figures indicated a decrease in the world's visible. New York reported good continental acceptances of American wheat, but had a different story about the United Kingdom, bids from there being nearly out of line. Befere 10:30, this market had quieted down greatly. Liquidation became insignificant and traders who still had faith in higher prices bought enough to cause a gradual improvement in the price.

The visible figures proved a disappointment, showing a moderate increase, but the market was sustained by the huge clearances from Atlantic ports, amounting to 1,175,000 bu. Although prices fluctuated a good deal up to 12:30, the market rended generally in an upward direction. Northwest receipts were 567 cars, compared with \$19 last week, and 441 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 192 cars, fifteen of contract grade. Advices from Argentine were more favorable as regards crop conditions and said offerings were freer. In the last hour's trading the market again became weak, liquidation becoming heavy, partly under the data of the price of a late break in corn.

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Wheat. Dec May July	68% 716% 60	88% 71% 69%	6714 6914-70 6814	67%@% 70% 68%@%	68 70
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July	27 Mg	27%	2614	2614	
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Jan	5 525	5 624	15 40	5 40	\$ 45
May	5 75	5 75	5 65	8 65	\$ 70
Jan	5 02%	5 0214	4 9214	4 92%	5 00
May	5 25	5 2716	5 1215	5 12%	5 20

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipment
Flour, bbls	141,000	83.0 103.0
Corn, bu	348,000	146.0 326,6 9.0
On the Produce ter market was	exchange tod	lay the bu
20%c; dairies, 12%6 11c. Eggs, firm; f poultry, firm; turk	resh 23672314	quiet, 8%

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 63c, f. o. b., afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Steady.
WHEAT—Receipts, 522,775 bu.; exports, 508,858 bu.; spot easy; No. 2 red, 801-8c, f. o. b., afloat. Options at the opening firmer on cables immediately turned weak under heavy general realizing and were unsettled all today. Foreign news was firmer, clearances large and export trade active again between, but not until the last hour did it produce a steadying effect on prices and then for a brief period only, after which under renewed long selling the market broke again, closing irregular at 1-80 decline, except December, which on a late squeeze of shorts closed 4c higher. December, 75 11-160774c, closed at 76%c; March, 77%784c, closed at 77%c; May, 74 3-80754c, closed at 74%c.

CORN—Receipts, 325,650 bu.; exports, 270,000 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 45 1-8745 3-8c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened firmer on cables, only to develop a pronounced weakness under realizing, which lasted all day and left final prices 4263-8c net lower. December closed at 436-8c; May, 43 1-869 41-8c, closed at 636-8c; May, 63 1-869 41-8c, closed at 636-METALS—The metal market generally

continues to make long strides in the way of improvement in business and prices. The changes noted today were most gratifying to sellers, copper and tin in particular scoring further gains on urgent demand and light offerings. News from the mines was very encouraging and the general prospect is all that could be desired. The London market continues to show a ready response to changes here. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants firm at 17.50 nominal; lake copper, firmer with \$12.50 bid and \$18.70 asked; lead, firm with \$18.55 bid and \$18.70 asked; bad, firm with \$18

OMANA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on

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

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., \$2.50.

CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 14c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, \$4.00; choice,

\$2.75. ORANGES—Mexicans, \$3.50; Navels, fancy, \$3.75; choice, \$3.50; seedlings, \$3.00. BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, \$2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, \$1.75@2.00.

bunch, \$2.0062.25; medium sized bunches, \$1.7542.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Western Ben Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl., \$2.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., \$4.

PEARS—Bartlett, California, out of the market; other varisties, \$1.35.

ETRAWBERRIES—Fer box, 39c.

GRAPES—Malags. ser bbl., \$369.

CRANBERRIES—Bhl & Buries, per bbl., \$7.50; Jersey, \$6.266.50; per crate, \$2.35.

NUTS—Almonds, per bb., 17c: Brazils, per lb., 9610c: English walnuts, per lb., fance, seft shell, 12c; standards, 11c; clipats, par lb., 11c; pecans, polithes, 705c; coccandia, per 100, \$4.50; pesanuts, raw, 6674.5c; reasted, 7274c; chestnuts, \$69c.

MAPLE HYRUF—Five-gal. can, each, \$2.50; gal. cans, pure, per dox, \$12.00; hell-gal. cans, \$6.55; quart cans, \$150.

FI-18—Imported, none; California, 10-1b. boxes, \$1.50.

HONHY—Choice white, 124613c.

DATES—Hallewee, 60 to 70-1b, boxes, \$60.

CIDER—Per half bbl., \$3.0063.15.

SAUBRKRAUT—Fer half bbl., \$2.00.

HIDES, TALLOW, BTC.

| Compared by March 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 199

cars.
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Estimated cars fo tomorrow: Wheat, 122; corn, 430; cats, 165.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Receipts Wheat, 73 cars.
Receipts at Primary Markets—Wheat 824,023 bushels; corn, 729,650 bushels.

Cincinnati Market. CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Quiet, WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, 70c. CORN—Active and firm; No. 2 mixed, 38 OATS—Strong and higher; No. 2 mixed 284c.
RYE—Steady; No. 2, 57c.
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PROVISIONS—Lard, firm at \$5.174. Bul meats, firm at \$4.75. Bacon, steady at \$5.7 WHISKY—Firm and higher at \$1.27.
SUGAR—Quiet and lower; hard refine \$4.3565.15.
EGGS—Firm and higher at 21c.

Peoria Market.
PEORIA. Dec. 28.—CORN—Market first and higher; No. 2, 36% C.
OATS—Market firm; No. 2 white, 27% 28c. WHISKY—Market firm, on the basis \$1.27 for finished goods.

Philadelphia Produce Market. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 28.—BUTTER Steady; fancy western creamery, 22c; fanc western prints, 24c. EGGS—Steady; fresh nearby, 27c; fres southwestern, 25c; fresh southern, 25c. Kaneas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 22—WHEAT—Half
a cent higher; No. 2 hard, 6046554c; No. 2.

St. L. & S. P. 514 do 2d pid 154.

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Total sales of stock today were 512,700

BUTTER—Steady: creamery, 18@224/c;
dairy, 14@18c.
EIGGS—Steady at 19c.
WHISKY—Higher at \$1.27.
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3.70@3.724. Speiter, freely offered at \$4.80.
PROVISIONS—Pork, steady, old, \$9; new, \$10.124. Lard, quiet; prime, \$5.20; choice, \$6.30. Dry sait meats (boxed), shoulders, \$4.50; extra shorts, \$5; ribs, \$5.25; shorts, \$5.50. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, \$5.50; extra shorts, \$5.50; extra shorts, \$5.75; ehorts, \$5. extra shorts, \$5.60; ribs, \$5.75; shorts, \$5.70/14c; gease, 5@51/c; ducks, 5@5c.
RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls; wheat, 17,-800 bu; corn, 28,000 bu; cats, 46,000 bu.
SHIPMENTS—Flour, 15,000 bbls; wheat, 131,000 bu.; corn, 229,000 bu; cats, 46,000 bu. Baltimore Market.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—More delng: prices higher; receipts, 32,780 bbls.; exports, 2,713 bbls.

WHEAT—Quiet; spot, month and January, 7507514c; steamer No. 2 red, 7267214c; receipts, 68,223 bu.; exports, none; southern wheat, by sample, 72076c.

CORN—Unsettled; spot and month, 43466 43.7-8c; December, new or old, 431-804314c; steamer, 403-804014c; receipts, 214,265 bu.; exports, 111,430 bu.; southern white and yellow corn, 401464314c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 3814c bid; receipts, 15,330 bu.; exports, none. Toledo Market.

Toledo Market.

Toledo, O., Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Active and lower; No. 2, cash, 71%; May, 72%c. CORN—Active and easy; No. 2 mixed, 38c. OATS—Dell and steady; No. 2 mixed, 28%c. RYE—Dull; No. 2, cash, 55o sellers. CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, old, 24.36 asked; new, cash and December, 44.60.

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**S2f65c: No. 2 red. 70c; No. 3, 84g65c; No. 2

**spring S3f65c: No. 3, 350g64c.

**CORN—Firm: No. 2 mixed, 34½c; No. 2

**white, 34½c: No. 3, 350g.

**ATE—Steady: No. 3, 51½c.

**GATS—Steady: No. 2, 51½c.

**HAY—Steady: No. 2, 51½c.

**BUTTER—Steady: Roparator, 18c; dairy, 18c.

**St. Louis Market.

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Western, 12,410.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—MONEY ON CALL

Nominally 34,224 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3634/2

per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Market steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 24,844,644.844/2 for demand and at 44.814/2 and 4.851/4; commercial bills, 44.804/4 814/4 and 4.851/4; commercial bills, 44.804/4 814/4.

SILVER—Certificates, 594/4600/4c; bar silver, 594/c; Mexican dollars, 46%c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Market firmer; new 4s, reg., 1234/2; coupon, 1234/2; 4s, 1114/2; coupon, 1134/2; 2s, 994/2; 5s, reg., 112%; coupon, 1124/2; Pacific 6s of '99, 1027/4.

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Boston Stock Quotations. BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing questations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

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ale and Norcross 10 omestake5,000	Ophir Plymouth Quicks iver do pfd Sierra Nevada

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—COFFEE—Options opened steady at 5 points advance, ruled more active and generally firmer on investment buying and covering, European and Brazilian cables being less unfavorable than expected. Leading bears sold on the advance following increase in American visible, heavy clearances for this country and sluggish spot demand. Closed steady, unchanged to 5 points higher; sales, 28,750 bags, including December at \$5.55; January, \$5.50; February, \$5.60; March, \$5.75; April, \$5.80; May, \$5.85; June, \$6.90; July, \$5.90; \$5.85. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, \$6.75; No. 7, jobbing, \$7.25. Mild, quiet; Cordova, \$7.75@15.90.

Dividends Declared. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The directors of the Michigan Central railroad today declared the regular semi-annual dividend of per cent.

The directors of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad have declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent.

The directors of the American Tobacco company have declared a 2 per cent dividend on the common and preferred stocks. Wheat Clearings Break Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The clearances of 808,656 bu. of wheat from New York today break all records in the history of the Produce exchange. The wheat is destined for general distribution in Europe, including Mediterranean ports.

*Indicates Sunday. The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

Cattle Receipts Remarkably Light at the

Local Yards.

NICE PRICES FOR GOOD CORNFEDS

was active, they were all sold in good sea-son and at prices not materially different from yesterday. Medium to fair heifers are bringing about \$3.50@3.75, good cows \$3.25@3.65 and canners \$2.00@2.75. Bulls, stags, etc., were in fair demand at steady prices.

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In the feeder division there was very little doing for the very good reason that there was very little on sale. There is a moderate demand all the time and desirable kinds of feeders and stock cattle are bringing good prices. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr. 14. 888 \$4 15 18.1147 \$4 70 6.1203 \$4 85 20.1067 \$4 35 12.1150 \$4 75 24.1292 \$4 85 33.1177 \$4 50 20.1304 \$80 20.955 \$4 95 \$8.1040 \$4 60 1.1270 \$4 80 18.1247 \$5 15 21.1147 \$4 00 10.1211 \$4 80 20.1308 \$5 15 6.615 \$4 00 9.1220 \$4 80 36.1541 \$25 1.1300 \$4 65 STEERS AND HEIFERS.

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11 630 3 45 13. 960 3 90 17. 464 40
HOGS—The receipts of hogs were large this morning at this point and at all market points. Chicago reported 42.090 lead; Kansas City, 15.000 head; St. Joseph, 7.000 head, and St. Louis, 6.000 head. The size of the receipts, however, did not cut much figure in comparison to the sharp advance in the provision market yesterday and the situation was rather buillish. Buyers seemed to feel that the hogs were worth the money and the market opened 2½466 higher on heavy and mixed packers, but about steady and the market opened 2½466 higher on heavy and mixed packers, but about steady "n light loads. It was practically a \$3.5673.50 market, as against a 33.4063.50 market yesterday. Heavyand mixed hogs sold very largely at \$3.4523.47½, and good light at \$3.50. Under the influence of the good demand the hogs changed hands rapidly and the trade was decidedly active.

At one time, as some of the large packers appeared to be afraid that they would not get hogs enough to fill orders, the market got a little stronger and most anything would bring \$3.47½ and some prime light brought \$3.52½. Later trains came in heavily loaded, and as the Chicago provision market came lower, the hog trade case of and \$3.47½ and some prime light brought \$3.52½. Later trains came in heavily loaded, and as the Chicago provision market as a whole was in good condition and the most of the hogs sold in good season. The scales were crowded ali the forenon, the hogs sold in good season. The scales were coul

WAGON LOTS—PIGS.

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4. 280 3 45 5 265 3 45

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SHEEP—There were a few sheep and lambs in the yards and but few wanted. Such as the buyers happened to want they would pay steady prices for, but there was no life to the market and viewed from a soller's standpoint the situation is far from encouraging. As was remarked yesterday there is very little encouragement for a shipper to send in supplies and without exception commission men are advising their patrons to hold back until the eastern mutton market is cleared up and until packers show some little hunger after fresh supplies. Representative sales:

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Av. Pr. 5 native lambs 60 4 60

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easily disposed of at good prices. Com-moner grades changed hands at \$3.00@4.50; fairly good to strictly prime droves sciling

fairly good to strictly prime droves selling at \$5.00\text{25.70}; the greater part of the offerings sold at \$4.80\text{25.50}; fancy cattle were very nominal at \$5.76\text{26.00}; stockers and feeders were slow but steady at about unchanged prices; calves were scarce, best grades bringing \$5.00\text{27.00}.

Trade in hogs was active and prices averaged 5c higher; the Chicago packers did most of the buying, the bulk of sales being at \$3.50\text{23.70}; hogs sold at an extreme range of \$1.35\text{23.70}; hogs sold at an extreme range of \$1.35\text{23.70}; and most of the pigs sold at \$3.00\text{23.35}; the strong weights selling the highest.

There was not a very good demand for sheep and lambs, but prices were kept from weakening by continued light offerings; sheep sold at \$2.50\text{25.00}\$; 00 for the poorest to \$3.75\text{24.00}\$ for the choicest lots, the offerings being mostly fed westerns; few sold below \$3.50\text{25}; yearling sheep brought \$4.10\text{24.50}\$ and lambs sold at \$4.00\text{25.12}\$; largely at \$5.10\text{25}\$.

Receipts: Cattle, 12.000 head; hogs, \$4,000 head; sheep, 10,000 head.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Demand for Cattle Good, Hogs Scarce and Sheep Active.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,860 head natives, 1,090 head Texans. The demand was excellent, all grades selling active at steady to shade higher prices. Heavy native steers, \$5.10@5.30; medium, \$4.2565.10; lightweights, \$4.0005.00;

dium, \$4.2565.10; lightweights, \$4.0065.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.2564.45; butcher cows and heifers, \$2.7564.25; western steers, \$3.5064.55; Texas steers, \$3.7564.60; Texas butcher cows, \$2.7563.50; canning stock, \$2.2562.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 15.360 head. Although the offerings were liberal, they did not satisfy the demands and prices advanced from 5610c in consequence. Heavies \$3.5563.70; mixed, \$3.3063.62½; lights, \$3.2663.50; pigs, \$3.9063.10.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2.115 head; quality of supply very common; trading active at 10c higher prices; lambs, \$5.0065.50; muttons, \$3.7564.25; feeding lambs, \$3.5065.20; feeding sheep, \$3.2564.00; stockers, \$2.2563.50. St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,300 head, including 600 head Texans; shipments, 300 head; market steady but slow; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers. 34.2565.75, bulk of sales, 34.7565.40; dressed beef and butcher steers, 33.7565.25, bulk of sales, 34.566.25, bulk of sales, 34.566.25, bulk of sales, 33.3574.25; stockers and feeders, 32.4074.50, bulk of sales, 33.3574.25; stockers and feeders, 32.4074.50, bulk of sales, 32.3073.45; cows and heifers, 32.0064.40, bulk of heifers, 32.0074.90, bulk of cows, 32.2573.40; Texas and Indian steers, 33.5074.50; cows and heifers, 32.5073.50; HOGS—Receipts, 10.600 head; shipments, 500 head; market strong to 5c higher; pigs and lights, 32.3573.40; packers, 33.5073.55; butchers, 33.5073.70.

SHEEP—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 100 head; market steady; native muttons, 33.5074.00; lambs, 34.0075.80. New York Live Stock.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—BEEVES—Receipts, 331 head; market active and strong. Bulls and cows. 10@15c higher; steers, 34.50 @5.40; tops, \$5.90; good to extra oxen. \$5.00 @5.20; cows, poor to fair, \$2.00@3.40. Cables weak; exports today, 43 cattle, 70 sheep and 2.400 guarters of beef; estimated tomorrow, 13 cattle and 17 sheep.

CALVES—Receipts, 687 head. Good veals firm; others steady; poor to prime veals, 44.500, \$50 barnyard calves, \$3.50@3.55; westerns, \$4.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 6.564 head. Sheep dull and barely steady. Lambs steady to a shade lower. Poor to choice sheep, \$2.50@4.50; culls, \$2.20; lambs, \$5.2565.875, \$76; Canada lambs, \$5.53@5.65.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,284 head; nominal at \$3.60@3.85.

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active and steady to strong; natives, \$3.809 5.25; Texans and westerns, \$3.25@4.50; cows and heifers, \$1.75@4.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00\(\frac{1}{2}\). HOGS—Receipts, 7,100 head; market ac-tive and strong to 5c higher, selling from \$3.40\(\text{2}\). 80; bulk at \$3.45\(\text{2}\). 355. SHEEP—No receipts; demand strong for good killers.

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Reporter in its annual report, which comprises a survey of the wool situation in the United States in 1898 in all its features, will say:

To briefly summarize there are 279,319,017 pounds of wool in the United States outside of manufacturers' hands, against 223,719,294 pounds at the close of 1897. The amount in the three principal markets is 144,571,448 pounds, against 185,744,258 a year ago and 144,831,788 two years ago. It will be noted that while the stocks in the three leading markets are 14,182,550 pounds smaller than a year ago, the stocks throughout the entire country are 35,585,721 pounds larger. Wool has come forward from the west much more slowly than usual. This may be illustrated by the fact that the receipts of domestic wool this year at Boston have amounted to only 80,988,000 pounds, against 160,561,400 pounds in 1897, a failing off of practically 50 per cent. In fact the sales in Boston during 1897 were 15,540,489 pounds larger than the total receipts of both domestic and foreign. The sales in Boston were 141,132,510 pounds, against 361,532,100 pounds in the previous year. The sales in the three leading markets of the country were 230,486,335 pounds, against 527,066,374 in 1897. The sales in list three leading markets of the country were 230,486,335 pounds, against 527,066,374 in 1897. The sales in 1878 were the smallest so far during the last decade of the nine-teenth century. Except those for 1893, which amounted to only 199,504,333. The average weekly sales in the three leading markets were about 4,500,000 pounds, compared with over 10,009,000 pounds in 1897. Nominal quotations on wool were fairly well maintained during the larger part of the year. But in the last quarter there was a decline to a lower level, in which even foreign wools shared. At the opening of the year fine and fine medium territory was quoted on a clean basis of 50c, against 42743 at the close of December.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The American Wool and With fully as good a feeling as has been noticed for months. All eyes are now

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The general demand for cotton goods was quiet today, with buyers confining attention to operative requirements until after the new year. The tone continues quite strong and the upward tendency in prices unchecked. Print cloths are very strong, with wide odds at 3½c for 38½ inches 64 squares, and at 35-8c for 39 inches. There was no business in regulars. Woolen and worsted goods improved somewhat and some important lines are practically out of stock for the present season. Piece silks are firm and the tendency of the market favors higher prices.

Sugar Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—SUGARS—Quiet; open kettle, 26739-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 36-8641-16c; centrifugal granulated, 49-16645-8c; white 1466-8c; yellows, 4645-16c; seconds, 3637-8c.

MOLASSES—Steady; or kettle, 20632c; centrifugal, 7619c; syrup, 227c.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—BEET SUGAR—December, 4s 54d.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Raw, irregular; fair refining, 37-8c; centrifugal, 96 test, 43-8c; molasses sugar, 35-8c; refined, demoralised and tending downward.

Oil Market. CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Light Receipts of Cattle Result in a Strong Market.

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Minneapolis Wheat Market. Minneapolis Wheat Market.
MINNEAPOLIS. Dec. 28.—WHEAT—
Steady; May, 675-8c; on track, No. 1 hard,
67½c; No. 2 northern, 64½c.
FLOUR—Higher; first patents, \$3.8003.90;
second patents, \$3.6003.70; first clear, \$2.700
2.80.
BRAN—In bulk, lower, \$8.7509.25.

California Dried Fruits. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Generally steady. Evap-orated apples, common, 71498c; choice, 929 94c; fancy, 10c. Prunes, 52104c. Apricots, Moor Park, 13217c. Peaches, unpeeled, 110 114c; peeled, 19c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.
MILWAUKEE, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—44e higher; No. 1 northern, 684/469c; No. 2 northern, 676674/c.
RYE—Steady; No. 1, 544/46644c.
BARLEY—4/c higher; No. 2, 494/c; sample, 46649c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard
cash, 68%c; No. 1 northern cash, 66c; May, Merchants' Bean Club Notice.

A new rule has been adopted that no person can deposit more than three coupons with any one merchant on the same day.

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