FRACTIONAL DECLINES FOLLOW IN GRAIN

Data Close Unchanged and Provisions Show Strength All Day and Close Five to Fifteen Cents Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- On the hard spots wheat and corn were for sale today in onsiderable quantities. The result was decline of 1-8c in wheat and 1/2c in corn Oats closed unchanged. Provisions showed strength throughout and closed 5@15c

Wheat started weak, with seilers in a large majority. Liverpool showed a substantial decline and Berlin and Antwerp advices were to the effect that Argentine offerings were much freer and at lower orices than from America. This increased the general desire to realize and also er-couraged traders in a belief that the recent advance had been too fast. May opened 4.8@%c lower at 701-8@70%c, with a few wales as low as 70c. Northwestern receipts wales as low as 70c. Northwestern receipts were smaller than expected and this held back liquidation to some extent, but the selling pressure from local holders was too great for the market to stand up under, the recent heavy outside buying being conspleuously absent today. After advancing to 70½c the market broke to 69 7-8670c. For an hour the market kept within about 3-8c of that price, with trading much narrower than of late. Then evidences of renewed foreign demand, as shown by good export engagements at the seaboard, heavy cash demand here and at outside points and heavy clearances—1,097,000 bu.—started buying, which by 12:30 had carried the price back to 70½c. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 485 cars, compared with 753 last week and 583 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 910,000 bu. New York reported sixty loads taken for export. During the latter part of the session there was a good deal of selling to close accounts over the holidays, and although buying in general was very steady, there was enough liquidation to give the market a rather weak appearance during the last half hour's trading. May declined to 70½c and closed at that price.

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Oats were rather slow but steady. The export demand was good and receipts were light—167 cars. Prices ruled a little lower during the morning, following corn, but recovered after noon. Most of the buying to day was done by shippers, the selling by local longs. May ranged from 27.7-8c to 28.1-8@28\4c and closed unchanged at 28.6 28.1-8c.

28 1-8c.

The market for provisions was the strongest on the floor and at times showed considerable activity. Packers were free sellers early and prices lost some of the early advance. This was soon recovered, the buying demand being urgent throughout. The market was very strong during the last two hours of trading. A feature was the widening of carrying charges. At the close May pork was 15c higher at \$10.52\%, May lard 10c higher at \$5.75 and May ribs be higher at \$5.20.

5c higher at \$5.20.
Estimated receipts Friday: Wheat, 150 cars; corn, 575 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, \$2,000 head. Leading futures ranged as follows: Articles. | Open. | Righ. | Low. | Close. | Yest'y.

70164	67%	66%	66%	6740%
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Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR-Steady; nominal; winter patents. \$2.5003.70; straights, \$3.2503.30; spring specials, \$4.10; spring patents. \$3.2003.50; straights, \$2.3002.85.

WHEAT-No. 3 spring wheat, 63½0666;
No. 2 red, 71c.
CORN-No. 2, 37 1-8c; No. 2 yellow, 37 3-8c.
OATS-No. 2, 27027½c; No. 3 white, 28½06291-8c.

29 1-8c.

RYE—No. 2, 54\(\frac{4}{6}\)54\(\frac{4}{6}\)c.

BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 39\(\pi\)47c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.14. Prime timpthy seed, \$2.30\(\pi\)2.35.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$8.90\(\pi\)

5.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., \$5.40\(\pi\)5.50. Short ribs sides (loose), \$4.75\(\pi\)5.00. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$4.25\(\pi\)4.37\(\pi\)2. Short clear sides (boxed), \$5.05\(\pi\)5.12.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per \$\mathbf{x}\)1.27. gal., \$1.27.

The following are the receipts and ship-spents for today:

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ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments			
Flour, bbls	63,000	49,0			
Corn, bu	224,000 634,000	149,0			
Oats, bu	493,000	108,0			
Rye, bu Barley, bu	100,000	4.0			
morning, During	100,000	23,0			

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 142 201/c; dairies, 121/2017c. Cheese, quiet, 84/2011c. Eggs, fresh, 24/025c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 101/2c; chickens, 76/71/2c;

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET. Quotations for the Day on General

Commodifies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 80,130 bbls; exports, 29,429 bbls.; steady and unchanged, but quiet, owing to wheat's erratic actions; winter extras, \$2.20@3.00. CORNMEAL-Firm; yellow western, 84@

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 64c, f. o. b., afloat.

WHEAT—Receipts, 207,200 bu.: exports, \$33,839 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2 red, 73%c, f. o. b., afloat. Options were in a highly nervous and unsettled condition all day sustaining frequent and sharp changes in the afternoon under scalping operations; opening easier with cables; they yielded further on liquidation and short sales; a decided late recovery on big clearances, outside buying, a scarcity of shorts and strength in corn preceded a final collapse attended by renewed unloadins; last prices represented 1-863-8c net decilne; March, 77 3-8677 5-8c, closed 77%c.

CORN—Receipts, 201,825 bu.: exports, 149-889 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2, 44 5-8644 7-8c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened easy on cables and after an emphatic afternoon recovered on enormous export rumors and went to pieces finally under a sacrifice of headings; closed 4465-8c net lower; May, 43643 3-8c, closed 31-8c.

OATS—Receipts, 14,400 bu.; exports, 3.829 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 33%c; No. 2 white, 88c. Options were quiet and nominal.

BUTTER—Receipts, 1.121 pkgs.: firm; western creamery, 15621c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 126114/2c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1.624 pkgs.; quiet but firm; large, white, 10%c; small, colored, 10%c; large, colored, 10%c; small, white, 10%c; large, colored, 10%c; small, colored, 10%c; large, colored, 10%c; small, sheet, 10%c; large, colored, 10%c; small, colored, 10%c; large, colored, RYE-Quiet; No. 3 western, 64c, f. o. b.,

Liverpool Grain Market.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Quiet, 1-863-8d lcwer; December, 6s 13-8d; March, 6s 10-5-8d; May, 5s 5-3d.
CORN—Quiet, 13-615-8d lower; December, 4s; March, 3s 115-8d; May, 3s 113-8d.
January 2 will be a holiday on the Grain exchange.

Baltimore Market. BALTIMORE. Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Firmer nd unchanged; receipts, 9.887 bbls.; ex-orts, 260 bbls. WHEAT—Unsettled; spot and month, 75 875 1-8c; steamer No. 2 red, 72%c; receipts, 4.67 bu.; exports, 136,000 bu.; southern

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wheat, by sample, 70@76c; on grade, 7214@

CORN—Easier; spot and month, 43@4314c;
December, new or old, 42 3-504214c; steamer,
mixed, 3-84@304c; receipts, 211,566 bu.;
exports, 120,815 bu.; southern white corn,
351464214c; southern yellow, 354,624c;
OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white, 334,634c; No.
2 mixed, 32@3314c; receipts, 5,000 bu.; ex
ports, none. ports, none. BUTTER-Steady and unchanged.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 20c.

EUTTER—Common to fair, 11612c; choice, 13616c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17618c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 4c; dressed, 51666c; old roosters, live, 256c; dressed, 366c; spring chickens, live, 4c; dressed, 6c; ducks, live, 4465c; dressed, 66c; ducks, live, 4465c; dressed, 66c; turkeys, live, 76; dressed, 9610c.

GAME—Teal, blue wing, \$1.75; green wing, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.7562.25; prairje chickens, \$5.00; quall, per doz., \$1.00; jackrabbits, \$1.2561.50; cottontalls, 75c61.00.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 869c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., \$1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c.

VEGETABLES.

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CELERY-California good stock, 25c;
choice, 35c; fancy, 50c; extra large, 75c,
CAULIFLOWER-Per crate, \$2.50@2.75.
ONIONS-Per bu., 55c,
BEANS-Hand-picked, navy, per bu., \$1.30 @1.40. POTATOES-Choice, sacked, 45@50c poorer stock, 40c. SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., \$2.50@2.75; CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 114c. TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS-California, fancy, \$4.00; choice, BANANAS—Choice, \$3.75.
ORANGES—Mexicans, \$3.25; 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.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Western Ben Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl., \$3.75; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., \$4.00@4.25.

PEARS—California, \$2.25@2.50.

STRAWBERRIES—Per box, 30c.
GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., \$3.00@10.00.
CRANBERRIES—Bell & Bugles, per bbl., \$7.50; Jersey, \$6.25@6.50; per crate, \$2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per FRUITS.

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NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12c; standards, 11c; fiberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; cocoanuts, per 100, \$4.50; peanuts, raw, 6@654c; roasted, 7@775c; chestnuts, \$@6c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, \$2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., \$12.00; half-gal. cans, \$6.25; quart cans, \$3.50.

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

HONEY—Choice white, 124@13c.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6@654c; Sair, 54@6c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

CIDER—Per balf bbl., \$3.00@3.15.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., \$2.00.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

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HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c, TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

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SHEEP PELTS—Green saited, each, 15@ 75c; green saited shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), \$5.00@20.00; otter, \$1.50@8.00; beaver, \$1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@50c; muskrat, 3@7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@\$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@\$2.56; wolf (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, \$50.00@75.00.

WHEAT MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK.

Export Business Heaviest in Weeks and One of Largest on Record. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The wheat market worked itself up into a high state of excitement this afternoon and had a sharp up and down movement over a cent range in the last hour, leaving off with a final collapse and weakness of undertone, which

collapse and weakness of undertone, which in fact was its chief characteristic most of the day.

The public was again out of the market altogether for a good seller of wheat, and fluctuations, therefore, were largely determined by scalping operations. Local traders, short one minute, would be frightened by their shadow the pert and the second mined by scalping operations. Local traders, short one minute, would be frightened by their shadow the next and the see-saw afternoon market was one result of the unsettled feeling among room operators. The general undertone of the market appeared to be as weak and bearish as it was on Wednesday, although built traders, looking over the statistical situation, which today included another big seaboard movement and continued reductions in interior receipts, were not discouraged. Argentine news entered somewhat into the situation and had a bearish average as more liberal offerings were reported at a price below American wheat. Export business was only about 350 loads here and at outports. May wheat sold up to 75c in the afternoon, after having previously declined to 74c, and closed at 744c.

Corn again followed the movements of wheat closely. There was an enormous export trade, however, that gave afternoon strength preceding the final collapse, which left closing prices 1465-8c below the previous day. In all 210 loads were reported for export, representing the heaviest business in weeks and one of the largest on record.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Options were unsettled, closing with a shade difference from yesterday: spot. steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 72c bid; track, 73c; December, 72 7-8c; May, 74 1-8c; July, 67 5-8c bid; No. 2 hard, 67% 68c.

CORN—Options were fractions lower; spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 35% c bid; December, 35% c; May, 36 5-8c asked.

OATS—Futures were firm, but unchanged practically; spot, dull and easy; No. 2 cash, 28% c bid; track, 28% c; December, 28% c asked; May, 28 5-86 28% c; No. 2 white, 30c. RYE—Firm at 54c bid.

SEED—Flaxseed, lower at \$1.07%; prime timothy seed, \$2.30.

CORNMEAL—\$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—Higher; sacked, east track, 58@ 58% c.

HAY—Timothy, steady at \$7.7668 00. St. Louis Market.

584c.

HAY-Timothy, steady at \$7.75@8.00;
prairie, \$6.50@7.50.

WH18KY-Steady at \$1.27.

BUTTER-Quiet; creamery, 18@224c;
dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Quiet at 19c.

METALS—Lead, higher at \$3.77½@3.80;

spelter, nominally \$4.85.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, 5c; turkeys,

7½@8c; geese, 5@5½c; ducks, 5@6c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher at \$10.25; old,

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Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY. Dec. 29.—WHEAT—
Steady: No. 2 hard, 64666c; No. 3, 60664c;
No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 64668c; No. 2 spring,
63665c; No. 2, 58662c.

CORN—Half a cent higher; No. 2 mixed,
35c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 31/2c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 white, 2/4/6/3c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, alc.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, \$7.0067.25;
choice prairie, \$6.5067.00.

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

EGGS-Steady; fresh, 20c RECEIPTS-Wheat, 46,200 bu.; corn, 8,400 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu. SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 45,000 bu.; corn, 3,-

200 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu. Grain Receipts at Principal Markets. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.-Receipts: Wheat, MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29. — Receipts: DULUTH, Dec. 29.—Recelpts: Wheat, 63 CATS.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Receipts:
Wheat, 67 cars.
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Estimated cars for
tomorrow: Wheat, 150; corn, 575; oats, 240.
Receipts at Primary Markets: Wheat,
903,575 bu.; corn, 1,008,401 bu.

Toledo Market. TOLEDO, O. Dec. 29.—WHEAT-Lower and active; No. 2, cash and December, 714c: May, 725-8c. CORN-Active and lower; No. 2 mixed, OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 28c. RYE—Dull and higher; No. 2, cash, 55c. CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, old, \$4.17½; new, cash and December, \$4.60 bid.

Duluth Wheat Market.

Minneapolis Wheat Market. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—WHEAT-Mar-

ket firm; May, 67 3-Sc. On track; No. 1 hard, 67%;; No. 2 northern, 64%;c. FLOUR-Unchanged, BRAN-In bulk, \$8,75@9.25.

Cincinnati Market. Cincinnati Market.
Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Steady.
WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red. 70c.
CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 3714638c.
OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 29146294c.
RYE—Firm; No. 2, 57c.
PROVISIONS—Lard, firmer at \$5.20; bulk meats, stronger at \$4.65; bacon, firmer at \$5.8714.
WHISKY—Firm at \$1.27.
BUTTER—Easy.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 29.-CORN-Easier; No. 2, OATS—Easier: No. 2 white, 2746274c. WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of \$1.27 for inished goods.

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Boston Stock Quotations BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares: shares:

A. T. & St. F. 18½ | Atchison pfd
Am. Sugar ... 125
do pfd ... 111½
Bay State Gas ... 4½
Rell Telephone ... 277
Boston & Albany ... 245
Boston & Maine ... 170
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C. B. & Q. 124½ | Centennial C. B. & Q. 124% Centennial
Fitzbaburg 107% Gen. Electric 25% Old Dominion
Gen. Electric 25% Old Dominion
Mexican Central 5% Old Dominion
Mexican Central 5% Old Comminion
Oscocia
Union Pacific 25% Wolverine
Rubber 44
Union Pacific 45% Union Land
West End 80% West End 80% West End 80% Winona 40% opfd 62
Gen. Elec. pfd. 158

London Stock Quotations London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money. 110 9-16 N. Y. Central.

Consols, acct... 110 11-15
Can. Pacific 88
Reading
Brie 14%
do 2ds 58% Atchison
III. Central 1174
N. Pac. pfd 79%
St. Paul. common. 122% BAR SILVER—Quiet at 27 5-15d per ounce.

MONEY—315 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills, 33-89 Statement of Bank of France

PARIS, Dec. 29.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Notes in circulation, increased 68,100,000

francs; treasury account current, increased 8,250,000 francs; gold in hand, decreased 3,500,000 francs; bills discounted, increased 22,-

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK. Dec. 29.—BEEVES—Receipts, 625 head; feeling firm; cables quiet; live cattle steady; cattle at Liverpool easy; at London, 11½d; refrigerator beef, lower, at 7½c per lb.; export?, 138 head cattle and 17 sheep; tomorrow none. Calves, receipts, 155 head; market steady; veals, \$5.00@8.50; common barnyard calves, \$3.37½,

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2.475 head; sheep, dull; lambs, slow and weak; common to choice sheep, \$3.25@4.50; fair to prime lambs, \$5.45@5.65.

HOGS—Receipts, 2.685 head; higher at \$3.70 @3.90. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 29:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

Cmaha 1.511 12.394 1.331

Chicago 10,500 35,000 11,600

Kansas City 4.270 16,490 925

St. Louis 4,600 10,500 1,600

Statement of Bank of England.

Cotton Market.

New York Dry Goods Market.

ket has presented no new feature.

California Dried Fruits.

700,000 francs; silver in hand, decreased 3,- OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET 35, 525,000 francs. New York Money Market. V YORK, Dec. 29.-MONEY ON CALL PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-263% Only a Handful of Cattle on Sale and 45. Business Soon Over. COMMON GRADES STILL SUFFER GREATLY Buyers Discriminate Against the Warmed Up Stuff-Hogs Lose Half

a Nickel, but Sell with Considerable Freedom. | SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 29. | Cattle. liogs. Sheep. | Catt Four days this week.... 5,772 43,691 5,307 Same days last week.... 5,848 39,269 4,635 Same deys week before. 9,039 57,638 8,753 Same three weeks ago. 8,170 38,133 9,783 Average price paid for nogs for the last several days, with comparisons: [1898.]1897.]1896.]1895.]1894.]1893.]1892.

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Dec. 16. 3 20 3 29 3 17 3 37 4 92 6 36 52.

Dec. 17. 3 25 3 31 3 17 3 40 4 13 6 41 56.

Dec. 18. 3 31 3 16 3 36 4 13 4 90 5 56.

Dec. 19. 3 28 3 18 3 31 4 07 4 87 6 33 76.

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Dec. 2 5 5 5 6 6 75. *Indicates Sunday. The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was: Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

Total receipts 78 The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.

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183 1,631 232

199 2,645 467

128 3,256

192 2,958 496

CHIKCINN ATT Dues.

Money 21466 percent; New York exchange, 1562 defacount; clearings, 11,81,49.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$28,58,59.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23—Clearings, 11,565,65.

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BOSTON, Dec. 23—Clearings, 12,730,225.

bulances, \$20,70,85.

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Clearings, 22,730,225.

bulances, \$28,00,99.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23—Clearings, \$22,607, 865.

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Clearings, \$2,607, 865.

BOSTON, Dec. 23—Clearings, \$2, Totals2,004 12,677 1,337

for the settlement recently entertained on the bourse here disappeared today and there was an uninterruptedly buoyant tendency, the rise in Spanish 4s, due to the forthcoming declaration of options, provoking covering purchases, which boomed international securities. Argentines and Brazilians were in great favor. South African securities advanced. Three per cent rentes, 1011 25c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 24c for checks. Spanish 4s, 46.80.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Prices were firm on the bourse today until near the close, when, under the influence of the decline in American securities, caused by the tone of the New York market, there were all around realizations. steady prices.

The demand for light stock cattle was

quite brisk this morning, and the few here sold at strong prices and a little higher than about the same kind brought on Monday, or at the close of last week. The prices paid certainly looked higher, and were entirely satisfactory to sellers. Representative select. sentative sales: BEEF STEERS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:
Total reserve, decrease, £1,139,000; circulation, decrease, £114,000; bullion, decrease, £1,252,666; other securities, increase, £3,809,000; other deposits, increase, £1,901,000; public deposits, increase, £41,000; notes, reserve, decrease, £1,146,000; government securities, unchanged. No. Av. Pr. 19.1051 \$4 10 18.1095 4 20 12.1041 4 25 22.1133 4 35 7.1143 4 40 9.971 4 40 21.1164 4 55 21. 1164 4 55
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The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 43.20 per cent. Last week it was 48.03 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 4 per cent. Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton was steady on an advance of 264 points and the futures showed a still further improvement of 263 points, English cables being of a favorable purport, advices from New Engliand mills and from dry goods markets encouraging and reports from southern spot markets being also of a bullish character. The recent bull movement in the stock market extended to cotton and the market showed broader speculative interest for the holiday week. The increase in spot sales at Liverpool to 1,000 bales received special attention in connection with advices from New England spinning districts reporting ans expanding demand for cotton goods. The market closed steady at about the best figures of the day, a net gain of 4 to 6 points. Middling, 57-8c. Net receipts, 810 bales; gross receipts, 3,310 bales; sales, 350 bales; stock, 88,313 bales; exports to the continent, 1,625 bales; to France, 500 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 43,753 bales; exports to Great Britain, 42,21 bales; to France, 500 bales; to the continent. 1,1,148 bales; stock, 1,319,722 bales, Consolidated: Net receipts, 256,602 bales; exports to Great Britain, 257,804 bales; to France, 25,624 bales; to the continent, 72,884 bales. Total since September 1: Net receipts, 5,702,928 bales; exports to Great Britain, 2,212,606 bales; to France, 457,121 bales; to the continent, 1,479,380 bales.

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New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The market has shown little change today. The demand for staple cotton goods has been of moderate proportions and in most lines of prints and ginghams the demand has been light. The tone continues unbrokenly strong and it is apparent that any changes in prices to be recorded for some time to come will be in an upward direction. Print cloths are strong in tone, although current demand is quiet for regulars and for narrow and wide odd goods. In other departments the market has presented no new feature. 1. 710 3 50 35. 732 3 70 1. 580 4 50

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HOGS—South Omaha and Kansas City had liberal receipts for a Thursday, but Chicago fell considerably short of expectations and the minor markets did not have enough to be burdensome. The early reports indicated 35,000 at Chicago, 17,000 at St. Jaseph and 3,500 at St. Louis, 5,000 at St. Jaseph and 3,500 at St. Louis, 5,000 at St. Jaseph and 3,500 at Sioux City. Of the hogs received at this point nine doube-decks, or 800 hogs, were consigned direct to Armour from Sioux City, and three doubie-decks, or 450 head, to the Omaha from Kansas City. The provision market, however, was the controlling influence, and, as that was again lower yesterday, hogs opened lower all along the line. At South Omaha the early sales were, as a rule, about ½c lower, that is, choice light sold at \$3,50, as against \$3,52½ yesterday, heavy and mixed loads largely at \$3,45 as against \$3,47½ yesterday, with a few choice heavy and medium weights at \$3,47½. The more urgent orders were soon filled and then the market weakened off, the favorite bids on heavy and mixed hogs being \$3,42½. The lowering of the bids was the signal for the market to slow up and the trade for a time came almost to a standstill. Sellers were not prepared to accept \$3,42½ for good hogs and held on. A little later the market seemed to put up on new strength and then pens were cleared in good season. The market, as a whole, was just about \$2,6 lower than yesterday. The prices paid were as noted above, with the addition that a few rough loads went at \$3,40 the same as brought \$3,45 yesterday. Representative sales:

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18. ...256 \$3,40 The ...216 129 2 45 NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Apples, steady; other fruits firm. Evaporated apples, 74,48c; prime wire tray, 94,94c; fancy, 19c. Prunes, 54,194c. Apricots, Royat, 11,614c; Moor Park, 13,617c. Peaches, unpecled, 96,114c; pecled, 19,621c. Av. Sh. Pr. 256 - 331 240 3 4242 321 860 3 4242 321 860 3 4242 321 86 3 4242 321 86 3 4242 325 260 3 4242 325 240 3 4244 325 240 3 4244 325 240 3 4244 No. Av. Sh. Pr.
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There was a fair and active market for hogs, but buyers insisted on a lower range of prices and late sales were fully 7½c under yesterday's quotations. Heavy hogs sold at \$3.30@3.76, mixed and butcher lots at \$3.35@3.62½ and light weights at \$3.20@3.75.

The volume of business in sheep and lambs was quite moderate. Prices were for the most part unchanged, lambs finding purchasers at \$4.00@4.25 for the poorest and \$5.00@5.25 for the best flocks. Sheep sold all the way from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for undesirable qualities to \$3.00@4.10 for fair to prime lots, and yearling sheep were salable at \$4.00@4.25. Nice western lambs brought \$5.00@5.10. New sheep sold up to \$4.00.

Receipts: Cattle, 10.500 head; hogs, \$5,000 head; sheep, 11,000 head.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET Demand for Good Killing Cattle Active-Hogs Lower. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000 natives, 1,270 Texans; demand for good killing cattle active and prices firm; common quality were easier at from steady to 10c lower prices; heavies, \$5.106 5.30; medium, \$4.15@5.10; light weights, \$4.25@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.50; butcher cows and heifers, \$2.75@4.25; western steers, \$3.40@5.00; Texas steers, \$3.50@4.40; Texas cows, \$2.75@3.25; canning stock, \$2.25@2.75.

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HOGS-Receipts, 16,490 head; receipts were mostly of light weights; indifferent quality stock sold 5@10c lower, while good packing grades were active at steady to 5c lower prices; heavies, \$3.50@3.55; mixed, \$3.36@3.55; lights, \$3.15@3.45; pigs, \$2.80@3.65.

SHEEP-Receipts, 925 head; supply hardly large enough to interest buyers; the few bunches offered sold at steady prices; lambs, \$5.00@5.50; muttons, \$3.25@4.25; stockers, \$2.50@3.50.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,600 head, including 2,400 Texans: shipments, 400 head; market weak and lower for natives, with Texans slow and easier; fair to fancy native shipping steers, \$4.256,5.75; bulk of sales, \$4.4025.50; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.7565.25; bulk of sales, \$3.3564.85; steers under 1,000 lbs., \$3.0064.50; bulk of sales, \$3.5064.80; bulk of sales, \$3.4064.50; bulk of sales, \$2.4064.50; bulk of sales, \$2.5064.00; bulk of cows and helfers, \$2.0064.40; bulk of helfers, \$2.5064.00; bulk of cows, \$2.5064.50; bulk of sales, \$3.5564.15; cows and helfers, \$2.5064.50; bulk of sales, \$3.8564.15; cows and helfers, \$2.5064.50; bulk of sales, \$3.8564.15; cows and helfers, \$2.5064.50; bulk of sales, \$3.8564.15; cows and helfers, \$2.50665. St. Louis Live Stock. 3.35. HOGS-Receipts, 10,500 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market 5@10c lower; pigs and lights, \$3,20@3.40; packers, \$3,30@3.60; butchcrs, \$3.55@3.65.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,600 head; shipments, none: market slow; native muttons, \$3.75@4.00; lambs, \$4.35@5.80; culis and bucks, \$2.50

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ST. JOSEPH. Dec. 29.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 600 head; market active and steady to 10c lower; quality shows some improvement: natives, \$3.70q5.20; Texas and westerns, \$3.15q4.70; cows and helfers, \$1.75
44.15; stockers and feeders, \$3.00q4.25.
HOGS—Receipts, 6.000 head; market active and steady, selling at \$3.40q3.60; bulk, \$3.45q3.55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; market steady. steady.

Cincinnati Live Stock. CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.-HOGS-Steady at \$3.1003.60. CATTLE—Steady at \$2.5004.55. SHEEP—Steady at \$2.2564.00; lambs, steady at \$4.0065.35.

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