CLEWS' FINANCIAL LETTER

Monetary Conditions in Wall Street Reviewed by an Expert Financier.

FINANCIAL BILL MOST IMPORTANT EVENT

General Conditions Affecting Market Continue Favorable-Railroad Situntion Satisfactory - January Statement on Commerce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 .- (Special.) - Henry Clews, head of the banking house of Henry

Clews & Co., writes:

It has been a good traders' market. There was moderate activity on the Stock exchange, but neither the outside public nor the big holders participated to any important extent. The general undertone, however, was unmistakably strong in spite of moderate profit-taking and the irregularity of a few independent stocks.

The most important event of the week was the passage in the semate of the bill declaring for the gold standard and providing for refunding \$50,000,000 of the national debt into 2 per cent bonds. This bill plants the country squarely on the single standard basis and gives official form to the will of the people declared by the result of the election nearly four years ago. Its ef-

ie election nearly four years ago. Its ef-ect upon the stock market is not likely to be very pronounced, having been already anticipated. Ever since the defeat of sil-verism prices have been gradually rising, largely in consequence of that event; so not much additional stimulus can be found In the mere formality of putting into legis-lative form a decision reached nearly four years are. Nevertheless, it is an important step gained, and there will now be no buckition to which has been finally crystal-

General conditions affecting the market outline favorable. The railroad situation seminently sarisfactory. According to the bronicle 106 roads reported earnings of \$6.700,000 in January an increase of 15 per cent over the preceding January, which, considering the gains of previous years, was remarkable. The even distribution of was remarkable. The even distribution of these gains proves the improvement in business to be general and not local. The south is now sharing in this improvement more largely, the advance in cotton being a great boon to that section. It is calculated that if the present crop did not exceed 3,00,000 bales, and the average price in southern markets was only 7 cents, it would not the south \$40,000,000 more than last year's crop. The south is also profiting from the phenomenal development in the cotton industry, not only securing a larger cotton industry, not only securing a larger rection industry, not only securing a larger profit for growing cotton, but an entirely new profit from manufacturing the staple, besides finding additional employment for a large population. The revolution now go-ing quietly on in the south can only be ap-preciated by those who have gone over the ground and made comparison with a decade

and there is no immediate prospect of change. A sharp expansion in loans dur-ing the last two or three weeks has at-tracted much comment. In some quarters it was attributed to commercial demands arising from business activity, but this does not satisfactorily explain such a large and sudden increase in loans, and is probably accounted for by deals or negotiations that have not yet come to the surface. The treasury is now absorbing funds from the banks; money is going south for the move ment of cotton and appearances indicate a more active demand from Stock exchange borrowers, so ensier rates need not be ex-pected and less favorable bank statements hereafter will not be a surprise.

Foreign Commerce Remarkable.

The January statement of foreign commerce is another remarkable and encouraging feature. The exports of merchandise for the month were \$117,620,000, which was \$2,100,000 in excess of the same time last year and \$9,200,000 in excess of January, 1898. There was naturally a large increase of imports due to the enlarged buying powers of the country; the total imports of merchandise were \$15,826,000. This was an increase of \$17,600,000 over 1898 and \$25,000,000 over 1898. The excess of exports over imports was, however, reduced from about \$31,000,000 in the two previous Januarys to \$41,731,000 last January. The returns for the expired portion of the fiscal year continue to run on record-breaking lines. During the last seven months our exports have amounted to \$188,402,000, against \$266,942,000 the same time last year. A very considerable portion of this increase, it is gratifying to note, consists of American manufactures, which are competing more and more

successfully with other nations. Our imports in this period were \$800,100,000, against \$749,500,000 the year before.

We are inclined to a fairly hopeful view of the market. The British successes in South Africa, the passage of the currency bill and the buillish sentiment of the street all being in favor thereof. Money, as already said, is likely to become more active, but not sufficiently to hinder a moderate buying movement. The extraordinary earnings of the iron trade, as developed in the Frick-Carnegie dispute, are likely to attract attention to the iron stocks, especially when it is understood that this rupture will not disturb the present satisfactory conditions disturb the present satisfactory conditions of that industry. It now looks as if the fron trade would be run at its full capacity for the remainder of the year at least. The uses for iron are extending so rapidly that the world's production is below consumpon, and until the former expands or the latter contracts there is no likelihood of stoppage of present conditions. We still continue to recommend quick in-nud-out turns for moderate profits rather

than for long holdings.

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LONDON, Feb. 18.—In spite of the excellent war news the Stock exchange continues languid. Although the tidings of the relief of Kimberley hardened prices the firmness did not last. As a matter of fact the markets are under the influence of the coming government borrowing, of dearer money and the prospect of increased taxation. Until a few crushing defeats have been inflicted upon the Boers there is no prospect of a decided improvement. Consols were active last week, sometimes movsols were active last week, sometimes moving a whole point in a day, but they closed in Americans there was but little doing.

In Americans there was but little doing, although prices were better all round for the week. They closed, however, below the best. Among the declines were: Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, which fell &; New York Central & Hudson River, Union Pacific. Pennsylvania, Reading 1sts and Southern Pacific, each &; Denver & Rio Grande preferred and Baltimore & Ohio, & While mining shares were more cheerful the business in them was small and chiefly professional. The rise was not mainrafessional. The rise was not main-sined. Rands, which touched 34% were ally 1 point up on the week. Money hard-ned during the week and closed distinctly earer. Call money, 3 to 3% per cent: money or a week. 3% to 3%, and three months' bills 34 to 35s.

MADRID, Feb. 18.—The Bank of Spain report for the week ended yesterday shows the following: Gold in hand, increase, 85,000 pesetas; silver in hand, increase, 2,271.

secetas; notes in circulation, decrease, Manchester Textile Fabrics.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 18.—Last week's market was strong in cotton and on old en-gagements, but the new business was below the week's output. Large Indian and Chinese orders are still offered, but very few at acceptable prices. Other outlets are quiet. Producers are confident, but buyers are somewhat diffident. This summarizes

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Yarns were quiet, with a hand-to-mouth business, although prices were firm and rather dearer. The home trade shows a fair distribution of goods. Rouen renorts great activity and a general advance on the whole week. Mulhouse describes the business in finished goods as excellent. Advices from southern Germany say that the spindles and booms will have full employment for several months, the demand exceeding the supply, especially in bleaching and finishing cloths. Gladbach reports an active demand. The syndicate has advanced the price of yarn thrice during the last ten days. Russian reports are unsatisfactory.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. KANSAS CITY. Feb. 17.—WHEAT—May. Pac; caph. No. 2 hard, 6296394c; No. 3, 59 62c; No. 2 red, 69970c; No. 3, 64968c; reebits, 42 ca s. CORN—May, 31%c; cash. No. 2 mixed, 31% 32c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3, 31%c.

OATS No. 2 white, 25c RYE No. 2, 55c HAY-Chelce timothy, \$9.00@9.50; choice rairie, \$7.75c/750 RECEIPTS-Wheat, 25.200 bu.; corn. 33. 8HIPMENTS-Wheat, 22,200 bu.; corn, 9,100

Liverpool Grain and Provisions. LIVERPOOL, Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Futures closed quiet, March, 5s 1054; May, 5s 16d; spot. dull. No. 2 red western, winter, stocks exhausted, No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 115d; No. 4 California, 6s 4540168 5d.

CORN—Spot. quiet, American mixed, new, 5s 854; American mixed, old, 3s 354; fu-

ures, quiet; February, 3s 8%d; March, 3s led; May, 3s 7%d. FLOUR-St. Louis fancy winter, firm, at HOPS At London, Pacific coast, dull, £3 HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, dun, 23 1989 24.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; extra India mess, 80s; prime mess, 72s 6d. Pork, firm: prime mess, western, 58s 3d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 49s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., casy, 37s; short ribs, 18 to 22 lbs., dull, 59s 8d; long clear middles, 18 to 40 lbs., dull, 59s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 36s; short clear backs, 18 to 18 lbs., dull, 59s, clear beiltes, 14 to 18 lbs., dull, 59s, clear beiltes, 14 to 18 lbs., dull, 59s, Shoulders, square cut, 12 to 14 lbs., steady, 31s; 6d. Lard, prime western, in Herces, steady, 31s; American refined, in pails, dull, 33s. Tallow, prime city, strong, 39s; Australian, in London, firm, 29s.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Saturday. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.-The grain and provision markets were dull today. Wheat weakened on lower cables and a poor demand, May closing 14@%c down. Corn closed a shade and oats 'sc depressed and

mand. May closing 44% down. Corn closed a shade and oats 15c depressed and provisions a trifle lower.

With Liverpool and Paris lower northwest receipts liberal and world's shipments expected to show an increase Monday, May wheat started today 15c under yesterday at 85%c. There was some covering by shorts early, which sent the price to 68% 1688 15c, but this was lost. The seaboard reported only ten loads taken for export. It was reported that the Argentine plague had been stamped out. The cash demand was slack. May eased off to 85%c, where the market held for some time, with some outside demand for May. The local talent was bearish, however, and the close was weak, May 146 ac under yesterday at 85\268\268\26\$c. The speculative trade was small. Primary receipts were \$25.600 bushels, compared with \$54.000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported \$92 cars, against \$17 last week and 580 a year ago. Local receipts were sixtyone cars, none of which were graded contract. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were 480.000 bushels.

and flour were 489,000 bushels.

Corn opened easy, had a spasm of firmness and then relapsed into its original state. Sympathy with wheat, a bit more liberality in country offerings, lower cables and some profit-taking by longs were influences. The bulge which carried May to 35c was caused by shorts covering and buying for the long account by one firm. Receipts here were fifty-five cars over the estimate. \$25 cars. May sold from 35c to 345c and closed a shade under yesterday at 345c7345c.

34% 234% C.
Oats were easy with corn. The market was small. Receipts were 256 cars, 56 over the estimate. May ranged from 25% 23% c to 23% c and closed by down at 25% c. There the estimate. May ranged to 23%c and closed %c down at 23%c. There was some buying by shorts.

Provisions were dull and the price suffered a little in consequence. The feature was the quietness of speculation. There was no noteworthy trade. Hogs were barely steady and the easiness of corn had some effect. May pork soid from \$10.95 to \$10.99710.92% and closed 23%f5c under year terday at \$10.92%; May lard from \$6.07% to \$6.00 closing a shade down at \$6.05 and May ribs from \$6.00%6.02% to \$6, with the close to 23% to 50% to

2½c lower at 16.
Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 65.
Cars: corn, 630 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 42, 600 head.

Swift and Company.
Cudahy Packing Co.
Armour & Co.
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Swift, from country.
Recker & Degan. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	Tailen:	LOW	Close.	1.08 Y.
*Wheat Feb. May. July. *Corn—		68%(671 <u>%</u> 69	681 _{6.07} 1 ₄ 663 ₆	661 <u>-</u> 681 <u>-</u> 911 <u>-</u> 683 <u>6</u> 913 <u>6</u>	66% 68% 69@69%
Feb. May. July	345, 623, 35(235)	35 351 ₈ 211 ₅	34% 35	34% 34% 35	3314 3434 3514
May. July. Pork-	23% 22%	23% 97% 22% 97%	23% 22%	23% 22%	22% 11%
May, July, Lard—	10 92½ 10 97½	10 95 10 97\2	10 90 10 95	10 92% 10 95	10 971/ ₂ 10 971/ ₂
May, July, Ribs—	6 07% 6 15	6 07% 6 15	6 05 6 12%	6 05 6 1214	6 071/2 6 15
May. July.	6.00	6 021/4	6 00	6.00	6 0214

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, \$3.50n.3.70; straights, \$3.10m.3.40; clears, \$2.90m.3.10; spring specials, \$3.90m.4.00; patents, \$3.20m.3.50; straights, \$2.60m.3.00; bakers, \$2.10m.2.50.
WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 63% 65% 65%; No. 2 red, 70% 67% 67%. red, 104,071%c. CORN-No. 2, 331%c; No. 2 yellow, 331%0

CORN-No. 2, 33½c; No. 2 yellow, 33½c; No. 33½c; No. 2 white, 28c; No. 3 white, 23½c; No. 2 white, 28c; No. 3 white, 23½c; No. 1 and northwest, 1.60. Prime timothy, \$2.50\(\pi_2.52\)\(\pi_2\), Clover, contract grade, \$8.35\(\pi_3\), \$8.50\(\pi_2.52\)\(\pi_2\), Clover, contract grade, \$8.35\(\pi_3\), \$8.50\(\pi_3\), \$8.50\

The following are the receipts and ship-ments for the day: Articles, I Flour, bbls..... Receipts. Shipm'ts | 15,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 7,0 dairies, 1902c. Cheese, steady at 12013c Eggs, firm; fresh, 13c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Lower:
No. 2 red. cash, elevator, 70%c; track, 72%
(673c; February, 70%c; May, 70%c; July, 60%
(688%c; No. 2 hard, 67%8c;
CORN—Lower: No. 2 cash, 32%c; track,
33%c; February, 32%c; May, 33%c; July, 34c,
OATS—Lower, No. 2 cash, 24%c; track,
5c; February, 24%c; May, 24%624%c; No.
2 white, 25%26%c,
RYE—Firm, 54%c,
FLOUR—Firm, unchanged,
SEEDS—Timothy, \$2.00%240; prime worth
more, Flax, nominal, \$1.58.
CORNMEAL—Steady, \$1.80%1.85.
BRAN—Steady; sacked east track, 64c,
HAY—Steady; timothy, \$2.00%10.50; prairie,
\$7.00%8.00. St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

IRON COTTONTIES—\$1.20. BAGGING—534/66%c. HEMP TWINE—9c.

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PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, \$10.50 for old; \$11.37½ for new. Lard, nominal; prime steam, \$5.75; choice, \$5.50.
Dry salt meats, boxed, steady; extra shorts, \$6.12½; clear ribs, \$6.25; clear sides, \$5.37½.
Bacon, boxed, steady; extra shorts, \$6.62½; clear ribs, \$6.75; clear sides, \$6.87½.
POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 7678c; turkeys, 6½28c; ducks, 8½26c; geese, 5½36c.
METALS—Lead, dull; \$1.60. Spelter, dull; \$1.60. RECEIPTS-Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,-600 bu.; corn. 90,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu. SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn. 29,000 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17.—BUTTER— firm, fancy western creamery, 25@254c; ancy western prints, 27c. EGGS—Firm and higher; fresh nearby, c; fresh western, 15c; fresh southwestern, c; fresh southern, 14c. CHEESE—Firm.

HEESE-Firm. IVERPOOL. Feb. 17.-BUTTER-Finest American, nominal. CHEESE—Firm: American finest, white CHEESE-Firm: American finest, white, 59s; American finest, colored, 61s.
KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—RUTTER—Creamery, 225225; dairy, 18c.
EGGS-Supply has fallen off and continued light receipts are looked for as long as weather remains cold; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, ½c higher, selling at 11½c dozen, cases returned.
NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—BUTTER—Dull and weak, but not quotably lower; western creamery, 215725c; western factory, 16679c; June creamery, 196724c; imitation creamery, 1737224c; state dairy, 186724c; state creamery, 21675c.

ery, 21625c.
CHEESE—Firm; fall-made fancy, large, 124,613c; fall-made fancy, small, 124,613c; choice grades, 114,613c.
EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania at mark, 154,6164c; western fresh at mark, 15c; southern, 146,144c at mark.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour. MINNEAPOLIS. Feb. 17.—WHEAT—In tore: No. 1 northern. February, 654c; day, 654c; July, 664, 2667ac. On track: No. May, 554c; July, 665, 2665c. On track; No. 1 hard, 645c; No. 1 northern, 654c; No. northern, 654c. northern, 634c.
FLOUR-Market strong and 5c per bbl. higher; first patents, \$3.6593.75; second patents, \$1.3593.45; first clears, \$2.6592.75; second clears, \$2.15.

BRAN-Unchanged. Toledo Market. TOLEDO. O., Feb. 17.—WHEAT—Quiet, ower: No. 2 cash, 71%c; May, 73%c. CORN—Steady: No. 2 mixed, 25%c. OATS—Pull: No. 2 mixed, 24c. SEEDS-Cloverseed, active: prime cash

old, \$4.35; February, new, \$5.57½; March \$5.60; No. 2 seed, \$4.39@5.00. Duluth Grain Market. DULUTH Feb. 17.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 674c; No. 1 northern, cash, 684c; May, 674c; July, 694c. No. 2 northern, 6374c; No. 3 suring, 694c. OATS—234c; CORN—324c.

PEORIA. Feb. 17 .- CORN-Active; No. 2, WHISKY-Firm, on the basis of \$1.20% for finished goods.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Not Cattle Enough of Any Kind to Establish Quotations.

PRICES ON CATTLE LOWER FOR THE WEEK

Hogs Sell Considerably Lower Than Friday, with Trade Slow at Decline-Week Closes Lower on Both Sheep and Lambs.

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	SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 17.
	Receipts were: Cattle, Hogs, Shee Official Monday
	Total this week 13,330 31,620 37,5 Week ending Feb. 10, 12,818 21,317 18,3 Week ending Feb. 3, 12,753 31,449 21,5 Week ending Jan. 27, 13,488 25,561 17, Average price paid for hogs for the la
	several days with comparisons:
	(1900. 1890. 1898. 1897. 1-96. 1895. 18
	Feb. 2 4 67 3 64 3 64 3 27 4 63 3 64 5 Feb. 2 4 68 3 61 3 63 3 19 3 3 66 5

* Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of brought in today by each road was:

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. 230

CATTLE-Of the few loads of cattle reported in the yards today there were four-teen loads consigned direct to packers and two loads to feeder speculators, so that there were not enough cattle on sale to make any kind of a test of the market or really establish quotations, it was the same dull, indifferent market usual on a Saturday.

day.

The tendency of the cattle market has been lower this week. The week started out with a break of 100715c and with a duil and dragging market, but after Monday the market rather improved in feeling and hecame more active. While the market was not quoted much more than steady on any day it seemed to be a little better on Wednesday, but on Friday it cased off a little so that for the week it is somewhat lower, though the loss has not been large. The market, however, at all selling points has been a disappointment to shippers as their cattle have sold lower than expected in many cases. In other words shippers who had cattle have sold lower than expected in many cases. In other words shippers who had cattle in this week were so dissatisfied with the price that they reshipped to Chicago, but found the market still worse there than at this point, every bunch that was forwarded losing money.

Cows and helfers have not changed very much this week, but such change as has taken place has been on the side of lower prices. The fact is that cows and helfers have been selling very high as compared with steers, owing to the very good demand and the moderate receipts. Buyers have seemed to want the cow stuff of all kinds, both canners and the good kinds. Bulls are not selling quite so strong as they were a week ago. Calves have sold in about the same notch all the week, that is at \$7.25 for the very best veals.

The stocker and feeder market has not shown much change. There is a moderate demand all the time for cattle of that description and as there are very few coming forward, prices have been held about steady. The really desirable cattle sell at day. The tendency of the cattle market has 40.000 scription and as there are very lew conditions of forward, prices have been held about 221.000 steady. The really desirable cattle sell at 150.000 good stiff prices, as high as \$5.10 being paid during the week for nice little red polls, ranging in ages from calves to two-he but-

paid during the week for nice little red polls, ranging in ages from calves to two-year-olds.

HOGS-Today's hog market opened a little easier than yesterday a close, or 56 the lower than the best time yesterday. As compared with the average market yesterday there was a decline today of about 74c. The trade was very slow at the decline, as buyers and sellers were apart in their ideas. Buyers seemed to want the good hogs at about \$4.77\foralle, and good mixed loads at \$4.7\cdots, which prices sellers were slow to accept, so that the market was a drag from start to finish and it was late before a clearance was effected.

For the week as a whole the market has been in pretty fair shape and values on an average not very much different from what they were for the preceding week. There have been ups and downs, the high days being Tuesday and Friday. The demand on the part of local packers has been good and prices at this point have been high as compared with other market points, as receipts have been hardly large enough to meet requirements.

SHEEP—Only two cars were reported received, which was not enough to make any test of the market. Some western year-lings, contracted seven weeks ago, were brought in and weighed up today at \$5.2\cdots.

During the early part of the present week the market on sheep and lambs was good, and though arrivals were liberal they were none too large to meet the requirements of the market. Toward the latter part of the week the lamb market began to weaken and it closed 15/25c lower than the high time. Sheep seemed to be in better demand and prices held up better, so that the loss on them did not amount to more than left limes on the market do not appear to look upon the present decline as any-

maintained.

Operators on the market do not appear to look upon the present decline as anything more than a temporary break. On the contrary, they freely predict that the market will speedily recover all the loss.

Quotations: Choice handy weight yearlings, \$5.7596.09; good to choice fed yearlings, \$5.7596.09; good to choice fed yearlings, \$5.406.25; good to choice wethers. \$5.2566.40; fair to good wethers, \$5.1065.25; good to choice fed ewes, \$4.704.55; fair to good ewes, \$4.4024.69; good to choice good ewes, \$4.024.69; good to choice choice feed ewes. \$4.7074.85; fair to good ewes. \$4.4074.90; good to choice mative lambs. \$6.5076.700; good to choice western lambs. \$6.6076.75; fair to good western lambs. \$6.6076.75; feeder wethers. \$4.25074.75; feeder yearlings. \$5.0076.00; good to choice feeder lambs. \$4.7505.75.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cattle Steady, Hogs Strong to Shade Higher, Sheep Stendy. CHICAGO, Feb. 17.-CATTLE-Steady; good to choice, \$5.0066.00; poor to medium. \$1,00914.80; mixed stockers, \$1,1593.75; selected feeders, \$4.0094.75; good to choice cows, \$3.2594.49; heifers, \$3.1594.75; can-

ners. \$2,2562.90; bulls. \$2,7564.40; calves, 5,000.7.85; fed Texas beeves, \$1,000.5.00; HOGS—Strong to a shade higher; top. 5.06; mixed and butchers. \$1,800.5.02; good o choice heavy, \$1,900.5.05; rough heavy, 4,7504.85; light, \$4,7004.92\frac{1}{2}; bulk of sales, 4,5504.85; \$1.559.4.96.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Stendy: native wethers. \$4.759.5.60; lambs, \$5.0067.00; western wethers, \$4.709.5.60; western lambs. \$5.7506.90.
RECEIPTS—Today: Cattle, 100 head; hogs, 20,000 head; sheep, 15,000 head. This week: Cattle, 51,000 head; hogs, 196,000 head; sheep, 65,500 head.

New York Live Stock NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—BEEVES-Re-celpts, none; no trading; feeling steady; exports, 159 head cattle, 99 head sheep and 2,000 quarters of beef. CALVES-Receipts, 77 head; steady; com-mon to good veals, \$5,0005.85; barnyard calves, \$3,5004.25. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1.003 head; demand slack; medium, \$5; medium to choice lambs, \$7.00@7.60; Canada lambs, HOGS-Receipts, 3.690 head; none for sale alive; nominally steady.

cows and heifers, \$2.505.00; canners, \$2.505.1.20; fed westerns, \$4.005.20; western feeders, \$1.505.50; Texans, \$1.505.50.
HOGS-Receipts for week, \$5.000 head; good, active demand all week at practically unchanged prices; good heavy today brought \$4.7504.50; mixed, \$4.7004.85; light, \$4.5074.75; pigs, \$4.1074.45.
SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts for week, \$2.000 head; prices ruled steady to 150 higher early in the week, broke off 15c yesterday, leaving prices today unchanged from last week a quotations; lambs, \$5.750; 7.00; yearlings, \$5.5005.00; muttons, \$4.7502.50; feeding lambs, \$4.5005.55; feeding and stock sheep, \$1.5005.00; cubs, \$3.00075.50. Thrill of Pride a Boy Experienced on

St. Louis Live Stock. St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—CATTLE—Receipts, 500 head: market dull, steady; native shipping and export steers, worth \$4.9036.95; dressed beef butchers steers, \$4.9036.25; steers under 1.000 lbs. \$2.0034.75; stockers and feeders, \$2.8534.75; cows and helters, \$2.0034.76; canners, \$1.5032.85; bulls, \$2.7534.00; Texas and Indian steers, \$1.0034.60; cows and helters, \$2.2537.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 4.000 head; market

Stock in Sight. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for February 16: Cattle. Hegs. Sheep. South Omaha ... 528 5,218 810 Thicago ... 100 20,000 15,000 South Omaha Kansas City 500 4,000 OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce. EGGS-Receipts increasing; fresh stock,

9250. PREONS-Live, per doz., 90cm\$1.00. VEALS-Choice, 9670c.

NEW TURNIPS-Per doz. bunches, 50c. SPINACH-Per box, \$1.

NEW BEETS-Per doz. bunches, 40250c.

LETTUCE-Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy lead lettuce, per bbl. \$2.

RADISHES-Per doz. bunches, 35c.

SWEET POTATOES-Per bbl., Illinois, Jerseys, \$5; large bbis, Kansas, \$2.75.
POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 502240c.
CABBAGE—Holland zeed, 2c.
CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate,

CELERY-Per doz., 25gr30c; California, per bunch, 40%75c. TURNIPS-Rutabagas, per lb., 1%c. TOMATOES-Florida, per 6-basket crate,

MUSHROOMS-Per lb. box, 59c. ONIONS-Retail, yellow, 75c; red, 85@90c; Ohios, per bbl., \$2.25. RHUBARE-Per doz., 65@75c. FRUITS.

APPLES-Choice western shipping stock, 3.0093.50; New York stock, \$4; fancy, \$4.50 GRAPES-Malaga, per bbl., \$7.00@9.00. CRANBERRIES-Bell and Bugie, per TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES-California, fancy navels, per box, \$3.25@3.50; choice navels, \$2.75@3.00; Cal-Ifornia seedlings, per box, \$2.50\frac{1}{2.50}\frac{1}{2.

MISCELLANEOUS HONEY-Per 24-section case, \$3.25. NUTS-Hickory, large, per bu., \$1.25; shellbarks, \$1.35. FIGS-California, layers, per 10-lb. box, 90c; California carton, per 10-lb. box, \$1.00; imported figs, per lb., 13c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC. HIDES No. 1 green hides, Sc; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, Sc; No. 2 salted hides, Sc; No. 1 yeal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c;

Milwankee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, Feb. 17.—WHEAT-14c ower; No. 1 northern, 671gc; No. 2 northrn, 65½ 0455½c. RYE—Qulet; No. 1, 55055½c. BARLEY—½c lower; No. 2, 45½c; sam-

TRUE IRISH BLOOD.

Truel Joke Played Upon a Barn

stormer in lows. "The most ludicrous mishap I ever witessed on the stage," said an actor to a New years ago in a small town in northern Iowa. joined a weird barnstorming company headed hat and shout. As they came to the top of We had a blood-and-thunder repertory a saw a bunch of ducks swing low above a yard long, but our chief attraction was an little prairie boghole and drop down into it Irish melodrama called 'Lion-Hearted Beyond, over other low ground in the valley Larry; or, the Cotter's Oath.' It had the other strings of wild fowl circled, and beusual plot of canned Irish melodramas-the youd all these the semblance of a larger honest but financially embarrassed peasant, lake lay in the distance. The boy was his beautiful daughter, the poor but gallant thrilled with wild excitement. His two lover, otherwise Lion-Hearted Larry, and years' previous experience with the gun had the villainous landlord, who insists on the been a steady succession of hunts after daughter's hand or immediate eviction for quail, ducks, jacksnipe and other small the whole family. The great scene of the game, but never except in story books had play was the rescue by Larry of the beautiful daughter from the castle of the villainous landlord, at the climax of which the heroic lover was fired upon by a file of British soldiers. At the report of the guns the suffused with red. 'You are wounded!' the ning." he explained, as the boy lowered his heroine cried. 'Yes,' replied Larry, 'but 'tis shotgun. "Kin you kill 'em on the wing?" true Irish blood, ever ready to be shed for he asked, as he looked at the boy, inquirthe cause of Erin!' This rather irrelevant ingly. remark, together with the gory shirt front, never failed to bring down the house. Needless to say, the character of Lion-Heartol

Larry was assumed by Mr. Fitzmorris. "The 'business' of the blood was managed very simply," continued the story teller. A small rubber bulb was filled with a solution of cochineal and fastened under Larry's cloth at the back, the front being renewed for each performance. We were playing a week's stand at the little Iowa town I have already mentioned and the day before 'Lion-Hearted Larry' was put on Fitzmorris gave the property man careful instructions in regard to preparing the material for the blood effect. Whether the 'prop' man had concoived some grudge against 'Fitz' we never ascertained. He was a crabbed old Englishman, and perhaps he didn't like the tone and filled the rubber bulb with bright green. liquid paint. That night several hitches occurred and everybody got nervous and ex. cited. When the time came for the rescue scene Fitzmorris got into his costume as was on the stage. There things went all right up to the climax. The castle was entered, the orchestra played a few bars of outspread and his mouth wide open. On danced with delight. that tableaux the curtain fell. Then he came Hitching the mules to the wagon, they

Iowa and Wisconsin barnstorming circuit."

A GLIMPSE OF THE PRAIRIES.

Viewing the Scene, Stromberg!" shouted the brakeman. Stromberg!" grumbled the conductor, as he followed the brakeman into the car. The boy looked from the window and saw the straggling buildings of a little lows town, writes Ernest McGaffey in the Chicago Record. The public square, the town scales, the dilapidated hotel, the string of horses, mules and ponies bitched to various rails and hitching posts. Around the depot as the train pulled in was the usual group of loungers. Dressed in impossible clothing HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; market steady; pigs and lights, \$1,809,185; packers, \$1,809,195; butchers, \$1,909,500; butchers, \$1,909,500; head; shiftlessness. The station agent alone, non-shiftle AND LAMBS—Receipts, 100 head; chalant of manner and tacitum of speech chalant of manner and taciturn of speech. market quiet, steady; native muttons, \$4.25 chaint of manner and taciturn of speech. \$15.75; lambs, \$5.7507.25; culls and bucks. as became such a superior being, had any-\$2.75074.50; stockers, \$3.60074.20. thing to do. By the depot platform a wagon thing to do. By the depot platform a wagon was drawn up, to which was hitched a team of bay mules. On the seat of this wagon was a gray-whiskered individual wrapped in a faded shawl. He had traces of army uniform about the rest of his apparel and a cheerful rivulet of amber-colored tobacco trickled slowly down his beard. He was bent forward, like the ears of the mules, and the attitude was one of patient resignation.

The boy recognized him from the description Uncle Tom had written to the city. Jim Billings, ex-soldier, now mail carrier between Stromberg and Prairie Valley, was | a man of varied experiences and moving DRESSED POULTRY-Choice to fancy accidents by flood and field. He recognized turkeys, 9210c; ducks, 9210c; geese, 9210c; the boy, both from the description furnished dox in the supreme court in Brooklyn Mon-LIVE POULTRY-Hens, 7½c; spring chickens, 7½c; old and staggy roosters, 4 after the train pulled out. "Hey, you!" he after the train pulled out. "Hey, you!" he pulled by the called sharply to the boy. "You the boy then took her on his knee and talked to her in a fatherly manner.

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In Addition a Fort Dodge Local man the latt that he was the only mortal judge was so much taken with the little one that he had her brought to the bench and then took her on his knee and talked to her in a fatherly manner. spring chickens, 9c; hens, 9c; roosters, 5@6c him and the fact that he was the only mortal

"Yes," said the boy. "You're Mr. Billings ain't you?"

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 90cm\$1.00.

VEALS—Choice, 90f0c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, \$3.00\(\alpha \) 25; blue wing teal, \$1.50; green wing teal, \$1.2\(\alpha \) 1.50; mixed ducks, \$1.50\(\alpha \) 200.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can. 18c; standard, per gal., \$1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per had seen better days shuffled from side to side on a heap of coarse prairie hay. Some packages of groceries and a box or two completed the cargo, together with the boy's

> tured Mr. Billings as the hind wheels of the vehicle shot clear of the metropolis. "What you got in her? Weighs 'bout a thousand pound," he continued. "Powder 'n' shot 'n' bullets 'n' a gun 'n' skates make ber heavy," the boy said. "What you goin' to do out on the farm?" queried Jim, anxiously "I'm going to hunt a good deal, I reckon, said the boy. "Well, you've come to the right place," responded the mail carrier. emphatically. "We'll see stacks of game fore we git to the farm tonight." "Then I'd better get my gun out of the trunk,' said the boy. "You bet," was Jim Billings' advice. So the clothes line that wrapped the trunk about was cut and the gun and a powder flask, a shot pouch and a box of waterproof caps were taken out and preparations made for anything in the shape of fur been passed the virgin stretches of wilder- stated that she was prepared to give her ness began to unfold in long, rolling sweeps stepchild a mother's care. of unbroken splendor. It was the boy's first ion to mar the sense of wildness

here little fellows an' spike-ta'ls: they ain't to the times when he should visit her. any one shoots 'em 'round here. They mos'ly hunts weth a rifle here, deer an' turkey, an' sometimes one o' the boys shoots a few

The road over the prairie was mainly the trail made by the bi-weekly wheels of the mail carrier's wagon and seemed to the boy to be entirely wiped out in places. But the carrier's keen gray eyes knew the trend and never stopped their wandering sweep around the country as the mules trotted steadily for ward. The air was like a sea of shining orleans Times reporter, "occurred one night ether, fresh with the breath of far-blown winds, sweet with the odor of grasses. There was new in the business then and had was a feeling of wanting to threw up your y as old actor of the name of Fitzmorris, a hill at one place they looked below and he seen such myriads of wild fowl and ap-

parently so tame. A pair of mallards came over the road scarcely swerving aside as they passed "Don't shoot," yelled Jim, as the birds went white shirt which he wore was suddenly by. "These mules would never stop run-"Sometimes I can," replied the "Well, I'll tell you what we'll do," sald Mr. Billings. "Wo'll hitch the team to the wagon and go down to those ponds a little while. We've got lots of time, anyway, So he unhitched the mules and fastened them to the wagon wheels, with their stout rope halters. Then he and the boy started for the lake. Before they had got anywhere arm. At the right moment he gave it a near within gunshot they came to a little squeeze and a crimson torrent poured over | wet spot, where a pair of jacksnipe jumped the shirt, which had a piece of waterproof up with their peculiar cry of "scalpe, scalpe," and before the mail carrier could protest the boy fired both barrels at the departing birds. The first shot was a miss, but the contents of the second barrel doubled up a jacksnipe at about thirty-five yards. At the report of the gun a mass of ducks-

mallards, widgeon and pintail-rose from the slough ahead and swung around in apparent bewilderment. "Lay down, lay down," said the boy, as he hastily reloaded. The process of reloading was comparatively of the play-anyhow he went into the scene slow, aithough the boy was nimble of fingers loft, where a lot of colors were kept mixed, and was in good practice. First the powder was snapped off in two portions and poured down the barrels. Next the wads went down and were driven home strongly. Then the shot was sent down on top of the first wads. and the final wads pushed firmly, but gently quick as he could, felt the bulb to see if it crouching position, and as the ducks scafdown over the shot. This was all done in a tered and circled a bunch of five came back and lit in the pool lately vacated. The grass partially hid the boy and his companion and tremolo music. Larry emerged with the within forty yards or nearer to the pond. they cautiously crept along until they were beautiful colleen on his arm, and up jumped Jim nudged the boy and pointed toward one the ambuscaded soldiers. Bang! went the corner of the shallow water. A big mallard gune, and 'You are wounded!' shrieked the drake stood there on a little mud bank, but heroine. 'Yes!' shouted Larry, pressing the no other bird was in sight. The how raised belb, but 'tis true Irish blood'— He never his gun carefully and signted at the drake's got any further. His ample shirt front had neck. At the crack of the gun four other suddenly turned emerald green, and the mallards rose majestically from the pool and howl of laughter that went up from the as they rose the boy drew up, aimed about audience nearly peeled the paper off of the six inches above their heads and fired the walls. Fitzmorris himself was so amazed second barrel. One of the four dropped with by the phenomenon that he was unable to a shot through his neck and another flapped move, and stood there transfixed, his arms down with a broken wing. Jim Billings

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—CATTLE-Recelpts for week, 32.000 head; heavy native
steers. \$4.7505.50; lightweights. \$4.5065.25; butcher
stockers and feeders, \$3.0005.25; butcher

broke up the perfermance and ruined our salled over as they crossed the log bridge, business for the balance of the engagement. and ducks in every direction were flying up I'm told that Fitzmorris was afterward and down the river. A pair of mallards rose known as 'Green Blood Fitz' on the north near the bridge as the wheels rumbled across, and the boy raised his empty gun at them longingly. Across the bridge about a bundred yards a pair of prairie chickens edged away from the road, and the boy's eyes glistened. "Chickens," said Jim, point-

ng with his whip. A world of shadows gathered with the wilight and swooped down on the prairie ike a buzzard's stanting wings. The snn freeped with the dying day and sunk down ver rolling mound and billowy grass till his steps were trailing the western hills. A mild west wind lifted the grassy carpet, shook it softly and laid it down again. Various chirping, cheeping sounds came up from the grass roots, and a great loneliness fell plummet-like among the prairie mounds. The sun wavered and dropped from sight as swift as a falling star.

The wagon crossed a few more slopes in the silence and at a final hilltop, just before the shadows blotted out the after glow, Jim Billings pointed out to a faint growth of timber to the left of the road. "That's your uncle's farm," he said. "He'll be waiting to meet you at the crossroad." And in the gloom as the wagon neared the next hill a farm wagon with a solitary figure was outlined in the dusk. To the south a lone star flared out in the night, and the boy thought of home for the first time since morning.

PRETTY LITTLE ONE WON.

She Sat on the Judge's Knee in Court and He Decided in Her Payor. It was a pretty, blue-eyed girl, 4 years old, who won the warm sympathy of Judge Madday, relates the New York Herald. The

There was a just suspicion at one time that it was the judge's feelings that impelled him request one of the attendants to let more air into the room. He was using CITY TICKET OFFICE, 1402 Farnam his handkerchief vigorously on his face, although the atmosphere of the room was not rauch above moderate temperature.

Little Adelaide is the daughter of Cor nelius L. Sullivan of Brooklyn. Her mother died at her birth and she has since lived with her maternal aunt, Mrs. Adelaide Johnson. It was the dying wish of Mrs. Sullivan

hat her sister should keep her little dauger, who has since learned to call the aun 'mamma." But the father of the child wanted her

also, and as she was not voluntarily sur-

rendered to him he sued out a writ of habeas corpus. It was this which brought all "Mighty heavy trunk you got there," venthe interested persons into the court room yesterday. "Whom do you love the most, little girl? asked Judge Maddox, and the blue eyes

looked into his face as she replied: "Me love my mamma so big." When asked to show who her mamma was the pointed in the direction of her aunt. Her father stood up and the judge asked her who he was. She replied: "I don't know

that man." "Did Santa Claus send you a Christmas present?" asked the judge and Adelaide answered, "I dot a big doll that can open and shut its eyes like me, but my mamma bought it." "Do you like to live with her?" was the

next question and the reply was, Yes, sir. She is awful kind to me." Mr. Sullivan made a statement in which and feather that might happen to cross the he declared his wish to have his daughter, road. The road was a mere thread across to whom, he said, he was able to give a the prairie and after a mile or two had good home. He was remarried and his wife

Judge Maddox then said that he belived sight of the prairies and he was enchanted the best interests of the little girl would be with their green waves of short grass, subserved by her remaining with her aunt. streaked here and there with brown streaks, whom, it was evident, she had learned to and never a tree or fence or sign of civiliza- love as a mother and who had undoubtedly given her parental care. It was only right "Bout ten mile from here we cross the the judge further remarked, that the child Nishnabotna," said Billings, "an' there we'll should become acquainted with its father see a slue of ducks. Greenheads an' these and there should be an agreemnt made as

Mrs. Johnson left the court room with her niece in her arms and looking quite happy.

BIG RENTS FOR LONDON HOUSES Sixty of Them Bring Annual Income of \$750,000. House rent in London, says the St. Louis

Post, is something surprising. Take Park

Lane, that fashionable thoroughfare, for example. It is rather staggering to learn that \$50,000 a year is really not very extravagant rent to pay for a good house in this quarter The simple fact of the matter is that yo annot get a dencent house there for ess than \$15,000 and even such a on would only have three or four bedrooms and, generally speaking, would not have greater accommodation than a house at \$250 r \$300 a year in the suburbs, or at half that

rice in a provincial town. Grosvenor square and Berkeley square arrenowned headquarters of society, which pays astonishingly for its residence there. Consider the former first. The whole square comprises fewer than sixty houses but it is a fact that their combined annual rental is about \$750,000! Big as these rents are, getting a house is a matter of great difficulty, and seldom is there one to let for long. Nothing can be got for less than \$5. 000 a year and from this figure an intending tenant may go up to \$39,000 a year.

Berkeley square is likewise difficult to ge into. It is rather old fashioned and severe and the average man or woman from the country might not be able to see anything about the houses which would justify heavy drain being made upon a tenant's pocket. But all the same, houses here are always at a premium and you will not get much of a residence for \$2,500 a year, nor yet, so far as that goes, is the accommodation very astonishing if \$10,000 a year is

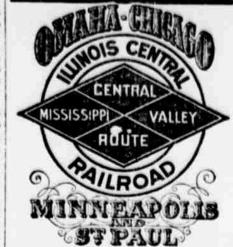
St. James' square is another ultra-fashion able quarter which a millionaire might have to wait years to get into if he desired to ive there-\$15,000 or \$20,000 a year is quite a moderate rent for a house so situated-while Norfolk house, where the duke of Norfolk resides, and such others as Lord Derby's residence at number 33, would easily realze \$50,000 a year in rent.

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