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# BETTER OUTLOOK IN LONDON

Stock Exchanges Erighten Owing to President's Message.

MONEY SITUATION IS SATISFACTORY

There is No Prospect of Stringency in New York - Volume of Business is still Limited.

LONDON. Dec. 5.—The outlook on the Stock exchange was somewhat brighter during the last week, owing to the message from President Roosevelt, the speech of the prince of Wales and the unexpectedly heavy captures in South Africa. These latter also helped the market for mining shares and Kaffirs rose slightly on indefinite predictions of the termination of the South African war.

The money situation was satisfactory and there was no prospect of stringency in New York. Paris and London bills, where the first of January the customary cash returns from the monetary centers, promise easy money for several weeks to come. It is thought this promised situation, combined with the present low price of all stocks, will stimulate both investment and speculation.

Volume of Business Limited.

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The volume of business to date is still imited. American securities were lethargic, in spite of the improvement of Wall street. Home rails had a brighter outlook on improved traffic reports and the promises of the directors to increase economies as well as the efficiency of the roads during the coming year.

The silver situation is still critical, although silver has recovered slightly from its lowest quotations. The future of silver is said to depend entirely upon whether the United States refrains from pressing further sales.

ther sales.

Consols strengthened considerably during the week on the report that the next govthe week on the report that the next gov-ernment loan would take the shape of Transvaal 3 per cents, guaranteed by the British government.

### STREET UNCHANGED Strong Basis Given to Rising Tendency by Continued Prosperity and Large Earnings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- (Special.) - Henry Clews of the banking house of Henry Clews

& Co. in his weekly letter says: & Co. in his weekly letter says:

The Wall street situation is practically unchanged. On the one side we see stocks powerfully concentrated in few hands and an attempt made to raise values to a still higher level by means of various deals, by encouraging easy money and by other artifices best known to skilful manipulators. Continued prosperity and large railroad earnings have afforded a strong basis for such a movement, and at the moment tors. Continued prosperity and large railroad earnings have afforded a strong basis
for such a movement, and at the moment
there are no signs of pronounced weakness, except the unsatisfactory developments in Amalgamated Copper, which have
undoubtedly impeded the efforts for a renewed bull campaign. The large interests
are unquestionably committed to the long
side of the market, they have stocks to
sell which the public are slow to buy unless
they see more certainty of profit than has
been amply discounted, and reliance is
now often placed upon the effects of deals
which promise to increase the dividend capacities of certain securities. As a result
the market is strong only in spots, and
weak spells are not infrequent. Had the
market been allowed to settle down last
summer to a lower level in natural response to the unfavorable incidents which
then occurred, we should have had a recovery and activity during the last two
months which has been notably absent.
The public has wisely kept aloof from extensive commitments on the long side, coufining its activities to quick trading; and
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The situation in some respects is very remarkable. Never before were stocks so highly concentrated, and the steadying power resulting from this process is highly significant. Apparently the powers in control are able to hold the market impregnable against all ordinary assaults, and while this situation lasts judgment must be directed accordingly. At the same time stocks are being slowly scattered, and the large sums of money seeking investment may enable the market leaders to successfully lighten their burden if prosperity continues sufficiently long, as some are bold enough to believe it will. But the business situation is spotty. Great activity is apparent in the iron trade, where the physical revolution in railroad standards is causing an abnormal demand for iron. There is also great prosperity in the coal trade, and an active demand at profitable prices for many articles of food and clothing. Prices for these are the highest in ten years, and people are spending vastly more on invaries and commodities appealing to aesthetic tastes than usual. Economy is the exception and extravagance the rule, and how long this will continue no one knows. There are signs of reaction which only the blind will not see, and they demand caution. We will soon begin to visibly see the effect of the corn crop fallure and the consequent loss of freight to lines traversing the corn belt. As a result prices of cattle feed have risen abnormally. Another blow is the shrinkage in the cotton crop, which must adversely affect important sections of the south. High prices and scarcity are not conducive to continuous prospority in spite of a delusion to the contrary which some people entertain. Still another unfavorable feature has been the declines in our exports, which though perhaps not permanent, indicate a cessarity of the contrary which

through prosperity in spite of a delusion to the contrary which some people entertain. Still another unfavorable feature has been the declines in our exports, which, though perhaps not permanent, indicate a cessation of the excessive trade balances which have been a fruitful source of self-congratulation. Our exports of copper declined about \$22,000,000 during the first ten months of 1901 and our exports of iron manufactures showed a loss of \$24,000,000 in the same period. Such factors as these cannot be ignored. They are signs of our being at or near the top, and common prudence dictates caution in transactions entering into the future.

Those who anticipated a "strenuous" message from President Roosevelt were disappointed. The president's first message was a calm and conservative document, entirely free of radical or demagogical features. While his treatment of disputed questions were strictly within the limits of safety. The financial community was chiefly interested in his utterances regarding trusts. These he treated in a frank, judicial and temperate spirit, and his ideas appon publicity, needless to say, met with universal approval. If such legislation as he suggests were now in force Wall street would be free today from one of its worst uncertainties, and Amalgamated Copper would not be the scapegoat of the market. Many of the trust evils would be self-corrective under reasonable publicity. The president apparently left the currency question to his able secretary. Mr. Gage, who treats this important problem with unusual force and clearness in his annual report. There is no domestic question of greater importance for congress to wrestle with than this one. The country needs a scientific and automatic currency system in keeping with modern progress. The change can best be made under prosperous conditions. When reaction sets in and credit contracts, prejudice and ignorance will be more difficult to overcome than now. Mr. Gages remarks on the currency should be thoughtfully read by ever well-wisher of his c

of opinion. The bulls are of the opinion the crop will not exceed 10.000,000 bales, while the hears firmly believe it will amount to 10.000,000 bales. It is worthy of notice that the stock of American cotton at Liverpool and the quantity affect of all kinds exceeds the record for the same period of 1000 by 45,000 bales and 45,000 bales respectively.

period of 1996 by 45,000 bales and 85,000 bales, respectively.

The demand for cloth from China is small and mainly restricted to sorting up. The Indian demand was irregular. Offers were fairly numerous, but the limits were usually acceptable, being accontuated by the advance in cotton.

A fair quantity of light printing and bleaching cloths was placed with producers who needed work. The markets of the levant and South America were inactive. There was a willingness to biy at the price, but traders were reluctant to follow the advance.

the advance.
It is stated, however, that the Brazilian trade is more hopeful. The position of yarns was atronger. Spinners refused to do business except on the full atrance of cotton and buyers rarely obtained a reduction.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, \$49e; ducks and geese, 7@8c; spring chickens. 7b; 38c, hens. 7@74c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 135e; choice dairy, in tubs. 15@7fc; separator, 23@24c.

FRESH FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 12c; bullheads, 10c; blue fins, 7c; buffaloes, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod. 11c; crappies, 11c; halibut, 11c; herring, 7c; haddock, 10c; pike, 10c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 14c; sunfish, 6c; trout, 9c; whiteish, 9c; pickerel, 6c; fresh mackerel, each, 20% 35c.

OYSTERS-Mediums, per can, 22c; Stand-OYSTERS—Mediums, per can, 22c; Standards, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 33c; New York counts, per can, 40c; bulk Standards, per gal, \$1.2961.25; bulk extra selects, \$1.6961.65; bulk, New York counts, per gal, \$1.75.

FIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 638c.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

TREES—4 to 6 feet, per doz., \$1.75; 8 to 8 feet, per doz., \$2.50; 8 to 9 feet, per doz., \$3.50; 10 to 14 feet, each, \$1.0961.50; 15 to 29 feet, each, \$2.0964.60; EVERGREEN WREATHING—In coils of 29 yards, per coil, \$1; evergreen wreaths.

20 yards, per coil, \$1; evergreer wreaths, 12 inches in diameter, per doz., \$1.59; holly wreaths, 12 inches in diameter, per doz., \$3.59; holly wreaths, 12 inches in diameter, per doz., \$3. HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of \$9 lbs., \$4.50; per bbl.. \$2. LONG NEEDLE PINES—Per doz. \$2.50% MISTLETOE BRANCHES-Per 1b., 202 HAY-Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, 19.50; No. 2 upland, 18.50; medium, 48; coarse, 57.50. Rye s.raw, 55. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand

hay of good color and fair. CORN-New, 65c; old, 65c. BRAN-122. OATS-56c. VEGETABLE BRAN-52.
OATS-50c.
VEGETABLES.
POTATOES-Heme grown. \$1; northern.
\$1, 10; Sait Lake, \$1, 10; Colorado, \$1, 10.
CARROTS-Per bu. 50c.
BEETS-Per \$5-bu. basket. 50c.
TURNIPS-Per bu., 50c, Rutabagas, per 100 lbs., \$1, 25.
CUCUMBERS-Hothouse, per doz., \$1, 25.
LETTUCE-Head, per bbl., \$6, 0; hothouse lettuce, per doz., \$2c.
PARSLEY-Per doz., 25c.
RADISHES-Per doz., 25c.
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SWEET POTATOES-Home grown, per lb., 24c; genuine Virginia, per bel., \$3, 50; Kansas, per bbl., \$3.
CABBAGE-Holland seed, crated, 12c.
ONIONS-Home grown, per lb., 26214c; Spanish, per crate, \$2; Michigan reds., 24c per lb.
CELERY-Kalamazoo, per bunch, 250736c;

per lb. CELERY—Kalamazoo, per bunch. 25g35c; Nebraska, per bunch. 50g35c; California. NAVY BEANS-Per bu., \$2.15.

PRUITS.

APPLES-Ben Davis, per bbl. \$4.00@4.50;
winesaps, \$5; Jonathan, \$5.50; Belleflowers,
per box, \$1.65.

PEARS-Vikers, \$2.25; Lawrence, \$2.25@

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# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Unequaled Eathusiasm Has Possession of the Market.

LARGE COUNTRY DEMAND FOR GRAIN

Commission Houses Receive Big Orders that Show Inprecedented tall for Wheat and Kindred Cerents.

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opening rush, and the wheat spurt at the end mainly brought the reaction from the sag attendant upon the profit-taking December opened \$\( \frac{1}{2} \) to the New York Stock exchange:

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Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR-Strong: winter patents, \$3.500 3.70; straights, \$3.2063.50; clears, \$2.9062.50; spring spectals, \$4.20; patents, \$3.3563.70; straights, \$3.0063.25; wheat, \$3.2563.70; WHEAT-No. 3, 75677514c; No. 2 red, 8062 SULC. Silve.

CORN-No. 2 yellow. 68% 468% c.

OATS-No. 2 48c: No. 2 white, 49% 4660% c;

No. 3 white, 194650c,

RYE-No. 2, 63c,

BARLEY-Fair to choice malting, 586

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# OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

mess, \$17.00@19.00. Cur meats, steady, pick led bellies, \$8.75@10.25; pickled shorts, \$7. pickled harms, \$9.50@10.00. Lard, firm; western steamed, \$10.10; refined, steady, continental, \$10.30, South America, \$10.75; compound, \$2.375@7.875; Pork, quiet; family \$17.00@17.25; short clear, \$18.00@19.30; mess \$16.25@17.25. Short Fed Steers Higher Than Last Week, Sis Topil, 25.

HIDES Firm: Galveston, 29 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19te; Texas, dry, 24 to 20 lbs., 14te., LEATHER — Steady: hemlock sele, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25 1250gc.

WOOL-Steady: demestic fleece, 15626c. bus Bost Grades About Steady.

HOGS EASED OFF A LITTLE TODAY

Sheep Receipts Fairly Liberal for the Week, but Prices Have Not Shown Much Change on Either Sheep or Lambs.

Gray CHEESE—Steady; fancy, large, September, 199104c; fancy, small, September, 1994 511c; late made, best, large, 94c; late made, lest, small, 199104c, EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 26 92c; western, at mark, 26c; southern, at mark, 29325c

Wells-Fargo Ex 190

37½ Inter. Paper
72 do pfd
68 inter. Power
129 Laclede Gas
1604 Na. Biscuit
135% National Lead
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New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—MONEY—On call, nominal; no loans today; prime mercantile paper, 44,65 per cent.
STERLING EXCHANGE—Heavy, with

The closing quotations on bonds are as

Mex. National
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\*Offered. \*\*Last sale.

to good steers are worth from \$5.20 to \$6.15 and short-fed cattle are selling from \$5.20 down.

The cow market has also been very active and prices have advanced all the way from 15c to 30c. The market, nowever, has been more or less uneven, owing to the rapidity with which prices have advanced. The greatest improvement has been on the heavyweight fed cows of good quality, which may be quoted from \$4.25 to \$4.25. The medium and light cattle have not advanced as much, but at the same time prices are better than they were a week ago. There has been an active demand for canners and prices are considerably ligher than they were a week ago. At some other points, however, the market cased off to-ward the close of the week, so that prices for the coming week depend very largely into receipts.

Bulls, veal calves and stags have also sold freely and prices are stronger than they were a week ago.

There have been very few stockers and feeders at the yards this week and as the demand for the choicer grades was liberal prices are fully as high as they were a week ago. The demand continues best for the heavyweight cattle showing quality and also for prime yearlings. The common grades of all weights have moved very slowly, the demand from the country for that class of cattle being extremely light. Good to choice feeders are quotable from \$3.75 to \$4.25; fair to good, \$2.00 to \$3.75 and common from \$3.96 down.

Very few western cattle are now coming on the market and most of those that do arrive are of common quality. Packers are now nearly as anxious for the best steers as they were two weeks ago; though the better grades gill at very satisfactory prices. Cow suff and feeders have fluctuated just about the same as is noted above for natives.

HOGS—There was a liberal run of hogs welghing 30 pounds and over, sold fully a nickel lower, while the, lightweights were than vesterday and sometimes the decline was even greater. The best heavy hogs sold fargely from \$6.51, to \$6.15. The bulk of the lightweights werk have been fairly down.

The cow market has also been very ac-

285 6 15 283 6 15 283 160 6 15 283 160 6 15 215 120 6 15 215 120 6 15 238 40 6 1716 238 6 2719 2831 6 27 SHEEP About four cars of sicep and timbs arrived today, but two of them were onsigned direct to a local packer. The ther two cars were offered on the market hid sold at just about steady prices.

The receipts for the last week have been offered by the last week have been offered by the last week have been be previous week and also over the same fairly liberal, a good gain being noted over the previous week and also over the same week of last year. The demand has been just about equal to the supply, so that prices have not changed materially. The week opened with the market strong and active a, if then toward the middle of the week the feeling was not so good and prices cased off a trifle. The last two days, nowever, the market has been strong again, so that prices are now back to just about where they were at the close of last week. This is true of sheep as well as of lambs.

calves, \$2.5095.00; Texas fed steers, \$4.5095.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 28.000 head; estimated Monday, \$5.000; left over, 2.500; market \$75 loc lower for bulk; mixed and butchers, \$5.60 \$6.50; good to choice heavy, \$5.8095.40; rough heavy \$5.8095.86; light, \$5.3595.90; bulk of sales, \$5.806.20.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1.500 head; market steady; good to choice wethers, \$1.5094.15, fair to choice mixed, \$2.7697 \$3.50; western sheep, \$2.0094.00; native lambs, \$2.5095.25; western lambs, \$2.0094.25.

Official yesterday: Receipts—Cattle, 5.701 head; hogs, 29.502 head; sheep, \$5.71 head. Shipments—Cattle, 4.595 head; hogs, 1.505 head; sheep, 5.435 head; sheep, 5.435 head; sheep, 5.435 head;

### St. Louis Live Stock Market.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. Louis Dec. 7.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1.100 head, including 806.—Texans. Market steady to strong, native shipping and export steers, \$1.6507.25, the top being obtained for fancy heavy grades, with the general run \$5.4096.15; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$1.5095.85; steers under \$1.000 hos. \$2.757.59; stockers and feeders, \$2.509 hos. \$2.757.59; stockers and feeders, \$2.509 hos. \$2.5093.59; tookers and feeders, \$2.509 hos. \$2.5093.59; to

St. Joseph Live Stock Market. ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 7 .- CATTLE-Receipts, 300 head; steady. HOGS-Receipts, 2,000 head; steady to 10c lower; light and light mixed, \$5.70\(\text{p6.30}\); pigs, \$2.76\(\text{p6.10}\). SHEEP-Receipts, 200 head; steady.

Stock in Sight.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal markets for December 7:

South Omaha 157 14.311 1.927 Chicago 3.400 38.000 1.500 Kansas City 300 12.000 670 St. Louis 1.100 4.100 200 St. Joseph 300 9.000 200

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY. Dec. 7.—WHEAT—December, 75½c; May, 78½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 76½q77c; No. 3, 76c; No. 2 red, 85c; No. 3, 83084c; No. 2 spring, 85c; No. 3, 82½c.

CORN—December, 72c; May, 70½c; January, 70½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 70@71½c; No. 2 white 74½c; No. 3, 70@71½c;
OATS—No. 2 white, 49½@60½c.

RYE—No. 2, 66c.

HAY—Choice timothy, \$13.50; choice prairie, \$13.50@15.00

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@22c; dairy, fancy, 17c.

Minucapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—WHEAT—Cash. 175(c; December, 165:60764;c; May, 784(c) on track, No. 1 hard, 805(c); No. 1 northern, 175(c); No. 2 northern, 76c.
FLOUR—Higher, first patents, \$4.0004.10; second patents, \$1.8503.25; first clears, \$2.50 (63.06; second clears, \$2.60. 93.00; second clears, \$2.60. BRAN-Higher; in bulk, \$20,00620.50. Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS. Dec. 7.-WOOL Steady; medium grades. 129/174c; light fine, 124/9/15c; heavy fine, 109/12c; tub washed, 149/24/2c,

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.-Call loans, 48414 per cent; time loans, 41296 per cent. Official closing.

102 Amalgamated
80 Baltic
61 Bingham
1854 Cal & Hecla
254 Centennial
257 Copper Range
1854 Dom Coal
167 Franklin
213 Isle Royale
1424 Mohawk
2654 Old Dominion
224 Osceola Atchison 48... E. G. & C. Atchison
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# CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Retter Demand for Cold Weather Goods Last Week Than for Some Time Past.

VERY FEW IMPORTANT CHANGES IN PRICES

Merchants Meeting Their Bills More Promptly Than Expected in View of Unfavorable Weather. Which Reduced Sales.

the stock of a trifle. The last two days, nowever, the market has been strong again, so that prices are now back to just again. So that prices are now back to just as the stock of sheep as well as of the stock week. The bulk of the offerings now being received consists of relating so that the consists of relating so that the strength of the strengt

### No More Cheap Sugar,

The effects of the sugar war are no longer felt in this territory, ilt may be said that practically all the cheap sugar that was shipped into the Missouri river markets has been cleaned up, so that there is now a good, even market, with all refiners selling on the same basis they were before the price-cutting was started. The market is considerably firmer than it was a week ago, owing to the fact that the raw market has advanced a shade. It is predicted with a good deal of confidence that a corresponding advance in refined sugars will take place in the near future. In farinaceous goods there has been a slight advance in ostmeal and hominy owing to the high prices ruling on oais and corn. It is thought that still higher prices will prevail in the near future. Syrup has also strengthened up for the same reason.

The coffee market is in practically the

and still higher quotations are looked for in the future.

There has been no important change in the cannel goods situation. Both corn and tomatoes continue strong and those who are posted say that higher prices will prevail at no very distant date. Oysters are also held at firm prices, owing to the fact that Baltimore packers are unable to get enough stock to supply existing orders.

The only change in dried fruits is a slight advance in currants. Other lines of dried fruits remain steady, with the demand rather quiet.

# Natls Marked Down Ten Cents.

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.
South Omaha 157 14311 1.027
Chicago 3.409 28.000 1.500
Kansas City 300 12.000 670
St. Louis 1.100 4.100 200
St. Joseph 300 9.000 200
Total 5.257 67.411 3.527
St. Louis Grain and Provisions.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—WHEAT—Higher and excited: No. 2 red cash, elevator, \$45c; No. 2 hard, 80c.

St. Katls Marked Down Ten Cents
The most important change in the hard-ware market last week was the drop in nails, amounting to 10 cents per keg. It is claimed that this drop does not indicate any general weakness in the iron or steel market, but is brought about through competition between the independent manufacturers and the trust. The capacity of the different mills is considerably in excess of consumption, so that the independent manufacturers have been cutting prices for the purpose of moving their goods. Prices on barbwire are the same as they were a week ago, as the supply and demand of ST. LOUIS. Dec, 7.—WHEAT—Higher and excited, No. 2 red cash, elevator, \*\*Sec track, \$49,600c; December, \$41c; May, \$496 \$496,00. 2 hard, \$600. CORN—Higher and strong; No. 2 cash, \$676c; CHAC, \$69c; December, \$674c; May, \$780c. OATS—Higher and strong; No. 2 cash, \$676c; CHAC, \$69c; December, \$694c; May, \$676c. Whigher are strong; No. 2 cash, \$676c; CHAC, \$69c; December, \$694c; May, \$676c. Whigher are strong; No. 2 cash, \$676c; CHAC, \$69c; December, \$694c; May, \$676c. Whigher are strong; No. 2 cash, \$676c; CHAC, \$69c; December, \$694c; May, \$676c. Whigher; red winter patients, \$2.85 \$64.99; cextra faney and straight, \$2.4673.69; celear, \$2.1093.25 \$64.99; cextra faney, \$2.25 \$64.99; cextra shorthy, nominal; held at \$6.000 \$64.90; certra file, scarce, firm, \$12.09914.90; prair ric, scarce

Good Demand for Footwear.

Solve: No. 2 spring. Soc. No. 3. Cyc. CORN—December. 72c; May. 10%c; January. 70%c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 10671½c; No. 2 white. 74½c; No. 3. 70871½c.
RYE—No. 2, 68c.
HAY—Choice timothy. \$13.50; choice prairie, \$13.50615.00.
BUTTER—Creamery. 18622c; dairy, fancy. 17c.
EGGS—Firm: fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, quoted on 'change at the doz., loss of, casses returned; country, held at 16c.
RECEPTS—Wheat. 47.500 bu.; corn. 37.500 bu.; cats. 12.000 bu.; cats. 12.000 bu.; cats. 12.000 bu.; cats. 12.000 bu.; cats. 13.000 bu.; cats. 13.000 bu.; cats. 13.000 bu.; cats. 8.000 bu.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK. Dec. 7.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet, 1-16c higher, middling upland Syc. middling gulf. Nyc. no sales. Futures closed firm: December. 8.00c; January. 8.05c; May. 8.05c; June. 8.05c; 201y. 8.02c; August, 1.90c.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—COTTON—Yery steady; sales, 7.350 bales.
ST. LOU'IS. Dec. 7.—COTTON—Steady. Sales, 300 bales.
The country staken place this season, and this year is no exception to the general rule, but so, far bills are stock, 257,850 bales.
ST. LOU'IS. Dec. 7.—COTTON—Steady. sales, 300 bales. middling 7½c; receipts, 4.256 bales; shipments, 4.852 bales; stock, 52,367 bales.

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# Fruits and Produce.

There were almost no important changes at all last week in the prices quoted on fresh fruits and vegetables. Business was not exactly rushing, but still there was a very fair demand both from the country and the city. Jobbers are shipping out immense quantities of nuts, and that class of goods for the Christmas trade and they look for a big rush from now until the holidays.

Christmas decurations have arrived and the prices at which the trees, holly and evergreen wreathing and the various other lines are selling will be found in the quotations given in another column. A big demand for that class of goods is looked for unusually large.

The egg market is holding just about steady. Very little strictly fresh stock is arriving on the market, so that the demand is sufficient to take all that is effered at good, firm prices.

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