THE CLOSE DRAWING NEAR.

When Bulls and Bears, Buyers and Sellers, Make the Final Round Up.

ANOTHER DAY OF THIS YEAR.

Opening on Cereal Productions in a Satisfactory State—Cattle and Hog Products Spasmodic With no Certainty of the Future.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram.]—The markets were generally stronger to-day, and prices of all speculative commodities were higher. Wheat opened where it left off last evening, and by 1 o'clock had recovered a portion of the loss sustained yesterday, closing ⅝c higher than the opening, which was at low water mark. The strength was attributed to the approach of a cold wave from the northwest, to covering by shorts, and to a better feeling growing out of the fact that orders for flour for export, very close to the market, were known to be in the hands of representatives of foreign houses. Receipts at primary points showed a noticeable falling off and were smaller than at any time for three or four months, and the tone of cables indicated a steadiness abroad and a hardening of values. The largest holders and the largest shorts are known to be in about the relative positions they have occupied for some time past, both parties being unshaken in their faith in the future course of prices. The bears put their faith in the power of dead weight, and the bulls in the natural improvement of the situation.

CORN—Corn gained ⅜@⅜c to-day. Receipts at primary points continue heavy, but the warm and moist weather is having a damaging effect and grain does not grade so well. An active inquiry for No. 2 has started prices upward. Cash closed at 38⅜c, and May at 40½c.

OATS—An improvement in oats is noted, a gain of ¼c being recorded. Outside of the cash market business was very dull.

PROVISIONS—Provisions were spasmodically active and higher. There was considerable changing over into more distant months, and as on yesterday, very free selling of all the product by Chicago packing companies. According to the 1 o'clock closing the price of pork was 10c higher than yesterday, and lard 2½c higher. The market was steady at the close.

AFTERNOON BOARD—2:30 p. m.—Pork advanced 5c on the afternoon board, and the entire provision list was firm but not quotably higher. Wheat, corn and oats were steady, and prices were without material change compared with those ruling at 1 o'clock.

2:45 p. m.—Puts on May wheat, 90⅞c; calls, 91⅛c.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram.]—CATTLE—The market to-day was active and very uneven. Prices were stronger here in spite of the fact that New York reported a dull market, with 25c decline. On an average prices here were 15c higher than on Monday, thus regaining part of the 25c decline of that day. In some cases, the advance was more and in some cases less. As a rule, common, thin and rough steer did not show much improvement, while some of the fancy kinds, that were very scarce, sold at a premium. The Drovers' Journal says this afternoon, in regard to the situation: "This is one of the days where the strong word of warning is especially needed. Monday, with about 8,500 cattle, buyers took off 25c. Telegrams were sent out freely, and the run was stopped. To-day, with a meagre supply, salesmen were able to advance prices about 15c. This is the way it works, when there is a big run there is a big decline, and when there is a very small run there is seldom as large an advance. Many telegrams went out to-day and countrymen are more than likely to be misled into rushing more cattle to the market than are wanted." Shipping steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, $4.35@5.75; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $4.00@4.90; 950 to 1200 lbs, $3.70@4.20.

HOGS—Heavy sorts sold a shade lower, yet about all were closed out. The whim of the moment is the demand for light sorts. A week ago such were almost unsaleable unless at ruinously low prices. The best heavy made $3.90@4.00, only a few loads at the outside price, and prime packing sorts sold at $3.70@3.85. Packing and shipping, 250 to 420 lbs, $3.70@4.00.

FINANCIAL.

New York, Dec. 30.—MONEY—On call easy at 2@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE BILLS—Dull and unchanged; $4.85½ for sixty days and $4.88½ for demand.

GOVERNMENTS—Active and firm.

RAILWAY BONDS—Unusually active and generally strong.

STOCKS—Firm and somewhat more active. The market closed about ⅛@¾ per cent over last evening. Extreme fluctuations, with very few exceptions, did not exceed 1 per cent. There has been unusual trading for the past two or three days in St. Paul preferred, and the stock this evening shows a gain of 1⅞ per cent. Common, which was the most active on the list, is up ½ per cent. Northwestern is unchanged. Vanderbilts were conspicuous for their firmness, and Lake Shore to-night is up ⅝ and New York Central ½ per cent. Considerable speculation has been indulged in to-day as to the amount of the next New York Central dividend and the dividend on several thousand shares of the stock was sold this afternoon at ⅜ per cent, the purchasers confidently expecting a 1 per cent dividend to-morrow. The Omahas were conspicuous for their strength. Common shows a net gain of 1⅛ and preferred is up 1 per cent. The recent strength in Lake Shore is attributed at least in part to the impression more or less prevalent that the directors would declare a dividend tomorrow. It is stated this evening, however, that the Vanderbilts and their associates are opposed to any dividend at present, and it is thought that none will be declared. A large shipment of New York Central stock and Erie second consols was made this week to Europe by a prominent German house, and another German firm yesterday bought $500,000 Erie second consols, it is understood, also for shipment.

STOCKS ON WALL STREET.

5s cent bonds	103⅞	C. & N. W	110⅛
U. S. 4½'s	112½	preferred	136
New 4's	124⅛	N. Y. C	105⅞
Pacific 6's of '95	125⅝	Oregon Tran	33⅝
Central Pacific	43⅞	Pacific Mail	66⅝
C. & A	140	P., D. & E	21¼
preferred	155	P. P. C	182½
C., B. & Q	137½	Rock Island	128½
D., L. & W	136	St. L. & S. F.	21⅝
D. & R. G	21	preferred	46
Erie	26	C., M. & St. P.	95¼
preferred	53½	preferred	124⅝
Illinois Central	139½	St. P. & O	36⅝
L. E. & W	26	preferred	104⅛
Kansas & Texas	32¼	Texas Pacific	19⅛
Lake Shore	88⅛	Union Pacific	55⅞
L. & N	45⅞	W., St. L. & P	12¼
Mich. Central	76⅝	preferred	21
Mo. Pacific	109⅞	Western Union	73
Northern Pac	28¾	O. R. & N	106⅝
preferred	62		

PRODUCE.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Flour—Unchanged; winter wheat flour, $4.40@5.85; southern, $4.00@4.65; Wisconsin, $4.50@4.75; Michigan soft spring wheat, $4.70@4.90; Minnesota bakers', $3.50@4.50; patents ranged $4.75@5.50; low grades, $2.00@3.00; rye flour, $3.30@3.60; buckwheat, $4.25@4.75.

Wheat—Generally steady and firm; opened at about yesterday's close, advanced ⅝c, receded ⅝c, then advanced ⅞c, ruled easier, and closed ⅛c over yesterday: $1.02⅝@1⅛c for January; 88⅝c for February; 91@91⅛c for May.

Corn—More doing, firmer and higher; advanced ⅛@¼c, and closed ⅜@⅜c above yesterday: 36⅝@36⅞c for December; 36⅝c for January; 37⅞c for February; 40⅛@40⅜c for May.

Oats—Firm and ⅛@¼c higher; 27⅝@27⅞c for cash; 27⅝c for December; 27⅞c for January; 31¼@31⅜c for May.

Rye—Dull at 58½c.

Barley—Dull at 62c.

Pork—Firmer and 7½@10c higher: $9.85@9.87½ for cash and December; $9.87½@9.90 for January; $9.97½@10.00 for February; $10.30@10.32½ for May.

Lard—Steady and a shade higher: $5.92½@6.00 for cash and January; $6.05@6.07½ for February; $6.25@6.27½ for May.

Timothy—Firm and strong; prime, $1.71@1.72.

Flaxseed—Firm; cash quotably steady and unchanged: No. 1, $1.12½.

Whisky—$1.16.

Butter—Dull; ordinary to fancy, 16@22c; dairy, fair to choice, 14@24c.

Cheese—Firm; full cream choice cheddars and flats, 9½@10¼; Young Americas, 10½@11c.

Eggs—Weak and lower at 17@20c.

Bulk Meats—Shoulders, $5.70@5.75; short clear, $4.15@5.20; short ribs, $4.85@4.90.

Hides—Unchanged; green, 8c; heavy green salted fully cured, 9½c; light, 10c; damaged, 7½c; bull hides, 7c; dry salted, 12½c; dry flint, 13@14c; calf skins, 15c.

Tallow—Unchanged: No. 1 country, 5c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	11,000
Wheat, bu	58,000	17,000
Corn, bu	374,000	70,000
Oats, bu	90,000	80,000
Rye, bu	7,000	.....
Barley, bu	35,000	22,000

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Offered freely; new No. 2 winter and spring, 7s 7½d.

Flour—Offered freely at 8s 9d.

Corn—Offered freely; spot, 4s 8d; December, 4s 7d; January, 4s 3d, steady; February, 4s 3d, easy.

Toledo, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Closed quiet; cash, 91½@91⅝c.

Corn—Inactive; cash and year, 38c bid.

Oats—Nominal; cash, 30c.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Very quiet, opened weak, rallied and closed ¼@½c over yesterday: No 2 red, cash, 92c; January, 92½c; February, 94⅞c; May, $1.01.

Corn—Strong, ⅛c higher: No. 2 mixed, cash, 33½c; December, 33½c; January, 35¼c; May, 36½c.

Oats—Quiet and unchanged: No. 2 mixed, cash, 27¼@27⅜c; December, 27½c; May, 30½c.

Rye—Steadier at 58c.

Whisky—Firm at $1.10.

Pork—$10.00.

Lard—$5.80.

Butter—Steady and unchanged; creamery, 25@32c; dairy, 16@25c.

AFTERNOON BOARD—Wheat, firm and ⅛@⅜c higher. Corn, strong and ¼@⅜c higher. Oats, steady and unchanged.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Corn—Firmer; white, 42@43c; mixed, 35c; yellow, 40c.

Oats—Quiet and weak; choice western, 37c.

Cornmeal—Dull and unchanged.

Hog Products—Dull and unchanged; pork, $9.75; lard, refined, $6.00.

Bulk Meats—Dull and unchanged; shoulders, $5.65; long clear and clear ribs, $5.00.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Wheat—No. 2 red, cash and December, 69½c bid, 70c asked; January, 70½c bid, 71½c asked; February, 72½c bid, 73⅝c asked; May, 78¼c bid, 79c asked.

Corn—Cash and December, 36½c bid, 36¾c asked; January, 36½c; February, 37½c bid; March, 38½c bid; May, 40½c.

Oats—No. 2, cash and December, 26c bid, 28c asked; January, 26c bid; May, 30c bid.

Milwaukee, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Firm; cash, 83½c; January, 84½c; May, 90½c.

Corn—Firm: No. 2, 36½c.

Oats—Easy: No. 2, 27½c.

Rye—Quiet: No. 2, 58½c.

Barley—Quiet: No. 2, 52½c.

Provisions—Firmer; mess pork, cash, new, $9.85.

New York, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Higher; receipts, 1,100; exports, 42,000; ungraded red, 84@95½c; No. 3 red, nominal, 88c; No. 2 red, nominal, 92½c; January closing at 91⅝c.

Corn—Higher; receipts, 108,000; exports, 322,000; ungraded, 42@49½c; No. 3, 44¼@44½c; No. 2, 49¼@50c elevator; January closing at 49½c.

Oats—Higher and less active; receipts, 27,500; exports, 250; mixed western, 35@36c; white western, 37@43½c.

Petroleum—Steady; united closed at 87½c.

Eggs—Quiet and steadily held; receipts, 1,334 packages.

Pork—Unchanged; mess, $9.75@10.25.

Lard—Firm and quiet; sales western steam, spot, $6.37½; January $6.37@6.36.

Butter—Quiet and barely steady; western, 14@36c; Elgin creamery, 38c.

Cheese—Quiet but firm.

Cincinnati, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Stronger; No. 2 red, 92@93½c.

Corn—Strong and higher; No. 2 mixed, 34½@36c.

Oats—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 30@30½c.

Rye—Fair demand; steady; No. 2, 64@66c.

Barley—Firm; extra No. 3 spring, 50@58c.

Pork—Firm at $10.25.

Lard—Good demand at $6.00.

Whisky—Steady at $1.10.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Quiet and fair business; No. 1 hard, cash, 90½c; January, 90⅞c; February, 91⅝c; May 97½; No. 1 northern, cash, 84½c; January, 85c; February, 86c; May, 91½c.

Flour—More inquiry for export, firmly held; patents, $4.85@5.10; bakers, $3.85@4.10.

Receipts—Wheat, 71,120.

Shipments—Wheat, 12,880; flour, 10,840.

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The Drovers' Journal reports:

Cattle—Receipts, 32,000; strong and 15 higher; shipping steers, $3.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, active, $2.40@4.10; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.50; bulk, $2.70@3.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 21,500; slow and about steady; rough and mixed, $3.40@3.70; packing and shipping, $3.70@4.00; light, $3.25@3.90; skips, $2.70@3.40.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; shipments, 1,000; strong; natives, $2.00@4.35; western, $2.40@3.60; Texans, $2.00@3.00; lambs, $4.00@5.25.

Kansas City, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 616; shipments, 455; best grades of shippers strong and 10c higher; butchers' stuff and cows steady; stockers and feeders quiet; exporters, $5.00@5.25; good to choice shipping, $4.50@4.85; common to medium, $4.10@4.40; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.75; cows, $2.00@3.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,800; shipments, 1,100; choice steady; common weak; good to choice, $3.50@3.75; common to medium, $3.25@3.45.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 180; shipments, 100; market active and strong with demand not supplied; choice shipping, $5.00@5.55; common to good shipping, $4.00@4.85; butchers steers, $3.50@4.00; cows, $2.25@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,100; shipments, 1,000; market active and steady on good light and choice heavy grades, and was slow and easie on account of bad weather; all sold; butcher and best heavy, $3.80@4.00; mixed packing $3.60@3.80; light, $3.60@3.80.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 30.

The market opened active and closed a little dull. The receipts of hogs were light.

RECEIPTS.

Cattle	120
Hogs	1,000

PREVAILING PRICES.

DESCRIPTION.	Poor to Medium.	Good to Extra.
Cattle—		
1,500 lbs and over	$4 15@4 40	$4 80@5 00
1,350@1,500 lbs	3 75@4 15	4 15@4 45
1,200@1,350 lbs	3 50@4 00	3 75@4 25
Feeders	2 40	3 50
Grass Texans	2 75	3 00
Western Rangers	3 00@3 25	3 65@4 00
Native Cows	2 50@2 75	3 35
Western Cows	2 65	3 25
Bulls	1 65	2 10
Hogs—		
Mixed	3 15	3 40
Heavy Packing	3 25	3 55
Light Weights	3 15	3 25
Skips	2 60	2 75

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
		COWS.			
9	1013	$2.85			
		HOGS.			
82	180	$3.12½	56	337	$3.47½
79	210	3.30	63	308	3.47½
62	269	3.35	54	318	3.47½
63	296	3.35	53	350	3.50
74	225	3.35	52	355	3.50
63	244	3.35	63	268	3.50
31	237	3.40	61	269	3.50
25	192	3.40	59	296	3.50
42	237	3.40	54	334	3.55
63	276	3.45			

RANGE OF PRICES FOR HOGS.

The extreme range of prices for rough mixed, packing and shipping and light weight hogs for six days is shown below:

Date.	Rough Mixed.	Heavy. Packing	Light Weights
Wednesday	$3.15@3.40	$3.30@3.45	$3.10@3.20
Thursday	3.15@3.30	3.30@3.45	3.10@3.20
Saturday	3.15@3.35	3.30@3.50	3.10@3.25
Monday	3.15@3.35	3.30@3.50	3.10@3.20
Tuesday	3.25@3.40	3.25@3.55	3.10@3.25
Wednesday	3.25@3.40	3.25@3.55	3.15@3.25

HIGHEST AND LOWEST.

Showing the highest and lowest prices paid on this market for hogs during the past seven days, and for the corresponding time last month:

	December.		November.	
Tuesday	$3.30	@3.47	$3.25	@3.50
Wednesday	3.25	@3.40	3.25	@3.50
Thursday	3.17½	@3.42½	3.30	@3.40
Saturday	3.32½	@3.45	3.15	@3.50
Monday	3.40	@3.45	3.17½	@3.50
Tuesday	3.30	@3.50	3.15	@3.52½
Wednesday	3.30	@3.50	3.12½	@3.55

Note—All sales of stock in this market are made per cwt. live weight, unless otherwise stated. Dead hogs sell at ½c per lb. for all weights. "Skins," or hogs weighing less than 100 lbs, no value. Pregnant sows are docked 40 lbs and stags 80 lbs.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 30.

General Markets.

EGGS—The market is weak at 19@22c.

BUTTER—The butter market continues steady at former prices. While choice butter meets with fair sale, there is no demand for the poorer grades. Strictly choice roll, 15@17c; fair to good, 9@12c; inferior, 4@8c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream cheddars, October make, 10½c; flats, 12c; Young America, 11½c; full cream flats, August make, 10c; Young American, 10c; full cream, July, sharp, 9@7c; first quality Swiss cheese, 16c; second quality, 13@14c; brick cheese, 13c; Limburger, 11c.

POULTRY—There is still a good deal of old stock on the market which is hard to sell at any price. Strictly fresh well dressed poultry has been in very good demand to-day and met with ready sale at quotations: Turkeys, fancy, 12@13c; chickens, fancy, 8@9c; ducks, fancy, 9@10c; geese, fancy, 9@10c.

GAME—The market is dull and weak owing to the warm weather. Prairie chickens $2.50@3.75 per doz; mallard ducks, per doz, $2.25; teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed, $1.25@1.75; geese, $3.00@3.50; jack rabbits, $3.00; small rabbits, 25@50c; quail, $1.00; snipe, $1.00; deer saddles, per lb, 11@12c; carcasses, 6@7c; antelope saddles, per lb, 11@12c; carcasses, 6@7c; elk saddles, per lb, 8@9c; carcasses, 5@6c.

under groceries

COMB HONEY—California 2 lb. frame, 60 lbs, in case, per lb., 15c; extracted, 2 lb. in cans, 2 doz in case, per case $4.00; 10 lb. frames, Nebraska, 18c.

CIDER—New York refined per bbl., $7.00; do half bbl., $4.00.

VINEGAR—White wine, 16c; cider, 12½c.

COCOANUTS.—There is a liberal supply in the market at $4.00@4.50

NEW FIGS AND DATES—Figs, Smyrna, 100 lb. kegs, per lb, 11c; layer, 8, 12 and 16 lb. boxes, per lb, 16@17c; layer, fancy, 45 lb. boxes, per lb, 25c; layer, fancy, 2 lb. cartoons, per lb, 16c. Dates fancy Fard, 12 lb boxes, per lb, 14c; fancy Persian, 50 lb. boxes, per lb, 11c. Prunelles, 25 lb. boxes, per lb 10c.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu, $1.40; do shell barks, $1.75; chestnuts, 12c; pecans, large polished, 11c; pecans, medium, 9c; English walnuts, 14c; almonds, Tarragona, 20c; do, Languedoc, 15c; Brazils, 12c; filberts, 14c; peanuts, hand picked, fancy Virginia, 6½c; do roasted 8½c.

SAUER KRAUT—Best quality, $6.50 per 30 ¾ gal barrel; per ½ bbl, $3.75.

PICKLES, JELLIES, ETC.—Preserves; kinds, 20 lb. pails per lb., 10½c; do 10 pail gal., 10c; assorted, 5 lb. pails per doz., $8.00; etslies, all kinds, first grade, 20 lb. pails, per lb., 8c; assorted, first grade, 5 lb. pails per doz., $5; do, 5 lb. pails, per doz., $3.25; do, 1 lb. pails, per case, 2 doz., $2.25; do, schooners, per doz., $2.25; do, tumblers, per case, 2 doz., $1.40; all kinds, second grade, 30 lb. pails, per lb., 5c. Mince Meat, first grade, ¼ bbl., per lb., 7c; do, 18, 38 and 68 lb. pails, per lb., 7½c; do, 5 lb. pails, per doz., $6.00; apple butter, extra fine, ½ bbl., per lb., 7c; do 40 lb. pails per lb, 7½c; do, 5 lb. pails, per doz., $6.00; peach and plum butter, 40 lb. pails, per lb, 9½c; peach, plum and quince butter, assorted, 5 lb. pails, per doz., $7.50; catsup (Snyder's), finest made, per case, 2 doz, pint bottles, $5.00; horse radish, pint bottles, per doz, $1.50.

PIGS' FEET, TRIPE, AND LAMBS' TONGUES—Pigs' feet per ¼ bbl., $4.75; do, ¼ bbl., $2.40; do, per kit, $1.00. Lambs' tongues per ½ bbl., $5.50; do, per kit, $2.75; do, quart jars per doz., $5.50; do, pint jars per case, 2 doz., $7.00. Tripe, per ½ bbl., $4.50; do, per ½ bbl, $2.25; do, per kit, 90c. Broiled mack crel, new, per case, 50 cans, $6.50.

LEMONS—New Messina, per box, $5.00.

ORANGES—Valencia, per case, 4-50 size, $7.00; Florida, per box, $3.50; Louisiana, per box, $3.25; per bbl, $5.50.

APPLES—Fancy New York and Michigan apples, per bbl, $2.75@3.00; fancy New York and Michigan apples, 5 bbl. lots, per bbl., $2.65; fancy New York and Michigan apples, 10 bbl. lots, per bbl., $2.50; Illinois apples, per bbl, $2.75; Illinois apples, 5 bbl. lots, per bbl., $2.55; Illinois apples, 10 bbl. lots, per bbl., $2.40; Missouri Genitons, 5 bbl. lots, per bbl., $2.25; Missouri Genitons, 10 bbl. lots, per bbl., $3.00; fancy eating, per bbl., $3.25; choice Michigan fruit, $3.50; in 10 to 25 bbl. lots, $3.25; car lots, $3.00

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl, $7.00; Catawba, per basket, $1.00

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, fancy dark, per bbl., $9.00; Cape Cod, fancy dark, 5 bbl. lots, per bbl, $8.50; Jersey Bell and Bugle, per bbl., $8.00; Jersey Bell and Bugle, 5 bbl. lots, per bbl., $7.50; Jersey Bell and Bugle, per box, $2.50; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, per bbl, $6.50; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, 5 bbl. lots, per bbl, $6.25.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT—Pears—E. Beurre and pound pears, per box, $3.00.

PROVISIONS—Ham, 10½@11c, breakfast bacon, 8½@9c; clear side bacon, 7c; dry salted sides, 6c; shoulders, sugar cured, 5½c; mess pork per bbl., $13.00; lard, 40 lb. cans, per lb, 7@7½c; 10, 5 and 3 lb Fairbanks, 7¾@8c; dried beef hams, 12c.

BEANS—Good clean stock meets with ready sale. Hand picked navy, $1.75@2.00; medium, $1.50@1.75; good clean country, $1.25@1.40; inferior, 75@$1.00.

OYSTERS—N. Y. counts, 45c; extra selects, 38c; selects, 35c; standards, 30c; medium, 25c

ONIONS—Salt Lake stock is selling at $1.00 per bushel; common home grown reds, 70@75c. There are a few extra choice in the Market that are held at $1.00 per bush.

COAL—Anthracite grate, $8.75; egg, $8.00; range, $8.75; chestnut, $8.75; Iowa, $5.55; Walnut block, $4.00; Illinois, $5.00; Rich Hill, $4.00.

FURS AND SKINS—Mink, each, 10@30c; muskrat, winter, 20@5c; do, kits, 2c; Otter, $2.50@6.00; skunk, short striped, 15@25c; do broad striped, 10@15; badger, 25@50; Raccoon, No. 1 large, 40@50; do, No. 2, 20@30; do, No. 3, 10@25c; wolf, prairie, 50@75c; do mountain, 1@2.00; wildcat, 15@40; beaver, $1.50@2.50 per lb; fox, each, 40@$1.50; deer skin, dry winter, 15@18c per lb; do, fall and summer 20@25c.

HIDES—Green buteners, 7c; green cured 8½@9c; dry flint, 14c; dry salt, 10c; damaged hides two-thirds price. Tallow—4c. Grease, prime white, 4c. Sheep Pelts—25@75c.

LEATHER—No. 1 Pittsburg harness J. C. L. & Sons, 3c; No. 1 Pittsburg, K. & S. 3½c; No. Cincinnati, 35c; No. 1 lace leather, 60c; prime light for sole leather, 28@35c; prime oaks le leather, 30@32c. Upper leather, per foot, 2@2½c; Hemlock kip, 75@85c; oak kip, 85@95c; French kip, $1.00@1.25; Hemlock calf, $1.00@1.10, oak calf, $1.00@1.25; French calf, $1.25@1.85; Morocco boot leg, 30@32c; Morocco oil pebble, 28@32c; toppings and linings, $6.00@10.00 per doz

HEAVY HARDWARE—Iron, rates, $2.25, plow steel, special cast, 4c; crucible steel, 6c; cast tools do, 12@18c; wagon spokes, per set, $1.75@3.00; hubs, per set, $1.25, felloes, sawed dry, $1.40, tongues, each, 75c, axles, each, 75c; square nuts, per lb., 7@11c; coilchain per lb, 10@12c; malable, 8c; iron wedges, 6c; crowbars, 6; harrow teeth, 4c; spring steel, 7c; Burden's horse shoes $4.25; Burden's mule shoes, $5.25. Barbed Wire—In car lots, $4.00 per 100 lbs. Iron Nails—Rates, 10 to 60, $3.15, Shot—$1.50; buckshot, $1.85; oriental powder, kegs, $3.50@4.00; do, half kegs, $2.00; do, quarter kegs, $1.50; blasting, kegs, $3.35; 80, per 100 feet, 50c. Lead, Bar, $1.65.

DRY PAINTS—White lead, 8c; Frenchzine, fue; Paris whiting, 2½c; whiting gilders, 1¾c; whiting, com'l, 1¼c; lamnblack, Germantown, 12c; lamnblack, ordinary, 10c; Prussian blue, 55c, nultramarine, 1sc; vandyke, brown, 8c umber, burnt, 4c; umber, raw, 4c; sienna, burnt, 4c; sienna raw, 4c; Pa is green, genuine, 25c; Paris green, common, 20c; chrome green, N. Y. 20c; chrome green, K, 12c; vermillion, English, in oil asst, 15c; raw and burnt umber 1 lb cans, 10c; raw and burnt sienna, 10c; vandyke brown, 15c; rennet lamphlack, 12c; coach black and ivory black 10c; drop black, 16c; Prussian blue, 40c; ultramarine blue, 18c; chrome green, L., M & D., 16c; blind and shutter green, L., M. & D. 16c; Paris green, 18c; Indian red, 15c; Venetian red, 3c; Tuscan red, 25c; American vermillion, L. & D., 20c; yellow ocire, 3c; L. M & O. D., 18c; golden ochre, 16c; patent dryer 8c; graining colors, light oak, dark oak, walnut, chestnut and ash 15c.

PAINTS IN OIL—White lead, Omaha, P. P 7c; white lead, St. Louis, pure $7.00; Marseilles green, 1 to 5 lb cans, 25c; French zinc, green seal, 12c; French zinc, red seal, 11c; French zinc, in varnish asst, 20c; French zinc 7c; vermillion, American, 18c; Indian, red 10c; rose pink, 14c; Venetian, red Cookson's 2¾c; Venetian red, American, 1¾c; red lead 7½c; chrome yellow genuine, 20c; chrome yellow, K, 12c; ochre rochelle 7c; ochre French, 2¾c; ochre, American, 2c; Winter's mineral, 2½c; Lehigh brown, 2½c; Spanish brown, 2½c; Prince's mineral 3c

OILS—110 carbon, per gallon, 11c; 150° head light, per gallon, 12c; 175° headlight, per gallon, 16c; water white, 15c; linseed, raw per gallon, 44c; linseed, boiled, per gallon 47c; lard, winter strained per gallon, 55c; No 1, 40c; No. 2, 40c; castor XXX, per gallon $1.50; No. 2, $1.44; sweet, per gallon, $1.00, sperm, W. B., per gallon, $1.40; fish, W. B., per gallon, 65c; neatsfoot extra, per gallon, 80c; No. 1, 80c; lubricating, zero, per gallon 70c; summer, 15c; golden machine, No. 1, per gallon, 30c; No. 2, 25c; sperm, signal, per gallon, 75c; turpentine, per gallon, 46½c; naptha, per gallon, 74c.

VARNISHES—Barrels, per gallon: Furniture, extra, $1.10; furniture, No. 1, $1.00; coach, extra $1.40; coach, No. 1, $1.20; Damar, extra, $1.75; Japan, 70c; asphaltum, extra, 85c; shellac, $3.50; hard oil finish, $1.50

SPIRITS—Colorne spirits, 188 proof, $1.12; do 161 proof, $1.10; spirits, second quality 161 proof, $1.12; do, 188 proof, $1.14. Alcohol, 188 proof, $2.10 per wine gallon. Redstilled whiskies, $1.00@1.50; gin, blended, $1.50@2.00; Kentucky bourbons, $2.00@3.00; Kentucky and Pennsylvania ryes, $2.00@3.50; golden sheaf, bourbon and rye whiskies, $1.50@3.00. Brandies—Imported, $3.00@3.50; domestic, $1.00@3.00. Gins—Imported, $4.50@6.00; domestic, $1.50@3.00. Rums—Imported, $4.50@8.00; New England, $2.00@4.00; domestic, $1.50@3.00. Champagnes—Imported, per case, $28.00@34.00; American, per case, $10.00@10.00.

Fish.

Prices rule firm on nearly all lines, but stocks are moving slowly. A good spring trade is looked for in all markets.

Holland herring, new, per keg, 80c; new long split stockfish, 10c, new short split stockfish, 9½c.

SUNDRIES—Domestic Holland herrings kegs, 50c; Russian sardines, 45c; Anchovies in glass, Oie Bull brand, per doz., $3.50; Anchovies in kegs, ¼ Oie Bull brand, $4.00; spiced Hamburg herrings, skins and heads off, per pail, $1.15.

HERRINGS—1885 CATCH.

NEW FISH.	Bbls 200	Bbl 100	Bbls 90	Qr 50	Bbls 40	Pls 15	Kits 12	10
Mnnn's S'l No. 1 L'b	7 00	4 00	3 65	2 05	1 70	21 02		50
L'ge Gib'sel Fanc	6 00	3 50	3 25	1 80	1 50	75	54	50
L'ge R'd Sh'ro Fay	6 00	3 50	3 25	1 70	1 50	75	56	50

LAKE FISH—1885 Catch.

New Fish.	H'f Bbl 100	B'ls 90	Qr 50	B'ls 40	P'ls 12	K'ts 10
No. 1 White Fish	7 00	6 30	3 80	3 10	1 04	90
Family "	3 50	3 15	2 05	1 70	62	55
No. 1 Trout	4 50	4 00	2 55	2 10	74	65
No. 1 Pickerel	4 00	3 60	2 30	1 90	68	60

MACKEREL—1885 CATCH.

New Fish.	Bbls. 200	Half Bbls 100	Bbls 90	Qr 50	Bbls 40	Pls 15	Kits 12	10
Bloater Mess	25 00	18 00	16 25	9 05	7 20	1 95		
Ex. No. 1 Shore	24 00	12 50	11 25	6 30	5 00	1 40		
No. 1 Shore	18 00	9 50	8 60	4 90	3 90	1 00		
Med. No. 1 Shore	13 00	7 00	6 35	3 55	2 90			85
" " Bay	11 00	6 00	5 45	3 05	2 50			75
Large Family	9 00	5 00	4 50	2 55	2 10			65
Fat "	7 00	4 00	3 65	2 05	1 70			55

PICKLED SALMON.

NEW & FAT	Bbls 200	Hlf Bbls 100	Qr. Bbls 90	Pails or kits 50	40	15	12	10
Blood Red Alaska	14 00	7 50	6 80	3 80	3 10	1 25	1 00	90
Blood Red Cal.	13 00	7 50	6 80	3 80	3 10	1 25	1 00	90

IMPORTED FISH.—1885 CATCH.

NEW FISH.	Bbls 200	Hlf Bbls 100	Qr. Bbls 90	Bbls or kits 50	40	15	12	10
Norwegian K K Herrings	11 00	7 50	6 80	3 80	3 10	1 25	1 00	90
Norwegian K K Herrings	13 00	9 00	8 25	5 25	3 90	1 50	98	85
Brasilings	8 00	4 50	4 00	2 50	1 90	80	68	60

CODFISH—New large bank cod, 4c; sea king, Georges chunks, 6c; clover leaf, Georges strips, 6½c; 1 lb rolls, 2 lb boxes, 6½c; prairieflower, 2 lb brick, 8c; wild rose, 2 lb brick, 8½c.

SMOKED FISH—Halibut, new, 10c; new scaled herrings, 20c; mackerel 12c; salmon, 12c; smoked sturgeon, 10c.

Grocers List.

DRIED FRUITS—No. 1 quarter apples, 4½c; evaporated, boxes, 8@10c; blackberries, boxes, 9@9½c; peaches; Eastern, 4@6½c; peaches, evaporated, 16½@17c; Salt Lake new, 8½@9c; raspberries, new, 25@27c; currants, new, 7½@8½c; prunes, new, 5½@6½c.

SYRUP—Standard C 2½c, bbls; Standard, do 4-, gallon kegs, $1.75; New Orleans 38@40c per gallon. Maple Syrup, ½ barrel, P. & G. strictly pure, 50c per gallon; 1 gallon cans, $9.25 per doz; ½ gallon cans, $5.25 per doz; quart cans $3.00

SUGARS—Powdered, 7½c; cut loaf, 7½c; granulated, 7¼c; confectioners' A, 7¼c; Standard extra C, 6¾c; extra C, 6¾c; medium yellow, 6½c; New Orleans, 5½@6½c.

PLUG TOBACCO—Climax, 44c per lb; Horseshoe, 44c; Star, 44c; Peppermead, 46c; Our Rope 50c; Piper Heidsick, 60c; Punch, 40c; Young Fritz, 41c; Silver Taz, 40c; J.T.J. 35c.

ROPE—Sisal, ½ inch and larger, 8½c; inch, 9½c; ½ inch, 9½c.

CANNED GOODS—Oysters, Standard per case, $3.75; strawberries, 2-lb., per case, $2.50; raspberries, 2-lb., per case, $2.35; California pears, per case, $5.00; apricots, per case, $4.75; peaches, per