

CHICAGO'S PRODUCE TRADE.

The Present Year an Active One for the City By the Lake.

A SPASMODIC TWELVE MONTHS.

Very Few Failures Recorded Outside of the Suspensions Resulting From the Disastrous June Wheat Deal.

A Very Good Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The Daily Trade Bulletin, in its review of the produce trade of Chicago for 1887, says the year 1887 was quite an active one in produce circles—at times attended with considerable excitement in the speculative branch of trade and accompanied with marked irregularity in prices. In a general way it has been spasmodic—at times unusually active and at others very quiet. The aggregate receipts of flour and grain for the year show a fair increase somewhat surprising to many in the trade—and shipments in the aggregate also show some enlargement. Receivers were favored with a good trade during the greater portion of the year and parties who purchase the supplies for the eastern and foreign markets transacted fully as large a business as during 1886. During the early part of the year speculative trading was fairly active, wheat and mess pork attracting the most attention, but the collapse of the "squeeze" in the former during June and the latter part of May tended to a decline in prices and considerable depression in trade and at the same time to severe losses in a financial way. Throughout the summer months the volume of business was light, but during the latter part of the season there was quite a revival of trade in the leading cereals and speculative articles in provisions. Crops tripartite to the Chicago market were quite good in yield and quality, and with increased acreage and improved facilities, country shippers have been induced to forward a good portion to our market. Some little inconvenience to eastern shippers has been caused by the irregularities against our city, but these irregularities have been adjusted to some extent, and during this season of late navigation our merchants have been enabled to receive their cargoes to that route to the east. Outside of failures resulting from the collapse of the wheat "corner" in June there have been very few failures in the produce trade. Money has been comparatively easy throughout the year, no particular stringency noticed—though interest rates have been higher than in previous years. The miscellaneous demand for discounts has assisted in steadying the market to some extent and inquiry for loans from merchants in other leading markets of the west has had some effect in regulating rates of interest. Freight rates to eastern and foreign markets have averaged higher by weight than last year, but the increased earnings of railroads and vessels. While prices of leading articles have not been quite as remunerative to producers and shippers as in previous years, various, yet, taking into consideration all the surroundings of trade, few complaints need be made. Receipts of flour, wheat, oats, barley, broom corn, corn, rye, clover, beef, pork, cheese, cattle, sheep, hides, coal and lumber, all exhibit a decrease, while, on the other hand, corn, bran, flax seed, canned meats, lard, butter, dressed hogs, live hogs, wool, shingles and salts show a decrease. The shipments of flour, wheat, oats, barley, broom corn, rye, clover, beef, pork, cheese, cattle, sheep, hides, coal and lumber, all exhibit a decrease, while, on the other hand, corn, bran, flax seed, canned meats, lard, butter, dressed hogs, live hogs, wool, coal and shingles show a decrease. The exhibit is certainly creditable to all parties engaged in the produce trade.

Several elements which have figured in connection with the wheat market during the past year tend to greatly unsettle the market, not alone here, but more or less all over the world, and will long be remembered in the history of trade. Prominent among these are the unusually high prices of wheat here and the "corner" in San Francisco. Nothing could happen to more completely demoralize the market than the occurrence of these two gigantic efforts. They resulted in blocking the wheels of commerce and worked inevitable ruin, spreading disaster in all directions, what country shippers and exporters were unable to protect their interests, and failure after failure followed, until the wheat market even up to the close of the year the effect was still visible in some quarters. Prices covered the winter months, and failed to revive it until towards the close of the year, when it burst forth with renewed vigor and trading again became active. Prices covered the winter months, and failed to revive it until towards the close of the year, when it burst forth with renewed vigor and trading again became active. Prices covered the winter months, and failed to revive it until towards the close of the year, when it burst forth with renewed vigor and trading again became active.

SENATOR CHAFFEE'S ESTATE.

His Daughter Fannie Files a Petition For Settlement.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Mrs. Buck's Grant (now Miss Fannie Chaffee) has recently filed a petition in the county court asking for a settlement of the vast estate left her by her father, formerly United States senator from Colorado. In his will Mr. Chaffee left his daughter Fannie \$500,000 worth of securities, embracing government bonds, mining and railroad shares. This magnificent legacy is to have priority over every other provision of the will and the amount of a half million dollars left to Mrs. Grant is to be made up out of the estate in the event the securities designated shall not reach par value at the time of settlement. The cause of this step upon the part of the heirs emanates from M. David H. Moffat's conclusion that he does not care, as executor of the last will and testament of Mr. Chaffee, to assume the responsibility of appraising the securities held in reserve for Mrs. Grant. Mr. Moffat asks to be relieved from further duties as executor and proposes that the securities be appraised by disinterested persons as appraisers, whose duties it shall be to settle upon the value of the securities and turn the amount over to the daughter of the deceased. Mr. Moffat, in his statement, says the securities referred to are of such uncertain value that he does not feel that he can do justice in the matter. The duties are such that it will probably require considerable time to wind up the affairs and appraise the securities. This is one of the largest legacies ever left to anyone belonging to Denver. Judge Miller will appoint three parties shortly as appraisers of Mr. Chaffee's estate.

Five Lines to Withdraw.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—To-morrow five of the lines, members of the Western States Passenger association, draw out of that organization and will act independently. The companies are the Chicago & Alton, Milwaukee & Northwestern and Wisconsin Central. It is the general opinion that if these roads hold out for any length of time there will be a disastrous effect upon the trade of the west, and a season of low rates will follow.

Says the Whisky was Drugged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—James King, a wealthy cattle dealer from Helena, Mont., was arrested to-night on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Checks for \$700 were shown drawn by him against the First National bank of Chicago. Mr. King never had an account there. He says the checks were signed by him while in a semi-drunken condition, and that he was inhibited after he had been inveigled into a private poker room. He had been allowed to win at first, but afterwards lost all his cash,

THE TONY THIEF'S TREATMENT.

Harper's Royal Style of Living in the Ohio Penitentiary.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Considerable adverse criticism is being indulged in concerning the royal manner in which E. Harper, the convicted vice-president of the defunct Fidelity bank, is being treated by the Ohio penitentiary authorities. The prison rules are being arranged, it seems, for his special benefit, and he endures but few of the rigors of confinement. Contrary to all custom the distinguished criminal has not so far been compelled to feel the disgrace of having his hair and mustache clipped, and they remain as luxuriant as when he was at the head of the Fidelity. The officials say the shaving will not be done for some time. He indulges but little in the coarse arts of the prison, and is supplied from the good tables of his family in Cincinnati and to all outward appearances does not in the least suffer from his confinement. He has the run of the institution, going whither he will, and in order that the time may not be too heavily upon his hands he does a bit of clerical work in the office of Secretary Clement. His cell is fitted up in royal style, although when he was first admitted he was informed that he would be allowed nothing beyond what was furnished all prisoners by the state. Why such a discrimination should be made in his favor, both as to food and general treatment, is a question which has been discussed by those who know of the unusual proceeding.

A SNOW STORM COMING.

The Beautiful Already Beginning to Fall in the Northwest.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 30.—Within the last twenty-four hours the temperature has risen throughout the northwest. In some sections there was a change of thirty-eight degrees. A driving snow storm set in here at 10 a. m. and is still raging. The indication offered by the thermometer was that a heavy snow storm was moving eastward fifty miles an hour, the snow belt extending from Calgary, N. W. T., to St. Louis. By to-morrow morning the storm will reach the Ohio valley and will be felt in the afternoon of to-morrow night. A heavy snow is indicated for Minnesota, Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois and northern Indiana and Ohio. It ceases here by to-morrow night and is followed by a cold wave. The snow has drifted heavily in trains are delayed all over the north-west.

THE SANTA FE AT ST. JOE.

The Citizens' Committee Formally Notified and the Bonus Paid.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A. A. Robinson, vice president of the Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe, was in the city this morning for the purpose of formally reporting to the committee of citizens who raised the money to induce the Santa Fe to extend its line from Atchison to this city that the road had been completed. He was entertained at the Benton Club, by a number of prominent citizens, and made a speech by Mr. J. G. Ingelhart, president of the committee, he was accompanied by several other citizens, and for \$20,000. The entire party after a banquet at the club rooms, adjourned to the Union depot, where a special car was awaiting them. A number of citizens were present, and the Atchison party was banqueted at the Atchison club and then returned to this city. The road is now in the hands of the Santa Fe system, and all other roads of the Santa Fe system.

A Brilliant Wedding at Wahoo.

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 30.—[Special to the Bee.]—Last night at 5 o'clock occurred the wedding of Charles W. Sanford to Miss Daisy Reese at the residence of the bride's father, Judge Reese. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about one hundred guests who had been invited to partake of the feast. Seven after the ceremony was performed the guests were served with a repast of the most choice viands it was possible for culinary art to produce. The gifts from friends to the happy couple were numerous and costly. Among the gifts were a check for \$500 from groom to bride and a deed to the Sanford mansion from the parents of the groom and a vast amount of silverware of fine description. The presents aggregate in value several thousand dollars. The newly married couple left on the 8:30 a. m. train for a month's honeymoon in the northern states.

A Superior Boom.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Superior is just now receiving quite a boom. Judge Post has been here arranging for the entrance of the Northwestern railway and has promised a division point here. It is understood from the judge that the Northwestern has purchased the completed grade of the Missouri Pacific west of Hastings, and is now building a company for the cut-off between Pauline and Juniata, the Missouri Pacific having decided to build on that line and not use the grade made as a cutting through the hills. The division points of the Missouri Pacific west of Hastings in the spring.

Norfolk's Street Railway Completed.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 30.—[Special to the Bee.]—The Norfolk Street Railway company has completed the work of laying their rails between the city and the depot—a mile and a half of line—and have two cars ready to run on this line. The new line will connect business streets and Norfolk Junction.

\$700 For a Damaged Reputation.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 30.—[Special to the Bee.]—Averett, son of a wealthy merchant, was arrested on the charge of having defamed Dr. Pelton against Mayor Dickinson has terminated. The jury returned their verdict this morning after deliberating all night. They found the damage to be \$700. The amount of the suit was \$25,000. The case will, in all probability, be carried to the supreme court.

Vanderbilt Dividends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The meetings of the directors of the three Vanderbilt roads, which were held to-day, were awaited with greater interest than any of the directors' meetings for the past two years. It was expected by many that all roads would declare a dividend, and that the amount of the dividend would be as high as possible in the amounts paid to stockholders out of the quarterly earnings. The directors of the three roads, however, decided to pay a dividend of 2 per cent on Lake Shore, 2 per cent on Central, and 1 1/4 per cent on Canada Southern.

Business Troubles.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—The Evening Wisconsin special from Duluth, Minn., says N. O. Nelson, a prominent merchant and real estate dealer of Two Harbors, Minn., has assigned. Liabilities between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The cause of the trouble is not known.

The Panama Canal.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is stated that the Panama Canal company has arranged with Credit Lyonnais to provide the company with funds until the issue of new obligations.

The Atchison Bridge.

ATCHISON, Kas., Dec. 30.—City Attorney Smith has applied to the district court for the appointment of a receiver for the Chicago & Atchison bridge company, which has a bridge over the Missouri river at this point. The city owns \$100,000 stock in the bridge and the application for a receiver is based on the allegation that the property is not managed in the interest of the city.

A Hundred Homeless Families.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—A fire which started yesterday afternoon, destroyed half of the town of Houma, in Terre Bonne parish. A strong wind from the south was blowing at fifty miles an hour. A few moments after the fire broke out, the fire department was called, but the fire was beyond control. The loss will exceed \$100,000. The insurance is insignificant. A hundred homeless families are being cared for by their more fortunate neighbors.

Another Prize Fight.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The hardest and longest prize fight which has taken place in this vicinity for years was fought at a road-house across the river at an early hour this morning, between Con Dugan of Brooklyn and Jack Harding of Philadelphia. Twenty rounds were fought, and the battle was decided in favor of Harding. Both men were badly punished.

Minnesota Weather.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—A furious snow storm, accompanied by strong winds, set in this forenoon, but it is still quite cold. If the storm lasts through the day much interruption to business and serious blockades must result.

CHILDREN CRUSHED.

Terrible Panic in Chicago at a Holiday

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—A horrible panic occurred to-night among a crowd of little children attending a holiday celebration in Seaman's hall. One of the children attempting to poke the fire in the hall overturned the stove. The superintendent thoughtlessly yelled "fire," and a wild rush followed. In attempting to escape the children were wedged in the narrow stairways, and scarcely any escaped without being crushed or trampled upon. One was killed and several others seriously hurt. The superintendent was placed under arrest.

Jubilee Gifts Refused.

Copyright 1887 by James Gordon Bennett. CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to the Bee.]—Owing to the pope's refusal to accept the gifts of the king and queen of Italy on the occasion of his jubilee, all the members of the House of Savoy, including the Duke Aosta, Princess Clotilde and Prince Sciarra, refused to-day that every message had been taken to make the jubilee celebration proof of Italian good will and of the independence of the holy see, that pilgrims may carry away the conviction that the mission of the papacy is never to be untrammelled, as now.

STATE'S RIGHTS IN MINATURE.

The Town of Clarksville, Ind., and its Peculiar Claim.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.—The people of the town of Clarksville, Ind., which is situated between Jeffersonville and New Albany, on the Ohio river, are in great state of agitation from various causes. One is the seizure of their streets by the railroads, the state and other parties. They mean to protest vigorously. A movement is on foot to organize, hold an election, send delegates to the national congress and demand admission as a territory or district.

Weather Indications.

For Nebraska: Cold, light snow, followed by clearing weather, brisk to high northerly winds, becoming light to fresh, variable.

Steamship Arrivals.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Arrived—The Vancouver, from Liverpool.

The Magistrate Killed.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 30.—Trouble has been brewing for some time between John R. Keel, of Sumpter, and H. J. Germain, of Hillsborough, and to-day the parties were brought to a magistrates office to give bonds to keep the peace. An affray took place in which Keel's father, Bowman and a man named Harly were seriously injured and Magistrate Haynesworth killed.

Frozen to Death.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—John F. Fuller, while going to his home in Lake View during the blizzard last night, was so badly frozen that he died this morning.

The New Hebrides.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Secretary of the Colonies has written a letter in which he says a plan for mixed government over the New Hebrides is impracticable. The division of the archipelago between France and England he declares to be the only logical solution of the matter.

Illinois Politics.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Chicago and speculation in regard to Illinois state politics have taken a great change the last few days. There seems to be among republicans now a well-defined idea of running Robert T. Lincoln for governor next year.

The Jews Must Go.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—Grasshmidt, semi-official organ, says: Higher government sends a copy of the proposal of the imperial commission to permit the Jews to reside in any village in Russia.

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Titles For the French Army.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—General Logrot, minister of war, has ordered the speedy execution of General Boulanger's order for the manufacture of labels, which was rescinded by General Ferron.

Got Three Months Each.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—At New Market, County Cork, to-day, five persons were sentenced to three months imprisonment each with hard labor, for attending a meeting of the suppressed branch of the National league.

An Arkansas Hanging.

MARIANNA, Ark., Dec. 30.—Albert Peters, was hanged here about noon for the murder of William Johnson, near Trenton, this morning. Peters had been twice executed and was recaptured.

A Fratricide Executed.

HARRISBURG, Va., Dec. 30.—William Tinchum was hanged here to-day for the brutal murder of his own brother.

A Bad Railroad Wreck.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 30.—A mixed train on the Pittsburgh & Western road went through a trestle to-night into a gulch eighty feet deep. The wreck took five hours to clear and was consumed. All the passengers escaped but six, who were seriously and perhaps fatally injured.

Natural Gas Explosion.

LIMA, O., Dec. 30.—A violent gas explosion this morning destroyed an oil derrick and tanks. Gene O'Neill, the pumpman, was burned to death.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

The Different Entries Made with the County Clerk Yesterday.

Articles of incorporation of the Bohemian Dramatic, Literary and Musical association were filed with the county clerk yesterday. J. F. Strahl is clerk, and Joseph F. Vasku, Fred Stammak and F. K. Metz trustees.

WHOLESALE COATS.

Owing to the lateness of the season we find ourselves overstocked with fine and medium priced overcoats, and in order to reduce the quantity we propose to sell most of them within the next 10 days, and have made prices that will insure a speedy sale. For instance:

Our \$ 5 Overcoats now go for \$ 3.00

Our \$ 10 Overcoats now go for 6.00

Our \$ 15 Overcoats now go for 7.50

Our \$ 20 Overcoats now go for 10.00

Our \$ 25 Overcoats now go for 12.00

Our \$ 30 Overcoats now go for 15.00

Our \$ 35 Overcoats now go for 18.00

Our \$ 40 Overcoats now go for 21.00

Our \$ 45 Overcoats now go for 24.00

Our \$ 50 Overcoats now go for 27.00

Our \$ 55 Overcoats now go for 30.00

Our \$ 60 Overcoats now go for 33.00

Our \$ 65 Overcoats now go for 36.00

Our \$ 70 Overcoats now go for 39.00

Our \$ 75 Overcoats now go for 42.00

Our \$ 80 Overcoats now go for 45.00

Our \$ 85 Overcoats now go for 48.00

Our \$ 90 Overcoats now go for 51.00

Our \$ 95 Overcoats now go for 54.00

Our \$ 100 Overcoats now go for 57.00

Our \$ 105 Overcoats now go for 60.00

Our \$ 110 Overcoats now go for 63.00

Our \$ 115 Overcoats now go for 66.00

Our \$ 120 Overcoats now go for 69.00

Our \$ 125 Overcoats now go for 72.00

Our \$ 130 Overcoats now go for 75.00

Our \$ 135 Overcoats now go for 78.00

Our \$ 140 Overcoats now go for 81.00

Our \$ 145 Overcoats now go for 84.00

Our \$ 150 Overcoats now go for 87.00

Our \$ 155 Overcoats now go for 90.00

Our \$ 160 Overcoats now go for 93.00

Our \$ 165 Overcoats now go for 96.00

Our \$ 170 Overcoats now go for 99.00

Our \$ 175 Overcoats now go for 102.00

Our \$ 180 Overcoats now go for 105.00

Our \$ 185 Overcoats now go for 108.00

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Our \$ 240 Overcoats now go for 141.00

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Our \$ 370 Overcoats now go for 219.00

Our \$ 375 Overcoats now go for 222.00

Our \$ 380 Overcoats now go for 225.00

Our \$ 385 Overcoats now go for 228.00

Our \$ 390 Overcoats now go for 231.00

Our \$ 395 Overcoats now go for 234.00

Our \$ 400 Overcoats now go for 237.00

Our \$ 405 Overcoats now go for 240.00

Our \$ 410 Overcoats now go for 243.00

Our \$ 415 Overcoats now go for 246.00

Our \$ 420 Overcoats now go for 249.00

Our \$ 425 Overcoats now go for 252.00

Our \$ 430 Overcoats now go for 255.00

WHOSE MISTAKE IS IT?

Appropriations Voted for Districts Already Paid For.

The city council rustled through several appropriations in their ten-minute session Thursday evening, and it is possible that to