THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

The Omaha Bank Clearings Show an Increase as Usual.

DEMAND FOR LOANABLE FUNDS.

Business Quite Good—The Jobbers Are Doing a Satisfactory Trade—The Retail Holiday Trade is Lively—Latest Quotations.

Local Resume.

The clearings for the week were $4,395,714.10, an increase of 4 9-10 per cent. Balances were $790,891.66. Rates for money 8 to 12 per cent.

Bankers report a very satisfactory state of affairs from their point of view. There is a liberal demand for loanable funds from the country and from the city, but the latter is not quite so strong as last week. Deposits hold up well and rates for money are steady. Exchange is more plentiful and collections are fairly met, so that the financial situation in Omaha is comfortable.

Business is pretty good, better perhaps, in most lines than at this time a year ago. Grocers say trade is good, especially in wines, nuts, fruits, etc., for holiday trade. Sugars are firm and prices a shade higher. Coffees also are stronger and the market very steady. Oils and salt fish are quoted as active with a tendency to advance. Dry goods men are finding fault and with their brethren in the rubber and glove trade, think a foot or two of snow and active temperature for a few weeks, at least, would help matters very much, but except in special lines like these trade is very good for the season. Hardware men and dealers in building material generally report a fair trade and prices firm and look forward to an exceptional year in 1890, when the outlay for public improvement by the city and railway corporations will be very heavy. The demand for lumber, structural iron and material of this class generally to go into the viaduct bridge, city and United States buildings will be large and our merchants naturally expect to obtain their share of the trade. The outlook for a heavy business in this city next year is freely commented upon by jobbers, and all confidently look forward to a very prosperous time. Holding material of all kinds is cheap, and with the exception of iron, prices are thought likely to remain at figures which will encourage owners of property to improve their holdings, and with the contemplated corporation and city work good times are deemed certain to come and stay.

Commission men report a good trade with steady markets. Butter and eggs are firm at quotations and game is in fair supply and prices stiff. In vegetables prices are somewhat higher for potatoes, turnips and onions.

Retail trade is very good but is confined chiefly to holiday goods, for which there seems to be an unlimited demand, and stores and streets are crowded with shoppers and buyers preparing for the approaching carnival time. City collections are said to be better than last month, and, as a rule, there is no great complaint as to results obtained by collectors.

Country collections are reported as satisfactory by most houses, though lumber dealers say the city is behind the country in this respect. Upon the whole the commercial outlook appears to be as good as could be expected.

Aside from the disbursements of the government in interest and pensions, which will aggregate a large amount, the interest due and payable in December upon the bonds of railroads and cognate corporations will aggregate $15,821,306 and the dividends already declared $8,658,570. These sums will make the total interest and dividend disbursements this month reach $24,529,206, which will doubtless be increased to at least $30,000,000 by payments on various state, county and municipal obligations not included in any public record. The month's disbursements definitely known will be larger in the aggregate than those made in the corresponding month last year, as appears from the following:

	1888.	1889.
Bonds	$539,465,455	$568,560,595
Interest	14,972,327	15,871,056
Stocks	337,669,624	357,574,718
Dividends	6,228,855	6,658,890
Total	21,201,805	22,529,206

Only a very small proportion of the bonds of the United States are held in foreign countries. From the annual report of the register of the treasury, just issued, it appears that the total amount of bonds outstanding is $762,428,812. Of this amount only $10,362,851 are held abroad. This amounts only 1.30 per cent.

The stocks of wheat and corn at twenty-one leading interior and seaboard markets, east of the Rocky mountains, in transit from the west to the seaboard, and afloat on the ocean, destined for Great Britain and continental Europe, on the dates named, were as follows:

	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.
U. S. east of "Rockies"	31,471,000	6,204,000
Afloat on ocean, U. K'g'm	15,040,000	3,040,000
Afloat on ocean, C. Eur'p	3,520,000	1,280,000
Total Dec. 2, 1889	50,031,000	10,524,000
Previous week	47,961,000	9,890,000
Total Dec. 3, 1888	59,922,000	8,717,000
Total Dec. 5, 1887	54,821,000	8,792,000
Total Dec. 6, 1886	30,730,000	13,730,000
Total Dec. 7, 1885	71,723,000	5,767,000

Rio Janeiro reports a reduction in some estimates of the available supply of coffee from the present crop from 3,000,000 to 2,500,000 bags, but speaks of more favorable weather for the growing crop.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says: "Evaporated apples have weakened off about ¼c per lb during the last week, and present appearances are the reverse of flattering for an early reaction. The export demand is flat and the call from home buyers is very moderate. Meanwhile consigned lots seem to reach this market, a carload or two at a time, and goods that would have brought 8½c early in the week would not be taken at 8c today. Chopped apples have also weakened, 3½c being now a full price."

The one refinery turning out cut-loaf sugar appears unequal to the task of supplying the demand. Jobbers still complain of backward deliveries.

The total orange crop of Florida this season is estimated at 2,000,000 boxes.

Vice-President McMullen of the Chicago & Alton road predicts that before next March steel rails will be selling at $40 a ton. He says that a "fair estimate" of the amount of steel rails required annually by the railroads of this country will hereafter range from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 tons.

A falling off in arrivals of raw sugar at primary markets, stimulating advices from Europe, urgent requirements on the part of refiners, and only moderate offerings have combined to stiffen prices for refined sugar. Statistically reports for the last week were 17,479 tons less than the requirements for meltings and total stocks have decreased to this extent. Refiners' stocks are largely reduced and importers' stock is down to 19,230 tons, against 37,312 tons at this time last year. The total stock in all the principal countries at latest uneven dates is 394,255 tons, against 422,805 tons at the same time last year. There is no change in news from producing countries, except that Cuba advices are that the balance of the old sugar crop has all been bought up and European countries are strengthening prices.

Carbon oil is tending upward. The daily average deliveries for the last month were some 24,000 bbls in excess of the runs and the estimated excess of consumption over production was about 500,000 or 600,000 bbls for the month.

The statesmen of ante-bellum days cried that cotton was king, but the days of its supremacy are passed. Corn far outstrips it in the value of the product. The corn crop is worth from $500,000,000 to $600,000,000 while cotton hardly gets above $300,000,000—not as much in value as the hay crop.

A call has been issued for a national conference at Springfield, Ill., December 18 and 19 of state boards of live stock commissioners and state veterinarians, to recommend action to the various legislatures for the suppression of cattle diseases.

Some of the largest concerns in the country are refusing to name prices on iron for next year, and there are no lines offering for sale on any terms, while prices are all in favor of sellers.

Chicago's stock of flaxseed at the present time amounts to 344,165 bushels, against 300,377 bushels November 23, 1889, and 397,138 bushels a year ago.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Saturday, Dec. 7.

There was hardly any noticeable change in the cattle market of today. With so few cattle here sellers were inclined to ask a little more money for their holdings, but they found it hard to get any more than steady prices. Common stuff was extremely slow sale, the same as it has been for some days back. Right good cattle were in demand and would undoubtedly have brought stronger prices. The best cattle here were only good enough to bring $4.65. Cows were slow sale at about steady prices, but the demand was limited. Feeders were in light supply and as there were few outside buyers in the yards the sales were small and the movement slow.

Hogs.

The hog market was fairly active at steady to strong prices. A very large proportion of the hogs sold at $3.55, with a few at $3.50 and $3.52½. The top did not show up quite so well as yesterday, but there were not so many toppy hogs on sale. The market was fairly active at the prices, and an early clearance was effected.

Sheep.

There were a few here but nothing doing aside from the sale of a few odds and ends.

Receipts.

Cattle	650
Hogs	4,600
Sheep	158

Prevailing Prices.

The following is a table of prices paid in this market for the grades of stock mentioned:

Prime steers, 1300 to 1600 lbs	$4.00	@4.45
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.60	@4.00
Good steers, 1050 to 1300 lbs	3.25	@3.90
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers	2.90	@3.25
Western steers	2.40	@4.10
Common canners	1.00	@1.50
Ordinary to fair cows	1.50	@1.80
Fair to good cows	1.80	@2.00
Good to choice cows	2.00	@2.50
Choice to fancy corn-fed cows	2.50	@3.00
Fair to good bulls	1.50	@2.00
Light stockers and feeders	2.00	@2.60
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs	2.20	@2.90
Fair to choice light hogs	3.50	@3.55
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.50	@3.55
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.50	@3.55
Common to rough hogs	3.25	@3.40

Representative Sales

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
6	1167	$2 50	12	1012	$2 90
21	1039	2 70	40	1113	3 00
28	978	2 70	18	1178	3 05
18	1243	2 80	43	1157	3 05
15	1163	2 80	21	1154	3 10
20	1090	2 85	14	1205	3 10
3	960	2 85	20	1240	3 25
9	1053	2 85	21	1243	3 30
67	1170	2 85	38	1302	3 40
10	1063	2 85	19	1196	3 40
7	1186	2 90	9	1247	3 40
41	1077	2 90	18	1443	4 05
19	1030	2 90			

COWS.

1	670	1 25	1	1190	1 90
1	960	1 50	23	1091	1 95
3	1117	1 50	10	1233	2 00
2	1275	1 50	21	1169	2 00
1	900	1 60	15	1065	2 00
1	1150	1 60	1	880	2 00
1	1020	1 60	18	1092	2 00
1	1020	1 65	21	1201	2 00
1	1000	1 75	1	1030	2 15
21	1027	1 75	5	1094	2 15
1	1250	1 85	4	1142	2 25

FEEDERS.

50	795	2 15	2	955	2 55
23	1026	2 40	9	983	2 60
10	897	2 25	1	930	2 65
5	774	2 50	9	1197	2 90
1	1000	2 50	23	1030	2 95

BULLS.

1	1210	1 25	2	1590	1 65
1	1010	1 65	1	1570	1 75

STOCKERS.

40	484	2 05	2	655	2 40
2	580	2 25			

CALVES.

1	180	4 50

HEIFERS.

21	975	3 15

CANNERS.

1	1050	1 25

STAGS.

1	1460	2 00	1	1390	2 40

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owner and No.			Av.	Pr.
73 steers, corn fed			1366	$4 65

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sk.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sk.	Pr.
105	202	80	$3 40	56	293	40	$3 55
69	201	320	3 45	53	346	160	3 55
55	284	160	3 50	55	297	40	3 55
63	285	160	3 50	51	336	80	3 55
63	278	200	3 50	58	311	200	3 55
62	281	200	3 50	45	445	—	3 55
66	257	120	3 50	56	338	40	3 55
64	260	120	3 50	64	277	80	3 55
56	257	40	3 52½	51	330	160	3 55
61	297	120	3 52½	77	183	80	3 55
60	295	160	3 52½	62	300	40	3 55
61	262	200	3 52½	66	307	40	3 55
74	196	80	3 52½	72	289	200	3 55
53	315	200	3 52½	52	298	240	3 55
64	270	160	3 52½	67	313	120	3 55
66	274	—	3 52½	55	285	—	3 55
61	305	40	3 52½	62	249	240	3 55
63	275	80	3 52½	60	315	200	3 55
54	323	360	3 52½	67	261	136	3 55
48	289	160	3 52½	53	318	120	3 55
67	284	200	3 52½	71	295	80	3 55
65	295	80	3 52½	64	305	80	3 55
66	273	200	3 52½	58	300	240	3 55
60	271	120	3 52½	52	336	200	3 55
61	287	440	3 52½	48	302	200	3 55
64	263	320	3 55	65	229	80	3 55
61	269	40	3 55	54	306	80	3 55
56	310	120	3 55	64	304	120	3 55
62	216	240	3 55	63	280	120	3 55
63	249	240	3 55	58	295	440	3 55
67	270	160	3 55	59	325	—	3 55
67	254	120	3 55	57	273	80	3 55
58	326	200	3 55	58	301	120	3 55
61	275	80	3 55	68	261	240	3 55
65	270	200	3 55	59	340	160	3 55

Live Stock Notes.

The week closes with the hog market on packing hogs back about where it was on Monday but light hogs are 5c lower. The low point of the week was touched on Wednesday, when almost everything sold at $3.47½@3.50, the sales being about equally divided between the two prices.

The following were the total receipts of live stock at Sioux City last month: 11,103 cattle, 103,677 hogs, 1,339 sheep, 29 horses. Of this number 3,467 cattle, 93,299 hogs and 1,236 sheep were sold to the Sioux City packers and butchers.

Denver News: It is an interesting fact that cattle, as a rule, lose little or nothing in weight in transit from the United States to England, and that they walk from the vessels to the stock pens without apparent difficulty, notwithstanding the cramped position in which they remain during the long voyage and the fact that they stand almost throughout the journey. It is a remarkable proof of their powers of endurance, as the motion of the vessel necessarily loosens the muscles of their legs at a constant tension.

There are said to be plenty of cattle around Buffalo Gap, S. D., that are being held for better prices, although feed is short.

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: J. Lyman, Union; C. W. Sewart, Inman; J. H. Neff, Herman; V. Coupal, Herman; J. S. Poller, Shelby; M. H. Hagarty, Oakland; D. G. Robb, Endicott; Babbitt & Evans, South Bend; T. J. Taylor, Shelton; Cook & Hamilton, Huel Junction, Mo.; H. L. Oldham, Plattsmouth; J. J. Lightbody, Geneva.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs: J. M. Emerine, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Cross Brothers, Avoca; C. W. Sewart, Inman; W. F. Robb, Bassett; Packard L. & G. company, Creighton; J. D. Sacrbrock, Creighton; Shepard & Company, Creighton; N. W. M. company, Nickerson; E. A. Pember, Hooper; F. Johnston, Blair; W. M. White, Tekamah; R. A. Templeton, Tekamah; D. Deidrickson, Bassington; Gruber & Company, Manning, Ia.; Claudall & M., Panama, Ia., J. H. Budd, Portsmouth, Ia.; J. R. Kuhe, Earling, Ia.; Wilson & Loss, Logan, Ia.; F. C. Adams, Logan, Ia.; Robert Ingram, Silver City, Ia.; Kayton & E., Stratm, Ia.; J. M. Banett; J. M. Cox, Hampton; J. R. Galentin, Broomfield; W. C. Hull, Ord; S. C. Co., Superior; J. J. Lightbody, Geneva; George Rent, Hazard; Stevenson Brothers, Berwyn; Isaac Deardorf, Mersa; J. Ellis, Dewitt; J. T. Tunmed, Swanton; J. T. Goodell, Westrom; H. Gund & Company, Blue Hill; H. O. Brown, Fairmount; Joe Dixon, Memphis, two cars; John Prestrom & Company, Malmo; J. Grabow, Gretna; John Wiggins, Oconee; W. T. Rickery, Columbus; F. M. Sackett, Boone; W. H. Lewis, Columbus; P. J. Murphy, Rogers; Standard cattle company, Ames; J. R. Lynch, Odessa; A. W. Ottinger, Kearney; H. Reading, Platte Center; J. A. Kehoe, Platte Center; J. B. Huse, Madison; Rupe & Company, Humphrey; Standard cattle company, Superior; J. J. Lightbody, Geneva; Morse & Company, Morse Bluffs; John Meltor, Hoomer; N. W. & M. Company, Wisner; John Neller, Beemer; J. G. Matheson, Pilger; N. W. M. & Company, Stanton; F. M. Melcher & Company, West Point; F. C. Bliss, Howells; J. B. Hock, Petersburg; N. W. M. & Company, Lindsay; Clark H. & Company, Weston; Rosborough & Gray, Blue Springs; Metcalf & Wood, York; Jack Lower, Stromsburgh; H. J. Simpson & Company, Wall Lake, Ia.; A. Beckman & Company, Oakland; F. J. Kessler & Company, Craig.

With Sheep.

On the market with sheep: George Ames & Burke, Central City.

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OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS

Groceries, Produce, Fruits, Etc.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 21@23c; cold storage, 18c.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, ETC.—Green salted hides, 4½c; No 2, G. S. Hides, 3½c; dry flint hides, 8@7c; calf hides, 4½@4½c; damaged hides, 2c less; sheep pelts, green, each, 25c@$1.00; sheep pelts, dry, per lb, 7@13½c; tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3@3½c; grease, white, 4@4½c; yellow, 2½@3c.

LEMONS—Fancy, $5.50@7.50; choice, $4.50@5.00.

CHEESE—Young Americas, full cream, 12c; factory twins, 11@12½c; off grades, 7@8c; Van Kessen Edom, $11.50 per doz; sap sago, 5@c; brick, 12½c; limburger, 11c; domestic Swiss, 13@14c.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $9.00@10.00.

ORANGES—Florida, per box, $3.00@3.50.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Per bbl, $5.50@6.00.

APPLES—Per bbl, common, $1.50@2.00; choice, $2.00@4.00.

CELERY—Per doz, 35c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—$1.50@1.75.

SALSODA—1¾@4½c per lb.

STARCH—4½@6c per lb.

STOVE POLISH—$2.00@5.87 per gross.

SPICES—Whole, per lb—Allspice, 9c; Cassia, China, 9c; cloves, Penang, 28c; nutmegs, No. 1, 75c; pepper, 18@19c.

GINGER—Jamaica, ¼ pints, $3.00 per doz.

MINCE MEAT—20-lb cans, 7½c.

HONEY—16c per lb for choice.

PRESERVES—90@100 per lb.

JELLIES—4@4½c per lb.

BEESWAX—No. 1, 16@19c.

PROVISIONS—Hams, No. 1, 16-lb average, 10c; 20 to 22 lbs, 9½c; 12 to 14 lbs, 10½c; shoulders, 5½c; breakfast bacon, No. 1, 8½c; ham sausage, 8½c; dried beef hams, 7½c; beef tongues, $6.00 per dozen; dry salt meats, 5½@5½c per lb; ham roulette, 6½c; and 1c per lb for small lots.

MESS PORK—Per bbl, $10.50.

BANANAS—According to size, per bunch, .00@3.00.

BUTTERINE—Tubs, 13c; rolls, 14c.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $5.00.

APPLE BUTTER—6c.

CIDER—Bbls, $5.50; hf bbls, $3.00.

MAPLE SUGAR—12½@15c per lb.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Barley, 3@3½c; afrina, 4½c; peas, 3c; oat meal, 2½@3c; maccaroni, 11c; vermicelli, 11c; rice, 3½@5c; sago and tapioca, 6@7c; Lima beans, 2½c.

COFFEE—Roasted—Arbuckle's Arlosa, 24½c; McLaughlin's XXXX, 24½c; German, 24½c; Dilworth, 24½c; Alaroma, 24½c.

COFFEE—Green—Fancy old go-ideen Rio 23c; fancy old peaberry, 23½c; Rio, choice to fancy, 22c; Rio, prime, 21c; Rio, good, 20c; Mocha, 29c; Java, fancy Mandealing, 28c; Java, good interior, 24c; African, 21c.

CANDY—9½@23c per lb.

CHOCOLATE AND COCOA—21@37c per lb; German chickory, red, 8c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per doz, live hens, $2.25; spring, $3.50@4.75; dressed, per lb, 9@11c; turkeys, live, 9@12c; dressed, 11@12c; ducks, live, per doz, $2.50@3.00; dressed, per lb, 9@11c; geese, live, per doz, $8.00@9.00; dressed per lb, 9@11c.

PIGS FEET—Pickled, kits, 75c; spiced pigs tongues, kits, $2.35; pickled tripe, kits, 65c; pickled H C tripe kits 85c; spiced pigs hocks, kits, $1.15.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants, new, 6c; prunes casks, 1,300 lbs, 14½c; prunes, bbls or bags, 4½c; citron peel, drums, 20 lbs, 24c; lemon peel, drums, 20 lbs, 20c; fard dates, boxes, 12 lbs, 10c; apricots, choice evaporated, 14c; apricots, jelly, cured, 25 lb boxes, 15c; apricots, fancy, Mount Hamilton, 25 lb boxes, 16c; apricots, choice, bags, 80 lbs, 14½c; apples, evaporated, Alden, 50 lb boxes, 9½c; apples, star, 8½c; apples, fancy, Alden, 5 lb, 10c; apples, fancy, Alden, 2 lb, 10½c; Salt Lake, 9½c; blackberries, evaporated, 50 lb boxes, 5½@6½c; cherries, pitted, dry cured, 14c; pears, California fancy, ½s boxes, 25 lb, 12c; peaches, Cal. No. 1, fancy, ½s unp bags, 80 lbs, 15c; nectarines, red, 14c; nectarines, silver boxes, 15c; pitted plums, Cal. 25 lbs, boxes, 8½c; raspberries, evap, N. Y. new, 25½c; prunes, Cal, R C, 90-100 boxes, 25 lbs, 6½c; prunes, Cal, R C, 60-70, 9c; orange peel, 15c; raisins, California Londons, crop 1889, $2.25; raisins, Cal. loose muscatels, crop 1889, $2.10; Valencias, 1888, 8½c; Valencias, old, 7c; Cal, seedless sks, 7½c.

LARD—Tierces—Refined, 5½c; pure leaf, 6½c; kettle rendered, 7c. Add ½c to ⅝c for smaller quantities.

WOOL—Fine, average, 22@23c; medium, average, 21@22c; quarter blood, average, 20@21c; coarse, average, 15@17c; cotts and rough, average, 14@16c.

FURS—Beaver, per lb., $2.50@4.00; otter, each, $3.00@7.00; wolf, each, 50c@$1.25; coon, each, 25@75c; mink, each, 15@65c; muskrat, fall, 5@8c; skunk, rat, 25@65c; badger, rat, 25@50c, deer skins, fall, per lb., 18@27c; winter, 12@22c.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy, 23@25c; choice, 20@21c. Dairy, fancy, 16@18c; choice, 14@15c. Country, fancy, 14@15c; good to choice, 12@13c; fair, 10@11c; inferior, 6@9c.

PICKLES—Medium, per bbl, $5.00; small, $6.00; gherkins, $7.00; C & H chow chow, qts, $5.85; pts, $3.35.

POTATOES—25@30c for choice.

ONIONS—40@50c for choice.

SAUER KRAUT—Hbls, $4.75; hf bbls, $2.85.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 9c; cut loaf cubes, 9½c standard, powdered, 8½c; XXXX powdered 9c; granulated, standard, 7⅞c; confectioners' A, 7⅞; white extra C, 6⅞c; extra C, Nebraska, 6⅞c; amber, 6⅜c; California golden C, 6c.

BEEF TONGUES—Salt, bbls., $29.00.

HAY—$5.00@6.00.

CROP FEED—$12.00.

BRAN—$10.00.

CORN—35c.

OATS—18c.

VEAL—Choice, medium size, 5@5½c; choice heavy, 5@4c.

LIVE—$1.75@4.50 per case.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz., $1.50.

GAME—Prairie chickens, $4.50; mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@7.00; cal, $1.25@1.50; jack snipe, $1.00@1.25; quail, 1.50@1.75; jack rabbits, $4.00@4.50; small rabbits, $1.00@1.20; squirrels, $1.00@1.10; plover, 75c@$1.00; venison saddles, 11@13c carcasses, 6@10c.

BEANS—Choice hand picked navy, $1.75@1.80; choice hand picked medium, $1.65@1.70; choice hand picked country, $1.50@1.65; clean country, $1.50@1.60; inferior country, $1.00@1.25.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Rules Heavy and Lower With Bearish Influences.

BRISK DEMAND FOR CASH CORN.

Oats Show Some Tendency to Advance—Provisions Rather Disappointing to the Trade—Hogs Active—Quotations.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market was active and lower today. Influences were nearly all bearish. Foreign advices were not encouraging and the home statistical situation cannot be held up any longer with any great degree of satisfaction to the bulls. A further increase of 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bushels in the visible is predicted, against 487,333 bushels a year ago and an average increase of 1,100,000 bushels for the corresponding weeks for five years. Bradstreet's publishes an estimate of the stocks of wheat in sight on the first of the month. This estimate makes stocks east of the Rockies 51,458,000 bushels, against 51,394,000 bushels a year ago. Stocks increased 7,507,000 bushels during the month of November, and since August 1 the increase is reported to have been 38,383,000 bushels, against 22,217,000 bushels for the corresponding period last year. Stocks are now shown to be larger than they have been in twenty months. The increase on the Pacific coast since August 1 is given as 8,000,000 bushels, against 6,000,000 bushels a year ago. These figures aided materially in the development of bearish speculative sentiment. On a decline of ¼@¾c some expert orders were caught at the seaboard. New York reported sixteen boatloads worked. This news had a slightly stimulating effect on the market but the prevailing feeling cannot be truthfully described at that of buoyant confidence. Despite the apparent slackness of the foreign demand, barrels of flour, equal in all to 1,864,000 barrels, cleared from Atlantic ports this week. A local feature was rather for liquidation, chiefly consequent upon the reaching of stop-loss limits. Speculative offerings were free and but for the heavy buying by Hutchinson and miscellaneous covering by scattered shorts late in the day it is probable that lower prices would have been established. May opened at 83⅝c and for a good while the price wavered between 83⅝@83¾ and 83⅛c. Then the market turned down and the price worked off to 81⅛c. A sudden dip to 81c occurred, but only one or two trades were made at that quotation and a reaction to 83⅝c followed. The closing was 83⅛c. December opened at 78⅞c, ranged at 78⅞@78⅛c high and 78⅛c low, closing at 78⅛c. January opened at 79⅞c, sold down to 79⅛c and closed at 79⅞. The final range was ⅝@¾c lower than yesterday.

The feature in the corn deal was the brisk demand for cash No. 2 and December. The stock of contract grade here has been concentrated in a few hands and one speculator who has figured on former occasions as a manipulator is credited with owning the greater part of it. A scare among the shorts for this month resulted from the foregoing conditions and for a time there was quite an active demand and a rapid advance in the price, in which, however, the most distant futures participated to but a moderate extent. December opened at about yesterday's closing price—31⅛c—but there was very little for sale and it was run up to 32½c before reacting much. Some receiving houses were prominent in the buying, presumbed to be covering short sales, which from the present poor grading they are unable to fill with actual property, as originally intended. The closing price for December was 32c, being ⅝c improvement on the closing figures of the preceding day. January and May each advanced 1-16c.

Oats showed some tendency to advance, with a fair demand for account of shorts and advices from New York indicating strength, especially in near futures. Any improvement of consequence was prevented, however, by free selling on the part of one speculator at 22½@22⅝c. December and January at one time showed ¼@⅜c advance, with 21c paid, but the higher prices were not fully sustained to the close. Liberal business was done, chiefly in May. Receipts were increased to 183 cars and No. 2 regular was dull at 20½@20⅝c, with cash trading mostly by sample.

Provisions rather disappointed trade today in their movement. They opened strong and with free covering of shorts for a time the market displayed a disposition to bulge. It was strong, if not buoyant, but the prices prevailing increased future offerings beyond expectations. Cudahy and others placed more or less May property on sale and on the retirement of short buyers an easier feeling came to the front. The selling surprised traders generally and made the bear interest aggressive. Prices receded quickly and at the close showed a decline compared with yesterday of 7½@10c on January and May pork, 2½@5c on future lard and 5c on short ribs.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—About all the fresh receipts were Texans, some of which were prime, but the bulk was made up of cows and canning stock. The few natives on sale were disposed of at about the closing prices of yesterday. Cows and common stock also sold out at yesterday's prices. Nothing of note was going on in stocks and feeders. Choice to extra beeves, $5.00@5.40; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, $4.00@4.60; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $3.50@4.25; 950 to 1200 lbs, $3.00@4.10. Stockers and feeders, $1.80@2.90; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.10@2.95; bulk, $2.00@2.25; Texas steers, $2.25@2.90; cows, $1.50@2.20. Western rangers, $2.75@3.50.

HOGS—The market was active. About everything was sold at an early hour, with prices about the same as yesterday. Mixed and packers sold within a range of $3.65@3.75 and shippers at $3.75@3.80 and light sorts at $3.65@3.70.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes:

Reserve, decrease	$1,188,700
Loans, decrease	1,771,900
Specie, decrease	982,200
Legal tenders, decrease	899,800
Deposits, decrease	1,973,200
Circulation, decrease	21,300

The banks now hold $683,150 in excess of the 25 per cent rule. The exports of specie from the port of New York last week amounted to $334,283, of which $37,600 was gold and $296,683 silver. Of the total exports, all the silver went to Europe and all the gold went to South America. The imports of specie to the port of New York amounted to $250,930, of which $211,144 was gold and $48,133 silver.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK Dec. 7.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—The bank statement, showing a decrease of over $1,000,000 in reserves, over $1,700,000 in loans and nearly $2,000,000 in deposits, was not made public early enough to affect the stock market to any extent. So far as its effect was felt it was against the natural tone of the market, which was quite strong. After business yesterday the buying of sugar was traced largely to Philadelphia, while insiders attributed the strength to natural causes. Late dispatches from the west reported the formation of pools to buy Grangers and other properties. With Europe taking stocks, with business almost unparalleled and money working easier, sentiment was more bullish than for some time. The market opened strong with many of the active stocks showing slight gains. Action for the half day was a general upward movement. Chicago Gas sold up to 42 ex-dividend and Sugar took the lead in the advance, opening at 67¼ and going to 70 at once. After a reaction to 68¼ the close was at 69¼. Leading coal stocks showed net gains of ⅛@⅜ per cent all around. New England sold up to 45, Manhattas to 108½ and Michigan Central to 98. Atchison was steady around 34 and Burlington firmer at 105¾. Northwestern moved up to 111⅜, closing ½ per cent better at 211½. Other western stocks made small net gains. There was a fair amount of covering in coalers. The closing prices were very near the best for the day.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s regular	126	Northern Pacific	22½
U. S. 4s coupons	127	do preferred	76½
U. S. 4½s regular	108½	C. & N. W.	111⅛
U. S. 4½s coupons	109½	do preferred	141
Pacific 6s of '95	115	N. Y. Central	106⅞
Central Pacific	34½	P. D. & E.	23
Chicago & Alton	150	Rock Island	98
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	105½	C., M. & St. P.	69⅝
		do preferred	113
D., L. & W.	197	St. Paul & Omaha	32⅝
Illinois Central	117½	do preferred	99
L. E. & W.	9½	Union Pacific	48⅝
Kansas & Texas	9½	W., St. L. & P.	15½
Lake Shore	107½	do preferred	31
Michigan Central	97	Western Union	84
Missouri Pacific	68½		

MONEY—On call easy at 4@5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@7½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady; sixty-day bills, $4.89; demand, $4.84.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Easy; December, 78⅛c; May, 83⅛c.

Corn—Steady to firm; December, 32c; May, 33⅜c.

Oats—Steady; December, 20⅞c; May, 23⅜c.

Rye—December, 44⅝c.

Barley—Nothing doing.

Prime Timothy—$1.30.

Flaxseed—Cash, $1.35; May, $1.41.

Whisky—$1.02.

Pork—Steady; January, $9.40@9.42½; May, 9.75@9.77½.

Lard—Steady; December, $5.92½@5.95; May, $6.12½.

Flour—Quiet and nchanced; winter wheat, $2.00@4.35; spring wheat, $3.65@4.90; rye, $2.50@2.85; buckwheat, $1.50@2.00 per cwt.

Provisions—Shoulders, $4.12½@4.25; short clear, $5.05@5.10; short ribs, January, $4.80@4.82½.

Butter—Easy