THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Strong and Stubborn and Advancing Steadily.

CORN NERVOUS AND IRREGULAR.

Oats Quiet and Featureless—Provisions Show Little or No Improvement—Cattle Slow and Prices Weak—Hogs Active.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market was strong and stubborn today, advancing steadily and resisting the attacks of the powerful bear leaders. The foreign situation continues to harden and cables from the principal continental and English centers all reflect the same sentiment. Liverpool quotes California wheat higher in all positions and the last London cable records an advance of 6d in California on actual sales. Spot California in Liverpool is now 7¼d lower than it was a year ago and California futures 7½d lower. The bull news features today, aside from cables, were to be found in the light northwestern movement and in the liberal export clearances of wheat and flour, amounting to 340,797 bushels. The falling off in Dakota and Minnesota receipts was a long time coming, but when the tide turned the subsidence was rapid. Local shippers and exporters here and at the seaboard report an unusual activity in that branch of the trade now. Arrangements have been made and are making for a shipment of considerable lines of wheat abroad during the next six weeks, and they anticipate a larger business during the last half of the crop year than during the first half. This is reversing the usual order of things, a circumstance due probably to the heavy home crops of consuming countries. Western Europe and England have been eating largely of their own products and are only now feeling the urgency of supplying future requirements. This accounts for the continued and to most bear speculators the unnatural hardening tendency of the foreign markets in the face of the forced depression of this side. May wheat opened in Chicago at 83⅝c, advanced to 83¾c, sold off to 82⅝c, rallied to 83@83⅛c, was pounded down to 82⅝c again and then slowly lifted itself to 83¼c, where it closed. Every time the market got to 83c Jones and his strong following had an abundance of wheat for sale. Offerings were absorbed with apparent reluctance until the last hour, the market taking property with a grimace like a man who was asked to sit down to a second banquet before getting up from the first. On the last rally the tone was somewhat different and the bulls were looking more cheerful. The market is now up 1c from the bottom. December opened at 77⅛c, ranged at 77⅛@77⅝c and closed at 77⅜c. January opened at 78⅛c, ranged at 78@78⅜c and closed at 78⅜c. The gain on yesterday was ⅛c.

There was much nervousness and irregularity in the price of December corn with a general tendency downward during the first half of the session, the opening figure being 34c, but it quickly sold off under free offerings from a party who appears at present to control the fluctuations in this future, and 32⅝c was touched before the decline stopped. The price rallied to 33c, declined again to 32⅞c, and then became firmer and advanced to 33⅛@33⅜c and it closed at 33⅛c. January was fairly active and about steady, but May was freely offered and although not much change in the price was brought about the general tone was one of weakness. The receipts here were not far from the estimates but an inspection showed only twenty cars of No. 2 out of the 354 cars which were received. The eastern markets were quoted somewhat easier but the export inquiry was still reported as being active and the market was quoted firm.

Oats were quiet and featureless with the speculative business light in character and prices indicating a general steadiness. If anything, January was a shade firmer, with sales at 20⅞c, while May halted at 22⅜@22½c. The posted receipts were much the same as recent averages, while nothing of consequence was withdrawn from store. It is generally believed that there is little or no outstanding December interest, as this month is offered at 20⅛c with scarcely an inquiry noted. No. 2 regular was 20⅛@20⅜c. No. 2 white, May delivery, was saleable at 24⅝c.

Provisions showed little or no improvement. Outsiders failed to increase their interest in the trade, and among professionals the late quiet feeling was maintained in full force. In the general market there was certainly no new feature, and in the actual situation no change to speak of occurred. Hogs little more than held their own and the product ranged closely to yesterday's range of prices. Closings were unchanged for December and May pork and May short ribs, and 2½c higher for future lard. January pork declined 5c and closed near the bottom figures at @9.22½@9.25 after selling at @9.22½@9.30. The December product was almost nominal, resting at $8.65 for pork, $5.87½ for lard and $4.77½ for ribs. Lard for January was steady at $5.90 and short ribs for the same month at $4.75. The day's new speculation was confined chiefly to May, which sold at $9.65@9.67 for pork, $6.05@6.07½ for lard, $4.95@4.97½ for short ribs. Pork for the same delivery closed at $9.67½, lard at $6.07½, short ribs at $4.95. The cash property was quiet. Lard sold sparingly for shipment at $5.87½ and 7½c was paid for a few car loads of 16-pound green hams for delivery this month. The unseasonable weather prevailing checked the demand for meats for shipment.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—The big decrease in the run of cattle has no stimulating effect on prices or demand, as that factor is offset by the warm unseasonable weather and the approach of the holidays, hence, outside of the inquiry for a few good cattle, business was slow and the feeling weak all around, with prices a strong 10c lower on such steers as have heretofore been selling at $3.25 and under. The number of Texans on the market was estimated at 2,000, all of which that were for sale sold at steady prices. Native butchers' stock was also steady and in fair demand. Stockers and feeders were in good demand and scarce. Shippers need not look for any improvement in cattle for the next two weeks or so. Choice to extra beeves $4.50@5.20; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, $3.50@4.25; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $3.00@3.85; 950 to 1200 lbs, $2.75@3.60; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.20@2.90; bulk, $2.00@3.00. Texas steers, $2.30@3.00; cornfed, $3.00@3.35; cows, $1.50@2.00.

HOGS—Business was again active, with another slight upturn all around. Packers paid $3.60@3.70, mostly $3.65, and shippers $3.70 to $3.75; a few common sold at $3.55, and new fancy heavy at $3.80.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—In spite of the very discouraging talk after the close yesterday regarding stocks in general, the market opened broader and more buoyant than for some time. Reading and Missouri Pacific were among the active stocks. Sugar Refineries among trusts, and Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg preferred among the low priced shares, were most prominent. The market showed a temper in marked contrast to that of yesterday, the slight advances of the opening figures being followed by a further appreciation all over the list. Missouri Pacific assumed the lead in advance among active stocks and scored a net gain of ⅜ per cent to 70⅛, while the improvement in others was for small fractions only, and Reading was held steady at 38⅞@39. The feature of the market, however, was Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg preferred, which rose 1½ per cent. Sugar opened off 1 per cent to 56½ and recovered only to 57. Before noon there was a decided change in the market. Sugar Trusts dropped to 56⅛ and went to 57⅛ on a second bulge. St. Paul dropped from 70⅜ to 69⅝, Missouri Pacific from 70⅛ to 70, Tennessee Coal from 77¼ to 76¼, Lackawanna from 136⅞ to 136¼. Reading and Union Pacific held at the best prices. Grangers were very quiet, except those named. The bulls emphasized the fact that while the market is dull prices go down easily, but when shorts wish to buy stocks are scarce. The west seems to be taking St. Paul, Union Pacific and Atchison. The day in stocks closed even better than it began for the bulls. Missouri Pacific was the leader all day and closed about 2 per cent higher at 77½, after touching 77⅞. The strength was excellent, showing $7,000,000 surplus over dividends. The forecast for colder weather gave tone to coal stocks and Lackawanna led in strength, going from 136½ to 137⅜, closing at 137. Atchison closed 1½ better at 34½. Union Pacific ⅝ higher at 69⅝. Western Union ⅛ higher at 80⅛. Northwestern and Burlington were dull and steady. Sugar took a spring up to 59, closing at 58¼. Chicago Gas went up a point for the day to 43⅛. The total sales were larger than for many days, at 231,000 shares. The best buying of the day was by shorts.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s regular	122	Northern Pacific	22
U. S. 4s coupons	122	do preferred	76⅝
U. S. 4½s regular	109⅛	C. & N. W.	103⅝
U. S. 4½s coupons	109⅛	do preferred	140½
Pacifics of '95	116	N. Y. Central	107⅝
Central Pacific	33⅝	P. D. & E.	18
Chicago & Alton	152	Rock Island	97⅛
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	106⅛	C., M. & St. P.	79
		do preferred	113⅛
D., L. & W.	137	St. Paul & Omaha	35⅛
Illinois Central	117⅛	do preferred	98⅛
L. E. & W.	9⅝	Union Pacific	69⅛
Kansas & Texas	17⅛	W., St. L. & P.	15
Lake Shore	107⅞	do preferred	29⅝
Michigan Central	98	Western Union	80
Missouri Pacific	71⅛		

MONEY—On call, easy, ranging from 3 to 7 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6@7½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but steady; sixty-day bills, $4.80⅝; demand, $4.84½.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Aspen	250	Homestake	900
Best & Belcher	320	Horn Silver	200
Chollar	225	Iron Silver	150
Con. Cal. & Va.	470	Mexican	225
Deadwood T.	140	North Belle Isle	103
Eureka Con.	310	Ontario	5450
El Cristo	150	Plymouth	295

Bond Offerings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bonds offered: $710,000 at $1.27; $2,000 at $1.4½.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Thursday, Dec. 19.

There was no decided change in today's cattle market, values remaining about the same on all grades and kinds of stock. The market was slow to open, and the forenoon was well advanced before the buyers got into the saddle or made any attempt to begin the day's business. When the market did open the movement if anything was more free than yesterday. The buyers wanted a few cattle and they bought them more readily. With so few cattle here, the offerings were pretty much cleaned up before the close. It must be borne in mind that common cattle are extremely slow and weak even at the present low prices. One small bunch of cattle reached $4.25 and another bunch sold at $4.0½, but the bulk of the beeves went at $2.00@3.30. There was a pretty good showing of stockers and feeders, but the demand did not appear to be very active, and the sales were not large. The country cannot be expected to buy very freely when the market on beeves is no better than at the present time. Some native feeders sold at $2.25@2.87½ and stockers at $2.25@2.30. Desirable cows sold with more ease than yesterday, and there were instances where salesmen thought they got firm prices for something which the buyers happened to want. The cows sold at $1.25@2.25.

Hogs.

The market was a shade stronger and active, the yards being cleared at an early hour. The popular price was $3.50, and while hogs sold under that price, the proportion was much less than yesterday. One choice load of heavy hogs reached $3.57½, the highest price paid since Monday. Light hogs sold at the same range as yesterday, that is at $3.50@3.55, but there were more sales at the latter price.

Sheep.

There were no sheep on the market, but a load was received consigned direct to a packer.

Receipts.

Cattle	1,200
Hogs	5,500
Sheep	134

Prevailing Prices.

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

Christmas beeves	$4.60	@5.10
Prime steers, 1300 to 1600 lbs	3.90	@4.60
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.50	@4.00
Good steers, 1050 to 1300 lbs	3.00	@3.80
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers	2.75	@2.90
Western steers	2.40	@2.90
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 cows	2.50	@3.00
Fair to good bulls	1.50	@2.35
Light stockers and feeders	2.00	@2.60
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs	2.20	@3.00
Fair to choice light hogs	3.50	@3.55
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.47½	@3.57½
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.45	@3.55

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
40	1068	$2 60	20	1120	$3 05
5	1172	2 85	23	1022	3 10
4	1287	2 85	20	1129	3 25
16	1135	2 90	55	1353	3 30
1	1080	3 00	1	1240	3 75
24	1006	3 00	1	1610	3 75
3	1163	3 00	54	1482	4 00
18	1227	3 00	11	1415	4 25
11	1373	3 05	1	1700	4 25

COWS.

5	564	1 25	4	1070	2 00
2	715	1 40	1	1180	2 00
18	1018	1 45	18	1122	2 00
1	1060	1 50	1	1140	2 00
6	1013	1 50	13	1027	2 00
24	1042	1 67½	13	1205	2 05
4	1102	1 75	12	1019	2 10
14	1167	1 80	24	858	2 10
13	1041	1 80	2	1050	2 10
18	1015	1 80	2	1180	2 15
23	1027	1 85	1	1260	2 15
19	966	1 87½	25	1036	2 15
6	1101	1 90	2	895	2 15
13	1006	1 90	10	1042	2 15
21	998	1 90	18	1130	2 17½
14	1020	1 90	24	868	2 20
9	961	1 90	7	926	2 20
1	1080	1 90	8	981	2 25
22	907	1 95			

FEEDERS.

1	900	2 00	16	958	2 65
33	787	2 25	17	1021	2 70
25	788	2 35	13	892	2 75
42	968	2 40	16	1042	2 80
3	1227	2 50	3	967	2 85
10	900	2 60	20	1123	2 87½
24	948	2 65			

BULLS.

1	910	1 60	1	1450	2 00
1	1230	1 65	1	1830	2 50
1	1150	1 65	1	1580	2 05
2	1375	1 90	3	1533	2 05
1	1490	2 00			

STOCKERS.

40	608	2 25	51	597	2 30

HEIFERS.

17	746	1 90	6	558	2 00

CALVES.

1	380	2 75	1	250	3 50

CANNERS.

19	843	1 50			

OXEN.

2	1510	2 25	1	2000	3 00
1	1780	2 75			

STAGS.

1	1610	2 35			

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sk.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sk.	Pr.
10	284	80	3 40	55	265	365	3 50
48	263	120	3 45	58	268	160	3 50
55	221	160	3 45	53	320	240	3 50
60	257	200	3 47½	63	260	120	3 50
67	240	40	3 47½	56	308	200	3 50
61	247	240	3 47½	65	289	240	3 50
63	289	80	3 47½	61	245	120	3 50
55	329	200	3 47½	76	229	80	3 50
61	257	360	3 47½	59	278	560	3 50
62	273	160	3 47½	62	317	80	3 50
54	312	40	3 47½	56	298	440	3 50
58	249	200	3 47½	68	253	80	3 50
79	281	120	3 47½	66	273	120	3 50
75	244	160	3 47½	69	254	80	3 50
59	247	200	3 50	67	256	40	3 50
62	274	200	3 50	77	231	40	3 50
62	282	160	3 50	63	320	120	3 50
50	306	80	3 50	56	324	160	3 50
55	302	120	3 50	56	331	—	3 50
46	330	200	3 50	65	287	120	3 50
52	265	—	3 50	59	276	80	3 50
59	271	120	3 50	64	303	280	3 50
49	299	200	3 50	60	275	80	3 50
54	277	80	3 50	59	326	160	3 50
70	232	120	3 50	58	293	160	3 50
62	294	80	3 50	57	298	40	3 50
69	246	80	3 50	71	241	280	3 50
69	229	120	3 50	49	377	120	3 50
52	331	120	3 50	63	312	80	3 50
60	257	40	3 50	57	329	80	3 50
70	252	200	3 50	71	235	80	3 50
53	330	200	3 50	73	224	—	3 52½
59	288	120	3 50	72	261	200	3 52½
48	262	120	3 50	67	273	160	3 52½
67	169	40	3 50	46	380	—	3 52½
77	223	120	3 50	61	289	200	3 52½
62	313	200	3 50	48	374	80	3 55
62	275	240	3 50	76	199	—	3 55
48	313	80	3 50	81	246	120	3 55
59	246	—	3 50	71	192	—	3 55
61	315	160	3 50	68	259	—	3 55
58	285	120	3 50	118	241	80	3 55
67	292	600	3 50	61	247	—	3 55
61	357	280	3 50	55	334	—	3 57½
56	328	80	3 55				

Purchases of Hogs Today.

Showing the number of hogs bought by the packers and leading buyers on today's market:

Armour-Cudahy Packing Co.	2,224
Omaha Packing Co.	2,310
Swift & Company	267
G. H. Hammond & Co.	242

Hogs averaged yesterday 272 lbs. and 63 to the car.

Disposition of Cattle Today.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Company	409
George H. Hammond & Company	46
Armour-Cudahy Packing company	385
Rothschild & Underwood	37
Hamilton, S. & Co.	48
Becker & S.	7
Nels Morris	....
Shippers	333
Feeders	....

Live Stock Notes.

Hogs stronger.

Cattle steady.

Common cattle weak.

J. Tierney, Earling, Ia., was over with stock, and remarked that up to a few days ago the large crop of spring hogs in Shelby county was unusually free from cholera, but about a week ago a car load of Dakota stock pigs were shipped in and sold out to different parties. It seems these pigs were affected with cholera, and in a few days complaints came in from all around that section that the cholera had struck the pigs and they were dying in large numbers.

There are said to be a good many cattle feeding in Nuckols county, Nebraska, but in the immediate vicinity of Lawrence there are hardly so many as last year. There are more hogs, but the cholera is doing considerable damage in the county.

On an average, about one lump jaw is condemned per day.

Niels Nielson, Dannebrog, topped the cattle market, selling a bunch at $4.25.

Emley Brothers of Wisner, sent down a car of choice hogs that topped the market at $3.57½.

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: George Clark, Belgrade; Foley, P. & Company, Greeley Center; I. C. Corley, Alliance; T. J. Irwin, Hyannis; Miller & Company, Bradshaw; John Foley, Bradshaw; W. Francis, Palmyra; Klingerman Bros., Chadron; O. Brown, Burr; R. Suhe, Oakland; H. E. Koch, Hartington; M. S. Hegarty, Oakland; T. Harris, Central City; W. Monell, Elmwood; Minshall & Company, Stella; N. Neilson, Dannebog; T. B. McPherson, Arapahoe; B. F. Downer, Arapahoe; G. W. Rogers, Indianola; G. H. Warren & Company, Grafton; A. S. Crane, Ohiowa; F. E. Rogers, Wilsox, Mo.; N. W. Castle & Company, Oakdale; H. G. Suhr, John D. Suhr, Hooper; Phillips & J., Inlawn; J. M. McReynolds, Davenport; Parsons & West, G. F. Smith, Soux City, Ia.; F. E. Higley, Lyons; Engle & Mustard, Onawa; J. W. Mills, Charles Fahtschilde, Mondamin, Ia.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs: Sacket & H., Cedar Rapids; Morris & D., Belgrade; Crouch Brothers, St. Edwards; W. F. Barston, Bumell; Foley p. & company, Greeley Centre; J. W. Nicholson, Marquette; H. J. Tierney, Ansley; J. H. Dickson, Bennett; A. Laverly, Ashland; C. H. Parmier Cedar Creek; H. L. Mesmer, South Bend; J. Turney, Broken Bow; W. T. Barston, Burwell; Walbach L'be & G. company, Walbach; H. Bloco, Kennard; Klingenman Brothers, Chadron; J. Hastie, Chadron; Wilkinson & G., Avoca; J. W. Stocker, Logan; Wilson & Lass, Logan; Nowell & B, Herman; M. S. Stevens & Company, Denison; J. J. Doherty, Dunlap; John Tieney, Earling; J. Bown, Blanchard; W. L. Boughn, Harlan; M. H. Hegarty, Oakland; W. Francis, Palmyra; Dalters & Company, Stella; Perry Wood, Lexington; J. C. Goodell, Burr; N. Nielson, Danneburg; J. B. Hume, Madison; H. Buake, Platte Center; J. M. Dineen, Platte Center; J.-C. Carrig, Platte Center; D. G. Robb, Endicott; B. F. Dawner, Arapahoe; C. E. Van Buskirk, Oxford; Armsvarger & Company, Oxford; A. M. Johnson, Loomis; Jones Brothers, Hastings; G. G. Vreeland, Juniata; C. D More, Harvard; Joe Coates, Exeter; D. J. T. Reed, Crete; William Grobshans, Sutton; Bank of Coin, Coin, Ia.; J. Bower & Co., Blanchard; J. M. Lamar, Elmo, Mo.; R. H. Duncan, Wilcox, Mo.; T. E. Rogers, Wilcox, Mo.; M. H. Huffman, Neligh; Henry Leisy, Wisner; Emley Brothers, Wisner; Miles Cannon, Wisner; N. W. M. company, Cornelia; F. C. Bliss, Howells; A. F. Stuefer, Dodge; Perkins & G., Octavia; Philipps & J., Inland; Mahoney & Company, Bruno; J. M. McReynolds, Davenport; N. W. & M. Company, Nord; William Gehrke, Shickley; Bunen & Huntington, Oakland.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Higher; December, nominally 77½c; January, nominally 78⅜c; May, 81⅛c asked.

Corn—Weaker; December, 33¼c; January, 31⅞@31⅝c; May, 33@33⅛c.

Oats—Firmer; December, 20⅝@21c; January, 20⅞@21c; May, 22⅞c.

Rye—45½c.

Barley—Nominal.

Prime Timothy—$1.22.

Flax Seed—$1.36½.

Whisky—$1.02.

Mess Pork—Weaker; January, $9.22½@9.25; March, nominal, $9.45; May, $9.62½.

Lard—Firm; January, $5.90; March, $5.97½; May, $6.07½.

Short Ribs—Firmer; January, $4.75; March, $4.85 bid; May, $4.95.

Butter and Eggs—Steady.

Flour—Dull and unchanged; winter wheat, $2.00@4.35; spring wheat, $2.65@4.90; rye, $2.50@2.85; buckwheat, $1.55@2.00 per cwt.

Provisions—Unchanged; shoulders, $4.12½@4.25; short clear sides, $5.00@5.10.

Butter—Dull and unchanged; fancy creamery, 27½@28c; fine, 18@21c.

Eggs—20@21c.

Cheese—Quiet and firm; full cream cheddars and flats, 9½@9¾c; Young Americas, 10½c.

Tallow—Steady and unchanged; No. 1 solid packed, 4½@4¾c.

Hides—Unchanged; light green salted, 6c; dry calf, 5@6c; deacons, each, 20c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour	20,000	20,000
Wheat	66,000	50,000
Corn	399,000	222,000
Oats	117,000	124,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Recepts, 21,500; exports, ——; spot more active and firm; No. 2 red, 85⅝c@85¾c in elevator, 86⅞c afloat, 86@87½c f. o. b.; ungraded red, 77½@85½c. Options higher but firm; No. 2 red, December, closing at 85⅞c.

Corn—Receipts, 3,900; exports, 22,400; spot weaker and quiet; No. 2, 42½c in elevator, 43½c afloat; ungraded mixed, 38⅝@43¾c; options lower and steady; December closing at 42⅝c.

Oats—Receipts, 114,000; exports, 50,000 sales, 290,000 futures; spot, firm; options firmer and quiet; December, 29½c; spot No. 2 white, 31½c; mixed western, 27@30c.

Coffee—Options closed barely steady at 5@15 points down. Sales: 49,500 bags; December, $15.75@15.95; May, $16.00@16.20; spot Rio, quiet and easy; fair cargoes, $19.50.

Sugar—Raw, dull and nominal; refined, quiet.

Petroleum—Quiet; United closed at $1.03⅛ for January.

Eggs—Steady; western, 22½@23c.

Pork—Quiet; mess, inspected, $10.50@10.75.

Lard—Strong and dlotar; western steam, $6.02½.

Butter—Dull and weak; Elgin, 29c; western dairy, 9@18c; creamery, 14@27c.

Cheese—Quiet; western, 8@10c.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Higher; cash, 78c; May, 82⅛c.

Corn—Firm; December, 27¼c; May, 29½c.

Oats—Firmer; cash, 19½c; May, 22⅜@22½c.

Pork—Firm; cash, $9.87½.

Butter—Easier; creamery, 21@23c; dairy, 20@21c.

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Receipts, 230 cars; shipments, 25 cars; market active; local millers chief buyers; Closing: No. 1 hard, December and January, 79c; May, 80½c; on track, 80c; No. 1 northern, December, 84c; May, 81½c; on track, 78c; No. 2 northern, December, 72c; May, 77½c; on track, 72@76c.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Firm; poor demand; holders offer sparingly.

Corn—Firm, demand poor; new mixed western, 4s 3½d per central.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 hard, cash, 61c bid; No. 3 hard, cash, 56c.

Corn—Quiet; No. 2, December, 22½c bid; No. 3, cash, 22½c bid; December, 22½c bid.

Oats—No. 2, cash, 17½c.

Cincinnati, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red, 76½@77½c.

Corn—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 32@33c.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 25c.

Whisky—$1.02.

LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:

Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; market steady; beeves, $2.75@5.30; stockers and feeders, $1.25@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.20@2.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; market active and strong to 5c higher; mixed, $3.50@3.75; heavy, $3.50@3.77½; light, $3.50@3.75; skips, $3.00@3.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,500; market slow and closing 10@20c lower; natives, $3.00@6.00; Texans, $3.00@4.00.

Sioux City, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 320 head; market dull and unchanged; canners, 75c@$1.20; cows, $1.00@2.15; stockers and feeders, $1.50@2.00; veal calves, $2.00@3.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,400; market closed 20c higher; light, $3.45@3.52½; heavy, $3.45@3.60; mixed, $3.40@3.47½.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400; market steady; fair to fancy native steers, $4.30@5.10; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.20.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,500; shipments, 1,700; market strong; heavy, $3.60@3.70; packing, $3.45@3.65; light, $3.40@3.60.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 2,500; choice weak; natives, $3.00@4.40; cows, $1.50@2.30; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 8,000; shipments, 900; everything, $4.50@4.55.

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, 5@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.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy, 23@25c; choice, 20@21c. Dairy, fancy, 15@17c; 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 & B chow chow, qts, $3.35; pts, $2.25.

POTATOES—25@30c for choice.

ONIONS—40@60c.

SAUER KRAUT—Bbls, $4.75; h'f bbls, $2.85.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 9c; cut loaf, cubes, 8½c; standard, powdered, 8½c; XXXX, powdered, 9c; granulated, standard, 7⅞c; confectioners' A, 7¼c; white extra C, 6½c; extra C Neb., 6½c; amber, 6⅜c; California golden C, 6¼c.

BEEF TONGUES—Salt, bbls, $20.00.

HAY—$5.00@6.00.

CROP FEED—$13.00.

BRAN—$10.00.

CORN—19c.

OATS—17c.

VEAL—Choice, medium size, 5@6c; choice heavy, 3@4c.

LYE—$1.75@4.50 per case.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz., $1.50.

GAME—Prairie chickens, $4.00; mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00; teal, $1.25@1.50; jack snipe, $1.00@1.25; quail, $1.25@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.

LEMONS—Fancy, $5.50@7.50; choice, $3.50@5.00.

CELERY—Per doz, 30c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—$2.00.

SALSODA—1¼@4½c per lb.

STARCH—4¾@5c per lb.

STOVE POLISH—$2.00@5.87 per gross.

BROOMS—4 tie, $2.60; 3 tie, $2.20; stable, $3.80; common, $1.50@1.75.

LARD—Tierces—Refined, 5⅝c; pure leaf, 6½c; kettle rendered, 7c. Add ⅛c to ¼c for smaller quantities.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Barley, 3@3½c; farina, 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 Ariosa, 24½c; McLaughlin's XXXX, 24½c; German 24½c; Dilworth, 24½c; Alaroma, 24½c.

COFFEE—Green—Fancy old golden Rio, 24c; fancy old peaberry, 23½c; Rio, choice to fancy, 22c; Rio, prime, 21c; Rio, good, 19c; Mocha, 29c; Java, fancy Mandenling, 27c; Java, good interior, 24c; African, 20½c.

CANNED FISH—Brook trout, 3 lb, $2.40; salmon trout, 2 lb, $2.35; clams, 1 lb, $1.25; clams, 2 lb, $2.00; clam chowder, 3 lb, $1.25; deviled crabs, 1 lb, $2.25; deviled crabs, 2 lb, $3.50; codfish balls, 2 lb, $1.75; caviar, ⅛ lb, $2.25; eels, 1 lb, $3.40; lobsters, 1 lb, $1.90; lobsters, 2 lb, $2.35; lobsters, deviled, ⅛ lb, $2.25; mackerel, 1 lb, $1.75; mackerel mustard sauce, 3 lb, $2.60; oysters, 1 lb, $1.00; oysters, 2 lb, $1.80; salmon, C. R., 1 lb, $1.90; salmon, C. R., 2 lb, $2.80; salmon, Alaska, 1 lb, $1.65; salmon, Alaska, 2 lb, $2.65; shrimps, 1 lb, $2.60.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants, new, 6c; prunes, casks 1300 lbs, 4½c; prunes, bols or bags, 4½c; citron peel, drums, 20 lbs, 24c; lemon peel, drums, 20 lbs, 20c; fard dates, boxes 12 lbs, 9c; 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, Aiden, 50 lb boxes, 9½c; apples, star, 8¾c; apples, fancy, Aiden, 5 lb, 10c; apples, fancy, Aiden, 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 unpbags, 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; Galencias, 1888, 8½c; Valencias, old, 7c; Cal. seedless sks, 7¾c.

CANNED MEATS—Corned beef, 1 lb square cans, $1.20; corned beef, 2 lb square cans, $2.05; corned beef, 6 lb square cans, $6.50; corned