THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Opens Strong, But Closes Lower Than on Saturday.

DECIDED WEAKNESS IN CORN.

Liberal Business Transacted in Oats—Provisions Quiet For This Season of the Year—Cattle and Hogs.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market opened strong with its head up, but it speedily yielded to the pressure of offerings and before the bottom was reached nearly the whole of Saturday's improvement was lost. There was some recovery from inside figures but the closing prices showed a net loss for the day of ⅜c. The initial trading in May was on the basis of 83⅞@83⅝c. Only a few trades were made at 83⅞c. The price very soon worked down to 83¼@83⅜c, where it hung for a while. The next stopping place was 83¼c, and the next 82⅞@83c. An active demand developed around 83c. This made the bear scalpers a little nervous, and when they undertook to cover they found offerings light. A rally to 83¼@83⅜c followed. The market then eased down to 83¼c and closed there. Very little business was done in December, which ranged at 78⅛@78¼c and closed at 78⅜c. January ranged at 78@79¼c and closed at 78⅜c. Operations, while rather above an average in volume, were largely for local account seemingly. The stimulus of outside business, which was to have been reasonably expected, did not materialize, and as many of the bulls were willing to take profits the market was left without any aggressive support. Furthermore the timorous shorts were all run in Saturday, and this morning many of the strong bears were eager to put out fresh lines. Thus, although cables were steady and the general situation has undergone no important change, the speculative market assumed an appearance of weakness. The visible supply statement was a disappointment to many. It recorded an increase of 330,873 bushels, whereas not a few enthusiastic people were on Saturday predicting a decrease. The returns came in early and trade was not kept in ignorance long of the drift of "visible" statistics. The export clearances today equaled 144,532 bushels of wheat and flour. For the week the official estimate was 1,933,400 bushels (wheat and flour), which was about 800,000 bushels less than private estimates of Saturday. The local receipts were rather above expectations, being 131 cars. Winter wheat receipts are generally fair despite the muddy roads throughout the western country. Altogether the bulls seemed to be unable to muster many facts of a hopeful tenor and the spirits of that party were as a consequence less buoyant.

The corn market made a show of maintaining Saturday's closing figures at the opening, but it soon became evident that the sellers held the whip hand of the situation and a pronounced weakness set in and controlled matters to the close. December received no support from a party who is supposed to have virtual control of that future in this market, and under only moderate trading it dropped 1c per bushel, opening at 33c and declining to 32c. May was also weak and lower. Sellers were plentiful and buyers scarce until the price touched 32½c, at which price orders were more plentiful and a stop was made at that figure. The receipts here were heavier than was expected.

In oats a liberal business was recorded, and while fluctuations were narrow values tended to weakness. The receipts exceeded expectations. A local warehouse was a free seller. The visible supply and local stocks both showed some increase for the week and the market also partook of the weakness in weat and corn. May sold off ⅛c to 22½c, but there were fairly numerous buying orders at that, checking any marked tendency to decline. January was quiet at about 2c discount, and other months were neglected. No. 2 regular or December was nominally 20¼@20⅜c with cash trading again confined to sample. The withdrawals from store were more liberal than for some days past, aggregating 34,500 bushels.

Provision traders were in no wise troubled to look after their market. The cash orders in the hands of the brokers were small for the season and in speculative circles trading was wholly of a "so so" character. It was wanting to a noticeable extent in spirit and activity and failed to exhibit a single feature worthy of comment. Even Old Hutch neglected to give the market the attention he has lately extended to it. A quiet state of affairs certainly existed. Though the feeling was strong and fluctuations in prices came within a small range, closings were the same as Saturday for January pork, January and May lard and May short ribs, 2½c higher for May pork and 2½c lower for January short ribs. The December product was almost nominal, pork standing at $8.60, lard at $5.85 and short ribs at $4.72½. Cash lard sold sparingly at $5.85. Sixteen pound green hams brought 7¼c for cash and January delivery, and 7⅜c for the last half of January. The day's limited new speculation was confined mainly to the month of May, which sold at $9.60@9.62½ for pork, $6.05@6.07½ for lard, and $4.92½ for short ribs. Pork for the same delivery closed at $9.62½, lard at $6.05, and short ribs at $4.92½. The closings for pork for January stood at $9.17½, for lard at $5.87½@5.90, and for short ribs at $4.70.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—The run was the smallest for many Mondays, yet had no great stimulating effect on prices. Of course, anything at all prime or useful sold a shade stronger than at the close of Friday, but prime steers were scarce and one well known buyer declared that there was not a good load of steers on the market, which was probably near the truth. Taking his standard of excellence as a guide there were only a few Texans on the scale, scarcely a sufficient number to make a market. There was a fair demand for butchers' stock, with a slight up turn on best cows and heifers. The stocker and feeder trade was quiet, but dealers were looking for a fair trade the coming week. Choice to extra beeves, $4.90@5.15; medium to good steers, 1350 to 1500 lbs, $4.00@4.80; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $3.50@4.25; 950 to 1200 lbs, $2.90@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.25@2.90; bulk, $2.00@2.60. steers, $2.20@2.75; cows, $1.50@2.05.

HOGS—The demand was fair, the bulk selling about the same as Saturday, or say 5c higher than the lowest of Saturday. The great bulk sold at $3.60. When below, the quality was poor, and when above that price the quality was better than the average. Light sorts sold uniformly at $3.60. The market closed steady, but speculators carried over a large number.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—The stock market at the opening today had lost much of its force from Saturday. In a short time there was improved animation and the character of business was a little changed. There seemed to be any amount of bull points distributed, but they were too numerous to be highly prized. Missouri Pacific, which a few weeks ago was deeply indebted to George Gould and others, is now represented as able to pay off all floating debts and in the words of Russel Sage to have a clean bill of health. The street looks for this stock to go to 90, as its showing is as good as the Burlington, which is nearly 40 points higher. Gould is, however, regarded as a bull for business, and an upturn is predicted in not only Missouri Pacific, but Western Union, Wabash preferred, Texas Pacific and Missouri, Kansas & Texas. As if to carry out these predictions, Missouri Pacific was the strong feature of the market early, going to 74⅝, and Pacific Mail made a big stride upward, going to 36⅝. Atchison sold at 34⅞ and Burlington moved up to 108⅜, with Lackawanna up ⅜ to 137⅜. Before noon the character of the market changed. Vanderbilt's firm early yielded slight fractions. Western Union dropped ⅜ per cent to 83¼, followed by Missouri Pacific off ⅞ to 73⅞. Pacific Mail, Wabash preferred and nearly all railroad stocks sympathized and yielded ⅛ per cent or more. Trust stocks were about steady. There was little fear of further manipulation of money rates expressed. The day ended in stocks with very free liquidation in many of the most active shares. Coal stocks held pretty steady. Missouri Pacific, the leader of the morning, took a further backset after noon and went off to 73¼ at the close. Sugar Trusts had a break of about 3 points to 55⅞, closing at 55⅞. Chicago Gas touched 42⅞, closing at 43. Pacific Mail, Atchison, Burlington and nearly all western stocks showing an advance early, closed with slight net losses. Business was light and money loaned up to 10 per cent. The total sales were but 114,000 shares.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. 4s regular	126¼	Northern Pacific	31
U. S. 4s coupons	127¼	do preferred	73¼
U. S. 4½s regular	104⅞	C. & N. W.	111¼
U. S. 4½s coupons	104⅞	do preferred	142
Pacifics of '95	116½	N. Y. Central	108
Central Pacific	33¼	P. D. & E.	19
Chicago & Alton	133	Rock Island	98¼
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	107¾	C., M. & St. P.	70⅞
		do preferred	114⅜
D., L. & W.	136¾	St. Paul & Omaha	33¼
Illinois Central	118¼	do preferred	98¼
I., B. & W.	9⅜	Union Pacific	69¼
Kansas & Texas	11¼	W., St. L. & P.	16¼
Lake Shore	108	do preferred	31¼
Michigan Central	98	Western Union	83⅜
Missouri Pacific	73¾		

MONEY—On call, close, ranging 6 to 9 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@7½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet but steady. Sixty-day bills, $4.80½; demand, $4.84⅛.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec 23.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Best & Belcher	225	Horn Silver	190
Crown Point	130	Mexican	215
Con. Cal. & Va.	430	North Belle Isle	105
Deadwood T.	140	Ontario	3500
Eureka Con	300	Ophir	325
El Cristo	145	Plymouth	395
Hale & Norcross	290	Savage	185
Homestake	900	Union Con	215

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Lower; December, 78⅜c; January, 78⅝c; May, 83⅛c.

Corn—Lower; December, 32½c; January, 31c; May, 32¼c bid.

Oats—Irregular; December, nominally 20¼c; January, 20⅝@20⅜c; May, 22⅛c.

Rye—45½c.

Barley—Nominal.

Prime Timothy—$1.22.

Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.35.

Whisky—$1.02.

Mess Pork—Steady; January, $9.17½; March, nominally $9.40; May, $9.62½.

Lard—Steady; January, $5.87½@5.90; March, $5.95; May, $6.05.

Short Ribs—Steady; January, $4.70; March, nominally $4.80; May, $4.92½.

Butter and Eggs—Steady.

Flour—Steady; unchanged; winter wheat, $2.00@4.35; spring wheat, $2.65@4.90; rye, $2.50@2.85; buckwheat, $1.50@2.00 per cwt.

Provisions—Shoulders, $4.12½@4.25; short clear, $5.00@5.05; ribs, $4.65@4.80.

Butter—Quiet, lower; creamery, 12½@26c; dairy, 10@23c.

Eggs—Easy, fresh, 19@20c.

Cheese—Steady; full cream cheddars and flats, 9¼@9⅝c; Fancy Young Americas, 10@10¼c; cheddar, 7@8c.

Tallow—Weak and unchanged; No. 1 solid packed, 4c.

Hides—Dull and unchanged; heavy green salted, 4⅝c; light green salted, 4⅝c; salted bull, 4c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Wheat	37,000	15,000
Flour	11,000	23,000
Corn	256,000	221,000
Oats	152,000	112,000

New York, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Receipts, 42,350; spot dull; No. 2 red, 85⅝@86¼c in elevator, 87¼@87⅝c afloat, 86⅝@88c f. o. b.; ungraded red, 76½@86½c. Options higher; No. 2 red, December, closing at 85⅝c.

Corn—Receipts, 250,800; exports, 17,400; spot lower; No. 2, 41¼@41½c in elevator, 42½@42⅜c afloat; options lower, December closing at 41c.

Oats—Receipts, 170,000; exports, 30,000; spot, dull and weaker; options, lower; December, 28⅝c; spot No. 2 white, 31½@32½c; mixed western, 27@30c; white western, 30@35c.

Coffee—Options closed steady, and 10 points up. Sales: 35,000 bags; December, $15.80@15.90; May, $16.00@16.10; spot Rio, steady, dull; fair cargoes, $19.75.

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

Petroleum—Steady; United closed $1.03¼ for January.

Eggs—Higher; western, 24@24½c.

Lard—Dull; western steam, $6.20; closing at $6.18 bid.

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

Butter—Easy; Elgin, 28½@29c; dairy, 9@18c; creamery, 14@27c.

Cheese—About steady; western, 8@10c.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Lower; cash, 78c; December, 77⅞c bid; May, 82⅞c.

Corn—Lower; cash, 26c; December, 26c; May, 28⅝c.

Oats—Dull; cash, 19½c; May, 22@22⅛c bid.

Pork—$9.87½.

Butter—Unchanged.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Stronger; No. 2 hard, cash, 62c; December, 61⅞c bid; No. 2 red, cash, 67⅞c asked.

Corn—Quiet; No. 2, cash, 22¼c bid.

Oats—No. 2, cash, 17c; December, 18c bid.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Sample wheat slightly higher; receipts, 386 cars; shipments, 18 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, December 79c; May, 84c; on track, 80c; No. 1 northern, December, 76⅝c; May, 81⅝c; on track, 78c; No. 2 northern, December and January, 74c; May, 78½c; on track, 74@76c.

Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Steady; No. 2 red, 78c.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 32c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 24c.

Whisky—$1.20.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Firm; demand poor; holders offer sparingly.

Corn—Steady; demand poor.

LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:

Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; market steady to 10c higher; beeves, $2.50@5.15; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.25@2.90.

Hogs—Receipts, 27,000; market strong and 5c higher; mixed, $3.50@3.65; heavy, $3.50@3.67½; light, $3.50@3.70.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; best, firmer; others steady; natives, $2.75@5.40; western cornfed, $4.35@5.10.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400; shipments, 300; strong; fair to fancy native steers, $3.20@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.20; range steers, $2.10@3.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,300; shipments, 2,400; steady; heavy, $3.55@3.85; packing, $3.45@3.60; light, $3.40@3.55.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; shipments, 2,000; market higher; natives, $3.30@4.50; cows, $1.50@2.45; stockers and feeders, $2.20@3.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; shipments, 300; market slow and unchanged; everything, $3.50@3.57½.

Sioux City, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 500; shipments, 300; market steady and unchanged; canners, 75c@$1.20; cows, $1.20@2.15; stockers and feeders, $1.50@30; veal calves, $2.00@3.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; market strong; light, $3.45@3.50; heavy, $3.42½@3.52½; mixed, $3.30@3.45.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Monday, Dec. 23.

The receipts of cattle of all kinds were light today and the market looked up. A few cattle held over brought more money than was offered for them on Saturday, one bunch bringing 15c more. This gave the market the appearance of being considerably higher, but it was due to the fact that the cattle were not wanted on Saturday, and the buyers would not make a decent bid while they did want them today, and hence raised their former bids. It would hardly be advisable, however, in the present condition of the market to quote values any more than strong. With a liberal run of stock no one would expect anything but a weak market. Cow stuff sold at about the old prices, that is largely at $1.80@2.15. Stockers and feeders were not plenty, especially good feeders, and in the absence of a good demand, the movement was slow.

Hogs.

The early trading in hogs was on a basis of a 5c advance over yesterday's close. Quite a number of hogs changed hands at $3.47½@3.50, and as high as $3.52½ was paid. As some of the buyers dropped out of the market the trade slowed up and was a little dull for a time and the market closed with a good share of the morning's advance lost. The late sales were largely at $3.45, as against $3.47½@3.50 in the morning.

Sheep.

There was only one load here, but it sold readily at firm prices.

Receipts.

Cattle	900
Hogs	3,100
Sheep	102

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	3.93	@4.60
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.60	@3.90
Good steers, 1050 to 1350 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	@3.52½
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.45	@3.50
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.40	@3.50

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1306	$2 65	20	1204	$3 20
12	1147	2 75	17	1279	3 30
6	1047	3 00	40	1048	3 35
7	1044	3 00	40	1365	3 35
20	1029	3 00	20	1245	3 40
2	1190	3 10	40	1181	3 50
13	1310	3 10	18	1401	3 55
22	1101	3 10	18	1372	3 65
22	1090	3 10	1	1230	2 75
COWS.					
23	1035	1 25	20	1042	1 87½
10	826	1 30	3	1153	1 90
10	820	1 50	18	1035	1 95
2	1095	1 50	2	1135	2 00
1	1060	1 50	1	1230	2 00
3	1107	1 65	25	1051	2 10
3	1213	1 65	9	1109	2 10
14	964	1 80	13	1192	2 15
24	1006	1 80	7	1294	2 40
83	879	1 80			
BULLS.					
1	1290	1 50	2	1405	1 75
2	860	1 60	2	1390	1 85
1	1550	1 70	2	1420	2 00
FEEDERS.					
8	840	2 15	23	850	2 50
28	812	2 15	22	1036	2 50
23	1039	2 35	9	972	2 60
12	713	2 40	31	702	2 60
STOCKERS.					
39	496	2 10	45	670	2 52½
22	595	2 25			
CALVES.					
3	367	1 85	32	384	2 10
HEIFERS.					
4	975	2 20	2	1040	2 35
OXEN.					
2	1535	2 00			
OXEN AND STAGS.					
9	1350	2 00			

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owner and No.	Av.	Pr.
81 feeders	920	$2 30
J. R. Rash—		
18 bulls	1110	1 50
20 cows, corn-fed	966	1 90
Bartlett—		
3 feeders	1153	2 00
60 feeders	917	2 50
Laramie River Land and Cattle Co.—		
3 feeders	867	2 40
3 bulls	1153	1 50
21 cows	890	1 40
13 cows	908	1 75

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
77	235	160	$3 40	60	282	120	$3 47½
55	276	120	3 45	58	309	160	3 47½
89	184	120	3 45	71	285	200	3 47½
49	299	200	3 45	146	301	120	3 50
92	236	80	3 45	120	318	160	3 50
55	326	120	3 45	65	251	80	3 50
51	302	80	3 45	70	249	80	3 50
64	215	80	3 45	55	205	—	3 50
68	275	160	3 45	67	291	160	3 50
60	314	80	3 45	57	301	200	3 50
57	307	160	3 45	51	297	80	3 50
67	244	80	3 45	56	266	40	3 50
50	361	480	3 45	70	257	80	3 50
61	283	160	3 45	67	334	120	3 50
61	325	160	3 45	51	308	80	3 50
61	267	160	3 47½	62	305	280	3 50
59	271	200	3 47½	65	222	80	3 50
63	254	160	3 47½	65	324	200	3 50
53	262	160	3 47½	30	340	160	3 50
67	289	240	3 47½	56	358	40	3 50
67	281	80	3 47½	53	331	—	3 50
70	274	40	3 47½	82	199	—	3 50
47	312	40	3 47½	60	235	20	3 50
56	323	200	3 47½	60	271	80	3 50
64	285	120	3 47½	39	306	—	3 50
57	303	120	3 47½	96	213	—	3 52½

SHEEP.

No.	Av.	Pr.
98 mixed natives	84	$3 80
3 stags, natives	107	3 00
1 buck, native	120	2 25

Disposition of Cattle Today.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Company	436
George H. Hammond & Company	231
Armour-Cudahy Packing company	155
Hamilton, S. & Co	132
Shippers and feeders	277
SHEEP.	
Swift & Company	102

Purchases of Hogs.

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

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	1,302
Omaha Packing company	711
Swift & Company	466
George H. Hammond & Company	526
Jackson	32

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: Frank Young, Fort Atkinson; A. J. Pittsburgh, Dunlap; Thomas Flowers, Bancroft; S. S. Hall, Pender; Cobb Brothers, Pender; J. Hastie, Eagle; J. R. Rush, Central City; J. J. F. Order, Belvidere; Richard Gentry, Adams; F. Wight, Belvidere; Van Hoven & Company, Sioux City, Ia.; Parsons & Westerly; Sioux City; Laramie P. L. & C. company, Laramie, Wyo.; Standard & Faucet, Waverly; T. J. Wilborn, Greenwood; B. Kuhn, Blue Hill; R. N. Lee, Indianola; O. W. Perley, Linwood; C. W. Robinson, Scribner; A. S. Way, Hermosa, Dak.; Perry & Frush, Wahoo; Hobson B., Cozad; J. G. Oldham, Plattsmouth; J. R. Rush, Laramie, Wyo; J. M. Emerine, Council Bluffs, Ia.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs G. H. Pratt, Bennington; J. F. Stocker, Logan; Sacket & H., Cedar Rapids; H. S. Green, Dow City, Ia.; G. P. Morehead, Dunlap; J. F. Kessler, Craig; O. Holmquest, Oakland; F. Kropp, Schuyler; Spinch & Greenwood, Deweese; F. Funney, Broken Bow; Anderson Brothers, Wilsonville; First national bank by Landers & G., Loup City; F. M. Nichols, Morsman; J. A. Kehoe, Platte Center; Adams & F., Loup City; Linn & Company, Nodaway; J. C. Welch, Clarinda; M. Hutton, Sidney; Jed Knotts, Murray; J. M. Doud, Whiting; N. W. M. company, Standard; L. Gustin, Newman Grove; J. M. Emerine, Council Bluffs, Ia.; John Higgs, Heartwell; C. Nutzman, Bertrand; A. W. Johnson, Loomis; Wiley & Jenkins, Alma; Smith & Stable, Waverly; H. Gund & Company, Blue Hill; J. J. Lightbody, Maitland; J. F. McCartney, Geneva; James Powers & Company, Henderson; Webster & H., Howard; Phillips & J., Inland; J. G. Matherson & Company, Pilger; E. Pettey, Shelby; J. Lower, Stromsburg; Perry & Trust, Wahoo; H. McCubbins, Gibbon; H. Hammer, Minneola; M. Hutton, Malvern; J. H. Seeley, Wilcox; E. W. Black, Plattsmouth.

With Sheep.

On the market with sheep: First national bank, by Landers & G.

Live Stock Notes.

Cattle scarce and strong.

Hogs opened stronger, closed easier.

W. S. Morton of the commission firm of Mitchell & Morton, Lincoln, was among the visitors at the yards.

J. B. Blanchard of the commission firm of Palmer, Blanchard & Company, has returned from Denver, where he went on his wedding trip.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Groceries, Produce, Fruits, Etc.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 21@23c; cold storage, 17c.

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, $3.85; pts, $3.35.

POTATOES—25@30c for choice.

ONIONS—40@60c.

SAUER KRAUT—Bbls, $4.75; half bbls, $2.85.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 8⅝c; cut loaf, cubes, 8⅝c; standard, powdered, 8⅜c; XXXX, powdered, 9c; granulated, standard, 7⅜c; confectioners' A, 7⅜c; white extra C, 6¾c; extra C Neb, 6⅝c; amber, 6⅝c; California golden C, 6⅝c.

BEEF TONGUES—Salt, bbls, $20.00.

HAY—$5.00@6.00.

CHOP FEED—$12.00.

BRAN—$10.00.

CORN—19c.

OATS—17c.

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

LYE—$1.75@4.50.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz, $1.50.

PROVISIONS—Hams, No. 1, 16-lb average, 9⅝c; 20 to 22-lbs, 8½c; 12 to 14-lbs, 10c; shoulders, 5c; breakfast bacon, No. 1, 8¼c; ham sausage, 9c; dried beef hams, 8c; beef tongues, 00 per dozen; dry salt meats, 5⅛@5⅜c per lb; ham roulette, 6⅝c; add 1c per lb for small lots.

MESS PORK—Per bbl, $10.25.

BANANAS—According to size, per bunch, $2.00@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.

CANDY—9½@22c per lb.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $10.00@11.00.

ORANGES—Florida, per box, $3.00@5.00.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Per bbl, $5.50@6.00.

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@60c; muskrat, fall, 5@9c; skunk, rat, 25@60c; badger, rat, 25@80c; deer skins, fall, per lb, 18@27c; winter, 12@22c.

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.

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@10.

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

CELERY—Per doz, 30c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—$2.00.

SALSODA—1⅝@4½c per lb.

STARCH—4⅝@5c per lb.

STOVE POLISH—$2.00@5.87 per gross.

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

LARD—Tierces—Refined, 5⅝c; puree leaf, 6⅛c; kettle rendered, 6⅝c. Add ⅛c to ⅜c for smaller quantities.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Barley, 3@3½c; farina, 4½c; peas, 3c; oat meal 2¾@5c; macaroni, 11c; vermicelli, 11c; rice, 3⅝@5c; sago and tapioca, 6@7c; lima beans, 2⅜c.

COFFEE—Roasted—Arbuckle's Ariosa, 24⅝c; McLaughlin's XXXX, 24⅝c; German, 24⅝c; 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 Mandohling, 27c; Java, good interior, 24c; African, 20½c.

CANNED FISH—Brook trout, 3 lb, $2.40; salmon trout, 2 lb, $2.25; 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; cavier, ½ lb, $2.25; eels, 1 lb, $3.40; lobsters, 1 lb, $1.90; lobsters, 2 lb, $2.95; lobsters, deviled, ½ lb, $2.25; mackerel, 1 lb, $1.75; mackerel mustard sauce, 3 lb, $2.00; mackerel, tomato sauce, 3 lb, $2.60; oysters, 1 lb, $1.10; oysters, 2 lb, $1.90; 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, bbls 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, Alden, 50 lb boxes, 9½c; apples, star, 8⅝c; apples, fancy, Alden, 5 lb, 10c; apples, fancy, Alden, 3 lb, 10¾c; Salt Lake, 9½c; blackberries, evaporated, 50 lb boxes, 5½@6½c; cherries, pitted, dry cured, 14c; pears, California fancy, ⅛s boxes, 25 lb, 12c; peaches, Cal. No. 1, fancy, ⅛s, unp bags, 80 lbs, 15c; nectarines, red, 14c; nectarines, silver boxes, 15c; pitted plums, Cal. 25 lbs, boxes, 8½c; raspberries, evap. N. Y., new, 26c; prunes, Cal. R C, 90-100 boxes, 25 lbs, 7c; prunes, Cal. R C, 60-70, 9c; orange peel, 15c; raisins, California Loudons, crop 1889, $2.25; raisins, Cal. loose muscatels, crop 1889, $2.10; Valencias, 1888, 8½c; Valencias, new, 7c; Cal. seedless, sks, 7¼c.

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 beef, 14 lb square cans, $14.00. Lunch tongues, 1 lb round cans, $2.60; lunch tongues, 2 lb round cans, $4.75. Brawn, 1 lb square cans, $1.20; brawn, 2 lb square cans, $2.00; brawn, 6 lb square cans, $6.50; brawn, 14 lb square cans, $14.00. Ox tongues, 1½ lb round cans, $5.00; ox tongues, 2 lb round cans, $6.00; ox tongues 2½ lb round cans, $7.00; ox tongues 3 lb round cans, $8.00. Chipped beef, 1 lb round cans, $2.00; chipped beef, 2 lb round cans, $4.00. Roast beef, 1 lb round cans, $1.20; roast beef, 2 lb round cans, $2.00. Potted ham, ¼ lb round cans, 65c; potted ham, ½ lb round cans, $1.20. Deviled ham, ¼ lb round cans, 65c; deviled ham, ½ lb rounds cans, $1.20. Potted ox tongue, ¼ lb round cans, 65c; potted ox tongue, ½ lb round cans, $1.20. Compressed ham, 1 lb square cans, $1.75; compressed ham, 2 lb square cans, $2.75. Tripe, 2 lb round cans, $1.80. Minced collops, 2 lb round cans, $2.20. Boneless pigs feet, 2 lb square cans, $2.25. One pound cans are packed two dozen and four dozen to case. Two pound cans are packed one dozen and two dozen to case. Half pound cans packed two dozen to case. Quarter pound cans packed four dozen to case. All prices per dozen, net.

NUTS—Almonds, 15@16c; Brazils, 12½c; filberts, 12½c; pecans, 11c; walnuts, 12½c; peanut cooks, 8½c; roasted, 11c; Tennessee peanuts, 7c.

SAUSAGE—Bologna, 4@4½c; Frankfort, 7c; tongue, 8c; summer, 20c; headcheese, 6c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per doz, live hens, $2.25; spring, $2.50@2.75; dressed, per lb, 5@8c; turkeys, live, 8@10c; dressed, 8@10c; ducks, live, per doz, $2.50@3.00; dressed, per lb, 9@11c; geese, live, per doz, $8.00@9.00; dressed, per lb, 8@9c.

APPLES—Per bbl, common, $2.00@2.25; choice, $2.50@4.00; fancy, $4.00@5.00.

MINCE MEAT—20-lb cans, 7½c.

HONEY—15c per lb for choice.

PRESERVES—9½@10c per lb.

JELLIES—4@4½c per lb.

BEESWAX—No. 1, 16@19c.

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

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.

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

GINGER—Jamaica, ½ pints, $3.00 per doz.

CHEESE—Young Americas full cream, 12½c; factory twins, 11@12½c; off grades, 7@8c; Van Rossen Edom, $11.50 per doz; sap sago, 23c; brick, 12½c; limburger, 11c; domestic Swiss, 13@14c.

WRAPPING PAPER—Straw, per lb, 1½@2⅛c; rag, 2½c; manilla, B, 5@6½c; No. 1, 7c.

BAGS—Union Square, 35 per cent off list.

SALT—Dairy, 280 lbs in bbl, bulk, $2.10; best grade, 60, 5s, $2.30; best grade, 100, 3s, $2.40; best grade, 28, 10s, $2.20; rock salt, crushed, $1.80; dairy salt, Ashton, 56 lb bags, 85c; bulk, 224 lb bags, $3.25; common, in bbls, $1.25.

FLOUR—State, $4.00@5.00; fancy, $5.00@5.40.

FISH—Dried codfish, 4½@8c; sealed herring, 25c per box; hol. herring, dom., 55c; Hamburg, spiced herring, $1.50; hol. herring, imp., 80c; mackerel, No. 1 shore, $11.50; fancy mess, $13.50 per 100 lbs; white fish, No. 1, $7.00; family, $2.75; trout, $5.25; salmon, $8.50; anchovies, 85c.

OILS—Kerosene—P. W., 9½c; W. W., 12c; headlight, 12½c; gasoline, 74c, 12c; lard, No. 1, 44c; No. 2, 40c; salad oil, $1.25@9.00 per dozen.

SOAPS—Castile, mottled, per lb, 8@10c; castile, white, per lb, 13@15c.

Twines and Rope.

BINDERS' TWINE—Sisal, 13c; Hf. & Hf. 14c; manilla, 15c.

CLOTHESLINES—Cotton, 50 ft, $1.17; cotton, 60 ft, $1.35; jute, 50 ft, 90c; jute, 60 ft, $1.00.

COTTON TWINE—Fine, 20c; medium, 19c; heavy hemp, 14c; light hemp, 16c.

SAIL TWINE—H. sail, 20c; Calcutta, 14c; manilla rope, 14c; sisal rope, 11½c; new process, 8½c; jute, 9½c; cotton, 16c; hide rope, 17c.

Lumber and Building Material.

STOCK BOARDS—A, 12, inch, s 1 s, 14 and 16 feet, $45.00; B, 12 inch, s 1 s, 12, 14 and 16 feet, $41.00; C, 12 inch, s 1 s, 12 and 16 feet, $36.00; D, 12 inch, s 1 s, 12, 14 and 16 feet, $28.00; No. 1 com 12 in, s 1 s, 12 feet, $18.00; No. 2 com 12 in, s 1 s, 14 and 16 feet, $17.50@18.50; No. 1 com 12 in, s 1 s, 10, 18 and 20 feet, $18.50; No. 2 com 12 in, s 1 s, 14 and 16 feet, $16.00.

POPLAR LUMBER—Clear poplar box bds, ⅜ in, s 2 s, $35.00; clear poplar, ⅜ panel, $29.00; clear poplar, ⅜ in panel, $25.00; clear poplar, ⅜ in panel stock wide, s 2 s, $28.00; clear poplar corrugated ceiling, ⅜, $29.00.

POSTS—White cedar, 6 in halves, 12c; white cedar, 5½ in halves and 8 in quarters, 11c; white cedar, 4 in round, 16c; Tennessee red cedar, split, 16c; split oak, white, 8c; sawed oak, 18c.

SHIP LAP—No. 1 plain, 8 and 18 in, $17.00; No. 2 plain, 8 and 16 in, $15.50; No. 1, O G, $18.00.

DIMENSIONS AND TIMBER.

	12 ft	14 ft	16 ft	18 ft	20 ft	22 ft	24 ft
2x4	15 00	15 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00
2x6	15 00	15 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00
2x8	15 00	15 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00
2x10	15 00	15 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00
2x12	15 00	15 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	18 00	18 00
4x4&6	16 00	16 00	16 00	17 00	17 00	19 00	19 00

FENCING—No. 1, 4 and 6 in, 12 and 14 ft, rough, $16.00@16.50; No. 1, 4 and 6 in, 16 ft, $17.00@17.50; No. 2, 4 and 6 in, 12 and 16 ft, $13.50@14.00; No. 2, 4 and 6 in, 16 ft, $15.00.

FINISHING—1st and 2d clear, 1¼ inch, s 2 s, $49.00@51.00; 1st and 2d clear, 1¼ and 2 inch, s 2 s, $47.00@50.00; 3d clear, 1¼ inch, s 2 s, $43.00@46.00; B select, 1¼, 1½ and 2 inch, s 2 s, $37.00@38.00; 1st and 2d clear, 1 inch, s 2 s, $45.00; 3d clear, 1 inch, s 2 s, $36.00; A select, 1 inch, s 2 s, $34.00; B select, 1 inch, s 2 s, $29.00.

BATTENS, WELL TUBING, PICKETS—O. G. Batts, 2½ inch, 60c; O. G. Batts, 2½@3, ss, 35c; 3-in well tubing, D. & M. and bev., $22.00; pickets, D. & H., flat, $22.00; pickets, D. & H., square, $19.00.

FLOORING—1st com 6-inch, white pine, $34.00; 2d com 6-in white pine, $31.00; 3d com 6-in white pine, $26.00; D com 6-in white pine, $20.00; com 4 and 6-in yellow pine, $15.00; Star 4-in yellow pine, $17.00; 1st and 2d clear yellow pine, 4 and 6-in, $19.00.

SHINGLES—Per M—XX clear, $3.20; extra "A", $2.80; standard A, $2.40; 5 inch clear, $1.60@1.70; 6 inch clear, $1.75@1.80; No. 1, $1.10@1.15; clear red cedar, mixed widths, from Washington territory, $3.40; California red wood, dimension widths, $4.50; cypress, clear heart, dimension widths, $3.25; laths, $2.40.

BOARDS—No. 1 com, s 1 s, 12, 14 and 16 ft, $18.00; No. 2, do, $15.00; No. 3, do, $14.00; No. 4, do, (ship's cull), $11.00. Add 50c per m ft. for rough.

CEILING AND PARTITION—1st com ⅜-in white pine partition, $32.00; 2d com ⅜-in white pine partition, $27.00; clear ⅜-in yellow pine ceiling, $20.00; clear ⅜-in Norway, $13.50; 2d com ⅜-in Norway, $12.50.

LIME—Best, 80c.

CEMENT—$1.25.

PLASTER—$2.20.

HAIR—20c.

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ALUM—Per pound, 2½c.

AMMONIA—Carbonate, per pound, 11c.

ARROWROOT—Per pound, 15c.

BALSAM—Copaiba, per pound, 63c; tolu, 52@55c.

BORAX—Refined, per pound, 10c.

BLUE VITROL—8c.

CAMPHOR—42c.

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GLYCERINE—21c.

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INDIGO—75c.

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EAGLES FISH FOR TROUT.

They Take Up the Lines Placed in a Stream by Lumbermen.

A curious story comes from Clearfield county, says a Harrisburg (Pa.) special to the New York Sun. Mosquito creek flows through a wooded part of that county, and the stream is as full of trout as the dense forest is alive with various kinds of birds. The eagles find a peaceful home there, and they are plenty, too. Some time ago a party of lumbermen bethought themselves that it would be a good scheme to catch the trout that inhabit Mosquito creek. They could not spare the time to fish with rod and line, and Franklin Haverstraw, the inventive genius of the camp, suggested the idea of tying lines to bottles. The next day the creek was full of bottles with lines on them. They had good luck for awhile until the bottles began to disappear. To solve the mystery a watch was put upon the fishing tackle, and Haverstraw and Christ. Moore went on guard. A day passed, but the bottles were undisturbed, and a good mess of fish was caught. However, the two men saw several eagles perched high in the treetops, looking suspiciously into the water below. Then they would soar around and fly close to the creek, quickly going to the highest limb of the tallest tree when they saw the men.

This singular action of the birds set Haverstraw to thinking, and when he told his partner that it was his belief that the bottles were carried off by the eagles Moore scouted the idea. Haverstraw was firm in his convictions and the next day the two men hid themselves among the leaves. At 8 o'clock in the morning three large birds came in sight. They sat on a tree for an hour. Then, feeling sure that they were unobserved, they made a descent and each caught a bottle in its claws and carried it to the bank. Each line had a fine trout on it, which the eagles proceeded to devour. The men were dumbfounded. For the first time in their lives they saw an eagle eating a fish. Haverstraw and Moore remained in their hiding place. To their surprise the birds made another trip to the river. Only one line had a fish on it, but the other two birds carried the bottles and lines to the shore. Before they could devour the one fish Haverstraw and Moore appeared on the scene and the birds flew off. The grounds were then searched, and many of the missing lines and bottles were found. To shoot the eagles was the next measure adopted, and on the fourth day two of the birds were killed. The third flew away and was not seen again.

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