THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Displays Considerable Activity at a Low Range.

A FIRMER FEELING IN CORN.

Oats Still Tending to Weakness—A Fair Average Day for Provisions—Cattle Dull and Slow—Hogs Weak.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wheat market was pretty well sustained during the early part of the session at a small improvement on yesterday, but the last half of the business day was characterized by weakness. The market had a firm tone until an attempt was made by holders of good sized lines of long wheat to realize, when it turned down. The decline was very gradual and unaccompanied by any special activity of excitement until the price had worked from 82¾c for May to 82c. At 82¼c a lively trade sprung up. A strong effort was made to break the market, but it was well supported, and from 82c there was a reaction to 82½@82¾c, but the market did not head. A second time the price got to 82c, about 10 o'clock, and from then until the close the pit was the scene of a battle royal. There was a manifest disposition on the part of certain strong parties to break the market, but 82c was bid all the time for anything from 5,000 to 10,000 bushels. The close was 82@82⅛c and the market to all appearances seemed as solid as a rock. It did not look as though the support given was a concerted effort to check a decline but rather as though the demand was general. Bidding came from all parts of the pit and from all kinds of people and houses. The range quoted on December wheat was 77⅝c and the last price was at the bottom. January opened at 77½c, ranged at 77⅜c and closed at 77⅝c. As compared with yesterday, December shows a loss of ⅜c and January and May ⅜c. The volume of trading was made large in the aggregate by the great activity shown every time the market approached 82c for May. In the upper range of quotations a light business was done. The outside news was not exciting. Nothing was heard about the Hessian fly today. Export clearances from Atlantic ports were large.

The corn market was fairly active and firmer, notwithstanding the receipt of 984 cars, where only 720 were expected. Of the day's inspection only 124 cars graded No. 2. The receipts at St. Louis showed some selling off, 279,000 bushels being the quantity reported from there today, but the volume of shipments from thence was well maintained, amounting to 390,000 bushels. The demand from shorts was quite active and was maintained for the first hour without, however, affecting the prices of May to any great extent, although it was the future which led in activity. It held firm, however, at from 31½c early to 32c, and during the greater part of the time was midway between those figures. After the shorts had gotten what they wanted there were no buyers to take the offerings which were still pressed upon the market, giving completely a different tone to business, which relapsed into a dull, weak state and closed at 31¾c for May, 30c for January and 31¾c seller for December.

Oats tended to further weakness, but any decline of consequence was checked by fair buying orders for account of shorts. May went a little under yesterday's inside price of 23c, or 1¼c below the close of that day. A moderate speculative business was recorded, chiefly in May, with January easy at 20½c and other months neglected. Withdrawals from store were fairly liberal, but so were receipts, with more than half of the 230 cars grading No. 2 and No. 2 white. The latter for May delivery was offered at 24c, with 23½c bid. Near the close of the session a further weakness ensued under free selling by outsiders and May touched 21¾c.

Provision traders were not overburdened with business. Trading, however, was sufficiently free to maintain more than ordinary interest and in volume reached a fair average. It was quite general, and although the market showed a bearish leaning prices were held comparatively steady. Packers were again only moderate sellers for delivery ahead. Hogs scarcely held their own, but they appeared to exert less than the customary influence in a speculative way. Transactions were largely directed to a changing over of January contracts to some subsequent month—principally May. Compared with yesterday the closing quotations showed a net decline of only 2½c on January and May pork, May lard and January short ribs, and 5c on January lard and May short ribs. December pork was the weakest article traded in. It sold from $8.50 down to $8.35 and closed at the lowest price ouchal, wh ich was 15c under yesterday's final figure. Buyers of December pork expected an immediate delivery of the property. December lard closed nominally at $5.75 and December short ribs at $4.60. For cash delivery new pork sold at $9.00, lard at $5.80@5.82½, short ribs at $4.62½@4.65, New York green shoulders at 8½c and 16 pound green hams at $7.20. The amount of lard taken for shipment aggregated 3,000 tierces. The leading future in new speculation witnessed was May, which ranged at $6.42½@6.47½ for pork, $5.97½@6.00 for lard, and $4.80@4.85 for short ribs. Pork for May closed at $9.42½, lard at $5.97½ and short ribs at $4.80. January, the next most active future, stood at the close at $9.02½ for pork $5.77½ for lard and $4.60 for short ribs.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—Business was slow, dull and dragging from the opening to the close. The falling off of 4,000 in the run seems to have no stimulating effect on prices. In fact the general market may be quoted good to lower than last week. No Texans were in sight, yet that fact did not at all advance prices on native butchers' stock, the same selling about as heretofore. There was nothing new or strange in the stocker and feeder line. Choice to extra beeves sold at $4.50@5.00; medium to good steers, 1250 to 1500 lbs, $3.80@4.25; 1200 to 1350 lbs, $3.40@4.00; 950 to 1200 lbs, $2.85@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.40@2.90; bulls, $2.10@2.35; Texas steers, $2.40@2.75; cows, $1.75@2.20.

HOGS—Business was slow and prices a good 5c lower than the average sales of yesterday, but only a shade weaker than at the close yesterday. Packers paid $3.50@3.60, largely $3.60, shippers $3.60@3.65, with light and light mixed at $3.55@3.65, largely $3.60.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—STOCKS—The opening of the stock market surprised no one. It was very tame, as expected. Coal stocks occupied their usual prominence in dealings and Western Union became more conspicuous than usual of late, but in none of these was there really an active business. The opening prices were in many cases slightly lower than the final figures of last evening, and a general drooping tendency was displayed in early transactions, and Richmond & West Point, Western Union and Denver, Texas & Fort Worth showed considerable weakness. The first named declined ⅜ per cent to 20¾ and the others smaller fractions, while Lackawanna was remarkable for its firm tone. Sugar was dull but weak and fell away ⅝ to 86⅜. There was a general firmer tone toward the end of the hour. During the hour to noon there was even less animation and prices were not changed worthy of record except a little dip in Burlington to 107¼, followed by a rally. Chicago Gas fell off to 42⅝ and there was a slight recovery in New England from 43¼ to 43⅜. The weather has assumed a place of equal importance with money in the minds of trade. Of course there is no encouragement for coalers and a suspension of many mines is predicted for January. For western roads the open winter is a saving in expense amounting to almost an increase in dividends in some cases. The year will perhaps bring a change during its closing days. Although money was bid up to 30 per cent before the close, there was no break in stocks for two reasons. Borrowers had supplied their needs in anticipation of such a break in rates and business was so light that there was no urgency for stock transactions. The Lackawanna statement was a good one. Sugar attracted attention late in the day by its strength, going to 59¼ and closing at 58¾. Gas Trusts closed at 42½. Burlington yielded a point to 107. The others were fairly active and closed only small fractions under last night. The total sales were 85,965 shares. Money was easier at about 14 per cent at the close.

The following were the closing quotations:

U. S. is regular	126¼	Northern Pacific	31
U. S. 4s coupons	127¼	do preferred	71¾
U. S. 4½s regular	108	O. & N. W.	111¼
U. S. 4½s coupons	108	do preferred	141¾
Pacific 6s of '95	110	N. Y. Central	108¾
Central Pacific	33½	P. D. & E.	18
Chicago & Alton	139	Rock Island	97¼
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	107¼	St. L. & S. F.	79¾
		do preferred	114¼
D., L. & W.	157	St. Paul & Omaha	33¾
Illinois Central	118	do preferred	98¾
L. E. & W.	94	Union Pacific	48¾
Kansas & Texas	17	W., St. L. & P.	16
Lake Shore	108	do preferred	31¾
Michigan Central	97¾	Western Union	82¾
Missouri Pacific	77¼		

MONEY—On call, tight, ranging 5 to 30 per cent; last loan 5 per cent; closed, offered at 5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5½@7½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet and weak. Sixty-day bills, $4.80; demand, $4.83¼.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec 27.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following are the mining stock quotations:

Caledonia R. H.	110	Independence	150
Con. Cal. & Va.	490	North Belle Isle	100
Deadwood T.	140	Ontario	3450
Eureka Con.	300	Opnir	365
El Cristo	140	Savage	215
Homestake	2800	Plymouth	225
Horn Silver	185		

PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Lower; December, 77c; January, 77¾c; May, 82¾@82⅝c.

Corn—Lower; December, 31⅞c asked; January, 30c; May, 30½c.

Oats—Steady; December, nominally at 20c; January, 20¾c asked; May, 21¾@22c.

Rye—Steady.

Barley—Nominal.

Prime Timothy—Nominally at $1.22.

Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.35.

Whisky—$1.02.

Mess Pork—Lower; January, $9.02½; February, $9.12½; May, $9.42½ bid.

Lard—Lower; January, $5.77½; February, $5.82½; May, $5.91½.

Short Ribs—Lower; January, $4.60; February, $4.62½; May, $4.80.

Flour—Dull; unchanged; winter wheat, $2.00@4.35; spring wheat, $2.65@4.00; rye, $2.50@2.85; buckwheat, $1.50@2.00 per cwt; Provisions — Shoulders, $4.12½@4.25, long clear sides, $4.75@4.87½; short clear, $4.90@4.95; short ribs, cash, $4.60@4.65.

Butter—Very dull; creamery, 16@26c; dairy, 9@23c.

Eggs—Dull; fresh, 18@19c; icehouse, 14@16c.

Cheese—Quiet; shade easier; full cream cheddars and flats, 9½@9¾c; Fancy Young Americas, 10@10¾c.

Tallow—Quiet, trifle weak.

Hides—Steady; heavy green salted, 4½c; light green salted, 4½c; salted bull, 4c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour	36,000	25,000
Wheat	50,000	17,000
Corn	510,000	349,000
Oats	154,000	197,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Wheat—Receipts, 6,050; exports, 175,880; spot dull, weaker; No. 2 red, 85c@85¾c in elevator, 86½@86¾c afloat, 86½@87¾c f. o. b.; ungraded red, 76@87½c. Options lower, steady; No. 2 red, December, 85c@85 5-16c, closing at 85¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 78,000; exports, 115,500; spot firmer; No. 2, 39½@40¼c in elevator, 40⅝@41¾c afloat; ungraded mixed, 39@41c. Options firm; December closing at 39⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 27,000; exports, 11,050; spot, firmer. Options irregular, closing steady; December, 28c; spot No. 2 white, 31c; mixed western, 27@30c; white western, 30@34c.

COFFEE—Options closed steady at 10 points down. Sales: 69,500 bags; December, $15.70; May, $15.80@15.95; spot Rio, steady; fair cargoes, $19.62½.

SUGAR—Raw, dull and nominal; refined, steady and in fair demand.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed $1.03⅛ for January.

EGGS—Steady; western, 25½@26c.

PORK—Firm, but quiet.

LARD—Dull, easier; western steam, $6.12½@6.15, closing at $6.10 bid.

BUTTER—Weak; western dairy, 9@10c; creamery, 14@27c.

CHEESE—Quiet; western, 8@10c.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Lower; cash, 77½c; May, 81⅝@81¾c.

CORN—Lower; cash, 25½c; May, 28¾c.

OATS—Weak; cash, 19¾c; May, 21¾@21⅝c.

PORK—Quiet; cash, $9.75; January, $9.50.

LARD—Lower at $5.55.

WHISKY—$1.02.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 20@21c.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 hard, cash, 61c; December 61c bid; No. 3 hard, cash, 55c asked; No. 2 red, cash, 69c asked.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, cash, 21½c bid; December and January, 21¾c asked; No. 3, cash, and January, 20c bid.

OATS—No. 2, cash, 18c; December 18c asked.

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Sample moderately active; slightly higher; receipts, 248 cars; shipments, 42 cars. Closing: No. 1 hard, December and January, 75½c; May, 80½c; on track, 78c; No. 2 northern, December and January, 73; May, 78c; track, 73@76½c.

Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 spring on track, cash, 73@74c; May, 71½c.

CORN—Dull; No. 3 on track, 28c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, on track, 22½c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 1, in store, 44½c bid.

BARLEY—Quiet; No. 2 in store, 47c bid for fresh.

PROVISIONS—Quiet; pork, $9.00.

Cincinnati, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 red, 77@78c.

CORN—Weak; No. 3 mixed, 30@32c.

OATS—Heavy; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

WHISKY—Steady—$1.02.

LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows.

CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000; market slow but steady; beeves, $2.85@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.40@2.90.

HOGS—Receipts, 18,500; market slow and 5c lower; mixed, $3.40@3.65; heavy, $3.40@3.67½; light, $3.40@3.70.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4,500; market strong; natives, $3.00@5.40; western corn-fed, $2.00@5.00.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500; shipments, none; market strong; good to fancy native steers, $4.25@5.00; fair to good, $3.40@4.30; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.20; range steers, $2.00@3.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, none; firm; fair to choice, heavy, $3.50@3.60; packing grades, $3.45@3.55; light, fair to best, $3.40@3.50.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,400; shipments, 2,800; market weak, 10c lower for steers, others steady; natives, $3.00@4.40; cows, $1.50@2.40; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,200; shipments, 700; market lower; bulk, $3.52½@3.55.

Sioux City, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 200; shipments, 100; market strong and unchanged; canners, 75c@$1.20; cows, $1.30@2.15; stockers and feeders, $1.50@3.30; veal calves, $2.00@3.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,400; market steady, light, $3.45@3.55; heavy, $3.45@3.52½; mixed, $3.30@3.42½.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Friday, Dec. 27.

The quality of the cattle was something of an improvement over the average receipts of the past few days, but still there was nothing fancy on sale. The general market was lower, but just how much lower it would be no easy matter to say. Sellers were differing widely in their opinions as to the amount of the decline, but all were agreed that it was lower. The prices paid did not look so much lower on their face, but the cattle were better. In other words the buyers were able to get better cattle at the same prices. Native steers sold at $3.00@3.75 with some western cows that were bought in the country a few days ago at $4.00. Cows sold at $1.65@2.45, principally at $1.80@2.25. The trade in stockers and feeders was light, but a few head changed hands.

Hogs.

The great bulk of the hogs sold today at $3.45, which was the popular price for most everything. There was really no market here yesterday with which today's trade can be compared. The light hog buyers were forced to pay a big premium on a few loads yesterday on account of the scarcity, but with a liberal supply today they were able to buy the hogs for less money. The bulk of the hogs sold reasonably early, but the market eased off toward the close and the buyers wanted the balance at $3.40@3.42½. About fifteen loads were still unsold at midday. In the afternoon most of them sold at $3.40@3.42½.

Sheep.

There was not a load in the yards and nothing to make a market.

Receipts.

Cattle	1,600
Hogs	5,800

Prevailing Prices.

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

Prime steers, 1330 to 1530 lbs	4.00 @4.60
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.60 @3.80
Good steers, 1050 to 1330 lbs	3.25 @3.80
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers	2.80 @3.25
Western steers	2.40 @3.00
Common canners	1.00 @1.50
Ordinary to fair cows	1.50 @1.80
Fair to good cows	1.80 @2.10
Good to choice cows	2.00 @2.50
Choice to fancy cows	2.50 @3.00
Fair to good bulls	1.50 @2.25
Light stockers and feeders	2.00 @2.60
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs	2.20 @2.90
Fair to choice light hogs	3.45 @3.50
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.40 @3.47½
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.40 @3.45

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
20	1066	2 70	42	1049	3 25
3	1116	3 00	43	1234	3 25
13	1106	3 50	15	1188	3 25
7	1034	3 60	17	1294	3 25
35	1012	3 60	7	1367	3 25
20	1025	3 60	97	1243	3 25
12	1030	3 60	36	1310	3 40
12	1306	3 10	15	1240	3 40
7	1124	3 10	14	1249	3 50
60	1202	3 15	72	1240	3 60
20	1195	3 15	10	1456	3 75
20	1203	3 20			

COWS.

16	1097	1 05	2	1185	2 00
6	940	1 70	3	870	2 00
21	1110	1 70	1	1080	2 00
2	993	1 75	10	1084	2 00
3	1060	1 75	1	910	2 00
20	936	1 75	5	1045	2 05
16	966	1 80	2	955	2 05
2	1110	1 80	5	1152	2 05
13	1065	1 80	4	1047	2 10
24	960	1 85	9	1222	2 10
11	1130	1 90	22	1006	2 15
23	1057	1 90	7	1109	2 15
20	705	1 90	29	1172	2 20
4	1006	1 90	19	1183	2 25
22	942	1 95	18	1155	2 40
1	1270	2 00	3	1243	2 45
9	982	2 00			

BULLS.

1	1680	1 45	1	1470	1 70
1	1380	1 50	11	1303	1 70
1	1490	1 50	16	1263	1 70
1	1650	1 50	4	1230	1 75
2	1405	1 60	1	1320	1 75
1	1430	1 60	5	1528	1 90
3	1534	1 65	1	1480	2 00
10	1282	1 65	9	1611	2 10
1	1760	1 65	1	1430	2 15
1	1390	1 70	1	1900	2 25

FEEDERS.

25	718	2 00	19	1222	2 60
33	799	2 25	3	983	2 60
18	886	2 40	1	1030	2 75
4	887	2 60			

CANNERS.

1	1160	1 25	1	1060	1 50

STOCKERS.

1	660	2 30			

CALVES.

1	300	4 25			

STAGS.

1	1400	2 25			

OXEN.

4	1715	2 60			

MIXED.

15	957	1 80			

WESTERN CATTLE.

Owner and No.	Av.	Pr.
4 steers, cornfed	1258	$3 50
34 steers, cornfed	1429	4 00
20 steers, cornfed	1351	3 20

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
131	194	320	$3 35	61	318	120	$3 45
60	269	240	3 40	63	255	200	3 45
70	178	80	3 40	51	284	200	3 45
65	243	240	3 40	71	307	200	3 45
71	262	—	3 40	50	294	240	3 45
53	244	440	3 40	51	283	200	3 45
59	285	120	3 40	69	256	120	3 45
60	253	160	3 40	72	308	40	3 45
54	267	160	3 42½	49	314	80	3 45
76	244	200	3 42½	61	222	—	3 45
68	284	240	3 42½	67	234	80	3 45
41	263	80	3 42½	65	248	200	3 45
54	297	160	3 42½	62	251	80	3 45
61	261	120	3 42½	71	276	120	3 45
53	338	640	3 42½	61	271	120	3 45
61	231	120	3 42½	64	277	200	3 45
65	277	280	3 42½	59	306	160	3 45
56	260	400	3 42½	59	255	80	3 45
49	263	280	3 42½	60	288	320	3 45
32	236	40	3 42½	78	198	40	3 45
72	261	280	3 42½	84	293	120	3 45
44	335	120	3 45	60	320	160	3 45
59	319	120	3 45	60	332	200	3 45
59	274	40	3 45	49	320	—	3 45
54	327	80	3 45	50	351	80	3 45
46	301	80	3 45	77	261	120	3 45
57	305	160	3 45	53	244	160	3 45
49	301	80	3 45	60	333	200	3 45
65	305	80	3 45	50	378	160	3 45
54	300	120	3 45	65	300	440	3 45
64	311	160	3 45	62	274	160	3 45
60	280	120	3 45	56	226	40	3 45
55	286	320	3 45	58	309	40	3 45
65	311	360	3 45	65	298	200	3 45
53	271	200	3 45	57	291	80	3 47½
50	283	40	3 45	54	312	40	3 47½
52	320	40	3 45	54	327	160	3 47½
70	245	160	3 45	62	219	80	3 47½
58	325	40	3 45	61	280	—	3 47½
64	328	120	3 45	62	247	40	3 47½
59	313	240	3 45	62	305	80	3 47½
63	260	40	3 45	162	223	40	3 47½
59	269	80	3 45	77	202	40	3 50
60	278	120	3 45	77	220	40	3 50
59	255	120	3 45				

PIGS.

91	123	—	3 25

Purchases of Hogs.

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

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	2,246
Omaha Packing company	1,904
Swift & Company	354
George H. Hammond & Company	642

Hogs average yesterday, 276, 62 to car.

Purchases of Cattle.

Swift & Company	757
George H. Hammond & Company	325
Hamilton, Stepheus & Co	15
Hacker	82
Shippers and feeders	256

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: E. R. Chase, Yutan; H. H. Vanbrunt, Greendale; W. C. Swarts, Silver City, Ia.; Samuel Taylor, Salix; S. D. Johnson, Mondamin; John T. Coffman, Mondamin; J. H. Pratt, Bennington; H. Rothwell Brothers, Arlington; T. C. Prattner, Thayer; W. L. Tubbs, Emerson, Ia.; E. Kretchmer, Coburg; S. S. Heady, Hepburn; D. A. Stewart, North Loup; J. R. Alter, for Eday Brothers, Grand Island; C. Nutzman, Hertrand; H. Rice, Wilsonville; Reynolds & Davis, Lincoln; Konrad Gluss, Malcon; R. Gentry, Adams; J. Devore & P. P. Johnson, Greenwood; A. L. Jeffroys, New Rochford; J. H. Dickson, Bennett; O. C. Higbee, Unadilla; J. J. Hanna, Firth; J. W. Blunt, Fayette, Ia.; R. N. Withnell, Crescent, Ia.; W. B. Hamer, Logan, Ia.; H. C. Leffer, Springfield; C. A. R. Gordon, Ceresco; F. Johnson, Blair; W. W. McKinney, Blair; J. H. Gallup, Dunlap, Ia.; A. H. Wilson, Walton; James Lash, Auburn; J. Hastie, Auburn; B. J. Morris, Western.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs: E. Potties, Shelby; J. S. Iman, Osceola; William Groshans, Sutton; Rosborough & G., Blue Springs; Ed. Lancaster, Holmesville; A. Trusdale, Lushton; E. R. Chase, Yutan; J. Bower & Company, Blanchard, Ia.; L. F. Stilt, Colo, Ia.; J. M. Doud, Mapleton; Grant & Ogden, Mondamin; H. Rothwell, Creighton; J. Davidson & Son, Creighton; George Lee, Stockholm; Webster & H., Harvard; J. M. Harbour, Malvern; J. R. Maynes, Henderson; D. Henderson, Hastings; S. S. Heady, Hepburn, Ia.; John Quinn, Wood River; M. & G. Co., Shelton; N. K. Bodlon, No Loup; D. A. Stewart, No Loup; Aug Arricns, Boelus; John Malcolm, Fremont; Reisch Brothers & Company, Benton; M. H. Jeffrey, Duncan; J. M. Emerine, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Wilson & Loss, Logan, Ia.; J. W. Stocker, Logan, Ia.; J. Hastie, Brock; R. Es Roberts, Washington; John Delaney, Arlington; A. E. Funtecs, Hooper; Bush Brothers, Creighton; F. Johnson, Blair; John Sandberg, Oakland; McKegan and McM. Bancroft, Crawford and J. Astor, Ia.; Reams & Riley, Defiance, Ia.; W. H. Kearmer, Earling, Ia.; D. L. Krusella & Son, Panama, Ia.; Parsons & M., Lewis, Ia.; J. S. Lee, Shelby, Ia.; L. Jensen, Weston, Ia.; G. P. Morehead, Dunlap, Ia.; H. Gund & Company, Campbell, Ia.; H. J. Merris, Western, Ia.; J. Ellis, Dewitt, Ia.; M. Mackey, Eustis, Ia.; W. T. Bean, Eustis, Ia.; G. G. Vrestland, Juniata, Ia.; H. Gund & Company, Blue Hill, Ia.; L. P. Brown, Adams, Ia.; J. J. Harris, Firth, Ia.; T. Powers, Sutton, Ia.; William Cook, Belvidere, Ia.; D. Detrick, Upland, Ia.

Live Stock Notes.

Cattle lower.

Popular price for hogs $3.45.

The hog market closed easier.

William Cook, Hebron, marketed a car of hogs that brought $3.50, today's top.

J. P. Alberts was down from Dakota City with two cars of cattle. They are feeding forty or fifty cars of cattle around Dakota City. Marketable hogs are scarce, but the spring crop was large and will begin moving after the holidays.

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, 8@7c; calf hides, 4½@4¾c; damaged hides, 2c less; sheep pelts, green, each, 25c@$1.00; sheep pelts, dry, per lb, 7@13½c; tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3c@3½c; grease, white, 4@4½c; yellow, 2½@3c.

BUTTER—Creamery, fancy, 25@25c; choice, 22@23c. 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, $4.50; pts, $3.35.

POTATOES—25@30c for choice.

ONIONS—40@50c.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 8½c; cut loaf, cubes, 8½c; standard, powdered, 8½c; XXXX, powdered, 9c; granulated, standard, 7¾c; confectioners' A, 7¼c; white extra C, 6¾c; extra C Neb, 6⅝c; amber, 6½c; California golden C, 6¼c.

BEEF TONGUES—Salt, bbls, $20.00.

HAY—$5.00@6.00.

CHOP FEED—$12.00.

BRAN—$10.00.

COAL—19c.

OATS—17c.

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

LYE—$1.75@4.50.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz, $1.50.

PROVISIONS—Hams, No. 1, 16-lb average, 9¾c; 20 to 22-lbs, 8½c; 12 to 14-lbs, 10c; shoulders, 5c; breakfast bacon, No. 1, 8¼c; bum sausage, 8c; dried beef hams, 8c; beef tongues, $9.00 per dozen; dry salt meats, 5¼@5½c per lb; ham roulette, 6¾c; 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—Hbls, $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, 28@35c; medium, average, 31@38c; quarter blood, average, 20 21c; coarse, average, 15@17c; cotts and rough, average, 14@15c.

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@8c; skunk, rat, 2@6c; badger, rat, 25@80c; deer skins, fall, per lb, 18@27c; winter, 12@23c.

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, $3.00@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—1¾@4½c per lb.

STARCH—4½c per lb.

STOVE POLISH—$2.00@5.87 per gross.

BROOMS—4 tie, $2.60; 3 tie, $2.25; stables, $3.50; common, $1.50@1.75.

LARD—Tierces—Refined, 5¼c; purse leaf, 6¼c; kettle rendered, 6¾c. Add ¼c to ¾c for smaller quantities.

FARINACEOUS GOODS—Barley, 3@3½c; farina, 4½c; peas, 3c; oat meal 2¾@3c; macaroni, 11c; vermicelli, 11c; rice, 5¾@6c; sago and tapioca, 6@7c; lima beans, 2¾c.

COFFEE — Roasted — Arbuckle's Ariosa, 24¾c; McLaughlin's XXXX, 24¾c; German, 24¾c; Dilworth, 24¾c; Alaroma, 24¾c.

COFFEE—Green—Fancy old golden Rio, 21c; fancy old peaberry, 20½c; Rio, choice to fancy, 22c; Rio prime, 21c; Rio, good, 19c; Mocha, 29c; Java, fancy Mandehling, 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; caviar, ¼ lb, $2.25; eels, 1 lb, $4.40; lobsters, 1 lb, $1.90; lobsters, 2 lb, $2.95; lobsters, deviled, ¼ lb, $2.25; mackerel, 1 lb, $1.75; mackerel mustard sauce, 3 lb, $2.60; 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, 8½c; apples, fancy, Aiden, 5 lb 10c; apples, fancy, Aiden, 3 lb, 10½c; Salt Lake