THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Money a Shade Easier But the Demand Still Active.

COUNTRY BANKERS MORE FLUSH

Collections Reported Fair and General Trade Continues Good—City Retailers Say Business is Fair in Most Lines.

In Local Commercial Circles.

The bank clearings for the week footed $4,055,714.22, an increase of 27 9-10 per cent. Balances footed $912,946.48. The money market is a shade easier, but there is still an active demand and rates are stiff at 8 to 10 per cent. County bankers seem to be more flush than two weeks since and the deposit accounts of several of our largest banks are reported as increasing. Collections are fair to middling and the country is settling its merchandise indebtedness in a satisfactory manner. There was but one failure of importance in the state reported during the week wherein loss to our jobbers was of any amount, and pacification of that was had so that the actual loss will be small. The next forty days will tide over the uneasy period, usual with credit men at this season, as the great bulk of fall purchases are due within that time, and if maturing paper is fairly well met they will feel that they are out of the wilderness by March 1 certainly.

Trade continues good. There is no extraordinary briskness, but salesman in dry goods, notions, clothing, groceries and hardware report fair sales and in all of these lines the outlook is satisfactory. The boot and shoe trade is rather quiet, but there is a brisk demand for rubber goods and the cold snap will enable retailers to unload their shelves and put them in humor to buy liberally later on. City retailers report a very fair trade in most lines, except perhaps hardware men who are grumbling a little, but dry goods, clothing, boot, shoe and rubber goods have been decidedly active the past ten days and traders are in better shape than they hoped to meet maturing bills. City collections are more readily made and upon the whole we find expressions of confidence that spring trade will be better than usual.

Prices show no material change. Coffees are a shade lower and the market dull, while sugars are active and firm. Carbon oils are unchanged and turpentine steady at the recent decline of 1 cent. The wool market is quiet, so is flaxseed. Dairy products are still in excessive supply and in butter none but choice is wanted. As we have before remarked, there is altogether too much slush and grease shipped here to be sold as butter and commission men are unable to obtain sufficient to pay freight and cartage for many lots received. Choice butter is very cheap and nothing but choice is saleable just now. Eggs are in ample supply and as the weather is growing milder lower prices may obtain. Cheese is firmer and in good demand. Hides are in fair request and quotations while not higher are firm. Potatoes and onions are in fair demand and prices are steady.

From the annual review of the American Grocer it appears that the quantity of sweet corn put up in the United States in 1889 was 1,760,300 cases of two dozen tins each, against 3,491,474 cases in 1888, a decrease of 1,731,174 cases, or nearly 44 per cent. The production of grade and medium canned corn is far in excess of requirements. Although there was a great shrinkage in the pack, the market does not improve. Prices have ranged from 45c@$1.40 per dozen, there being great irregularity in quality and quotations. Maine is the banner state, having put up 505,362 cases, Maryland 373,104, New York 273,925, the western states 496,800, and all other states and Canada 108,109. The production of canned goods keeps in advance of the demand, owing to the rapid extension of the industry throughout the union.

Williot & Gray report the total consumption of sugar in the United States for 1889 at 1,457,561 tons and for 1888 at 1,457,223 tons, an increase of 1889 of 298 tons.

Consumption per capita is 51 lbs in 1889, 52¾ lbs in 1888, 52 lbs in 1887, 51 lbs in 1886, 49¾ lbs in 1885, and 51 in 1884.

Total consumption of the United States in:

1889, as above	1,457,561 tons increase 0.09 per ct	Average 5.98 per ct.
1888, as above	1,457,261 tons increase 4.92 per ct	
1887, as above	1,392,000 tons increase 2.75 per ct	
1886, as above	1,355,000 tons increase 9.0 per ct	
1885, as above	1,254,116 tons increase 6.14 per ct	
1884, as above	1,182,000 tons increase 7.0 per ct	
1883, as above	1,110,000 tons increase 10.3 per ct	
1882, as above	1,000,000 tons increase 6.8 per ct	
1881, as above	935,522 tons increase — per ct	

The latest estimate of the Louisiana crop of 1889-90 is 141,000 tons, against 144,878 tons in 1888, 157,971 tons in 1887, 80,859 tons in 1886, and 127,958 tons in 1885—an average for five years of 130,533 tons, and an average for eight years of 126,348 tons per annum (2,240 pounds each), or say one-tenth of the average consumption of the United States for the same eight years, 1,300,203 tons (2,240 pounds each).

The duty collected on sugar, molasses, etc., during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, was $55,995,137.

The average bond price of (fair refining) sugar in the United States for forty-five years was 4.60 cents; the lowest price to January, 1885, was in 1884, 2.87 cents; in 1885, 2.60 cents; 1886, 2.60 cents; 1887, 2.48 cents; 1888, 2.79 cents; 1889, 2.79 cents.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.

Saturday, Jan. 25.

The market on cattle was rather irregular and very uneven as to prices, salesmen differing in their views concerning the trade the entire day. The quality of the offerings was only fair, only a few desirable beeves on sale. The movement after the market once opened was brisk and by midday about everything offered was out of first hands. Prices on best beef and butchers' cattle showed no change, while common grades ruled any where from a shade to 5@10c off, according to the quality of the stock offered.

Hogs.

The week closed with a very liberal run of hogs as compared with the moderate receipts of the past few days. Nine loads were carried over from Friday's market and eighty fresh loads arrived this morning. The market opened about 5c lower than it closed Friday, or 10c lower than opening Friday morning. A firmer feeling was noted toward the close of the market.

Sheep.

The best lot of corn-fed western sheep seen here in some time was offered today. Local buyers took the entire lot, paying a high price for them.

Receipts.

Cattle	1,400
Hogs	5,300
Sheep	680

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	$3.80	@4.40
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 lbs	3.40	@4.00
Good steers, 1050 to 1200 lbs	3.00	@3.80
Common 1000 to 1150 lb steers	2.90	@3.20
Common canners	1.25	@1.60
Ordinary to fair cows	1.60	@1.90
Fair to good cows	1.90	@2.10
Good to choice cows	2.10	@2.40
Choice to fancy cows	2.40	@2.60
Fair to good bulls	1.50	@2.50
Choice to fancy bulls	2.50	@2.75
Light stockers and feeders	2.00	@2.60
Feeders, 950 to 1100 lbs	2.20	@2.60
Fair to choice light hogs	3.60	@3.65
Fair to choice heavy hogs	3.60	@3.65
Fair to choice mixed hogs	3.60	@3.70

Representative Sales.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
20	897	$3 00	23	1135	$3 37½
25	1014	3 00	20	1196	3 40
45	1013	3 00	18	1187	3 40
5	976	3 00	34	1184	3 40
1	1280	3 00	12	1198	3 40
6	920	3 05	18	1283	3 45
16	1072	3 05	19	1267	3 45
23	1269	3 10	20	1263	3 45
20	1057	3 10	42	1315	3 50
11	1083	3 20	22	1312	3 50
36	1135	3 20	21	1243	3 50
22	1147	3 20	40	1290	3 55
21	1134	3 25	29	1242	3 60
19	1276	3 30	19	1235	3 65
18	1173	3 30	19	1336	3 80
21	1195	3 30	18	1223	3 85
6	1183	2 85	36	1155	3 25
7	1204	3 05	15	1217	3 50
2	1275	3 10	19	1327	4 10
42	1173	3 35	32	1372	4 00

COWS.

3	1069	1 50	16	1077	2 10
1	920	1 75	5	1132	2 10
7	962	1 75	2	945	2 10
15	971	1 80	1	780	2 15
3	1116	1 85	34	1025	2 15
1	1150	1 75	34	996	2 15
7	971	1 70	20	1095	2 35
2	1150	1 75	18	956	2 30
36	1041	1 90	14	1083	2 35
14	991	2 00	11	1047	2 25
1	1230	2 00	6	1128	2 20
1	1150	2 00	1	980	2 25
16	899	2 00	10	978	2 25
1	990	2 00	16	916	2 30
1	1180	2 00	10	934	2 30
1	1030	2 00	13	1101	2 30
2	1100	2 00	14	1151	2 35
16	1061	2 05	1	850	2 50
26	958	2 05	1	1430	2 50
3	1073	1 50	1	1180	2 30
22	985	1 90	10	1065	2 30
12	1073	2 10	3	1270	2 40
1	1190	2 15	20	1231	2 85
18	898	2 20			

HEIFERS.

3	853	2 45	1	1060	2 75
5	550	2 45	8	767	2 75
9	645	2 45	1	710	2 85
1	850	2 50	20	1003	2 90
1	650	2 60	3	710	2 80
7	589	2 65	7	1092	2 90
9	817	2 65	7	757	2 85
3	753	2 65	6	895	2 95
1	600	2 65	6	952	3 00
3	806	2 75	4	720	2 85
1	1170	2 75	3	800	2 90

BULLS.

18	1285	1 75	1	1790	2 35
1	1120	1 75	4	1312	2 45
2	1070	1 85	1	1730	2 50
2	1465	2 00	1	1650	2 00
1	1230	2 00	2	1545	2 00
1	1670	2 00	3	1346	2 00
3	1315	2 25	1	1740	2 35
1	1470	2 10	1	1790	2 60
1	1340	1 75	2	1365	2 00
1	1460	1 75	1	1480	2 25
1	1440	1 75	1	1660	2 50
3	1450	1 85	1	1960	3 10
3	1530	2 12½			

CALVES.

2	130	3 75	3	170	4 50
1	110	4 50	1	280	3 00
1	200	5 25	3	137	5 00
2	345	3 00	1	120	5 00
7	235	2 75			

OXEN.

1	1740	3 00	1	1780	3 25
1	1410	2 80			

STAGS.

1	1480	3 00

HOGS.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
88	134	—	$3 35	56	287	280	$3 65
73	226	240	3 60	58	320	—	3 65
75	220	240	3 60	67	212	—	3 65
71	246	320	3 60	62	279	120	3 65
68	258	120	3 60	49	327	80	3 65
67	217	80	3 60	72	233	—	3 65
59	204	80	3 60	67	239	160	3 65
70	238	160	3 60	55	266	160	3 65
64	228	80	3 60	60	273	160	3 65
71	229	160	3 60	62	310	160	3 65
54	259	160	3 60	59	298	80	3 65
59	344	80	3 60	54	331	360	3 65
19	340	80	3 60	56	313	240	3 65
86	314	120	3 60	67	251	120	3 65
56	334	440	3 60	66	287	200	3 65
55	243	80	3 62½	71	285	200	3 65
52	264	—	3 62½	52	303	120	3 65
67	248	120	3 62½	70	277	—	3 65
54	271	40	3 62½	53	331	160	3 65
86	195	—	3 62½	82	265	40	3 65
53	279	280	3 62½	60	266	80	3 65
68	202	40	3 62½	38	262	120	3 65
68	255	120	3 62½	68	279	120	3 65
68	245	120	3 62½	69	291	240	3 65
72	269	120	3 62½	62	236	160	3 65
67	274	480	3 62½	33	390	200	3 65
70	240	80	3 62½	60	304	160	3 65
54	319	160	3 62½	123	268	240	3 65
70	243	80	3 62½	56	289	—	3 65
67	261	240	3 62½	56	282	—	3 65
64	300	280	3 62½	68	265	240	3 65
65	279	200	3 62½	55	319	300	3 65
31	251	80	3 62½	64	301	160	3 60
58	295	200	3 62½	56	231	40	3 65
63	249	40	3 62½	57	286	280	3 65
51	273	160	3 62½	58	266	40	3 65
60	268	120	3 62½	218	232	240	3 65
72	243	80	3 62½	50	286	120	3 65
76	245	240	3 62½	57	261	200	3 65
68	229	40	3 62½	54	370	200	3 65
64	313	40	3 62½	58	268	200	3 65
67	251	160	3 62½	60	311	320	3 65
59	275	200	3 62½	56	293	200	3 65
58	306	200	3 65	54	365	—	3 70
50	334	440	3 60				

SHEEP.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
161	119	5 00	176	112	5 00
159	121	5 00	191	110	5 00

Purchases of Cattle.

	No.
Swift & Co.	770
Shippers and feeders	129
George E. Hammond & Co.	107
H. & S.	29
H. Rothschild	115
The Armour-Cudahy Packing company	91
Seis Morris	89
R. Becker	69
Benton & U.	8
Omaha	2

Purchases of Hogs.

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

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	2,910
Swift & Co.	544
George H. Hammond & Co.	397
Omaha Packing Co.	1,861

Sheep.

Armour	161
Swift	343
George H. Hammond & Co.	176

Purchases of Cattle for the Week.

Buyers.	No.
Swift & Co.	3,880
Geo. H. Hammond & Co.	1,278
Armour & Cudahy	1,061
Shippers	2,795

Purchases of Hogs for the Week.

Armour-Cudahy Packing company	11,929
Omaha Packing Co.	9,088
Swift & Co.	2,443
G. H. Hammond & Co.	2,883

Purchases of Sheep for the Week.

N. Morris	992
Swift & Co.	418
Armour-Cudahy Packing company	193
Hammond Packing company	205
J. Hill	421

With Cattle.

On the market with cattle: Anderson & J., Oakland; E. Rose, Pender; Superior C. Co., Superior; S. S. Heady, Hepburn, Ia.; Z. H. Clark, Afton, Ia.; P. L. Johnson, Red Oak, Ia.; F. M. Young, Plattsmouth; J. Dern, Scribner; W. W. Baker, Loretto; H. Schinstock, West Point; H. L. Harris, Harrett & Harris, Wisner; N. A. C. Co., Oakdale; J. C. May, Valparaiso; S. N. Neff, Arlington; J. B. Sangster, Stewart; C. Norton, Creighton; Perry & Frush, Colon, V. Coupal, Herman, J. Keil, Bancroft; R. Frazier, J. Barbour, Wayne; W. Osborne, Neola, Ia.; Bruen & H., M. H. Hegarty, Oakland; D. A. Jones, Pleasant Dale; M. P. Harrison, Malcolm; Rooney & Co., Brayton, H. N. Hanawald, Aurora; J. R. McKee, Palmyra; W. A. Finley, Greenwood; A. Laverty, Memphis; W. H. Cramer, Earling, Ia.; Sims & Hall, Portsmouth, Ia.; S. S. Griffin, Jamaica; O. W. Perley, Mead; J. J. Doherty, Dunlap, Ia.; J. Lower, Stromsburg; W. Bays, Valparaiso; T. Madigan, Clark H. & Co., Weston; J. T. Goodell & Co., Swanton; H. O. Brown, Fairmont; J. Ellis, A. Cox, DeWitt; B. Gardner, Scotia; J. Malone, J. Sartoria, First National bank, Madison.

With Hogs.

On the market with hogs: R. H. Geiston, Minden; Armsburger & Co., Oxford; H. O. Brown, Fairmount; R. B. Rowley, Wilcox; Abe Cox, DeWitt; J. Quinn, Wood River; A. W. Olinger, Kearney; D. A. Stewart, North Loup; B Gardner, Scotia; Rupp & L., Humphrey; J. H. Hume, Madison; Joe Brodham, A. F. Steufer, Dodge; F. C. Bliss, Howells; Farmers' union, Leigh; N. W. M. company, Cornelia; W. W. Baker, Loretto; L. Guthrie, Newman's Grove; H. Schinstock, West Point; Shephard & H., Tilden; J. McDonald, Clearwater; J. F. Mahoney, Bruning; J. Coates, Beaver Crossing; W. M. Gehrke, Shickley; Litchy B. & Co., Valparaiso; G. Johnson, Wahoo; R. Anderson, Yutan; E. Loveland, Dunlap, Ia.; J. J. Doherty, Dunlap, Ia.; M. D. Stevens & Co., Denison, Ia.; G. F. Burch, McCool Junction; Sprague & James, Benedict; W. Bays, Valparaiso; Daugherty & S., Hawthorne, Ia.; Z. H. Clark, W. Smith, Afton, Ia.; S. S. Heady, Hepburn, Ia.; Paul Brothers, McPaul, Ia.; Cowis mill & Co., Atkinson; H. Wilcox, Stafford; J. Davidson & Co., Gresham; G. Lee, Stockham; Webster & H., Harvard; Anderson & J, Oakland; E. D. Gould, Columbus, Albion, Geneva; H. Ennerson, Cedar Rapids; F. Hoy, Silver Creek; Abraham & M., Valley; S. E. Acker, Panama, Ia.; R. Bada, Silver City, Ia.; Taylor & Blair, Broken Bow; H. Laverty, Ithaca; Phillips & E., Trumbull; W. T. Hartson, Burwell; W. C. Shelton, Archer; I. Deardorf, Merna; Bruen & H., Oakland; Harris & H., Hancock, Ia.; W. L. Baughn, Harlan, Ia.; Roden & Z., Missouri Valley; E. C. Adams, Logan, Ia.; J. M. Trumbull, Adair, Ia.; John Dern, Hooper; W. Dworak, Verdigre; Packard, L. & G. C., Bush Bros., Creighton; J. Hastie, Douglass; Wilkinson & G., Avoca; J. F. Kessler, Craig; J. T. Goodell & Co., Western; Hayes & McC., Edgar; Spurck & G., Deuesse.

Live Stock Notes.

Abe Cox, an extensive DeWitt shipper, marketed a car each of cattle and hogs.

H. Hanawald, a regular dealer at Aurora, was here looking after two cars of hogs.

W. W. Baker, an extensive Loretto dealer, came in with a car each of cattle and hogs.

J. E. Brodham and A. F. Stefer, extensive Dodge shippers, marketed hogs this morning.

E. D. Gould was here looking after four cars of hogs shipped from Columbus and Albion.

J. R. McKee, a prominent dealer at Palmyra, was here this morning with two cars of hogs.

Anderson & Johnson, well known dealers, sent in a car each of cattle and hogs from Oakland.

Squire Heady, Hepburn, Iowa's big shipper, was here looking after four cars of hogs and one of cattle.

J. T. Goodell & Co., extensive dealers at Western, had three cars of cattle and two of hogs on the market this morning.

Wisner was represented by H. L. Harris, who was here with two cars of cattle. Barrett & Harris had two loads here from the same place.

John Quinn, Wood River; A. W. Olinger, Kearney, and D. A. Stewart, North Loup, were among the prominent shippers who marketed hogs today.

W. L. Baughn, Harland; Roden & Zahner, Missouri Valley, and F. C. Adams of Logan were among the prominent every-day Iowa shippers marketing hogs today.

G. H. Nash of Oakland, Ia., was here with a car each of hogs and cattle. Mr. Nash says that there are a large number of cattle feeding in his locality. Jack Evans of Creston, Ia., has 2,000 head on feed and in stalks near Oakland.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Produce, Fruits, Etc.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 16@17c; cold storage, 8@10c.

HIDES, PELTS, TALLOW, ETC—Green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2, g. s. hides, 3c; dry flint hides, 5@7c; calf hides, 4½@4½c; damaged hides, 3c 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 20@22c; choice, 19@20c. Dairy, fancy, 14@16c; choice, 12@14c. Country, fancy, 11@13c; good to choice, 9@11c; fair, 7@8c; inferior, 4@6c.

PICKLES—Medium per bbl, $4.75; small, $5.75; gherkins, $6.75; C & B chow chow, qts, $5.85; pts, $3.85.

POTATOES—40@35c for choice.

ONIONS—50@70c.

SAUER KRAUT—Hbls, $4.75; half bbls $2.75.

GAME—Mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00; teal, $1.25@1.50; jack snipes, $1.00@1.25; jack rabbits, $3.50@4.00; small rabbits, $1.00@1.20; squirrels, $1.00@1.10; dlover, 75c@$1.00.

CIDER—Hbls, $5.50; half bbls, $3.25.

MAPLE SUGAR—12½@15c per lb.

FURS—Beaver, per lb, $2.50@4.00; otter, each, $3.00@7.00; wolf, each, $1.50@2.00; coon, each, 25c@75c; mink, each, 15@60c; muskrat, fall, 5@9c; skunk, nat, 25@60c; badger, nat, 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@1.55; clean country, $1.50@1.60; inferior country, $1.00@1.25.

PROVISIONS—Hams, No. 1, 16 lb average, 9½c; 20 to 22 lbs 8½c; 12 to 14 lbs, 9¾c; shoulders, 5c; breakfast bacon, No. 1, 8c; ham sausage, 8½c; dried beef hams, 7c, beef tongues, $6.00 per dozen; dry salt meats, 5@5½c per per lb; ham roulette, 6½c; add 1c per lb for small lots.

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—15@16c per lb for choice.

PRESERVES—80@10c per lb.

JELLIES—4@4½c per lb.

BEESWAX—No. 1, 16@19c.

PIGS FEET—Pickled kits, 70c; spiced pigs tongues, kits, $2.35; pickled tripe, kits, 60c; pickled H. C. tripe, kits, 85c; spiced pigs hocks, kits, $1.15.

FLOUR—State, $4.00@5.00; fancy, $5.00@5.30.

LARD—Tierce—Refined, 5½c per leaf, 6¼c; kettle rendered, 6¾c. Add ½c to ¾c for smaller quantities.

BEEF TONGUES—Salt, per bbl, $30.00.

HAY—$5.00@6.00.

CHOP FEED—$12.00.

BRAN—$10.50.

LEMONS—Fancy, $5.00@6.00; choice, $3.50@5.00.

CELERY—Per doz; 30c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—$2.00; pears, $2.75.

MESS PORK—Per bbl, $9.75@10.50.

BANANAS—According to size, per bunch, $2.00@3.00.

BUTTERINE—Tubs, 13c; roll, 14c.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $5.00.

APPLE BUTTER—6c.

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@25c; medium, average, 21@23c; quarter blood, average, 20@21c; coarse, average, 15@17c; cotts and rough, average, 14@16c.

CORN—15c.

OATS—10c.

VEAL—Choice, medium size, 6@8c; choice, heavy, 4@6c.

LIVE PIGEONS—Per doz, $1.50.

Groceries.

DRIED FRUIT—Currants, new, 5½c; prunes, casks 1,300 lbs, 4¾c; prunes, bbls or bags, 5c; citron peel, drums, 20 lbs, 22c; lemon peel, drums, 19 lbs, 20c; fard dates, boxes 12 lbs, 10c; apricots, choice evaporated, 14c; apricots, jelly, cured, 25 lb boxes, 16c; apricots, fancy, Mount Hamilton, 25 lb boxes 15c; apricots, choice, bags, 80 lbs, 14½c; apples, evaporated, Alden, 50 lb boxes, 9½c; apples, star, 8¾c; apples, fancy, Alden, 5 lb, 10c; apples, fancy, Alden, 3 lb, 10½c; Salt Lake, 5½c, blackberries, evaporated, 50 lb boxes, 5½@6½c; cherries, pitted, dry cured, 13c; pears, California fancy, ½s boxes, 25 lb, 12c; peaches, Cal. No. 1, fancy, ½s, unpbags, 80 lb, 15c; nectarines, red, 14c; nectarines, silver boxes, 15c; pitted plums, Cal. 25 lb boxes, 8½c; raspberries, evap. N. Y., new, 25½c; prunes, Cal. R. C, 90-100, boxes, 25 lbs, 7c; prunes, R. C, 60-70, 9c; orange peel, 15c; raisins, California Loudons, crop 1889, $2.25; Cal. loose, muscatels, crop 1889, $2.00; Valencias, 1888, 6c; Valencias, new, 8½c; Cal. seedless, new, 7½c.

CANNED GOODS—Fruits, California Canned Goods, Standard Brands, 2½ lbs, per doz.—Apricots, $1.70@1.85; apricots, pie fruit, $1.55; gallons, $4.65; blackberries, $2.25; cherries, black, $2.00@2.35; cherries, white, $2.25@2.50; grapes, $1.65@1.80; pears, Bartlett, $2.10@2.25; peaches, yellow, $2.10@2.25; peaches, lemon cling, $2.35; plums, egg, $1.65@1.80; plums, gold drops, $1.80; plums, green gages, $1.65@1.80; peaches, Bay City, with pitts in, $1.60; currants, $2.00; gooseberries, $2.30; nectarines, $2.05; quinces, $2.10; raspberries, $2.00; strawberries, $2.70; peaches, 3 lb eastern standards, $1.85; 3 lb eastern seconds, $1.35@1.50; 3 lb pie, $1.10; 6 lb pie, $3.00; salmon, pie, $0.00; Crescent green apples, high standards, $2.50; 2 lb gooseberries, 90c; 2 lb strawberries, 90@95c; 2 lb raspberries, $1.00; 2 lb blueberries, 80@90c; 2 lb blackberries, 65@75c; 2 lb strawberries, preserved, $1.80; 2 lb raspberries, preserved, $1.80; 2 lb blackberries, preserved, $1.30; pineapples, Bahama chopped, $2.00; 2 lb Bahama grated, $2.75; 2 lb Bahama sliced, $2.50; 2 lb Standard sliced, $1.25@1.50; cherries, 2 lb red, Baltimore, 85@95c.

CANNED FISH—Brook trout, 3 lb, $2.40; salmon trout, 2 lb, $2.25; clams, 1 lb, $1.35; clams, 2 lb, $2.00; clam chowder, 3 lb, $1.25; deviled crabs, 1 lb, $2.35; deviled crabs 2 lb, $3.50; codfish balls, 2 lb, $1.75; caviar, ¼ lb, $2.25; cels, 1 lb, $3.40; lobsters, 1 lb, $1.90; lobsters, 2 lb, $3.25; 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, $1.85; salmon, C. R., 1 lb, $1.90; salmon, C. R., 2 lb, $3.50; salmon, Alaska, 1 lb, $1.60; salmon, Alaska, 2 lb, $2.65; shrimps, 1 lb, $2.00

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Rules Heavy, Only Fairly Active and Lower.

VISIBLE DECREASE ESTIMATES.

Receipts of Corn in Excess of the Predictions—Provisions Slow and Easier—Demand For All Cattle on Sale.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Wheat was heavy, only fairly active and lower today. Theoretically, the market should have been strong on the crop and foreign situation. Actually, it was weak. A local bull writer describes the market as firm, but naively adds that "the fact may not at once be detected." It could not have been detected today with a microscope. Prime had a "scare" crop letter in the Tribune this morning, but it fell flat. Bradstreet reported that during the week both coasts had exported 1,809,000 bushels of wheat and flour against 1,731,000 bushels last week and 1,801,000 bushels the corresponding period last year. Milwaukee estimated a decrease in the visible this week of 800,000 bushels. King of Toledo and Lindman of this city made it 100,000 bushels decrease. The decrease may be anywhere between 100,000 and 400,000 bushels. Foreign markets came in easier. The local speculative temper is still bearish and a powerful party is working for a further reduction in values. The opinion was well grounded that the heavy buying yesterday around the bottom was to cover shorts, and the argument was advanced that with this support withdrawn the market would naturally sag. Events proved the correctness of this surmise. The opening range, which was ⅝c under yesterday's closing, proved to be the top. May began at 79⅝c and the price worked down to 79⅜c. A few sales were made at 79⅝@79¾c. The market ruled steady for a while around 79⅝c and 79⅜c, and then sold off to 79⅛c. It did not afterwards get above 79⅝c and closed at 79⅜@79½c, with January quoted at 75⅝c, February at 75¾c and July at 78⅛c. Other domestic markets were rather steadier than Chicago, though all were lower. Here the decline amounted to about ⅜c. At other points the average was not above ½c. No export news of consequence came in and foreigners are clearly holding off until such time as American sellers get through marking down their own goods.

Receipts of corn were twenty-nine cars in excess of yesterday's estimates and the weather was much milder. Wheat also was very weak and provisions easier, all of which discouraged holders and fortified the position of the bears. Foreign advices showed no change of note in the markets abroad and export inquiry at the seaboard was still reported good. Easier prices were, however, reported from all outside domestic markets, apparently governed by the declining tendency here. The cash market participated in the weakness of the futures. No. 2 being quoted at 28½c and No. 3 at 26½c for car loads to go to store. Comparison of receipts and shipments at various receiving centers is still the argument on the bull side of the market, which was, however, without effect upon prices. The result of the day's trading was a loss of ⅛@⅛c compared with yesterday's figures. The closing quotations were January 28⅛c bid, May 31⅝@31¾c and July 32⅛@32⅜c.

Oats were again quiet, with further weakness noted, especially in near futures. The receipts considerably exceeded the estimate. Selling orders for February could be executed only by allowing concessions, with fully ⅜c decline established, month selling down with light trading to 20⅝c, even touching 20⅜c. Trade was chiefly in May, which sold off ⅛@⅛c to 23⅜, with June at about ⅛c discount. No. 2 regular was nominally 20⅝c and No. 2 white for May offered at 23⅝c.

Provisions were slow and rather easier today. May pork sold down to $10.05, May lard to $6.10 and May ribs to $4.97½. The closings were not at the extreme inside and the tone toward the last was steady. On the up turn and back track packers placed contracts for a large amount of the product for future delivery against the past and anticipated manufacture. The excitement of the past few days has quieted down wonderfully.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—There was a demand for all the stock on sale and about everything was closed out at a reasonably early hour and at prices that could not be obtained at the close yesterday. The general market, however, closed considerably lower than last week and prices for fat steers and cows are down to where they were about a year ago. Choice to extra beeves, $4.80@5.00; medium to good steers, 1,350 to 1,500 lbs, $4.00@4.40; 1,200 to 1,350 lbs, $3.50@3.90; 950 to 1,200 lbs, $3.00@3.75. Stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.25; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.20@3.00. Texas steers, $2.80@3.60; cows, $1.50@2.00.

HOGS—Business was fairly active, with a down turn of 5c as compared with the average of yesterday. Rough and common sold as low as $3.75, but the bulk of the mixed and packing sorts sold around about $3.80@3.85 and shippers paid $3.85@3.87½, a few at $3.90@3.95. Light sorts made $3.80@3.85. The market closed steady with everything in first hands sold.

LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The Drovers' Journal reports as follows:

Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; quiet and steady; beeves, $4.80@5.00; steers, $3.00@4.40; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.25; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.20@3.10; Texas cattle, $1.50@3.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market weak to 5c lower; mixed $3.65@3.87½; heavy, $3.65@3.95; light, $3.60@3.85; skips, $3.00@3.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market strong natives, $5.50@5.80; western corn-fed, $4.75@5.80; Texans, $3.50@4.80; lambs, $5.00@6.40.

National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, Jan. 25.—