THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Jobbers Generally Report Trade Flourishing and Better Than Expected.

LOCAL RETAIL BUSINESS NOT GOOD.

The Scarcity of Cars for Shipping Paralyzes the Local Grain Market —No Special Change in Country Produce.

The local retail trade in a general way is not good. There are some few exceptions to the general rule where holiday goods have brought in business but the exceptions are not numerous enough to please business men. It may be that the mild weather contributes somewhat to the dullness.

The jobbing trade is in just the opposite condition. Business is good, better even than was anticipated. If every branch of business in Omaha was in as flourishing a condition as the wholesale trade there could be no cause for fault finding.

Considerable complaint is heard about poor collections both in the city and country.

The grain trade of Omaha has been paralyzed by the car famine, which is preventing the movement of grain. Dealers have been afraid to sell for delivery, as the uncertainty of being able to get cars in time to fill contracts made the risk too great.

How much longer this scarcity of cars is to continue is hard to say, but until there is a change for the better little can be expected of the grain trade.

In commenting on the car situation, which is of the greatest importance in the west, the New York Bulletin remarks that it is natural for western roads to complain of eastern about car movements, and vice versa, because the modes of borrowing cars in order to facilitate the movement of through freight from the far west to the far east are such as necessarily involve great disadvantages, sometimes to one party and sometimes to the other. But the present case differs entirely from the chronic dispute which is due to standing causes. Obviously it is the immediate effect of an unusually large movement of grain, cattle and hogs, which has been so large that the railroads, though fully warned that the freight to be moved might be unprecedented in quantity, had not prepared for it. But behind this is the state of facts which has prevented the roads from making adequate preparation for any expansion of traffic that was likely to occur.

It is not in the least a secret that the western roads have for some years past failed to enlarge their rolling stock and other facilities in proportion to their mileage or to their traffic. In 1887 there were transported 61,561,000,000 tons of freight one mile, but in 1890 79,193,000,000 and this year the increase has been phenomenal. In the three previous years it was nearly 30 per cent, and it has probably risen more than 10 per cent this year, or to 87,000,000,000 ton miles. But the number of freight cars on all the roads in the country was 950,887 in 1887, and only 1,061,970 in 1890, an increase of 111,000, or 11 per cent, instead of an increase of 30 per cent in tonnage transported. There was wise economy in avoiding the purchase of new cars when they were not likely to be needed. But when new territories were rapidly settling, admitted as states, and traversed by thousands of miles of railroad just completed, it was as certain as any future event could be that the railroads between those states and the seaboard would have much more freight to carry. It was just at this period that the enlargement of rolling stock stopped. During the year 1890 it gained only 10,000 in number of cars in the whole country, and much of this was in the east and south.

Every other line of business is of course affected by this scarcity of cars. One of those suffering most seriously is the coal trade. In a number of western states there is danger of a coal famine, and in Chicago the situation threatens to become serious. Large factories and the railroads are already consuming nearly all the coal in sight, and small dealers are at their wits' end to supply their customers. It is certainly a curious situation where unexampled prosperity causes stagnation in trade and threatens serious discomfort and loss even to those who are most fortunate.

The produce markets of Omaha have been dull for the past six days. Prices have shown some little fluctuations, but nothing of any great importance has developed in the trade.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OMAHA, Dec. 19.

The week closes with a liberal run of 2,169 cattle, 15,462 hogs and 165 sheep, 3-3 cars in all. Receipts for the week foot up 11,389 cattle, 59,000 hogs and 2,0,7 sheep, against 14,781 cattle, 55,054 hogs and 4,353 sheep last week and 9,251 cattle, 33,915 hogs and 1,671 sheep for the corresponding week last year.

During the early part of the week the moderate receipts produced a healthy market, and prices advanced all along the line. Cattle values on Thursday were anywhere from 15c to 25c better than last week, while the improvements in hog prices were possibly a shade more than that. This advance, however, had the effect of exciting the country, the result being heavy receipts for the latter part of the week and a bad break in prices of 10c to 20c on both cattle and hogs.

The general cattle market today was slow and unevenly lower all around. Really desirable breves were a rather scarce article and with a fair demand such held their own fairly well. Bids were lower on the ordinary run of steers, about 10c lower than Friday and from 10c to 15c lower than Thursday, the high day of the week. Owing to very bearish news from eastern markets sellers were generally ready and willing to let go at a moderate decline, and as the demand was pretty good, trading, while slow, moved more life than might have been expected. Common to very good native steers sold from $2.80 to $3.75, while several of the best loads, weighing from 1,300 to 1,500 pounds, sold from $4.00 to $4.85. For this time of year the supply of western cattle was rather more liberal than usual. Fair to good steers sold from $2.60 to $3.60. While business was not overly brisk and trading dragged somewhat, the close of the market found but little useful stock unsold.

The same was true of the market for but her stuff. Offerings were somewhat limited, but fully up to the average as far as quality was concerned. Buyers began bidding lower from the start and the bulk of the cows and mixed stock sold a good 10c lower than yesterday, and from 15c to 20c lower than Thursday. It was a rather dull market. Good to choice cows and heifers sold from $2.50 to $3.00, fair to good grades from $1.75 to $2.25; common and canning lots from $1.25 to $1.75. Beeves, oxen and stags sold about as usual, from $1.25 to $2.75. Veals were scarce, nominally quotable at from $1.5 to $4.75.

The stocker and feeder trade was rather limited, but prices in the main firm. Country buyers did not want many but regular dealers wanted to replenish their stocks and bought the bulk of the fresh offerings at from $2.25 to $2.85. Representative sales:

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	980	3 00	26	1373	3 30	18	1155	3 75
1	1210	3 00	40	1240	3 40	13	1238	3 80
8	993	3 00	10	1183	3 40	22	1242	4 00
1	970	3 00	40	1250	3 55	20	1415	4 50
11	1085	3 10	20	1144	3 60	8	1475	4 50
18	1035	3 25	10	1212	3 65	18	1356	4 80
12	1155	3 30	20	1312	3 75	16	1488	4 85

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

8	772	2 65						

COWS.

2	785	1 25	4	1065	1 80	23	1044	2 10
1	1010	1 50	4	1017	1 85	2	810	2 10
1	1000	1 25	6	871	1 90	4	1085	2 10
1	1200	1 50	2	1045	2 00	19	944	2 12½
1	1040	1 50	1	770	2 00	10	1038	2 15
17	964	1 50	14	1083	2 00	17	974	2 15
7	1017	1 50	1	730	2 00	3	986	2 15
13	942	1 55	9	1122	2 00	15	930	2 15
17	835	1 65	31	1014	2 00	1	1082	2 25
5	762	1 65	1	940	2 00	48	1042	2 50
6	567	1 65	21	953	2 00	1	1210	2 50
5	1052	1 65	14	1087	2 05	11	1 38	2 65
16	862	1 75	21	1019	2 05	19	1190	2 75
10	750	1 80	19	1001	2 10	8	1095	3 00

COWS AND HEIFERS.

27	860	2 00						

HEIFERS.

2	1170	3 00						

BULLS.

1	1350	1 25	1	1450	1 60	1	1400	2 00
1	1330	1 35	1	1410	1 65	1	1460	2 10
2	1465	1 50	1	1570	1 83			
1	1270	1 50	2	1360	1 95			

OXEN.

2	1535	1 65						

STAGS.

2	1430	1 75	1	1402	2 25	1	1650	2 75

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	600	2 25	2	845	2 60	20	968	2 80
1	1140	2 25	6	861	2 65	14	844	2 85
1	550	2 25	3	913	2 70	10	785	2 85
1	560	2 45	8	850	2 75	1	1300	3 00
14	740	2 50	11	704	2 75	8	953	2 75
1	1050	2 50						

COLORADO CATTLE.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
10	steers	1122	2 90	19 steers	1003	2 85
31	cows	956	2 10	12 steers	1000	2 75
6	steers	1014	3 20	70 steers	1100	3 00
59	cows	915	1 85	1 cow	820	2 15
23	cows	908	2 15	1 cow	890	2 15
25	cows	1010	2 30	1 cow	620	2 15
5	cows	954	2 15	20 steers	1060	2 60
2	steers	1155	2 60	15 steers	1274	3 60
2	steers	1135	3 00	1 steer	1010	2 60
1	steer	1450	3 60	25 steers	1156	2 75
3	steers	1223	3 60	2 cows	915	1 25
2	cows	945	1 25	8 cows	1017	2 35
2	cows	950	1 50	9 steers	1081	3 60
14	cows	973	2 05	8 steers	1302	3 00
7	cows	1005	2 20	6 steers	1051	3 10
10	cows	978	3 20	2 steers	1130	3 10
8	cows	1057	2 35			

Hogs—A heavy run was expected today, and for the first time this week expectations were more than realized. Receipts fell less than 1,000 head short of the heaviest run this year. The week's receipts exceed those of last week by nearly 5,000 head. The quality was generally very good, although as usual when the condition of the market induces indiscriminate marketing, there was a liberal proportion of very common light and mixed stuff. Conditions favored the buyers and they succeeded in taking off an "Albany shavinz." Opening bids were from 10c to 15c lower. Sellers were generally inclined to let go on account of the heavy receipts here and the extremely bearish news from Chicago and trading was moderately active at the decline. The best heavy hogs sold at from $3.60 to $3.65 with a couple of prime loads at $3.70. Common heavy and mixed packers went at from $3.50 to $3.55 and light and light mixed loads from $3.35 to $3.55. The market rather grew worse as the day wore along and before noon prices were fully 15c to 20c lower than yesterday, with buyers indifferent. Fully 1,000 hogs remained unsold in the pens, the bulk of them, however, being late arrivals. Trading was largely from $3.50 to $3.60, against $3.65 to $3.75 yesterday. The average cost of the hogs was $3.55½, against $3.70½ yesterday and $3.52½ last Saturday.

Prices are now back where they were last Tuesday, the advance of the preceding three days being completely wiped out. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
76	180	240	3 32½	71	250	320	3 55
77	192	1 0	3 35	63	287	160	3 55
69	232	160	3 40	64	302	240	3 55
78	224	120	3 42½	65	235	—	3 55
59	194	200	3 45	68	277	120	3 55
81	208	160	3 45	68	278	120	3 55
32	208	320	3 45	70	296	200	3 57
53	211	200	3 45	61	276	120	3 55
74	243	440	3 45	69	271	240	3 55
77	218	400	3 45	66	236	160	3 55
65	238	440	3 45	67	263	240	3 55
62	216	80	3 45	60	265	160	3 55
139	239	162	3 50	70	283	40	3 55
67	221	80	3 50	65	260	241	3 55
77	241	323	3 50	75	245	160	3 55
64	247	160	3 50	61	259	—	3 55
73	241	40	3 50	59	286	240	3 55
95	210	40	3 50	109	268	360	3 55
70	224	240	3 50	69	272	80	3 55
52	257	320	3 50	55	287	80	3 55
58	261	—	3 50	75	167	120	3 57½
66	247	240	3 50	63	271	80	3 57½
71	248	120	3 50	61	199	200	3 57½
73	217	160	3 50	62	254	80	3 57½
59	209	160	3 50	79	272	240	3 57½
81	210	120	3 50	138	293	440	3 57½
66	242	120	3 50	72	276	160	3 57½
72	231	280	3 50	61	266	—	3 60
77	218	240	3 50	62	273	80	3 60
73	235	160	3 50	67	300	—	3 60
66	266	320	3 50	68	295	120	3 60
65	280	240	3 50	70	286	120	3 60
69	237	80	3 50	67	276	320	3 60
56	270	280	3 50	80	243	120	3 60
77	206	120	3 50	59	296	40	3 60
78	221	280	3 50	47	247	240	3 60
61	288	240	3 50	54	297	—	3 60
73	243	80	3 50	55	327	120	3 60
61	275	40	3 50	61	291	440	3 60
72	237	280	3 50	63	293	120	3 60
49	287	160	3 50	59	256	240	3 60
65	274	200	3 50	60	254	80	3 60
66	253	240	3 50	65	249	—	3 60
71	235	240	3 50	63	276	120	3 60
70	251	160	3 50	63	333	320	3 60
79	233	80	3 50	66	286	120	3 60
66	268	280	3 50	53	279	80	3 60
66	267	240	3 50	62	314	200	3 60
66	242	280	3 50	62	323	240	3 60
74	247	360	3 50	58	271	80	3 60
56	253	160	3 50	66	307	80	3 60
65	253	—	3 50	66	281	80	3 60
61	241	120	3 50	139	287	320	3 60
114	258	160	3 52½	67	293	80	3 60
63	272	720	3 52½	98	311	360	3 60
63	261	280	3 52½	65	301	—	3 60
64	281	360	3 52½	60	304	240	3 60
66	241	160	3 52½	52	242	160	3 60
79	243	160	3 52½	57	248	80	3 60
62	276	320	3 52½	76	276	360	3 60
70	253	40	3 52½	73	271	40	3 60
68	256	200	3 52½	59	291	80	3 60
51	250	40	3 55	70	264	440	3 60
72	240	120	3 55	52	306	80	3 60
82	219	160	3 55	67	255	280	3 60
66	259	160	3 55	60	282	80	3 60
80	230	320	3 55	62	344	200	3 60
66	244	40	3 55	78	262	160	3 60
57	240	360	3 55	60	287	120	3 60
70	253	80	3 55	59	310	240	3 60
57	253	240	3 55	60	299	—	3 60
64	266	120	3 55	66	280	160	3 60
61	266	200	3 55	55	199	160	3 60
66	253	80	3 55	66	231	40	3 60
78	258	40	3 55	71	230	40	3 60
58	242	80	3 55	68	268	80	3 60
66	269	160	3 55	58	321	—	3 60
63	298	160	3 55	63	277	—	3 60
55	276	200	3 55	113	339	240	3 60
85	244	200	3 55	60	277	160	3 60
55	301	360	3 55	59	278	120	3 60
76	276	200	3 55	54	285	80	3 62½
72	245	40	3 55	124	314	200	3 62½
53	301	320	3 55	65	305	80	3 62½
77	233	40	3 55	73	303	80	3 62½
70	267	120	3 55	60	319	—	3 62½
68	269	80	3 55	61	319	160	3 65
41	275	80	3 55	61	286	40	3 65
61	260	200	3 55	110	357	160	3 65
63	253	80	3 55	67	272	40	3 65
77	279	200	3 55	52	343	—	3 65
52	214	—	3 55	58	290	—	3 65
57	280	120	3 55	69	284	120	3 65
64	294	200	3 55	60	295	280	3 65
75	287	240	3 55	61	272	280	3 65
69	270	200	3 55	56	312	—	3 65
64	283	200	3 55	46	305	—	3 65
50	313	120	3 55	55	311	—	3 70
60	258	120	3 55	62	320	—	3 70
50	225	200	3 55				

SHEEP—Receipts consisted of but one fresh load that was consigned direct to Swift & Co. and not offered on the market. A small bunch of common mixed natives sold for $3.60. Prices are fully steady and the demand is active. Fair to good natives are quotable at from $3.50 to $3.90, westerns at from $3.50 to $4.75, common and stockers at from $2.00 to $3.75, lambs weighing 50 to 90 pounds, at from $4.00 to $5.00. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.
6	65	$3 60

Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

Official receipts and disposition of stocks as shown by the books of the Union Stock Yards company for the twenty-four hours, ending at 5 o'clock p. m., December 19, 1891:

RECEIPTS.

CATTLE.		HOGS.		SHEEP.		HORSES & M'LS.	
Cars.	Head	Cars.	Head	Cars	Head	Cars.	Head.
97	2,169	235	15,462	1	165	.....	.....

DISPOSITION.

BUYERS.	CATT'E	HOGS.	SHEEP.
Omaha Packing company	.....	3,136	6
G. H. Hammond company	142	1,411	.....
Swift & Co.	600	2,107	159
Cudahy Packing company	486	7,608	.....
P. D. Armour	60	853	.....
Shippers and feeders	792	.....	.....
Left over	200	800	.....
Total	2,280	15,915	165

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The market was too liberally supplied for the last day of the week. In addition to the 4,000 received today there was a considerable amount of state stock and salesmen found it impossible to move the stuff except at shaded prices. There was a reduction from Thursday rates of from 10c to 15c in undesirable goods. Sales were slow and on a basis of from $1.00 to $3.00 for poor to extra cows, heifers and bulls; $3.65 to $3.75 for stockers and feeders, from $2.90 to $3.75 for common to extra shipping steers, from $1.50 to $3.15 for Texas cattle and $4.00 to $5.50 for veal calves. The weakness was ascribed to the fear of largely increased supplies for the first half of next week as a result of the recent advance in prices.

The very weak feeling developed toward the close of yesterday's trading was even more decidedly a feature of today's market in hogs. The warm weather, the unexpectedly liberal receipts and the belief that we shall have heavy arrivals for Monday and Tuesday of next week made buyers shy and holders anxious to unload. The warm weather also favored weakness and we also noted a reduction from yesterday's opening prices of from 15c to 20c per 100 lbs. Heavy weights dropped to from $3.70 to $3.95 and light sorts sold off to from $3.40 to $3.65. All the advance gained earlier in the week before has been lost, the market standing substantially where it was a week ago.

The Evening Journal reports: CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 1,500; market steady at yesterday's close. Today's sales, natives, $2.65@4.30; cows, $1.90@2.65. No prime or export steers on the market.

HOGS—Receipts, 38,000; shipments, 7,000; market opened active, 10@15c lower; rough and common, $3.60@3.70; packers, $3.75@3.80; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $3.85@3.90; light, $3.50@3.65.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,500; shipments, none; market firm, steady; native cwts, $3.00@4.50; wethers, $4.75@5.65; mixed, $4.20@4.50; westerns, $4.10; lambs, $5.2 @5.30.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,100; shipments, 1,500; market dull, from 10c to 15c lower for steers and from 5c to 10c lower for cows; good steers, $4.75@5.25; fancy, $5.00@5.75; cows, $1.45@4.05; stockers and feeders, $2.30@3.10.

HOGS—Receipts, 13,200; shipments, 1,300; bulk, $3.60@3.75; all grades, $3.10@3.90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 400; shipments, 200; market very quiet.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300; shipments, 700; market quiet; fair to fancy native steers, $3.00@4.00; Texans and Indians, $2.25@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,100; shipments, 2,000; market lower; heavy, $3.70@3.90; mixed, 3.60@3.75; light, $3.50@3.65.

THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Decided Improvement in the Amount of Business in the Pit.

TRADE WAS RATHER HESITATING.

Foreign Situation Was the Controlling Influence and it Was Intensely Bullish—A Change Later Encouraged Buying.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 19.—There was a decided improvement in the amount of business in the wheat pit on the Board of Trade today in comparison with that of the past few days, though it was chiefly of a local character. Prices started at about the closing figures of yesterday, but the tone of the market was hesitating and uncertain for a time. The controlling influence here during the week has been the foreign situation, which has been intensely bearish. Both the British and continental markets have not only been quoted lower from day to day, but accumulated stocks and a very limited demand were noted in the cable advices. For the last two days, however, sentiment seemed to be veering towards the bull side and operators were more and more inclined to think that prices had reached a point at which it would pay to buy. It needed but a turn in the trend of foreign advices to translate the sentiment in to a moderate buying movement. The only advices from across the water this morning were conflicting. The board's Liverpool cable quoted wheat futures ¼d to ½d higher and the market active, but its London dispatch noted a declined decline in values.

This was thought to be an error, but it was sufficient to becloud the situation somewhat and to cause the uncertainty noted. A few longs made an effort to unload and the bears sought to inaugurate a raid, but it proved a failure. The later cables showed that foreign markets were really stronger, that there were liberal acceptances of last night's offers, and that foreigners were good buyers at New York. Paris was said to have advanced sharply, and one private cable said that Russian agents were buying large quantities of wheat in Roumania. This news soon turned the trade. Early sellers covered and went long and the selling pressure was quickly relieved. Rosin, who had sold liberally around the opening, was quick to see the drift of things and began to buy. Partridge, who was popularly supposed to be a big short, bought generously on the upturn, partly to even up and partly for a scalp on the bull side.

The crowd at large was bullishly inclined and as soon as the market showed its strong undertone there were liberal buyers. Sam Andrews, who has been a pronounced bear, openly announced that he has abandoned that side and is now looking for a healthy bull market, basing his opinion entirely upon the merits of the situation at home and abroad. There was no furore in the market nor any big spurt, but a strong, confident feeling and good liberal buying. Trade, however, was neither heavy nor very broad. May opened at 97¼c, touched 97¾c and weakened to 97¼c, reacted to 98c, held around 97¾c for a time, weakened to 97¼c, but rallied some near the close and closed firm at 95¾c.

Corn was decidedly weak early; the receipts were 70 cars more than expected and included 50 cars of contract grade. The improvement in the inspection started pretty liberal selling. E. I. Driver and Norton-Worthing being in the lead and weakness was at once apparent. A drop of 2c in December corn at New York increased the depression. Later, on the advance in wheat, the tone of corn improved, but it became unsettled during the last hour, going still lower and closing near the bottom. The market acted rather nervous and the crowd scared easily, selling freely when it broke and being quick to cover every time it turned strong. December opened at 1½c lower at 47½c, and fluctuating as noted above, receded to 45¾c and closed at 46c. January shows a loss of 1c and May of ¾c.

Oats were steady and without feature.

Hog products were lower; receipts of hogs were 7,000 head above the estimate and the prices at the yards were from 15c to 20c lower. Packers were free sellers from the start with the Cudahy Packing company most aggressive. The close was near the bottom figures of the day.

Estimated receipts for Monday; Wheat, 30 cars; corn, 250 cars; oats, 125 cars; hogs, 57,000 head; for the week, 230,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
December	$ 91¾	$ 91¾	$ 91¼	$ 91¾
January	91¾	92¾	91¾	92¼
May	95¾	98	95¾	97¾
CORN—No. 2—				
December	47¾	47¾	45¾	46
January	45¾	43¾	43¾	43¾
May	42¾	42¾	42¾	42¾
OATS—No. 2—				
December	32¼	32¼	32¼	32½
January	31¾	31¾	31¾	31⅞
May	33	33	32¾	33
MESS PORK—				
December	7 85	7 85	7 70	7 70
January	10 70	10 70	10 52½	10 52½
May	11 20	11 20	11 00	11 02½
LARD—				
December	5 90	5 90	5 87½	5 90
January	6 05	6 05	6 02½	6 05
May	6 40	6 42½	6 37½	6 40
SHORT RIBS—				
December	5 25	5 25	5 05	5 05
January	5 30	5 30	5 22½	5 25
May	5 65	5 65	5 60	5 60

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Unchanged; spring patents, $4.90@4.90; bakers', $3.80@4.00; winter patents, $4.60@4.85; straight, $4.35@4.45.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring wheat, 91¾@91¾c; No. 3 spring wheat, 83@81c; No. 2 red, 91½@92c.

CORN—No. 2, 45½c.

OATS—No. 2, 32½c; No. 2 white, 33¾@34c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 89c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 59c; No. 3, 45@63c; No. 4, 34@44c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 95½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $1.23@1.24.

PORK—Mess pork, per bbl, $7.70@7.80; lard, per cwt, $6.00@6.02½; short ribs sides (loose), $5.10@5.25; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.87½@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.55.

WHISKEY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.18.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, unchanged at 5¾@5¾c.

CHEESE—Steady; full cream cheddars, 10½@10c; flats, 11@11½c; Young Americas, 12@12½c.

HIDES AND TALLOW—Unchanged.

Receipts and shipments today were as follows:

ARTICLES.	RECEIPTS.	SHIPMENTS.
Flour barrels	20,000	17,000
Wheat, bushels	107,000	64,000
Corn, bushels	244,000	192,000
Oats, bushels	184,000	223,000
Rye, bushels	14,000	7,000
Barley, bushels	47,000	65,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weaker; fancy creamery, 23½@27½c; fine western, 25@26c; ordinary, 20@24c; selected dairy, 25@26c; ordinary, 22@24c; eggs, 2.@24c.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,416 pkgs; exports, 6,367 bbls, 565 sacks; market dull and heavy; sales, 17,100 bbls.

CORNMEAL—Quiet and steady; yellow western, $3.15@3.60.

WHEAT—Rece pts, 221,629 bu.; exports, 230,949 bu.; sales, 957,000 bu. of futures; 81,000 bu. of spot; market higher and irregular, closing easy and dull; No. 2 red, $1.07½@1.08¾ in store and $1.07½@1.08¾ afloat; No. 3 red, $1.05½@1.06¾ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1.02¼@1.03; ungraded red, 93@$1.06¾; No. 1 northern, $1.08¾@1.09¾; No. 1 hard, $1.12¾; No. 2 northern, $1.03¾@1.03¾. Options opened ¼ to ⅝c up on foreign buying with further cables, declined ⅜ to ½c on local realizing and easy western advices; reacted ¼@⅝c on a resumption of foreign buying through a further advance in the sales, and closed firm at ⅛@⅜c over yesterday. No. 2 red, December, $ .05¾@1.06¾, closed $1.06¾; January, $1.08¾@1.09¼, closing $1.07¾; February, $1.07¾@1.08¾, closing $1.08¾; March, $ .08¾@1.09¾, closing $1.09; April, $1.09 @1.09¾, closing $1.09¼; May, $1.08¾@1.08 5-16, closing $1.08¾; June, $1.07¾@1.07¾, closing $1.07¼.

RYE—Dull; western, 85@95c.

BARLEY—Dull and irregular; No. 2 Milwaukee, 72@74c.

BARLEY MALT — Quiet; Canada, country made, 85c.

CORN—Receipts, 232,374 bu.; exports, 17,819 bu.; sales, 185,000 bu. futures, 53,000 bu. spot. Spot market irregular and quiet; No. 2, 5 5-8@5c in elevator; 60@5¾c afloat; ungraded mixed, 47½@50c; No. 3, 51½@52½c; steamer mixed, 56½ @57½c. There was a break in December through large receipts of contract grade and closed 1½c under yesterday; other months were ½@¾c off, but reacted ½@¾c and closed unchanged to ⅛c down. December, 50@50⅜c, closing at 50¾c; January, 53⅛@53¾c, closing at 54⅛c; February, 52½@53c, closing at 53½c; May, 51¾@52c, closing at 51¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 112,000 bu.; exports, 144,556 bu.; sales, none of futures, 40,000 bu. of spot. Spot dull and options dull and nominal; December, 40½c; January, 40c; May, 38¾c spot. No. 2 white, 44c; mixed western, 39½@42c; white western, 41@44c; No. 2 Chicago, 42c; January, firm and fair demand; shipping, 65@ 70c; good to choice, 75@80c.

HOPS—Fair demand, firm; state common to good, 15@21c; Pacific coast, 15@25c.

SUGAR—Raw, dull and nominal; refined, quiet and steady.

MOLASSES—Foreign nominal; New Orleans, active and firm; common to fancy, 31@35c.

RICE—Fair, active and firm; domestic fair to extra, 5¼@6c; Japan, 5¼@5¾c.

PETROLEUM—Opened steady and advanced ⅛c on the execution of a small buying order, then became dull and remained so until the close; Pennsylvania oil, spot, 59¼c. January option opened at 58¾c; highest, 60c; lowest, 58¾c; closing at 60c; Lima oil, no sales; total sales, 8,000 bbls.

COTTON SEED OIL—Quiet and easy; crude 26c; yellow, 29½c.

TALLOW—Quiet and firm.

ROSIN—Dull but steady; strained common to good, $1.50@1.40.

TURPENTINE—Firm and quiet at 33½@34½c.

EGGS—Firm; western, 26@27½c; receipts, 7,758 packages.

HIDES—Quiet and steady; wet salted New Orleans selected, 45 to 75 lbs, 6@8c; Texas selected, 50 to 60 lbs, 6@8c.

POTS—Quiet and easy; old mess, $9.25; new mess, $9.75@10.25; extra prime, $8.50.

CUT MEATS—Dull, easy; pickled bellies, 5½c; pickled shoulders, 5c; pickled hams, 7½@8c; middles, quiet and steady, short clear, $6.25.

LARD—Lower; western steam, $5.37½; opt on sales, 3,000 tierces: December, $5.33; January, $5.26@5.40, closing at $5.38; February, $5.47; March, $5.57@5.57, closing at $5.56; May, $5.74, closing at $5.72.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 16@22c; western creamery, 19@20½c; western factory, 14½@ 20c; Elgin, 26½c.

CHEESE—Quiet and steady; part skims, 4½ @9c.

PIG IRON—Fairly active; American, $15.50@ 17.75.

Omaha Grain Market.

Prices based on delivery at Mississippi river points, Nebraska inspection, and ten days' shipment, unless otherwise stated.

WHEAT—No. 2 red winter, 93 bid; No.