CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Jobbing Business Fairly Good for the Last Month of the Year.

COLLECTIONS AS A RULE VERY FAIR

Clearing House Reports for Eleven Months Omaha Does Not Show as Heavy a Decrease as Some Other Cities—Pleasant Weather Brings Out Shoppers.

The jobbing houses of Omaha have been doing about as much business as was expected for the last month of the year. The volume of business is not so large as it might have been had the weather been colder, so as to have caused a greater depletion of retail stocks in the country. Thus far this season the weather has been so mild that consumers have been enabled to do without much in the line of clothing and fuel that would be an absolute necessity in cold weather. This has caused a rather slow trade in those lines in the country, with the result that stocks have not been broken to any extent and sorting up orders are not coming in very fast.

In the regular lines of staple goods it is expected that business will be dull the balance of the month, and jobbers in those lines are not expecting much demand for goods until after the first of the year.

During the past week there were several exceptionally fine days, which brought out a crowd of shoppers in the city, who took advantage of the occasion to make their holiday purchases. As a result the retail dealers reported a large trade on those days, but as a rule they have been complaining that they were not getting as much business as they had a right to expect at this season. It is a fact, however, that Omaha purchasers usually put off their holiday shopping until about the last minute, so that there is a big rush of business at the end of the season, which makes up for the lack of business at the commencement.

BANK CLEARINGS.

There has been very little said about Omaha's bank clearings of late; in fact there has been little to say beyond the fact that the volume of clearings was constantly falling considerably behind the previous year. The totals for the past eleven months are now at hand, and it may be of interest to know that Omaha makes as good a showing as the majority of western cities, and a great deal better than many. In this connection it must be borne in mind that Omaha has suffered from the effects of the general depression existing in all parts of the country, the same as other cities, while in addition the crop failure in this section has placed an additional burden on Omaha. Under these conditions Omaha bankers are of the opinion that it speaks very well for the stability of the business interests of this city that the bank clearings make as good a showing as they do. The following will show the total clearings at a number of leading western cities for the eleven months of 1894 as compared with the corresponding period of 1892, and the decrease:

	1894.	1892.	Decrease.
Omaha	$222,402,820	$266,207,756	$ 43,804,936
Cincinnati	580,938,807	685,136,258	104,197,451
Cleveland	221,735,486	269,541,236	47,805,750
Detroit	262,619,324	329,248,866	66,629,532
Milwaukee	194,218,774	318,622,761	124,403,987
Minneapolis	279,852,227	396,506,459	116,654,232
St. Paul	165,147,830	244,815,287	79,667,457
Kansas City	438,261,483	461,289,483	23,028,000

The comparison is made with 1892, when business was in good condition and before the panic of 1893 had set in. It will be noted that Omaha's decrease is small beside that of Minneapolis and Milwaukee, cities that are frequently compared with Omaha.

FIRE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

According to the statement of a prominent local insurance man Omaha is not the only city in the country that is complaining of an advance in the rate of fire insurance. During the last few months of 1893 the rates of insurance had dropped to such a low figure that insurance companies insisted that something had to be done to make the business more remunerative. Underwriters generally appeared to be of the same opinion on this matter, and the various rating organizations were induced to put forth strong efforts to improve the situation. As a result, rates have been advanced in various sections of the country wherever any excuse for such action could be found. At the present time rates average considerably above those current in 1893. Insurance men now admit that the business in most all sections of the country is in very satisfactory shape, with the possible exception of the Pacific coast.

While the business men in cities like Omaha that have had to bear the full burden of the advance in rates are complaining of the extra tax, insurance men are congratulating themselves upon the favorable condition of their business. The year 1894 promises to be the best the fire insurance companies have experienced in a number of years. It is claimed that the annual statements, which will appear the early part of January, will show handsome gains for all well-managed companies. This is due not entirely to the advance of rates, but also to the fact that the fire loss of 1894, up to the present date, has been very light as compared with the record made during 1893.

NEBRASKA MANUFACTURERS.

The event of the week in manufacturing circles was the banquet given by the Manufacturers and Consumers association of Nebraska to the business men of Norfolk and surrounding towns. Thus far the home industry campaign, as far as the operations of the association are concerned, has been carried on for the most part in the southern portion of the state. The banquet given at Norfolk was the first home industry demonstration made in the northern portion of the state.

The banquet was attended by quite a number of the manufacturers of Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice and Fremont, and so far as can be learned they were all highly pleased with the results of the first effort to interest northern Nebraska business men in the cause of building up the manufacturing industries of the state. Secretary Holmes is very emphatic in the assertion that Nebraska goods will meet with a largely increased sale in that portion of the state.

W. A. Page, president of the association, says: "The people of that portion of the state were not very well acquainted with the workings of the Manufacturers association, and they were not a little curious as to the outcome of what seemed to them an experiment. After it was all over with I could see that the manufacturers had made a favorable impression. Heretofore we have invited only business men, but this time we included the ladies as well. We had exceptional facilities for handling and entertaining the crowd. We had a large reception room, which was provided with tables, where those who desired could play cards, then there was a large auditorium for music and dancing, with dining rooms adjoining. Over 500 people partook of the refreshments, and after that chairs were brought into the auditorium and the people seated, where speeches were made. I believe the effect of the banquet will be good, and I heard a good many people talking about the subject of home patronage and saying to each other that they would patronize home industry in the future."

The manufacturers were very well pleased with the treatment accorded them by the railroad officials, and to show their appreciation passed the following resolutions on their return:

Whereas, The great success of our banquet at Norfolk has been due in large measure to the many courtesies extended to our members by Major J. R. Buchanan, general passenger and ticket agent; Mr. K. C. Moorehouse, general freight agent, and to Mr. S. A. Mosher, general freight agent at Lincoln of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad company, therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Manufacturers and Consumers association of Nebraska are hereby tendered to these gentlemen and to the liberal company which they represent.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Manufacturers and Consumers association are extended to Hon. G. M. Lambertson and Hon. W. S. Summers of Lincoln; Major J. R. Buchanan, Rev. S. Wright Butler and Mr. L. M. Rheem of Omaha; Hon. John R. Hays and Mayor H. C. Mutrau of Norfolk for their interesting addresses in behalf of home patronage at our Norfolk banquet.

AS DUN SEES IT.

Business Getting Better in the East with Prospects Excellent.

W. H. Roberson, local manager of R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile Agency, speaking of the trade situation, says:

"The reports from the east concentrated into definite figures by our eastern office show a marked improvement in the number of wage earners employed and November closes with a good percentage more at work than a year ago. Reports from different sections of the country are quite conflicting, however, and aside from the encouragement afforded by the figures themselves there is nothing to base enthusiasm upon. The opinion is quite universal among conservative business men that the winter will prove a hard one in almost every line of trade, though an improvement may be expected after the first of the year, and a gradual gain will follow until next harvest. If we have good crops next season the recovery will then be immediate.

"Many financial men are somewhat disturbed over the prospect of an immediate attempt on the part of congress to carry out the Cleveland-Carlisle idea of an elastic currency. Those who agree with them are not certain that now is a good time to attempt a currency experiment, and those opposed to them are quite a little agitated. Most business men regard this as a good time to be ultra conservative and favor keeping in beaten paths.

"Locally, times are a little better. Retail trade is picking up in anticipation of the holidays, and dealers in jewelry and other nonessentials are quite encouraged over the outlook. In spite of hard times Christmas trade promises well. One dealer in diamonds says he has sold more high priced ornaments this week than in any other week in 1894. In wholesale circles there is not much to boast of, though orders in staple seasonable lines are quite good, and if collections were a little better most of the houses would be easier.

"General regret is heard over the fire loss which befell the Consolidated Coffee company, but it is encouraging to know that they have hired temporary quarters elsewhere and will continue in business. It is one of the peculiar incidents of business experience in Omaha that the fire fiend should seem especially bent upon destroying our most valuable business establishments, while shanties go unscathed.

"One of our travelers just in from the state writes that a prominent capitalist who resides in a flourishing city less than 100 miles from Omaha claims to have within reach enough money to open all the sugar factories our farmers can supply with beets, and he says if the state will restore the bounty this industry will be stimulated immensely, and everybody will be benefited. I believe he is right, and hope to see the coming legislature retrieve the reputation of Nebraska and the faith of the state made good to the promoters of by far the most important agricultural industry in the state.

"This capitalist is not a beet grower or a sugar man. He is a miller and he ships Nebraska flour to Holland and Germany. It costs 52 cents a hundred from Schuyler to Holland or any German port. Of this 29 cents goes to the lines between the point where he lives and Chicago, and 23 cents goes to the lines east of Chicago, who probably pay the steamship company 5 cents a hundred out of their 23 cents. It will be seen from this how little it costs to land German sugar beet sugar in New York, and perhaps will make the reader stop to consider the difficulties of competing against German sugar factories without some government aid."

SNOW, CHURCH & CO.'S VIEWS.

Christmas Displays Magnificent but Not Enough to Reassure Timid People.

Albert K. Andriano, local superintendent for Snow, Church & Co.'s mercantile agency, writes:

"There has been considerable activity in retail circles during the past week. The several opening displays were in every way creditable and gave no indication of the hard times. Magnificent assortments of goods displayed with great care and at much expense were offered to tempt the buying public, and the class of goods were in no way inferior to those shown in past years.

"Notwithstanding these efforts, however, buyers appear to be timid, and there is a very evident hesitancy to purchase as liberally as usual. Some dealers report quite an increase in sales to out of town trade. There is little doubt that trade in holiday goods will be much larger during the coming week; in fact, some merchants express the belief that although it is slow to start up this season, when it does there will be considerable more of it than usual. In other words, more of the buying even than usual will be done during the last few days immediately preceding Christmas.

"Retailers in general are very anxiously watching their sales. They realize the importance of the holiday trade this year, knowing as they do that the two first months of the coming year will probably be even quieter than usual.

"Wholesale trade is characterized by the dullness incident to the season. The banquet of the Manufacturers and Consumers association at Norfolk was quite a success. It seems that the party of Omaha jobbers that is taking in the new Burlington extension is much pleased with the prospects for business in the new territory. While rain is sadly needed just now, it is to be hoped that the weather during the coming week will be pleasantly clear. The state of the weather will have much to do with holiday trade, and it is very necessary that every possible favorable condition should prevail at this time.

"Bankers and business men are much interested in the questions before this session of congress. The bill to defray expenses for the collection of the income tax has passed the house and is now before the senate. It is absolutely necessary to the successful collection of this tax that this bill should be passed. The currency question now under discussion is one of the most important measures that has been presented to the people. Upon the successful solution of this problem depends the entire future prosperity of the country, and bankers and business men are therefore becomingly interested. It is important above all things that the plans should be laid with a view to the establishment of a fixed financial policy.

"This matter is of particular importance to western business men. It is not so much the per capita circulation as the unnatural expansion and contraction of the circulating medium, that creates the feeling of uncertainty always coincident with hard times. Financial upheavals in the money centers have in the past done serious damage to the west, and representatives in this part of the country should co-operate with their eastern colleagues to secure a law that will give to all parts of the country a valuable and permanent medium of exchange.

"This instability is responsible for a lack of confidence which may at any time result in a panic. A fixed financial policy, an exchange medium of no uncertain value and an attitude on all matters of finance so well defined that it admits of no manner of misconstruction or doubt in the minds of the people should be the end and aim of all legislation on the currency bill."

PRINT CLOTH MARKET.

More Quiet During the Week Than Since the Strike.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 15.—The print cloth market has been more quiet during the past week than it has been for some time before the strike. Today ends the period of sixty days that the manufacturers have to wait for the margin between cotton and cloth to reach 86 cents and to restore wages. The margin has not yet reached that figure, and business is not in such a shape as to tempt the operatives to make another demand just now. They are not inclined to strike, for they make fair wages after all, and they have had enough of idleness for a time. The production will, therefore, be kept up.

The sales of the week were nearly all odds, and they were about evenly divided between spots and futures. With the large sales for December delivery the few spots brought the deliveries nearly up to the production. Both spots and futures are holding steady at 2⅝c, and the demand is light, the buyers showing very little interest.

Production for the week, 200,000 pieces; deliveries, 196,000 pieces; stock on hand (orders), 84,000 pieces; 64x64s, 33,000 pk., 117,000 pieces; last week's stock, 153,000 pieces; sales (orders), 54,000 pieces; 64x64s 8,000 pk., 62,000 pieces; spots, 63,000 pieces; futures, 29,030 pieces; sales for weekly delivery: December, 163,000 pieces; January, 119,000 pieces; February, 69,000 pieces; March, 48,000 pieces; April, 19,000 pieces; May, 4,000 pieces; June, 30,000 pieces; July, 2,000 pieces.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Wheat was stronger today and closing prices for futures were the same as on Monday, leaving the week without gain or loss and with only moderate fluctuation in the meantime. The strength appeared to be due to a scarcity of offerings locally, for relatively, Minneapolis and Duluth were considerably stronger than Chicago. This strength is puzzling the trade considerably, in the face of the bearish mill position. It may be partially accounted for in the fact that the offerings are a good deal smaller than they were a few weeks ago. One feature of strength locally for a time was the report that a New York operator had bought 1,000,000 bu. of wheat in Duluth today, but the latter market denied all knowledge of such a transaction, and it was not believed after this had been received. There was a disposition to even up on the trades, and the closing firmness was due to this demand.

Futures gained about ⅛c from yesterday. May closed yesterday at 58⅜@58⅝c, opened today at 58⅝c, and went to 59⅛c; July opened at 60c, went to 60⅛c, against a close yesterday at 60c; cash wheat, steady and unchanged, with a fair demand from the millers for the moderate offerings; receipts, 222 cars. Close: December, 57⅛c; May, 59⅛c; July, 60⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 59c; No. 1 northern, 58c; No. 2 northern, 56⅛c. Flour, unchanged; first patents, $3.10@3.50.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,100 head; shipments, 3,400 head. Market steady; Texas steers, $2.50@3.50; Texas cows, $2.10@3.70; beef steers, $3.65@5.60; native cows, $1.00@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.55@3.75; bulls, $1.50@3.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 9,000 head; shipments, 1,700 head. Market weak to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $4.10@4.25; heavies, $4.15@4.40; packers, $4.10@4.40; mixed, $4.00@4.30; lights, $3.50@4.00; Yorkers, $3.90@4.00; pigs, $2.50@3.60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 1,500 head. Market steady.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, not reported; shipments, 2,400 head. Market quiet and nominal, without change.

HOGS—Receipts, not reported; shipments, 3,400 head. Market quiet; top price for heavy, $4.55; butchers, $4.25@4.40; common to ordinary light, $3.90@4.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, not reported; shipments, 200 head. Market strong; native mixed, $3; fair southwestern, $2.75; common southwestern, $1.40.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—In the character of the general demand there was no change in any respect. There was a wider request for spring specialties in cotton goods.

'Frisco Wheat Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Steady; May, 99⅛c.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Had a Soft Spot Early in the Session.

FLUCTUATIONS WERE RAPID AND MANY

Corn Was Strong After a Weak Opening and May Started with a One-Eighth Cent Decline—Stocks and Bonds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Wheat had a soft spot early in the session, but it was firm all over at the close, aided by firm cables. Compared with the previous day's closing prices wheat is ⅛c higher, corn is up from ⅛c to ⅜c and provisions are lower by 12½c in pork, 5c in lard and 10c in ribs. Oats closed unchanged. Buying orders were on the majority in the wheat department, and could only be filled by paying a slight advance over yesterday's closing price. The comparative firmness of the English and foreign markets and the fact that the week's exports from this went almost entirely from American Atlantic ports were the chief reasons for the slight change in speculative sentiment. The firmness displayed for a few minutes at the opening soon gave place to weakness when it was telegraphed from Minneapolis that the stocks in regular elevators will show an increase for the week of 750,000 bu. and that Duluth stocks had increased 1,100,000 bu. Another considerable addition to the visible supply was immediately suggested by the above announcement, and on the supposition all hope of improvement was lost, and the price began to give way. May, which at the opening was from 58⅝c to 58¾c, had in the course of half an hour declined to 58⅜c. The market changed again from weak to strong, and May rose gradually until it was up to 58⅞c, around which price it held during the last half hour. Closing cables were firm. The market closed firm at the best price for the day—58⅞c for May.

Corn was strong after a weak opening. May started with a ⅛c decline, and closed with an advance of from ⅛c to ⅜c. The opening quotation was 49⅜c, and it rose near the close to 50⅛c, with from 50⅛c to 50¼c the final trading price. The continued small receipts and generally wet weather predicted for the country tonight and all day tomorrow were the chief factors in scaring the shorts and encouraging the longs. Business was fairly good after the advance started.

Trading was dull in oats and fluctuations were narrow and governed entirely by corn. May sold from 32⅜c to 32⅛c and up to 32½c, at which price it was offered at the close.

The trading in provisions was inconsequential. Packing to date was given at 1,148,000, against 693,000 for the similar period of the season a year ago.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec	54¼	54⅛	54	54¼
May	58⅞	58¾	58⅜	58¾
July	59⅜	59⅜@½	59⅜	59⅜
Corn No. 2				
Dec	46⅝	47⅛	46⅝	47⅛
Jan	47⅛@⅜	47⅜	47	47⅝
May	49⅜	50⅛	49⅜	50⅛@¼
Oats No. 2				
Dec	29⅛	29¼	29⅛	29¼
May	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛@⅜	32¼
Pork per bbl				
Jan	11 85	11 85	11 72½	11 72½
May	12 12½	12 12½	12 05	12 10
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan	6 85	6 85	6 82½	6 85
May	7 10	7 10	7 05	7 10
Short Ribs				
Jan	5 85	5 85	5 85	5 85
May	6 10	6 12½	6 02½	6 05

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Patents, $2.50@2.80; winter, straights, $2.25@2.60; spring, patents, $3.10@3.60; spring, straights, $2.20@2.80; bakers, $1.85@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 58⅝c@60⅛c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 54⅛@54⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 47⅛c; No. 3 yellow, 44c.

OATS—No. 2, 29⅛c; No. 2 white, 32¼@32½c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 53@55c; No. 3, 50@53c; No. 4, 49c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.48.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.52@5.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.80@12.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.80. Short ribs, sides, loose, $5.85@5.90. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $5.00@5.12½; short clear sides, boxed, $6.25@6.37½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.23.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	5,000
Wheat, bu	39,000	4,000
Corn, bu	64,000	182,000
Oats, bu	128,000	121,000
Rye, bu	5,000	7,000
Barley, bu	38,000	20,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 12@22½c; dairy, 11@18c. Eggs, steady; 21@22c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Yesterday's Quotations on Flour, Grain and Provisions, Metals, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 28,500 bbls.; exports, 6,500 bbls.; sales, 1,800 pkgs.; market weak and nominal; city mill patents, $4.05@4.15; winter patents, $2.80@3.15; city mill clears, $3.35; winter straights, $2.35@2.75; Minnesota patents, $3.05@3.70; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.60; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; spring Christmas, $1.85@2.35. Southern flour, more active; sales, 500 pkgs.; common to fair, extra, $1.80@2.40; good to choice extra, $2.40@2.95. Rye flour, dull; sales, 175 bbls.; superfine, $2.55@2.75; fancy, $2.80@3.00. Buckwheat flour, dull, $1.75@1.85.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull, 52½@60c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, $1.18@1.20; Brandywine, $3.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55@56c; boat loads, 56@58c.

BARLEY—Inactive; western, 62@63c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 70@73c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 119,300 bu.; exports, 33,000 bu.; sales, 925,000 bu. futures, 24,000 bu. spot. Spot, dull; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 59⅜@59⅛c; afloat, 60⅛@61c; f. o. b., 61¼@61½c; No. 1 northern, 68⅛c; No. 1 hard, 70⅛c delivered. Option market opened steady, but weakened under lower cables, disappointing weekly exports and big increases in northwestern stock. The market finally partially recovered with corn and closed at ⅛@¼c net decline; No. 2 red, January, 59 11-16@60⅛c, closed at 59⅞c; February closed at 60⅞c; March closed at 61⅝c; May, 62⅜@62⅝c, closed 62½c; June closed 56⅞c; July, 63@63¼c, closed 63⅛c; December closed 59⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 229,000 bu.; exports, 34,400 bu.; sales, 165,000 bu. futures, 16,000 bu. spot. Spot easy; No. 2, old, 56⅛c delivered; steamer, white, 51½c; steamer mixed, 50½c nominal; No. 3, 49⅛c. Options opened easier with wheat, but later had a sharp advance on small car lot estimates for Monday and rains west; closed at ⅛c advance; January, 52½@52⅞c, closed 52⅞c; May, 53½@53⅜c, closed 53⅜c; December, 52⅜@53½c, closed 53⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 25,200 bu.; exports, 100,000 bu.; sales, 25,000 bu. futures and 3,000 bu. spot. Spot, dull; No. 3, 33⅛c; No. 2, 34⅛c; No. 2 white, 35⅛c; No. 3 white, 38c; track, white western, 37@42c; track, white state, 37@42c. Options dull and easier, closing at unchanged prices; January, 33⅜@34⅛c, closed 34⅛c; February closed 35⅛c; May, 35⅛@36⅛c, closed 35⅛c; December closed 34⅛c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 60@77½c.

HOPS—Market heavy; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; new, 9@12c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; new, 8@12c. London market, firm.

HIDES—Firm; wet salted, New Orleans, selected, 45 to 50 lbs., 4½@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 11c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 6@6½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weight, 14½@18c.

WOOL—Steady; domestic fleece, 17@23c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@12.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.50; beef hams, $17.00@17.50; city, extra India mess, $16.00@19.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 6@6½c; pickled shoulders, 5c; pickled hams, 8@8½c. Lard, easy; western steam closed at $7.15, nominal; city at 6⅛c; sales, 150 tierces; December closed at $7.15, nominal; January, $7.29 asked; refined, easier; continent, $7.60; S. A., $7.90; compound, 5¼@6⅜c. Pork, dull; new mess, $13.25@13.75; family, $12.00@12.50; short clear, $14.00@16.50.

BUTTER—Firm; western dairy, 10@16c; western creamery, 15@24c; western factory, 10@16c; Elgins, 24c; imitation creamery, 13@19c; state dairy, 12@21c; state creamery, 17@22c.

CHEESE—Barely steady; state, large, 9@11⅛c; small, 9½c; part skims, 3½@9c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 25c; ice house 17@21c; western fresh, 21@24c; southern, 21@23½c; cases, $2.00@4.00; receipts, 4,000 pkgs.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅜c; country, 4⅜c.

PETROLEUM—Higher; United closed at 92½c; Washington, bbls., 6c, nominal; refined, New York, $5.40, nominal; Philadelphia, $5.40, nominal.

ROSIN—Quiet; strained, common to good, $1.35@1.40.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 27½@27⅞c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@6½c; Japan, 4⅛@4⅜c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@37c.

ORANGES—Quiet; fancy, $1.75; others, 75c@$1.62.

PIG IRON—Dull; Scotch, $19.00@20.00; American, $9.50@13.00.

COPPER—Firm; brokers' price, $9.75.

LEAD—Steady; brokers' price, $3.

TIN—Plates, market dull.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull; prime crude, 24@24½c; off crude, 22@24c; yellow, butter grades, 30@31c; choice yellow, 33c, nominal; prime yellow, 29c; yellow grades, 27½c; prime white, 31@32c, nominal.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; demand, poor; No. 2 red, winter, 4s 9d; No. 2 red, spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 6d; No. 1 California, 5s 2½d; futures, closed steady, with near positions winter offered 1@2d lower, and distant position unchanged; business heaviest on near and most distant positions; December, 4s 7¾d; January, 4s 8d; February, 4s 8¾d; May, 4s 9¾d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; demand moderate; American mixed, 4s 11½d; futures closed dull, with near positions 2d lower and distant positions 1d higher; business heaviest on early positions; December, 4s 11½d; January, 4s 4¾d; February, March, April and May, 4s 4d.

FLOUR—Dull; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 5s 9d.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 11d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet but steady; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 33s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 34s; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 33s; long clear, heavy, 55 lbs., 33s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 35s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 33s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 44s 6d; shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 27s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 43s. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 60s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 36s 3d. Lard, refined, in pails, 37s 6d.

TALLOW—Fine North American, nominal, 23s.

CHEESE—Firm; demand moderate; finest American white, 50s 6d; finest American, colored, 51s 6d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 75s; good, 60s.

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—20s 6d.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The receipts of butter during the past week were the lightest of any week since the latter part of November. As a result the market has been in pretty good shape, so far as the low grades were concerned. Fair to good table butter, which is good enough for the retail trade, and packing stock have sold readily on arrival. The best grades of butter have been rather neglected and prices on such have been a little weak.

About the average number of eggs arrived during the week. The market has remained steady so far as quotations are concerned. Local stocks of cold storage eggs have been exhausted, but plenty to supply the demand are being received from other points.

The receipts of live poultry are decreasing as the weather becomes colder, and at the same time the demand is increasing for dressed poultry. During the past week there were not many chickens in the market and prices were a little firmer in consequence. Dealers as a rule are anticipating a large demand for dressed poultry during the holiday season. They were pretty generally disappointed with the Thanksgiving trade and it remains to be seen what will be the outcome of the Christmas business.

The game market has not been overly active during the past six days. The market has been full of venison, and much of it in poor condition, so that there has been a wide range in prices. Quail has not been in very active demand and the market has been weak at quotations. Prairie chickens have been bringing pretty good prices. The game season will end on the first of the year and after that time there will not be much left aside from rabbits and squirrels.

The veal market is weak as the result of heavy receipts.

Following will show the receipts for the weeks ending on dates indicated at heads of columns, the figures representing cases of eggs, coops of live poultry, packages of butter and dressed poultry, and cars of potatoes:

	Dec. 14.	Dec. 7.	Nov. 30.	Nov. 23.	Nov. 16.
Eggs	761	770	756	712	1,063
Butter	918	1,059	1,222	851	1,030
Live poultry	435	471	785	744	831
Dressed poultry	433	541	1,255	.....	.....
Potatoes	.....	5	12	12	21

No car lots of potatoes were received during the week. Quotations:

BUTTER—Packing stock, 8c; fair to good country, 10@12c; choice to fancy, 14@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 21@22c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 21@22c; fresh (cold storage), 16@17c.

LIVE POULTRY—Old hens, 4½@5c; spring chickens, 5@5½c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 5c; choice large, 6c; choice small, 6½@7c; turkeys, fair to good, 6c; choice heavy, 7@8c; choice small, 8@9c; ducks, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@8½c; geese, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@8½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $4; grouse, per doz., $3.50; blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50@1.75; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed, per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@2.75; quail, $1.25@1.35; deer saddles, 12@13c; antelope saddles, 7@10c; small rabbits, 75@80c; jack rabbits, $1.

VEAL—Choice, fat and small veals are quoted at 5@5½c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young A., 13c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9.50; midland, $9; lowland, $8.50; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Old birds, per doz., 80@90c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 60@65c; small lots, 65@70c.

OLD BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, $1.90@2.00; Lima beans, per lb., 6½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 30@40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, $2.75; Muscatine, $3.

BEETS—Per bbl., $2.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $1.50@1.75.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 7@8c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per bbl., $2.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb., 3¼c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35@40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 35@40c.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

TOMATOES—California, 6 basket crates, $2.75@3.00.

The American Cranberry Growers' association estimates the cranberry crop of 1894 as follows:

New England, bushels	185,000
New Jersey	200,000
The West	25,000
Total bushels	410,000

The same authority gives the crop of 1893 as 1,000,000 bu. Secretary Rider in his report says: "Friends of the foreign trade enterprise will be pleased to know that cranberries are going abroad at the rate of 200 crates per week, notwithstanding the high prices. Quotations:

FRUITS.

QUINCES—California, per 50-lb. box, $1.25@1.50.

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, $2; Vicars, $1.75.

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2.50@2.75; Michigan stock, $3; eastern stock, $3.25; greenings, $3.50.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $8.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $10.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, 150s, 176s and 200s, $2.50@2.75; 128 size, $2.25@2.40.

TANGERINES—Floridas, per half box, $1.75.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Malaga, $3.75; fancy Florida, sizes 250 and 300, $4.00@4.25; new Messinas, sizes 300 and 360, $4.75@5.00.

PINEAPPLES—None.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—FLOUR—Dull, weak; patents, $2.50@2.60; extra fancy, $2.30@2.35; fancy, $2.05@2.15; choice, $1.80@1.90.

WHEAT—Closed ½c up on liberal clearances; No. 2 red, cash, 52¼c; December, 52½c; January, 53⅜c; May, 55⅞c.

CORN—Firm on light receipts; mixed, cash, 46½c; December, 46⅝c; January, 44⅜c; May, 47c.

OATS—Quiet, firm; No. 2 cash, 30½c; December, 30⅝c; May, 32⅝c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, offered, east side, 54c; 52c bid.

BARLEY—Steady; sales, choice Minnesota, 57¼@57⅝c.

BRAN—Firm; 60½c bid, sacked, east track.

FLAX SEED—$1.40.

TIMOTHY SEED—$4.75@5.25.

CLOVER SEED—$8.40@8.70 for good.

HAY—Quiet, unchanged.

BUTTER—Weak, dull, lower; separator creamery, 19@20c; choice dairy, 17@18c.

EGGS—Weaker; 11c.

LEAD—Firm; chemical hard, $2.90.

SPELTER—Offered at $3.10.

CORN MEAL—$2.05@2.10.

WHISKY—$1.23.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $12.25. Lard, prime steam, $6.75; choice, $6.87½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $5.00; longs, $5.87½; ribs, $5.92½@6.00; clear, $5.95@6.05. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $6.25; longs, $6.75; ribs, $6.87½; clear, $7.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 38,000 bu.; oats, 25,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, none; corn, 10,000 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

Peoria Grain Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 15.—CORN—Market easier; No. 2 white, 43½c; No. 3 white, 43c.

OATS—Market slow, easy; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 30½@30⅝c.

RYE—Scarce; No. 2 choice, 52c.

WHISKY—Market firm; high wine basis, $1.23.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Close: No. 1 hard, cash, 60⅛c; December, 59⅜c; May, 62⅛c; July, 63⅜c; No. 1 northern, cash, 58⅜c; December, 58⅜c; May, 61⅛c; July, 63⅜c; No. 2 northern, cash, 55⅜c; No. 3, 52⅜c; rejected, 49⅛c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 60⅛c; No. 1 northern, 58⅜c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—WOOL—Unchanged at recent quotations.

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $1,669,387.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 39 pfg.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—2 p. m.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 32½c for the account.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $303,501; balances, $61,606. New York exchange selling at par.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $1,957,054; balances, $255,810. For the week, $13,281,689; balances, $1,810,734.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—4 p. m.—Three per cent rentes, 102f 42½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25o for checks.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $16,357,128; balances, $1,873,602. For the week: Clearings, $94,646,346; balances, $10,643,683.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 250; Madrid, 12.60; Lisbon, 23.27; St. Petersburg, 50; Athens, 77; Rome, 106.40; Vienna, 103.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Money, 2½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium. Clearings, $2,073,600; for the week, $13,361,450; for the week last year, $12,325,500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Exports of specie from the port of New York for the week amounted to $3,534,071 in gold and $577,158 in silver. The imports for the week were: Gold, $57,472; silver, $19,565; dry goods, $2,063,077; general merchandise, $9,020,889. Clearings, $102,322,839; balances, $6,221,806. For the week, $565,511,175; balances, $34,220,405.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $9,505,788; balances, $1,480,567. For the week: Clearings, $60,064,892; balances, $9,906,689.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $3,481,213; balances, $523,121. For the week, $22,767,271; balances, $2,803,336. Money, dull, 5@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 40c premium.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The cash balance in the treasury today was $155,694,829, and the amount of the gold reserve, after deducting engagements not formally reported, $96,428,815.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Clearings, $13,581,000; total for the week, $91,188,000; corresponding week last year $81,854,000. Money, 4@4½ per cent on call, 5@6 per cent on time. New York exchange, 75c premium. Foreign exchange, easier. Sterling commercial, $4.86¾@4.87.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation in Securities Yesterday Was Inactive and Irregular.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Speculation on the Stock exchange today was inactive and the market was irregular and unsettled, but tending toward weakness rather than strength, and most of the shares dealt in closed at a decline from final prices of yesterday. There was no very pronounced pressure to sell, except, perhaps, in Sugar, but there was evinced a disposition to close out contracts, and especially in the matter of taking profits. The current news of the street was mostly bearish.

It was rumored that the Chicago Gas dividend, if declared, would be in scrip; that the assets of Baltimore & Ohio had materially decreased; that Germany would take action to meet the protective clauses of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill; that the foreign exchange market was hardening and would induce increased exportations of gold, and that a reorganization of the Distilling & Cattlefeeding company was among the near probabilities. On the other hand it was reported that the earnings of St. Paul for the second week in December would show an increase, and the purchases of this stock by London and the local traders were in reason thereof.

The market opened heavy and declined for the first half hour, Sugar, Consolidated Gas and Oregon Short Line leading the downward movement. Then came a rally in which only Pittsburg & Western preferred and Cleveland, Columbus, Chicago & St. Louis advanced more than a fraction. A reaction quickly followed, the losses being fractional except in Baltimore & Ohio, Chicago Gas, Denver & Rio Grande and Oregon Improvement. The depression continued to the end, the market closing heavy. Chief among the losses of the day are: Sugar, 1⅝ per cent; Sugar preferred, ¾ per cent; Oregon Improvement, Oregon Short Line, Denver & Rio Grande and the grangers, from ⅜ to ½ per cent.

During the week the market has been erratic in its course. In the early part the repeal of the anti-pooling section of the interstate commerce law by the lower house of congress excited a favorable influence in the railway list, and the senate caucus' refusal to consider the tariff question in its relation to sugar strengthened the stock of that company, which is the acknowledged stock of the market. An improvement in values consequent upon these favorable influences was partly lost during the latter part of the week, when, by selling to realize profits by the clique manipulations and as regards Sugar by the introduction in the German Reichstag of a resolution to adopt a policy of reprisal to meet the protective duty on sugar, a reaction set in which was most pronounced in the closing dealings. The total sales of the week were 1,213,000 shares.

The trading in the bond market today was very quiet, but the tone of the market was firm. The sales reached $494,000. A majority of the securities dealt in recorded advances. The volume of business during the past week was the largest of any week in many months, and reached a total of $8,000,000. The dealings in the more active issues were generally firm in tone, and in most cases advances were recorded, but many of the securities which were infrequently dealt in depreciated materially in value.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	4⅜	Northwestern	99⅛
Adams Express	139	do pfd	142
Alton, T. H	37	N. Y. Central	99½
*do pfd	198	N. Y. & N. E.	31¾
Am. Express	110	Ontario & W.	15⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	60⅛	Oregon Imp.	11
Canada Pacific	59⅝	Oregon Nav.	21
Canada Southern	50⅛	O. S. L. & U. N.	6
Central Pacific	14⅜	Pacific Mail	21¼
Ches. & Ohio	18	P. D. & E.	4
*Chicago Alton	146	*Pittsburg	156
C., B. & Q.	72⅛	Pullman Palace	155
Chicago Gas	70⅜	Reading	14⅜
Consolidated Gas	127⅛	Richmond Ter.	16⅛
C., C., C. & St. L.	38⅛	do pfd	20
Colo. Coal & Iron	8½	R. G. W.	16⅜
Cotton Oil Cert.	24¼	R. G. W. pfd	43
Delaware & Hud.	126⅜	Rock Island	63⅛
Del., Lack. & W.	160⅜	St. Paul	58⅞
D. & R. G. pfd	34⅛	do pfd	119⅛
D. & C. F. Co.	8⅜	St. P. & Omaha	33⅜
Erie	9⅛	do pfd	110
*do pfd	23	Southern Pacific	18⅜
*Fort Wayne	157	Sugar Refinery	92
G. Northern pfd	101¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron	17
C. & E. I. pfd	93⅛	Texas Pacific	9⅜
Hocking Valley	17⅛	T. & O. Cent. pfd	75
Illinois Central	89⅛	Union Pacific	11⅛
St. P. & Duluth	21	U. S. Express	42
K. & T. pfd	22⅜	W. St. L. & P.	6⅜
Lake Erie & West	17	do pfd	14
do pfd	71	Wells Fargo Ex.	105
Lake Shore	136⅛	Western Union	88⅜
Lead Trust	39	Wheeling & L. E.	10⅜
Louisville & N.	53⅛	do pfd	39⅛
L. & N. A.	70	M. & St. L.	29
Manhattan Con.	104⅜	D. & R. G.	11⅛
*Memphis & C.	10	G. E.	34⅜
Michigan Cent.	97⅛	N. L.	17⅛
Missouri Pacific	28⅛	C. F. & I.	25⅛
Mobile & Ohio	18¼	do pfd	70
Nashville Chat.	65	H. & T. C.	2¼
National Cordage	8	T. A. A. & N. M.	2⅛
do pfd	14⅜	T. St. L. & K. C.	1
N. J. Central	93⅜	do pfd	6
N. & W. pfd	19⅛	S. R. R.	11⅜
North Am. Co.	3⅛	do pfd	36⅛
Northern Pacific	4⅛	Am. Tob. Co.	97⅛
No. Pac. pfd	17⅛	do pfd	105
U. P., D. & G.	3⅛		

* bid.

The total sales of stocks today were 88,197 shares, including: American Sugar, 49,100; Burlington, 2,300; Chicago Gas, 8,800; Distilling, 3,800; General Electric, 1,700; P. C. C. & St. L., 1,500; Rock Island, 1,300; St. Paul, 4,900.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg	118⅜	D. & R. G. 4s	82⅛
U. S. 5s, coup	118⅜	Erie 2ds	66½
U. S. 4s, reg	118⅜	*G. H. & S. A. 6s	96
U. S. 4s, coup	114⅜	*do 7s	100
U. S. 2s, reg	115⅛	*H. & T. C. 5s	105¼
*Pacific 6s of '95	97	do 6s	101
*Ala. Class A	100	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	81
Ala. Class B	103⅜	do 2d 4s	46⅛
Ala. Class C	104	Mutual Union 6s	111
*Ala. Currency	92⅛	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	116⅛
*La. New Con. 4s	95⅛	No. Pac. 1sts	116⅜
*Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	80⅛
*N. C. 6s	124	N. W. Consols	142⅛
*N. C. 4s	101	*do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
S. C. nonfund	1½	R. G. West. 1sts	70½
*Tenn. new set 6s	83	St. P. Consols 7s	130⅜
*Tenn. new set 5s	101½	do C. & P. W. 5s	113
*Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	78⅛
Va. Centuries	61¼	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	105
do deferred	8⅛	Tex. Pac. 1sts	87⅛
Atchison 4s	65	do 2ds	26⅛
do 2d A	18⅛	U. P. 1sts of '96	103
Canada So. 2ds	105⅜	West Shore 4s	106⅛
C. P. 1sts of '95	104	So. R. R.	89⅛
D. & R. G. 7s	114⅛		

* bid.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Call loans, 2½@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	4⅜	Westingh. Elec.	32
Am. Sugar	91⅛	W. Elec. pfd	51⅛
Am. Sugar pfd	91⅛	Wis. Central	3⅛
Bay State Gas	10⅛	Atchison 2ds	18⅛
Bell Telephone	202	Atchison 4s	64⅜
Boston & Albany	208	New England 6s	110½
Boston & Maine	161	Gen. Electric 5s	91
C. B. & Q.	72⅜	Wis. Cent. 1sts	53
Fitchburg	87⅛	Atlantic	10⅛
Gen. Electric	35	Boston & Montana	32⅛
Illinois Steel	45	Butte & Boston	10⅛
Mexican Central	6⅛	Calumet & Hecla	288
N. Y. & N. E.	15⅜	Centennial	75
Old Colony	179⅛	Franklin	15
Ore. Short Line	7	Kearsarge	7
Rubber	42⅜	Osceola	22
Union Pacific	11⅛	Quincy	97
West End	58	Tamarack	152
W. End pfd	85		

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	19	Gould & Curry	43
Alpha Con	12	Hale & Norcross	94
Andes	39	Justice	20
Belcher	65	Kentucky Con	1
Belle Isle	5	Mexican	63
Best & Belcher	97	Mono	69
Bodie Con	67	Mount Diablo	10
Bullion	21	Occidental Con	7
Bulwer Con	4	Ophir	175
Caledonia	8	Overman	21
Challenge Con	39	Potosi	34
Chollar	49	Savage	34
Confidence	15	Sierra Nevada	60
Con. Cal. & Va.	390	Union Con	34
Con. Imperial	1	Utah Con	6
Crown Point	72	Yellow Jacket	41

Silver bars, 60⅛@60⅜c. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	5	Ontario	800
Cholor	40	Ophir	150
Crown Point	60	Plymouth	25
Con. Cal. & Va.	355	Quicksilver	150
Deadwood	40	do pfd	1500
Gould & Curry	40	Sierra Nevada	65
Hale & Norcross	85	Standard	160
Homestake	1550	Union Con	30
Mexican	60	Yellow Jacket	38

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—4 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific	61⅛	St. Paul com	60⅛
Erie	12⅛	N. Y. Central	102
Erie 2ds	61	Pennsylvania	52
Ill. Central	91⅛	Reading	7⅛
Mexican ordinary	14⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	58⅛

BAR SILVER—27 13-16d per ounce.

MONEY—⅛@⅜ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months' bills is ⅝@15-16 per cent.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Week Closes with a Liberal Run and a Very Uncertain Demand.

ALL LINES OF TRADE IN BAD SHAPE

Dressed Beef Men Show Some Activity, but Everyone Else Seems Depressed and Business is Consequently Decidedly Unsatisfactory.

SATURDAY, Dec. 15.

This has been a week of rather moderate receipts. A comparison of receipts for the past week, half month and for the year up to date is given below:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	17,308	34,2?0	3,447
Receipts last week	14,459	45,502	2,787
Same week last year	23,174	50,2?5	7,667
Same week 1892	16,998	33,459	4,407
Receipts past 15 days	33,604	85,237	10,014
Same 15 days November	41,286	83,434	15,809
Same 15 days December, '93	43,063	59,758	12,886
Same 15 days December, '92	36,105	71,899	8,001
Receipts so far this year	796,067	1,884,262	239,023
Same period 1893	828,811	1,360,996	241,927
Decrease	32,744	......	......
Increase	......	523,266	......

On account of the continued moderate supplies there has been a rather firmer tone to the cattle market all week. Prices have not advanced materially, but the demand has been better, the movement freer and the trade has taken on a healthier tone all around. This has been in spite of the usual ante-holiday dullness in the beef market, and, of course, was due to the moderate marketing of stock. The character of the receipts has changed of late, until the bulk of the offerings now are corn-fed natives, with a very small proportion of western rangers. As usual at this time of year, the finished heavy cattle are not selling so well as the handy light grades. Both shippers and killers are after these, to the neglect of the heavier and lighter grades. Taking into account the rather unfavorable conditions surrounding the trade, the market on the whole is not in bad shape.

For a Saturday the supply was unusually liberal, today being 1,000 heavier than a week ago. There was also a larger than usual proportion of corned cattle included in the supply. The market, however, was not a very satisfactory one, viewed from the seller's standpoint. Indifferent reports from the east, disagreeable, wet weather and the ample supplies all tended to make buyers bearish. The handy, fat beef steers that all wanted sold very nearly if not quite as well as on Friday, while the good heavy cattle, as well as the medium and light grades, ruled dull and about a dime lower. Business was inclined to drag all day, but aside from some very fancy heavy cattle about everything offered changed hands.

Possibly a third of the offerings today were cows and mixed lots. The market was active and firm on fair to good butchers' cows under the influence of an active demand from all sources, while anything choice or anything very common was in indifferent request at shaded prices. Good veal calves ruled firm, and bulls, oxen and stags about steady.

The stocker and feeder trade is never very active on Saturday, and it was duller than usual today, owing to the bad weather, the ample supplies and the absence of several large buyers. In some cases prices were 10c to 15c lower than Friday. The week's trade, however, was very satisfactory. Up to today there was an advance of 15c to 25c and a big volume of business was transacted. Good to choice feeders are quotable at from $2.80 to $3.35, fair to good from $2.35 to $2.75 and common grades from $2.25 down.

Representative Sales.

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
19	1173	$2 50	13	923	$3 50	40	1092	$3 85
1	970	2 50	14	1121	3 50	49	1148	3 85
3	766	3 20	1	1080	3 60	12	1000	3 85
8	966	3 20	11	1109	3 60	29	1307	3 85
1	1000	3 25	11	1163	3 65	40	1126	4 00
2	1000	3 35	10	1172	3 65	11	1121	4 00
9	1092	3 50	20	1102	3 80			

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
17	1226	3 70	60	1121	3 80	19	1351	4 75
1	1090	3 80	4	972	4 00	25	1386	4 90
27	1217	3 80	4	1257	4 40			

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
5	1016	3 60	20	973	4 05

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	530	1 00	2	1000	1 85	9	1035	2 50
1	740	1 25	3	1013	1 85	1	1010	2 50
2	785	1 25	2	695	1 90	2	1180	2 50
3	976	1 40	3	1116	2 00	1	1190	2 50
3	1053	1 50	3	1003	2 00	1	870	2 50
1	910	1 50	4	650	2 00	11	841	2 55
8	815	1 50	12	856	2 00	16	971	2 60
2	1100	1 50	1	1220	2 00	4	927	2 65
1	980	1 50	5	960	2 00	24	723	2 65
2	1015	1 50	2	830	2 00	3	1103	2 75
1	670	1 50	1	730	2 10	1	1230	2 75
1	1120	1 50	1	1170	2 15	6	958	2 85
5	920	1 50	12	791	2 15	8	1238	2 85
1	920	1 50	12	842	2 25	2	1105	2 85
7	815	1 50	8	1025	2 25	3	1176	2 85
5	872	1 55	2	965	2 25	1	1310	2 90
9	986	1 60	3	1053	2 30	17	971	2 90
6	933	1 60	7	1050	2 30	1	1320	3 00
17	834	1 60	8	1006	2 30	7	854	3 00
25	852	1 60	1	1290	2 30	13	843	3 00
2	965	1 60	2	1010	2 30	11	961	3 00
2	940	1 65	10	795	2 30	22	1029	3 05
5	820	1 70	28	892	2 35	1	990	3 05
2	1105	1 70	60	738	2 35	1	1120	3 05
3	933	1 75	5	940	2 35	1	1380	3 05
1	970	1 75	18	981	2 35	1	930	3 10
1	1190	1 75	8	1038	2 40	5	944	3 25
1	1170	1 75	5	1064	2 40	3	1160	3 25
4	920	1 75	17	1094	2 40	7	1095	3 25
2	1020	1 85	1	1200	2 50	3	1246	3 50

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
50	1026	3 40

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	215	1 00	3	466	1 50	1	520	2 50
2	236	1 10	6	493	1 50	12	914	2 95
1	560	1 35	1	640	1 60	1	700	3 00
3	427	1 40	8	290	1 75	1	590	3 00
1	640	1 50	1	810	1 75	11	745	3 40
7	468	1 50	1	650	2 25			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	260	1 00	4	307	2 10	1	160	3 50
4	200	1 00	1	110	2 50	1	130	3 50
1	180	1 00	1	120	2 50	1	160	4 00
1	240	1 50	3	136	3 25			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	680	1 50	1	1460	1 85	1	1380	2 25
1	1160	1 50	4	775	1 90	1	1290	2 25
2	1185	1 50	2	1485	1 90	1	1570	2 30
2	1160	1 70	4	1410	1 90	1	1920	2 50
1	1050	1 70	2	1395	1 90	1	1530	2 75
1	1230	1 75	1	1020	2 00	1	1500	2 75
1	1400	1 75	2	1280	2 00	2	1520	2 75
1	810	1 75	1	1440	2 00	1	1380	2 75
1	1270	1 75	1	1550	2 00	1	1200	2 85
1	990	1 80	1	970	2 05	1	1590	3 00
1	1640	1 80	2	1430	2 15	1	1740	3 00
1	1420	1 80	1	1500	2 25	1	1230	3 00
1	1050	1 85	1	1350	2 25			

OXEN.

No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1690	2 25

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1550	2 00	1	1380	2 00	2	1515	2 05

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
12	302	1 25	29	693	2 50	1	700	2 85
1	840	2 00	1	900	2 50	4	917	2 90
1	810	2 00	1	880	2 50	2	910	3 00
1	850	2 00	10	685	2 50	23	740	3 00
1	980	2 00	6	500	2 55	46	984	3 02½
3	576	2 00	21	811	2 55	51	884	3 05
2	230	2 00	1	460	2 55	8	1001	3 10
4	337	2 00	10	598	2 60	5	946	3 10
2	355	2 10	3	553	2 60	6	933	3 15
2	335	2 25	9	706	2 60	2	945	3 15
2	360	2 25	4	675	2 65	49	970	3 20
37	570	2 30	18	641	2 70	4	1082	3 25
5	526	2 35	20	744	2 75	7	952	3 25
2	935	2 35	19	728	2 75	7	1211	3 35
19	473	2 40	10	662	2 85	63	1041	3 35
3	573	2 40	1	1020	2 85			

WESTERN CATTLE.

COLORADO.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2 cows	755	$2 00	25 cows	977	$2 50
1 steer	900	2 75	21 steers	1040	3 15
47 steers	1137	3 60	4 bulls	1320	1 50
12 cows	925	1 75	2 cows	565	2 00
23 cows	993	2 30	11 cows	939	2 50
65 feeders	1021	2 75	50 steers	906	2 65

D. T. Cattle Company.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
12 cows	1003	2 60	11 steers	922	2 60
58 feeders	1040	2 90			

IDAHO.

Sands Bros.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2 bulls	1185	1 50	21 cows	1078	2 75
24 steers	1191	3 60			

NEVADA.

Vietch Bros.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
27 feeders	1002	2 85	24 feeders	1066	2 85
5 steers	1124	3 30	13 steers	1075	2 30
40 steers	1081	3 30	50 steers	1150	3 30
41 steers	1065	3 30			

WYOMING.

Ora Haley.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
185 cows	932	2 55	7 strs, tlg	1105	2 65
1 steer	1060	3 35	157 steers	1134	3 35

Hogs Tend Downward.

Although it looks as if the big runs of hogs were about over, the marketing continues somewhat in excess of last year. This week's receipts were 34,093 head, about 11,500 short of last week, and 4,600 more than arrived during the same week last year. So far this year receipts of hogs run pretty close up to the 2,000,000 mark. The increase over last year has been something over 523,000 head, and this lead will not be materially reduced during the remaining two weeks of 1894. The quality of late has not been as good. Receipts have included fewer choice heavy hogs, as well as fewer little pigs. The bulk of the offerings have averaged around 170 to 230 lbs.

In spite of the reduced marketing the tendency of prices this week has been decidedly lower. Prices have gone off about 25c, and the close is at the extreme low point so far this year. At present prices of hogs and provisions, packers do not find the business very satisfactory, and it looks as if there was a more or less concerted action on their part to even matters up somewhat before the new year. They have been most pronounced bears, and say prices must go still lower, as it seems impossible to advance the prices for provisions.

The comparatively heavy supply today enabled packers to pound the market almost at will. In this they were assisted by the bad reports from both hogs and provisions in Chicago. Opening prices were all of 10c to 15c lower than Friday, and about all the trading was on this basis. Fair to prime heavy hogs sold at from $4.10 up to $4.45, and poor to choice light and light mixed stuff at from $3.80 up to $4.15. The market for pigs was very nearly steady under a good demand, prices being largely at around $3.50 to $3.85. There was a very fair degree of activity to the trade throughout, and a good early clearance was made. Sales were mostly at from $4 to $4.25 Friday, and $4.25 to $4.50 on last Saturday.

Representative Sales.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
89	157	40	$3 80	75	197	...	$4 10
78	169	80	3 80	99	182	200	4 10
110	155	160	3 80	75	179	120	4 10
81	167	...	3 80	67	196	...	4 10
82	157	...	3 80	70	218	240	4 12½
50	168	40	3 85	52	240	40	4 15
75	166	40	3 85	74	223	120	4 15
89	167	120	3 90	72	230	160	4 15
63	232	120	3 90	75	223	240	4 15
94	160	80	3 90	64	192	40	4 15
90	196	80	4 00	51	219	240	4 15
79	201	40	4 00	83	220	120	4 15
86	194	160	4 00	87	228	80	4 15
88	198	80	4 00	71	238	120	4 15
52	295	40	4 00	80	214	...	4 15
57	195	120	4 00	58	220	40	4 15
85	213	200	4 00	16	238	80	4 15
100	135	...	4 00	61	262	...	4 20
80	165	...	4 00	81	241	200	4 20
59	181	240	4 00	58	209	80	4 20
151	188	...	4 00	46	216	120	4 20
18	174	40	4 00	63	255	480	4 20
20	196	40	4 00	80	225	120	4 20
85	178	40	4 00	73	242	40	4 20
2	260	...	4 00	64	231	120	4 20
22	183	80	4 00	75	211	160	4 20
75	188	80	4 00	84	241	100	4 20
125	182	280	4 05	64	236	40	4 20
97	212	160	4 05	66	253	40	4 25
13	270	80	4 05	59	278	200	4 25
12	170	...	4 05	67	273	200	4 25
88	186	160	4 05	68	230	80	4 25
69	243	320	4 05	55	278	40	4 25
8	179	...	4 05	66	276	80	4 25
88	187	40	4 05	64	241	200	4 25
62	216	200	4 05	12	383	80	4 25
73	196	120	4 05	61	299	120	4 30
81	192	160	4 05	35	185	200	4 30
91	186	40	4 05	59	239	80	4 30
71	203	80	4 05	77	280	160	4 30
73	210	120	4 05	48	340	40	4 35
38	189	160	4 10	56	286	80	4 35
77	202	40	4 10	65	293	160	4 35
85	205	...	4 10	62	283	40	4 35
69	221	400	4 10	59	305	80	4 35
89	192	...	4 10	59	286	80	4 35
2	260	...	4 10	60	265	80	4 40
57	196	...	4 10	54	322	80	4 45

PIGS AND ROUGH.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	100	...	1 50	12	92	...	3 50
31	40	...	2 00	23	90	...	3 50
1	290	...	2 25	49	81	...	3 55
1	310	...	2 50	63	110	...	3 60
1	190	...	2 50	61	96	...	3 65
1	170	...	2 75	51	114	...	3 65
1	193	...	2 75	51	130	40	3 65
5	280	...	2 85	91	118	80	3 65
1	240	...	2 90	38	102	...	3 65
1	310	...	3 00	41	116	...	3 70
2	140	...	3 00	48	106	...	3 70
18	48	...	3 00	20	119	...	3 70
44	89	...	3 25	18	93	...	3 70
21	79	...	3 50	48	106	...	3 70
3	103	...	3 50	133	128	80	3 70
78	121	...	3 50	40	125	...	3 85

Sheep Still Steady.

The supply of sheep was comparatively light, but included a few bunches that were choice. The ordinary demand was not particularly vigorous, but prices, as a rule, were fully steady. Some choice lambs brought $4 and fancy wethers $3.50 for the Xmas trade. Fair to choice natives are quotable at $2.25@3.00; fair to good westerns, $2.00@2.85; common and stock sheep, $1.00@2.00; good to choice 40 to 100-lb. lambs, $2.50@3.85. Representative sales:

No.		Wt.	Pr.
78	western mixed	121	$3 50
106	Xmas lambs	86	4 00
170	native lambs	88	4 00
6	bucks, lambs	145	4 10
3	Xmas lambs	116	5 00

Receipts and Disposition of Stock.

Official receipts and disposition of stock as shown by the books of the Union Stock yards company for the twenty-four hours ending at 3 o'clock p. m., December 15, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

	Cars.	Head.
Cattle	122	3,055
Hogs	96	7,585
Sheep	6	495

DISPOSITION.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	25	701	.....
The G. H. Hammond Co.	281	1,962	.....
Swift and company	962	1,167	248
The Cudahy Packing Co.	451	2,578	118
Wilson	.....	233	.....
G. H. H., Sioux City	.....	78	.....
Nelson Morris	65	.....	.....
A. Haas	204	.....	.....
R. Becker & Degen	268	.....	.....
P. D. Armour	.....	255	.....
Vansant	61	.....	.....
Lee Rothschild	22	.....	.....
Benton & W.	55	.....	.....
J. Lobman	188	.....	.....
Hamilton, S.	16	.....	.....
Shippers and feeders	318	404	.....
Left over	.....	1,200	132
Total	3,005	8,578	495

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Demand for Cattle Was Limited and Not Many Were Taken.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The total receipts of cattle for this week were 61,900 head. There is an increase of 8,800 head over last week. The demand today was limited, and not all of the small number on sale was taken, the market being dull and weak for all grades.

Hog receipts for this week were 175,600 head, against last week, 247,598 head. Not much activity was developed today, and the market was weak and unsettled, closing lower. Sales were principally at from $4.20 to $4.25 for light, and from $4.30 to $4.50 for medium weights, and at from $4.55 to $4.60 for heavy, with from $4 to $4.75 the range for quotations of merchantable lots.

Sheep receipts of the week were 63,328 head, which is about 8,5000 head less than arrived last week. Prices were without important change, ranging from $1.25 to $3.25 for poor to choice. Sales of lambs were on a basis of from $2.25 to $4 for poor to prime.

Receipts: Cattle, 12,000 head; calves, 50 head; hogs, 24,000 head; sheep, 3,000 head.

The Evening Journal reports:

HOGS—Receipts, 24,000 head; official yesterday, 26,000 head; shipments yesterday, 6,935 head; left over, about 6,000 head; quality seasonable; market moderately active, but weak, and prices 5c lower; sales range at $3.85@4.35 for light; $4.00@4.20 for rough packing; $4.00@4.50 for mixed; $4.25@4.65 for heavy packing and shipping lots, and $2.30@4.05 for pigs.

CATTLE—Receipts, 12,000 head; market steady and firm, but dull.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,000 head; market steady and unchanged.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for Saturday, December 15, 1894:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	3,055	7,585	495
Chicago	12,000	24,000	3,000
Kansas City	3,100	2,000	200
St. Louis	1,500	2,000	....
Totals	17,155	38,385	3,695

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