CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Jobbers Take Stock and Prepare for the Coming Year.

COLLECTIONS AS A RULE UNSATISFACTORY

Jobbing Business Quiet as Usual During Last Week of the Year—The Month as a Whole Not Entirely Satisfactory in All Lines.

As usual during the last week of the year there has been very little doing in the jobbing district in the way of new business. The jobbers have many of them been taking stock, and all have been putting things in shape for the commencement of the new year. The last half of December is a sort of cleaning house time with the jobbers. It is a season when there is very little selling to be done, as retail merchants are all supposed to be busy at that time looking after their holiday trade, and the jobbers are left to themselves for a time. There is usually plenty to do in the way of making preparations for the spring trade, besides taking stock, which is left until this season by many houses. What little trade there has been has partaken largely of that featureless character usual at this season, and is without general interest.

The month of December as a whole has not been entirely satisfactory in all lines of the jobbing business. Thus the boot and shoe men claim that they have not sold the goods that they anticipated would be taken by the retail trade this month. At the same time houses engaged in other lines say that they have done as much as they anticipated.

The retail trade of the city during the holidays was very fair, and as a rule the large retail establishments report the volume of business fully up to expectations. Buyers as a rule wanted cheap goods, and stocks that would come under that head were pretty well reduced. Goods that looked rather high were neglected to a considerable extent, and in not a few cases dealers marked down the price on such goods rather than have them left on hand at the close of the season. Taking everything into consideration, it can be said that trade in a retail way was fully as good as could reasonably have been anticipated.

THE BANKS.

The annual report of Comptroller Eckels contains some details as to the amount and character of bank deposits that will be of interest to Nebraskans. The city of New York naturally leads all other cities in the matter of national bank deposits. The Boston banks, however, show a larger number of depositors in proportion to the population than New York.

The people of this section of the country will be most interested in that portion of the report bearing on the condition of national banks in the western states, which is as follows:

States and Cities	Number of Banks Reporting.	Number of Depositors.	Amount of Deposits.
Wisconsin	77	37,991	$15,624,122
Milwaukee	4	3,722	8,633,374
Iowa	162	54,345	20,491,511
Des Moines	4	2,366	1,094,352
Minnesota	65	30,350	11,731,739
St. Paul	5	9,012	7,983,476
Minneapolis	8	4,569	5,185,211
Missouri	51	24,309	5,981,490
St. Louis	9	14,270	18,692,420
Kansas City	9	12,085	11,024,662
St. Joseph	2	2,375	2,720,495
Kansas	129	42,636	14,475,750
Nebraska	110	27,039	9,850,218
Lincoln	3	2,683	1,486,429
Omaha	9	8,524	10,002,615
Colorado	47	25,283	18,847,772
Nevada	2	618	413,433
Oregon	36	11,638	6,203,575
Arizona	5	1,180	572,551
North Dakota	31	7,544	2,809,369
South Dakota	32	8,478	3,008,165
Idaho	9	1,711	1,288,210
Montana	23	11,759	8,102,652
New Mexico	10	2,974	1,375,290
Utah	11	3,743	1,985,652
Wyoming	12	3,595	1,289,166
Oklahoma	6	2,412	631,448
Indian Territory	6	2,106	718,309

The figures for the states do not include those for the large cities, which are given separately.

The above table will repay the trouble and time of a careful examination. Among the chief points of interest is the fact that Omaha makes a better showing than cities like Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, or better than any of the cities in the list, excepting only Kansas City and St. Louis.

The savings bank returns by states show few important changes for 1894 as compared with 1893. New England alone shows an increased number of depositors and a greater average deposit, but the aggregate increase is only $6,269,879. The southern states show a decline from $12,011,357, to $9,479,314, while the central group of western states show a greater aggregate, but smaller proportional decline, from $99,447,141 to $88,776,239. The decline in the Pacific states and territories is from $144,467,061 to $129,937,693, but the falling off in number of depositors has increased the average deposit from $661.22 to $674.99.

IN THE PRODUCE DISTRICT.

Commission men are considerably interested in the new railroad rates on butter and eggs that will go into force with the first of the year and there is considerable speculation as to what the effect will be upon the local business in those two commodities. The Western Traffic association over a month ago decided to abolish car lot rates on butter and eggs in its territory. After the first of the year no more car lot rates will be made to any point from the west on these two commodities, but instead the local rate will be in force, which is practically an advance of rates from third to second class on car lots. Chicago Produce says that it means a good deal to the produce business of Chicago. It means practically the wiping out of business of the heavy car lot shippers of the west who have been sending the goods directly to New York in car lots. These big shippers have been able to gather butter and eggs at primary points and ship them through to New York in car lots because of the difference in rates between the local and through rate.

The change of classification puts the car lot shipper at inland points at a disadvantage. If he wants to make up a car he must pay the local rate to get his butter and eggs to the shipping point to be inspected, and then pay the same rate to Chicago and New York that the shipper of the small lot could get. For instance, a firm at Beatrice, Neb., gathers eggs from surrounding points and make up their car lots at Beatrice. On an average it costs them 20 cents per 100 pounds to get the goods into Beatrice. They have been more than making up the difference, however, in the margin left between the local rate to Chicago, which is 77c, and the car lot rate, which is 53 cents. After the first of the year whatever they pay for collecting their eggs will be that much more added to the through local rate, up to 99 cents on an average, instead of 73 cents. The local shipper can ship his eggs to Chicago for the first local rate of 77 cents, where it would cost the gatherer of car lots 99 cents to get the produce together and ship it. A prominent Nebraska shipper says: "The abolishing of car lot rates to Chicago means the tearing down of a business in car lots which we have been years in building up. Every cross-roads merchant can now ship to Chicago cheaper than the large shipper, who has to pay a local rate in order to get his goods in the house at a central point and inspect them."

Other shippers of car lots at interior Nebraska points take the same view of the situation, and they are at loss to know just what will be done after the first of the year.

Railroad men explain the advance by saying that the roads have come to the conclusion that they were not getting enough money out of the high grade freight that is being hauled. Rates on heavy, cheap commodities have been pressed so low that the earnings have been reduced, and it was a question of how they were to be swelled. This step was decided upon. The raising of rates on car lots, or rather forcing everything in the shape of butter and eggs into the second class or local rates, will not on the average add very much to the cost of the high class goods.

In addition to the changes of the classification of butter and eggs in car lots, live poultry in car lots has been raised from class A to third class, minimum 20,000 pounds, which means about $30 per car higher rates from Missouri points. Butter in crocks and jars will be charged double first class.

AS DUN SEES IT.

Local Trade Conditions Much Better Than Had Been Looked For.

"The year 1894," said the local manager of the mercantile agency of R. G. Dun & Co., "closes with the trade conditions hard enough and without anything upon which to base a reasonable hope for an immediate improvement. Still the comparative results, as shown in our eastern review, for the year are better than 1893 in many respects, but not so satisfactory as in 1892. The business figures are really encouraging when we reflect that 1892 was a remarkably prosperous year in the United States and the slight falling off in November aggregates in nearly all lines show conclusively that the country is recovering and safe.

"Locally, comparative conditions are not so bad as has been predicted. In the jobbing district a careful estimate for the year just past, as compared with 1893, shows dry goods about even, groceries not more than a trifle ahead, hardware less than 15 per cent shrinkage and other staple lines a fair average trade. Liquors are short 25 per cent, drugs perhaps 10 per cent and lumber fully 30 per cent. In crockery, leather and findings, furniture, jewelry and miscellaneous lines the shrinkage is quite pronounced. However, it must not be forgotten that in nearly every branch of trade there has been a great reduction in prices. The decrease will run from 10 to 35 per cent, and a corresponding increase in the amount of goods sold must be made in order to reach the aggregate in dollars and cents of preceding years. Taking this fact into consideration, it will be seen that the consumption has not fallen off as much as many causual observers have estimated.

"In retail trade the year has been 'spotted.' Department stores have prospered and cash dealers have been doing fairly well. The credit houses complain a good deal of slow collections, but the situation is better than was to be expected under all the circumstances. Some months trade has been good, others bad, and others indifferent, with an average shrinkage of fully 25 per cent.

"At South Omaha, in spite of strikes and fires, the year will show a satisfactory business, and for a good portion of the year a remarkable activity. The statistics for the year will soon be ready, and it is expected they will be interesting to every body who believes in Omaha's greatest industry.

"The bank statements published the past week show rather more than the usual falling off of deposits. The banks, however, are not disturbed over this, for the demand for loans has been weak and all the larger institutions were paying interest on considerable sums, which they were unable to use. The demand for money will undoubtedly increase from this time forward. No bank failure is reported for this week in Nebraska and the number and liabilities of failed traders is less than two years ago."

SNOW, CHURCH & CO.'S VIEWS.

Close of the Year Finds a Little Improvement Over Twelve Months Ago.

The local manager of Snow, Church & Co.'s mercantile agency writes:

"Local retail houses are very well satisfied with the holiday trade just over. Business was rather slow in coming, but during the last few days immediately preceding Christmas, dealers were kept very busy. Wholesalers are busy invoicing and salesmen are busy in preparing for their January trip.

"Business during the latter half of this year shows a decided falling off over the first part of the year, a very natural result of the failure in crops. The prospects for the first half of 1895 cannot be considered very bright for the same reason, and a decided revival can hardly be expected to set in here until a fair crop is reasonably well assured.

"There is no disputing the fact, however, that general conditions have been gradually improving and there is no doubt that, notwithstanding the dullness of business here, affairs are on a more solid footing than at the beginning of 1894. Jobbers in this territory have reduced their expenses to a minimum, credits are handled very carefully, and, although margins are small and business is conducted on a reduced scale, the result has been very satisfactory when all the conditions are considered. By the careful continuance of this conservative policy, Omaha jobbers will easily hold their own during the coming months and be prepared for the revival when it does come. A wide extension of territory has been an important feature of the wholesale business here during the last year. Many houses whose business had never extended beyond the confines of Iowa and Nebraska are now selling goods in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota and other neighboring states, and others are doing business as far west as the Pacific coast.

"Manufacturers of shirts, overalls and clothing have very materially increased their business during the past year, in the face of adverse time, and between 600 and 700 operatives are now employed in local factories in these lines. The output of these concerns is finding a ready sale, and Omaha's importance as a market for this class of goods is growing day by day. It has already reached the point where the western make of shirts is recognized as superior to that of the eastern factories, and concerns here are equipped for turning out the finest class of goods in that line.

"Jobbers generally are not done invoicing and an accurate estimate of the business for the last year can hardly be made until this work is complete.

"The year 1894 can certainly be closed with the knowledge that the general outlook is far better than at the end of 1893."

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 8,600 bbls.; exports, 1,600 bbls.; sales, 1,650 bbls. Market only nominal and very little business anticipated until well into the new year; city mill patents, $4.00@4.15; winter patents, $2.80@3.15; city mill clears, $3.35; winter straights, $2.55@2.75; Minnesota patents, $3.05@3.70; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.50@3.60; winter low grades, $1.70@2.15; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; shipping extra, $1.85@2.85. Southern flour, inactive; common to fair extra, $1.80@2.40; good to choice, $2.40@2.95. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.55@2.75; fancy, $2.80@3.00. Buckwheat flour, firmer; $1.85@1.95.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 52½@59c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; sales, 150 bbls.; yellow western, $1.16@1.18; Brandywine, $3.

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

BARLEY—Dull; western, 64@65c.

BARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 70@75c.

WHEAT—Receipts, none; exports, 56,600 bu.; sales, 950,000 bu. futures; no spot. Spot, nominal; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 59⅛c; afloat, 61⅛c; f. o. b., 62c; No. 1 northern, 68⅜c, delivered; No. 1 hard, 70⅜c, delivered. Options weaker at first under a heavy falling off in weekly wheat and flour exports and weak cables, but rallied and advanced sharply on the burning of 500,000 bu. of wheat in Toledo and reported closing of Argentine ports by cholera. Closed at ⅛c net advance; No. 2 red, January, closed at 59⅝c; February, 60⅛c; March, 61⅛@61⅝c, closed at 61c; May, 61 13-16@62c, closed at 61⅞c; June closed at 62⅜c; July, 62 11-16@62⅝c, closed at 62⅝c; December closed at 59⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 7,800 bu.; exports, 2,000 bu.; sales, 155,000 bu. futures, 16,000 bu. spot. Spot dull; No. 2, 51⅝c in elevator; 53c afloat; steamer mixed, 49⅛c; No. 3, 48⅛c. Options easy for a time at the opening, but subsequently advanced with wheat and closed unchanged to ⅛c higher; January, 51⅜c; February closed at 51⅛c; May, 51⅞@52⅛c, closed at 52c; December, 51⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 21,600 bu.; exports, 300 bu.; sales, 25,000 bu. futures, 18,000 bu. spot. Spot steady; No. 2, 34⅛c; No. 2, delivered, 35⅛c; No. 3, 38⅛c; No. 2 white, 38½@39c; No. 3 white, 39⅛c; track, white, 38@42c. Options quiet but steady; closed at unchanged prices; January closed at 34⅛c; December closed at 34⅛c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 60@75c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, old, 3@7c; new, 6@12c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; new, 8@12c.

HIDES—Steady; wet salted New Orleans, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 4½@5c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 12c; Texas, dry, 25 to 30 lbs., 6½@7c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weight, 11½@15c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 17@31c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.50@12.00; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $17; city, extra India mess, $16.00@18.50. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $5.75@6.19; pickled shoulders, $4.75; pickled hams, $8.00@8.15½. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $7; sales, 750 tierces at $7; city at 6⅜@6⅝c; sales, 150 tierces; December closed at $7.05, nominal; January, $7.05, nominal; May, $7.10, nominal; refined, quiet.

MOLASSES—Dull; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 29@37c.

ORANEGS—Market firm; fancy, $2.25; others, $1.50@2.00.

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

COPPER—Quiet; brokers' price, $9.75.

LEAD—Weak; brokers' price, $3.

TIN PLATES—Nominal.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull and nominal; prime crude, 24@24½c; off crude, 23@24c; yellow butter grades, 30@31c; prime yellow, 29c; yellow off grades, 28@28½c; prime, 32@33c, nominal.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; demand poor; No. 2 red, winter, 4s 9½d; No. 2 red, spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 5d; No. 1 California, 5s 2d; futures closed dull, 1 farthing off from yesterday's closing figures; business heaviest on early positions; December and January, 4s 8¾d; February, 4s 9¼d; March, 4s 9½d; April, 4s 10¼d; May, 4s 9¾d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, 4s 9½d; futures closed weak, 3@4 farthings lower than yesterday's closing; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 4s 9½d; January, 4s 2¼d; February, 4s 2¼d; March and April, 4s 2¼d; May, 4s 2¼d.

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

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 1d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 32s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 33s; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 32s; long clear, heavy, 55 lbs., 32s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 25s; short clear middles, heavy, 35 lbs., 32s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 42s; shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 25s; hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 41s. Tallow, fine North American, nominal, 27s. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 60s. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 60s; prime medium, 53s 9d. Lard, steady; prime western, 35s 3d; refined, in pails, 36s 6d.

CHEESE—Quiet; demand poor; finest American, white, 50s 6d; American, colored, 51s 6d.

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

TURPENTINE SPIRITS—23s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, 3s 9d.

COTTON SEED OIL—Liverpool refined, 5⅜d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hard wood, f. o. b., Liverpool, £7 10s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £2 15s.

Toledo Grain Market.

TOLEDO, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Higher; firm; No. 2, cash and December, 55c; May, 57½@57⅝c.

CORN—Higher, steady; No. 2 mixed, 44c; No. 3 mixed, 42c; No. 4 mixed, 41⅛c; No. 3 white, 42c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 30c; No. 2 white, 32⅛c.

RYE—Dull; cash, 51c.

CLOVER SEED—Dull, steady; prime, cash, December and January, $5.57½; February, $5.55; March, $5.67½.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 25,600 bu.; corn, 37,500 bu.; clover seed, 124 bags.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 500 bbls.; corn, 1,000 bu.; oats, 500 bu.; rye, 500 bu.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Short Session Was a Fairly Active One in the Wheat Pit.

THAT CEREAL OPENED VERY WEAK

Foreign Markets Were Easier but Other Fresh Features of the Day's News Were Bullish—Oats Were a Shade Firmer.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The short session was a fairly active one in the wheat pit, but dull elsewhere. Wheat was knocked down early in the forenoon by the sacrifice of a heavy line of long stuff. It recovered and closed quite strong at ⅛c for the day on account of the working here of a considerable line of cash wheat for immediate loading and spring shipment. Corn ruled firmer and closed at from ⅛c to ⅛c higher. Oats, unchanged. Provisions were dull and rather weak.

Wheat at the opening was very sick for half an hour or so. The ostensible cause given at the time was the small amount of the exports of flour and wheat for the week. The foreign markets were easier again. The other fresh features of the day's news were bullish. The receipts in this country were light. The Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour for twenty-four hours amounted to 470,000 bu. New York had further details of the outbreak of cholera in Argentine, naming the ports which had been closed there in consequence of it. That and the burning of 600,000 bu. of wheat in an elevator in Toledo were given as the reasons for firmness, which succeeded the early weak spell. Near the end of the session it became known that a large trade had been quietly going on here in cash wheat for shipment, and when it was ascertained that the total amount worked yesterday and today was 465,000 bu. the market became very strong and closed at ⅝c advance over the lowest price it sold for early in the day. Near the opening the pressure of long wheat was evident, and it went, most of it, at from 57⅛c to 57c, or the lowest price that was touched. The opening price for May was 57⅛c, and, after declining to 57c, it gradually improved until it reached 57⅝c, which it did just at the close.

Corn was dull and governed for the most part by trades based upon puts and calls. It shared slightly in the strength of wheat. There were enough shorts who are willing to buy at around present prices to easily absorb the offerings. The opening for May was 48c, and it did not move from that point for fifteen minutes. It was driven down to from 47⅞c to 48c by the sale of 200,000 bu. at that price at a time when 48c could have been had for it. It improved to 48⅛c and closed at from 48⅛c to 48¼.

Oats were quiet and a shade firmer. Fluctuations were entirely ruled by those of corn and confined to a narrow range. May sold between 31⅜c and from 31⅝c to 31⅝c, closing at 31⅝c bid.

Hog receipts were only 12,000 head, but provisions were easier. Not all of the day's decline remained at the close. Pork, which had made a break of 15c, recovered half of its loss. Lard, which declined 7½c, rose again to within 2½c of yesterday's closing price, and ribs likewise suffered to an extent of 2½c for the day. Selling was responsible for the weakness.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.	52¾	53½	52¾	53¼
May	57⅛@¼	57⅝	57	57⅝
July	57¾	58¼	57¾	58¼
Corn No. 2				
Dec.	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	45¼
Jan.	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	45⅜
May	48	48¾	47⅞@48	48⅛@¾
Oats No. 2				
Dec.	28⅜	28⅜	28⅜	28⅜
May	31¼	31⅜@½	31⅜	31⅝
Pork per bbl				
Jan.	11 27½	11 35	11 27½	11 35
May	11 85	11 85	11 70	11 77½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Jan.	6 75	6 75	6 70	6 72½
May	7 00	7 00	6 92½	6 97½
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	5 70	5 70	5 65	5 67½
May	6 00	6 00	5 95	5 97½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; no sales reported.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 57⅛@59⅛c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 53⅛@54⅛c.

CORN—No. 2, 45⅛c; No. 3 yellow, 41⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, 28⅜c; No. 2 white, 31⅜@32⅛c; No. 3 white, 31⅛c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 55c; No. 3, 52@55c; No. 4, nominal.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.38@1.39.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.52½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $11.37½@11.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.70@5.75; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 5@5⅛c; short clear sides (boxed), 6@6⅛c.

WHISKY—Distillers finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	5,000	2,000
Wheat, bu.	16,000	10,000
Corn, bu.	154,000	16,000
Oats, bu.	89,000	65,000
Rye, bu.	4,000	3,000
Barley, bu.	15,000	13,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 12@23c; dairy, 10@19c. Eggs, firm; 12@21c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The butter market has been rather quiet during the past week, so far as the low grades are concerned, and there is a strong tendency for stocks to accumulate. The medium grades have been a little more active, but the week closed with the trade dull and the market weak.

The receipts of eggs were lighter during the past week, owing to the storm and colder weather. Although there were quite large stocks on hand, the drop in the receipts caused a firmer feeling and there was a tendency to advance the market. Buyers, however, were taking only small lots as a rule, and with stocks liberal to begin with, there was not much opportunity for putting up the price.

While the receipts of live poultry fell off to some extent, there was a corresponding increase in the receipts of dressed poultry. The poultry market has been in pretty fair shape during the past week. There was no glut, the receipts being moderate and about equal to the demand. Dealers were enabled to clean up the arrivals at good fair prices, and to that extent at least the holiday trade was entirely satisfactory.

With the coming of the new year the season for prairie chickens, quail and venison will expire, and from that time on there will not be much in the way of game aside from squirrels and rabbits.

The hay market is not so strong as it was a week ago, as will be noted from the quotations given below.

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. 28.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 14.	Dec. 7.	Nov. 30.
Eggs	952	1,509	761	779	753
Butter	754	939	913	1,059	1,222
Live poultry	404	492	435	411	795
Dressed poultry	1,024	924	433	543	1,255
Potatoes	3	4	...	5	12

It will be noted that there was a falling off in the receipts of the past week, as compared with the previous week, in eggs, butter, live poultry and potatoes, but an increase in dressed poultry.

During the past five or six years the poultry business has increased rapidly. During the past summer and fall this market has been crowded all the time with poultry and it has been frequently remarked by commission men that they could not see where all the poultry came from and that the country seemed full of it. Other markets have experienced the same thing. In 1893 New York received 1,168 cars of live poultry, while this year the total will not fall very far short of 1,500 cars. The receipts of live poultry have been even heavier this year than the figures would indicate, as a great deal of poultry has arrived in patent wire cars, and they hold a good deal more stock than the old fashioned flat cars. The wire car is a car especially made to carry live poultry, having a large number of small wire sections for the poultry, but New York commission receivers are very much opposed to them for that market, owing to the extra expense and trouble of unloading and because they have to furnish coops, which are not readily obtainable at all times, and the bulk of the poultry arrives in the flat cars, the coops being piled up and fastened tightly. Quotations:

BUTTER—Culled stock, 8c; common to fair, 9@10c; fair to good country, 10@12c; choice to fancy, 14@16c; gathered creamery, 19@20c; separator creamery, 20@21c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh laid, 18@19c.

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

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 4½@5c; choice large, 5½@6c; choice small, 6½@7c; turkeys, fair to good, 7@7½c; choice heavy, 8@8½c; choice small, 6½@7c; ducks, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 9@10c; geese, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, 8@9c.

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, $1.50; deer saddles, 12@13c; antelope saddles, 7@10c; small rabbits, 75c; jack rabbits, $1.25.

VEAL—Choice, fat, 70 to 110 lbs. are quoted at 6@6½c; 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; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; 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., 90c@$1.00.

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., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, 65@70c.

CABBAGE—On orders, 1½c.

CELERY—Per doz., 30@40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, $2.72, Muscatine, $3.00@3.25.

BEETS—Per bbl., $2.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $2.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz., $2.75@3.00.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 7@8c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

RUTABAGAS—Per bbl., $2.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 25c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

SPLIT PEAS—Per lb., 3½c.

GREEN PEAS—Per bu., $1.25@1.35.

RADISHES—Per doz., 35c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 25c.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $1.50@1.75.

FRUITS.

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

PEACHES—None.

PLUMS—California, none.

PRUNES—None.

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

APPLES—Good stock, per bbl., $2; Genitons, $2.75; eastern stock, $3.50; greenings, $3.50@3.75.

GRAPES—Concord, none; Malagas, per 65 to 68-lb. bbls., gross, $9.00@9.50.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, fancy, $10.50 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

The first carload of oranges from Riverside, Cal., this year was shipped to San Francisco for the holiday trade. The fruit was sold f. o. b. at $2.50 a box. This is later than usual for the first shipments to be made, but it is said there is a desire to hold the fruit until it is riper.

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

TANGERINES—Floridas, per half box, $2.25.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The position of Sicily filberts has been improved during the week, says the New York Journal of Commerce, by the purchase of some 500 bags, this parcel having been held by an outside importer who had no legitimate channel through which to distribute the goods. From Messina we learn from reliable sources that the sales of new crop this season have reached a total of 50,000 bags, which leaves a remaining stock of about 11,000 bags, certainly a very limited quantity for this period of the year. In view of this heavy reduction the market there has been showing a stronger tendency of late, with an appreciation cabled to 25s, or say a bare cost to import of 6c. When it is considered that the annual consumption of this country alone is from 20,000 to 25,000 bags, the strength of the present situation can readily be discovered. Though the Sicily product is given the preference by the majority of consumers upon this side, there is some call for the fancy long nut from Naples. Of this variety some 1,500 to 2,000 bags are imported annually, though none in the trade are accustomed to carrying any considerable quantity at one time, the comparatively high cost and limited sale acting as a check upon any large ventures. The imports since September 1 have been 15,110 bags, and the total quantity now in transit is 800 bags. Quotations:

OYSTERS—IXL, 8c; medium, per can, 10c; horseshoes, 12c; extra standards, 15c; extra selects, 15c; company selects, 20c; New York counts, 25c.

NEW FIGS—Extra fancy, 16c; fancy, 14c; choice, 12@13c; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 17c; California, 16c; strained, 4 to 10-lb. cans, per lb., 10c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz, $12.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 9@10c; Brazil nuts, 8c; shellbark hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50@2.00; large hickory nuts, $1.25@1.50; fancy raw peanuts, 6c; roasted peanuts, 7½@8c.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 4c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $4.50; per half bbl., $2.50.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 5½c; 10-gal. kegs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.50.

FISH—Sunfish and perch, 6c; buffalo, 7c; croppie, 10c; catfish, 12c; black bass, 20c.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5.50; half bbl., $3.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 5@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@8c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 4@4½c; tallow, No. 2, 3½@4c; grease, white A, 4½@4½c; grease, white B, 2¾c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2½@2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Dull; nominal.

WHEAT—Dull, but there was liquidation in a moderate way; a considerable amount of wheat was sold at from ⅛@⅛c below yesterday's close, but there was a rally of ⅛@⅛c toward the close; No. 2 red, cash, 51c; December, 51½c; January, 51⅛c; May, 54⅛c.

CORN—Easier early on lower cables, closing weaker and tame at ⅛c net decline; No. 2 mixed, cash, 42⅛c; December, 42⅛c; January, 42⅛c; May, 45⅛c; July, 45⅜c.

OATS—Inactive, but firmly maintained; No. 2, cash, 29⅛c; December, 30⅛c; May, 31⅛c.

RYE—Dull; 51c bid for No. 2, east track.

BRAN—Quiet; very little offered.

FLAX SEED—Quiet at $1.33.

CLOVER SEED—Quiet; choice, $8.50@8.60.

TIMOTHY SEED—$4.90@5.25.

HAY—Steady at late decline; prairie, $8.50 for choice; $12.50 for best stock.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

EGGS—Scarce and higher at 20c.

LEAD—$2.80.

SPELTER—$3.07½.

CORN MEAL—$2.05@2.10.

WHISKY—$1.22.

COTTON TIES—70c.

BAGGING—5½@6⅛c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $11.62½. Lard, prime steam, $6.60; choice, $6.75. Bacon, packed shoulders, $6; longs, $6.50; ribs, $6.62½; shorts, $6.75. Dry salt meats, loose shoulders, $4.75; longs, $5.75; ribs, $5.87½; shorts, $6. Hams, sugar-cured, $10.50@11.00.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 5,000 bu.; corn, 25,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

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

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 hard, 53c; No. 2 red, 51@51½c; rejected, 46@47c; sales, by sample, on 'change, f. o. b., Mississippi river: No. 2 hard, 59@60c; No. 2, 57@58c.

CORN—Mixed fractionally higher; No. 2, 40@40⅛c; white, slow, ⅛c lower; No. 2, 40⅜@41c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 30⅜@31c; No. 2 white, 33c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 nominally, 49c.

FLAX SEED—Dull; nominally $1.28@1.30.

BRAN—Firm, 68@69c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $8.00@9.50; prairie, $7.00@8.50.

BUTTER—Quiet and steady; creamery, 18@21c; dairy, 13@15c.

EGGS—Firm, 16@16½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 15,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—None.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Quiet and easy; middling, 5⅛c; low middling, 4⅞c; good ordinary, 4⅜c; net receipts, 13,225 bales; gross, 14,298 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 5,014 bales; to France, 7,625 bales; to the continent, 6,529 bales; coastwise, 5,347 bales; sales, 1,400 bales; stock, 413,135 bales.

Futures quiet; sales, 25,700 bales; January, $5.15@5.17; February, $5.24@5.25; March, $5.34@5.35; April, $5.36@5.38; May, $5.41@5.42; June, $5.47@5.48; July, $5.52@5.54; August, $5.57@5.59; September, $5.62@5.64; October, $5.69 bid.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 5⅛c; sales, 270 bales; receipts, 5,153 bales; shipments, 2,521 bales; stock on hand, 51,832 bales.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 29.—FLOUR—Steady and quiet.

WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 spring, 58c; No. 1 northern, 63⅛c; May, 57⅜c.

CORN—Scarce; No. 3, 41⅛c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 31c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 53½c; sample, 52½@54½c.

RYE—Scarce; No. 1, 52c.

PROVISIONS—Steady. Pork, $11.25. Lard, $6.70.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,800 bbls.; wheat, 6,500 bu.; barley, 11,200 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 900 bbls.; wheat and barley, none.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29.—There was a fair demand from wheat shippers for evening up, in view of the new year, and sentiment was firm. The feature of the cash market was the sale of 30,000 bu. of No. 2 rye of February and May for delivery at 43c by a local firm, this being the largest rye transaction ever made in this market. Receipts of wheat were 129 cars, against 274 cars last year. Close: December, 58⅛c; May, 59⅜@59½c; July, 60⅜@60½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 60c; No. 1 northern, 59c; No. 2 northern, 57⅛c. Flour is very dull and very little being sold.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—SUGAR—Raw, dull and weak; fair refining, 2⅝@2¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅛c; refined, dull; No. 6, 3⅜@3 9-16c; No. 7, 3 5-16@3⅛c; No. 8, 3⅛@3 7-16c; No. 9, 3 3-16@3⅜c; No. 10, 3⅛@3 5-16c; No. 11, 3 1-16@3⅛c; No. 12, 3@3 3-16c; No. 13, 2 15-16c; off A, 3⅛@3⅜c; mould A, 4 1-16@4⅛c; standard A, 3 11-16@3⅞c; confectioners' A, 3 11-16@3⅞c; cut loaf, 4 7-16@4⅝c; crushed, 4 7-16@4⅝c; powdered, 4 11-16@4⅛c; granulated, 3 13-16@4c; cubes, 4 1-16@4⅛c.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—SUGAR—Cane, very quiet; centrifugal Java, 11s; Muscovado, fair refining, 9s.

London Crop Review.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The crops during the past week have been doing well. The wheat market has been quiet on account of holiday inaction. Prices were steady on foreign wheat, but English wheat was 6d down. The general tone of the market, however, was fairly healthy and the statistical proportion is very encouraging. California wheat on passage was quoted at 25s 3d. Red winter wheat, December and January delivery, was quoted ta 22s 3d. Flour was quiet and steady. Maize was slow and rather easier. Barley was firm and quiet. Oats were inactive.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, DEC. 29.—As usual to Saturday and the last of the year the demand was reduced to necessities of an imperative class. The market reflected that neglect so common to the transit of the trade from one season and year to another was to some extent intensified by the longing of all the merchants to make the journey as quietly as possible. Printing cloths dull at 2 11-16c, plus 1 per cent; sales for the week, 94,000 pieces.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

It Was a Very Tame and Uninteresting Market in Securities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It was a very tame and uninteresting market on the Stock exchange today. The general tone of speculation was firmness, which was due to the inauguration of a covering movement, the shorts being desirous of closing out their contracts. There was some small buying for the foreign account and some slight local buying for the long account. The market opened a fraction higher, and was held firmly until a renewal of the war upon the New Jersey Central forced that stock, which had advanced ⅞ per cent, in the opening trading, down 2 per cent, to 87¾. The rest of the list was not affected by the raid, and, in fact, some of the specialties made material gains during its progress, notably Bay State Gas, Laclede Gas preferred and Cordage guaranteed. When the selling of New Jersey Central lost its force, the shares quickly rallied and at the close had regained 1¼ per cent of the early decline and making a gain on the day of ⅛ per cent.

Chicago Gas was in good buying demand throughout, closing at the best figure touched and 1 per cent above yesterday's final sale. Reading was very scarce in the loan market, and, after an early decline of ½ per cent, rallied ⅝ per cent, closing ⅛ per cent below the highest. In the late dealings the market was decidedly strong and closed at or about the best of the day, the chief gains being Cordage guaranteed, 2½ per cent; Cordage preferred, 1⅛ per cent; Cordage, common, ⅞ per cent; Tobacco, 1 per cent, and the grangers, ⅛@⅝ per cent. Colorado Coal broke 4 per cent. One of the features of the trading during the week was the persistent drive against the Cordage shares. The final sales of last week were: Common, 7¼; preferred 12⅝; guaranteed, 22½. At the low point of this week, the common had declined 1⅝ per cent, to 5½; preferred, 4¼ per cent to 8½, and guaranteed, 6½ per cent, to 16¾. In the later dealings the shares rallied and the guaranteed is the only one of the group which shows a material loss on the week. Compared with last Saturday, the guaranteed is off 2 per cent. The first mortgage bonds were also depressed during the week and sales were made at 59, seller 60, and 60 regular, against 63½ last Saturday. Subsequently the price was advanced to 65, which is the current quotation. A drive against the coalers forced New Jersey Central from 93¾ down 6¼ per cent, to 87½. Lackawanna dropped 4 per cent, from 162 to 158, and Delaware & Hudson 3⅞ per cent, from 126⅞ to 123. During the latter part of the week these shares were released from pressure and made a quick recovery. Lackawanna rgained ¾ per cent; Delaware & Hudson, 3 per cent, and New Jersey Central 1½ per cent. Sugar moved within a narrow range and the fluctuations were confined within a radius of 1⅝ per cent, the stock showing a loss of only ¼ per cent on the week, the preferred is down 1½ per cent. The total sales for the week were 462,427. The trading in bonds today was light, the total sales being only $469,100. The course of values was in an upward direction, but the appreciation was slight. On the week, the changes in prices are, in a majority of cases, toward lower figures.

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

Atchison	4⅜	Northwestern	97
Adams Express	140	do pfd	142½
Alton, T. H.	37	N. Y. Central	99⅛
do pfd	198	N. Y. & N. E.	31⅛
Am. Express	110	Ontario & W.	15⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	59	Oregon Imp.	11
Canada Pacific	59	Oregon Nav.	19
Canada Southern	49⅛	O. S. L. & U. N.	6
Central Pacific	13⅛	Pacific Mail	22⅜
Ches. & Ohio	17¼	P. D. & E.	3⅜
Chicago Alton	146	Pittsburg	157
C. B. & Q.	71⅛	Pullman Palace	154
Chicago Gas	74	Reading	14⅜
Consolidated Gas	131⅛	Richmond Ter.	15
C. C. C. & St. L.	38¼	do pfd	20
Colo. Coal & Iron	5	R. G. W.	16⅜
Cotton Oil Cert	22⅛	R. G. W. pfd	43
Delaware & Hud.	126	Rock Island	61⅛
Del. Lack. & W.	161	St. Paul	57⅛
D. & R. G. pfd	32¾	do pfd	11⅛
D. & C. F. Co.	10⅛	St. P. & Omaha	32⅛
Erie	10	do pfd	110
do pfd	21	Southern Pacific	18⅜
Fort Wayne	157	Sugar Refinery	89⅜
G. Northern pfd	102	Tenn. Coal & Iron	15⅜
C. & E. I. pfd	93⅛	Texas Pacific	9⅜
Hocking Valley	17	T. & O. Cent. pfd	75
Illinois Central	82⅛	Union Pacific	11
St. P. & Duluth	21	U. S. Express	42
K. & T. pfd	21⅛	W. St. L. & P.	5⅛
Lake Erie & West	16⅛	do pfd	13⅜
do pfd	70	Wells Fargo Ex.	105
Lake Shore	133	Western Union	86⅝
Lead Trust	32⅛	Wheeling & L. E.	9⅛
Louisville & N.	53⅛	do pfd	39
L. & N. A.	6⅛	M. & St. L.	28
Manhattan Con.	105	D. & R. G.	10⅛
Memphis & C.	10	G. E.	34⅜
Michigan Cent.	96	N. L.	18
Missouri Pacific	27	C. F. & I.	23
Mobile & Ohio	17	do pfd	70
Nashville Chat.	65	H. & T. C.	2⅛
National Cordage	7⅛	T. A. A. & N. M.	2⅛
do pfd	12	T. St. L. & K. C.	1
N. J. Central	88⅛	do pfd	6
N. & W. pfd	18⅛	S. R. R.	10⅛
North Am. Co.	3⅜	do pfd	36⅜
Northern Pacific	3⅛	Am. Tob. Co.	98⅜
No. Pac. pfd	17	do pfd	107
U. P., D. & G.	3	St. P., M. & M.	109½

The total sales of stocks today were 51,475 shares, including: American Sugar, 1,900; Bay State Gas, 1,600; Burlington, 1,800; Chicago Gas, 8,200; National Lead, 1,600; New Jersey Central, 8,200; Reading, 6,600; St. Paul, 2,500; Western Union, 1,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed offered at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2¾@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Quiet and steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88½@4.88¾ for demand and at $4.87½@4.87¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.90½; commercial bills, $4.86½@4.86¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—60⅛c; no sales.

BAR SILVER—59⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—49½c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Quiet and steady. State bonds, dull. Railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 5s, reg.	117	D. & R. G. 4s	82¼
U. S. 5s, coup.	117	Erie 2ds	64
U. S. 4s, reg.	113	G. H. & S. A. 6s	97
U. S. 4s, coup.	114¾	do 7s	100
U. S. 2s, reg.	97	H. & T. C. 5s	106
Pacific 6s of '95	100	do 6s	102½
Ala. Class A	104	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	80¼
Ala. Class B	106	do 2d 4s	46⅜
Ala. Class C	94	Mutual Union 6s	105
Ala. Currency	94	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	115
La. New Con. 4s	95¼	No. Pac. 1sts	116
Missouri 6s	100	do 2ds	89
N. C. 6s	125	N. W. Consols	143¾
N. C. 4s	101½	do S. F. Deb. 5s	109½
S. C. nonfund	1½	R. G. West. 1sts	70¼
Tenn. new set 6s	81	St. P. Consols 7s	132½
Tenn. new set 5s	100	do C. & P. W. 5s	113
Tenn. old 6s	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	78¾
Va. Centuries	60⅛	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	103
do deferred	12¼	Tex. Pac. 1sts	86
Atchison 4s	63	do 2ds	25¼
do 2d A	16⅜	U. P. 1sts of '96	104
Canada So. 2ds	105⅜	West Shore 4s	104½
C. P. 1sts of '95	103½	So. R. R.	91
D. & R. G. 7s	113½		

San Francisco Mining Stock Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	21	Justice	120
Alpha Con	10	Kentucky Con	8
Andes	35	Lady Wash Con	4
Belcher	60	Mexican	60
Belle Isle	5	Mount Diablo	10
Best & Belcher	95	Navajo	5
Bodie Con	68	Ophir	155
Bullion	20	Overman	19
Caledonia	9	Potosi	30
Challenge Con	34	Savage	29
Chollar	40	Scorpion	4
Confidence	80	Sierra Nevada	55
Con. Cal. & Va.	375	Silver Hill	5
Con. Imperial	1	Union Con	51
Crown Point	60	Utah Con	5
Gould & Curry	42	Yellow Jacket	38
Hale & Norcross	92		

Silver bars, 59⅝@59½c. Mexican dollars, 50½@51c. Drafts, sight, 7½c; telegraphic, 10c.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Call loans, 2½@3½ per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	4⅜	W. End pfd	85¼
Am. Sugar	89⅝	Westingh. Elec.	31¾
Am. Sugar pfd	90	W. Elec. pfd	49
Bay State Gas	10⅛	Wis. Central	3
Bell Telephone	194⅛	Atchison 2ds	17
Boston & Albany	208	Atchison 4s	62¼
Boston & Maine	159¾	New England 6s	112
do pfd	151	Gen. Electric 5s	92½
C. B. & Q.	71⅛	Wis. Cent. 1sts	53¾
Fitchburg	87	Atlantic	10⅛
Gen. Electric	34⅛	Boston & Montana	33¾
Illinois Steel	40	Butte & Boston	10⅜
Mexican Central	6⅛	Calumet & Hecla	290
N. Y. & N. E.	31⅛	Centennial	50
Old Colony	179⅜	Fran. Un.	14⅜
Ore. Short Line	6⅜	Kearsarge	7
Rubber	44⅜	Osceola	21
Union Pacific	11⅛	Quincy	102
West End	57	Tamarack	153

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—2 p. m. closing:

Can. Pacific	62½	St. Paul com	58⅝
Erie	10⅛	N. Y. Central	101⅛
Eri 2ds	65⅛	Pennsylvania	52⅛
Ill. Central	84⅛	Reading	7⅛
Mexican ordinary	14⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	58⅛

CONSULS—Money, 103⅛; account, 103 9-16.

BAR SILVER—27 3-16d per oz.

MONEY—1 per cent.

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

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	4	Ontario	900
Cholor	35	Ophir	140
Crown Point	65	Plymouth	25
Con. Cal. & Va.	345	Quicksilver	150
Deadwood	40	do pfd	1500
Gould & Curry	35	Sierra Nevada	45
Hale & Norcross	85	Standard	200
Homestake	1550	Union Con	45
Mexican	50	Yellow Jacket	38

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS

Light Receipts and Indifferent Quality the Features of Last Week.

CATTLE SCORE A SMALL GAIN EARLY

Week Closes with Feeling Tending to Weakness—Hogs Make a Record for Light Weight with No Sign of Improvement Soon.

SATURDAY, Dec. 29.

The week between Christmas and New Year's is usually one of light receipts and unsatisfactory trading, and the year 1894 furnished no exception to this rule. As compared with the week previous, receipts show a decrease in round numbers of 8,000 cattle, 15,000 hogs and 4,000 sheep. The figures are as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts this week	8,033	15,766	515
Receipts last week	16,431	29,751	4,497
Same week last year	8,243	15,125	5,351
Same week 1892	13,202	17,179	2,182

Naturally with such light cattle receipts there was some advance in values. This advance, however, was confined largely to the lighter grades of beef steers and to butchers' stock, for the reason that while some cattle were necessary to supply the present very limited demand for beef, the lighter and cheaper grades of course met with a better demand than the heavier and more expensive cattle. During the early part of the week handy fat steers scored a sharp advance of from 15c to 25c, and while the heavier finished cattle and the light thin stuff did not show so much improvement, all grades have sold at substantially better figures. For the past day or two, however, the struggle against higher prices by buyers has been persistent, and while not resulting in any appreciable loss, has effectually blocked any further advance. In this respect the market has been a disappointment to sellers, who hoped to be able to spring prices on the very light receipts.

That was the condition as it existed today. The supply was very light and the quality of the offerings about up to the average. Sellers started out bullish on the light supply, while buyers were bullish on the poor demand for beef. Speculative shippers did not find a great deal of encouragement in reports from the east, but they did enough business to prevent any decline in values, and for the most part handy fat steers sold at fully steady prices. On the heavy grades the market ruled slow, and according to sellers weak, while it took considerable urging to get buyers to pay steady prices for their light stock. The feeling on all sides was rather uncertain, but inclined to weakness, and there were several loads still unsold at the close.

Fair to good butchers' cows have been free sellers all week. The supply has been comparatively light, while the demand has been good. Prices have advanced from 15c to 20c. Canners have been about steady all week under only a moderate demand. Desirable veal calves have been in very fair request and firm, with a dull, weak market for the common and heavier grades. There has been a good, active inquiry for fat bulls, oxen and stags, and such have sold readily at good, strong prices. Thin, rough stock, however, has shown no improvement, either in the demand or in prices paid.

There has been a very limited amount of trading in stockers and feeders this week. Offerings of this description have been comparatively light and the demand has not been at all urgent from any quarter. Stillers have taken quite a few of the heavier, fleshier grades, but country orders have been scarce and very few shipments have been made to country feed lots. Prices have shaded off from 10c to 25c, the brunt of the decline being borne by the lighter grades. Good to choice feeders are quotable at from $2.70 to $3.25, fair to good from $2.30 to $2.70 and common grades from $2.25 down.

Representative Sales.

DRESSED BEEF.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
23	1105	$2 90	63	1020	$3 65	18	1166	$3 85
9	1072	3 30	7	915	3 70	12	1127	3 90
18	1074	3 50	7	915	3 70	6	1131	4 00
24	1108	3 55	6	915	3 70			

SHIPPING AND EXPORT.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1290	3 25	25	1159	4 05	38	1317	4 50
38	1168	3 35	14	1336	4 05			

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	985	3 00	12	1176	4 00

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	650	1 00	3	946	1 65	1	1110	1 90
1	960	1 00	6	919	1 65	3	873	2 00
1	760	1 00	6	1010	1 65	5	876	2 00
2	815	1 25	7	908	1 65	1	1020	2 00
1	770	1 25	12	895	1 65	1	910	2 00
1	890	1 25	5	1049	1 70	23	1026	2 10
1	880	1 25	19	856	1 75	25	820	2 15
1	950	1 25	5	930	1 75	12	983	2 20
9	686	1 25	3	880	1 75	2	925	2 25
7	938	1 40	3	973	1 75	3	976	2 25
3	936	1 40	1	1050	1 75	9	982	2 38½
9	885	1 50	29	748	1 80	1	1040	2 50
2	1065	1 50	5	984	1 80	1	1170	2 50
2	970	1 60	1	970	1 90	1	960	2 75
10	1053	1 60	1	1010	1 90	8	853	2 75
1	1280	1 60						

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
21	755	1 90

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	245	1 60	3	653	1 80	2	930	2 25
12	693	1 60	4	812	2 15	1	790	2 60
1	690	1 65						

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	245	1 50	1	100	3 00	1	110	3 75
2	145	2 00	1	100	3 00	1	120	4 00
1	100	2 00	1	190	3 50	1	119	4 00
2	300	2 10						

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	800	1 65	1	1190	2 15	1	1850	2 50
1	1180	1 75	1	1240	2 25	1	1830	2 50
1	1070	1 90	1	580	2 25	1	1120	2 60
1	480	2 00	1	1340	2 40	1	1140	2 85
1	1160	2 00	1	1370	2 45	1	1500	2 85
1	1380	2 00						

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1510	3 25

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	910	1 75	1	240	2 35	3	693	2 50
5	640	1 85	1	770	2 35	2	740	2 50
1	540	2 00	6	870	2 40	10	300	2 55
1	720	2 00	6	561	2 40	4	335	2 55
1	820	2 00	2	645	2 45	1	600	2 55
3	700	2 00	17	638	2 45	7	680	2 65
3	440	2 00	1	370	2 50	14	796	2 70
1	500	2 00	1	550	2 50	23	985	3 15
1	660	2 00	11	803	2 50	20	1086	3 15
3	443	2 10	3	666	2 50	24	872	3 40
2	625	2 15	5	476	2 50			

Hog Market in Bad Shape.

The hog market has been even more unsatisfactory than the market for cattle. In the first place, the quality of the hogs now coming is about as poor as it has been any time this year, not barring the bad month of September. The average weight of the receipts this week has been only 183 lbs., and the average for the entire month will not exceed 195 lbs., or nearly 60 lbs. lighter than for December last year, and by long odds the lightest December average on record. One would naturally supose that such receipts indicating, practically assuring, a short crop of matured hogs after the first of the year would stimulate the demand from packers. Such, however, is not the case, and whether by concerted arrangement or not the packers have been more pronounced bears than any time during the year. They say that there is no consumptive demand for the product to speak of, while the speculative articles are the deadest options on the Board of Trade. Under these conditions it is not to be wondered at that the trade this week has been dull and prices generally weak, notwithstanding the very light supplies and the excellent prospects for a still greater shortage in the immediate future. Fluctuations have been within a very narrow range, and closing prices are almost exactly the same as at the close of last week.

The supply today was light, but this did not appear to trouble buyers any, as their wants were evidently limited. Offerings included very few good hogs, either heavy or light. Buyers were all after these, and prices averaged up fully steady for them. The lighter grades were in very indifferent request and slow sellers at about a nickel decline from Friday's prices. Fair to very good hogs, weighing 200 lbs. and upward, sold at from $4.15 up to $4.42½, while loads weighing from 140 lbs. up to 200 lbs. sold at from $3.80 to $4.20. Good pigs and Yorkers were in fair demand and firm, but little pigs sold a shade lower. The pens were cleared in good season, the bulk going at around $4.10 to $4.20, as against $4.10 to $4.25 Friday, and $4.10 to $4.20 on last Saturday.

Representative Sales.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
83	144	...	$3 80	51	179	...	$4 10
36	149	...	3 85	65	236	120	4 15
78	160	120	3 85	16	240	...	4 15
83	172	80	3 90	66	202	80	4 15
81	159	...	3 90	84	199	40	4 15
6	166	...	3 90	45	211	80	4 15
3	214	40	3 90	35	186	40	4 15
79	157	40	3 90	76	201	...	4 20
77	170	...	3 95	78	221	200	4 20
85	147	...	3 95	47	182	200	4 20
66	169	40	4 00	67	229	80	4 20
67	191	240	4 00	63	187	40	4 20
72	218	160	4 00	74	205	...	4 20
9	221	40	4 00	75	199	...	4 20
96	164	...	4 02½	42	221	120	4 20
56	174	...	4 05	91	184	...	4 20
38	191	40	4 05	73	219	160	4 20
3	223	...	4 05	70	263	40	4 25
97	166	...	4 10	78	222	80	4 25
87	173	...	4 10	41	259	240	4 30
47	185	120	4 10	66	217	...	4 35
78	190	40	4 10	71	256	120	4 35
89	176	40	4 10	73	251	120	4 35
77	197	120	4 10	56	255	...	4 40
83	189	120	4 10	58	293	80	4 42½

PIGS AND ROUGH.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
1	190	...	2 25	14	91	...	3 25
16	92	...	3 10	9	91	...	3 40
14	80	...	3 10	47	106	...	3 60
28	73	...	3 25	83	121	...	3 65
69	81	...	3 20	105	130	200	3 75
61	81	...	3 20	2	122	...	3 90

SHEEP—There were none fresh received and none on sale. Killers have been poorly supplied this week, and the demand at present is very good, with prices quotably all of a quarter higher than last week. Fair to choice natives are quotable at $2.25@3.00; fair to good westerns, $2.00@2.90; common and stock sheep, $1.00@2.00; good to choice 40 to 100-lb. lambs, $2.50@3.85.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,400 head; shipments, 500 head; market active and strong; fair butcher to good shipping native steers, $3.00@5.00; feeders, $2.40@3.30; fed Texas and Indian steers, $3.30@4.00; grassers, $2.70@2.10; cows, $1.89.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,300 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market active, strong, and 5@10c higher; tops, $4.50@4.55; bulk of sales, $4.30@4.45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 400 head; market quiet but firm; mixed natives, $2.10@3.25; lambs, $2.65@4.25.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head; shipments, 1,500 head. Market steady; Texas steers, $2.35@3.50; Texas cows, $2.00@2.60; beef steers, $2.75@5.20; native cows, $1.25@3.30; stockers and feeders, $2.40@3.60; bulls and mixed, $1.75@3.40.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,900 head; shipments, 500 head. Market strong to 10c higher; bulk of sales, $4.10@4.35; heavies, $4.15@4.50; packers, $4.05@4.50; mixed, $4.00@4.35; lights, 2.60@3.95; Yorkers, $3.85@3.95; pigs, $3.00@3.60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, none. Market nominally steady.

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 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.

	Cars.	Head.
Cattle	50	1,356
Hogs	47	3,522

DISPOSITION.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
The G. H. Hammond Co.	1	1,072	.....
Swift and Company	162	910	.....
The Cudahy Packing Co.	354	1,055	.....
G. H. H., from Sioux City	.....	228	.....
Nelson Morris	4	.....	.....
A. Haas	124	.....	.....
R. Becker & Degen	19	.....	.....
Swift, from country	81	.....	.....
L. Becker	3	.....	.....
J. Lobman	38	.....	.....
Hamilton & S.	14	.....	.....
Shippers and feeders	203	12	.....
Left over	.....	900	.....
Total	1,036	4,177	.....

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Only a Small Number Came in for a Fresh Supply.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—In cattle only 1,300 head came in for a fresh supply. Local butchers bought a few fair steers at about steady prices, sales ranging chiefly at from $3.50 to $4.25, but trade was on a very limited scale. Not many cows were good enough to sell above $2.75. Most of the fair to good female stock went at from $1.90 to $2.60, and thin canners around $1.50. The few veal calves sold quickly at firm prices, best young veals up to $5.50, and fair to good calves at from $2 to $5. A bunch of sixty fair 744-lb. Texas cows sold at $2.30.

In hogs, with nearly 3,000 fewer arrivals than on the closing day last week, the market ruled brisk and strong at from 5c to 10c advance. All light weights from porest to best sold fully 10c higher, and good heavy shipping and purchasing went at an average of 5c advance. Sales of choice heavy hogs at $4.65 were numerous, and most of the good grade packing and shipping lots went at from $4.50 to $4.60. Fair to good light weights sold at from $4.10 to $4.30, and fancy 190-lb. light sorts up to $4.40. Light weights that went below $4 were of most inferior quality.

The sheep market was almost at a standstill. The supply was fully twice too large for the limited demand, and nothing could be disposed of except at a decline of from 15c to 25c from the morning's values of the day before. Not more than half of the offerings found sale. Extra 131-lb. ewes sold at $3, and sales of choice wethers above $3.20 were rare. Most of the fair to good mixed mutton stock went at from $2.50 to $3, and thin to fair lots around $2. There were many good lambs on sale, but none sold above $4, the bulk of the sales of fair to good lambs ranging at from $3.50 to $3.90, and thin light lambs around $2.75.

Receipts: Cattle, 1,300 head; calves, 120 head; hogs, 11,000 head; sheep, 5,000 head.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,000 head; official yesterday, 19,226 head; shipments yesterday, 9,111 head; left over, about 3,800 head; quality quite fair; market active and firm at 5@10c advance; sales range at $3.95@4.45 for light, $4.10@4.30 for rough packing, $4.05@4.65 for mixed, $4.35@4.75 for heavy packing and shipping lots, and $2.50@4.10 for pigs.

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,300 head; market steady and quiet at unchanged prices.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5,000 head; market dull and weak at 5@10c decline.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for Saturday, December 29, 1894:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
South Omaha	1,356	3,522	.....
Chicago	1,300	11,000	5,000
Kansas City	3,300	2,900	100
St. Louis	1,400	2,300	500
Totals	7,356	19,722	5,600

Financial Notes.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $1,728,854.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Exchange on London, eight days sight, 20 marks 38½ pfg.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $230,340; balances, $62,313. New York exchange, selling at par to $1.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $12,948,570; balances, $1,553,594. For the week, $68,229,486; balances, $8,141,334.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—4 p. m.—Three per cent rentes, 101f 47½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 16½c for checks.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $2,700,618; balances, $526,043. For the week: Clearings, $11,104,571; balances, $1,837,315.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $11,679,749; balances, $1,818,341. For the week: Clearings, $74,377,732; balances, $14,520,670.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Gold is quoted today at Buenos Ayres at 263; Madrid, 12.00; Lisbon, 23.25; St. Petersburg, 50; Athens, 77; Rome, 106.40; Vienna, 103.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The cash balance in the treasury today was $152,926,681; gold reserve, less withdrawals not heretofore reported, $85,819,528; withdrawals today, $590,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $3,688,079; balances, $617,917. Money quiet, 5@7 per cent. Exchange on New York, 60c bid; 75c asked. Clearings for the week, $20,147,182; balances, $3,730,507.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 29.—Money, 2½@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25@50c premium. Clearings, $1,849,400. Clearings for the week, $10,978,400. For the same week last year, $11,552,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Clearings, $12,513,254; total for the week, $70,135,021; corresponding week last year, $70,146,250. Money, 4@4½ per cent; 5@6 per cent on time. New York exchange, no market; sterling commercial, $4.86¾@4.87¾.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The imports for the week were: Gold, $14,665; silver, $7,668; dry goods, $2,120,602; general merchandise, $5,414,462. The exports of specie for the week amounted to $887,625 in gold, and $660,800 in silver. Clearings, $51,951,275; balances, $6,387,617. For the week, $423,842,771; balances, $27,361,361.

OMAHA'S CLEARINGS.

OMAHA, Dec. 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: Please answer in the Sunday Bee these questions: First, does the bank clearings of a city indicate the amount of business actually done in that city each week? Second, is the business of South Omaha, including the packing interests, included in Omaha clearings each week? Third, what is the best time ever made by a printer 100 yards and who holds the world's record for that distance at the present time?—C. E. Wilkins.

Ans.—(1) Only a small proportion of the business transactions of a city appear in the clearing house reports. Thus checks which are deposited in or cashed by the bank against which they are drawn do not go through the clearing house. Clearing house reports indicate the relative increase or decrease of business, but not the total volume. (2) Only a very smal proportion of the South Omaha business appears in the Omaha clearings. There are three banks at South Omaha which transact the bulk of the business at that point, and as they are practically branches of three Omaha banks they do their business direct with the Omaha banks with which they are connected without the intervention of the clearing house. (3) 9 4-5. No one.

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