CCUNTRY COLLECTIONS CONTINUE SLOW

Weather Proves a Detriment to Bust-

the weather has been so mild during the past week has a still greater influence toon the volume of trade than usual. It is not surprising, in view of these facts, that the jobbers are reporting only a fair trade for general merchandise during the past six days.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

The period just previous to Thanksgiving and past six days.

In holiday goods there has been a fair in home, and as a general satisfied when control is a good as they anticipated. The time when only a few houses handling specialities enjoyed the benefits of the holiday trade has passed, and now almost every jobbing house makes a point of handling comething that can be utilized for Christmas presents. While holiday goods have been going quite freely, there has been a decrease in the regular lines.

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GROCERY TRADE FAIR.

While the demand for staple lines has not been very active during the past week the near approach of Christmas Increased the requirements for consumption. The demand for holiday goods was rather backward, but during the past week it developed into considerable activity, and the jobbers were kept busy getting everything out on time. Such goods as nuts, raisins and grocers' fancy articles have constituted a very important feature of the trade. rade.
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It is said that canned corn and tomatoes are occupying a very strong position in the market, and from some quariers come predictions that they will sell higher before the end of the winter.

If reports from the coast are true, California prunes are in a very firm position and supplies remaining at points of production are lighter than ever before known at this season of the year. It is said in California that over four-fifths of the supply has been moved out of the state already. ady. Domestic molasses has had a little up-

south.
Imported currants are pretty well cleaned up in the markets of the country, and light imports are expected until the question of duty is settled by the courts, where CHRISTMAS HELPS HARDWARE.

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Hardware jobbers report a very fair business for the period under review, though it is not to be expected that the trads will take hold very freely or place orders beyond their immediate requirements until the turn of the new year.

The hardware merchants have been pushing into the holiday trade this season, and report a large business in skates. If Christmas only came in the summer time, bleye's would no doubt become popular as heliday goods. The trade is already compenenting to talk bicycles, and it is predicted that the demand will be larger than last season. The craze, if it may be called such, is only just commencing to spread in the country, and the jobbers are preparing for a large business in that line next spring. Last year the bicycle business was in many respects very unsatisfactory, the difficulty in securing a sufficient number of wheels from the factory to fill orders making it very disagreeable for the jobbers, who were compelled to listen to innumerable complaints from their customers. Next season it is expected that the manufacturers will be better prepared to take care of the demand, and that the delays and disappointments of last season will not be repeated.

Glass is firmly held, but the demand is not large, either here or in any section of the country.

SPRING ORDERS FOR SHOES.

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Spring orders are commencing to arrive from the western states, but so far Nebraska retailers have held off, apparently awaiting developments before placing orders.

ders.

Hides during the past week have shown forme firmness, and while there is considerable difference of opinion there appears to be a growing conviction that there is an actual scarcity and that prices must eventually seek a higher level. All this is in favor of the maintenance of values on footwear.

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In the line of dry goods there has been very little doing during the past week, in fact there never is much trade at this season of the year in this particular line. What orders are coming forward are for small lots of goods to piece out stocks which have been broken in some one line. Not only has trade been very quiet at this point, but the reports from all sections of the country are to the same effect. Even in New York there is said to be almost nothing doing of any importance, and what is more the present duliness is expected to continue until the coming of the new year, after which there should be a gradual revival of activity.

With the demand so light it is only natural that the market should remain practically unchanged.

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holiday trade, but this year this demand has been much lighter than usual. As a general rule the trade calls for very large and fancy corn fed berves, which command very fancy prices. This year they have sold at the lowest point in sixteen years. In former years as high as \$8.25 per 100 pounds has been paid in Chicago for Christmas cattle, and \$6 to \$7 was nothing unusual, but this season fancy cattle have sold there at \$4.50.

This may give some hint of why money is not more plentiful among western farmers this year, especially so when it is taken into consideration that other farm products have experienced a corresponding decline. The decline in the value of cattle is explained by the packers at South Omaha as a natural consequence of the hard times which has caused people to consume less meat and more of the cheaper articles of food. That this is the real reason is borne out by the fact that the packers in all sections of the country are very light buyers and that no one manifests any disposition to forcelose freely.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has tried to create the impression that there is a combination between the large packers to control prices. On the other hand it is said by those familiar with the business that if the packers were organized in a trust, and were depressing prices in order to increase their own profits, they would be making money out of the business, and that they would display eagerness to buy and would be ready to take all the cattle to be had at the low prices. On the contrary they are very poor buyers. The representative of a large packing house remarked hast evening: "Everything is against the producer and handler of cattle and meats this season. Money is scarce and the people can not afford to cat meat as freely as in former seasons. At the same time, pork and mutton have been annusually low and the supply large, so that consumers have naturally turned their attention to the cheapest meat and have neglected hese. The policy of the government has also been apparen

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Total Like 11 to the seen that the imports of hides exceed the same ten months of 184 by \$17. 192,601. We find that of the \$17,192,601 excess over last year, 3,425,615 represents the increase in the imports of goatskins. This reduces the actual excess of hides to \$14,765,984. Then we find an increase of \$182,894 in the re-exports of hides, which is afficial condition of the country is at its best, it has been found impossible to do business in the winter months so long as the weather is mild enough for spring time. Now that money is none too plentiful in the country, and consumers are included to practice economy, the fact that the weather has been so mild during the

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

larger than any other time during the year and they are equaled by an increased consumption. The supply of turkeys in the country has not

Twins, fancy, 11c.
POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 5676c; ducks, choice, 9610c; turkeys, choice, 10611c; geese, 267834c.

HAY—Upland, \$5.50; midland, \$5.00; lowland, \$4.50; rye straw, \$4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—New crop, delivered on track in country, choice green self-working carnet, per lb., 23c; choice green, running to hurl, 23c; cammon, 13c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, undrawn, per doz., \$15.0066.50; drawn, \$5.0065.50; quail, \$1.5061.80; jack snipe, 75-6531.00; grouse, \$5.5066.00; snipe, 40066.50; drawn, \$5.0068.50; quail, \$1.5061.80; jack snipe, 75-6531.00; grouse, \$5.5066.00; snipe, 40067.50; golden plover, \$1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., \$1.5061.75; small rabbits, 75-6531.00; mallard ducks, \$5.0063.50; teal, blue wing, \$2.907 2.25; tanda geese, \$6.0067.50; mixed ducks, \$1.5662.25; Canada geese, \$6.0067.50; small geese, \$1.5672.25; Canada geese, \$6.0067.50; small geese, \$1.5672.25; Canada geese, \$6.0067.50; small geese, \$1.5672.25; Canada geese, \$6.0067.50; small geese, \$1.5672.50; small geese, \$1.5672

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., \$1: dead pigeons not wanted.
CHRISTMAS GREENS—Holly, per case, \$5; Christmas trees, per doz., \$2.5095.00.
VEGETABLES.
CAULIFLOWER—Per doz. heads. \$1.5092.00.
CABBAGE—Holland seed, heads small and hard, per lb., 1½c; California stock, per lb., 2c.
MUSHROOMS—Per 1½-lb. box, 60975c.
POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30935c; Colorado stock, 56955c.
ONIONS—Per bu., 40c. home grown Spanish.
BEANS—Hand-picked mavy, per bu., \$1.60.
SWEET FOTATOES—Choice stock, \$2.75 per bid.

ONIONS-Per Du., 49c. home grown spanish BEANS-Hond-pleked mays, per bu., \$1.60.

SWEET POTATOES-Choice stock, \$2.75 per bbb.,
CELLERY-California, per doz., 756790c; Colorad., 554709c; Kalamazoo, 306435c.
LIMA BEANS-Per lb., 5c.
WATER CRESS-Per 16-qt. case, \$1.59671.75.
SCOTCH PEAS-In sacks, per bu., \$1.00.
FRUITS.
CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES-Per box, 35c.
APPLES-Fancy stock, \$2.25\tau3.50; choice stock, \$2.59\tau2.55.
CALIFORNIA QUINCES-None.
OREGON FEARS-Per case, \$2.25,
CRANBERRIES-Jersey, \$8.75; Cape Cod, \$2.25\tau3.60; McFarlin's, \$10.
MALAGA GRAPES-Per 60-lb. bbl., \$6; per 65 to 70 lbs., gross, \$7.50.
EASTERN GRAPES-No shinping stock,
TROPICAL PRUITS.
The statistical position of lemons and oranges, according to the New York Journal of Commerce, is particularly interesting at the present time for the reason that it would appear that the shippers of Mediterranean fruit, contrary, to their usual practice, are exerting all of the renergies to getting oranges to the American markets at the earliest possible date. The statistics furnished of late by receivers and shippers point almost conclusively to the fact that the shippers in Sicily are devoting their attention chiefly to the forwarding of cranges at the earliest possible date, being impelled by the belief that in consequence of the failure of the Florida crop tals year the American market will offer greater opportunities to importers than ever before. This is true to an extent, but not to the full extent of poportunities to importers than ever before. This is true to an extent, but not to the full extent of the ideas of sellers on the other side. While the crep of Floridas is undoubtedly so small as to become a most insignificant factor in the situation, the output of California fruit appears to be large. It is fully three weeks earlier in maturing than usual, and is being hurried forward. Beside this market has focussed the attention of orange growers and handlers in every part of the globe, since it has become certain that the world. art of the globe, and that there would be no Florida fruit to speak of, and as the best consuming market in the world that naturally attracted supplies from every frection. Growing districts in remote parts of he world that have seldom if ever before sent any of their fruit to this country are now represented in the visible supply at New York.

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ORANGES—California budded seedlings, regular sizes, \$3.75; 96 to 126 sizes, \$3.50; navels, \$3.90;\$4.00.

LEMONS—California, per box, \$3.75/94.50; Messinas, \$4.50/94.75.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, \$2.00.

Q2.25; medium sized bunches, \$1.75/92.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, Bc; standards, Bc; extraselects, 26c; New York counts, 26c; standard bulk, per gal., \$1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lh., 12c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, \$2.75; gal. cans, per dox, \$12; ½-gal. cans, \$2.55; quart cans, \$3.75.

CHORER—Pure juice, per half bbl., \$2.75; per bbl., \$4.75.

bbl., \$4.75. SAUER KRAUT-Per bbl., \$3.75; half bbl., \$2.25

bbl., 34.10.

SAUER KRAUT-Per bbl., \$3.75; half bbl., \$2.25, FIGS-New crop, California, 10-th, boxes, per b., 10c; imported fancy, 30-th, boxes, I6c; choice, 10-th, boxes, 11½-612c.

DATES-New Persian, 60-th, boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-th, boxes, per lb., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR-Caoice, per lb., 9610c.

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PRESERVES-Assorted, 20-th, palia, each \$1.40, COCOANUTS-Per 100, 34.50; each, 5c.

NUTS-Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazilis, per lb., 5c; English walnuts, per lb. fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, Highlyc; liberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; ronsted, 767, 11½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., \$1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., \$1.95; black walnuts, per bbl., \$2.

DRESSED MEATS.

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WHY PRICES ARE LOW.

Prices of Fancy Beef Cattle Touch the Low Point.

Cattle have so'd very low this month and not only have prices been down, but there has been no life to the trade. During the month of December there is nearly always a good demand for fancy cattle for the holiday trade, but this year this demand DRESSED MEATS.

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Peoria Markets. Peoria Markets.

PEORIA. Der 21.—CORN-Steady, new No. 2.

Sye: new No. 2. 254gc.
OATS Dell and cosy; Ny. 2 white, 175gc
(ing.; No. 2 white, 17517gc.)

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WHISKY steady; finlaned goods, on the basis
of \$1.27 for high wines.
PECLIFYES Corn, \$1.50 bus; oats, \$2.20 bus;
whisky, nene; wheat, \$1.000 hus.

SHIPMENTS Corn, 22.250 bus; oats, \$2.15c,
us; whisky, \$13 gals, wheat, 6.090 bus.

Grain and Provision Market Today Closed Unexpectedly Steady.

STOCKS CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE ALL

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
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Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments
lour, bbls	11.000	6.000
Vheat bu	103,000	50,00
orn, bu	194,000	85,000
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ye bu	5,000	4,000
ariey. bu	65,000	23,000

22c. Eggs. steady; fresh. 20:821c. Cheese quiet; Steelige. NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET Closing Quotations on the Principa

Commodities and Staples. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 41, 200 bbls.; exports, 21,300 bbls.; weak and dull. buyers being frightened by the irregularity in wheat and finances; city mill patents, \$4.00@ 4.25; winter patents, \$3.45@3.65; winter straights, \$3.20@3.45; winter extras, \$2.65@3.05; winter low grades, \$2.10@2.60; shipping low grades, \$1.90@ :60; Minnesota patents, \$3.35@3.55; Minnesota

1.50; Minnesota patents, \$1,3573.55; Minnesota bakers, \$2,7562.90. Rye flour, doll; superfine, \$2,5062.75; fancy, \$2.8062.95. Backwheat flour, dull; \$1,2061.30. HICKWHEAT—Dull; 32546405c. CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, coarse, 70c; Brandywine, \$1,25. RYE—Nominal; western, 246625c. BARLEY—Weak; western, 35645c; feeding, 23625c.

RYE.—Nominal; western, 28425c.
BARLEY—Weak; western, 38445c; feeding, 23
427c.
BARLEY MALT—Easy; western, 48455c.
WHEAT—Receipts, 294,100 bu.; exports, 55,560 bu.; No. 1 hard, 664sc. Options were generally steady all the morning, with few reactions, being helped by steady cables, foreign buying, rumors of further export business, local covering and less liquidation; closed frm and unchanged from instrukent, No. 2 red, May, 64,5-16 4645c, closed 515c; December, 63546334c, closed 535c.

**CORN—Receipts, 110,200 bu.; exports, 3,200 bu. Spot market, dull; No. 2, 334c. Options ruled generally steady on the moderate movement and sympathy with wheat; closed partially 4xc higher, May, 24,2466344c, closed 344c; December, 335c, closed 345c.

OATS—Receipts, 84,000 bu.; exports, 1,800 ba. Spot, dull; No. 2, 225c. Options dull; nominal, closing unchanged; May, closed 24c; December, closed 225c.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1854 crop, 25465c; 1895 crop, 4645c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 245c; 1895 crop, 4645c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 245c; 1895 crop, 4640c.

HIDES—Dull; Galveston, 26 to 25 lbs., 15c.

HAY—Strong; shipping, 17,5063,00; good to choice, 8; 90610,00.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 18th to heavy weights, 25c; acid, 214,254c, WOOI—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16622c; pulled, 19625c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, Ha.09612.69;

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 104122; pulled.
PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; ramily, 110.09712.00; beef harms, 311.503716.00. Cut ments, easy, pickled hellies, 14.7245.25; pickled shoulders, 15.0045.25; pickled shoulders, 15.0045.25; pickled harms, 18.2548.30. Lattl, steady, western steam closed at 15.4590.474; December, 15.45, nominal. Pork, dull, lower; short clear, 110.75571.00; family, 19.50371.00.
TALLOW—Weaker; city, 375c; country, 4c. CHEESE—Steady; large, 74,6750; small, fancy, 74,67504; part skirns, 34,576c; full skirns, 263c.
RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 75,6764c; Japan, 75,574. apan, 25.64: MOLASSES Quiet: New Orleans, open kettle.

good to choice, 20236; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 20236c. United closed at \$1.30; refined, New York, \$1.75; Philadelphia and Baltimore, \$1.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore in buffs, \$5.50.
ROSIN-Steady; strained, common to good, \$1.70g1.75. ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, 11.7061.15.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 281,67284c.
BUTTER—Receipts, 5.692 pkgs.; steady; west-sin dairy, 11672c; western creamery, 11672c; Elgin 28c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4.873 pkrs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10672c; western 22c; southern 26671c.

METALS—Copper, steady; brokers' price, \$10.50; schange price, \$19.50. Least firm; brokers' price, \$10.51; exchange price, \$1.2961.225; Tin tull; strains, \$13.15612.55; pistes, market quiet, speiter, quiet domesiic, \$1.4062.50. Pig from uniet; southern, \$12.00614.00; northern, \$12.00614.00.

COTTON SEED OIL—Duil; prime crude, 216714c; butter grades, \$11672c; prime summer yellow, 23c.

Foreign Flunncial Affairs. BERLIN Dec II.—Exchange on London, eight tays' night, 20 marks 40 ptg.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Three per cent rentes, 1656 de for the account. Exchange on London, 236 55 for checks. LONDON, Dec. 21.-The Glasgow and Manthere'er stock markets were much quieter in tone and had a hardening tendency. The amount of builton goue into the flank of England on bal-sance to day was 19,600. Geld is quoted at Basenon Ayres today at 224 29; Madrid, 17,62; Lisbon, 275;

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL St. Potersburg. 50 -Ashens. 77; Rome. 197.70; VI-

Trading on Shange Opened Very Much Demoralized.

NEW YORK, Pea-21.—The trading at the opening of business on the Stock exchange today was even more demoralized than in the initial dealings of yesterday. London cables showed lower prices, but reported a better tone privationt at that center, a Nevertheless the foreign

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transactions footed up \$94,00. In today's bond market the trading in bonds was unusually an imared, the sales reaching \$2,00.00. The trend of prices were sharply downward, and a sensational opening was made in Southern 5s, which sold down to \$2, as against \$3, last night's clossing. The bonds subsequently railled to \$8½, and closed at \$8. Other leading mortgages also ruled lower. Toward the close there was a stiffening in values of the speculative issues. Final prices however, were considerably below yesterday's close.

The New York Financier this week says: The extraordinary conditions which sent money up to 80 per cent and caused a collapse of values can the New York Stock exchange Friday, are not shown fully in the bank statement for the week ending Saturday. There was a sharp contraction of \$3,344,309 in loans, a decrease of \$2,743,700 in cash holdings and \$3,764,700 in deposits, the result of the week's operations, reducing the excess reserve by \$1,302,700 in deposits, the result of the week's operations, reducing the excess reserve by \$1,302,700 in deposits, the result of the week's operations, reducing the excess reserve by \$1,302,700 in deposits of work banks, however, have now nearly \$18,000,000 in cash over the legal requirements and their action in throwing immense amounts of money at low rates on the market Friday, when it seemed that the panic of 1833 was to be duplicated in a more serious way, entitles them to the lasting respect of the nation. Leading bankers here universally deplore the Venezuelan affair, and a dispatch from Chicago to the Financier says that nineteen out of twenty prominent bank officers interviewed think the administration has made a serious mistake. The total deposits of New York banks are now \$21, 230,000,000,000 less than the highest figure-reached during the year; loans are \$2,000,000 higher than the lowest point. With the prospect of a large gold loan next week, some of the \$67,000,000 in specte held by the banks will probably be absurbed by the treasury and the highest r

The following were life closing quotality the leading stocks sof the New York extoday:

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Ann. Express. 410 Oregon Imp.
Paltimore & Ohio. 434 O. S. L. & U. N.
Canada Pacific. 451 Pacific Mail.
Canada Southern. 464 P. D. & E.
Central Pacific. 151 Pacific Mail.
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The total sales of stocks today were 240 50 shares, including: American Sugar, 38,000; American Tobacco, 15,800; Atchison, 17,100; Burlington

New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—MONEY ON CALL— pened at 20, offered at 25 bid, but declined to per cent. closing at 6 per cent. PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—04054 per

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onfidence	105	Sierra Nevada	47
on Cal & Va	205	Union Con	47
on Imperial	24	Utah Con	3
rown Point	24	Yellow Jacket	41
ould & Curry	40	Contract Con	1000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$174,640,552; gold reserve, \$72,721,350. The treasury today lost \$490,000 in gold by the redemption of greenbacks, which leaves the true amount of the gold reserve \$82,272,690. The competitier of the currency has authorized the Farmers' and Producers' National bank of Shersville, W. Va., to begin business; capital, \$109,000 CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Clearings, \$13,370,799. Money on call loans, \$52542 per cont; commercial paper, \$647 per cent. New York exchange at par. Foreign exchange: Bankers' (London) sterling, \$4,354,674,585.

New York Weekly Bank Statement. New York Weekly Bink Sintement. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The weekly bank state-ment shows the following changes: Reserve, de-crease, \$1,302,555; loans, decrease, \$3,344,300; specie, increase, \$250,700; legal tenders, decrease, \$3,104,-400; deposits, decrease, \$5,764,700; circulation, de-crease, \$17,000. The banks now hold \$17,988,800 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

St. Louis General Market.

St. Louis Dec. 21.—FLOUR—Firmer, with increasing demand from abroad, wing to trouble between this country and England over the Venezeulan question. Local trade dull. Fatents, 13.20, 23.40; extra fancy, 13.10\(\textit{gg2.30}\); fancy, 12.55\(\textit{gg3.00}\); choice, \$2.60\(\textit{gg2.15}\). WHEAT—Opened weak on the financial demoralization in the east, soon became steady on better buying and more reassuring advices on the financial situation, but did not advance any, closing the same as in August; No. 2 red, cash, 63c; May, 55\(\textit{gg3.15}\); (c. CORN—Dull, with a few trades in futures, closing at a slight advance over yesterday. Spot stronger; No. 2 mixed, cash and December, 23\(\textit{gc}\); January, 23\(\textit{gc}\); (ash and December, 16\(\textit{gc}\); (c. May, 12\(\textit{gc}\); (d. See Tot sacked, east track, FLAX SEED—Steady, 88\(\textit{gc}\); (d. For sacked, east track, FLAX SEED—Steady, 88\(\textit{gc}\); (d. See Timothy SEED—31.0\(\textit{gc}\); (d. See Timothy, 38.00\(\textit{gf}\); (d. See Timothy, 38.00\(St. Louis General Market.

11.00. 1'OULTRY—Higher; turkeys, 9½61½c; chickens, 2566c; ducks, 858½c; grese, 5½66c. BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 19525c; dairy, 156

21c. EGGS—Scarce and higher, 1915c. WHISKY—\$1.22. LEAD—Dull; \$2.875₂. Spelter, nominal, \$3.20 LEAD—Dull; \$2.879; Spetter, Bolbinal, \$2.20 asked.
PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; \$8 for old standard mers, 50bt ng. Lard, higher; prime steem, \$5.12%; choice, \$2.9. Bacon, boxed shoulders, \$5.20; longs, \$5.12%; ribs, \$5.25; shorts, \$5.50. Dry sait meats, boxed shoulders, \$4.50; longs, \$4.50; ribs, \$4.62%; shorts, \$4.75.
RECEIPTS—Flour, 24.000 bbls.; wheat, 25.900 bu.; corn, \$4.000 bu.; cats, 23.000 bu.; wheat, 7.000 bu.; corn, \$4.000 bu.; cats, \$8.900 bu.; corn, \$4.000 bu.; cats, \$8.900 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

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Liverpool, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Demand poor;
No. 2 red spring, steady; No. 1 hard Manitols, Is
2d; No. 1 California, Is 3bd. Futures closed firm
and unchanged from yesterday's closing prices;
business about equally distributed; December, Is
2d; January, Is 4bd. February, Is 3d; March, Is
3bd. April, Is 4dd. February, Is 3dd. April, Is 4dd.
CORN—Spot firm; American mixed new, Is 1bd.
Futures closed firm and unchanged from yesterday's closing figures; business heavlest on latest
cositions; December, Is 2bd. January, Is 1bd.
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February, Is 1bd. March, Is 2d; January, Is 1bd.
February, Is 1bd. March, Is 2d; April, Is 2d;
May, Is 2bd.
PLOUR—Steady; demand fair; freely supplied;
St. Louis fancy winter, Is 3d.
I ROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand poor;
Cumberland cut, Is 1o 3b lbs., Is; short ribs. Is
lbs., Is 5d; long clear, light, Is 1o 43 lbs., Is 6d;
long clear, heavy, Is lbs., Is; short clear backs,
light, Is lbs., Iss; short clear middles, heavy, Is
lbs., Iss; clear bellies, It to 16 lbs., Is, Shoulders,
laquare, I2 to 18 lbs., Is 8d; prime mess,
Is 6d. Pork, prime mess, Iline western, Iss; western
The 3d; refined, in pails, Iss.
CHEESE—Quiet bus stardy; demand poor; finest
American, white, 4ts; finest American, colored,
Iss.
HITTER—Finest Unified States, Iss; good, 69s. American, 158.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 25e; good, 69a.

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OILS—Turpentine spirits, 23e 6i. Rosin, firm.
Cattonseed oil, Liverpool refined, 17g. Linseed oil, 20g. Petroleum, refined, 18g.d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequatters, 25gd;

HOPS-At London (Pacific coast), If is, Konsos City Markets.

RANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Slightly higher; No. 2 hard, 544-855c; No. 2 red, 6896/c; No. 2 spring, 180-8c; rejected, 546-55c; No. 2 spring, 180-8c; rejected, 546-56c; No. 2 mixed, 224-9225c; CORN—Active; aleady; No. 2 mixed, 224-9225c; OATS—Sleady; No. 2 mixed, nominally 159-6c; No. 2 white, 199c.

RYE—Dull: No. 2 the, 110-99912.56; prairie, 46-9615.56 1.097.50. BUTTER-Firm; ereamery, 1952ic; dairy, 146

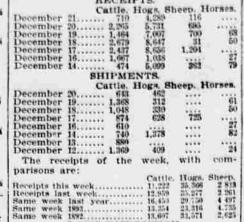
OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET Stocks of the choice westerns. 12 cosps. on, pair to good stock sheet. 11 Top2 65; on the control of t

Cattle Receipts Light and the Market Devoid of Life.

ALL STOCKERS SHOW GREATEST ACTIVITY

Hogs Opened Easy and Fell Off Cents Before the Close-Tendency of the Week Has Been Downward-Receipts Light.

Receipts and shipments for the past twenty-four hours, as compared with the previous six days, are as follows: RECEIPTS.



DAY'S DISPOSITION. The disposition of the day's offerings of live stock was as follows, each buyer pur chasing the number of head indicated: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep

Omaha Packing company
The G. H. Hammond Co.
Swift and Company
The Cudahy Packing Co.
A. Hass
Vansant & Co.
R. Hocker and Degan.
Hocker Bros.
Benton & Underwood.
Shippers and Feeders. 671 4,269 CATTLE-There was the usual light Sat-

urday's run of cattle, only twenty-nine fresh loads being reported in the yards.

The market, as is very apt to be the cas The market, as is very apt to be the case on a Saturday, was dult and uninteresting and without new feature of any importance. The buyers were very indifferent, their orders, apparently, being for only a very limited number of cattle, and not at all urgent, and it is not easy to imagine a market much more devoid of life or activity. The few beef cattle on sale were nothing extra and the buyers took their time. While the market was very slow and weak, the few fat steers here finally changed hands at prices that were not much different from yesterday.

The market on cow stuff was extremely dull. The buyers did not act as if they wanted anything in the line of butchers' stock and when they did get down to business they bought the cattle lower.

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The cattle market of the past week has been far from satisfactory, from a seller's standpoint, and still it has been fully as good here as at any other market point. The fault has not been local by any means, but the situation has practically been the same all over the country.

While the market on fat steers has been very slow on most days of the past week or more, the market has not been so very much lower. Some grades have shown more decline than others and the market as a whole has been rather uneven.

In cows and heifers there has been a great slump in values. Prices on the better grades had been gradually worked up to a high point by the holiday demand and when that was satisfied the market fell of its own weight. It will be no easy matter for shippers to fully realize the extent of the decine. Medium to good cows and helfers, at the close of the week, are all the way from 25c to 50c lower than they were Monday or Tuesday. In some cases buyers claim to have bought cattle even at a greater decline than that represented by the last mentioned figure. In addition to being lower, the snap has been taken out of the market and the trade at the close of the week was very duil.

Stockers and feeders have been in pretty good demand all the week, and, as the supply has been light, the market has been strong. In some cases some little improvement is noticeable in values as compared with the early part of the week. Representative sales:

... 310 1 95 ... 310 2 50 ... 270 2 50 ... 320 2 75 STOCKERS AND FEEDERS. 3..., 710 2 40 2..., 629 2 50 1..., 500 2 50 1..., 1000 2 55 4..., 827 2 60 1... 550 2.75 10... 696 2.05 2... 685 2.90 2... 765 3.10 2... 469 2.95 5... 802 3.15 6... 693 3.99 3... 936 3.20

indquarters, 5%d. BLEAUHING POWDER-Hardwood, f. o. b. SMEEP—The tendency of the sheep market has been lower this week, and a material decline has been scored at eastern markets. The market at this point has been held up somewhat by the moderate receipts. Good to choice natives are

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Cattle Were Largely Sold at Un-

changed Prices.
CHICAGO, Dec. II.-In cattle the supply argely sold at unchanged prices, choice beeves being largely nominal. The bulk of the beeves now arriving sell at from \$2.65 to \$4.25, and extremely few go over \$4.50. The greater part of the big steers sell at low prices, as they are

the big steers sell at low prices, as they are not wanted, both eastern shippers and exporters confining their purchases to medium and light weight steers that are offered at moderate prices. Pancy beeves were quoted at from \$4.0 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows and heifers at from \$2.50 to \$4.70, builts, cows at the fear of financial stringency and panie m stocks on both sides. A few early sales of butcher weights af from \$3.20 to \$3.55 cu but little figure, and the day's sales of common to choice hegs were nearly all made at from \$3.25 to \$4.50.

In sheep trade was slow, as usual on Saturday prices showing no change. Native sheep were salable at from \$1.25 to \$3.25 and lambs at from \$3 to \$4.50.

Receipts: Cattle, 1,000 head; hogs, 15,000 head; sheep, 1,500 head.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY. Dec. 21.—(ATTLE—Receipts, 2,900 head; shipments, 2,900 head; shipments, 2,900 head; stockers and feeders, 12.1501,25; native cows, 11.2502,25; heavy, 23.1502,24; hours, 11.2502,30; HOGS—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 300 Hods—Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market steady; lambs, \$2.00424.25; muttons, \$2.0043.25. Kansas City Live Stock.

Record of receipts at the four principal markets for Saturday, December 21, 1895; | Cattle South Omaha | 2,960 | Chicago | 700 | Kansas City | 1,908 | St Louis | 716 | Totals 5,310 26,737 2,116

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—CATTLE—Receipts, 700 head; market steady at previous quotations; business small on light receipts.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,590 head; market 5c lower; heavy \$2,2092.45; mixed, \$4,0092.40; light, \$3,156,3,40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; natives, mostly \$2,4092.75; southern, \$2,0092.50.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cetton contracts broke 20525 points at the opening, ruled excitedly and trregular, with feeble rulines, and closed steady at a net decline of 4514 points and total sales of 255,000 bules. Our market showed considerable recuperation from the extreme break of yesterday, rallying sharply in the afternoon, It was hoped that the cables would respond to the better feeling today. Instead of that, however, a break of 5 points at Liverpool was seen in futures, and the sales in that market ran off to 8,000 bales. Private cables are very unsatisfactory as regards the feeling abroad. Selling orders poured in from all directions. A firmer tone set in shortly after the opening, and a raily immediately followed the call. The market again turned weak. Futures closed very steady. Sales, 257,000 bales, January, 87,85; March, 57,87; April, 88,04; May, 88,08; June, 88,11; July, 88,14; August, 38,16; September, 38,87; October, 37,77; November, 37,67. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 84,0; middling rulf, 84,0; net receipts, 125 bales; gross, 225 bales; forwarded, 2,044 bales; sales, 121 bales, all spinners; stock, 187,964 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21.—COTTON—Nominal; low middling, 78,0; good ordinary, 7,5–16c; net receipts, 128 bales; forwarded, 2,047 bales; constwhe, 1,712 bales; stothe continent, 8,963 bales; constwhe, 1,712 bales; stothe continent, 8,963 bales; constwhe, 1,713 bales; stothe continent, 8,963 bales; constwhe, 1,714 bales; stothe continent, 8,963 bales; constwhe, 1,715 bales; stothe continent, 8,963 b

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet, with October and November 19 points higher and other months 5 points lower; lustiness slack and local cables featurcless and spot demacal unsatisfactory; closed quiet at a decline of 5 points to an advance of 5 points; sales, 6,000 bags, including; March, \$13.45; December, \$13.756/13.80. Spot coffee, Rio, duil; No., 134.50. Mild, duil; Cordova, \$18.009(18.50. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 8,647 bags; New York stock today, 216,932 bags; United States, 254,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 254,000 bags, against 542,364 bags last year, SANTOS, Dec. 21.—Steady; good average Santos, \$15.10; receipts, 12,000 bags; stock, 420,000 bags. Coffee Market.

tos, \$15.10; receipts, 12,000 bags, stota, bags, HAMBURG, Dec. 21.—Irregular at ½6% pfg decline; sales, 23,600 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 21.—Opened steady, unchanged to ¼7 up; at noon and closed steady and unchanged; total sales, 9,000 bags.

RIO, Dec. 21.—Steady; No. 7, Rio, \$14.95; exchange, 9¼d; receipts, 8,000 bags; clerred for the United States, 5,000 bags; for Europe, 5,000 bags; stock, 209,000 bags.

London Grain Trade Review. London Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The weather has been cold and damp during the past week. The wheat crop is in a promising condition. In the market wheat for the most part was quiet and steady. White wheats were firm and not active. Russian and Danubian have been firmer. American cargoes are now rather easier, while parcels samary and February delivery, have been selling at 27s 1½d. La Plata shippers were quiet. The wheat market generally was affected by the approach of the holidays and a disposition to await developments. Flour was quiet and steady. In maize for consumption there was a good moderate trading at firmer prices. Mixed American maize, old, December delivery parcel, was firmer by 6d. Barley was firm. Oats slow.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 33-635;c; centrifugal, 36 test, 23-63; 5 -15c. Sales reported of one cargo of Java, private terms, said to be better than 31-5c for contrifugal, 36 test. Refined, quiet; standard "A." 15c; confectioners A. 45c; cut loaf, 54c; granulated, 48c.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; nothing doing; centrifugal, Java, 12s 6d; Muscovado, fair refining, 10s 6d; beet, opened firm and closed quiet; December, 10s 6d; January, 10s 71-5d.

Minneapolis Wheat Market
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 29,—WHEAT—Weak;
close: December, 514c; May, 53%c. On track;
No. 1 hard, 524c, No. 1 northern, 514c; No. 2
northern, 59%c.
FLOUR—Sales of first patents were made as
low as \$2.75, but millers well sold ahead quoto
\$2.8062.59 as minimum; domestic bakers, \$2.3062
\$2.50; export bakers, \$1.9062.29. Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—In the dry goods mar-ket there was little or no demand for any class of goods, as the trade awaits the culmination of affairs in financial circles of Wall street, in fact, there was no business doing. Printing cloths dull at 3c for spots or contracts. Sales for the week, \$1,000 pieces.

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