# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

### Security Market Dealings Somewhat Below Monday's Total.

### CONFIDENCE BEING RAPIDLY RESTORED

**Work of the New York Clearing House Committee Leaving a Good Impression in Commercial Circles.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Today's stock market dealings fell somewhat below the total of yesterday, but business was well distributed and the tone was buoyant. London was much less of a factor than on Monday, but there was comparatively little selling for that account. Important buying for London is not looked for in the immediate future, as the short interest at that center has been practically eliminated and investors are deterred from this market by misgivings as to our currency outlook. The features of today's local trading were the purchases by large houses with Washington connections, due to the expectation of an impending issue of government bonds on a basis satisfactory to the treasury, and gratifying results of the timely action of the clearing house committee in preventing distressing rates for money. Though most of the call loans were made at 9 per cent, the bulk of the business was done at 6 per cent, and transactions were made on good Stock exchange commercial at 5 per cent.

The market proved superior to a sharp rise in the sterling exchange market, partly owing to the great disparity between the amount of the actual engagements of gold for shipment tomorrow and the previous extraordinary estimates. It was attempted to be explained that the exports would have been much larger but for the difficulty experienced by would-be shippers of the yellow metal in securing legal tenders. This condition prevailed to a very moderate extent. As a matter of fact, foreign bankers are disinclined to sell exchange to a large amount where the gold is required to be shipped three or four days ahead, because in the event of clearing house loan certificates being used the banks where they deposit their checks would receive for their credit loan certificates instead of legal tender notes. The loan certificates could not be paid over to the foreign bankers, and the banks would not be willing to pay in legal tenders out of their own stock, as their reserve would soon be exhausted. The market opened fairly active and firm, and soon became generally strong, advances being extended in some instances to 3 per cent.

About 11 o'clock reactions occurred on the sharp advances in actual and posted rates of exchange. The losses were soon recovered, heavy purchases by the shorts turning the scale. The upward tendency was thereafter maintained as a rule, the highest figures of the day being reached between 1 and 2 o'clock. The appreciations at the extreme point, as compared with last night's closing prices, are St. Paul & Omaha preferred and Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred, 4¾ per cent; Tobacco, Rock Island and Consolidated Gas, 4½ per cent; Delaware & Hudson, 4 per cent; Sugar, 3⅝ per cent; Bay State Gas, 3¾ per cent; Chicago Gas and Iowa Central preferred, 3½ per cent; Denver & Rio Grande, 3⅜ per cent; St. Paul and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 3¼ per cent; Hocking Valley, 3¼ per cent; Canadian Southern, Lake Erie & Western preferred, Louisville & Nashville and Lead preferred, 2¾ per cent; Northwestern, 2⅝ per cent; Burlington, Missouri Pacific, Southern preferred and Tennessee Coal, 2½ per cent; Kansas & Texas preferred and New Jersey Central, 2½ per cent. The best figures of today record gains from the extreme panic prices of Consolidated Gas, 5 per cent; Lead preferred, 12 per cent; Pullman, 11 per cent; Rubber preferred and Rock Island, 10 per cent; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 9¾ per cent; Alton & Terre Haute, Chicago Gas, Delaware & Hudson, Tobacco and Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred, 9 per cent; Lake Erie & Western preferred, 8¾ per cent; New Jersey Central, 8¼ per cent; Lead and Manhattan, 8 per cent; Sugar and Distilling, 7⅞ per cent; Canadian Southern, 7¾ per cent; St. Paul and Burlington, 7½ per cent; Kansas & Texas preferred and Louisville & Nashville, 7¼ per cent. Around delivery hour there was a disposition of the traders to take profits on the advance, and a sharp slump resulted, in which grangers, Manhattan, Chicago Gas, Tobacco and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis were most conspicuous. The pressure was soon over, and the upward tendency was resumed, the market closing stronger. The appearance of heavy purchasing orders for investment caused a sharp advance in the railway and miscellaneous bond market throughout the day. The transactions footed up $2,376,000. The more important net gains are: Pittsburg & Western 1sts, 4½ per cent; Rock Island extension 5s and Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s, 4½ per cent; Northwestern debenture 5s of 1921, 3 per cent; Oregon Short Line consols, trust receipts, 2¾ per cent; Oregon Short Line 6s, 2½ per cent; Oregon Short Line trust receipts, 2½ per cent; Kansas & Texas 1sts, 2½ per cent; Kansas & Texas 2nds, Reading 4s, 2½ per cent; Reading trust receipts and first incomes, 1½ per cent; Southern 5s and Atchison adjustment 4s, 2½ per cent; Atchison trust receipts, Rio Grande Western 1sts, and Wabash 2nds, 2½ per cent. Government bonds broke sharply on the anticipated new issue of bonds. The new 4s receded 1½ per cent and the old 4s 1 per cent.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: There was a further marked improvement in American shares here today on telegrams reporting a calmer and more friendly utterance from President Cleveland. The recovery was due to bear repurchases and a few speculative orders. The closing was nearly at the best. I understand financiers in Germany were sounded yesterday as to the terms of an American coin and bond loan. The dearness of money there, to say nothing else, is against it. All the markets here closed better, in sympathy with the recovery in Americans and foreigners. At Paris the bourse has been very flat, but there was a strong rally, and the close was distinctly firm. Fresh support is said to have been given by Rothschild to the market. This is not confirmed.

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

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| Atchison | 14⅛ | N. Y. & N. E. | 45 |
| Adams Ex. | 143 | Ontario & W. | 13⅝ |
| Alton, T. H. | 59 | Oregon Imp. | 3 |
| Am. Express | 110 | Oregon Nav. | 15 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 42⅛ | O. S. L. & U. N. | 6 |
| Canada Pacific | 50 | Pacific Mail | 26⅛ |
| Canada Southern | 48¼ | P. D. & E. | 3¼ |
| Central Pacific | 15¼ | Pittsburg | 160 |
| Ches. & Ohio | 14⅛ | Pullman Palace | 156 |
| Chicago & Alton | 150 | Reading | 6 |
| C. B. & Q. | 76⅛ | R. G. W. | 12 |
| Chicago Gas | 65⅛ | R. G. W. pfd | 40 |
| Consolidated Gas | 149 | Rock Island | 66⅛ |
| C. C. C. & St. L. | 36⅛ | St. Paul | 67⅝ |
| Colo. Coal & Iron | 3⅛ | do pfd | 128 |
| Cotton Oil Cert | 17 | St. P. & Omaha | 36¾ |
| Delaware & Hud. | 126⅛ | do pfd | 120 |
| Del., Lack. & W. | 160¼ | Southern Pacific | 20⅛ |
| D. & R. G. pfd | 44 | Sugar Refinery | 99⅝ |
| D. & C. F. Co. | 15⅛ | Tenn. Coal & Iron | 28¼ |
| Erie | 15⅛ | Texas Pacific | 8⅛ |
| do pfd | 22 | T. & O. Cent. pfd | 65 |
| Fort Wayne | 160 | Union Pacific | 5 |
| G. Northern pfd | 110 | U. S. Express | 40 |
| C. & E. I. pfd | 99 | W. St. L. & P. | 6⅛ |
| Hocking Valley | 16 | W. St. L. & P. pfd | 15⅛ |
| Illinois Central | 93 | Wells Fargo Ex. | 90 |
| St. P. & Duluth | 28 | Western Union | 86⅛ |
| K. & T. pfd | 25⅛ | Wheeling & L. E. | 10⅛ |
| Lake Erie & West | 17¼ | do pfd | 34⅛ |
| do pfd | 68⅛ | M. & St. L. | 18 |
| Lake Shore | 144 | D. & R. G. | 12⅛ |
| Lead Trust | 25 | G. E. | 26 |
| Louisville & N. | 43¾ | N. L. | 19 |
| L. & N. A. | 8 | C. F. & I. | 25⅛ |
| Manhattan Con. | 101⅛ | do pfd | 98 |
| *Memphis & C. | 15 | H. & T. C. | 1½ |
| Michigan Cent. | 95 | T. A. A. & N. M. | 1¼ |
| Missouri Pacific | 25 | T. St. L. & K. C. | 5⅛ |
| Mobile & Ohio | 20 | T. St. L. & K. C. pfd | 13 |
| Nashville Chat. | 78 | S. R. R. | 8⅛ |
| National Cordage | 5⅛ | do pfd | 27⅛ |
| Nat. Cordage pfd | 10⅛ | Am. Tob. Co. | 76 |
| N. J. Central | 100 | do pfd | 97 |
| N. & W. pfd | 8⅛ | Am. Tel. & C. Co. | 90 |
| North Am. Co. | 4⅛ | Com'l Cable Co. | 130 |
| Northern Pacific | 3⅛ | Am. Sugar pfd | 96 |
| N. Pacific pfd | 13⅛ | U. S. Cordage gtd | 20¼ |
| U. P. D. & G. | 3⅛ | U. S. Leather pfd | 63¼ |
| Northwestern | 98⅛ | U. S. Rubber | 26⅛ |
| do pfd | 144 | do pfd | 85 |
| N. Y. Central | 97⅛ | | |

* offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 341,418 shares, including: American Sugar, 45,400; American Tobacco, 18,000; Atchison, 11,400; Burlington, 17,300; Chicago Gas, 18,600; Distilling, 15,100; General Electric, 3,300; Kansas & Texas, 6,800; Louisville & Nashville, 10,800; Manhattan Consolidated, 5,500; Missouri Pacific, 10,100; Susquehanna & Western, 3,900; Northwestern, 4,000; Pacific Mail, 3,700; Reading, 5,900; Rock Island, 9,600; St. Paul, 34,600; Southern Railroad, 3,600; Southern Railroad preferred, 6,200; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 10,500; United States Cordage, 5,000; United States Leather preferred, 6,700; Wabash preferred, 6,500; Western Union, 4,900; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 10,800.

**Boston Stock Quotations.**

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Call loans, 4@6 per cent; time loans, 4@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

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| A. T. & S. F. | 14 | Westingh. Elec. | 32 |
| Am. Sugar | 100 | W. Elec. pfd | 54 |
| Am. Sugar pfd | 95⅛ | Edison Elec. Ills. | 125 |
| Bay State Gas | 11⅛ | Gen. Elec. pfd | 62 |
| Bell Telephone | 200 | Atchison 2ds | 22¼ |
| Boston & Albany | 206 | Atchison 4s | 71⅛ |
| Boston & Maine | 171 | Wis. Cent. 1sts | 8⅛ |
| C. B. & Q. | 76⅛ | Allouez Mining Co | 30 |
| Fitchburg | 91 | Atlantic | 14⅛ |
| Gen. Electric | 26 | Boston & Montana | 69 |
| Illinois Steel | 64 | Butte & Boston | 13 |
| Mexican Central | 9⅛ | Calumet & Hecla | 290 |
| N. Y. & N. E. | 80 | Franklin | 10⅛ |
| Old Colony | 176⅛ | Kearsarge | 11⅛ |
| Ore. Short Line | 6 | Osceola | 23 |
| San Diego | 1⅛ | Quincy | 116 |
| Union Pacific | 4⅛ | Tamarack | 120 |
| West End | 66 | Wolverine | 6 |

**Christmas Greeting from Melbourne.**

MELBOURNE, Dec. 24.—The Stock exchange of this city sends a message of "Peace and good will" to the Stock exchanges of London and New York.

**London Stock Exchange.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The stock exchange opened steady and continued quiet; consols advanced ⅛ to ¼ over yesterday's prices, and Union Pacific and American railways ⅛ to 1½ all around. But there was little business doing.

**New York Money Market.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—MONEY ON CALL—5@6 per cent; last loan and closed at 6 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Nominal; 4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.89¾@4.90¼ for demand, and $4.88@4.88½ for sixty days' bills; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89½ and $4.91; commercial bills, $4.87.

BAR SILVER—66⅛c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—66¾@67⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Weak and lower, with new 4s down 1½ and old 4s down 1 per cent on the day; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, steady.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

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| U.S. 4s, reg., new. | 113¾ | C. P. 1sts of '95 | 100 |
| U.S. 4s coup. new | 116¼ | *D. & R. G. 7s | 114¼ |
| U.S. 5s, reg. | 112 | D. & R. G. 4s | 87⅛ |
| U.S. 5s, coup. | 112⅛ | Erie 2ds | 67 |
| U.S. 4s, reg. | 108 | G. H. & S. A. 6s | 105 |
| U.S. 4s, coup. | 109 | G. H. & S. A. 7s | 100 |
| U.S. 2s, reg. | 96 | H. & T. C. 5s | 105 |
| Pacific 6s of '95 | 99 | do 6s | 106 |
| Ala., class A | 108⅛ | M., K. & T. 1st 4s | 82¼ |
| Ala., class B | 109 | do 2d 4s | 58⅛ |
| Ala., class C | 101 | Mutual Union 6s | 115 |
| Ala. Currency | 102 | N. J. C. Gen. 5s | 112 |
| La New Con. 4s | 96 | No. Pacific 1sts | 116¼ |
| Missouri 6s | 100 | do 2ds | 101 |
| N. C. 6s | 124 | N. W. Consols | 139 |
| *N. C. 4s | 106 | do S. F. Deb. 5s | 106 |
| S. C. nonfund | 1 | R. G. West. 1sts | 75 |
| Tenn. new set 6s | 90 | St. P. Consols 7s | 126 |
| Tenn. new set 5s | 105 | do C. & P. W. 5s | 110 |
| Tenn. old 6s | 60 | St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5 | 81 |
| Va. Centuries | 60¼ | St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6 | 100 |
| do deferred | 6 | Tex. Pac. 1sts | 85⅛ |
| Atchison 4s | 71⅛ | do 2ds | 21¼ |
| Atchison 2d A | 22¾ | U. P. 1sts of '96 | 106 |
| Canada So. 2ds | 103 | West Shore 4s | 105¼ |
| L. & N. unified 4s | 75 | Southern 5s | 94 |
| O. R. & N. 1sts | 112 | N. Pac. 3ds | 73 |

* offered.

**New York Mining Quotations.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

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| Bulwer | 15 | Ontario | 750 |
| Chollar | 50 | Ophir | 125 |
| Crown Point | 20 | *Plymouth | 20 |
| Con. Cal. & Va. | 215 | Quicksilver | 200 |
| Deadwood | 60 | *Quicksilver pfd | 1650 |
| Gould & Curry | 38 | Sierra Nevada | 45 |
| Hale & Norcross | 90 | Standard | 150 |
| Homestake | 2000 | Union Con. | 40 |
| Iron Silver | 20 | Yellow Jacket | 35 |
| Mexican | 20 | | |

* offered.

**London Stock Quotations.**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—4 p. m. closing:

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| Consols m'y | 106¾ | Mexican ordinary | 17 |
| Consols, acc't | 106¾ | St. Paul com | 66⅛ |
| Can. Pacific | 52⅛ | N. Y. Central | 98 |
| Erie | 15 | Pennsylvania | 52¼ |
| Erie 2ds | 70 | Reading | 3⅛ |
| Ill. Central | 95 | Mex. Cen. new 4s | 68½ |

BAR SILVER—30 7-16d per ounce.

MONEY—3¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for both short and three months' bills, 1¼ per cent.

**Foreign Financial Affairs.**

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Three per cent rentes, 100f 25c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 23½c for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 44 pfg. The market here was dull today. The Constantinople market was flat, and the selling of mines was largely from there.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Gold at Buenos Ayres today, 244.80; at Madrid, 17.62; at Lisbon, 27; at St. Petersburg, 50; at Athens, 77; at Rome, 107.70; at Vienna, 103. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today, £157,000.

**Financial Notes.**

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $22,702,025; balances, $2,137,968.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $185,061,581; balances, $924,699.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $3,165,654; balances, $488,189.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $21,084,784; balances, $2,243,322.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $5,039,039; balances, $432,883. Money, 5@8 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount; 25c discount asked.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the treasury officials had been advised of the withdrawal for export of $1,250,000 in gold bars from the subtreasury at New York. This leaves the true amount of the gold reserve, $66,766,395. Lazard-Freres will ship $500,000 in gold bars to Europe tomorrow.

## NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

**Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—City mill patents, $4.00@4.25; winter patents, $3.45@3.65; winter straights, $3.30@3.45; winter extras, $2.65@3.05; winter low grades, $2.10@2.60; shipping low grades, $1.90@2.60; Minnesota patents, $3.35@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $2.75@3.00. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.70@2.95. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.20@1.30.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 39¾@40½c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, coarse, 70c; Brandywine, $2.35.

RYE—Nominal; western, 24@25c.

BARLEY—Weak; western, 39@45c; feeding, 23@27c.

BARLEY MALT—Easy; western, 48@55c.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 67¼c; No. 1 hard, 66½c. Options opened stronger on firm foreign cables, better feeling in Wall street, declined on a talk of a heavy visible supply increase, but finally recovered on rumors of large export orders and local covering, and closed ⅝@⅞c higher; No. 2 red, March, 66c; May, 64⅝@65⅝c, closed 65¼c; December, 63⅝@64⅝c, closed 64⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 33⅛c. Options generally firm all day on moderate receipts and sympathy with wheat; closed unchanged to ⅛c higher; May, 34⅜@34⅝c, closed 34½c; December, 33⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 23c. Options dull, but firmer on coverings; closed ⅛@¼c higher; May, 24@24⅛c; closed 24⅛c; December closed 23c.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@5c; 1895 crop, 4@4½c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 3@5c; 1895 crop, 4@10c.

HIDES—Dull; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 12c; Buenos Ayres dry, 20 lbs., 18c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 10c; California, 20 to 25 lbs., 15c.

HAY—Strong; shipping, $7.50@8.00; good to choice, $9.00@10.00.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 22c; acid, 21¼@24c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $10.00@12.00; beef hams, $11.50@16.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, $4.75@5.25; pickled shoulders, $5.00@5.25. Lard, steady; western steam, closed $5.50 asked; December, $5.50, nominal. Pork, dull, lower; short clear, $10.75@12.00; family, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; western dairy, 11@19c; creamery, 17@25c; factory, 10@14c; Elgin, 25c; imitation creamery, 15@20c; state dairy, 16@22c; state creamery, 19@24c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 7¼@10c; part skims, 3¼@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Dull; state and Pennsylvania, 20@24c; ice house, 16@18c; western, fresh, 20@27c; southern, 20c; receipts, 3,471 packages.

TALLOW—Weaker; city, 3⅞c; country, 4c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6¼c; Japan, 3⅝@4c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@36c.

PETROLEUM—Weak; United closed at $1.33 bid; refined, New York, $7.75; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $5.50.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.70@1.75.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 28¼@28¾c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull. Copper, easy; brokers, $10.50; exchange, $10.37½@10.50. Lead, easy; brokers, $3.05; exchange, $3.20, nominal. Tin, weak; straits, $13.65@13.90; plates, quiet. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.40@3.50.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 19@21c; butter grades, 31@32c; prime summer yellow, 29c.

**Liverpool Markets.**

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Spot, firm, demand, poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 2½d; No. 2 red spring, stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 2½d; No. 2 California, 5s 4d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ¼d higher; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 5s 2½d; January, 5s 2¾d; February, 5s 3½d; March, 5s 4½d; April, 5s 4½d; May, 5s 5d.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 3s 2¾d. Futures opened steady and closed firm, with unchanged prices; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 3s 2¾d; January, 3s 1½d; February, 3s 1¾d; March, 3s 3d; April, 3s 2d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand, poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, dull; demand, poor; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 26s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear, light, 38 to 45 lbs., 26s; long clear, heavy, 55 lbs., 25s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 31s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 28s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 38s. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 57s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 50s; fine medium, 45s. Lard, quiet; prime western, 27s 3d; refined, in pails, 28s.

TALLOW—Fine North American, 22s.

CHEESE—Quiet; finest American, white, 44s; finest American, colored, 45s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 95s; good, 60s.

OILS—Turpentine, spirits, 20s 6d. Rosin, common, 4s 7½d. Cotton seed oil, Liverpool, refined, 17s. Linseed oil, 20s. Petroleum, refined, 8¼d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarter, 3⅝d; hindquarter, 6¼d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, £7.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £2 5s.

Receipts of wheat during the past three days were 106,000 centals, including 50,000 American; American corn, 130,000 centals.

Weather cold and rainy.

**St. Louis General Market.**

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The Merchants' exchange was closed today, and the attendance on the "curb" was smaller than it is usually on a holiday. There was some trading and a stronger feeling was exhibited in both wheat and corn. Sales of May wheat, 58⅛@58⅝c; receipts, 27,356 bu.

CORN—Was strong, with 24½c bid for December, and 25⅛c for May; receipts were 36,500 bu. at St. Louis and 459 cars at Chicago. The rainy weather was the bull card in corn.

BUTTER—Lower; separator creamery, 23@24c; fancy Elgin, 26@27c; market dull.

RYE—17@20c.

**Cotton Market.**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7 13-16c; low middling, 7 7-16c; good ordinary, 7⅛c. Net receipts, 16,568 bales; gross, 18,148 bales; exports to Great Britain, 8,850 bales; to the continent, 7,703 bales; coastwise, 1,455 bales; sales, 3,000 bales; stock, 394,975 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 8⅛c. Net receipts, 1,575 bales; gross, 2,944 bales; forwarded, 866 bales; sales, 186 bales; spinners, 66 bales; stock, 192,760 bales.

## OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

**Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.**

The Christmas trade has been something of a disappointment so far as poultry is concerned. The weather has been decidedly unfavorable and the demand has not been nearly so good as it was at Thanksgiving time, while the receipts have been very large. As a result the market was piled full of turkeys, for which there did not appear to be any outlet, and as the weather was such that dressed stock could not be held any great length of time, the only thing to do was to sell the stock for what it would bring. The market was very weak all day yesterday and a good deal was left over unsold. Had the weather been at all favorable a good market would have been almost a certainty, as receivers were very confident and would have held for strong prices if it had been possible. Quotations:

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 19c; held stock, 16@18c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12@12½c; fair to good country, 13@14c; choice to fancy country, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club House, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 5c; ducks, choice, 8@9c; turkeys, choice, 10c; fair, 9c; geese, 7½@8c.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.00; 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 carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, undrawn, per doz., $6.00@6.50; drawn, $5.00@5.50; quail, $1.50@1.80; jack snipe, 75c@$1.00; grouse, $5.50@6.00; snipe, 60@75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.50@1.75; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; redheads, $3.75@4.00; canvasback ducks, $5.00@8.00; teal, blue wing, $2.00@2.25; teal, green wing, $1.75@2.00; mixed ducks, $1.75@2.25; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $3.50; deer saddles, 15@16c; deer carcasses, 11@13c; elk saddles, 11@13c; elk carcasses, 9@10c; antelope saddles, 15@16c; antelope carcasses, 10@11c; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—Holly, per case, $5; Christmas trees, per doz., $2.50@6.00.

VEGETABLES.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz. heads, $1.50@2.00.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, heads small and hard, per lb., 1½c; California stock, per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per 1½-lb. box, 60@75c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30@35c; Colorado stock, 50@55c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 40c, home grown Spanish.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.60.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., 75@90c; Colorado, 55@60c; Kalamazoo, 30@35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.50@1.75.

SCOTCH PEAS—In sacks, per bu., $1.00.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per box, 35c.

APPLES—Fancy stock, $3.25@3.50; choice stock, $2.50@2.75; Utah apples, per box, $1.50.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—None.

OREGON PEARS—Per case, $2.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75; Cape Cod, $9.25@9.50; McFarlin's, $10.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $6; per 65 to 70 lbs., gross, $7.50.

EASTERN GRAPES—No shipping stock.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, regular sizes, $3.75; 96 to 126 sizes, $3.50; navels, $3.60@4.00.

LEMONS—California, per box, $3.75@4.50; Messinas, $4.50@4.75.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 19c; extra selects, 24c; Branch & Co. selects, 26c; New York counts, 29c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

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

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl., $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 30-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Light western steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5¼@6c; good cows and heifers, 4¾@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3¼@3¾c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6@6½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4½c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 14c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6½c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5½c; racks, 8½c; legs, 7c; saddles, 7c; stews, 2½c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; tenderloins, 12c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

FURS.

| | No. 1 Lge. | No. 1 Md'm | No. 1 Sm'll | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BEAR— | | | | | |
| Black | $20@25 | $15 00 | $8@10 | $10@12 | $5 00 |
| Black Yearlings | 12@15 | 10 00 | 7 00 | 7 00 | 3 00 |
| Black Cubs | 6@8 | 5@6 | 4 00 | 5 00 | 2 00 |
| Black Montana & Mountain | 18@22 | 14 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | 4 00 |
| Black Montana Yearlings | 12 00 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| Black Montana Cubs | 6 50 | 4 50 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| Silver Tip | 20 00 | 12 00 | 8 00 | 9 00 | 4 00 |
| Silver Tip Yrlgs. | 11 00 | 8 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | 2 50 |
| Silver Tip Cubs | 6 00 | 4 50 | 3 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| Brown | 20@25 | 16 00 | 12 00 | 12 00 | 5 00 |
| Yearlings | 1@12 | 8 00 | 6 00 | 8 00 | 4 00 |
| Cubs | 7 00 | 5 00 | 3 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| Badger | 1@1 50 | 60 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Fisher | 8 00 | 6 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| FOX— | | | | | |
| Silver (according to beauty) | 100 00 | 60 00 | 40 00 | 20 00 | 10 00 |
| Silver Pale (acc'g to bea'y) | 50 00 | 30 00 | 20 00 | 15 00 | 6 00 |
| Cross | 7 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 | 1 00 |
| Red | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 00 | 75 | 25 |
| Gray | 75 | 50 | 40 | 35 | 15 |
| Kit | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 |
| Lynx | 3 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 | 1 25 | 50 |
| Marten | 2 00 | 1 50 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 50 |
| Mink | 80@85 | 60 | 45 | 25 | 10 |
| Mink Dark | 85 | 65 | 45 | 20 | 10 |
| Mountain Lion (perfect head and feet) | 1@2 | | | | |
| Otter | 8 00 | 6@7 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| Otter Pale | 7 00 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 3 00 | 1 50 |
| Raccoon | 60@70 | 50 | 35 | 20 | 10 |
| Raccoon, Black (as to beauty) | 50@2 | | | | |
| SKUNK— | | | | | |
| Black, cased | 1 25 | 75 | 50 | 50 | 25 |
| Short striped | 1 00 | 70 | 45 | 40 | 20 |
| Narrow striped | 50 | 40 | 25 | 20 | 10 |
| Broad striped | 20@25 | | | | |
| Wolverine | 4 00 | 3 00 | 2 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 |
| Wolf Mountain | 3 00 | 2 00 | 1 50 | 75 | 40 |
| Wolf Prairie | 65@90 | 60 | 40 | 20 | 10 |
| Beaver, per skin | 5@6 | 4 50 | 2 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 |
| Beaver Kits | 2 00 | 1 50 | 75 | 50 | 25 |
| MUSKRATS— | | | | | |
| Spring | | | | | |
| Winter | 8@10 | 9 | 7 | | |
| Fall | | 7 | 6 | | |
| Kits | | 2 | 3 | | |

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1, green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 3c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

CHRISTMAS TREES—$2.50@6.00 doz.

**Dry Goods Market.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A large visible movement of call classes of dry goods and an improvement in the general inquiry were the features of the dry goods market and gave indications of an increasing demand in the near future.

More buyers have been in the market, and for the day before Christmas a very fair volume of business was completed, and in staple cottons much more could have been done but for the small difference that kept sellers and buyers apart. The general feeling was very much better and the crisis is regarded as a back number. Printing cloths quiet at 3c for 64 squares.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 24.—Cloths and yarns quiet, with very little business doing.

**Peoria Markets.**

PEORIA, Dec. 24.—CORN—Steady; new No. 2, 25½c; new No. 3, 25¼c.

OATS—Dull, lower; No. 2 white, 17¼@17½c; No. 3 white, 16½@17c.

RYE—Dull, nominal.

WHISKEY—Steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.22 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 6,700 bu.; oats, 78,800 bu.; wheat, 11,400 bu.; whisky, 75 gal.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 65,700 bu.; oats, 52,750 bu.; whisky, 675 gal.; wheat, 6,600 bu.

# OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

### Light Run of Cattle Which Changed Hands at a Small Advance.

### PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING SOLD EARLY

**Liberal Supply of Hogs for the Day Before Christmas—Demand Good and Sales Made at a 5-Cent Advance.**

TUESDAY, Dec. 24.

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

RECEIPTS.

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Horses. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 24 | 509 | 3,820 | 409 | .... |
| December 23 | 1,579 | 1,209 | 181 | 27 |
| December 21 | 710 | 4,289 | 116 | .... |
| December 20 | 2,265 | 5,731 | 695 | .... |
| December 19 | 1,464 | 7,007 | 700 | 68 |
| December 18 | 2,679 | 8,647 | 31 | 50 |
| December 17 | 2,437 | 8,656 | 1,204 | .... |

SHIPMENTS.

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. | Horses. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 23 | 478 | .... | .... | 27 |
| December 21 | 813 | .... | 513 | .... |
| December 20 | 643 | 462 | .... | .... |
| December 19 | 1,368 | 312 | .... | 61 |
| December 18 | 1,048 | 330 | .... | 50 |
| December 17 | 874 | 628 | 725 | .... |
| December 16 | 610 | .... | .... | 27 |
| December 14 | 740 | 1,378 | .... | 82 |

CATTLE—It being the day before a holiday shippers apparently held back their cattle, and only twenty loads were reported in the yards. The few cattle here and the small amount of business transacted in consequence made it appear like a Saturday.

Out of the twenty loads on sale there were some five loads of steers which were bought by the shippers at prices that were a little stronger, in some cases 10c higher. There were about fifteen loads of butcher stock on sale, which changed hands at about yesterday's prices.

In the feeder division there was not much doing for the want of cattle to trade on. A few odds and ends changed hands.

Practically everything sold early, and the yards were soon deserted by both buyers and sellers. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | 930 | $3 10 | 3 | 1086 | $3 25 | 20 | 1193 | $3 55 |
| 2 | 1050 | 3 20 | 3 | 973 | 3 35 | 30 | 1451 | 3 60 |
| 6 | 1095 | 3 25 | 2 | 1150 | 3 40 | 14 | 1282 | 3 75 |
| 4 | 920 | 3 25 | | | | | | |

COWS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 900 | 1 75 | 9 | 918 | 2 10 | 3 | 1036 | 2 40 |
| 2 | 1075 | 1 85 | 9 | 1031 | 2 10 | 6 | 1013 | 2 40 |
| 1 | 970 | 1 85 | 3 | 1033 | 2 10 | 14 | 1060 | 2 40 |
| 3 | 1010 | 1 90 | 2 | 970 | 2 15 | 9 | 893 | 2 40 |
| 10 | 913 | 1 95 | 5 | 1004 | 2 15 | 1 | 1040 | 2 45 |
| 3 | 946 | 2 00 | 4 | 1010 | 2 15 | 4 | 1150 | 2 45 |
| 4 | 955 | 2 00 | 4 | 1130 | 2 15 | 1 | 1090 | 2 50 |
| 8 | 1102 | 2 00 | 2 | 1019 | 2 15 | 1 | 810 | 2 50 |
| 6 | 928 | 2 00 | 3 | 1060 | 2 20 | 14 | 1050 | 2 50 |
| 2 | 1015 | 2 00 | 1 | 950 | 2 25 | 1 | 1140 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 950 | 2 00 | 15 | 933 | 2 25 | 11 | 859 | 2 55 |
| 1 | 1110 | 2 00 | 11 | 1026 | 2 35 | 13 | 1179 | 2 60 |
| 3 | 1010 | 2 00 | 4 | 1162 | 2 35 | 2 | 1040 | 2 60 |
| 5 | 991 | 2 00 | 1 | 1021 | 2 35 | 8 | 1021 | 2 65 |
| 1 | 1000 | 2 10 | 6 | 1236 | 2 35 | 1 | 1100 | 2 70 |
| 1 | 920 | 2 10 | 5 | 1012 | 2 35 | 1 | 1170 | 2 75 |

BULLS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1170 | 1 65 | 1 | 1350 | 2 10 | 1 | 1350 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 1440 | 1 80 | 1 | 1250 | 2 10 | 1 | 1760 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 1530 | 1 80 | 2 | 1180 | 2 15 | 1 | 1630 | 2 60 |
| 5 | 1400 | 1 95 | 1 | 1290 | 2 15 | 1 | 1760 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 1640 | 2 00 | 1 | 1110 | 2 25 | 1 | 1530 | 2 60 |
| 1 | 1430 | 2 00 | 4 | 1290 | 2 40 | 1 | 1640 | 2 65 |
| 1 | 1430 | 2 10 | 1 | 1420 | 2 45 | 1 | 1000 | 2 70 |
| 1 | 1410 | 2 10 | 1 | 1570 | 2 50 | | | |

HEIFERS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 770 | 2 15 | 4 | 407 | 2 35 | 11 | 814 | 2 50 |
| 2 | 740 | 2 15 | 1 | 530 | 2 40 | 3 | 663 | 2 50 |
| 1 | 980 | 2 20 | 4 | 630 | 2 40 | 12 | 650 | 2 55 |
| 3 | 660 | 2 35 | 3 | 643 | 2 40 | 7 | 777 | 2 55 |
| 1 | 750 | 2 35 | 2 | 620 | 2 45 | 3 | 826 | 3 00 |
| 2 | 655 | 2 35 | | | | | | |

STAGS.

1....1090 3 20

CALVES.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 350 | 2 25 | 1 | 120 | 3 00 | 2 | 130 | 4 25 |
| 1 | 280 | 2 50 | 2 | 160 | 3 00 | 1 | 90 | 4 50 |
| 1 | 190 | 2 50 | 1 | 100 | 3 50 | 1 | 180 | 4 50 |
| 1 | 360 | 2 60 | 1 | 200 | 3 75 | 1 | 120 | 4 50 |
| 3 | 225 | 2 75 | 1 | 110 | 4 00 | 1 | 180 | 4 75 |
| 1 | 70 | 3 00 | 2 | 105 | 4 25 | | | |

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

| No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 406 | 2 50 | 2 | 605 | 3 00 | 2 | 665 | 3 05 |
| 1 | 510 | 2 50 | 7 | 604 | 3 00 | 1 | 650 | 3 10 |
| 1 | 600 | 2 50 | 2 | 550 | 3 00 | 13 | 790 | 3 10 |
| 3 | 636 | 2 50 | 14 | 628 | 3 00 | 2 | 985 | 3 10 |
| 1 | 780 | 2 90 | 2 | 735 | 3 00 | 13 | 615 | 3 10 |
| 2 | 765 | 2 90 | 3 | 1003 | 3 00 | 1 | 650 | 3 15 |
| 1 | 910 | 3 00 | 10 | 724 | 3 00 | 2 | 610 | 3 35 |

HOGS—For the day before Christmas the receipts were liberal, there being fifty-six fresh loads.

The demand was good, and the buyers took hold freely, and were not long in clearing the yards. The prices paid showed an advance of a shade to 5c. The great bulk of all the hogs sold at $3.30, as against $3.25@3.27½ yesterday. A few loads brought $3.32½, with a $3.35 top, which was 5c above the best price paid yesterday. Representative sales:

| No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 89 | 168 | 40 | $3 25 | 35 | 232 | 160 | $3 30 |
| 57 | 256 | 40 | 3 30 | 57 | 371 | ... | 3 30 |
| 23 | 309 | ... | 3 30 | 52 | 313 | 80 | 3 30 |
| 61 | 319 | 40 | 3 30 | 13 | 225 | ... | 3 30 |
| 64 | 245 | 120 | 3 30 | 74 | 231 | ... | 3 30 |
| 69 | 243 | 120 | 3 30 | 82 | 240 | 200 | 3 30 |
| 49 | 297 | 80 | 3 30 | 39 | 284 | 160 | 3 30 |
| 46 | 235 | ... | 3 30 | 75 | 241 | 80 | 3 30 |
| 65 | 297 | 40 | 3 30 | 74 | 242 | 40 | 3 30 |
| 26 | 257 | ... | 3 30 | 61 | 321 | 200 | 3 30 |
| 64 | 291 | 160 | 3 30 | 64 | 270 | ... | 3 32½ |
| 22 | 262 | ... | 3 30 | 81 | 210 | 80 | 3 32½ |
| 29 | 274 | 160 | 3 20 | 59 | 244 | 120 | 3 22½ |
| 22 | 383 | ... | 3 30 | 65 | 257 | ... | 3 32½ |
| 58 | 310 | 120 | 3 30 | 60 | 270 | ... | 3 32½ |
| 58 | 233 | 40 | 3 30 | 81 | 265 | ... | 3 32½ |
| 45 | 373 | 240 | 3 30 | 139 | 282 | 160 | 3 32½ |
| 53 | 266 | 80 | 3 30 | 57 | 313 | 80 | 3 32½ |
| 58 | 276 | ... | 3 30 | 50 | 337 | ... | 3 32½ |
| 67 | 278 | 40 | 3 30 | 62 | 296 | 40 | 3 32½ |
| 75 | 283 | 40 | 3 30 | 66 | 263 | 80 | 3 32½ |
| 63 | 263 | 80 | 3 30 | 71 | 244 | 80 | 3 32½ |
| 49 | 239 | 40 | 3 30 | 73 | 231 | 80 | 3 32½ |
| 58 | 207 | 160 | 3 20 | 77 | 267 | ... | 3 22½ |
| 59 | 326 | ... | 3 30 | 54 | 271 | 120 | 3 32½ |
| 59 | 228 | 200 | 3 30 | 96 | 272 | 80 | 3 22½ |
| 52 | 254 | ... | 3 30 | 66 | 291 | ... | 3 35 |
| 100 | 153 | ... | 3 30 | 55 | 389 | 120 | 3 30 |
| 55 | 329 | ... | 3 30 | | | | |

PIGS—ODDS AND ENDS.

| No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. | No. | Av. | Sh. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 250 | ... | 2 10 | 6 | 213 | ... | 3 20 |
| 1 | 380 | ... | 2 10 | 4 | 345 | ... | 3 25 |
| 2 | 250 | ... | 2 10 | 5 | 332 | ... | 3 25 |
| 2 | 260 | ... | 2 30 | 6 | 246 | ... | 3 25 |
| 1 | 460 | 40 | 2 75 | 7 | 314 | ... | 3 25 |
| 9 | 260 | ... | 3 15 | 6 | 346 | ... | 3 25 |
| 6 | 265 | ... | 3 20 | 5 | 302 | ... | 3 25 |
| 4 | 277 | ... | 3 20 | 9 | 337 | ... | 3 27½ |
| 2 | 435 | ... | 3 20 | | | | |

SHEEP—The market did not show much change today so far as values were concerned. Representative sales:

| No. | | Av. | Pr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 81 | mixed natives | 108 | $2 65 |
| 1 | native ewe | 180 | 3 00 |
| 1 | native lamb | 120 | 3 25 |
| 14 | native mixed | 117 | 4 25 |

**CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.**

**Small Receipts in All Lines Coming In.**

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Country shippers have been advised by Chicago commercial firms to cut down their shipments of cattle, hogs and sheep during Christmas week, and are following the advice strictly. Today's supply was so meager that the offerings were easily disposed of at a further advance of 5c to 10c, prices ruling about 15@20c per 100 lbs. higher than on Friday for desirable lots. Sales were on the basis of from $3.50 to $4.10 for common to strictly choice beeves, handy light and medium cattle selling to the best advantage. Butchers' and canners' stuff was firmer, with cow sales largely at $1.10 to $3, while calves sold at from $2.50 to $5.75 for common to choice. The stocker and feeder branch was neglected. Fed Texans are selling at from $3.10 to $3.90. The best grass Mexicans continue to bring $2.70.

Hog receipts today would be considered small even on a Saturday. Only a few thousand remained over from Monday, so that packers had a very light supply. Prices were strong and 5c higher. Common to choice hogs sold at from $3.30 to $3.47½, a large part of the trading being at from $3.40 to $3.45. Eastern shippers are doing extremely little buying this week. Less than 1,000 hogs were shipped from here yesterday.

Not many sheep are required, as poultry is so cheap, and the long spell of warm, rainy weather tends to make matters worse, but the offerings were so light today that prices were stronger for desirable offerings. Sales were on a basis of from $1.50 to $3.75 for inferior to extra sheep. Lambs sold at from $3.25 to $4.40.

**Kansas City Live Stock.**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market strong to 10c higher; Texas steers, $2.50@3.65; Texas cows, $2.25@2.70; beef steers, $3.25@4.20; native cows, $1.50@3.10; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.45; bulls, $1.75@2.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 7,300 head; shipments, none; market strong, 5c higher; bulk of sales, $3.30@3.35; heavies, $3.15@3.40; packers, $3.25@3.40; mixed, $3.25@3.35; lights, $3.20@3.30; Yorkers, $3.25@3.30; pigs, $2.70@3.05.

SHEEP—Receipts, 700 head; shipments, 500 head; market steady; lambs, $3.00@4.25; muttons, $2.25@3.30.

**New York Live Stock.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—BEEVES—Receipts, 190 head; European cables quote American steers at 9@14½c, dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 9@10c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 46 head. Market steady but quiet; sheep, poor to prime, $2.00@3.00; lambs, $4.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 72 head. Market steady at $3.50@4.00.

**Stock in Sight.**

Record of receipts at the three principal markets for Tuesday, December, 24, 1895:

| | Cattle. | Hogs. | Sheep. |
|---|---|---|---|
| South Omaha | 500 | 3,820 | 409 |
| Chicago | 2,500 | 13,000 | 5,000 |
| Kansas City | 2,000 | 7,300 | 700 |
| Totals | 5,000 | 24,120 | 6,109 |

**St. Louis Live Stock.**

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Steady; Texas steers, grassers, $2.25@2.85; fed, $2.85@3.70; native beeves, $3.25@4.75; cows and heifers, bulk sales, $2.00@2.75.

HOGS—Steady; heavy, $3.25@3.40; mixed, $3.00@3.25; light, $3.15@3.30.

SHEEP—Steady; natives, $2.25@3.00; bulk, $2.40@2.75; southern, $2.00@2.75.

**Wool Market.**

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say December 26 of the wool trade: The sales in the three principal markets of the country for the week ending December 21 have amounted to 5,924,400 lbs., of which 2,809,500 lbs. were domestic and 3,114,900 lbs. were foreign wool. The year is going out as usual with a quiet market. There is, of course, no continuous free business, although some days there are sales of moderate size. All wools are moving in a small way, and prices are fairly strong, no disposition to concede anything being apparent. The consensus of opinion is that things after all indicate that a fair amount of business will be under way early in the new year. They will commence with a considerable amount of domestic stock at various points and a comparatively small amount of foreign material and a reasonable prospect of all and both kinds being needed. The sales of the week in Boston have amounted to 2,422,500 lbs., of which 1,560,000 lbs. have been domestic and 832,500 lbs. foreign. The sales for the year will amount to 219,564,247 lbs., against 141,663,785 lbs. last year. The wool traders here, to say the least, are as little disturbed as any class of merchants by the panicky incident of last week, resulting from the action of congress in response to the president's message, for they are not borrowing. Having met their obligations incurred in July, they are not called upon now to sacrifice wool for that purpose.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—The panicky incidents during the past week in this section of the country has not had any effect on the wool market here. The demand for wool still continues quiet, but dealers are looking for a brisker market after the turn of the year. Values as a whole are not materially different on any line of wool. Fleece and territory wools have perhaps been quieter than for some time. Australian wools are firm, with fair sales. The following are the quotations of leading descriptions: X Michigan, 16½@17c; No. 1 Michigan combing, X, 21c; No. 1 Illinois combing, 21c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 22c; No. 2 Illinois combing, 22c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 16@16½c; No. 1 New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 19@20c; unwashed medium, Kentucky and Maine, quarter blood, combing, 18@19c; Kentucky and Maine, three-eights blood, combing, 18c; Indiana and Missouri, quarter blood, combing, 18c; Indiana and Missouri, three-eighths blood, combing, 17@18c; Texas wools, spring medium (12 months), 13@14c; scoured price, 31@32c; spring, fine (12 months), 12@13c; scoured, 33@35c; territory wools, Montana fine and medium fine, 11@12c; scoured price, 35@37c; Montana, No. 2 medium, 14@16c; scoured, 32@33c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 11@13c; scoured, 33@35c; California wools, northern spring, 11@15c; scoured, 33@36c; middle county, spring, 11@13c; scoured, 32@33c; Australian, scoured basis, combing, superfine, 45@47c; combing, good, 40@42c; combing, average, 38@40c; Queensland, combing, 40@42c.

**Coffee Market.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet at unchanged prices; ruled dull and featureless on light trading for evening up local accounts before the holidays; foreign advices indifferent; closed quiet at 5 points net decline; sales, 12,350 bags, including March, $13.40. Spot coffee, Rio, quiet; No. 7, $14.50. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $18.00@18.50. Sales 150 bags Mexican and 150 bags Central American, p. t. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 14,522 bags; New York stock today, 240,729 bags; United States stock, 325,643 bags; afloat for the United States, 243,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 568,643 bags, against 527,337 bags last year.

SANTOS, Dec. 24.—Market quiet; good average Santos, $15.10; receipts, 12,000 bags; stock, 443,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 24.—Market quiet and unchanged; sales, 13,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—Market steady; No. 7, Rio, $14.00; exchange, 9 3-32d; receipts, 22,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 11,000 bags; for Europe, none; stock, 221,200 bags.

**Sugar Market.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3¼@3⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¾@3 9-16c. Refined, quiet; standard "A," 4⅛c; confectioners' A, 4½c; cut loaf, 5¼c; granulated, 4⅝c.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet, nothing doing; Java, 12s 6d; Muscovado, fair, refining, 10s 6d; beet, steadier; January, 10s 7½d.

**Kansas City Market.**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—No grain market today.

BUTTER—Creamery, fairly steady at 15@23c; dairy firm at 14@15c.

EGGS—Not so firm; fresh, 19½c.

**Almost Buried Alive.**

The borough of Duryea, near Pittston, Pa., was the scene of considerable excitement recently, when it became known that Mrs. Romanski, a Polish woman, came near being buried alive.

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