COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

After Advancing Briskly Wheat Suddenly Breaks Rather Sharply.

LIVERPOOL ADVICES AGAIN A FEATURE

Corn is More Active Than for Some Time Previous, but the Tone is Not So Strong as Expected.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—After encouraging the bulls today with an advance of ⅜c over yesterday's close, wheat broke suddenly and sharply, closing at a slight decline. Speculators rather overbought on Hessian fly damages reports and the anxiety of speculators to unload started the general liquidation, which resulted in the slump. Corn and oats were sympathetically weak, closing about ½c and ¼c lower, respectively. Provisions closed at subsequently unchanged figures.

Wheat opened weak because of a decline of ¼d to start with at Liverpool and a further break of ½d, which was likewise known before the start here. It opened at from 80½c to 80⅝c for May, as compared with 81⅛c at the close yesterday. The commission houses generally had selling orders and the local professionals were feeling bearish, as dullness is looked for until after the holidays are over. But the situation was soon changed for the better. North-western receipts were light to begin with, Minneapolis and Duluth reported but 377 cars, compared with 62 last week and 358 last year. Chicago receipts were equally bullish, 26 cars, against 27 last week and 25 on the corresponding day last year. The chief strengthening factor, however, was the news of damage to the winter wheat in Ohio and Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Letters and dispatches were received showing injury from the Hessian fly, as well as from the late cold snap. These places of damage were a good deal scattered and raised the fear that it was possibly serious and widespread and started the early sellers to covering, resulting in an advance to 81⅛c. It turned at that point and declined emphatically, dropping by 12:30 o'clock to 80⅛c. The break could not be traced to anything beyond the general and almost simultaneous desire that seized the crowd to take profits on early purchases. The seaboard exports were very heavy, amounting to 570,000 bu. in wheat and flour, including clearances from New Orleans and Newport News. The decline at Liverpool and a shade lower quotations at Paris were the only bearish features of the day's business and Liverpool in the end was only from ¼d to ½d lower than it closed yesterday. Altogether it was rather an inexplicable break and when such a thing occurs it is usual to ascribe it to Armour, and there was no exception today, all the more because Armour & Co. again sent 200,000 or 300,000 bu. of wheat to those who had it coming from them on December contracts. The price finally got down to 79⅝c and closed weak at 79⅞c.

Corn was more active than for some time previous, but the tone was heavy and the tendency downward. The heaviness was irrespective of light receipts, liberal export clearances and fresh sales for foreign shipment reported from New York of eighty boatloads, all this being overshadowed by the weakness of wheat. May opened a shade lower at from 25⅝c to 25¾c, sold at from 25⅝c to 25⅞c, and then declined to 25½c, where it closed.

Oats were active, with a good business transacted, the bulk of which was of a scalping nature. Through sympathy with wheat and under the influence of heavy offerings the market ruled weak and prices closed ⅛c to from ¼c to ⅜c lower than they did yesterday. Atlantic port clearances were 157,000 bu. May opened unchanged at 20¼c, advanced to 20½c, and closed easy at 20c bid.

Provisions were very dull, but a firm undertone existed. The feature was the smallness of the offerings, which served to hold prices steady during most of the session. Packers were more or less affected by the coolers' claims. The extreme weakness of wheat had its effect late in the day, and the slight opening advance was lost. May pork closed 15c higher at $7.95; May lard unchanged to $4.05; May ribs, unchanged at $4.02½.

Estimated receipts Thursday: Wheat, 37 cars; corn, 210 cars; oats, 325 cars; hogs, 36,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec....	77⅛	77⅜	76⅝	76⅝	77¼
May...	80½@⅝	81½	79⅞	79⅞	81-81⅛
July...	74-74⅛	75⅛	74	74⅛	74⅝
*Corn—					
Dec....	22½@⅝	23	22½@⅝	22¾	22⅝
Jan....	22⅝	23¼	22⅝	22⅞	23
May...	25⅝@¾	25¾@⅞	25½	25½	25¾
*Oats—					
Dec....	17	17	16¾	16¾	17
May...	20¼	20½	20	20	20¼@⅜
Pork—					
Dec....					6 77½
Jan....	7 67½	7 70	7 65	7 65	7 62½
May...	7 97½	7 97½	7 92½	7 92½	7 92½
Lard—					
Dec....					3 72½
Jan....	3 87½	3 87½	3 85	3 85	3 85
May...	4 07½	4 07½	4 05	4 05	4 05
Sh't Ribs					
Dec....					3 90
Jan....				3 87½	3 87½
May...	4 02½	4 05	4 02½	4 05	4 02½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady: winter patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.20@4.60; spring specials, $4.60; spring patents, $4.15@4.50; straights, $3.75@4.00; bakers, $3.10@3.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 76⅝c; No. 3 spring, 76c; No. 2 red, 88⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 23c; No. 2 yellow, 23c.

OATS—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 20½@21c; No. 3 white, 17@18½c.

RYE—No. 2, 38½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 23@25c; No. 4, f. o. b., 22@26c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 73@75½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $6.80@6.85; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.77½@3.80; short ribs sides, loose, $3.85@4.05; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.25@4.50; short clear sides, boxed, $4.12½@4.25.

DRESSED POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 11c; chickens, 6c; ducks, 9@10c.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	9,000	8,000
Wheat, bu.....	43,000	28,000
Corn, bu.....	183,000	47,000
Oats, bu.....	673,000	187,000
Rye, bu.....	18,000	.....
Barley, bu.....	142,000	24,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 15@20c; dairy, 10@17c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 18c. Cheese, steady; 8¼@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,300 bbls.; exports, 4,051 bbls.; barely steady today, with business interrupted by the storm; Minnesota patents, $4.55@4.85; winter patents, $4.30@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $3.40@4.10; winter extras, $3.35@4.00; winter low grades, $2.85@3.05. Rye flour, quiet and steady; superfine, $2.85@3.05, fancy, $3.10@3.25. Buckwheat flour, dull, $1.35@1.40.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 35@37c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 59c; city, 60c.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 40@42c.

BARLEY—Steady; western, 28@28½c; malting, 38@46c; feeding 28@28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 156,300 bu.; exports, 161,254 bu. Spot weak; No. 1 hard, 82½c. Options opened lower on cable news, recovered on small spring wheat receipts, bullish winter wheat crop reports and bad Argentine news, but finally weakened, and closed ⅞@1⅛c net lower, owing to unloading by the crowd; No. 2 red, May, 85⅝@86⅝c, closed at 86½c.

CORN—Receipts, 69,500 bu.; exports, 41,245 bu. Spot active and weak; No. 2, 28⅝c. Options opened steady on light car lot receipts, but sold off with wheat, closing ⅛@¼c lower; May, 31½@31¾c, closed at 31½c; December closed at 28⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 24,000 bu.; exports, 141,911 bu. Spot dull; No. 2, 27⅛@27½c. Options quiet and lower, with corn; closing ⅛@¼c net decline; January closed at 22½c; May, 24½@24⅝c, closed at 24½c; December, 21⅝@22c, closed at 21⅝c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, $5.50@6.00; good to choice, $7.00@7.50.

HOPS—Dull; 1896 crop, 26@7½c; 1896 crop, 8@14c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@7½c; 1896 crop, 9@14c.

HIDES—Dull; Galveston, 13c; Buenos Ayres, dry, nominal; California, 5½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c; acid, 20@23c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.00@10.00; extra, $7; beef hams, $17.50@18.00; packet, $8.00@9.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4¼@4½c; pickled shoulders, 4c; pickled hams, 8½@9c. Lard, firm; western steamed, $4.15; refined, steady. Pork, dull; mess, $8.25@8.75; short clear, $8.75@10.50; family, $10.50@11.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,675 pkgs.; quiet; western creamery, 14@21c; Elgins, 21c; factory, 7@12c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,302 pkgs.; steady; large, 7½@9½c; small, 7½@10½c; part skims, 3½@7c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,807 pkgs.; quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 19@21c; western, 18½@21c.

OILS—Petroleum dull; United closed at 97c bid. Rosin, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.80@1.82½. Turpentine, dull; 26½@27½c. Cottonseed, nominally steady; prime crude, 20c; prime summer yellow, 23c; off summer yellow, 22½@23c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¾@6c; Japan, 4@4¼c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $11.00@12.25; northern $11.00@13.00. Copper, easy; brokers, $11.37½; exchange, $11.50@11.50. Tin, quiet. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $4.15@4.25. Tin, dull; straits, $12.80; plates, market quiet. Pig lead is selling in a small way for immediate delivery at $3.05; round lots are avoided and speculation is spiritless and indifferent on the basis of 2⅝c. Nevertheless, holders show a firm front. Brokers' price, $3.00@3.05.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Volume of Business in Securities About Equal to Tuesday's Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The volume of business in stocks was about equal to yesterday's record and the dealings were fairly well distributed. Considerable firmness was evident in the early trading, and general gains were made. The positive influence of the favorable international trade statement for November, showing an excess of $40,052,855 in exports over imports, and a gain for the eleven months of $206,968,709, and the negative encouraging fact of the absence of disturbing news from Washington on the Cuban question was considered responsible for the improvement. Another bull item, also negative in import, was a denial of the reports based on the increasing firmness of the exchange market of a probable resumption of gold exports to Europe. The strength of exchange was attributed mostly to the approaching January disbursements for interest and dividends on American securities held abroad, and to the higher discount rate in London, where money is again hardening. Bankers say that there is no prospect of gold exports, owing to the impending maturity, at intervals, up to February 1, of loans made to Europe on exchange, estimated to aggregate from $25,000,000 to $50,000,000. The considerations noted induced liberal covering by the bears.

The lower prices for American securities in London were disregarded by the traders, and in the specialties manipulation for a rise was clearly apparent. Consolidated Gas was marked up 2 per cent and Sugar and Rubber common preferred about a point. Manhattan was dealt in ex-dividend of 1½ per cent, and contrasted with the other markets by declining 1½ per cent on continued selling by a leading bear operator. The decline was attended by discouraging gossip on the dividend outlook, almost three months away. Subsequently the stock rallied 2¼ per cent to 92¼. The gold export rumors above referred to caused a reactionary tendency soon after the first hour, and special pressure was directed against a few stocks, notably Burlington, which fell 2 per cent, also on rumors affecting the dividend question, based on the unsatisfactory traffic returns and the increasing floating debt. The American Spirits shares also declined materially on the delay in effecting a trade arrangement. The other losses were fractional. Liquidation was discernible in several stocks, with unfavorable sympathetic effect upon the general market. A better tone developed around midday and heavy covering of shorts was noted, carrying the active list up 1@2⅛ per cent over the low points. The closing was strong at the best prices of the day, with the general list showing sharp fractional net gains. The bond market was irregular on moderate transactions, which included a number of the usually inactive issues. The sales were $1,569,000. The principal declines ranged from 1½ to 6 per cent, the last in Brooklyn Elevated seconds. The more important advances ranged from 1½ to 2¼ per cent. Governments were strong and slightly higher on sales of $3,000. In state securities $15,000 of Virginia centuries sold at 81.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock market continued dull and depressed today, with no business, in view of the approaching holidays and the end of the year. Consols were flat on the money market, which was today mainly influenced by the news of gold exports to Japan, of which I cabled yesterday. As the matter had been kept so secret, the money market now jumps to the conclusion that further large shipments to the same quarter are probable. I gather from good sources, however, that any drain is not likely. New York exchange is watched closely. Americans were depressed with the other markets, but the close was above the lowest. Mines were flat on the reported retirement of the principal partners of a large firm of Kaffir operators. I learn that this is certainly premature and partly untrue.

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

Atchison.....	13½	N. Y. & N. E.....	45
Adams Ex.....	148	Ontario & W.....	14¾
Alton. T. H.....	55	Oregon Nav.....	15
Am. Express.....	109	O. S. L. & U. N.....	14½
Baltimore & Ohio.	15	Pacific Mail.....	24⅝
Canada Pacific....	54	Peoria, Dec. & E..	2
Canada Southern..	47½	Pittsburg.....	163
Central Pacific...	14⅝	Pullman Palace...	153
Ches. & Ohio.....	16⅝	Reading.....	26½
Chicago & Alton..	160	R. G. W.....	15
C. B. & Q.....	73¾	do pfd.....	40
Chicago Gas.....	72⅝	Rock Island.....	67⅞
Consolidated Gas.	156½	St. Paul.....	74¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	27	do pfd.....	130
Colo. Coal & Iron..	⅛	St. Paul & Omaha.	47¾
Cotton Oil Cert...	10	do pfd.....	130
Delaware & Hud..	125	Southern Pacific..	15
Del., Lack. & W..	155	Sugar Refinery....	111¼
D. & R. G. pfd....	42¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	25½
East Tenn.....	14½	Texas Pacific....	9⅝
Erie.....	33½	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
do pfd.....	70	Union Pacific.....	9¾
Fort Wayne.....	164	U. S. Express.....	40
G. Northern pfd...	119	W. St. L. & Pac...	6¾
C. & E. I. pfd.....	93	do pfd.....	15⅝
Hocking Valley....	17¾	Wells Fargo Ex...	97
Illinois Central...	92	Western Union...	85¾
St. P. & Duluth...	18	Wheeling & L. E..	7⅝
K. & T. pfd.....	27¾	do pfd.....	27
Lake Erie & West.	18	Minn. & St. Louis.	18¾
do pfd.....	70	Den. & R. G.....	11¾
Lake Shore.....	153¾	Gen. Electric.....	31⅝
Lead Trust.....	23¾	Nat'l Linseed.....	19½
Louisville & N....	49	Col. Fuel & I.....	25
L. & N. A.....	¼	do pfd.....	70
*Manhattan Con...	91⅞	Tol. St. L. & K. C..	4½
Memphis & C.....	15	do pfd.....	10
Michigan Central.	92	Southern.....	9⅝
Mo. Pacific.....	20	do pfd.....	27⅝
Mobile & Ohio.....	29⅝	Tobacco.....	75
Nashville Chat...	68	do pfd.....	101
National Cordage.	5¼	Am. T. & C. Co...	85
do pfd.....	19¼	C. C. Co.....	110
N. J. Central.....	102	Am. Sugar pfd....	106½
N. & W. pfd.....	15¼	Cordage gtd.....	20½
North Am. Co.....	4¾	Leather pfd.....	59¾
Northern Pacific..	13	Rubber.....	74⅝
N. Pacific pfd....	22½	Rubber pfd.....	80
U. P., D. & G.....	2½	Cotton O. I pfd..	50
Northwestern....	102¼	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	50
do pfd.....	146	Am. Spirits.....	1½
N. Y. Central.....	94⅝	do pfd.....	2½

* ex-div.

The total sales of stocks today were 206,500 shares, including the following: American Sugar, 40,500; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 31,700; Chicago Gas, 7,100; Chesapeake & Ohio, 1,700; General Electric, 2,500; Louisville & Nashville, 5,200; Manhattan, 12,500; Reading, 21,100; Rock Island, 5,400; St. Paul, 24,600; Union Pacific, 21,000; Western Union, 3,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed, 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87@4.87¼ for demand and $4.83⅝@4.84 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.87½@4.88.

COMMERCIAL BILLS—$4.82.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65⅝@65⅞c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; state bonds quiet; railroad bonds firmer.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new reg.....	120¼	C. P. 1sts of '95...	102½
U. S. new coup....	120½	D. & R. G. 7s.....	110
U. S. 5s. reg.....	113¾	D. & R. G. 4s.....	90¼
U. S. 5s. coup.....	113¾	Erie 2ds.....	64½
U. S. 4s. reg.....	109¾	G. H. & S. A. 6s..	108¼
U. S. 4s. coup.....	110¼	do 7s.....	95
U. S. 2s. reg.....	95¼	H. & T. C. 5s.....	109
Pacific 6s of '95...	99½	do 6s.....	100
Ala., class A.....	103	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	81¼
Ala., class B.....	103	do 2ds 4s.....	57¾
Ala., class C.....	96	Mutual Union 6s..	111½
Ala. Currency....	90	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	118⅝
La. New Con. 4s..	96	No. Pacific 1sts...	116
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	118
N. C. 6s.....	121	N. W. Consols.....	139¼
N. C. 4s.....	101	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	110½
S. C. nonfund.....	½	R. G. West. 1sts...	75½
Tenn. new set 6s..	80	St. P. Consols 7s..	130
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	do C. & P. W. 5s.	114½
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	76
Va. Centuries.....	61	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	110½
do deferred.....	6½	Texas Pac. 1sts...	85½
Atchison 4s.....	79	Texas Pac. 2ds...	19½
Atchison 2d A.....	42¾	U. P. 1sts of '93...	102¾
Canada So. 2ds....	105¼	West Shore 4s....	107
L. & N. unified 4s.	78	O. R. & N. 1sts...	113½
Southern 5s.....	90¼	N. P. 3ds.....	78⅝

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Call loan, 2½@4 per cent; time loans, 3½@4½ per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	13⅝	Atchison pfd.....	23¾
American Sugar..	111¾	Ed. Elec. Ill.....	145
Am. Sugar pfd....	101	Atchison 4s.....	79
Bay State Gas.....	5⅝	New England 6s..	111
Bell Telephone...	209½	Gen. Elec. 5s.....	91
Boston & Albany..	207	Wis. Cent. 1sts...	116⅝
Boston & Main...	162	Allouez Mining Co	50
C., B. & Q.....	73¾	Atlantic.....	20
Fitchburg.....	93	Bos on & Montana	90¾
General Electric..	31⅛	Butte & Boston....	6¾
Illinois Steel.....	40	Calumet & Hecla..	323
Mexican Central..	5¼	Franklin.....	11
Old Colony.....	177	Kearsarge.....	1⅝
Ore. Short Line...	14	Oceola.....	28½
Rubber.....	24⅛	Quincy.....	118
Union Pacific.....	9⅛	Tamarack.....	99
West End.....	65¾	Wolverine.....	8½
West End pfd.....	83		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	3	Gould & Curcie....	32
Alpha Con.....	8	Hale & Norcross...	120
Andes.....	15	Justice.....	4
Belcher.....	31	Mexican.....	49
Best & Belcher....	58	Mono.....	20
Bodie Con.....	02	Occidental Con....	11
Bullion.....	11	Ophir.....	100
Bullion Con.....	41	Overman.....	13
Calenona.....	9	Potosi.....	64
Challenge Con....	31	Savage.....	39
Chollar.....	94	Sierra Nevada....	46
Confidence.....	90	Union Con.....	45
Con. Cal. & Va....	110	Utah Con.....	44
Crown Point.....	18	Yellow Jacket....	30

Silver bars, 65⅝c; Mexican dollars, 51½@52c. Sight drafts, 10c; telegraphic, 12½c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	17	Ontario.....	700
Chollar.....	70	Ophir.....	80
Crown Point.....	15	Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	95	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	100	Quicksilver pfd...	1200
Gould & Curry....	28	Sierra Nevada....	37
Hale & Norcross..	80	Standard Con.....	145
Homestake.....	2000	Union Con.....	35
Iron Silver.....	25	Yellow Jacket....	25
Mexican.....	38		

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Liberal Receipts of Cattle Find Trade in Good Condition.

DEMAND FAIR AND MOVEMENT ACTIVE

Beef Steer Supply Falls Far Short of the Request—Hogs Open Slow and Close Strong and Higher.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 16.—Receipts for the days indicated were:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.
December 16.....	3,601	6,778	1,214	....
December 15.....	3,269	8,416	2,959	....
December 14.....	3,105	2,490	2,103	....
December 12.....	952	3,923	779	....
December 11.....	1,314	4,590	729	....
December 10.....	2,393	5,303	546	....
December 9.....	3,528	4,559	980	....
December 8.....	3,258	4,292	2,055	56
December 7.....	2,700	1,730	833	....
December 5.....	1,864	5,607	1,060	18
December 4.....	1,859	6,885	1,225	....

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.....	6	1	..
Mo. Pac. Ry.....	36	4	..
Union Pacific System.....	19	27	1
C. & N. W. Ry.....	1	1	..
F., E. & M. V., R. R.....	17	17	2
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.....	4	4	..
B. & M. R. R. R.....	30	35	3
C. B. & Q. Ry.....	..	7	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east....	..	4	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west....	13	3	..
Total receipts.....	126	103	6

The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated:

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.....	80	1,484	....
The G. H. Hammond Co..	259	1,504	504
Swift and Company.....	430	1,587	....
The Cudahy Packing Co..	195	2,193	93
R. Becker and Degan....	481	....	....
Vansant & Co.....	112	....	....
J. L. Carey.....	118	....	....
Lobman & Rothschilds...	2	....	....
W. I. Stephens.....	81	....	....
Hill & Lewis Co.....	78	....	....
Benton & Underwood....	37	....	....
Huston & Co.....	20	....	....
R. Becker & D., K. C....	415	....	....
Denman & Hopkins.....	....	....	359
Cudahy P. Co., from K. C.	625	....	....
Other buyers.....	155	4	30
Left over.....	200	200	....
Total	3,398	6,972	977

CATTLE—Today's run of cattle was the largest since December 2, but as about 1,000 of the cattle here were consigned direct, the actual offerings on the market were not so very large after all. The receipts for the three days of the week foot up 9,597 head, or 500 head more than for the corresponding days of last week.

The market today was in very satisfactory condition as a whole, values being strong, the demand good and the movement active. The supply of beef steers was rather meager, all told perhaps a dozen loads, none of them very good. The buyers all wanted cattle and they took hold freely and cleared up the yards in a very short time. The prices paid were a little stronger than yesterday and in some cases as much as 10c higher than yesterday. Owing to the inferior quality of the cattle here the sales did not show up on paper to very good advantage, there being nothing to compare with the good cattle here yesterday.

Butchers' stock was also in active demand and the market stronger in about the same proportion as beef steers. The few loads of cows and heifers here moved off freely and an early clearance was effected.

Stockers and feeders were in good request and the buyers were not long in speaking for everything on sale at values that were just about steady with yesterday. There were some large buyers in from the country yesterday who cleaned up a good many of the cattle, and the demand so far this week has been fully equal to the supply. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	1125	$3 25	8	1135	$3 50	2	885	$3 15
2	1105	3 35	18	1073	3 60	10	1075	3 50
4	1170	3 40	13	1106	3 60	21	1117	3 95
40	1394	3 50	19	1149	3 75	11	1304	3 95
1	1250	3 50	20	1255	3 80	13	1270	4 05
40	1144	3 50	20	1111	3 85	30	1253	4 15
26	1044	3 50	1	880	3 85	3	1246	4 85

COWS.

2	770	1 25	1	710	2 50	2	875	2 65
1	990	1 75	2	1060	2 20	1	1010	2 65
2	835	1 75	1	875	2 35	2	1225	2 70
1	920	1 75	1	950	2 40	1	1390	2 75
1	1000	1 85	4	1012	2 40	9	1178	2 75
20	928	1 90	3	1000	2 45	17	1154	2 80
1	1080	2 00	4	967	2 45	1	1270	2 85
1	1110	2 10	1	950	2 50	1	1120	2 85
1	1010	2 10	1	930	2 50	28	1026	2 90
1	880	2 15	1	1140	2 50	3	1160	3 00
1	1070	2 15	6	1138	2 50	12	920	3 00
4	1062	2 15	1	1090	2 50	12	885	3 00
1	1060	2 20	3	1096	2 50	3	1223	3 00
1	870	2 25	1	1120	2 50	2	1175	3 05
7	967	2 25	1	940	2 50	40	977	3 10
1	1060	2 25	2	1170	2 55	3	1013	3 20
1	1040	2 25	22	897	2 60	1	1200	3 25
1	1110	2 25	1	1060	2 60	1	1240	3 25
1	840	2 25	2	855	2 60	1	1060	3 25
1	990	2 25	1	1020	2 60	1	1070	3 25
1	1040	2 25	4	1030	2 65	1	1020	3 35
2	950	2 25	2	1140	2 65	2	1390	3 60

HEIFERS.

1	680	2 00	1	470	2 75	1	620	3 00
2	895	2 25	3	770	2 75	5	948	3 00
2	750	2 40	1	630	2 75	1	810	3 00
4	775	2 50	1	734	2 75	2	1060	3 00
1	730	2 60	1	620	2 75	18	735	3 25
1	490	2 65	7	557	2 80	16	831	3 25
2	875	2 65	1	650	2 80	18	804	3 25
10	657	2 70	1	460	2 85	76	871	3 40
1	880	2 70	13	615	2 85	1	1100	3 50
1	760	2 70	2	425	3 00	1	1350	3 60
1	500	2 70	2	710	3 00			

BULLS.

1	1180	2 00	1	1530	2 40	3	906	2 60
1	1520	2 00	1	880	2 40	1	1240	2 60
3	1130	2 00	2	1280	2 40	2	1585	2 60
1	1060	2 00	1	1350	2 50	1	1020	2 60
2	915	2 00	1	1370	2 50	2	740	2 65
2	815	2 15	1	1080	2 50	1	1030	2 65
1	1220	2 20	1	1700	2 50	1	780	2 65
2	1220	2 20	1	1470	2 50	1	1550	2 65
1	1230	2 25	2	1670	2 50	1	1360	2 70
1	1190	2 25	1	1150	2 50	1	940	2 80
1	1330	2 30	1	1310	2 55	1	1520	2 85
1	950	2 30	1	1460	2 60	1	1000	3 00
1	1360	2 40	1	1760	2 60	1	880	3 00
1	1100	2 40						

OXEN.

2	1040	2 65						

CALVES.

1	350	2 50	1	290	3 50	2	155	4 00
5	303	2 70	2	205	3 50	1	170	4 00
1	76	3 25	1	250	3 50	1	110	4 50
1	350	3 25	5	320	3 65	2	120	5 00
14	306	3 45	1	240	3 75	2	175	5 25

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

1	760	2 75	1	840	3 50	34	735	3 65
1	960	2 90	25	792	3 50	10	718	3 65
1	680	3 00	20	843	3 52½	2	690	3 70
1	550	3 00	26	989	3 55	28	645	3 70
2	1050	3 00	4	697	3 55	1	820	3 70
2	815	3 00	12	726	3 60	5	732	3 70
1	1160	3 00	5	692	3 60	13	1012	3 70
1	820	3 10	3	296	3 60	1	560	3 70
2	840	3 25	19	640	3 60	10	682	3 75
1	730	3 25	30	858	3 60	10	427	3 75
1	820	3 25	1	850	3 60	4	955	3 75
2	765	3 40	7	795	3 65	25	919	3 80
1	580	3 50	9	510	3 65	2	430	3 85
1	1110	3 50	1	980	3 65	1	1000	3 85
18	748	3 50	9	1044	3 65			

MILKERS AND SPRINGERS.

1 cow and c....	$22 00	1 cow and c....