Wheat Fluctuates Considerably and Finally Favors the Bulls.

CORN VERY SLOW, BUT HOLDS STEADY

Oats Tame, with Sales Few and Unimportant, Not a Transaction of Over Fifty Thousand Being Reported.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Wheat after trying to divide its favors equally between bulls and bears finally showed preference for the bulls. It closed with an advance of from Business in all departments had very much of a holiday character and there was not enough change in the prices outside of wheat to call for comment. There will be no session of the Board of Trade

Although wheat opened %c higher than It closed yesterday it had probably the tamest start since the day before Christmas a year ago. The situation was without change of moment, so that the local specu-lative position was left to adjust itself calmly and without pressure to the exi-gencies of a three days' tieup of business. Liverpool opened with 13d added to the previous day's closing quotations and the northwestern receipts were again small. The number of carloads received at Minneapolis and Duluth was 35, compared with 435 on Thursday of last week. Chicago got 30 cars and 145,000 bu, were inspected out of regular warehouses. The tone of the market was rather heavy after the opening and up to about 12 o'clock. May wheat opened at from 813se to 813se to 813se, gradually sagged to 813se. It rose again when at the latter price rumors of considerable cash business in whent for shipment to country mills began to be circulated. The market kept firm during the last hour, although there was no volume of business. The good cash demand for milling, the rumor of liberal engagements to go to the scatoard by rail and the firm closing cables, all helped to sustain prices. The editor of the Liverpool Corn Trade News cabled that wheat and flour on ocean passage would decrease heavily in the next two weeks and that caused heavy Liverpool buying of wheat in New York, observable there for several days. ool opened with 34d added to the pre-

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Corn was very slow, but held steady, fluctuating only \( \frac{1}{2} \) with an easier undertone. The local receipts were above the estimate, but cables were strong and the clearances from the scabbaard large, about \$25,000 bn. The firm tone to wheat caused corn to close 1-bic over its closing price yesterday. May, opened unchanged at \$25\text{kc}\$, sold between \$25\text{kc}\$ to \$25\text{kc}\$.

Onto were tame, with sales few and unimportant, not a transaction of over \$50,000 bn. being reported. Prices were confined to a range of \( \text{kc} \) and held about steady following wheat and corn. May opened at \$20\text{c}\$, sold at \$15\text{kc}\$ and closed with sellers at \$20\text{c}\$. There was a fair trade in the cash department and no material changes in prices were recorded.

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Provisions were just as dull as the other markets, business being almost entirely local and in small lots. Prices at the opening showed comparatively no change. A slight decline followed free offerings by packers, which was recovered with the closing strength of wheat. May pork closed a shade higher at from \$7.87½ to \$9.00. May lard a shade higher at \$3.97½.

Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, 31 cars; corn, 325; oats, 275; hogs, 19,000 head. The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yest'y.

May July	78-78% 81%65% 75%6%	78% 81% 70%	78 81% 75%	78% 81% 70%	813(m34 75%
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Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR-Steady: winter patents, \$4.5064.75;
straights, \$4.5064.75; spring specials, \$4.50; spring
patents, \$4.1564.50; straights, \$2.7564.00; bakers,
\$3.1062.15. WHEAT-No. 2 spring, 784-975%c; No. 3 spring,

CORN-No. 2, 22% 023c. OATS-No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 1989 9%c; No. 3 white, 178/17%c. RYE-No. 2, 37450. RARLEY-No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 2345023340;

No. 4, 250/250;
PIANSICED—No. 1, 750/75/250;
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PIROTHY SEED—Prime, \$2.55.
PROVISIONS—Meas pork, per bbl., \$6.70/16.75;
lard, per 100 lbs., \$3.72/46/2.75; short ribs. sides.
10000: \$3.756/2.56; dry salited shoulders. boxed,
44.256/4.50; short clear sides, boxed, \$4.00/64.124c.
DRESSED POULTRY—Firm, turkeys, 11c;
chickens, 56/64/2c; ducks, 96/10c.
WHISKY—Distillers' linished goods, per gal.,
\$1.18.

SIGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged. The following were the receipts a Articles. 3,000 18,000 188,000 254,000 5,000 37,000 Flour, bbls..... 82,000 On the Produce exchange today the butter mar-tet was firm: creamery, 15:321c; dairy, 10:3 17c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 20c. Cheese, firm;

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities. NEW YORK, Dec. 24 -FLOUR-Receipts, 16. 00 bbis; exports, 4,150 bbls; market dul but fairly steady; Minnesota bakers, \$3.40g3.95; winter low grades, \$2.75g3.05; winter patents,

winter low grades, \$2.7545.05; winter patents, \$4.495.19. Rye flour, dull: superfine, \$2.8563.05. Buckwheat flour, dull: \$1.9941.25. Buckwheat flour, dull: \$1.9941.25. BUCKWHEAT—Quiet; \$5.6. CORN MEAL—Quiet; \$1.26. RYE—Nominal; \$0.9452. BARLEY—Quiet; \$1.26. BARLEY—Quiet; \$1.26. BARLEY—MAILT—Dull: western, \$5.3035.50. WHEAT—Receipts, \$6.400 bu.; exports, \$16.780 bu.; spot firm; No. 1 hard, \$5.56. Options opened firm and except for a slight early reaction were very firm all day, closing at \$4354 net advance. The strength was based on first cubies, local covering and light spring wheat receipts; speculation was largely of a holiday character; No. 2 red, May, \$13.652, \$13.16c, closed at \$736; December, \$91.9930c, closed at \$90c. CORN-Receipts, \$5.500 bu; exports, \$14.613 ba; spot firmer; No. 2, 254c. Options quiet but firm all day, with wheat, closing \$464c net higher; May \$13.6319c, closed at \$136c; December closed at \$294c.

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OATS Receipts, 26,400 hu.; exports, 37,603 hu.; spot firm; No. 2, 224,62334c. Options inactive and featureless, closing unchanged; May closed at 2414c; December, 224c, closed at 224c, december, 224c, closed at 225c, HAY Easy; shipping, 525,6275c; good to choice, 1947c.

HOPS Full; 1895 crop, 24774c; 1896 crop, 84715c; Pacific coast, 1835 crop, 24774c; 1896 crop, 84715c; London market dull, HIDES Steady; Galveston ondon market dull.
HIDER—Sicady: Galveston, 129:13c; Buenos
yres dry, nominal; Texas, dry, 94c; Califor-Ayres dry, nominal; Texas, dry, 1945; California, 1946.

LEATHER—Duil; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weight, 1946-294c.

PROVISIONS—Hear harms, 115.00 asked; packet, 18-0019.50. Cut areats, firm; pickled beilies, 84.25.

(64.75. pickled shoulders, 21.50; pickled harms, 88.2568-75. Lard, eaby; western steam, 44.674; asked; refined, steady, Pork, firm; mess, 48.254; asked; refined, steady; park, firm; mess, 48.254; asked; refined, steady; 24.665; actory, 7641cc.

CHEPSN—Receipts, 2.863 pkgs.; steady; western sreamery, 15472c; (EHEPSN—Receipts, 2.765 pkgs.; steady; state, and Pennsylvania, 21.674c; western, 15472c.

CHEPSN—Receipts, 2.865 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 21.674c; western, 15472c.

OH.S—Petroleum, dult; united closed at 25c bid. Rosin, steady, strained, common to good, 41.75. Turpentine, steady; 26.4.674c. Cottonseed cominally steady; prime crade, 16c; prime summer yellow, 25c; off summer yellow, 21.472c; prime white, 21.9724c.

RICE—Quet; fair to extra, 24.4924c; Japan,

inne white, 21227bic. RICE-Quiet; fair to extra, \$54964e; Japan,

MOLASSES Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 25(13)c, for new errop.

METALS-Pig iron, dull; southfrm \$11,009(12.25; northern, \$11,009(13.05). Copper, Brm. brokers, \$11.37\dagger exchange \$11.37\dagger exchange \$1.37\dagger exchange \$1.37\dagger exchange \$1.00\dagger exc

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, with prices 10 points higher; ruled fairly active on covering, following favorable and smaller receipts at Brezillan ports; closed tregular at 15 to 20 points not advance; sales, 15,000 bags, including: December, 25,2529-2.00 bags, including: December, 25,2529-2.00 bags, including; 1853; mild, quiet; No. 7, involce, \$17.00; bobbing, \$18.50; mild, quiet; Cordova, 185.00\$; 75.00; sales, 4.000 bags, Maranathe, p. t. Tutal warehouse deliveries from the United States, 7.247 bags, including 5.879 bags from New York; New York stock today, 256.004 bags; United States atock, 42.671 bags; aftent for the United States, 30,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 74.571 bags, against 25,444 bags last year. Coffee Market.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL 10,700 reis; exchange, \$ 9-16d; receipts, 9,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 4,000 bags; for Europe, 9,000 bags; stock, 305,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 24.—COFFEE—Quiet and unchanged; sales, 4,000 bags.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.
EGGS—Fresh gathered, 18220c.
HUTTER—Common to fair, 829c; choice to
fancy, roll, 12645c; separator creamery, 21c;

gathered cream, 181720c. GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., \$6.001/6.25; mail, \$1.60@1.56; blue winged teal ducks, \$1.50@ 75; green wing, \$1.25; redheads and mallards, 13.50; small rabbits, Elgade; jacks, The; squirrels, 696750; deer saddles, 149150; carcasses, 199110;

69675c; deer saddles, 14675c; carcasses, 19611c; antelope saddles, 15674c; carcasses, 3c; Cannala greese, large, 56,097.6c; small, 54,0975.0c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10%c; Edam, per doz. 39.0c; club house, 1.15. fars, per doz. 31.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 5%c; Roquefort, 5%-lb. jars, per doz. 31.5c; Young Americas, 10%c; twins, fancy, 10%c. 35 to 100 lbe, are quoted at 750c, large and coarse, 40%c.

DRESSID POULTINY—Chickens, 54,96c; turkeys, 9%file, greese, 70%c; ducks, 7875c.

LIVE POULTINY—Not wanted.

PIGEONS—Live, 75,950c; dead pigeons, not wanted.

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HAY—Upland \$5.00; midland, \$4.50; lowland, \$1.50; rre strew, \$1.00; color makes the price on hay; fight bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

HROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green, self-working carpet, per lb., \$1.00; choice green, running to hurl. 24e; common, 14c.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATORS—On orders, per bbl., \$2.00.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., \$1.25.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per hundred, \$1.25.

CELERY—Per dox., \$5430c; fancy, large, 450; bot.

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FIGS-Imported fancy, 5 crown, 28-th, boxes. FIGS-Imported fancy, 5 crown, 29-th, boxes, 15c; choice, 16-th, boxes, 3-crown, 11c.

NUTS-Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 18c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walter, per lb., fancy, sort shell, 12f124c; standards, 11f114c; filterts, per lb., 18c; pecans, polished, large, 2ff10c; jumbo, 11f12c; large hickory nuts, 1,25 per bu.; smail, \$1.59; cecoanuts, 5c each.

HIDES, No. 1 press, billes, 5c; No. 2 press.

each.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green bides, 5c; No. 2 green bides, 4c; No. 1 green saited hides, 7c; No. 2 green saited hides, 7c; No. 1 was calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 96/16c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5ffe; No. 1 dry saited hides, 8ffe; part cured hides, 16c per lb. less than fully sured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green saited, each, 25/90c; green saited, shearings short wooled saily skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled saily skins), No. 1 each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb. actual weight, 5ffe; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb. actual weight, 5ffe; dry flint Colorade Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3ffe; feet cut off, as it is uscless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 25/c; grease, white A, 2c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 15/c; old, butter, 26/25/c; besewax, prime, 15/6/22c; rough tallow, 1c. WOOL-Unwashed, fine, heavy, (67c; fine, light, WOOL-Unwashed fine heavy (67c; fine, light, 859c; quarterblood, 10612c; seedy burry and chaffy \$50c; cotted and broken, fine, 5695c. Fleece Washed-eotted and broken, fine, 5695c. Fleece Washed, 50c; black, 5c; bucks, 5c; tag locks, 263c; dead pulled, 5695c.

HONES-in car lots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Bry buffalo, per ton, \$12.09674.00; dry country, bleathed, per ton, \$10.096712.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, \$6.0068.00.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF-Good native steers, \$60 to 600 lbs., 5456

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St. Louis General Market. St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—FLOUR—Dull and weak; patents \$4.6094.75; extra fancy, \$4.1094.20; fancy, \$3.4093.50; choice, \$3.0093.10.

WHEAT—Futures closed unsettled at but slight changes from yesterday. There was no business this morning and very little attention was paid to the market, the pit being almost deserted most of the time. There was very little news of importance; spot easy; No. 2 red, cash, in elevator, 91c; on track, 90993c; No. 2 hard, each, 75c, nominal; December, 91%c; May, 90%c bid.

OORN—Futures dull and easier; spot steady; to, 2 cash, 20@2014c; December, 20c asked; lay, 23%c bid.
OATS—Futures dull; spot steady; No. 2 cash.

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BARLEY—Dull; malting, 30@40c,
CORN MEAL—\$1.35,
BRAN—Dull and unchanged; sacked, east side, nominally 59c.
FIANSEED—Better at 72½c.
TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, \$2.40,
HAY—Quiet and steady; timothy, \$5.00@10.56; prairie, \$4.00@7.50.

EGGS—Quiet at 14c.
WHISKY—\$1.18,
LEAD—Dull at \$2.75@2.82½.
SPELTER—Dull at \$2.75@2.82½.
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PROVISIONS—Fork easy; standard mess, jobbing, \$7.10@7.35, Lard, unchanged; prime steam, \$1.65; extra short clear, \$4.62½; ribs, \$4.70; shorts, \$4.87½. Dry sait meats, boxed shoulders, \$4.55; extra short clear, \$4.52½; ribs, \$4.25; shorts, \$4.70;
SPOULTRY—Chickens, dull; old, 4½c; spring, 4.37%.
POULTRY—Chickens, dull; old, 4½c; spring, ic; turkest, firm at 8635%; ducks, firm at 3647c; geese, slow at 4655%.
RECEIPTS—Flour, 3.000 bbls.; wheat, 10.000 bu.; corn, 147.000 bu.; oats, 25.000 bu.
SHIPMENTS—Flour, 2.000 bbls.; wheat, 6.000 bu.; corn, 6.000 bu.; cats, 3.000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

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Liverpool Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; demand poor; No. 3 red, 8s 1/4!; No. 1 Callfornia, 7s. Futures opened quiet: with near and distant positions sid higher; closed firm, with near and distant positions sid higher; business heaviest on middle positions; December, nominal: January, 6s 26; February, 6s 1/2; March, 6s 1/2; April, nominal: May, 6s 10d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 2s 10/4; Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions unchanged; closed steady, with May 4/4 higher and other months unchanged; business about equally distributed; December, 2s 1/2d; February and March, 2s 1/2d; April, nominal; May, 2s 1/2d.

FILOUR—Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 8s 2d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand poor; Camberland cut, 2s to 20 lbs., 25s; short ribs, 25 to 24 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear, light, 25 to 28 lbs., 28s; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 27s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 2s, 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 7s, 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 7s, 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 7s, 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 45 lbs., 27s, 6d; prime may, 45 lbs., 28s, 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 45 lbs., 27s, 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 2s, 6d; clear middles, heavy, 45 to 45 lbs., 7s, 6d; prime may, 45 lbs., 27s, 6d; prime may, 6d; prime, 4ts 3d. Lard, duil; prime, 5ds, refined, in palls, 22s.

CHEESE—Quiet; demand poor; finest Amer-

Cotton Market. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 21—COTTON—Firm: iddling, 6%c; low middling, 6%c; good or-thary, 6%c NEW YORK, Dec. 24—COTTON—Futures NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—COTTON.—Fatures closed quiet and steady; sales, 103,500 bales; January, 36,58; February, 56,21; March, 87,09; April, 87,98; May, 37,15; June, \$7,29; July, \$7,24; August, \$7,26; December, 56,50. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Steady and unchanged middling, 613,46; no sales; receipts, 3,477 bales; shipments, 3,325 bales; stock, 57,223 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—SUGAR—Raw, easier; fair refining, 213-16c; centrifugal, 26 test, 2-3-16c. Refined, quiet; mold "A." 4%c: standard "A." 4%c: confectioners" "A." 4%c: cut loaf and crushed, 5c: powdered and cobes, the; granulated, 4%c: molasses, 59 test, 2%c.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—SUGAR—tane, stendy; centrifugal, Java, Ha 3d; Muscovade, fair refining, 5e 3d. Heet, firm, but little doing; December, 3s 1½d, January, 3s 1½d,

Toledo Grain. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 24. --WHEAT-Higher; dull; No. 2 cash and December, Sec. May, 96%c. CORN-Dull; steady; No. 2 mixed, 12c. OATS-Quiet; No. 1 mixed, 18c. RYE.-Dull; No. 2 cash, 38c. CLOVER SEED-Steady; prime December.

of goods. The completed sales through derivaries of not kind of former purchases were large. The market is very quiet, as usual in this period of the month and year, though, in fact, the month's sales are largely in excess of those for the completed formed by the period of the completed sales are largely in excess of those for the completed sales are largely in excess of those for the completed sales are largely in excess of those for the completed sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in excess of those for the complete sales are largely in each sales with a solid sales with a sale of the plain, with solitary junipers and sales with a sales with a sale of the plain, with solitary junipers and sales with a sale of the plain, with solitary junipers and sales with a sales with a sale of the plain, with solitary junipers and sales with a sales wit PALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 24.—Print cloths dull at 29-19c, nominal.

STOCKS AND BONDS,

Final Dealings Reflect a Disposition to Carry Lines Over the Holldays. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The stock market to-day reflected a general disposition to carry lines over the three-day boliday, and, in cons nence, the trading as a rule lacked significance it intervals the stock indicator was motion less, and the fluctuations recorded were in the main narrow. London prices for American se-

New York, \$1.75.

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CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, \$2.00\text{92.25}.

PINEAPPLES—Per crate of two to three dox., \$1.00\text{94.30}.

ORANGES—Mexican, \$2.75; California navels, \$4; receilings, \$3.

LEMONS—Messings, \$4.50\text{97.50}; choice California, \$3.5\text{94.37}; fancy, \$3.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, \$2.00\text{92.25}; medium-sized bunches, \$1.50\text{32.30}.

MISCELLANEOUS,

CHOER—Carrised juice, per half bbl., \$2.50; per bunch, \$1.00\text{92.25}; medium-sized bunches, \$1.50\text{32.30}.

MAPILE SYRUP—Five-gal, cans, each, \$2.50\text{97}.

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SAUSE KRAUT—Per half bbl., \$1.75; bbls., \$1.00\text{32.50}.

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The total sales of stocks today were 59,793 shares, including: American Sugar, 9,600; Burington, 5,600; Consolidated Gas, 9,000; Reading, 5,600; St. Paul, 6,700; silver certificates, 41,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—MONEY ON CALL— Easy at 11562 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed, 1562 per cent. PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—35644 per STERLING EXCHANGE-FIR usiness in bankers' bills at \$4.87% for demand and \$4.83% \$74.84 for sixty days; posted rates,

845-94.8. COMMERCIAL BILLS-44.821-94.824. BAR SILVER-654c. SILVER CERTIFICATES-654c. GOVERNMENT BONDS-Steady; state bonds ill; railroad bonds dull. ull; railroad bonds dull. Closing quotations on bonds were as follows: U. S. mew reg. 119)6 C. P. 1sts of '95 11925 U. S. new coup. 119)6 D. & R. G. 7s 110 U. S. 5s. reg. 1135 D. & R. G. 4s 8946 U. S. 5s. coup. 1135 Eric 20s 6348 6348 | 113% | D. & R. G. 48 | S046 |
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104	M. K. & T. 181 48	
806	Mutual Unidot 68	110
92	N. J. C. Gen. 58	118
9616	No. Pacific 1818	116
100	do 2ds	11818
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105	G. C. & P. W. 58	114
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7886	Poxas Pac. 1818	80
7896	Poxas Pac. 2ds	20
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San Francisco Mining Quotations. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—The official closing notations for mining stocks today were as for-

Alta	1	Hale & Noreross	110
Andes	11	Justice	4.
Belcher	38	Kentucky Con	10
Best & Belcher	44	Mexican	48
Bodle Con	60	Mono	21 5
Bullion	- 8	Occidental Con	
Bulwer Con	38	Ophtr	87
Calenona	10	Overman	
Challenge Con			53
Choliar	78	Savago	25
Confidence	77	Sierre Nevada	41
Con. Cal. & Va		Union Con	38
Con. Imperial		Utah Con	5
Crown Point	1.6	Yellow Jacket	28
Gould & Currie	24	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH	

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Call loans. 219 44 per cent: me loans. 3148419 per cent. Closing prices for tocks, bonds and mining shares: American Sugar 110
Am Sugar pfd 1004
Mis Cent 1sts 38
Bay State Gas 54
Boston & Albany 208
Boston & Maine 162
Boston & Maine 162
Boston & Montana 924
Fitchburg 94
Mexican Central 8
Centennial 296 C. B. & Q. 70% Butte & Bost n. 7
Fitchburg. 94 Calimet & Heela. 322
Old Colony. 178 Franklin. 10
Ore Short Line. 14 Kearesirge. 1446
Union Pacific. 9 Osceola. 28
West End. 635 Odnoy. 119
Ed. Elec. III. 145 Wolverine. 816

New York Mining Quotations. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following are the closing mining quotations: patis, 22s. Lard, duit; prime 21s, refined, in Crown Point 16 Ophir, 850 Ontario, 8 LONDON, Dec. 24,-4 p. m. closing: Consols, my. 110 13-16 Hi, Central. Consols, seet. 111 Mexican ordinary. Can Pacific 504; St. Paul common. Erie 15th N. Y. Central.

DAR SILVER-29 15-16d per ounce. MONEY-25-374 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for their and three months' bills is 3%-3734 per BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$2,178,469; alances, \$306,989. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$55,086,314; balances, \$5,061,798. BOSTON Mass., Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$13,666,-54; balances, \$1.211,644. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$5,698,-6; balances, \$1,335,107.

Steady Pricen.

BUYERS WILLING TO TAKE EVERYTHING Stockers and Feeders Show the Only

Inclination to Lag-Liberal Run of Hogs Sells Fully Stendy.

less, and the fluctuations recorded were in the main narrow. London prices for American securities came higher, but the arbitrage operations were on a very limited scale in the specialities some wide changes were noted. The specialities some wide changes were noted. The continued cheap gas satistion and all suggestions of impending unfavorable legislation at Albany were responsible for declated weakness in the head gas shares. Consolidated Gas declared the head gas shares. Consolidated Gas declared the head gas shares. Consolidated Gas declared to the absolutely without support, but the latter railing on covering to 141. Long Island was also a prominent feature, and, after a decline of 3 per cent to 42, wis offered down to fifty on ageliers sixty-day options. The stock closed at 15 bid, 32 asked. Delaware & Hudson, on moderate dealings. The stock was at a minimum. The state of the days indicated were.

The general market exhibited firmness throughout, with the Vanderbilt shares prominent. In this group, New York Central advanced 145 per cent, and Manhattan also rose sharply, but this group, New York Central advanced 145 per cent on Eackawanna exerted a streagthening in fluoree upon the anthractic ceal stocks. The declared at a minimum. The 2 per cent disboderment in the stock in the stock of the Christmas holidays, until Montay, December 12. 25 bid. Silver developed the proceeding from on narrow and the proceeding from the christmas holidays, until Montay, December 15. 25 bid. Silver certificates were active, but a shade lower, on dealings of \$1,000. The stock exchange will be closed, on account of the Christmas holidays, until Montay, December 15. 25 bid. Silver certificates were active, but a shade lower, on dealings of \$1,000. The stock exchange will be closed, on account of the Christmas holidays, until Montay, December 15. 25 bid. Silver, and the proceeding of the day's receipts was as followed by a sain of \$1,000. The market closed of \$1,000. Silver certificates were active, but a shade lower, on dealings

The disposition of the day's receipts was South Omaha .....

12,247 for the corresponding days of last week.

Among the offerings were a few corn-fed cattle, which sold readily at good steady to strong prices. There was nothing prime in the yards, but there was one two-load bunch good enough to bring 4,10. Everything sold reasonably early.

Only thre or four loads of cows and helfers were on sale and buyers took them at strong yesterday's prices.

Stockers and feeders were a little slow, as the demand is never brisk just on the eve of a holiday, still the few here changed hands and at prices not materially different from yesterday. Representative sales:

NATIVES.

NATIVES. DEEF STEERS. COWS. HEIFERS. 680 2 85 680 2 85

BULLS. 1....1700 2 70 2....1080 2 76 1....1210 2 85 1....820 3 00 1....1110 3 15 2....1000 3 15 ...1810 2 40 ...1165 2 45 ...1230 2 50 2....1890 2 35

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

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550 3 35 W. WESTERNS. IDAHO. No. Av. Fr. No. Av. Pr. So. Cows. 523 \$2 00 1 bull. 1050 \$2 95 7 bulls. 1270 \$2 10 4 feeders. 1270 \$2 50 Baker & D. 2 cows. 1035 \$2 55 12 cows. 972 \$2 25 11 feeders. 886 \$2 40

weak, but still everything sold in reas

Taking the market as a whole, the sales would not show much change on an average, but, of anything, it was a little firmer. Representative

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$3.787.297; balances, \$11.235, 107.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$3.787.297; balances, \$313.218; money 5287 per cent: New York exchange, bar bid; Ec premium asked.

CHICAGO. Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$44,151.747; 220 Colorado ewes.

CHICAGO. Dec. 24.—Clearings, \$44,151.747; 242 feeders.

money, stendy, unchanged; New York exchange, par; foreign exchange, demand, \$4.87; sixty days, 129 feeding lambs.

H.33%; demand, \$4.878.

Develop Financial.

then of a sudden you fail upon a sight court declared the Omaha CHICAGO, Dec. 34.—There was a rattling good market for cattle today. Prices were strong and there was a further advance of about icc. and there was a further advance of about icc.

Stock in Sight.

Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets for Thursday, December 24, 1896; Principal markets
24. 1896:

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep,
South Omaha 1.619 6.029 849
Chicago 6.500 25.000 7.000
Chicago 6.500 25.000 7.000
Chicago 1.600 2.600 1.000
Chicago 1.600 1.0000
Chicago Totals ......11,079 41,529 8,849 to this day,

Total 1.02 6.407 1.396

Were cattle here today and not crough of any one kind to make very much of a test of the market. For the four days this week.

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HOSTON, Dec. 25.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter said of the wool trade yesterday: Excessive dutinose has constituted the sole feature of the market the past wook. December is always a dull month, and is perhaps more so than usual this year by reason of the fact that duplicate lightweight orders have in the opinion of the best jodges fallen considerably short of what might be considered a normal amount. December ought, also, it is claimed, to furnish more heavyweight orders than have yet come forward. The trade is looking forward to the new year with hopefulness. Pricos are much the same as a week ago, fales in Boston, Philadelphia and New York for the week aggregate 4,763.500 lise, 273.5700 lise, being demestic and 2,048.100 lise, foreign, Sales since January 1 amount to 257.240.150 lise, as compared with 243.97,105 lise, last year. Considering the dullness of the general market said of Austalian may be considered large.

> KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—WHEAT-More active; No. 2 hard, 484/979e; No. 2 red, fancy, 926, 2 spring 75: ItyE-No. 2, nominaky, 32c, HAY-Steady; choice timothy, \$8,0098,50; choice THITTEH-Steady, but slow; creamery, 18149

> Peoria Markets. OATS-Quiet; No. 2 white, 1712-02015c; No. 3 whisky-Market steady; finished goods on the basis of \$1.18 for 10gh wines. HECKIPTS—Corn, 118,600 bus.; cats, 41,150 bus.; 170 1,500 bus.; whistov, none, wheat, 1,500 bus.; SHIPMINTS—Cora, 12,500 bus.; cats, 6,250 bus.; tye, none; whisky, 1,250 bus.; wheat, 6,250 bus.;

Minneapolis Wheat. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—WHEAT—Steady; Jecember, 16%c; May, 15%c6679%c; on track, No. hard, 78%c; No. 1 northern, 77%c; receipts, of reaching a good horsewife. L. D. Katson, patents, \$4.5694.56; second plears, \$2.5694.56; first clears, \$3.4695.66; second plears, \$2.5692.59.

OH City Market. OH, CITY, Dec. 24.—Credit balances, 93c; cer-ificates, no bids; shipments, 85,694 bbis; runs, SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.-WHEAT-Firm; May 11.56.

THE GHOST OF THE QUIVIRA.

Authentic Data About the Region Venerated by Ak-Sar-Bea Knights. Mr. Charles F. Lummis, the eminent exdorer and . historian of the southwest, ketches in his "Land of Sunshine" the origin and meaning of the myth of the Quivira and the location of the real rulns. It has special historic value for the valiant Knights of Ak-Sar-Pen, who have bitherto onducted their explorations on a misleading

trail. Mr. Lummis writes: The most romantic and remarkable ruin in the United States is that of the spectral and long-forgotten "city" which is the last resting place of the most famous myth in North America, the myth of the Quivira. There are larger ruins on this continent (though none within our national borders)

centuries of golden hopes.

The myth of the Quivira origipated in 1540, in the pueblo of
Pecos, N. M.—itself a ruin now. Just then Francisco Vasquez de Coronado-having explored from the Grand Canyon of the Colorado to the Rio Grande-had come here. The Pecos, to be rid of him, procured a Pawnee captive to tell him of the Quivira, Coronado made an astounding march in pur suit of this will-o'-the-wisp, overrunning what is now the Indian territory and Kansas, to about where Kansas City stands today. He proved the myth a lie in the very year of its invention, for he found the Quivira—the tepecs of a Teton tribe of nomad, buffalo-tagging savages, absolutely ignorant of the precious metals. But though strangled so young, the Quivira fable is not dead yet. Even sober Onate, the founder of New Mexico, more than half a century later, chased the golden bubble, and so did many others in the two centuries following. And more Americans believe today in the fable than ever Spanlards did. have known a man to start from Loa Angeles on this fool's errand within twelve

In these 365 years, however, the locus of the myth has shifted from the eastern edge of Kansas a matter of 800 miles—clear down to the center of New Mexico, and there it has halted for good. It will never move again-for no other place is so fitting. And doubtless it will never perish, since

saltness, in anger at a treachery (so the Pueblo folk-lore says). For centuries they have been the natural salt works of the

now, though you no longer call your eyes a liar, you can hardly take their first word

market for cattle today. Prices were strong and there was a further advance of about 10c. Sees were on a basis of from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for the commonest lots up to from \$2.50 to \$1.50 for children \$2.50 to \$2.50 for the common to grine drives sold at low prices, but good batchering stuf closes stronger, a few prime heighest pringing from \$1.50 to \$1.50 for children \$2.50 to \$1.50 for children ordinary intelligence it seems needless to say that there never was any treasure of any sort in any of these old Mexican missions.

This is a remarkably cond showing cape.

fascinating vuin in America north of the pers will return again next year, tropic of Cancer.

HOW KATSON WON A WIFE.

Wrote a Message on a Hen's Egg and She Found 16.

From Halsted street to the river and from Twelfth street to the unavoidable river again the Seventh ward of Chicago was burnting with happiness recently, writes a Chicago correspondent, over the favorable termination of a romance that has held the interest of the Seventh warders since Bronner was elected alderman last spring. It is the story of the hearts of Miss Sarah Zeunen and L. D. Katson. She was a Seventh ward belle though she counted but 18 years. Now sh is a wife in a little town near Brainerd, Minn., where Katson has taken her. Their courtship, which came about in a singular manner, ended in Milwaukee. Mr. Katson, Paving arrived at that state where he might with all prudence take unto himself a wife, cast his eye over the Minnesota upland and saw not one dwelling where a maiden dwelt. The nearest town, too, he ransacked and found none fancy free. Long days of anxious pendering brought to him an idea. Katson got an egg, sat himself down and wrote

got an egg, sat himself down and wrate.

Close and crabbed were the markings of the violet ink on the pink flushed shell of the egg, but when all was done this might be rend in a good light;

"To the woman blue whose hands this may fall; I am a bachelor, young, good-looking and with money in the bank, and I desire a wife. Will you have me? I live on my farm, here where I am properties and large for awhile in order to supply the domand.

John M. Woodard, the house mover, has here, where I am prosperous and have a steady income. The money in the bank is enough to secure me and mine against want in two had seasons and I am of a loving disposition. This is the only method I have Woodard, the house mover, has been arrested upon a complaint swarn out by Plumbing Inspector Parks for moving a house without a license. The hearing of the case has been set for next Tucsday. Woodard is out on ball.

sage. The expressman shot the case athwart his car and the drayman dropped it kerplunk on the sidewalk of the commission house, but the eggs broke not. The candler took time to smile and think of things far. The police have been notified to look away when the tender words met his eye. out for Clarence Lackey who broke Jail at The great stream of commerce, with its lozers of radiating branches, selzed the egg and carried it to the little off-the-main-road ore of Mrs. Levinson, at Maxwell street and Newberry avenue. Her daughter, Nina Glickman, girl like, seized on the love message. Her friends and she laughed over it, and told brave stories of letters they would write, and some of them did write. Among them Sarah Zeumen, who lived just south of the little grocery, sent a

photograph and a letter.

The summer came, and letters became things of every day to L. D. Katson on the Newberry avenue. The fall brought to Kat-son thoughts of the long winter and its lonesome stretches of unchanging days and nights, and he sent, by express this time a sparkling ring. It was not returned, and when the beginning of the snow season was upon him. Katson urged the naming of th day. He came to Chicago to urge it, and and come handsomer. But no other is so Mr. and Mrs. Zeunen, ignorant of the long ghostly in look nor the grave of so many and loving correspondence, were surprised to see a strange young man call on Sarah. He came twice and then vanished, so they

thought no more about it.

But Friday Sarah whispered a secret is the ears of her girl friends, and that night she left suddenly for Milwaukee. Each friend to whom things had been whispered bought a bushel of eggs, and the surprise party that gathered at the Northwester depot carried Miss Zeunen by sterm. What she will do with all the eggs is a problem in household economy out in Brainerd. Miss Zeunen resched Milwaukee and her lover's arms in good time, and so they were married, and if they follow the precedents in such cases they will live happily ever

FIFTY MILLION SLAVES IN APRICA.

Half a Million Lives Sperificed Every Year in Slave Traffic. Hell Chatelain, a traveler in the dark continent, lectured before the American Geographical society at Chickering half recently, relates the New York Sun, on "The Internal Slave Trade in Africa," He

"The Internal Slave Trade in Africa." He illustrated his remarks part of the time by stereopticon views.

"If any one thinks that slave trading is a thing of the past," he said, "he is mistaken. Among the 200,00,000 of people in Africa, at least 50,000,000 are slaves."

If a British estimate to which he referred was correct. Mr. Chatelain said 500,000 lives were sacrificed every year in the traffic. For every slave that reached the coast, eight or nine were sent to the laterior. The idea still prevailing that all of the slave traders in Africa were Arabs or natives was a gross error. In a large part of

And doubtless it will never perish, since fools will never cease.

For something like a century, now, the name "Gran Quivira" (Great Quivira) has been applied to the wonderful ruins which are the subject of this article. It is of course a stupidity out of the whole cloth; another case where sheep herders and gold-crazy vagabonds have been permitted to make what we are pleased to call history. Not only has this spot not the remotest connection with anything distantly related to the Quivira, but it is a town so historic and so unmistakable that only ignorance could have misnamed it. It is the City that was Forgotten—until a historian came along with common sense—namely, Bandeller.

From the valley of the Rio Grande at Albuquerque you see close on the east the long range of 10,000-toot peaks which begin with the Sandiss and stretch far to the south, shutting off from the valley the boundless great plains. You can go by carriage or horse, through Tijeras canyon and the hamlets of Chillii, Tajique and Manzaro, a long, hard, interesting ride, but you will do swell not to go without a guide, and you must carry, the last day going, water for your animals as well as for yourself.

On your right is the great mountain wall, on this side sending down to your very path the vanguard of its noble armies of pines. On your left the plains stretch brown to the very sunrise. Far down them glitter the Accursed lakes, where millions of buffalo drank until the gods blasted the waters to saitness, in anger at a treachery (as 6 the

Preparing Himself to Produce. Cincinnati Enquirer: Mrs. Wallace I do believe that a woman could wear her dressed

This is a remarkably good showing, espetheir dwindling descendants live near there to this day.

The communal many-storied houses of the pueblo are now little more than tousled mounds of stone, with here and there a room a mid the wreek. But the great roofless temple, little shorn of its first stature, breached here and there, but invincible still, faces the dumb sunlight, careless of time, it stands for an age of chivalry and adventure and finding out, whose very swine-herds could not have understood a sort of Americans too trivial to go to see the most fascinating ruin in America north of the pers will return again next year.

> Magie City Gossip. Charles Poster is back from an eastern

Mrs. W. H. Beatty of Creston, Ia., is the guest of I. F. Brown and family. A service of meditation will be held at the United Presbyterian church Sunday

evening. Stockmen in Texas estimate that there are at the present time 4,500,000 head of cattle in the state.

Christmas passed off very quietly here, he police not being called upon to make a

Mrs. W. B. Wyman has returned from Michigan, where she went to attend the funeral of her mother. There will be a Christmas tree program for the children of St. Bridget's Sun school temorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

N. Philibert, an extensive fruit buyer of Media, Kan., is the guest of Mr. and Mra. A. Delanney. Twenty-fifth and J streets. Farmers from Sarpy county say that the corn crop this year is immerse, but they don't propose to sell at the present prices. South Omaha lodge No. 149, Degree of

John M. Woodard, the house mover, hea-Woodard is out on bail.

Charles Seffron, Joseph Zlough and John being drunk and disturbing the peace. Judge Christmann allowed them to go yesterday morning on their own recognizance, pending a hearing of the cracs this afternoon.

Hastings a night or two ago. The sheriff of Adams county offers a reward of \$59 for Lackey's capture. He is described as weighing 150 pounds, five feet ten inches in height, dark hair, light moustache and grey long over the left eye. Yesterday afternoon a young man about 16 years of age untied a cow belonging to Dr. Keedall, 816 North Twenty-fifth street,

from the alley fence and started to lead the saimal away. The cow was missed before it had been taken far and Seth Kendall started in pursuit. He overtook the thief and by a vigorous use of his fata compelled him to let loose of the halter. Before the police could be notified the thief escaped.

Friends of Thomas Hoctor are urging his appointment to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of the Transmississippi Exposition, caused by the resignation of erctary Wakefield. James G. Martin of he commission firm of Martin Bres. at the xchange is also being pushed by his frienda for the place. South Omaha stockholders in the exposition would very much like to ee a resident of this city on the board of directors,

Efficier of a Countersign. While Colonel Gillam, with the Middle Tennessee regiment, was occupying Nashville during the late war, says Harper's Round Table, he stationed sentries and patrols in all the principal streets of the

city.
One day on Irishman who had not been long enlisted was put on duty at a prominent crossing, and he kept a sharp and faithful watch. Presently a citizen came along, "Halt! Who goes there?" "A citizen," was the response. "Advance and give the countersign,"

"I have not the countersign," replied the indignant citizen, "and the demand for it at this time and place is unusual."
"Well, begorrah! ye don't pass this way until ye say Bunker Hill."
The citizen approach to the counters of the citizen approach to the counters of the The citizen, appreciating the situation, united and advanced to the sentry and cauously whispered the magic word. "Right! Pass on!" and the wide-awaks

sentinel resumed his beat.

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