CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Upward Tendency Distinctly Noticeable in Jobbing District.

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS CONTINUE GOOD

General Stocks of Merchandise Very Low Nebraska Merchants Go East Less Than in Fermer Seasons -South Omaha Active.

The six days past have witnessed still further progress in the upward movement noted the past few weeks and the business situation of the city and tributary country continues to improve. The gain is not especially rapid, but it is constant, and every indication would seem to point to a continuance. Thus far the most marked Improvement is to be found in jobbing and manufacturing circles, due to the fact that the country was the first to experience an easing up in money, due to the sale of farm crops and live stock. The improvement, however, is extending to all departments of business and is commencing to be felt by the local retail trade, which would, under the condition prevailing in this city, be the last to experience any marked re-

The country is still very much disposed to buy cheap goods, and the demand for higher priced merchandise of all kinds is very light priced merchandise of all kinds is very light in all cuses where it is possible to make a cheaper and inferior article answer the purpose desired. It is only natural to expect, however, that the craze for cheap goods will gradually wear itself out as money becomes easier and people feel that they can afford to be a little more liberal in the matter of expenditures. By reason of the great quantity of cheap goods that are going into consumption the volume of sales, as compared with previous years, when higher priced goods were free sellers, makes a very poor showing, it may also be added that the difficulty of selling higher priced goods at present constitutes the most frequent cause or complaint on the part of manufacturers and jobbers. They are selling goods enough, but the only trouble is that they are unable to sell the kind of goods that they want to sell and the kind upon which there is some profit.

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CALIFORNIA FRUIT SEASON.

The senson for fresh fruit selfoments from California is now near ar nand, but it is coming none too soon, as good apples are no longer to be had and oranges are becoming scarce and high, and it would not be long until there would be nothing but berries on the market. It is safe to say that California fruits are the most popular of all that come to this market, and the time when there will be a Plentiful surply is engerly awaited by many seople. Some propie like apples, others fancy oranges and still others, and the consumption of the first state is becoming larger every year.

For a city of its size Omaha has always been a very large buyer of California fruits, and a good many carloans are disposed of in the course of a summer season.

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The first shipments from California in considerable quantities will be of cherries, followed by apricots, then early peached and later plums, prunes, the lardier teached the about two he season this year is said to the crop promises to be very abundant.

Cherries have already commenced to go forward, but in very limited quantities so far. The first cherries of the season is expected to be for the most part in refrigerator cars, the same as last year and year before. Heretofore fruit transported in refrigerator cars, the same as hast year and year before. Heretofore fruit transported in refrigerator cars has been sent on regular trains, making usual schedule freight in fruits, making usual schedule freight in fruits, so of the season is expected to be for the most part in refrigerator cars has been sent on regular trains, making usual schedule freight in fruits, so of the season is expected to be for the most part in refrigerator cars has been sent on regular trains, making usual schedule freight in the consideration of the season is expected to be for the most part of the season is the first the season is the subject of the season is e

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Times Improve.

About the busiest people in the city just now are the manufacturers, and the wheels are tyrning round with something of the old-time celerity in some establishments at least.

Among the busiest of the manufacturers just now are the makers of overalls, men's shirts, duck-lined goods and similar lines. Omaha has three factories devoted to the manufacture of such goods. M. E. Smith & Co., King & Smead and Katz-Nevins company. These three factories devoted to the factories in factory office help and traveling salesmen. In 1823 the average number of people employed by these three factories was according to the statistics compiled by The Bee at the time, 343, or 221 less than at the present time. On January, 1, 1823, the number employed was 412, or 153 less than at the present date.

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The Omaha overall manufacturers sell goods east almost to the Mississippi river, and as far west as the Pacific coast.

At the Bemis Omaha Bag company's factory an 8 per cent increase is shown in the volume of business, as compared with fecent months, and the eighty-five employes

Business at South Omaha continues in a most satisfactory condition, receipts of stock being liberal and the market favorable. As already pointed out in previous reports the prices at which live stock is selling are netting the producer very handsome profits, and there is general satisfaction in all branches of the trade. The live stock business, or more especially the cattle industry, appears to be just entering upon a period of great activity and as well as of high prices. The supply of cattle has been gradually falling lower until all of a sudden stockmen have come to realize that cattle are becoming scarce, and now they all want them. If anyone had predicted a few years ago, at the time of the cattle gluts and when fortunes were being lost in the shrinkage of cattle values, that Iowa Would be importing stock cattle from Ganada to replenish the decimated herds in 1897 he would have been regarded as a fit candidate for an asylum.

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condition. It is also proposed to time trains so that they will arrive here in time for early morning deliveries instead of arriving after the close of the day's market, thus being forced to lay over until the next day.

Everything would seem to point to the probability of there being a large supply of fruit at Omaha from the coast this season, and as large receipts usually mean reasonable prices it will be within the reach of every one desiring to buy.

MANY MORE PEOPLE ARE WORKING.

Wheels Turn More Rapidly.

New York Imports and Exports.

Weekly Bank Statement.

Instead of three cons. the simmer constant, and supervised at the state of the supervised at the super week were equal to 2,183,875 bu., against 1,293,000 bu. on the week before and 1,903,000 bu. on the corresponding week last year, Argentina shipped no wheat to Europe this week, Receipts at Minneapolis and Duinth amounted to 346 cars, against 275 last week and 337 a year ago. Chicago receipts were reported at seven cars. The liquidation, although not heavy enough to make an active market, was still sufficient to keep prices down until near the close, when some receivery ensued on the announcement that 250,000 bu. of cash wheat had been worked here. The market on this advanced to 7234c, which was the closing price.

Corn was weak after the first few minutes of the session. Country offerings were more liberal, and short setters was freer than any day this week, the generally favorable weather making the crowd bearlist. The carly strongth was caused by the higher Liverpool market. Exports were 351,000 bu. July opened 3c higher at 253c, sold at 253c, and declined to 243c, closing at 253c.

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.19. SUGARS-Cut loaf, \$5.29; granulated, \$4.77.

On the Perinan explained to lay the butter market was steady; creamery, 10.2144c; dairy, 76, 12c. Ergs steady; fresh, 84c. Cheese, weak; sattlec. Live poultry, steady; turkeys, 768c; chickens, 7c; ducks, 8c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Chicago Gas, Sugar and Grangers Occapy Attention of Denlers.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Chicago Gas and Sugar
theorized over one-third of the total sales at the short session of the Stock exchange today, the dealings being about equally divided between them. There was so fittle to encourage selling in the course of the trade for Chicago Gas that the motive for it must be attributed to doubts of the value of the stock being equal to the price. There were in fact, evidences of heavy liquidation in that stock, bussel on apprehensions that the cornelidation measure will fall of enactment in the Illinois legislature, and with it the arrangement for division of territory with a rival company, which was made contingent on its passage. Stop orders were reached on the way down, bringing large blocks of the stock on the sagging market. Sugar also showed weakness on the probable effect of pending proceedings against members of the company for contempt of the senate, but recovered the loss. The grangers also were subjected to special stinck by the bears on account of the weakness of the wheat market. There was but little encouragement to buy in the course of the London market, where Americans were largely neglected and prices were weak. There was manifected apprehension also as to what phase the Cubon question may have taken on by the time trading is resumed Monday. The impression prevailed in the street that the intentions of the administration toward Cuba are in a formative state, with a possibility of taking on an aggressive tone. The anthrætite coalers displayed some irmness, due to covering of shorts. The Gould shares also manifested a continuance of the atempts involving them in net losses. There was a general overing movement at the close of the season, which railied prices lightly, nearly all through the list from \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per cent to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per cent. Northwestern, I per cent. St. Paul. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per cent. Burlington & Quincy. P\$ per cent. Northwestern, I per cent. St. Paul. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ per cent. However, and there have not been lacking encouraging features in the week's trading. The subsidence of the foreign account for for the lass of interest was a per short sension of the Stock exchange today, the dealings being about equally divided between them. There was so little to encourage selling

getic efforts to stamp out bucketshops by legal action. The lack of interest was, of course, a prime check to the advance in price. That the bal-

prims check to the advance in price. That the balance of international merchandise credits was
materially affected by the recent 1 say import
movement is shown by the April trade statement,
which reports an excess of imports of merchandise over exports of over 25.128,174. But this
still left for the ten months of the fiscal year an
excess of merchandise exported over imports of
\$729,811,294, with net gold imports for the same
period of \$61,695,751. The enormous import movement spenied to be in full force still last week,
but this week's imports of dry goods and merchandise at New York showed 2 total of \$12,053,
\$25 less than last week's total. The custom room
receipts from day to day indicate that imports are
still further declining nearer to the normal level.
London's purchase of securities here during the

Atchison	10%	N. V. Central	0.834
Adams Ex	148	N. Y. & N. Eng	37
Alton, T H	.60	Ontario & W	1334
Am. Express	113	Oregon Nav	10
Bahimore & Ohio.	11%	O. S. L. & U. N	1534
Canada Pacific	54	Pacific Mail	27
Canada Southern	4614	Peoria, Dec. & E .	146
Central Pacific	- 18	Pittaburg	160
Ches. & Oato	1616	Pullmau Palace	157
Chicago & Alton	150	Reading	18
C. R. & Q	7214	R. G. W	124
Chicago Gas	7916	do pfd	30
Consolidated Gas.	159	Rock Island	0236
C., C., C. & St. L	274	St. Paul	7.216
Colo. Coal & Iron.	34	do pfd	1336
Cotton Oil Cert	10	St. Paul & Omaha.	5534
Delaware & Hu L.	10456	St. P. & O. pfd	138
Del. Lack & W	148	Southern Pacific	14%
Dr & R. G. ofd	703	Sugar Refinery	1124
Erie	1134	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	1836
Eric pfd	27	Texas Pacific	8.
Fort Wayne	160	Tol. & O. Cen. pf.1.	40
G. Northern pfd	120	Union Pacific	634
C. & E. I. pfd	9.5	U. S. Express	38
Hocking Valley	114	W. St. L. & Pac	436
Illinois Central	9914	W. St. L. & P. pfd.,	1216
St. P. & Daluth	15	Wells Fargo Ex	10115
K. & T. pfd	2034	Western Union	7654
Lake Erie & West.	1334	Wheeling & L. E.	1079
do pfd.,	61	W. & L. E. ofd	234
Lake Shore	162	Minn, & St. Louis.	16
Lead Trust	2314	Den. & R. G	1934
Louisville & N	4356	Gen, Electric	Buta
L & N. A	34	Nat'l Linseed	10
Manhattan Con	8434	Colo. Fuel & Iron.	1034
Memphis & C	1.0	do pfd	87
Michigan Central.	9.5	Tol. St. L. & K. C	514
Mo. Pacine	1236	, do ofd	12536
Mobile & Ohio	16	Southern ptd	2534
Nashville Chat	titi	A. S. R. pfd	102%
N. J. Central	7.53%	Leather pld	0.5
N. & W. pfd	255	Rub ser	12
North Am. Co	3134	Rubber ofd	63
Northern Pacine.	12	Cotton Oil pfd	55
N. Pacific pfd	3.534	O. B. & N. pfd	4714
U. P., D. & G.	114	Am. T. & C. Co	1803
Northwestern	10334	FR. FR. Flore	150
40 p/d	154	C. C. CO	200

New York Money Market. YORK, May IS -- MONEY ON CALL-PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-3494 per ent, STERLING EXCHANGE Easy, with actual ansiness in bankers' bills at \$1.874,61.874; for emand, and \$1.84,64.864; for sixty days; posted ates, \$1.57 and \$1.88,4.884; commercial bills,

SILVED SILE HAR SHAVER-614c. F MENICAN DOLLARS-48c. FONES State bords dull ratrond bonds, firm; covernment bands, firmer; new 4s, res., 122%; outpon, 127, 5s, res., 112; coupon, 113%; 4s, res., 1004; coupon, 1114; 2s, res., 150 Pa inc 6s of '98,

Cloring quotations on bonds were as follows: U. S. new ta.reg. 12.75 D. & R. G. 7s. 119 1. U. S. new coup. 123 do 4s. 87.56 1. U. S. 5s. reg. 113 Eric 2.4s. 62.2 1. U. S. 5s. reg. 113 Eric 2.4s. 62.2 1. U. S. 5s. coup. 1125 G. H. & S. A. 6s. 102 2. U. S. 4s. reg. 110 1. U. S. 4s. coup. 1128 H. & T. C. 5s. 110 1. U. S. 4s. reg. 0.1 do 6s. 101 1. U. S. 2s. reg. 0.1 do 6s. 101 1. U. S. 2s. reg. 0.1 do 6s. 101 1. | Say | Sept. | 4 65 | 4 65 | 4 55 | 4 57 4 | 4 65 |
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Cash quotations were as follows:	U.S. 5s. comp.	123	66 H. S. S. 6.6s	102																									
FLOUR-Steady: winter patents.	\$4.6064.70;	Straights.	\$4.0664.70;	straights.	\$3.0073.90																								
WHEAT-No.	2 spring.	74%c;	No.	3 spring	706.7c	No.	2 septing.	74%c;	No.	3 spring	706.7c	No.	2 septing.	74%c;	No.	3 spring	706.7c	No.	2 septing.	74%c;	No.	3 spring	23½c;	No.	3 white.	f.	o.	b.	216.224c
CORN-No.	2 . 256.25½c.	O.	S. No.	2 white.	22½6	22½c	Straights.	23½c;	No.	3 white.	f.	o.	b.	216.224c															
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Super column	123	Southern	123	Southern	125	Southern	25	Southern	2																				

BOSTON, May 15.—Call loans, 263 per cent; time loans, 361 per cent, Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining spares;

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

Silver bars, 61c; Mexican dollars, 49%; drafts, sight, 15c; drafts, telegraph, 17%c. London Stock Quotations. LONDON, May 15,-4 p. m. closing:

BAR SILVER-Steady at 28 1-15d per ounce.

MONEY-15 per cent. 4 5 150

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 15-16 per cent; for three months bills, 1 per cent.

New York Mining Quotations. NEW YORK, May 15.—The following are the Con. Cal. & Va. 100 'Physionilis 18
Deadwood 100 Quicksiver 100
Gould & Curry 25 Quicksiver pti 1000
Hale & Norcross 80 Shorra Navata 40
Homestaka 2000 Shorra Navata 155
Iron Silver 35 Union Con 36
Mexican 35 Yallow Jacket 22
* asked.

Financial Notes. BOSTON, May 15.—Clearings, \$17,336,737; bai-nom, \$1,913.283.

BALTIMORE May 15.—Clearings, \$2,478,253; salances, \$324,159. NEW YORK, May 15.—Clearings, \$93.816,602; alances, \$5,861,176. PHILADELPHIA, May 25.—Clearings, 19,550,-614; balances, 41,246,045. CHICAGO, May 15.—Clearings: \$12.072.514; New York exchange, for premium; foreign exchange, dull; demand, \$4.878; for sixty days, \$4.868; ST. LOUIS, May 15.—Clearings, \$1,385.681; bal-ances, \$48.679. Money 467 per cent; New York exchange, 60c premium bid; 80c premium asked.

BERIAN, May 15 - Exchange on London, eight days' sight. 20m 25pfg. LONDON, May 15.—Gold at Buenos Ayres, 197; at Lichon, 514; at Rore, 195.19.

PARIS, May 15.—Three per cent rentes, 190f 220 for the account; exchange on London, 25f lie for checks.

Greek and Turkish Bonds. LONDON. May 13.—Foreign securities are quoted as follows: Greece, 1884, ½ higher at 23; Turkey, new defanse, ¼ higher at 102½; group 1 (A), unchanged at 65; group 2 (13), ½ lower at 25½; group 3 (C), unchanged at 20½; group 4 (D), ½ lower at 194.

as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep.

P. Co., 297 99 Totals 1,023 4,470 1,375

CATTLE-Only forty-nine cars or cattle of all kinds were reported received today, only about half the number here a week ago. The market as a whole did not show much change and was devoid of any very interesting features.

The offerings of fat cattle were nothing very extra in the matter of quality, the best cattle here being good enough to bring only \$4.55. The market was just about steady with yesterday, but not very active. The supply, however, being so small was soon exhausted.

Cows and heifers also sold at about steady ces, and the few loads soon changed and One two-load bunch of cows and elfers brought \$3.90. offers brought \$3.30.

Veal calves were scarce and the market, has been the case all the week, was as has been the case an the week, who very strong.

Trade in the stocker and feeder division was light, owing to the absence of both cattle and buyers, as usual on a Saturday. Representative sales:

No. Av. Pr. No. Av. Pr. 17. 980 84 10 18. ..1318 84 35 14. ..1160 4 15 48. ..1236 4 37 12 14. ..175 4 30 75. ..1482 4 40 20 ...175 4 30 20 ...125 4 50 20 ...1160 4 35 22 ...1283 4 55 BEEF STEERS. No. Av. Pr. 1. 440 \$3 75 4. 925 3 90 2. 926 4 00 15. 1927 4 05 49. 1936 4 95 10. 1936 4 19 COWS. .1200 3 00 .195 3 15 .1960 3 20 .1996 3 20 1...1350 3 50 3...1290 3 50 11...1081 3 55 18...915 3 55 1...1170 3 55 760 2 40 760 2 40 960 2 40 820 2 50 960 2 60 1180 2 65 1180 2 65 1140 2 87 885 2 90 100 3 60 850 3 60

18.... 724 4 00 6.... 568 4 25

HOGS—The week closed with a steady hog market, the day's receipts selling in about the same notch as yesterday. The popular price was \$2.50, with quite a sprinkling at \$3.62½, and a good showing at \$3.65.

The trade was fairly active and the hogs were soon sold, an early clearance being effected.

The hog market of the past week was in fairly good condition as regards supply and demand, but the tendency of values was downward. There were no marked changes, but just a steady shrinkage of a cent or two each day in the aver-

PIGS-ODDS AND ENDS

SHEEP-Receipts of sheep were fair, but they were mostly all consigned direct to local packers and were not offered for sale, so there was sentative sales: Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, May 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 506 head; market steady and unchanged; only retail trade; Texas steers, 17.560.00. Texas cows, 146日3.75; native steers, \$3.50日5.66; native cows nd heifers, \$2.75日4 19; stockets and feeders, \$2.75 SHEEP-No market.

St. Louis Live Stock. ST. LOUIS May 15.—CATFLE—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; shipping steers, 24.3095.35; stockers and feeders, \$1.2694.56; light steers, \$1.7094.25; close and heifers, \$1.2694.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.8994.10; in the native division Texas cattle, comfed Missouri, sell as high as \$4.00; cows and heifers, \$2.25.93.85; HOGS-Receipts, 2.350 head; market weak;

week have, too, exerted a manifest influence on the exchange situation to ent. for forther gold ships in bothing apparation to the situation to ent. for forther gold ships ments on account of legitimate trade influences.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET Light, \$2.000, 25; mixed. \$2.500, 25; theavy, \$3.400 and the exchange situation to ent. for forther gold ships ments on account of legitimate trade influences. SHEEP-Receipts, 2,000 head; market stondy; native mutions, \$3.75694.5; cuils and bucks, \$1.50 gd.25; Texas sheep, \$1.00gd.55; spring lattice, \$3.40gd.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Hous Suffer a Further Loss Sheep

Prices Are Firm.
CHICAGO, May 15 -Ckille receipts dwindled PAPERS FILED IN UNITED STATES COURT almost nothing today and the market on a feeling was firm, as has been the case nearly week, and the few scattered offerings were all week, and the few scattered offerings were disposed of easily enough at strong prices.

Hogs were well taken, but prices suffered a further reduction of about 2% per 100 pounds, and closed for to 15c lower than a week ago. Sales ever made at an extreme rampe of from \$1.50 to \$2.55, largely at from \$1.775 to \$2.50. Coarse sows and stags were discriminated against.

The small receipts of sheep soil at fair prices. Sheep were saleable at from \$2.55 to \$4.50, sales, being mostly at from \$2.50 to \$4.50, sales, predominating. Texans sold around \$2.50 and \$3.55. Lambs soid at from \$2.55 to \$4.50.

Beccipts: Cattle, 20 head; hogs, 16.000 head; sheep, 2.000 head.

Stock in Sight. Totals 1,776 31,795 6,715

New York Live Stock. NEW YORK, May 15. BEEVES Steady; no market. Cables quote American steers at 1189 114c; sheep, 1814@file; refrigerator beef, 15@16. Exports, 4,875 head of beef and 4,215 quarters of SHEEP AND LAMBS-Slow and a shade asier; clipped sheep, \$3.5004,40, HOGS-Steady at \$4.0004.25,

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET. Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18.575 bbls.; exports, 50,604 bbls.; weaker with wheat spring wheat grades being chiefly affected; Min-

neapolis patents, \$4.25@4.50; Minnesota bakers, tras, \$3.70263.80. Rye flour, dull; superfine, \$2.50%

2.60.
CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, \$2.60.
KYE—Steady; No. 2 western, \$75-6.
RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, \$75-6.
BARLEY—Dull; western, 25%-6.
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WHEAT—Becelpts, 61.030 hu. Spot, weak. Options opened steadler on better cables, but subsequently weakened and declined sharply, undernews from California, absence of export interests and local liquidation; closing \$50% e net lower. Sales included: No. 2 red. May, \$15-65 steptember, 7407-436, closed at 74%.
CORN—Receipte, 27.009 hu.; exports, 94.639 hu. Spot, easier; No. 2, 25% options opened firm and advanced on higher cables, but later declined with wheat; closing heavy at 4c net loss. May closed at 35%; September, 33,4632%c, closed at 51%c. at 3114c. OATS-Receipts, 129,260 bu.; exports 67,831 bu. Spot, etensis; No. 2, 2314c. Options dull, but about steady in the absence of selling pressure;

closing unchanged; May closed at 27%c, HAY-Steady; shipping, \$5.50%5.00; good to carlee, \$7.0007.50; HOPS-Quist; state, common to ch 1%, 189) crop. Brac: 1896 crop. 58710c; Pacific const. 1895 crop.
5875c; 1896 crop. 687114c; London, £3 158.
HIDES-Firm: Galveston, 13c; Buenos Ayres,
185-683c; Texas, 102c; California, 15-2674c;
LEATHER-Firm; hemiock sole, Buence LEATHER-Firm; hemicsk sole, Buence Ayres, 1942bc.
PROVISIONS—Recf, quiet; family, 39.50410.56; extra mess, 57.00(83.00) beef hams, \$22; packet, \$8.0099.90. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, \$4.0097.56; pickled shoulders, 45; pickled hams, \$30.0099.50; pickled shoulders, 45; pickled hams, \$30.0099.50; Lard, easier; western steam, closed at 44.15; refined, dull. Pork, quiet; mois pork \$8.7599.55; new mess, short clear, 33.0099.50. Tallow, stendy at (32 per package), \$3; country (packages free), \$3.50.
BUTTER—Receipts, 5.395 pkgs; dull; western creamery, 119.594c; Eisins, 14c; factory, 71.5941c.
citEPSE—Receipts, 5.395 pkgs; quiet; state, at 12.585. Receipts, 5.19 pkgs; quiet; state, large, 191.0c; state, small, 19.91b; part skims, 49.75c; full skims, 21.595 pkgs; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11c; western, 10.9109.5c; southern, 99.95c.

off 91/4c.

OHS—Cottonseed, dull; prime crude, 20c; prime rellow, 23/5/474c. Petroleum, dull; Unifed closed, no market; Pennsylvania crude, steady; June, 5c bid. Rosin, steady; strained, common to cood, \$1.65. Turpentine, steady at 28/3/2c/c.

RICE—Stendy; fair to extra. 45/466c; Japan, prestle. MOLASSES-Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle. good to choice. 258728c.
FREIGHTS—Duil. but steady; cotton by steamer, 18c; grain, by steamer, 18cd.
METALS—Big from quiet; southern, \$3,25619.50; northern, \$30.66912.00. Copper, steady; brokers, \$11.50. Tin plates, quiet. Lead, brokers, \$3.12%; exchange, \$3.274,673.32%.

St. Louis General Markets. ST, LOUIS, May 15,-FLOUR-Dull and un-hanged; patents, 34.75@4.90; extra fancy \$4.40@ 50; fancy, \$5.80@3.20; choice, \$3.25@3.35 WHEAT—The speculative market started in stronger, but generally favorable crop news and heavy world's shipments caused a decline. At the close the market was unsettled, with prices a shade under yesterday. Spot, dull and steady. No. 2 red cash, elevator 90c bid, track, Sci. July, 775cc August, 15%c: September, 74%c bid. CORN—Futures opened firm, but became heavy and declined, closing fractions under yeited day. Spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 22c asked; July, 22%c.

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RYE-Nomical; 3/e track.
BARLEY-Nominally unchanged.
CORN MEAL-81.5097.55.
BRAN-Quiet; nominally unchanged; sucked, ast track, worth nominally, 479750c.
FLANSEED-Lower.
TIMOTHY SEED-Prime, 12.0092.60.

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COTTON THES-65c.
BAGGING-55% fibe.
METALS-Lead, easy; \$3.10 ft 3.15. Spelter, firm.
PROVISIONS-Pork, dull standard mrss, jobbing, \$4.00 ft 9.00. Lard, lower; prime steam, \$3.70;
choice, \$3.75. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, \$5.40; extra short clear, \$5.30; ribs, \$5.40; shorts, \$5.10.
Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders and extra
short clear, \$5.40; shorts, \$5.15.
POULTRY-Chickens, steady; old hens, \$6;
springs, 184720c; ducks \$1.0024.00 per dozen.
Receipts: Flour, 4.600 bbls.; wheat, 15.600 bu.;
Corn, 75.000 bu.; oats, 57,000 bu.
Shipments: Flour, 2.00 bbls.; wheat, 22.000 bu.;
corn, 60.000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets. KANSAS CITY, May 15.—WHEAT—Market dull and about steady; No. 2 hard, 819782c; No. 3, 716780c; No. 4, 66674c; No. 2 red, 98c asked, No. 2, 996795c; No. 4, 866787c; No. 2 spring, 86c; CORN-Market steady early, closing weak; No. mixed, 211,622c. OATS-Market dull, steady; No. 2, 22@23c. RYE-No. 2, 32c. HAY-Market steady; timothy, \$10.00; prairie, 17.00. BUTTER-Market weak; creamery, 12@151/2c;

dairy, 9911c. EGGS-Market steady, 7c. Peoria Markets. PEORIA. May 15.—CORN—Firm and steady; new No. 2, 244c, OATS—Steady; No. 2, white, nominally, 21@ WHISKY-Market steady; finished goods on the basis of \$1.19 for high wines. RECEIPTS-Corn, 30,960 bus.; oats, 28,660 bus.;

rye none; whisky, none wheat, 1,900 bus. SHIPMENTS-Corn. 4,400 bus; oats, 38,200 bus; rye, none; whisky, 280 bbls; wheat, 1,200 California Dried Fruits. California Bried Fruits.

NEW YORK, May 15.—CALIFORNIA DREID FRUITS—Evaporated apples, strong; other fruits, steady. Evaporated apples, 424%c for prime wire tray; wood dried, prime, 424%c; prunen, 528c, as to size and quality. Apricots Royal, 8211c; Moor Park, 12614c. Peaches, unpealed, 6219c; peeled, 11514c.

NUTS—Quiet and steady; walnuts, 727%c; almonds, paper shelled, 12617%c; soft shelled, 64c.

Sugar Markets.

NEW YORK, May 15.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 256; centrifugal, 96 teat, 3 15-16c, Refined, steady; No. 6, 4½c; No. 7, 4 1-15c; No. 8, 3 15-15c; No. 2, 3 13-16c; No. 10, 35c; No. 11, 35c; No. 12, 3½c; No. 13, 35c; No. 14, 3 5-16c; mould A, 4 13-15c; standard A, 4 7-16c; confectioners' A, 4 7-16c; cut loaf, 5 3-16c; crushed, 3 5-16c; powdered, 4 5-16c; granulated, 4 3-15c; cubes, 4 13-16c.

Wool Markets. NEW YORK, May 15.—WOOL—Firm; fleece, 18025c; pulled, 15025c. 8T. LOUIS, May 15.—WOOL—Dull and lower; medium, 13@14%c; light fine, 9@12c; heavy fine 7@10c; tub washed, 17@23c.

American Securities in London. LONDON, May 15.—American securities de-clined somewhat at the opening, but stiffend later on improved general feeling. The close was steady, with the demand generally light. Minneapolis Wheat Quotations.

San Francisco Wheat Quotations. SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—WHEAT—Quiet; December, \$1.28%.

Turns on the Gas. KANSAS CITY, May 15 .- Siegmund Cahn, aged 52 years, an old resident and well-todo real estate man, was found dead in his office today, having been asphyxiated. He had been drinking heavily for the past week and evidently turned on the gas with suicidal intent. Cahn was a brother-in-law of i cuis retired merchant, and

Brings Suit for Damages Against J. E. Baum and Dan Farrell, Jr.

Allege that Defendants, Through Their Injunction, Injured the Credit of the Water Company with the City.

Ellis L. Bierbower, as manager of the Omaha Water company, yesterday broughtcuit against J. E. Baum and Daniel Farrell of this city for the sum of \$43,373.60, claimed as damages for injury to the credit and good name of the company. This sum is the amount of the municipal warrant for hydrant rental for water furnished the city of Omaha for the six months ending December 31, 1896.

The Water company people allege that J. E. I aum and Daniel Farrell, under the pretensa of acting for the good interests of the city of Omaha, but really to carry out the designs of Clarence H. Venner and his attorney. John L. Webster, so injured the credit of the company that it was impossible to collect the wum of \$43,373.60, due the company for hydrant rental. The papers in the case were drawn by the attorneys for the water company. The his-

tory of the corporation is recited. Its possessions of a water plant and 190 miles of water pipe in the city, Venner's connection with the company, the purchase for the Loan and Trust company are all recited. It is alleged that Clarence H. Venner and John L. Webster made large sums of money out of their connection with the matter. -It is further alleged that after the said sale as aforesaid was made, and after plaint-iff had become the owner of the franchise and the property which had formerly been owned by the American Water Works Company of Ulinois, the said Clarence H. Venner, conspiring and confederating with the de-

fendants, J. E. Baum and Daniel Far-rell, for the purpose of injuring this plaintiff and for the purpose of destroying its standing financially in the money markets of the world and for the purpose of accomplishing the designs hereinbefore set out of compelling a compromise and payment to the said Venner, caused and procured various suits to be instituted against this plaintiff and enjoined the said officers of the city of Omaha from making a warrant to this plaintiff for the sum of \$43,373.60, which warrant was for the hydrant rental for the six months ending December 31, 1896. Concerning the suit brought by the Omaha

Water company against J. E. Baum and Daniel Farrell, Ellis L. Biernower said to a Bee reporter yesterday afternoon: lecided upon last week. We have been waiting since then for the papers to be prepared by our attorneys, Judge Woolworth and Messrs. Hall & McCulloch. The papers were filed this morning and beyond that there is but little to say."

"Is the suit in good faith and will it be pushed hard. Mr. Bierbower?" "Yes, sir, it will. You need not worry about this case not being pushed. It's started in good faith and will be pushed as hard as possible.

Emigration Agent Tells of the Chances In That Country, SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—John D. Russell, commercial agent of the Queensland government, is here on behalf of the colony

of Queensland and hopes to induce a goodly

SEEK SETTLERS FOR QUEENSLAND.

Russell last night, "and we can raise every-thing from eardine cans to sugar and man-goes. What we want is for people of the middle classes, with experience and some capital, to emigrate to Queensland and There is an abundance of good governme land that may be rented or purchased for song. Out of 668,497 square miles of land in the colony, the government has only the colony, the government has sold, thus far, 22,205 square miles. 450,000 square miles have been leased, and there remain nearly 200,000 square miles open to settlement. The mineral deposits in the colony are rich and varied. We have time appear and practous metals in abundance, and the mines only await development. During the year 1888 we expected 1800 tens of time. the year 1895 we exported 1,800 tons of tin, valued at £64,900, and our other exports may be given as follows: Wool, 34,000 tons, valued at \$15,000,000; 30,000 tons of tallow, valued at \$3,000,000; 70,000 tons of sugar, only a portion of which was exported, and brought \$422,000; skins, \$1,000,000; hides, \$1,200,000; fruits, \$320,000. In any and all of these industries people with experience and small capital can make a better living, in my

world. SEATTLE, May 15 .- The schooner Stella A. Erland has arrived in port from Cooks inlet, the first vessel from there this season, The Erland passed through the longitude and latitude where the Siglein was last sighted, but reports having seen no signs of the lost schooner. The reported loss of three men in crossing the portage to Prince William sound is but a part of the disaster. seems that a party of six men left the inlet to cross the portage and meet the first steamer from Juneau. When this party had been out for several days another party of three-George Botcher of this city, C. A.

opinion, than in any other country in the

May 1, neither of those parties had been heard from, the latter being ten days over-Big Sale of California Wine. SAN FRANCISCO, May 15 .- By an agreement reached yesterday between A. Marshall, representing A. Marshall & Co., New York, wine dealers, and the directors of the Cali-fornia Wine Makers' corporation, the sale of the bulk of all California wines made last year has been effected. Pursuant to its terms the New York company and California dealers friendly to the corporation agreed to take 2,500,000 gallons of wine, with the option of 1,000,000 additional. The average tion of 1,000,000 additional.

Blackstone and J. W. Malimau-started after them. When the Erland left the inlet,

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