CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Jobbing Trade Moves Right Along in a Very Satisfactory Manner.

COLLECTIONS GOOD FOR WINTER SEASON

Colder Weather a Welcome Change for Always Branches of Business—Week Closed with Retail Trade Active in All Departments.

The past week was in most respects like the previous week so far as the character of business doing was concerned. Down in the jobbing district everything moved along in a satisfactory manner, but new features of importance were not developed. The intervention of a holiday in the middle of the week naturally breaks in upon trade in staple lines, and to some extent is a demoralizer of the regular routine. At the same time it stimulates the demand for certain lines of goods which makes up for the falling off of sales in other departments.

The holiday trade this year was very satisfactory in the main, though it may be said to have been somewhat spotted. That is, while some houses reported a very large business doing, some other houses seemed to feel rather disappointed at the outcome. The total volume of sales, however, was much larger this year than last. The people in all sections of tributary territory have more money than a year ago and the holiday was more generally observed as a feast day. Sales of such fancy goods as nuts, confectionery, dried fruits, etc., were large the week before, while poultry absorbed the attention during the three days preceding the holiday.

It has been several years since Omaha indulged its appetite for Thanksgiving dinner so liberally as the past week. Some of the wholesale commission houses in the produce district report the largest business in their history, while all were very busy.

Weather conditions are becoming more favorable every day, indeed, as a lower temperature is compelling consumers to supply themselves with winter goods of all kinds. A decided improvement is noted in the country trade during the past few days incident to this change in weather conditions which can hardly fail to be reflected in the demand for merchandise at jobbing houses. In the retail districts of the city the sudden change has been productive of active buying, and the trade at the close of the week was about the liveliest that it has been any time this season. Stormy and wet weather would probably still further increase the demand for goods at retail especially in certain lines, but without that the condition of trade is quite satisfactory.

Omaha's bank clearings for the past week were small, owing to the fact that the week contained only five business days, but at the same time they showed a very gratifying gain over the corresponding week last year, the rate of increase being larger than the average for the whole country.

The past was a busy week at South Omaha owing to the extensive building operations that are being carried on. The work on the new exchange building is being pushed forward with all possible speed, and one portion of the building is already under roof. There was also a heavy business doing in live stock for a holiday week, the arrivals of hogs having been the largest in a long time.

JOBBERS AND MANUFACTURERS.

The Western Electrical company is putting in the electric lighting plant at the State Normal school at Peru. The company also has the contract for lighting the state insane asylum at Norfolk.

Governor Tanner of Illinois has notified the managers of the various state institutions that hereafter all supplies for state institutions must be purchased of citizens of Illinois, instead of from parties in other states. The governor explains his action by saying that he has noticed an inclination on the part of some of the managers of state institutions to buy supplies in adjoining states, but that outside merchants and manufacturers did not pay taxes in Illinois and did not contribute in any way to the support of the state institutions. At the same time there are plenty of manufacturers in the state who could supply all that might be needed at the state institutions. The governor of Nebraska and the State Board of Purchase and Supplies have been following this plan for some little time and it has resulted in the keeping of gold in the state, work at home instead of its being sent out of the state. There is some disposition among the managers of some of the Nebraska state institutions to discriminate against home products in spite of the favorable action of the state board.

Chicago jobbers are considerably worked up over the inroads upon their trade that are being made by western jobbers. According to the Chicago Times-Herald, efforts are being made in that city to establish an organization for the purpose of retaining trade with the west and to secure direct a large proportion of the business which is now given to the smaller jobbing centers. The Chicago Journal of Commerce adds that this movement should influence forcibly the jobbers of that city. "The marvel of progress," continues that paper, "has passed Chicago far beyond and established progressive jobbing centers at favorably located points in prosperous sections of the west. Within the past six years small jobbing houses at Omaha, Kansas City, Davenport, Indianapolis, Sioux City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, have grown into young giants that are coping courageously with the Chicago jobber for the hardware trade in the territory they embrace. Jobbing houses have been rapidly built up by young men of courage and aggressive ability, who are a power in their community and earnest denizens in the development of western trade."

Arthur Rhodes will leave this evening for Joplin, Mo., where he goes to take charge of the Cudahy Packing company's supply house at that point. Mr. Rhodes has for some time past represented the company on the road in Iowa.

The Sheridan Fuel company is working 150 men in its coal mine near Sheridan and will put on a night force as soon as possible. Mr. Gould Dietz reports that it is no easy matter to secure miners enough and the company is shipping out as many as can be secured in this section of the country.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 17c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 14@15c; separator creamery, 22c; gathered creamery, 20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quotd at 8c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5@6c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 8c; ducks, 7c.

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

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5.00; rye straw, $4; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 55@60c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.40.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.75.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per lb., 1¼@1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 40@55c; western stock, 60@70c.

FRUITS.

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.75@3.00; California Belleflower, boxes, $1.50@1.60; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.00; Wisconsin Bell & Bugle, $7.50.

CALIFORNIA AND COLORADO PEARS—Good winter Nelis, $2.00.

GRAPES—Catawbas, 5-lb. baskets, 14@15c; Malagas, $5.50@6.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $4.00; Louisiana, $4.00.

LEMONS—Messinas, 360, $3.00@3.50; 300, $4.00@4.50; California, 360, $3.00@3.75; 300, $3.75@4.25.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 14@15c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $3.75@4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@6½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

PIGS—Imported fancy, 2 crown, 24-lb. boxes, 12½c; 1 crown, 44-lb. boxes, 15c; 2-lb. boxes, 25c per box.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00@4.25; half bbl., $2.50@2.40.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.25; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

DATES—Per 50 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Fard 8-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3; bbls., $5.50.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c; good forequarters, steers, 6c; good hindquarters, 8c; western steers, 6@6½c; fancy heifers, 6½c; good heifers, 6c; good forequarters, heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters, heifers, 8½c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 18c; boneless sirloin, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts 8½c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 7½c; steer shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 8½c; steer chucks, 5½c; cow chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow plates, 3c; steer plates, 3½c; flank steak, 6½c; loins, No. 1, 14c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8c; sirloin ends, No. 1, 8c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; steer rounds, 7½c; cow rounds, 6½c; cow rounds shank off, 8½c; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 10c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tails, each, 40c; livers, per lb., 5c; hearts, per lb., 5c; tongues, per lb., 12½c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7c; sheep, 6½c; market racks (long), 8c; hotel racks (short), 11c; legs and saddles, 9c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, 7c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 6½c; shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5½c; trimmings, 5½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 4c; shout and ears, 4c; backbones, 1½c; cheek meats, 4½c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 4c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 5c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each, 2c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.25.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 2½c; tallow, No. 2, 2¼c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@1¾c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@3.00; mink, $15.00@60.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@60c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 27.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; patents, $4.70@4.90; straights, $4.40@4.60; clears, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing 2¼c for December and 1¼c for May below yesterday; opened 8c lower and eventually declined 1½c more, closing with sellers 1-16c above the bottom. Spot, lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 95½c; track, 97½c; No. 2 hard cash, 87@88c; December, 87¼c; May, 80⅝@87¼c.

CORN—Futures dull and featureless during most of the session, finally weakening and closing with May ¼@⅜c and December ¼@¼c under yesterday; spot, easy; No. 2 cash, 25¾c; December, 24¾c; May, 27⅝c.

OATS—Ruled weak and lower for futures, closing with a decline of ¼c to ⅜c for the day; spot, lower; No. 2 cash, elevator, 18½c; track, 21½@22c; No. 2 white, cash, 24c; December, 20⅝c bid; May, 22⅝@22¾c.

RYE—Steady at 46½c.

FLAXSEED—Quiet at $1.03.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

CORNMEAL—$1.40.

BRAN—Slow but strong; sacked on track, 52@56c.

HAY—Active and prices well sustained; prairie, $6.00@8.50; timothy, $8.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 18@23½c; dairies, 15@18c.

EGGS—Firm at 17c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTON TIES—77c.

BAGGING—6¾@7¼c.

METALS—Lead, dull at $3.55@3.57½. Spelter, nominal at $3.80.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $8.25@8.50. Lard, quiet; prime steamed, $4.07½; choice, $4.12½. Bacon (boxed loins), extra short clear, $5.12½@5.25; clear ribs, $5.62½; short, $5.62½@5.75. Dry salt meats (boxed), shoulders, $5.12½; extra short clear, $4.75@4.87½; ribs, $5.12½; short, $5.12½@5.25.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 28,000 bu.; corn, 120,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 16,000 bu.; corn, 74,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 27.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red northern, shipping, firm at 5s 9½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, firm at 3s 3¾d; futures, steady; November, 3s 3¼d; December, 3s 3¼d; January, 3s 2½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady at 16s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), steady, £4 10s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 66s 3d; prime mess, 56s 3d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, firm at 47s 6d; prime mess, medium western, steady at 45s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 pounds, dull at 31s. Bacon, short ribs, steady at 25s; long clear middles, light, 24s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, dull at 24s; short clear backs, dull at 23s 6d; clear bellies, steady at 23s. Shoulders, square cut, firm at 24s. Lard, prime western, firm at 22s 3d. Tallow, prime city, firm at 18s.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, dull at 42s 6d.

London Wheat Market.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Wheat in the market this week was supported by continental buyers. The United Kingdom inquiry was small. Sellers of California wheat, September and October, asked 29s; for November they asked 28s 3d, and for wheat just sailed they asked 28s 6d. A large business was done in Walla Walla wheat, December to February, at 25s, leaving sellers at that price. Argentine wheat had free sell rs. Pe ruan and March at 25s. Indian wheat was freely offered at 25s for April and May.

Flour was slow and prices unaltered.

Maize was quiet. Old mixed December was quoted at 16s 3d. New maize, January to April, was quoted at 22s 3d.

Oats unchanged. The last price paid was 16s 7½d for mixed clipped December oats.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 27.—WHEAT—Hard, 34c to 1c lower; soft wheat, about unchanged; No. 2 hard, 86c; No. 3, 84c; No. 4, 78c; No. 2 red, 93c; No. 3, 90½c; No. 4, 85@86c; No. 2 spring, 83c; No. 3, 81c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

OATS—Good demand; No. 2 white, 22½@23c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 44c.

HAY—Firm, with good demand and unchanged; timothy, $5.50@8.75; prairie, $7.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 20c; dairy, 15c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh candled Missouri and Kansas stock, 17c; storage, 12c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 94,800 bu.; corn, 49,400 bu.; oats, 7,600 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 178,200 bu.; corn, 36,400 bu.; oats, none.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 27.—Receipts of wheat, 55 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 421 cars.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Receipts today: Wheat, 216 cars; corn, 846; oats, 701 cars. Estimates for lots tomorrow: Wheat, 108; corn, 400; oats, 310.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 158 cars.

DULUTH, Nov. 27.—Receipts: Wheat, 596 cars.

PEORIA, Nov. 27.—Receipts: Corn, 49,150 bu.; oats, 43,750 bu.; rye, 1,800 bu.; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 1,200 bu. Shipments: Corn, 4,800 bu.; oats, 19,300 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 1,650 bbls.; wheat, none.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27.—FLOUR—Quiet; fancy, $4.20@4.40; family, $3.60@3.75.

WHEAT—Quiet; No. 2 red, nominal at 94½c.

CORN—Easy; No. 2 mixed, 27@27½c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 23½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 46c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, quiet at $4.15. Bulk meats, firm at $4.45@4.50. Bacon, steady at $5.85.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.19.

BUTTER—Easy; Elgin creamery, 24c; Ohio, 14@20c; dairy, 12@12c.

EGGS—Steady at 16½c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio flat, 9@9½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Nov. 27.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 cash and December, 95c.

CORN—Steady, 27½c.

OATS—Unchanged.

RYE—Dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 47½c.

CLOVERSEED—Active; cash, $3.15.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27.—HOGS—Active at $2.80@2.77½.

CATTLE—Steady at $2.25@3.10.

SHEEP—Strong at $2.75@4.50.

LAMBS—Strong at $3.50@5.50.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Nov. 27.—CORN—Market steady; No. 2, 25½c.

OATS—Market quiet; No. 2 white, 22½c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.18; alcohol, $2.21.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Nov. 27.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 91½c; No. 2 red, 91⅝c; December, 92c; May, 93⅝c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 25c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 25c.

RYE—No. 2, 46½c.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—WHEAT—Quiet; December, $1.47½; May, $1.44⅝.

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., Nov. 27.—Credit balances, 65; certificates, first sale, 67½; highest bid, 68; 10-bbl lots, 67½ bid; shipments, 83,884 bbls.; runs, 117,42 bbls.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Nov. 27.—OILS—Turpentine, market firm, 30c; sales 100 bbls. Rosin, firm; sales 500 bbls.: A, B, C, D, $1.10; E, $1.15; G, $1.20; H, $1.25; I, $1.30; K, $1.40; M, $1.60; N, $2.05; W. G., $2.20; W. W., $2.25.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 27.—OILS—Spirits turpentine, firm, 30½c bid; sales, 998 bbls; receipts, 1,262 bbls. Rosin, firm, unchanged; sales, 34 bbls; receipts, 4,141 bbls.: A, B, C, D, $1.15; E, F, $1.20; G, $1.25; H, $1.30; I, $1.35; K, $1.50; M, $1.70; N, $2.10; W. G., $2.40; W. W., $2.25.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 27.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, firm, 29½@30½c. Rosin, steady; Tar, quiet, $1.05.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, dull, 24s 9d. Turpentine spirits, firm, 24s 3d. Rosin, common, steady, 4s 3d.

Sugar Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 27.—SUGAR—Open kettle, steady at 2⅝@2⅞c; centrifugal, firm; granulated, 4 1-16@4⅛c; whites, 3 11-16@4⅛c; yellows, 3 9-16@3 15-16c; seconds, 2¼@2⅜c. Molasses, open kettle, steady at 15@20c; centrifugal, easy at 40 cents.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27.—SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.00@5.85.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—SUGAR—Beet sugar, November, 9s; beet sugar, December-March, 9s 3d.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2 5-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3½c; refined, firm; crushed, 5⅝c; powdered, 5 3-16c; granulated, 5c; mould A, 4⅝c; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅝c; cut loaf, 5⅝c; cubes, 5⅝c.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Apples, firm; other dried fruits, quiet; evaporated apples, common, 5@7c; prime wire tray, 8½c; wood dried, prime, 8½c; choice, 8½c; fancy, 8¾c. Prunes, 3½@6c, as to size and quality. Apricots, royal, 7½@8c; Moor Park, 9@11c. Peaches, unpeeled, 1@10c; peeled, 12@22c.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

December Wheat Falls Back a Little from Dollar Mark.

INCREASE IN WINTER WHEAT OFFERINGS

Advance Brings Heavy Offerings from the Interior, Which Has a Depressing Influence Upon the Market.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—All of yesterday's 1⅝c advance in May wheat was lost today, while December dropped 1¾c. There was a big increase in winter wheat offerings, especially from Indiana, and this was very effective with the crowd, who sold from the start. Other markets were dull with narrow fluctuations and only slight changes in prices at the close.

Wheat opened weak for both May and December, May started ⅛@⅝c lower at 92⅜@92⅞c and December at 99c, a decline of ⅛c. Liverpool cables were disappointing, showing but ⅛@⅝d advance as a response to the bulge here yesterday.

Northwest receipts were 974 cars, against 972 cars last week. The persistency with which receipts up there refuse to fall off, in spite of all predictions to the contrary, was also a clog to the market. It developed that the heavy advance in December was having its natural effect upon country shippers, who possessed any that would pass inspection. Wheat that would have gone to Toledo or St. Louis under nominal conditions was headed this way and 80,000 bushels of red No. 2 winter wheat from Indiana was sold in the pit from 99c to 98⅝c for December delivery. The opening decline in that future was pressed into a still further reduction when the above information became generally known. Chicago receipts were 299 cars.

Bradstreet's report made clearances of wheat and flour for the week from both coasts at 5,465,000 bushels, against 6,653,000 bushels the week before and 3,723,000 bushels a the corresponding week of 1896. There was some bull news to hand, but little attention was paid to it. New York reported 32 boat loads sold for export, 20 of them for Austria. The day's clearances from the Atlantic seaboard amounted to 496,000 bushels. Only about 750,000 bushels increase in the visible is expected Monday.

The advices from the northwest were that owing to bad weather farmers' deliveries had materially fallen off. The bearish effect of the sales of No. 2 red winter wheat to arrive here from India was increased when it became known that handlers of cash wheat were sellers of carloads to arrive from Iowa and Nebraska correspondents who had No. 1 northern spring to ship. Armour & Co. likewise sold December wheat in the pit, which was supposed to be against wheat bought in Duluth to come here. Selling of December finally became so free that the market broke to 97½c. Near the opening it had sold as high as 99⅛c. It steadied somewhat at 97⅝c and by closing time had recovered to 97¾c. May did not quite so escape. It sold between 92⅝@92¾c, then broke to 91⅝c, closing at 91¾c.

Corn was slow, with trade for the most part consisting of transfers of December contracts to May at about 3⅝@3¾c difference. The tendency of prices was slightly downward, due to receipts of 846 cars and sympathy with the decline in wheat. Cables were lower, and there was little clearance, there being only 300,000 bushels. May ranged from 28¾c to 28⅝c, and closed a shade lower at 29⅝c.

Oats were weaker and closed lower. The decline in wheat had a depressing effect. December showed some strength shortly after the opening on a fair demand, but the advance was lost later. Elevator interests did most of the selling. Receipts were large, 701 cars. Seaboard clearances were 472,000 bushels. May ranged from 22¾c to 22c, and closed ⅛c lower at 22⅛c.

Provisions were fairly dull but firm. Demand was only fair, but offerings were even smaller. There was some transferring of December contracts to January. Cash demand was quite good. At the close January pork was 10c higher at $8.17½; January lard 2½@5c higher, at $4.27½, and January ribs a shade higher at $4.15@4.17½.

Estimated receipts Monday: Wheat, 165 cars; corn, 420 cars; oats, 330 cars; hogs, 45,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Nov.....	.....	.....	.....	97⅛	99
Dec.....	99	99⅛	97⅛	97¾	99⅛
May.....	92⅜@⅝	93	91⅝@⅞	91¾	93⅝
*Corn—					
Nov.....	26⅛	26⅛	25⅞	26	26⅛
Dec.....	26⅛	26⅛	25⅞	26	26⅛
May.....	29⅝@¾	29¾	29⅛@⅜	29⅜	29⅝@¾
*Oats—					
Dec.....	20⅛	20⅛@⅜	20⅛	20⅛	20⅛@⅜
May.....	22⅛	22¼	22	22⅛	22⅛@⅜
*Pork—					
Dec.....	7 25	7 25	7 22½	7 25	7 25
Jan.....	8 17½	8 20	8 17½	8 17½	8 15
May.....	8 42½	8 45	8 42½	8 42½	8 40
*Lard—					
Dec.....	4 10	4 12½	4 10	4 12½	4 12½
Jan.....	4 22½	4 25	4 22½	4 25	4 25
May.....	4 40	4 42½	4 37½	4 42½	4 37½
*Sh'ribs—					
Dec.....	4 17½	4 17½	4 15	4 17½	4 15
Jan.....	4 17½	4 17½	4 15	4 17½	4 15
May.....	4 30	4 30	4 27½	4 27½	4 27½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $4.70@4.90; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring specials, $3.35; spring patents, $4.00@4.20; straights, $3.50@3.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 104@99¼c; No. 3 spring, 82@84c; No. 2 red, 97¾@98c.

CORN—No. 2, 26½c.

OATS—No. 2, 22½c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 26¼@26½c; No. 3 white, 22¾@23½c.

RYE—No. 2, 27¼@27½c.

BARLEY—26@36c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.03¼@1.10; prime timothy seed, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.37@7.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.22½@4.25. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.15@4.70; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $4.50@4.62½.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.84; granulated, $5.21.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	8,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.....	127,000	114,000
Corn, bu.....	279,000	344,000
Oats, bu.....	415,000	105,000
Rye, bu.....	11,000	8,000
Barley, bu.....	97,000	152,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 15@21c; dairies, 12@19c. Cheese, quiet, 8@8½c. Eggs, fresh, 18c. Live poultry, market steady; turkeys, 9c; chickens, 5c; springs, 50@54c; ducks, 60@65c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,904 bbls.; exports, 4,550 bbls.; quiet, but firm; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.40; Minnesota bakers', $4.20@4.50; winter patents, $4.25@4.35; winter straights, $4.00@4.20; winter extras, $3.40@3.60; winter low grades, $2.50@3.10. Rye flour, dull, $2.80@3.25. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $1.45@1.50.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 80@83½c.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 65c.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2, 49½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Easy; western, 55@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 235,400 bu.; exports, 87,674 bu.; sold, spot, 2 cars; futures, 1,000 bu. Spot market opened easy, owing to big northwest receipts and disappointing cables, rallied slightly on covering, but finally sold off again under realizing and closed⅝@⅞c net lower; No. 2 red, November, closed at 99⅛c; December, 99½@1.00; closed at 99½c.

CORN—Receipts, 83,575 bu.; exports, 118,820 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 28½c; options opened steady on cables, but eased off later with wheat and closed ⅛@¼c net lower; November closed at 27¾c; December, 27⅞@28c; closed at 27⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 62,000 bu.; exports, 27,623 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 26¼c. Options dull, but steady, on light offerings; closed ⅛c net higher; February closed at 26⅞c; December closed at 27⅛c.

HAY—Quiet, steady, 40@45c; good to choice, 50@60c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 12@20c; Pacific coast 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 12@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas, 12c; California, 19@24c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 20½@21½c.

WOOL—Dull; fleece, 26@31c; Texas, 13@17c.

PROVISIONS—Quiet; family, $9.00@10.50; extra mess, $7.50@8.00; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $8.50@9.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $6.25@7.87½; pickled shoulders, $6.75; pickled hams, $7.50. Lard, steady; western steam, $4.35; refined quiet. Pork, steady; mess, $8.25@8.00; shorts, clear, $10.00@12.00; family, $11.00@12.00. Tallow, quiet; city, 3 5-16c; country, 3¼@3⅜c. Rosin, steady.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; United closed at 67½c bid. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, firm, 32½@33c. Cottonseed, quiet and about steady, with sales on the basis of 27½c for prime summer yellow; prime crude, 18½c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 19½@14½c; prime summer yellow, 21½c; off summer yellow, 21½c; butter oil, 23½@26c; prime winter yellow, 26@27c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,000 pkgs.; state dairy, 12@22c; creamery, 14@22c; western creamery, 14@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 15@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 6,592 pkgs.; market quiet; light skims, 6@6½c; part skims, 5@5c; full skims, 2½@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,182 pkgs.; market steady; Pennsylvania, 20@22c; western, 22c.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 27.—FLOUR—Firm; western superfine, $3.20@3.40; extra, $3.45@3.70; extra family, $4.00@4.75; winter wheat patents, $4.30@5.10; spring patents, $5.00@5.25; spring wheat, straights, $4.30@5.00; receipts, 16,699 bbls.; exports, 45 bbls.

WHEAT—Easy; spot and month, 99@99¼c; December, 99¼@99⅝c; steamer, No. 2 red, 93¼c bid; receipts, 63,472 bu.; exports, 49,000 bu. Southern wheat by sample, 94@97c; southern wheat, on grade, 94¼@99⅝c.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 29@29¼c; December, 29⅝@29¾c; November or December, new or old, 27¼@27⅝c; steamer mixed, 29@29¼c; receipts, 74,219 bu.; exports, 28,117 bu. Southern white corn, 34@35c; southern yellow, 33@34c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 29½c; receipts, 32,293 bu.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 54c; receipts, 49,510 bu.

HAY—Firm; choice timothy, $13 asked.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet but firm; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4d. December, Cork, for orders, per quarter, 4s December, 5s 7½@5s 9d January.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 22c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 21c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 8¾@9c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Assumes an Activity Unknown for Several Weeks.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The stock market awoke from its lethargy today and did a lively business in the second hour of the Saturday short session. The volume of the dealings and the general movement of prices were greater than have been seen in several weeks past. The reappearance on the board of one of the principal operators during the summer rise in prices and the distribution of large orders for his account were undoubtedly the principal causes of the rise. The resistance of the market during the week to figures that the gradual hardening of prices in spite of the dullness had laid the foundation for an advance in prices under any confident leadership. The strength manifested alarmed the shorts and they hastened to cover, thus helping along the rise.

It was noticeable that the strength and activity of the market were transferred from specialties and industrials to those they have been largely confined of late—to the standard railway shares. The gains of about a point or over were registered in the granger shares, the coalers and a number of trunk lines. The southern lines lagged in a rather conspicuous manner notwithstanding the strong statement of the Atchison for October, showing an increase in net earnings of $136,700.

No small part of the strength in the railway list was due to the anticipation that the supreme court upon reassembling on Monday after its autumn recess will hand down a decision in the Nebraska maximum freight rate case favorable to the railroads. This decision has long been looked forward to to give an upward impetus to prices, and prices have in fact been several times advanced on the assumption that it would be favorable and have subsequently reacted.

Sugar was strong and easily led, but there was an advance of 3⅝ per cent on reports that a decision from the Treasury department would be soon forthcoming applying the countervailing duty clause to Dutch refined sugar.

The bank statement was about what was expected, showing as it does an actual increase in the cash reserve of $3,238,775, the legal reserve was raised by more than that amount, owing to the tremendous increase of $16,744,100 in the deposits. The surplus reserve in consequence fell off by $847,325. The excess of the increase in deposits over that in loans reflects the movements of currency from the interior to this center. The large proportions of the increase in loans and deposits are of course reflections of the Union Pacific payment on Monday.

The condition of the money market, present and prospective, is of greater interest to all Wall than the stock market. The heavy Union Pacific payment made not the slightest impression on the market. Of course the fact that the government left the whole amount, $6,300,000, in the treasury overnight obviated its actual withdrawal from the market, but the fact remains that the raising of an enormous amount of cash was effected, and an extensive shifting of loans and accounts accomplished that would establish a stiffening rate for money somewhat had the market not been in a plethoric condition. Even the removal of business and activity in the south with the removal of yellow fever quarantines has failed to result in any notable demand for money from that quarter. The west is sending money to New York, banks and trusts in that section being plentifully supplied as the result of paying off of long standing obligations. Chicago banks are reported to have several million dollars loaned in Germany as the result of grain bills purchased in that country, which have not yet been drawn against by exchange bills. This operation involves the purchase of funds on change to hold until maturity, and New York banks have loaned money abroad by a similar operation.

This doubtless accounts in part for the firmness of the foreign rate, in face of the continued heavy exports of food stuffs. There has also been some buying on long sterling for investment during the week, based on the supposition that the balance of trade may have shifted for the time in favor of imports, and so have raised the rates for exchange.

It is worthy of special notice in that connection that the imports of dry goods and general merchandise for the week at New York show an increase of $3,570,475, or nearly 46 per cent over those of last week, and they exceed those of the corresponding period of last year by over $1,000,000. If this indicates a settled tendency to foreign trade it will not only mark the beginning of a settlement of the heavy trade balance in our favor, which is a potential factor in the case of the domestic money market, but it marks an increase in the government's revenues from imports and consequently a decrease in the deficit which is constantly running from the treasury into the channels of the money market.

The foreign exchange market has probably felt the effect of the week's sale of American securities for London account in talk market. London has sold quite steadily of the stocks which make up the bulk of ordinary arbitrage operations. But there also have been large sales of high-grade investment bonds by that center owing to the high range of prices prevailing here. Remittances to pay for these have helped to keep the exchange market firm.

The stock market offered almost no feature of interest during the week. As a result of today's strength the list gener