COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL Royal, 11814e; Moor Park, 14617c; peaches, unpeeled, 81461214c; peeled, 18820c.

Bad Orop Reports from Argentina Send Wheat Up Cent and a Fourth.

GREAT ACTIVITY IN SPECULATIVE PITS

Corn and Oats Higher and More Active Than for Some Time-Provisions Remain Stationary.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.-Bad crop news from Argentina was the motive for an advance of 1%c in May wheat today. Trading late in the day, not only in wheat, but in other speculative markets, was the most active for weeks. Corn and oats advanced 1/9 6-se and 3-s@4c respectively. The price changes in provisions were unimportant. Trade in wheat started in rather slow, though a good deal of firmness was shown at the immediate opening. Liverpool displayed more steadiness than was expected after the late show of weakness in yesterdays market here, while the receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth continued to fall off, the total today being 707 cars, compared with 918 last, week and 524 a year ago. Chicago receipts were 172 cars, 6 of contract grade. But the armoss disappeared for the continued free offerings from Russia. Private continued as laste reported forms stantly increasing stocks in Russian ports, with continued free offerings from Russia. This was a source of much weakness here offered with was a source of much weakness here offered with May opened 1625-8678c. The market continued rather dull for about an expensive stantly increasing stocks in Russian news the price soon dropped to 65-8678c. The market continued rather dull for about an expensive stantly increasing stocks in Russian news the price soon dropped to 65-8678c. The market continued rather dull for about an expensive stantly increased by the Russian news the price soon dropped to 65-8678c. The market continued rather dull for about an expensive stantly increased by the standard of the Argentine crop, which cables reported very bad. Some estimates placed the dam begun to broaden out very materially and prices to advance with a rapidity that was barely noticed by the speculative of the Argentine crop, which cables reported very bad. Some estimates placed the dam ago as high as 20 per cent. The first being put today at 1,05,000 bushels. There was a barely noticed by the speculative was fam to the cast. May advanced to the market on account of the care the standard of the market of the market on account of the care the standard of the care the standard of the standar day's market here, while the receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth continued to fall off, the total today being 707 cars, com-

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Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR-Dull and steady; winter patents,
\$3.40@3.75; straights, \$3.10@3.20; spring specials, \$3.40@4.00; spring patents, \$3.20@3.50;
bakers, \$2.20@3.40.
WHEAT-No. 3 spring, 62@64%c.
RYE-No. 2, 54½c.
BARLEY-F. o. b., 39@50½c.
SEEDS-No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.04@1.00½; prime timothy, \$2.27@2.30.
PROVISIONS-Mess pork, per bbl., \$8.10@
\$1.5. Lard, per 100 ibs., \$5.12½@5.20. Short

8.15. Lard, per 100 lbs. \$5.12\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}{2}\)\(\frac{1}\)\(\frac{1}\)\(\frac{1}\)\(\frac{1}\)\(\fra sides (boxed), \$4.85@4.87%. WHISKY-Distillers' finished goods, per gal, \$1.25.
SUGARS—Cut leaf, \$5.95; granulated, \$5.45.
The following were the receipts and shipments for today.

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbis	45,000	29,000
Wheat, bu	207,000	18,000
Corn, bu	388,000	113 000
Dats, bu	320,000	198,000
Rye, bu	31,009	10,000
Barley, bu	100,000	15,000

1014c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 216214c. Dressed poultry, firm; turkeys, 116114c; chickens, 6664c; ducks, 6467c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.-FLOUR-Receipts. 0,117 bbls.; exports, 5,845 bbls. Market fairly active and 5@10c higher; winter patents, \$3.70@3.85; winter straights, \$3.45@3.55;

ents, \$3.70@3.85; winter straights, \$3.45@3.55;
Minnesota patents, \$3.70@3.90.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 77c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 60½c, f.

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BARLEY MALT—Firm; 60@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, \$4.350 bu.; exports,
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BUTTER—Receipts, 9,457 pkgs. Market firm; western creamery, 15@21c; Elgins, 21c; fancy, 12@15c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 237 pkgs: strong; large, white, 104c; small, white, 164c; large, colored, 164c; small, colored, 164c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,253 pkgs.; very firm; western, 25c; southern, 22@24c.

METALS—The feature of the metal market today was a further advance in the price of lead and a decided improvement in copper. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants nominal, at \$7.25; lake copper, steady, with \$12.75 bid and \$12.90 asked; itn, dull, with \$17.90 bid and \$18.00 asked; lead, strong, with \$3.75 bid and \$3.75 asked; spelter, quiet, with \$3.25 bid and \$5.35 asked. The firm fixing the settling price for leading miners and smelters at the west quoted lead at \$3.50 and copper at \$12.75.

Toledo Market.

Toledo, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 cash and December. 63%; May. 70 5-8c.
CORN—Active and firm; No. 2 mixed, cash and December, 34%c.
OATS—Dull and steady; No. 2 mixed, 27c.
RYE—Neglected; No. 2 mixed, 51%c.
CLOVERSEED — Active and higher; prime, old, 44.00; new, cash and December, 4.50 bid.

PEORIA, Dec. 15.-CORN-Firm; No. 2,

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

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

EGGS—Good stock, 21c.
BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@12c; choice, 10@18c; separator, 20@21c; gathered creamery, 18@19c.
POULTRY—Hens, live, 4½c; dressed, 5½c; old roosters, live, 5@5½c; dressed, 4@4½c; spring chickens, live, 5@5½c; dressed, 7c; geese, live, 6@6½c; dressed, 7c; geese, live, 6@6½c; dressed, 7c; turkeys, live, 8@9c; dressed, 10@11c.
GAME—Teal, blue wing, \$1.75; green wing, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.75@2.25; prairie chickens, \$5.00; quall, per doz., \$1.00@1.10; jackrabbits, \$1.25@1.50; cottontalls, 50@75c.
PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.
VEAL—Choice, \$29c.
VEGETABLES.
ONIONS—Per bu., 40@50c

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POTATOES—Choice stock, 45@50c; sacked,
45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., \$2.50.
CABBAGE—Per lb., crated, 14c.
CELERY—Per bunch, 25@30c; Colorado
celery, 35@40c.

TROPICAL FRUITS. TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, \$4.00@4.25; choice, \$3.75@4.0 ORANGES—M xicans, \$4.00; small sizes, \$3.75; Navels, fancy rose brand, \$4.00@4.25; Redland, choice, \$3.75@4.00; seedlings, \$3.50. BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, \$2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, \$1.75@2.00. FRUITS.

St. Louis Market. St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Futures strong and higher and very active; spot steady; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 70c; track, 70@71c; December, 70c May, 70c bid; July, 651-8c; No. 2 hard cash, 65@66c.

CORN—Futures fractionally nigher; spot higher; No. 2 cash, 33c; December, 32c; May, 33 3-8c bid. 33 3-8c bid.

OATS—Spot steady; futures firmer; No. 2 cash. 27c bid; track, 27%c; December, 27%c bid; May, 27%c; No. 2 white, 23c.

RYE—53c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, lower, \$1.01%; prime

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CORNMEAL-\$1.55\(\pi\).1.50.60, east track, 55c.
BRAN-Firm; sacked, east track, 55c.
HAY-Steady to weak; timothy, \$7.00\(\pi\).90; prairie, \$5.50\(\pi\).8.25.
POULTRY - Lower; chickens, 5\(\pi\).50\(\pi\).6c; ducks, 6\(\pi\).6i\(\pi\).6c; geese, 5\(\pi\).6c; turkeys, 7\(\pi\).66c.
WHISKY-Steady, \$1.25.
BUTTER - Steady; creamery, 17\(\pi\).22c; dairy, 13\(\pi\).8c.
EGGS-Steady, 20c.
METALS-Lead, excited and higher, \$3.60
\(\pi\).3.65. Speiter, weak and lower, \$5.
PROVISIONS - Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, \$3.25. Lard, quiet; prime steam, \$5.05; choice, \$5.10. Dry sait meats, boxed shoulders, \$4.12\(\pi\); extra shorts, \$4.62\(\pi\); ribs, \$5.37\(\pi\); shorts, \$4.67\(\pi\); Bacon, boxed shoulders, \$5; extra shorts, \$5.12\(\pi\); ribs, \$5.37\(\pi\); shorts, \$5.62\(\pi\).
RECEIPTS-Flour, 2.000 bbls.; wheat, \$2.000 bu.; corn, 72.000 bu.; oats, 44.000 bu.
SHIPMENTS-Flour, 4.000 bbls.; wheat, 18.000 bu.; corn, 38.000 bu.; oats, 9.000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Strady; No. 2 hard, 61@63½c; No. 3, 58@60½c; No. 2 red. 68½c; No. 3, 63@66c; No. 2 spring, 60@62c; No. 3, 57@60c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 31½@32c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 28@28¼c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 50c.

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dairy, 16c.
EGGS-Firm; fresh, 22c.
RECEIPTS-Wheat, 69,000 bu.; corn, 9,700 bu. oats, 7,000 bu.
SHIPMENTS-Wheat, 39,000 bu.; corn, 5,200 bu.; oats, 9,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; receipts, 10,545 bbls.; exports, 39,483 bbls.

WHEAT—Strong; month, 71%c; steamer No. 2 red, 681,668%c; receipts, 105,325 bu.; exports, 8,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 69671%c.

CORN—Strong; spot and month, 39,462 39½c; December, new or old, 384,638 7-8c; steamer mixed, 354,635½c; receipts, 225,000 bu.; exports, 51,428 bu.; southern white corn, 364,6334c.

OATS—Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 326 32½c; No. 2 mixed, 31½c; receipts, 13,147 bu.; exports, none. exports, none.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15 .- Receipts: Wheat, 74 cars.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15. — Receipts:
Wheat, 452 cars.
DULUTH, Dec. 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 255 CARS. CITY, Dec. 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 115 cars.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 125; corn, 410; oats, 235.

Receipts at primary markets: Wheat, 1,062,615 bushels; corn, 754,412 bushels.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.-WHEAT-Firmer; CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Firmer;
No. 2 red, 69c.
CORN—Firm, higher; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.
OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 29c.
RYE—Steady; No. 2, 57c.
PROVISIONS—Lard, quiet, \$5,00. Bulk meats, steady, \$4.70. Pacon, quiet, \$5.50.
WHISKY—Quiet; \$1.26. EGGS-20c. CHEESE-Firm, higher; good to prime Ohio flat, 10@1014c.

Liverpool Grain Market. Liverpool Grain Market. Liverpool. Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Steady. 14.6 %d higher: December, 5s 10d; March, 5s 6 %d; May, 5s 6 %d. CORN—Spot, firm; 3s 9 %d; December, 3s 9 %d; March, 3s 7 %d; May, nominal.

Minnenpolis Wheat Market. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 15. — WHEAT — Firmer; December, 63%c; May, 65 1-Sc; No. 1 northern, 64 3-Sc. FLOUR—Patents, \$3.60@3.70; second pat-ents, \$3.40@3.50; first clears, \$2.55@2.70.

Milwaukee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—Half cent higher; No. 1 northern, 68@68%c; No. 2 northern, 64%c. 'RYE—Steady,' No. 1, 54%c. BARLEY—Weaker; No. 2, 48%c; sample,

Duluth Grain Market. DULUTH, Dec. 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 64%; No. 1 northern, cash, 63%; receipts, 255,160 bu.; shipments, 192,360 bu. OATS—27c. CORN—82 1-8c.

PEORIA. Dec. 15.—CORN—Firm; No. 2, white, 27c.
OATS—Firm: No. 2 white, 27c.
WHISKY—Firm at \$1.26.

Celifornia Dried Fruits.
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Firm; evaporated apples, common, 788c; prime wire tray, 8%c; choice, applic; fancy, 16c; prunes, 4010%c; apricots, and containing 26s mills. Several of the plants have not been in operation for the plants of the plants of the plants of the man, twenty-four feet; weight, 28,000 pounds; the woman, twenty-four feet; weight, 28,000 pounds; the woman, twenty-four feet; weight, 28,000 pounds. Width of spread of four eagles, each, fifteen feet; weight, 9,000 pounds each; total weight of trancs; treasury notes current, increase, 7, 600,000 francs; gold in circulation, decrease, the bronze statuary and eagles is 195,964 pounds.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS Government's Foreign Trade Statement a Powerful Factor in Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Many stocks gained about a point and the market left off strong with a good buying movement in progress. Perhaps the most potent influence on sentiment was the government's foreign grade statement showing exports for November of nearly \$12,000,000, which was nearly \$78,000,000 in excess of imports, and the excess of imports for the five months of the fiscal year was above the enormous sum of \$253,000,000.

Then, too, the strength of the grain markets today seemed to indicate a continuance in the demand for our products. Alternating firmness and weakness rendered the market irregular during the forenoon.

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Activity diminished somewhat in the bond market, and profit taking arrested the im-provement in some securities. The gen-eral tendency, however, was decidedly up-ward. Total sales of bonds, \$5,285,000. United States 3s advanced 1-8 per cent in Ward. John Sandvanced 1-8 per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were quiet and good today. Americans were heavy till the middle of the day when there was a sudden spurt on engaged buying on the continent. New York sold, causing a relapse. A final rally carried prices ½ point above the worst. Money was hard and there was big borrowing at the bank. There was less demand for gold at 77%d.

The following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

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Louis. & Nash 54%	do pfd128
Manhattan L 99%	Con. Gas190
Met. St. Ry 12115	Com. Cable Co175
Mich. Central117	Col. F. & Iron 2514
Minn. & St. L 281/2	do pfd 81
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do 2d pld 81%	People's Gas108%
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Total sales of stocks today were 712,200 shares, including 20,850 Atchison, 37,520 Atchison preferred, 12,950 Canada Southern, 27,512 Central Pacific, 6,060 Chesapeake & Ohio, 11,755 Burlington, 3,823 Denver & Rio Grande, 9,575 Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 11,030 Louisville & Nashville, 5,010 Manhattan, 5,708 Metropolitan, 6,850 Reading preferred, 54,405 Missouri Pacific, 7,200 Missouri, Kansas & Texas Preferred, 15,068 New York Central, 13,010 Northern Pacific, 5,157 O.; & M., 4,010 Reading, 16,702 Rock Island, 7,248 Union Pacific, 15,150 St. Paul, 18,585 St. Paul & Omaha, 8,841 Southern preferred, 8,737 Union Pacific preferred, 6,991 Wabash preferred, 5,858 Wheeling & Lake Erie, 16,382 Tobacco, 61,890 Federal Steel, 6,510 Steel preferred, 11,440 People's Gas, 4,5700 Pacific Mail, 3,740 Rope and Twine, 54,455, Sugar, 5,845 Tennessee Coal and Iron, 12,200 Leather, 13,390 Leather preferred, 4,382 Rubber.

New York Money Market NEW YORK, Dic. 15.—MONEY ON CALL Nominally, 24,621, per cent. PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—364 per PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER-364 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.84\%64.84\%67 demand, and at \$4.84\%67 demand. and at \$4.81\%64.82 for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.82\% and \$4.85\%; commercial bills, \$4.80\%64.81.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59\%60\%c.
BAR SILVER—59\%c.
MEXICAN DOLLARS—47c.
GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; U. S. 38, 106\%; new 48, reg., 127\%; coupon, 128; 48, 111\%; coupon, 112\%; 28, \$9\%; 58, reg., 112\%; coupon, 112\%; Pacific 6s of '99, 102\%.

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	District 3, 65s118	N. Y. C. & St. L. 48 106
•	Ala., class A108	N. & W. 68 127
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	Ala class C100	N. W. Deb. 58 11716
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	Boston Stock	Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Call loans, 263 per cent; time loans, 25,64 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares: shares:

A. T. & St. F. 19
Amer. Sugar 1241
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Bay State Gas 21-16
Hell Tel 277
Boston & Albany 217
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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The official losing quotations for mining stocks to-Alpha Con Andes 5 Justice
Belcher 17 Kentucky Con
Best & Belcher 37 Occ dental Con
Builion 3 Ophir
Challenge Con 14 Potosi
Choldar 19 Savage
Con Cal & Va 115
Crown Point 15 Utah Con
Gould & Gurrie 26 Yellow Jacket Silver bars, 59 3-Se; Mexican dollars, 474 @474c. Drafts, sight, 15c; telegraph, 174c

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

some time, and others have only been run 6,575,600 francs; silver in hand, decrease, 2,-spasmodically."

London Stock Quotations. LONDON, Dec. 15.-4 p. m.-Closing: BAR SILVER—Steady at 27½d.

MONEY—3@4½ per cent.

The discount rate in the open market for short bills, 3½ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½ per cent.

New York Mining Quotations. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks: 15 Ontar'o 15 Ophir 160 Fill mouth 40 Quickstiver 29 do pfd 110 Sterra Novada 1500 Standard 12 Union Con 27 Yellow Jacket Con. Cal. & Va... Deadwood Gould & Currie Hale & Norcross. Homestake Iron Silver Mexican

Statement of Bank of England. LONDON, Dec. 15.—The weekly state-ment of the Bank of England shows the following changes as compared with the following changes as compared with the previous account:
Total reserve, decrease, £21,000; circulation, decrease, £214,000; bullion, decrease, £261,864; other securities, increase, £351,000; other deposits, increase, £372,000; public deposits, decrease, £176,000; notes reserve, increase, £64,000; government securities, decrease, £160,000.

The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 50,60 per cent, is now 50,40 per cent. The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged at 4 per cent.

Financial Notes. OMAHA, Dec. 15.—Bank clearings today were \$1,228,568.21; balances, \$109,359.86. One year ago the clearings were \$948,192.63; bal-ances, \$161,696.16. Increase in clearings, ances. \$161,696.16. Increase in clearings, \$280,376.18.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$291,806,210; gold reserve, \$245,475,319.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$18.614,126; balances, \$1.657,574; New York exchange, 15c premium: posted rates, \$4.82\cdot 40.485\cdot 5 Strength of Diamond Match was the feature of today's stock trading. Biscuit common, 48; Biscuit preferred, 104; Diamond Match, 150\cdot 2. Lake Street L. 13\cdot 5. North Chicago, 222 bid; Strawboard, 32; West Chicago, 95; City Railway, 298.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$1.956,500; New York exchange, par; commercial, \$1 discount.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—Money, 2\cdot 6 per cent; New York exchange, par; clearings, \$2.153,550.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$4,612,009; \$2,153,550.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$4,612,009; balances, \$495,533; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, par bid, 10c premium

York exchange, par bid, 16. 199,747,asked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$199,747,438; balances, \$6,378,030,
HOSTON, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$21,968,905;
balances, \$2,621,569,
BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Clearings, \$4,059,669; balances, \$418,502,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Clearings,
\$15,671,028; balances, \$2,515,445. Foreign Financial.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON. Dec. 15.—Money was firmer today, advancing to 3½@4½ per cent, against 2½, the closing price of yesterday. The advance is due to the Bank of England buying gold and to the settlement. The market for American securities, after a dull and weak opening, was more active and firmer. Prices were well supported. The final tone was firm and moderate. Gold bars, 77s 1½d; American eagles, 76s 6¾d; Spanish 48; 43 5-8; gold at Buenos Ayres, 111.50. The exchange will be closed December 24 and 26. PARIS. Dec. 15.—Prices on the bourse today were irregular. They opened undecided, later improved and closed easier. Spanish 4s were animated on the covering of bears. DeBeers mines were in brisk demand and the shares of the British Chartered South African company were a feature of the market, an important purchase being made on English account.

BERLIN. Dec. 15.—Prices were steady on the bourse here today. Italian securities were easier and Spanish 4s rose on the continued buying on Paris account. Mexican and Argentine securities were active. Local securities fluctuated.

MADRID. Dec. 15.—Spanish 4s closed at 59. Gold was quoted at 35.65.

Cotton Market. Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—COTTON—
Futures. December, \$5.09; January, \$5.99@
5.11; February, \$5.15@5.16; March, \$5.20@5.21;
April, \$5.25@5.27; May, \$5.31@5.32; June, \$5.36
65.37; July, \$5.40@6.42; August, \$5.40@6.42;
September, \$5.32 bid; October, \$5.33@5.25.
Spot cotton, steady; sales, 4,100 bales; orAlbary, \$7.8c; mixed ordinary, 47-16c low

dinary, 37-8c; mixed ordinary, 47-16c low middling, 413-16c; middling, 53-8c; middling fair, 63-8c; receipts, 15,650 bales; stock, 458,-994 bales

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 513-16c. Net receipts, 538 bales; gross, 5,246 bales; sales, 129 bales; stock, 89,495 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 7,780 bales. Total today: Net receipts, 49,688 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 16,614 bales; to the continent, 27,505 bales; stock, 1,345,621 bales. Consolidated: Net receipts, 280,517 bales; exports, to Great Britain, 48,-193 bales; to France, 32,183 bales; to the continent, 91,768 bales.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A further advance was made in print cloths, regular 28-inch 64 square selling at 25-i0c per yard, and there was no disposition on the part of the sellers to proceed thereat. All descriptions of prints were very firm with an upward tendency in prices and good demand coming forward. Ginghams are very firm, stocks light and demand taking care of current production. Bleached cottons were in general request and further advances are looked for. Standard and three-yard brown sheetings and drills were strong; four-yard brown sheetings moved up in price. Five-yard lightweights were also against the buyers. Business in cotton duck was at 5 per cent advance. Cotton linings were strong in heavy grade goods. Men's wear woolens and worsteds were in a fair request and dress goods in moderate demand at previous prices. New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady, at unchanged prices to 5 points decline, under disappointing Havre and Hamburg cables and European selling, recovered on firmness and small receipts at Rio and Santos; continued strong attitude of spot holders and liberal warehouse deliveries in this country; again turned easier, under lower closing Havre cables. Closed steady, 5@10 points lower. Sales, 27,000 bags, including December, \$5.75; January, \$5.75; March, \$5.9075.95; May, \$6.00 @6.05; July, \$6.10; August, \$6.15. Spot coffee, Rio, firm, held 1-8c higher; No. 7 invoice, 6%c; No. 7 iobbing, 7%c. Mild, firm; Cordova, 7%@15c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—SUGAR—Weak; open kettle, 34,93 11-16c; open kettle, centrifugal, 35-864 1-16c; centrifugal, granulated, 49-166444c; white, 44,649-16c; lows, 363 1-5c; seconds, 27-862 15-16c.

MOLASSES—Steady; open kettle, 23632c; centrifugal, 8620c, Syrup, strong, 26627c.
LONDON—Dec. 16.—BEET SUGAR—December, 98-64d.

PENN'S TALL PERCH.

Dimensions of the Lofty Tower of Philadelphia's City Hall.

If nine Philadelphians out of ten were asked off-hand by a stranger visiting the city the question. What are the dimensions of the city hall tower? it is doubtful if they could give an immediate and correct answer. To say that it is the highest tower of its kind in the world, observes the Inquirer of that city, of course conveys an idea of its great altitude, but at the same time it is at the best a vague statement. A reply, therefore, in detail and exact figures may be instructing and interesting.

The dimensions of the tower are: Height of tower from ground line to top of William Penn statue, 547 feet and 3½ inches; height

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Sellers did not like the bids and held on hard, making the market slow, so that it was late before a clearance was effected. In the end the hogs sold, but a big 5c lower. Heavy hogs went largely at \$3.25, and good light and light mixed principally at \$3.30. Toward the last the trarket showed a little more strength, but nothing to brag of.

The extreme close was slow and weak, and it was very difficult to get over \$3.25 for mixed hogs.

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4 feet and five inches; width of tower at line, ninety feet; width of tower at building, seventy-two feet; building, seventy-two feet; of clock face from the feet and three feet and

ing, 57,480; height of bronze statue of William Penn, thirty-seven feet three and onehalf inches; weight, 53,348 pounds; height of bronze group: Indian man, twenty-six feet; weight, 28,000 pounds, and the height of the woman in this group is twenty-four feet; weight, 25,510 pounds. Height of bronze

teen feet; weight, 9,000 pounds each; total weight, 36,000 pounds. The total weight of

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Remarkable Scarcity of Cattle the Only Local Feature. GOOD CORNFEDS STILL STEADY TO STRONG

Common Stuff Slow Despite the Slim Supply-Hogs Drop 5 to 10 Cents Under Influence of Chicago -Sheep Stendy.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 15. Receipts today Official Monday Official Tuesday ... Official Wednesday Four days this week... 9,039 57,638 8,753
Same days last week... 8,170 35,133 9,783
Same days week before 11,916 31,068 7,197
Same three weeks ago... 8,800 16,994 6,885
Average price paid for hogs for the last several days, with comparisons:

[1898.]1897.]1896.]1895.]1894.]1893.]1892. 'Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was: Cattle. Hogs. Sheep. C., M. & St. P., Ry...... 1

C., M. & St. P., Ry.
O. & St. L. Ry. 1
Missouri Pacific Ry. 29
Union Pacific System 4
C. & N. W. Ry. 2
F., E. & M. V. R. R. 10
S. C. & P. Ry. 2
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry. 4
B. & M. R. R. R. 12
C. B. & Q. Ry. 1
K. C. & St. J. 3
C., R. I. & P. Ry., E. 2 Total receipts 59

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

\$2.35.

There were not enough feeders in sight

BEEF STEERS. BEEF STEERS
No. Av. Pr.
18. 1166 \$4 15
2. 1185 4 50
1. 1210 4 50
24. 1188 4 50
30. 1218 4 60
6. 1385 4 65
COWS.
1. 1030 2 50
3. 973 2 60
1. 950 2 50
3. 973 2 60
1. 950 2 50
2. 823 2 65
9. 1155 2 75
2. 1120 2 75
HE1FERS 1.. 850 2 00 3.. 920 2 25 1.. 960 2 25 3..1066 2 35 3.. 983 2 40 1.. 920 2 50 1.. 850 2 50 4..1140 2 80 12..1087 2 95 4..1375 3 00 1..1030 3 00 15..1211 3 65 1..1410 3 85 1..1650 3 85 HEIFERS.

1. 610 2 75 1. 900 3 00 1. 8
2. 1095 2 75 1. 900 3 00 8. 7
13. 671 2 80 1. 470 3 10 1. 3
1. 550 3 00 1. 620 3 15 6. 8
STEERS AND HEIFERS.

20. 1043 4 30 BULLS 1.. 870 3 25 8.. 770 3 55 1.. 390 3 76 6.. 843 3 90

STAGS CALVES. 1., 160 6 75 3.. 130 6 50 STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

WAGON LOTS-PIGS.

1. 350 ... 1 75 1. 350 ... 3 25
5. 386 ... 3 224 5. 308 ... 3 25
1. 160 ... 3 25 5. 296 ... 3 25
1. 370 ... 3 25 7. 211 ... 3 30
5. 322 ... 3 25
5. SHEEP-Receipts of sheep were the smalles; in several days, and there was not enough here to make a real test of the market. The fresh receipts, however, sold quite well and the market would have to be quoted as fully steady. A bunch of heavy western wethers brough \$3.75. The trade was soon over with, and the market came to an end for the want of supplies.

Quotations are: Good cornfed western wethers, \$3.753.395; fair to good. \$3.603.75; fair to good to choice Mexican yearlings, \$4.256 4.46; choice western yearlings, \$4.256 4.46; choice western yearlings, \$4.256 4.65; fair to good western yearlings, \$4.256 fair to good 10 choice lambs, \$4.0065.15; fair to good lambs, \$4.5004.75; fred yearlings, \$3.7563.35; feeder lambs, \$4.0064.50; fair to good lambs, \$4.5004.50; fred yearlings, \$3.7563.35; feeder lambs, \$4.0064.50; cull sheep, \$2.0063.50; cull lambs, \$2.0063.50. Representative sales:

No.

4 oulls, feeders ... 62 23 00

\$2.00@3.50. Representative sales:

No. Av. Pr.
4 culls, feeders 62 \$3.00
\$13 Wyoming wethers, cornfed. 133 3 75
12 cull ewas, feeders 73 2 00
4 cull ewes, feeders 75 3 00

Cattle Offerings Slim and Prices Bet-

very fat, but good quality, brought \$4.79, and the same price was paid for big, coarse, but fat steers. Some medium weight cattle not overly good went at \$4.60. None of these sales showed quotable change from yesterday.

The market on cows and heifers was at the best no more than steady, and it would be nearer the truth to call it slow, with the feeling weak. The supply was so small, however, that a fair test was not made of the market. A small bunch of good heifers brought \$3.50, and big, heavy cows and heifers mixed, \$3.65. Common cows, which were mardly more than good canpers, sold at \$2.75@2.80, and some pretty good cows \$3.50, and some pretty good cows \$3.50, and big, heavy cows and heifers mixed, \$3.65. Common cows, which were hardly more than good canpers, sold at \$2.75@2.80, and some common canners at \$2.25.

Hing stock, \$2.00@2.60.

HOGS—Receipts, 18,600 head; supply large; the demand fairly good at 2½%66 lower values; after decline was established trading was active; heavies, \$3.30@3.42½; mixed, \$3.20@3.35; lights, \$3.16@3.30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2.380 head; good slaughtering flockswere in excellent demand and sold quickly at steady prices; common killers slow to shade lower; lambs, \$5.00% 5.59; muttons, \$3.85%5.00; feeding lambs, \$3.30 £3.45; feeding sheep, \$3.25@3.80; stockers, \$2.50@3.65.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4.700 head, including 2,500 Texans; shipments, 1,000 head; market steady; fancy native shipping and export steers, \$4.25@5.40; bulk of sales, \$4.45@5.20; dressed beef and butchers, \$3.50@5.00; bulk of sales, \$3.90@4.90; steers under 1,000 lbs., \$3.00@4.25; bulk of sales, \$3.10@4.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.30@4.45; bulk of sales, \$2.50@4.15; cows and heifers, \$2.00@4.50; bulk of sales of cows, \$2.50@3.85; bulk of heifers, \$2.70@4.35; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.75@4.30; bulk of sales, \$2.50@4.00; cows and heifers, \$2.50@3.75. St. Louis Live Stock. HOGS-Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments, 400 head; market 5@10c lower; light and lgs, \$3.15@3.25; yorkers, \$3.25@3.40; butchers, \$3.35@3.46. SHEEP—Receipts, 800 head; shipments, \$00 head; market steady; native muttons \$3.40@4.00; lambs, \$4.50@5.75.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—BEEVES—Receipts, \$65 head; quiet but steady; common bulls, \$2.50@3.00; cows, \$1.80@2.75. Cables higher. Live cattle at London, 12@12½c; at Liverpool, 11½@12c; exports, 202 head cattle and 40 head sheep. Calves, receipts, \$45 head; good stock a trifle lower; veals, \$2.75 @5.25; tops, \$7.50; barnyard and fed calves, \$3.00@3.50; car of southern, \$3.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 6,000 head; prime stock firm, other grades slow but steady; medium to prime sheep, \$3.50@4.50; lambs, \$5.10@5.65.

HOGS—Receipts, 6,121 head; firmer at \$3.55 @3.75. New York Live Stock.

St. Joseph Live Stock St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head; market very active and steady to 10c higher; Missouri natives, \$3.75\(\pi^2\).50; Texans and westerns, \$2.75\(\pi^2\).

44.85; stockers and feeders, \$2.85\(\pi^4\).20.

HOGS—Receipts, 5.500 head; market 5c
lower, closing strong and selling at \$3.20\(\pi^2\).

SHEEP—Receipts, 200 head; market active and steady.

Stock in Sight. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 15: Orraha Cattle.
Chicago . 6,500
Kansas City . 6,180
St. Louis . 4,700 Hogs. Sheep. 16,628 833 50,000 8,000 18,600 2,380 1,000 800 Totals 18,836 86,228 Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.-HOGS-Dull; \$3.00 IC.35. CATTLE—Quiet; \$2.50@4.75, SHEEP—Steady; \$2.25@4.00, LAMBS—Steady; \$4.00@5.25, Elections in Switzerland. BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—The federal assembly has elected M. Mueller, who was vice president for 1898, to be president

Zurich was elected vice president. They are both radicals. M. Mueller is a resident of Berne. Spain Will Make Payment. MADRID, Dec. 15 .- The Spanish government has agreed to pay the January cou-

of the Swiss confederation. M. Hauser of

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pons on the Cuban debt.

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