CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Wet nd Cold Weather Prove Allies of Local Merchants.

ENORMOUS TRADE TRANSACTED LAST YEAR

Manufacturers, Jobbers and Retailers Experience Twelve Months of Good Times-Omaha Has More People, Money and Work.

The last week of the year is seldom very prolific of new features of a commercial character. By the time Christmas has been reached holiday trade for the year is practically at an end. Usually there is some little demand between Christmas and New Years, but as a rule merchants do not place much dependence upon it. This year the weather helped out a little, as the first half of the week the weather was warm and the streets sloppy, which brought out a good buying demand for footwear. The dden change to very cold weather during the last half of the week gave retailers a good Friday's and Saturday's trade in all tinds of cold-weather merchandise.

Down in the jobbing district business has Down in the jobbing district business has assumed the usual aspect common at this season of the year. Mail orders are arriving steadily from merchants in tributary territory who have run short of this or that line. A good many jobbers take advantage of the luil expected during the last week of the year to take stock and get things in shape for the spring trade. Traveling men, as a matter of course, have been in spending the holidays at their homes, and no special effort has been made to push business during the last six days.

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As one looks back over the year just closes and brings to mind the various changes that have taken place within the space of twelve months he cannot help but be impressed with the truth of the assertion made by so many business men that 1838 has been one of the most prosperous years, commercially speaking, in the history of Omaha. Certainly during the last eight months merchants in every department have experienced an enormous growth in the volume of business. This applies equally well to jobbers, manufacturers and retailers. Much of the prosperity of the retail trade was due, without doubt, to the exposition. With the jobbers, however, there has been a corresponding gain, which can only be accounted for by the general improvement which has taken place in tributary territory, and by the growing popularity of Omaha as a wholesale market. All accounts agree that the country is in very fair condition, and consequently the spring trade, to which jobbers are now looking forward with interest, ought to be of a very satisfactory character. Lumbermen ere already figuring on there being a large amount of building as soon as the warm weather sets in. Agricultural implement people believe that the prosperous condition of the farmers will lead them to more lavish expenditures for farming tools. Hardware people expect a large demand for farbed wire and other material used in the construction of fences. The jobbers of staple lines, such as groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes, know that when farmers are able to add improvements to their farms in the way of buildings and machinery that they will not deny themselves the necessities of life. It follows then that practically every one is living in anticipation of a very good spring trade.

It is generally conceded that there is more records. It is generally conceded that there is

more people, more money, and more work in Omaha than for a long time past, and if that be true local retail merchants can see no reason why the coming months should not bring them a very satisfactory business. OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 20c.
BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 13@16c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 4c; dressed, 54,60 fc; old rossers, live, 2½c; dressed, 3@4c; spring chickens, live, 4c; dressed, 6c; ducks, 11vs, 44,95c; dressed, 56,64c; geese, live, 5½ fc; dressed, 7@7½c; turkeys, live, 7c; dressed, 9£10c.
GAME—Teal, blue wing, \$1.75; green wing, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.75@2.25; prairie chickens, \$5.00; quall, per doz, \$1.00; jackrabbits, \$1.25 ff.50; cottontails, 75c@1.00.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz, 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@9c.

OVESTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., \$1.10;

OTSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., \$1.10; mediums, per can, 18c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c. VEGETABLES.

CBLERY-California good stock, 25c; sheloe, 35c; fancy, 50c; extra large, 75c. CAULIFLOWER-Per crate, \$2.50@2.75. ONIONS-Per bu., 50c. BEANS-Hand-picked, navy, per bu., \$1.30 61.40.
POTATOES—Choice, sacked, 45@50c;
poorer stock, 40c.
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl, \$2.50@2.75;
CABBAGE—Per bb, crated, 14cc.
TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS-California, fancy, \$4.00; choice, ORANGES—Mexicans, \$3.25; Navels, fancy, \$3.75; choice, \$3.50; seedlings, \$3.00.

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

FRUITS.

APPLES—Western Ben Davis, Genitons and Winesaps, per bbl., \$3.75; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., \$4.0064.25.

PEARS—California, \$2.2562.50.

BTRAWBERRIES—Per box, 30c.
GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., \$8.00610.00.
CRANBERRIES—Bell & Bugles, per bbl., \$7.50; Jerssy, \$4.2568.50; per crate, \$2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per FRUITS.

TRANSERRIES—Bell & Bugles, per bbl., \$7.50; Jersey, \$6.356.50; per crate, \$2.25.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., \$610c; English wainuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, izc; standards. Itc; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7678c; cocoanuts, per lo., 11c; pecans, polished, 7678c; cocoanuts, per lo., \$4.50; peanuts, raw, \$6764c; roasted, 767%c; chestnuts, \$69c.

MAPLE BYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, \$2.50; gal. cans, pure, per dos., \$12.00; half-gal. cans, \$2.5; quart cans, \$3.50.

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. bozes, \$1.50.

HONEY—Choice white, 124613c.

DATES—Hallowee, \$6 to 70-lb. boxes, \$60.

CIDER—Per half bbl., \$3.0063.15.

BAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., \$3.00.

HIDES—TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, \$6; No. 1 salted hides, \$4c; No. 5 salted hides, \$7c; No. 1 veal calf, \$1 to 12 lbs., \$6c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC—Tallow, No. 1. \$c.; tallow, No. 2. 24c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½62c; yellow and brown grease, 1½62c; heach, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), actual weight, 456c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, \$64c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, \$64c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, \$64c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, \$66c; muskrat, \$67c; raccoon, 18660c; red fox, 35c651, 25; gray fox, \$6600; bauter, 10676c; wildcat, 10676c; badger, \$640c; silver fox, \$50.00675.00.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-FLOUR-Receipts 35,131 bbls.; exports, 26,200 bbls.; Market dull nally higher; Minnesota patents. \$3.50@4.15; Minnesota bakers, \$2.90@3.10; winter patents, \$3.75@4.00; winter straights, \$3.50@3.70; winter extra, \$2.70@3.00; winter

33.50@3.70; winter extra, \$2.70@3.00; winter low grades, \$2.40@2.70.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, \$5c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, \$6c, f. o. b.

WHEAT—Receipts, 278.425 bu.; exports, 115.857 bu.; spot strong; No. 2 red \$9%c, f. o. b., afloat. 8pot options opened firm and wound up the year with a bull spurt, reaching the top price for the season. Foreign houses and chorts were best buyers, the latter stimulated by cold weather and rumors of a big visible supply decrease next Tuesday; closed 1-8614c higher; March, 791-8679%c, closed at 794c.

CORN—Receipts, 96.535 bu.; exports, 102,-600 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 444@444c, f. o. b. afloat. Options opened easy with cables and dragged all morning. Traders were inclined to realize, and its only support came from wheat; closed 1-8c net lower; May, 42.7-\$643.3-\$c, closed at 43c.

OATS—Spot firm; No. 2, 334c; No. 2 white, 85c. Options quiet and featureless.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1856 crop, 168c; 1897 crop, 11813c; 1886 crop, 168c; 1897 crop, 11813c; 1886 crop, 168c; 1876 crop, 168c; 1

Ho; California, 18c. WOOL-Steady; fleece; 17@22c; Texas, 11

TALLOW-Steady; city, 33c; country, 34

\$57c.
RICE-Steady; fair to extra, 54,654c.
MOLASSES-Steady; New Orleans open
kettle, good to choice, 2964c.
METALS-Pig Iron, etcady; southern,
10.25611.50; northern, 110.256112.75. Copper,
firm; brokers, 512.75. Lead, steady; brokers,
32.70. Tin piates, quiet.
BUTTER-Receipts, 24,410 pkgs.; market
firm; western creamery, 12621c; Eigins, 21c;
factory, 126144c.
CHEESE-Receipts, 2,085 pkgs.; steady;
large white, 104,46104c; small white, 11c;
large colored, 104,6104c; small colored, 11c.
EGGS-Receipts, 2,505 pkgs.; firm; western, 27c; southern, 23625c.
COTTONSEED OIL-Market in a dull and
nominal position today without a change
in prices. Prime crude, 174,615c; prime
crude, f. o. b. mills, 14615c; prime summer
yellow, 226224c; off summer yellow, 204,42
21c; better grades, 27c; prime winter yellow, 2228c; prime white, 276274c.
COFFEE-Spot Rio, quiet but steady.
Rio, No. 7 invoice, 6%c; No. 7 jobbing, 74c.
Mild, steady; Cordova, 74,615c.
SUGAR-Raw steady; fair refining, 31-16c;
centrifugal, 96 test, 45-16c; molasses sugar,
3-16c; refined, frregular; mould A, 54c;
standard A, 47-8c; confectioners' A, 47-8c;
cutt loaf, 54c; crushed, 54c; powdered,
51-8c; granulated, 5c; cubes, 51-8c.

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ST. LOUIS. Dec. 31.—FLOUR—Nominally higher; patents. \$3.5003.65; straights, \$3.1500 and the straights; patents. \$3.00; clear, \$2.7503.05.

WHEAT—Strong for futures and 3-801c higher; spot higher: No. 2 red, cash.slevator, 73c bid; track, 73c; May, 78.5-8c bid; July, 694c asked; No. 2 red, 68069c.

CORN—Options fractionally easier; spot steady; No. 2 cash, 37c asked; May, 35%c.

OATS—Unchanged; No. 2 cash, 28c bid; rack, 2814c; May, 280228 7-8c; No. 2 white, 38c.

RYE—Strong; 544c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, higher, \$1.12. Prime timothy seed, nominally \$2.30.

CORNMEAL—\$1.6501.70.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, \$84c.
HAY—Dull, firm; timothy, \$7.5009.00; prairie, \$5.0097.00.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 180224c; dairy, 14018c.

EGGS—Higher at 20c.
POULTRY—Stronger: chickens and geese, 505%c; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 54.05c.

WHISKY—Steady; \$1.27.

METALS—Lead, steady, \$3.771403.80. Spelter, dull, \$4.75 seliers.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; mess, jobbing, old, \$9.12½; new, \$10.25. Lard, better; prime steam, \$5.50; extra shorts, \$5.00; ribs, \$6.25; shorts, \$5.50. Bacon, boxed shoulders, \$4.50; extra shorts, \$5.50; ribs, \$5.70; shorts, \$5.00; ribs, \$6.25; shorts, \$5.50. Bacon, boxed shoulders, \$4.500; bu; carra shorts, \$5.50; ribs, \$5.70; shorts, \$5.00; under, \$4.000 bu; corn, \$2.4000 bu; corn, \$4.000 bu.

Buttimore Market.

BALTIMORE Town of the straights, \$1.500 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—FLOUR—Quiet, unchanged; receipts, 8,391 bbls.; exports, 18,-577 bbls. 577 bbls.

WHEAT-Firmer; spot, month and January, 764c; steamer, No. 2 red, 734@734c; receipts, 38,560 bu; exports, 28,000 bu; southern, by sample, 72@77c.

CORN-Firmer; spot and month, 434@434c; steamer mixed, 394@40c; receipts, 281.87 bu; exports, 378,473 bu; southern white, 304@424c.

OATS-Firm; No. 2 white, 34@344c; No. 2 mixed, 32@324c; receipts, 12,285 bu; exports, none.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31.—No grain mar-tet: board closed for local reasons, EGGS—Higher; 2tc. BUTTER—Steady; separator, 19c; dairy, 16c. RECEIPTS—Wheat, 49,800 bu.; corn, 16,-200 bu.; cats, 6,000 bu. SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 56,400 bu.; corn, 3,200 bu.; cats, 3,000 bu.

Milwaukee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31.—WHEAT-Mar-ket higher; No. 1 northern, 70c; No. 2 north-ern, 68%c. RYE-Higher-No. 1, 54%@55c. BARLEY-Steady; No. 2, 49%c; sample, 41@49%c.

Cincinnati Market.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—FLOUR—Quiet.
WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, 70c.
CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 38c.
OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 29½0.
RYE—Steady; No. 2, 57c.
PROVISIONS—Lard, firm, \$5.50. Bulk
meats, steady, \$4.70. Bacon, firmer, \$5.87½.
WHISKY—Steady; \$1.27.
EGGS—Firm; 21c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Receipts: Wheat, 41 cars.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Receipts: Wheat, 370 cars.
DULUTH, Dec. 31.—Receipts: Wheat, 128

Peoria Market. PEORIA, Dec. 31.—WHEAT-Higher; No. 364@36%c. OATS-Firm, steady; No. 2 white, 27%

28%c. WHISKY-Firm, on the basis of \$1.27 for finished goods. Philadelphia Produce Market.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—BUTTER—
Unchanged; fancy western creamery, 22c;
fancy western prints, 24c.
EGGS—Quiet but steady; fresh western,

LIVERPOOL. Dec. 31.—WHEAT—Easy, 4d lower; January, nominal; March, 5s 11d; May, 5s 94d.

CORN—Quiet, 4d lower; January, 3s 114d; March, 3s 104d; May, 3s 104d.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—WHEAT—Merket strong; May, 690; on track, No. 1 hard, 691/c. No. 1 northern. 681/c.

FLOUR—Unchanged.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 31—. WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 70c bid; No. 1 northern, cash, 67%c bid; May, 71c bid.

BRAN-In bulk; \$9.00@9.50.

Financial Notes.

CHICAGO. Dec. 31.—Clearings, 220.002,124; balances, \$2,116.230; New York exchange, 10c premium; posted rates, \$4.6214/64.854.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Clearings, \$4.271,905; balances, \$384.731; money, 467 per cent; New York exchange, 10c discount bid; par asked. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Clearings, \$4.271,905; balances, \$3,145,132.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 31.—Clearings, \$2,303,-840; balances, \$573,648.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Clearings, \$231,824,-944; balances, \$15,821,143.

HOSTON, Dec. 31.—Clearings, \$24,038,600; balances, \$1,47,191.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31.—Clearings, \$1,-913,512.

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, decreased, \$435,075; loans, increased, \$5,066,600; specie, increased, \$792,800; deposits, increased, \$3,065,900; circulation, increased, \$34,300. The banks now hold \$19,900,000 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

Woel Market.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—There were good inquiries in the wool, trade during the week for merinos and several parcels were sold. The tone of the market was firm. Low cross breds were in request by the French buyers owing to the curtailment in South American supply by the loss of gold premium. Several hundred bales were sold and the all around inquiries indicate an early improvement. The arrivals for the series, which will open Tuesday, January 17. are as follows: New South Wales, 28, 548; Queensland, 18, 121; Victoria, 13, 719; South Australia, 12, 784; West Australia, 2, 948; New Zealand, 7, 975; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 41, 307, and six 500 orders forwarded direct. The imports for the week were as follows: New South Wales, 8, 144; Queensland, 3, 208; Melbourne, 2, 439; South Australia, 2, 283; Albany, 2, 140; New Zealand, 3, 833; Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 10, 327, and elsewhere, 338. Wool Market.

Eastbound Freight Shipments.
CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Eastbound shipments for the week ending December 29 were 131.—747 tons, against 91.431 tons for the previous week and 89.101 tons for the corresponding week last year, divided among the different roads as follows: Grand Trunk, 26,708 tons: Michigan Central, 11,582; Wabash, 8,045; Fort Wayne, 18,125; Panhandle, 17,792; Baltimore & Ohio, 6,391; Lake Shore, 18,023; Nickel Plate, 13,484; Erie, 9,419; Big Four, 4,222. Eastbound Freight Shipments.

Oil Market. OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 31.—Credit balances, \$1.18; certificates, no bids, offers or sales in the market; shipments and runs not reported.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 31.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, firm at 44c. Rosin, unchanged.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 31.—OILS—Spirits of turpentine, 432/43/4c. Rosin, firm at 971/4341.021/2. Crude turpentine, firm at \$1.30/22.30 bid. Tar, firm at \$1.10.

Corn Declines Fourth of a Cent, With Provisions Irregular, Lard Advancing Seven and a Half Cents and Ribs Higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The last session of 1898 on 'change was marked by moderate activity in all markets, with comparatively insignificant changes in prices. Heavy outside buying and prospects of a good visible decrease advanced wheat 1-86%. Corn on the other hand declined &c. Oats closed a shade lower. Provisions were irregular, lard advancing 74c, while pork closed a shade lower and ribs a shade higher. Wheat opened easier at a small decline

Liverpool paid no attention to the advance here yesterday, but on the contrary showed here yesterday, but on the contrary showed a small decline and this apathy on the part of the English market affected local traders to some extent. May opened \$400. \$3.50 lower at 714.071. \$3.50. Very little wheat could be bought at those figures, however, and the market soon developed a better feeling. About forty-five minutes from the opening large outside buying orders were received. \$1. Louis being partly prominent in the demand, and this buying induced considerable covering by local shorts, the result being a quick advance in the May price to 7200. Another period of reaction followed. There was more or less liquidation by traders who, did not wish to hold wheat over the holidays, and realizing on wheat showing good profits. This was heavy enough to force the price back to 71% of the held for a time with a small amount of trading done. About 11 o'clock prospects of a large decrease in the visible supply Tuesday increased the buying demand to some extent and advanced May to 720 again. But the general tendency to go home with a clean slate was too strong among traders and selling during the last half hour slowly forced the price back. Atlantic port clearances were fairly large, \$65,000 bushels. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 508 cars. Chicago receipts were 154 cars. S of contraot grade. Private cables increased the Argentine surplus to 50,000,000 bushels, but it was said not more than 20,000,000 bushels of this would reach Europe before July 1. Continental markets were firm. May finally declined to 71% \$671.75c and was quoted at that at the close.

Corn was relatively heavy. The market showed some firmness early with wheat, but later reacted and closed at a slight decline. Lower cables and cold weather, the latter suggesting larger receipts, depressed the market. Long corn was for sale all day. About 100,000 bushels were soid here for export. Receipts were \$12 cars. May ranged from \$21.75 to 33% cand closed to mark for that product all day. Some local buils took profits, but the demand was sufficent to a small decline and this apathy on the part of the English market affected local

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FLOUR—Steady; nominal; winter patents, \$3,0023.70; straights, \$3,25@3.30; spring specials, \$4.10; spring patents, \$3,20@3.50; straights, \$2,90@3.00; bakers, \$2,30@2.65.
WHEAT—No. \$ spring, 66%@89c; No. 2 red, 71.5-8472c.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 66%@8ec; No. 2 red, 71 5-8672c.

CORN—No. 2, 37 1-8c; No. 2 yellow, 37 3-8c.
OATS—No. 2, 2714@27%c; No. 2 white, 30%c; No. 3 white, 29628%c.
RYE—No. 5, 54%c.
BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 41@48c.
BEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.13; NW, \$1.17%@1.18; prime (imothy, \$2.30.
PROVIBIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$3.85@2,90. Lard, per 100 1bs., \$5.56/4@5.65; short ribs sides (loose), \$4.89@8.10; dry sait shoulders, boxed, \$4.25@4.37%; short clear sides, boxed, \$5.1866.20.
WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per sai, \$1.37.
BUGAR—Cut loaf, \$6.96; granulated, \$5.26.
The following are the receipts and shipments for today:

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments.	
Flour, bbls	30,000	60,00	
Corn. bu	198,000	103.00	
Oats, bu	808,000	157.00	
Rye. bu	28,000	10,00	
Barley, bu	64,000	8,00	
On the Produce			
dairies. 1214@17c.	Cheese, qu	let. OLEGITO	

Eggs, firm; fresh, 26@25c. CONDITION OF NEW YORK BANKS. Decrease in Surplus Reserve Owing to NEW YORK, Dec. H.—The Financier

The statement of the associated banks for

The statement of the associated banks for the week ending December 31 shows a decrease of \$405,085 in surplus reserve, for the reason principally that the treasury called for the first installment of the Pacific railway deposits, thereby reducing the cash in bank. Otherwise the statement is favorable and exhibits the present strength of the institutions whose items are included in the totals.

Loans expanded \$6,005,800, which is only moderate, considering the season and the volume of exchange transactions. Deposits show a relative gain of \$3,305,900, necessitating an increase reserve of over \$2,000,000. The gain in cash for the week was only \$1,553,400, which is the net remainder of the heavy interior receipts after deducting losses to the treasury. The difference between the cash receipts and the expended reserve requirements of course came out reserve requirements of course came out of the surplus, reducing the excess as

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California Dried Fraits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Quiet. Evaporated apples, common, 762c; prime wire tray, 84c; choice, 9694c. Prunes, 346/104c. Apricots, unpeeled, 16/114c; moor Park, 18/17c. Peaches, unpeeled, 16/114c; beeled, 206/25c.

Ask for Dent's Toothache Gum, original and only genuine. All druggists. 15 cents.

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situation as still strained, although the discount in the open market had fallen to 51-8 and as on December 23 the note limit had already been exceeded by 30.500,000 marks considerable use of meney might be expected. There was not intention of lowering the bank's discount rate at present, the bank's discount rate at present, and the bank's discount rate at present, the bank's discount rate at present, and prices were generally firm. Local securities were in good demand. LONDON, Dec. 31.—American securities were firm all day, but trading was not active. The closing tone was firm. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today was £15,000. Gold at Buenos Ayres, 109.20. Spanish 4s, 46 7-15.

467-18. Dec. 31.—Influenced by dearer money and realizations on the bourse today there was a slight reaction at the beginning. Later, however, prices became firmer. Brazilians and Argentines attracted attention and Rio Tintos moved upward, carrying similar securities with them. DeBeers mines were easier. Spanish 4s, 48,83. Three per cent rentes, 101f 82½c for the account.

STATE OF LONDON STOCK MARKET. Brick Demand for American Shares,

Brisk Demand for American Shares,
Reading Leading.
NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Commercial
Advertiser's London financial cablegram
says: "The stock market here today was
brisk for the last day of the year, especially in Americans, for which the demand
was excellent, notably Reading. Copper
shares were in demand. Anacondas, were
6% on a cabled statement that an important
deal was being negotiated with other companies. Of gold \$16,000 in bars was bought
by the bank, almost completing the market
deliveries of forward bullion sold to Germany. The impending \$500,000 from the cape
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GOWNS THEY WEAR SKATING.

New Society Women Go to the Rink Beautifully Dressed.

If Paris has its Palais de Glace, New York goes it one better with the St. Nicholas goes it one better with the St. Nicholas

skating rink. This was the brilliant idea of the cream of he Boston swells and they founded the club or association, built the rink and it is certainly one of the most delightful institutions in Greater New York.

people skating on the clear ice. The people 8. are no heavier for their riches, luckily, and no better skaters than the less happily placed mortals who frequent the rink the other days of the week.

Although Monday is set aside exclusively for the swells, these same aristocrats at-

remarkable feats on her long, shining No. Av. Pr. skates. She cuts figure 8s and true lovers' 22. 381 44 10 knots and hearts as if they were straight 9. 220 4 20 ines, and she can dance the most graceful fancy dances just as if she were on a polished floor and in her pet dancing shoes. The men all turn out for the skating in great shape, for there is a charm about the skating rink that nothing else possesses. From the dowager to the debutante just introduced, New York society women skate. There is a perfect craze for t in fact, and it is a sure cure for ennui. Mr. Chauncey Depew even deigns to lend his beaming presence occasionally and Mrs. William Astor looks on benignly as the routh and beauty of the 400 flit by.

The ruler of smart society must certainly feel satisfied with the way it dresses at the rink, for never have I seen prettier gowns. I usually drop in on Monday mornings, for it surely is too good to miss, the flower of

A beautiful gray velvet gown was worn by a lovely girl from Albany one afternoon. It was made in the form of a long pr'n-cess gown, fastening down the back with little buttons of the velvet. The gown was traided a little about the edges and down the seams and had a high colfar. It was plain indeed, but was so beautifully fitted that it was perfect in its style. With it

reserve requirements of course came out of the surplus. reducing the excess as noted.

This is a better result than had been anticipated. New that the new year is at hand and interior receipts probably will grow it would seem that the banks could sustain the present volume of business without embarrasament. The fact that they have during the last ninety days provided for increased loan demands amounting to about \$35,000,000 and show deposits larger by \$100,000,000, while their excess reserve is actually \$3,85,000 larger than on October 1. affords tangible evidence of the extent to which they can expand their resources under pressure. It is interesting to note that on December \$11, one year ago, the excess reserve was only \$16,785,750, deposits \$405,000 loans \$407,781,600 and total reserve \$184,855,000.

The year's record, it is unnecessary to say, has never been surpassed, but it is surprising to note that the greater proportion of the growth has been made within the last three months.

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Conditions are favorable to a continuance of the expansion which has been going on in that time. Where it will stop no one can say, but if domestic needs require it there is little doubt that loans will be transferred from foreign to American account. This means gold imports and may, for the time being, be a check on the growth of the totals. As a matter of fact, however, it will really mean more than the present expansion, of which so much is written.

Foreign Financial.

Chicago Lawyer-This is a suit brought against the X., Y. & Z. Railway company by this plaintiff here for damages on acount of injuries received in an accident. 67. Do you know anything about the case?

Lawyer-As a juryman to try this case you could render a fair and impartial verdict, with a view simply to seeing justice Venireman-You bet! When anybody gets hurt on a railroad I believe in gettin' jus-

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* Indicates Sunday.

** Holiday.

The official number of cars of stock

brought in today by each road was: Cattle Hogs Sheep Hor's Total receipts 27 The disposition of the day's receipts was s follows, each buyer purchasing the num-er of head indicated:

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, 124

mart rigs, especially if one is skating, for at no times is the figure displayed to better advantage. With these long, tight-fitting gowns that women are affecting now the grace of the fair akater is something remarkable, as they sway and bend in the movements of the sport.

The most graceful skater of the 400, as far as I can judge, is Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr. She is tall and so lithe and supple that she makes an enchanting picture as she skims over the lec like a bird in air. She wears the most exquisite tollets, fitting snugly, and with her furs she is indeed a charming sight to see. Her blonde beauty is striking, and her cheeks get such a beautiful rose and her eyes shine so. Mrs. Almeric Hugh Paget is another graceful skater. She is so tall and elegant that she cannot help being picturesque. She skates with a slow, gliding motion quite peculiar to herself, and she is an expert in cutting fancy figures. But the champion at this sort of thing, however, is that sprightly, beautiful belle, Virginia Fair.

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our beauty and aristocracy displayed so beautifully is a delight to look at.

I have noticed a number of velvet gowns at the rink, with fur and lace to make them even richer, and the effect on the ice was charming.

One worn by Mrs. Arthur Kemp, who was the beautiful Belle Wilson, was of deep dusky-looking heliotrope, made severely and trimmed with bands of darkest sable. It was made in a charming, odd fashion, with a long coat like a polonaise. It fitted the figure, following the lines, and it had a train and flared about the feet.

It was tight fitting over the body and had close sleeves, with bands of fur over the hands. At the throat was an immense jabot of lace in a delicate pattern. The hat worn was a round turban of sash with a black cockade en one side springing out of an onament of cut steel.

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Trom the table of average prices at the

day of the week and the market was higher.

From the table of average prices at the head of the column it will be noted the the week closed with values somewhat better than they were a week ago, and a little stronger than they were the first of this week. This has been the high week of the menth to date and the best week for the sellers since the early part of November. The receipts have been liberal, but not exceasive, and not as large as buyers would like to have had, as they have been shipping in a good many from other points. The demand at this point has been so good that values have been held very firmly, and packers have been held very firmly, and packers have bought a good many hegs in Sloux City and Kahsas City for the double purpose of piecing out the supply and at the same time cheapening up their droves. Representative sales:

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N 42 Idaho sheep..... 344 Oregon sheep 379 Wyoming sheep 51 Wyoming sheep KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

> Supply of Good Slaughterers Falls Short of Demand. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 31 .- CATTLE-Re ceipts, 1,210 head. The supply of good slaughtering cattle this week did not equal the demand and while there was no quotably higher prices last week's advance was fully sustained. Heavy native steers, \$5.10 (5.40); medium, \$4.25@5.10; lightweights, \$4.15 (5.52); stockers and feeders, \$2.75@4.50; butcher cows and helfers, \$2.75@4.50; butcher bulls, \$2.75@3.50; veal calves, \$6.00@12.00; western steers, \$3.25@5.00; Texas corn fed steers, \$3.50@4.90; Texas meal fed, \$3.90@4.50; Texas cows, \$2.75@3.25; canners, \$2.25@2.75. HOGS—Recelpts, 6.830 head; strong to 5c higher; demand for packing hogs continues very strong and prices have advanced this week 15@20c; heavies, \$3.00@3.75; mixed, \$3.45@350; lights, \$3.25@3.50; pigs, \$2.90@3.15. SHEEP—Receipts, 400 head; prices unchanged; supply this week did not equal demands. Offerings mainly of common quality. Last week's advance in prices fully sustained. Especial inquiry for well finished flocks. Lambs, \$5.00@5.50; muttons, \$3.75@4.40; feeding lambs, \$3.75@4.20; feeding fully sustained. Heavy native steers, \$5.10

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Hoga Advance Five to Ten Upon Active Demand.

\$3.75@4.40; feeding lambs, \$3.75@4.20; feeding sheep, \$3.25@3.85; stockers, \$2.50@3.50.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.-Receipts of cattle vere a little better today than is usual on Saturday, Offerings were mostly of medium grades, strictly choice cattle being very scarce. Prices as a rule were unchanged from yesterday.

Prices for hogs advanced 5@10c under the influence of an active demand. Heavy hogs sold at \$3.40@3.75; medium weights, \$3.40@ 3.55; light weights, \$3.40@3.70. Pigs brought \$3.00@3.40 and culls \$1.25@3.30.

A light demand for sheep and lambs was sufficient to absorb the limited offerings and prices held steady. Lambs sold at \$3.75@ 5.35, yearlings at \$4.00@4.50 and sheep at \$2.00 @4.10.

Receipts: Cattle, 500 head; hogs, 21,000 head; sheep, 1,000 head.

Stock in Sight. Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for December 31: Hdgs. 7,126 21,000 6,880 300 Totals2,777 35,306 Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 31.—HOGS—Active 1.15@3.70. CATTLE—Steady; \$2.50@4.85. SHEEP—Steady; \$2.26@4.00. LAMBS—Steady; \$4.25@6.50. Omaha Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 31.—Bank clearings today, 1,251,373.62; balances, \$155,696.82. Corresponding day last year was a holiday. Clearings or five days:

ing day last y for five days:

Total .. \$6.582,716 \$2 \$3.394,509 14 b\$1,996,833 56 a Corresponding day last year a holiday. b Increase for four business days. Clearings for the month:

Day. 1898. 1897. Increase.

Dec. 1. \$1,144,008 73 \$893,546 95 \$250,461 78

Dec. 2. 1,181,365 74 1,081,573 84 89,781 90

Dec. 3. 1,180,447 41 905,020 14 275,427 37

Dec. 6. 1,383,383 14 980,761 12 357,602 02

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Dec. 8. 1,153,478 46 895,781 12 211,397 63

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Dec. 10. 1,178,865 68 80,986 47 296,896 61

Dec. 12. 1,312,156 91 971,903 12 341,852 89

Dec. 13. 1,096,841 22 1,008,537 88 87,703 44

Dec. 14. 1,108,177 83 840,756 94 262,430 89

Dec. 15. 1,238,588 21 948,192 03 290,376 18

Dec. 16. 1,134,591 34 866,215 16 263,376 18

Dec. 17. 1,129,895 88 833,566 82 306,237 06

Dec. 19. 1,313,312 39 1,090,646 85 227,665 54

Dec. 21. 1,186,783 53 831,524 10 355,209 42

Dec. 22. 1,086,301 31 891,093 11 265,208 20

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Total . \$31,250,939 92 \$22,704,976 71 b\$7,294,589 59 a Decrease. b Net increase for twentyive business days.

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