CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Business Continues to Be Good in About All Lines.

FUTURE PROSPECTS BETTER THAN EVER

Wholesale Dealers Inclined to the Opinion that the Coming Season Will Be One of the Record Breakers.

Now that the month of January is practically at an end, it may be said that it has not differed in any great degree from other Januarys. The retail trade, as usual during the early part of the year, has been none too good, in some departments it has appeared really dull. However, that is always the case and is a condition to be expected at this time of the year. Of the jobbing trade it may be said that it is entirely satisfactory in practically every department. Local houses are all doing well and the prospects for the future are most flattering.

The wholesale grocers report a good healthy trade, with the volume of business entirely satisfactory for this season of the year. The market conditions are not much different from what they were a week ago, but prices are firm, with a strong upward tendency. There have been no important changes in the schedule of prices as yet, but it is thought that higher prices in many lines will rule from now on. The sugar market is in a much stronger position than it has been in for several weeks past, but quotations remain the same. In dried fruits, evaporated peaches are attracting more attention than of late. Numerous sales were reported last week at which advanced prices were paid. The market for prunes is also firmer and higher values are looked for in the near future. Evaporated apples are also on the upward grade, the advance last week amounting to from ⅛@¼c per pound. Apples in gallon cans have advanced again, the market being quoted strong at from $3.15@3.30 per dozen. This is the highest price that has ruled for many months.

Hardware Prices Stiff.

The tendency to advance prices all along the line is being felt by hardware men about as much as by any other class of jobbers. For some time past there has been a strong upward movement, but within the last week or so it has increased materially. Another 10c has been added to nails and also to both barbed and plain wire. It might be said, in fact, that an advance of from 5@10 per cent has taken place on all articles in which the cost of the raw material enters to a large extent, and an advance of 5 per cent has been added to those articles in which the cost of the raw material plays an insignificant part. Jobbers do not object so much to the advance caused by an increase in the cost of the raw material, but they do not like to see manufacturers increase their profits 5 per cent when conditions do not warrant it. A local jobber described the situation by saying that "the market is in a stronger position than I like to see it, for the higher up it is pushed the farther it has to fall."

In regard to local trade conditions there is not much to be added to what was given out a week ago. The volume of business continues to be far in excess of what it was a year ago at this time and there is every reason for thinking that trade will be heavy throughout the season. There is a good demand in the country for the goods and the people have the money to pay for them, as is shown by the good condition of collections.

Cotton Going Up.

The dry goods market is still in the best condition possible. The price of raw cotton is steadily advancing and is naturally having its effect upon the market for the finished product. The advance, however, in cotton goods has not been as great as the rise in the price of the raw material, but an increase in the demand, it is thought, would soon force up the quotations on the manufactured goods. The demand in eastern markets so far is called only moderate, but still there is no accumulation of stocks and in many cases manufacturers find it difficult to fill orders promptly. Locally the situation is full of promise and jobbers are looking for the busiest season on record. Spring goods are being received daily and as rapidly as possible are being distributed among the country merchants. Dealers seem to be more anxious than usual to get their goods at an early date, which is a good indication that they are expecting a brisk trade as soon as spring weather appears. The indications are that fancy hosiery will be more popular than ever this season and buyers are taking hold freely. The same is true, however, of all fancy lines, dealers apparently realizing that people have more money this year and are willing to spend it.

Shoes for Future Shipment.

There is not much to be said regarding the boot and shoe trade, as it is still too early to tell much about what will be done with spring business. Orders for future shipments are coming in fairly well and traveling men speak very encouragingly about the trade outlook. Jobbers are also confident of a good season and are preparing to do a big business. Conditions all seem to be favorable and apparently there is no reason why the trade should not assume very satisfactory proportions.

The demand for rubbers is on the increase, but still jobbers are by no means rushed. There is, however, a good inquiry for wet weather goods and undoubtedly the first rain will start them moving in good shape. The indications for a good trade in rubber boots are especially flattering and jobbers are well pleased with the general outlook before them.

Dull Season in Lumber.

Lumbermen are saying little and doing less. Trade is just about as small as it can be, but that is to be expected at this time of year. There are, however, some signs of improvement in the near future. People in the city and in the country are beginning to figure and if present conditions are a criterion of future business lumbermen will have little to complain of. Traveling men are starting out again and they expect to do some business. They, of course, do not anticipate a rush on the start, as stocks in many sections of the state are more complete than usual, but at the same time they figure that the present prices for farm products are going to help them materially. Many who contemplated making improvements last fall were prevented from doing so by the early advent of winter, and as farmers are generally better fixed now than they were then there is every reason for thinking that they will take up the work this spring.

What has been said about market conditions for the last week or so still holds true. Both white and yellow pine have been advanced all along the line and no one seems to doubt but what the present list will be maintained. Many in fact are of the opinion that when the rush of spring business is fairly on prices will go still higher. Cedar shingles are still advancing because of the short supply.

Fruit and Produce.

Trade in the produce district last week was very moderate. A few commission men reported a little more life to their trade, but as a general thing the week was rather disappointing. Fresh vegetables are beginning to come on the market and are creating some interest. Home-grown lettuce at 40c per dozen bunches sells rapidly and, in fact, there is not enough to supply the demand. Home-grown onions at 30c per dozen bunches are also meeting with ready sale. Six-basket crates of Florida tomatoes sell fairly well at $4.50 and spinach at 75@80c per basket.

Fancy Mesina lemons are on the market at $4.25@4.50. Quotations on oranges at this point have not changed, although prices have advanced on the coast. There is not much change in apples, Ben Davis going at $4.00 and Genitons at $3.50. New York stock is held at $4.00@4.25 and western box apples at $1.65@1.75. A few Malaga grapes are still on the market at $8.00@9.00.

The egg market has been somewhat unsettled all the week. They started out at 15c, but receipts became more liberal and the price dropped to 14c and in some cases to 13c. The latter part of the week receipts decreased somewhat and the market became firm at 14c. The demand for poultry, especially at the close of the week, was very moderate and the market eased off slightly. Hens and chickens are about the same now, dressed ones selling at about 7@8c and alive at about 6@6½c. Live turkeys will hardly bring over 7@8c and dressed 10@11c. The butter market is not much changed. The receipts are liberal and the demand at home rather moderate.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Products.

EGGS—Receipts, liberal; market steady; fresh stock, 14c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice, 13@14c; separator, 18c; gathered creamery, 14@15c.

POULTRY—Hens, live, 6@6½c; dressed, 7@8c; old roosters, live, 3c; dressed, 4c; spring chickens, live, 6c; dressed, 7@8c; ducks, live, 6c; dressed, 8c; geese, live, 6c; dressed, 8c; turkeys, live, 7@8c; dressed, 10@11c.

GAME—Teal, blue wing, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; mixed, $1.75@2.25; jackrabbits, $1.50@1.75; cottontails, $1.00@1.25.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEAL—Choice, 8@8½c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c.

VEGETABLES.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50.

SPINACH—Per basket, 75@80c.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 40c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, 30c.

CELERY—California, good stock, 25c; choice, 35c; fancy, 50c; extra large, 75c; Michigan, choice stock, 25@30c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 50@60c.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.35@1.40.

POTATOES—Choice, sacked, 45@50c; poorer stock, 40c.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy, per bbl., $2.50.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $4.00; Genitons, $3.50; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $4.00@4.25; western boxed apples, $1.65@1.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $8.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $6.50; per crate, $2.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; Messina, fancy, $4.25@4.50.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.75; Navels, fancy, $3.25; choice, $3; seedlings, $2.25.

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

FIGS—Imported, none; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.40@1.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 11@12c; standards, 10c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 7@8c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½c; chestnuts, 8@9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.

HONEY—Choice white, 12@12½c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. can, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

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

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (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.

FURS—Mink, 10@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@50c; muskrat, 3@7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie), coyotte, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,670 bbls.; exports, 17,371 bbls.; market firmly held, but quiet; winter patents, $3.85@4.10; winter straights, $3.70@3.80; Minnesota patents, $4.20@4.40; winter extras, $2.70@3.00; Minnesota bakers', $3.15@3.40; winter low grades, $2.40@2.65.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, 84@85c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,662 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 14@19c; Elgins, 19c; factory, 12@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 643 pkgs.; market steady; large white, 10½c; small white, 11@11¼c; large colored, 10½; small colored, 11@11¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,211 pkgs.; market steady; western, 19c; southern, 17½@18c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 67½c, f. o. b., afloat.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 55@68c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 171,200 bu.; exports, 95,839 bu. Spot quiet; No. 2 red, 86¼c, f. o. b., afloat, to arrive. Options opened firmer on a demand from shorts. Both local and outside trade was less active and later in the session realizing made an unfavorable impression on the market. May was finally ¼c higher and the general closing tone unsettled; March, 85¼@85⅝c; closed, 85½c; May, 81 9-16@82¼c; closed, 81⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 62,400 bu.; exports, 1,780 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 45⅜@46¼c, f. o. b., afloat. Options, after a steady opening with wheat, yielded to general unloading and closed easy, at ⅛c net decline; May, 43⅝@44 5-16c; closed, 43⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 456,400 bu.; exports, 18,400 bu. Spot steady; No. 2, 35c; No. 2 white, 36¼c. Options dull.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 18@19c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 18@20c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 16½c; Texas dry, 12c; California, 18c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 11@14c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4¼@4¼c; country, 4@4¼c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Strong; held higher; prime crude, 19@19½c; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 16@18c; prime summer yellow, 24@24½c; off summer yellow, 23¼c.

RICE—Firm; extra, 4½@6c; Japan, 5¼c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 16@18c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady, $10.25@10.75; northern, $10.25@12.25. Copper, steady; brokers', 16½c. Lead, steady; brokers', $4.10@4.50.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—FLOUR—Steady at the recent advance.

WHEAT—Options, ½@1c lower. Spot, higher; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 79½c bid; track, 81½c bid; January, 79½c; May, 81¼@81⅜c bid; July, 72½c bid; No. 2 hard, 71@74c.

CORN—Options nominally lower. Spot easier; No. 2 cash, 36½c; January, 36½c; May, 36⅝c bid; July, 37⅝c.

OATS—Options irregular, with only fractional changes. Spot dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 29c bid; track, 29½c; January, 29½c; May, 29⅝c; July, 26⅞c; No. 2 white, 31@31½c.

RYE—Firm, 57½c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, lower, $1.14; timothy seed, nominal.

BRAN—Higher; sacked, east track, 57½@58c.

CORNMEAL—$1.75@1.80.

HAY—Timothy, steady, $8.50@9.50; prairie, easy, $7.

BUTTER—Quiet; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 12@15c.

EGGS—Steady, 13c.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.27.

COTTONTIES AND BAGGING—Unchanged.

METALS—Lead, higher, $4.12½@4.25. Spelter, higher, $5.40 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, old, $9.50; new, $10.37½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $5.50; choice, $5.60. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.32½; extra shorts, $4.87½; ribs, $5.12½; shorts, $5.25. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.75; extra shorts, $5.37½; ribs, $5.62½; shorts, $5.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 89,000 bu.; oats, 53,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 26,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—1½c lower; No. 2, 66½@68½c; No. 2 red, 74@75c; No. 2 spring, 66@67c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 red, 34c; No. 2 white, 34¾@35c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 29¼@29½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $7.00@7.25; choice prairie, $6.50@6.75.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 16@18c; dairy, 14c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh candled, Missouri and Kansas stock, 13½c. Dealers reported a stronger settlement this morning; receipts barely equal the demand, which is heavy on all sides.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 136,800 bu.; corn, 32,500 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 54,600 bu.; corn, 10,400 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 365 cars.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 40 cars.

DULUTH, Jan. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 117 cars.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 228 cars.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Receipts: Wheat, 74 cars; corn, 552 cars; oats, 230 cars. Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 120 cars; corn, 790 cars; oats, 240 cars.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—Strong; No. 2 red, 77c.

CORN—Stronger; No. 2 mixed, 37½c.

OATS—Strong; No. 2 mixed, 31c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 65c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, firm, $5.50. Bulk meats, quiet, $5.00. Bacon, dull, $5.75.

WHISKY—Active, $1.26.

BUTTER—Dull.

EGGS—Steady, 14c.

CHEESE—Firm.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Jan. 28.—CORN—Market active; No. 3, 36c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 29½c.

WHISKY—Market firm on the basis of $1.26.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Heavy Realizing Sales Causes a Setback in Price of Wheat.

OVER SIX CENTS ABOVE LAST SATURDAY

Corn Drops Five-Eighths but Remains Above Prices a Week Ago, Oats Decline Three-Fourths and Provisions Steady.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Heavy realizing sales today caused a setback in the price of wheat. After an advance of ½c early in the session May left off at a decline of ⅝c. Compared with last Saturday's closing prices final figures today showed 6⅝c advance. Corn dropped ⅝@¾c, but was still ⅜@½c higher than a week ago. Oats declined ⅜c. Provisions looked strong at one time, but closed without notable change.

Wheat opened without excitement ⅛@¼c higher at 78⅛@78⅜c, but after a little backing and filling at starting figures it began to yield a little to selling by local speculators. The latter were induced to take the course they did owing to the absence of any heavy buying orders from outside and the indifference that Liverpool traders appeared to have for the strength prevailing on this side, quotations from there showing a decline of ⅛@¼d. About this time corn began to show such decided strength that the buying spirit of wheat traders was revived and the May option, which had sagged to 77⅝c, recovered to 78½c.

The world's shipments for the week were estimated at 6,200,000 bushels, of which 4,998,000 bushels came from United States ports. The bulls derived some comfort for a time from a London cablegram which told of severe frost prevailing throughout southern Russia without any snow to protect the fall wheat. Receipts here were 92 cars, of which 14 were graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 482 carloads, as compared with 320 for the corresponding day a year ago. The primary western market receipts were double that of last year, amounting to 683,000,000 bushels. The seaboard clearances of wheat and flour for the day amounted to 746,000 bushels. Continental markets were weak. Paris reported a heavy break in flour and from 10@15 centimes lower. During the latter part of the session longs liquidated freely and as the demand dropped off the selling increased in volume, becoming very large near the close. May had gradually declined, but when it got down to 77¼c a lot of stop-loss orders were encountered, which caused a good deal of enforced realizing, and for a few minutes it looked as if the bottom had dropped out of the market, May slipping off to 76⅞c. That was a break of 1⅝c from the top price of the day and the bears, apparently satisfied with what had already been accomplished, did not dispute the rally that set in on buying to even up after Sunday. In the last five minutes May rose to 77⅝c buyers, where it closed.

Corn was active and very nervous, with price fluctuations quick and sharp. The market opened firm, but yielded quickly on account of local selling. Wall street was buying heavily and the price recovered in a lively fashion to a point within a small fraction of the highest figure it had previously sold at this season, but was once more trampled down by local selling. May started ⅛c higher at 39⅛@39¼c, touched 38⅞c and from that rose to 39½c. That was where the local talent commenced feeding long corn to buyers from outside and soon had them filled up with still more long corn to dispose of. May dropped gradually to 38⅜@38½c and closed there.

Oats were treated to heavy selling, while the market shared in the general nervousness which attended trade in the other grains and prices eventually settled upon a downward course. Receipts were 230 cars. May began ⅛c higher at 28⅞c, declined to 28½c and closed at 28½@28⅝c.

Provisions were firm, with the volume of speculation large. Packers did considerable selling at the start, but the offerings were soon put out of the way by commission house buyers and an advance set in all around. Toward the end, when the grain markets developed decided weakness, the improvement was all lost. May pork opened 5@7½c higher at $10.60, rose to $10.75 and then declined to $10.60, the closing price. The range in lard and ribs was small.

Estimated receipts for Monday: Wheat, 120 cars; corn, 790 cars; oats, 240 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Y's'd'y.
*Wheat.					
May...	78⅛@⅜	78½	76⅞	77⅝	78¼
July...	75⅛@¼	75½	74	74⅞	75¼
*Corn.					
Jan. ..	37	37⅛	36¼	36¼	36⅞
May...	39⅛@¼	39½	38⅜@½	38⅜@½	39⅛
July...	39⅛@⅜	40	38⅞	38⅞-39	39⅛@¼
*Oats.					
May...	28⅞	28⅞	28½	28½@⅝	29
July...	27⅛	27⅛	26⅝	26⅝@¾	27
Pork.					
Jan. ..					
May...	10 70	10 75	10 60	10 60	10 65
Lard.					
May...	5 97½	6 00	5 92½	5 95	5 95
July...	6 12½	6 12½	6 05	6 05	6 05
Ribs.					
May...	5 27½	5 32½	5 25	5 25	5 25
July...	5 37½	5 37½	5 37½	5 37½	5 35

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter straights, $3.50@3.70; patents, $3.90@4.00; hard patents, $3.70@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 65@67c; No. 3 spring, 65@73c; No. 2 red, 61@67c.

CORN—No. 2, 37½@37⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 28c; No. 2 white, 30½@31c; No. 3 white, 30@30½c.

RYE—No. 2, 58½@58⅝c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 43@53c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1, $1.16@1.20; prime timothy seed, $2.42½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.35@10.40. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.75@5.77½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.95@5.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.37½. Short clear sides (boxed) $5.10@5.20.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.27.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.20.

The following were the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbls	14,400	32,000
Wheat, bu	64,000	79,000
Corn, bu	500,000	124,500
Oats, bu	306,000	181,000
Rye, bu	10,000	22,000
Barley, bu	55,000	8,000

On the Produce exchange today, the butter market was steady; creameries, 13@18c; dairies, 10½@16c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 16@16½c. Cheese, steady; creameries, 9½@11c.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Opening is Strong, But Settles Toward Close—Review of the Boom.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The stock market was quite irregular today. The opening was strong in spite of the irregularity in the London market, because, in part, of the absence of disquieting Philippine advances, which apparently had been expected by the traders who started covering short contracts. Presently there was a renewed attack on values on predictions of an unfavorable bank statement, but when the statement appeared it upset all calculations by being very favorable. This was the signal for the repurchase of stock sold earlier, which gave a strong tone to the closing. There were some recessions in the railways, however, on the evening up of contracts for the week.

Sugar and Glucose gained over a point each, but it seemed to be the impression of traders that Sugar was advanced in the interest of sellers, while in other quarters the simultaneous advance of Glucose and Sugar was surmised to presage favorable trade developments. Among the Pacifics there was an advance of over a point in Northern and Southern. The movement in Northern Pacific was attributed to more confident gossip regarding its dividend standing. Pacific Mail was strong on the more favorable outlook for the mail subsidy bill in congress. Minneapolis & St. Louis at one time displayed strength in the possibility of the first preferred stock being retired.

The prospective advance in coal rates at western points was reflected in some strength in Reading. Among the low-priced shares St. Louis & Southwestern preferred rose 4 points and St. Louis & San Francisco second preferred 2⅜. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, American Express and Southern Railway were also strong. Among the industrials American Steel preferred and American Malt were weak. Canada Southern and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis also showed declines.

This was Vanderbilt week in the stock market. The dealings were over 7,250,000 shares, with fluctuations showing great irregularity, but with an upward tendency. There were many reported deals associated with the Vanderbilt name and the stocks affected moved widely, according as the various rumors were believed or discredited. It was said that the New York Central, Northwest and the Union Pacific were to be amalgamated, that Lake Erie & Western through options secured on stocks, would be found under the New York Central control; that the New York Central was projecting an arrangement with the West Virginia Central and that the Chesapeake & Ohio would be merged with the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis. As a matter of fact it was said that the Vanderbilts were increasing their holdings in various properties with which they were identified, but rumor associated large buying in various railroads as being in the interest of the Vanderbilts whenever the road's location was such as to lend credence to the report.

The unruffled condition of the money market in face of the unprecedented volume of transactions in stocks and bonds was reassuring, and in a sense confirmed the public conception of the marvelously favorable conditions prevailing in industrial, agricultural and financial circles in America. Excellent railway returns came to hand from various sections of the country. Sixty-one railways increased about 9¼ per cent in gross earnings for the third week in January. Among the December statements of net earnings St. Paul showed an increase of over one-third of a million dollars, while Burlington increased $170,000. Lackawanna's annual report was an exception to the general favorable returns, showing, as it did, a deficit of over $500,000, but it was received with speculative indifference.

The bank statement was far more favorable than anticipated, showing over $7,500,000 increase in surplus reserve. The shading of discount rates in continental centers, including a reduction by the Bank of Belgium, following the action in Berlin and London of last week, was taken as evidence of less tension in foreign politics. The favorable developments in the iron trade, the enormous bank clearings and exchanges attracted considerable notice.

Allowing for speculative accounts, the enormous dealings reflected a great absorption of the public's money in high grade securities.

The varying phases of the Philippine problem had no weight in speculative sentiment this week. Monday was by all odds the most sensational day, both in the tremendous volume of business and the extreme violence of fluctuations that the street had witnessed at any time. The conflict of buying and selling orders at the opening gave the appearance of such rampant speculation that market leaders were disposed to check the movement in order that the technical position of the market might not be weakened. There were large sales of stock carried over from Saturday in expectation of the advance and considerable liquidation, both of foreign and domestic holdings, resulting in material declines for the day from the early high prices. Among the sensational variations that day were a rise of 19⅝ points in Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, a drop of 18 and a net gain of 4⅝. Canada Southern rose 10½ points, lost most of it and gained 3½. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis jumped 8½ points, dipped 4 and closed within a point of the best price. Many other wild reactions took place after the opening bulge that day. Subsequently the market irregularly advanced with almost daily bear attacks in the afternoon and recovered on each succeeding morning. London was generally a seller, but was occasionally whipped into line as a purchaser, and the fortnightly settlement in London showed a great reduction in the floating supply of Americans.

Throughout the week the facilities of the exchange were pressed to the utmost and the clerical forces in the brokerage offices worked overtime to keep track of their large accounts. The largest net advances for the week were: Metropolitan, 18¾ points; Capital City Traction, 17; Twin City Rapid Transit, 13; Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis preferred, 12½; Tennessee Coal & Iron preferred, 11; the common, 7½; Long Island, 12; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 9½; Commercial Cable, 9; General Electric, 8¾; Rio Grande, 8½; Pacific Mail, 8¼; St. Louis & Southwestern preferred, 7; St. Louis & San Francisco second preferred, 6¾; the common, 7¾; Lake Erie & Western preferred, 6½; Lake Shore, 6; People's Gas, 5⅝; American Express, 5½; Chicago Great Western debentures, Reading first preferred and Baltimore & Ohio, 4¾ each; Rubber, 5¾, and Toledo & Ohio Central, 5. There were gains, too, of over 3 points in Sugar, Lackawanna & Western, Northern Pacific, Ontario & Western, Minneapolis & St. Louis and Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred.

The losses of note were confined to less active stocks, the largest being: New York Air Brake, 5½; Edison Illuminating and Laclede Gas, 3 each.

Pronounced strength characterized the bond trading, the market showing less feverishness than in stocks. Many issues were brought prominently forward, owing to dissemination of rumors regarding their standing toward a union with other properties. Dealings were on an immense scale with purchases for out-of-town account exceptionally large. United States 3s reacted ¼ per cent and the 5s, coupon, advanced ⅛ per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram today says: The stock market here today was quiet but firm. Americans hung about the opening level. The Morgans caused an advance in Southerns. Tintos almost reached 36. Anacondas were firm and unchanged. Of gold, £10,000 came in from Australia; £623,000 of yesterday's gold from the Cape is still undisposed of.

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

Atchison	22½	do 1st pfd	63
do pfd	62	R. G. W.	40
Baltimore & Ohio	72	do pfd	74
Canada Pacific	86	Rock Island	120¼
Canada Southern	61	St. L. & S. F.	14½
Central Pacific	49⅛	do pfd	73½
Ches. & Ohio	29⅞	do 2d pfd	42⅛
Chi. & Alton	169	St. L. & S. W.	10½
C., B. & Q.	137¾	do pfd	28⅛
Chi. & E. Ill.	67¼	St. Paul	128⅝
do pfd	116	do pfd	167⅛
Chi. G. W.	17½	St. P. & Om.	97⅛
Chi. Ind. & L.	9½	do pfd	170
do pfd	34	So. Pacific	39⅝
Chi. & N. W.	149⅛	So. Railway	13⅝
do pfd	187	do pfd	49⅞
C. C. C. & St. L.	58⅛	Texas & Pacific	17½
do pfd	99	Union Pacific	47⅝
Del. & Hudson	114½	do pfd	81⅝
Del. L. & W.	155	*U. P. D. & G.	12⅝
Den. & Rio G.	20⅛	Wabash	8⅜
do pfd	72⅝	do pfd	23⅝
Erie (new)	15⅛	**Wheel. & L. E.	2⅞
do 1st pfd	43⅜	**do pfd	20½
Ft. Wayne	180	Adams Express	109
Gt. Nor. pfd	166½	Amer. Express	143
Hocking Val	3	United States	55
Illinois Central	119¼	Wells-Fargo	125
Lake Erie & W.	20½	A. Cot. Oil	35⅝
do pfd	72	do pfd	89½
Lake Shore	200½	Amer. Spirits	14
Louis. & Nash	68⅝	do pfd	38¼
Manhattan L.	115⅝	Amer. Tobacco	146½
Met. St. Ry	216½	do pfd	137
Michigan Central	115	Cons. Gas	190½
Minn. & St. L.	44	Com. Cable Co.	190
do 1st pfd	98	Col. F. & Iron	34⅝
Mo. Pacific	47½	do pfd	92
Mobile & Ohio	36	Gen. Electric	111
Mo. K. & T.	14⅜	Hawai Com. Co.	59¾
do pfd	38⅜	Brooklyn R. T.	93
N. J. Central	102¼	Inter. Paper	65½
N. Y. Central	135⅜	do pfd	93
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	16¼	La Clede Gas	52½
do 1st pfd	70	Lead	38⅜
do 2d pfd	36½	do pfd	113
Nor. & West	19⅜	Nat. Lin. Oil	5½
No. Amer. Co.	7⅜	Pacific Mail	54¼
No. Pacific	51⅞	People's Gas	116⅝
do pfd	80⅝	Pullman Pal	156
Ontario & W.	23	Silver Certificates	59½
Oregon Nav	76	Standard R. & T.	10¼
Ore. R. & Nav	49½	Sugar	135¼
Ore. Short Line	44½	do pfd	113
Pacific Coast	49½	T. C. & Iron	46½
do 1st pfd	85	U. S. Leather	7⅜
do 2d pfd	65	do pfd	73½
Colorado Southern	7½	U. S. Rubber	52⅞
do 1st pfd	56	do pfd	117
do 2d pfd	22½	Western Union	94⅞
Pittsburg	180	Federal Steel	53½
Reading	23¼	do pfd	86⅝

*Second assessment paid. **Fourth assessment paid.

The total sales of stocks today were 567,800 shares, including: Atchison, 5,257; Atchison preferred, 38,520; Central Pacific, 8,100; Chesapeake & Ohio, 51,119; Burlington, 7,900; Louisville & Nashville, 9,435; Manhattan, 6,375; Metropolitan, 5,656; Reading preferred, 13,470; Missouri Pacific, 4,225; New York Central, 3,270; Northern Pacific, 30,020; Northern Pacific preferred, 4,857; Ontario & Western, 8,160; Rock Island, 7,655; St. Louis & San Francisco, 12,300; Union Pacific, 6,525; St. Paul, 11,220; Southern Pacific, 12,850; Southern Railway, 12,220; Southern preferred, 10,980; Union Pacific preferred, 16,820; Steel, 10,160; Steel preferred, 18,510; People's Gas, 29,420; Brooklyn Transit, 6,020; Pacific Mail, 17,620; Sugar, 52,550; Tennesse Coal and Iron, 11,720; Leather, 4,100; Leather preferred, 3,680; Delaware & Hudson, 3,000; St. Louis Southwestern, 19,400; St. Louis Southwestern preferred, 23,340; Chicago Great Western, 9,350.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 2½@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. Fe	22⅞	Atchison pfd	62⅝
Amer. Sugar	134⅞	Atchison 4s	101¼
do pfd	113	Allouez Mining Co.	6½
Bay State Gas	3⅝	Atlantic	41½
Bell Tel	308	Boston & Mont	303
Boston & Albany	248	Butte & Boston	88
Boston & Maine	171½	Calumet & Hecla	745
C. B. & Q.	137⅞	Centennial	24
Fitchburg	114	Franklin	24½
Gen. Electric	111	Old Dominion	37⅝
Mexican Central	7	Osceola	99
N. Y. & N. Eng.	100	Quincy	165
Old Colony	200	Humboldt	2½
Rubber	53	Tamarack	240
Union Pacific	47½	Wolverine	48½
West End	93½	Parrott	39½
Westingh. Elec.	44¼	Adventure	8½
Boston L.	88½	Union Land	8½
Ed. Elec. Tel	199	Winona	13½
Gen. Elec. pfd	139		

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Cholor	20	Ontario	550
Crown Point	10	Ophir	50
Con. Cal. and Va.	130	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	150
Gould and Currie	20	do pfd	450
Hale & Norcross	5	Sierra Nevada	70
Homestake	5000	Standard	210
Iron Silver	75	Union Con.	23
Mexican	3	Yellow Jacket	14

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increased, $4,538,350; loans, increased, $6,020,600; specie, increased, $6,411,800; legal tenders, increased, $1,267,400; circulation, decreased, $739,300; deposits, increased, $12,563,400. The banks now hold $39,232,025 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent rule.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—MONEY ON CALL—Market firmer at 2@3 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—2½@3½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Market steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84¾@4.85 for demand and $4.82½@4.83 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.85½; commercial bills, $4.82.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—Nominal at 59½@60½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47½c.

BONDS—State bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular; government bonds steady; U. S. 3s, 107¾; new 4s, reg., 128½; coupon, 129½; 4s, reg., 112; coupon, 112⅝; 2s, 99½; 5s, reg., 111⅝; coupon, 113.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. new 3s	107¾	N. Y. C. 1sts	117¾
U. S. new 4s reg	129½	N. J. C. 5s	115⅝
U. S. do coup	129½	N. C. 6s	130
U. S. 4s, reg	112	N. C. 4s	104
U. S. do coup	112⅝	No. Pacific 1sts	115
U. S. 2ds, reg	99½	No. Pacific 3s	69⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	111⅝	No. Pacific 4s	103¼
U. S. 5s, coup	113	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107½
District 3.65s	119¼	N. & W. 6s	129
Ala., class A	107	N. W. Consols	144¼
Ala., class B	107	N. W. Deb. 5s	122
Ala., class C	100	Ore. N. 1sts	113¼
Ala., Currency	100	Ore. N. 4s	102½
Atchison 4s	102⅝	O. S. L. 6s t. r.	140
Do. adj. 4s	103¼	O. S. L. 5s t. r.	111¼
Canada So. 2ds	110¼	Reading 4s	88
C. & O. 4½s	96	R. G. W. 1sts	94½
Chi. Terms. 4s	95	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	109⅞
C. & O. 5s	119	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	124
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. P. Consols	163
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119
D. & R. G. 4s	101⅝	St. P. C. & P. 5s	121⅝
East Tenn. 1sts	104¼	So. Ry. 5s	106½
Erie Gen. 4s	74⅝	S. R. & T. 6s	90
F. W. & D. 1sts. t. r.	86⅝	Tenn. new set 3s	96
Gen. Elec. 5s	112⅝	T. P. L. G. 1sts	109⅜
G. H. & S. A. 6s	108	T. P. Rg. 2ds	46½
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	107	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	90⅝
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110	Wab. 1st 5s	115
H. & T. C. con. 6s	110	Wab. 2ds	99½
Iowa C. 1sts	110	W. Shore 4s	113
La. New Con. 4s	108	Va. Centuries	87
L. & N. Unl. 4s	98	Va. deferred	8¼
Missouri 6s	114⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts	59
M. K. & T. 2ds	69⅝	U. P. 4s	105⅜
M. K. & T. 4s	93⅞		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	3	Justice	11
Andes	13	Kentucky Con.	6
Belcher	15	Mexican	34
Benton Con	4	Occidental Con.	24
Best & Belcher	43	Ophir	58
Bullion	1	Overman	5
Caledonia	21	Potosi	17
Challenge Con.	13	Savage	10
Chollar	22	Seg. Belcher	1
Confidence	58	Sierra Nevada	78
Crown Point	13	Standard	200
Gould & Currie	26	Union Con.	34
Hale & Norcross	7	Utah Con.	13
Con. Cala. and Va.	150	Yellow Jacket	13

Silver bars, 59⅛c; Mexican dollars, 47½@48c. Drafts, sight, 17½c; telegraph, 20c.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	111 1-16	N. Y. Central	139½
Consols, acct	111⅛	Pennsylvania	69⅝
Canadian Pacific	89	Reading	12
Erie	16	Union Pacific	83⅝
do 1st pfd	42½	Atchison	23½
Illinois Central	121	Louis. & Nash	69
Northern Pac. pfd	82⅝	Grand Trunk	7⅝
St. Paul common	133		

BAR SILVER—Steady; 27 7-16d per ounce.

MONEY—1@1½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2 1-16@2⅛ per cent; for three months' bills, 2⅛@2¼ per cent.

Financial Notes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The imports of specie this week were $158,012 in gold and $38,381 in silver. The exports of gold and silver from this port for this week aggregated $1,000,383; silver bars and coin, $89,300.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Clearings, $15,698,044; balances, $1,964,255.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 28.—Clearings, $4,197,376; balances, $431,246.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Clearings, $270,940,574; balances, $9,184,850.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Clearings, $24,697,698; balances, $2,265,632.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Stocks were active; Alley L, 77; Strawboard, 32; Diamond Match, 148; North Chicago, 217; West Chicago, 94⅝; Biscuit, common, 53¾; Biscuit preferred, 104; clearings, $19,250,988; balances, $1,950,340; New York exchange, par; sterling exchange, posted, $4.83½@4.85; actual, $4.83@4.84½; sixty days, $4.81½@4.84.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Today's statement of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $291,322,878; gold reserve, $229,498,750.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 28.—Clearings, $1,077,636; New York exchange, bank, $1.00 premium; commercial, 50@75c discount.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—Steady, ⅛@¼d lower; March, 6s ⅝d; May, 5s 11⅜d.

CORN—Quiet, ¼@⅜d higher; March, 3s 9½d; May, 9s 3d.

FLOUR—St. Louis, fancy, winter, firm at 7s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; extra India mess, 65s; prime mess, 60s. Pork, steady; prime mess, fine western, 50s; prime medium western, 47s 6d. Bacon, firm at 27s 6d; short clear backs, 28s; short ribs, 28s; long clear middles, heavy, 27s; clear bellies, firm.

CHEESE—Dull; American, finest, white and colored, 48; prime city, strong at 22s 6d.

LINSEED OIL—Liverpool refined, 15s 2d.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 86s; good, 65s.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 28.—FLOUR—Quiet, unchanged; receipts, 10,406 bbls.; exports, 40 bbls.

WHEAT—Unsettled; spot and month, 80¼c; February, 80½@80⅝c; steamer, No. 2 red, 77½@77⅝c; receipts, 55,000 bu.; exports, 24,000 bu.; southwestern, by sample, 75@81½c; southwestern, on grade, 77½@80¼c.

CORN—Irregular; spot and month, 41@41¼c; February, 41⅛@41⅜c; steamer mixed, 38⅞@39c; receipts, 14,200 bu.; exports, 171,368 bu.; southern white, 39@41½c; southern yellow, 38⅞@41¼c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 32½@33c; receipts, 4,235 bu.; exports, none.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—Market lower; January, 73⅝c; May, 73⅝c; July, 74⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 72½c; No. 2 northern, 71¼c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.90@4.00; second patents, $3.70@3.90; first clears, $2.65@2.85.

BRAN—Higher; in bulk, $10.25@10.75.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 cash, 75c asked; May, 78⅜c.

CORN—Lower, active; No. 2 mixed cash and May, 29⅛c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 58½c.

CLOVERSEED—Quiet, unchanged; prime cash, old, $3.60; new and January, $4.

California Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Steady; evaporated apples, common, 7@8c; prime wire tray, 8⅜@9c; choice, 9¼@9½c; fancy, 9¾@10c; prunes, 3½@10c; apricots, Royal, 11@14c; Moor Park, 13@17c; peaches, unpeeled, 9@11c; peeled, 22@25c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—Market ½c lower; No. 1 northern, 75½@76c; No. 2 northern, 73½@74c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 58½@59c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 52¼@52½c; sample, 45@52c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Jan. 28.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 75⅝c bid; January, 74½c bid; May, 77½@77¼c bid; July, 77⅛c; No. 1 northern, cash, 72½c bid; January, 72½c bid; May, 75¼@75⅜c; July, 75⅛c; No. 2 northern, 69½c bid.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Unchanged and Hogs Active at Advance of Five Cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—CATTLE—Barely enough cattle were offered today to make quotations. Prices ruled unchanged. Fancy cattle would bring $6.00@6.30; choice steers, $5.60@5.95; medium steers, $5.00@5.25; beef steers, $3.90@4.90; bulls, $2.70@4.25; cows and heifers, $3.30@4.00; western fed steers, $3.10@5.85; Texas steers, $3.75@5.00; calves, $3.50@7.00.

HOGS—Trade in hogs early was active at a further advance of 5c. After the cream of the offerings had been taken, however, the improvement was lost. Fair to choice, $3.82½@4.00; packing lots, $3.65@3.80; mixed, $3.65@3.87½; butchers, $3.65@3.95; lights, $3.60@3.80; pigs, $3.35@3.60.

SHEEP—The market for sheep was active, to the extent of the limited offerings, prices ruling unchanged. Inferior to prime sheep brought $2.00@4.30; yearlings, $4.10@4.55; exports, heavy, sheep, $4.10@4.25; lambs, $3.75@5.00.

RECEIPTS—Cattle, 200 head; hogs, 15,000 head; sheep, 2,000 head.

New York Live Stock.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—BEEVES—Receipts, 976 head; none for sale; feeling was steady and cables firm; exports, 1,544 cattle, 77 sheep and 4,836 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Receipts, 5 head; veals, firm.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,456 head; sheep were steady; lambs, slow; good stock a trifle firmer; sheep, fair to good, $4.10@4.25; lambs, fair to choice, $5.12½@5.40; one deck, $5.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,510; no sales; nominally firm at $4.10@4.25.

Cincinnati Live Stock.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—HOGS—Active, higher, $3.40@3.92½.

CATTLE—Steady, $2.50@5.00.

SHEEP—Steady, $2.25@4.00.

LAMBS—Steady, $4.00@5.25.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Unusually Light Run of Cattle at the Yards.

GOOD BEEF CONTINUES TO BE IN DEMAND

Hog Receipts Fair for a Saturday, with Prices Higher on the Opening, but Weak at the Close.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 28.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Receipts today	910	6,636	764
Official Monday	1,669	3,810	5,491
Official Tuesday	2,503	9,365	4,475
Official Wednesday	2,316	10,846	4,625
Official Thursday	1,987	9,254	5,919
Official Friday	1,496	6,123	3,438
Total this week	10,881	46,034	24,712
Week ending Jan. 21	10,828	46,011	21,707
Week ending Jan. 14	8,847	48,280	14,905
Week ending Jan. 7	8,125	46,939	12,594

Average price paid for hogs for the last several days, with comparisons:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.	1893.
Jan. 16	3 52	*	3 22	3 66	3 88	5 23	7 60
Jan. 17	3 49	3 47	*	3 72	3 86	5 19	7 67
Jan. 18	3 51	3 51	3 23	3 82	3 93	5 12	7 44
Jan. 19	3 54	3 54	3 26	*	3 88	5 21	7 36
Jan. 20	3 56	3 50	3 28	3 90	*	5 25	7 48
Jan. 21	3 59	3 54	3 26	3 96	3 95	*	7 53
Jan. 22	*	3 57	3 23	3 91	3 83	5 30	*
Jan. 23	3 56	*	3 25	3 86	3 84	5 35	7 56
Jan. 24	3 61	3 62	*	3 92	3 82	5 33	7 60
Jan. 25	3 60	3 65	3 33	4 00	3 79	5 27	7 51
Jan. 26	3 57	3 72	3 35	*	3 85	5 28	7 51
Jan. 27	3 63	3 67	3 30	4 11	*	5 17	7 66
Jan. 28	3 68	3 62	3 27	4 10	3 97	*	7 72

* Indicates Sunday.

The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each road was:

	Cattle.	H'gs.	Sh'p.	H'rs.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	1	..	..
O. & St. L. Ry.	1	1	..	..
Mo. Pacific Ry.	20	3	..	..
Union Pacific system	3	16	2	2
C. & N. W. Ry.	..	1	..	..
F. E. & M. V. R. R.	4	17	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	1	5	..	..
B. & M. R. R. R.	2	26	..	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	..	12	..	..
K. C. & St. J.	4	..	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east.	2	4	..	..
C., R. I. & P. Ry., west.	2	2	..	..
Total receipts	39	88	2	2

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.
Omaha Packing Co.	3	699	...
The G. H. Hammond Co.	29	1,206	...
Swift and Company	145	1,214	524
The Cudahy Packing Co.	95	1,276	...
P. D. Armour, Chicago	91	1,934	...
Vansant & Co.	4	....	...
W. I. Stephens	12	....	...
Omaha, K. C.	50	....	...
Hammond K. C.	22	269	...
Armour, K. C.	227	....	...
Cudahy P. Co., K. C.	109	....	...
Other buyers	15	....	...
Left over	..	....	240
Totals	793	6,598	764

CATTLE—There was the usual small Saturday run, but among the cattle here were some better than any seen in the yards in some time. The market was good on all kinds and everything sold readily at good, steady prices—steers, butchers' stock and feeders. There was a bad storm and buyers were in a hurry to get back under shelter and they did not hesitate at all about buying. The good cattle brought $5.50, showing that really good cattle are wanted here and that they will bring satisfactory prices.

The cattle market this week has been everything that sellers could desire. The demand has been brisk for all kinds and the market strong and active every day. The supply of cornfed cattle has been considerably short of the requirements of packers and they have been forced to ship in a good many cattle from other selling points in order to fill their orders for product. This has insured an active demand every day and packers have wanted the cattle badly enough to bid up very strong on them as compared with other markets. On some kinds of cattle the market is probably a dime higher for the week, but on most kinds the whole situation could be summed up as a good, strong market. On some days feeders have been bidders on the warmed-up cattle and on such days prices have looked high on them, but there is always danger of a sudden slump on warmed-up stuff consequent upon a temporary let-up in the demand.

Cows and heifers were in active demand all the week and the offerings on most days have been considerably less than buyers could use. The result has been that cow stuff, like the beef cattle, has sold at strong prices and at prices that were entirely satisfactory to the owners. Bulls, stags, etc., have also been good sellers. Veal calves are not bringing quite as strong prices as they were and at the present time it takes a good veal to touch $6.

Stockers and feeders, like all other kinds of cattle, were in demand all the week and the market was active and strong right along. Cattle of that description sold as high as any time this season and still the demand appeared to be quite good. In fact not enough cattle were received from day to day to suit the wants of buyers and everything that could be graded as good was snapped up in short order. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
BEEF STEERS.								
2..	910	$4 40	6..	1246	$4 75	14..	1121	$4 85
9..	932	4 40	7..	1243	4 75	50..	1272	5 10
11..	927	4 70	20..	1160	4 80	16..	1393	5 50
COWS.								
3..	873	2 35	1..	1000	3 25	10..	1152	3 70
1..	700	2 50	2..	1175	3 25	10..	1017	3 70
1..	1190	2 75	2..	1076	3 35	17..	912	3 70
4..	985	2 80	3..	1143	3 40	3..	990	3 75
2..	1000	2 85	2..	1065	3 50	1..	840	3 75
1..	1000	3 00	6..	1105	3 60	1..	1120	3 75
3..	1003	3 00	2..	1070	3 55	1..	1270	3 75
2..	935	3 10	2..	1100	3 65	1..	1100	3 75
3..	1063	3 10	1..	1100	3 65	8..	1127	3 85
8..	720	3 20	1..	890	3 65	1..	1590	4 00
1..	1080	3 25	3..	1046	3 65	8..	982	4 10
1..	1100	3 25						
HEIFERS.								
1..	500	3 50	2..	525	3 70	26..	881	4 10
1..	620	3 50	12..	872	3 75	5..	1032	4 10
1..	570	3 50	2..	1200	3 90	21..	981	4 15
1..	780	3 65	4..	782	4 00	1..	800	4 25
BULLS.								
1..	1150	3 00	1..	1560	3 60	2..	1175	3 75
1..	1430	3 10	1..	1420	3 60	1..	1900	3 90
1..	1300	3 40	1..	1370	3 65	1..	1800	4 00
1..	1350	3 40	1..	1360	3 75	1..	1920	4 00
1..	980	3 50	2..	1295	3 75			
CALVES.								
1..	140	5 50	1..	210	6 00			
STAGS.								
1..	950	4 15	1..	1340	4 25			
STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.								
5..	568	3 30	1..	730	3 60	4..	890	4 40
1..	380	3 50	1..	450	4 25	2..	505	4 50

HOGS—The market opened with eighty-nine cars of hogs in sight, only one of which was consigned direct to a packer from Kansas City. The early messages credited Chicago with 16,000 head, Kansas City 6,000, St. Joseph 3,000 and St. Louis 3,000. The market here opened strong to 5c higher and was fairly active at the advance. However, after the more urgent orders had been filled the market eased off and closed weak, owing largely to the fact of its being a Saturday. Light and light mixed hogs sold at $3.60@3.65 largely, as against $3.55@3.62½ yesterday. Heavy mixed hogs went very largely at $3.67½@3.70 and prime heavy at $3.70@3.75, while the best hogs yesterday brought $3.70.

The hog market has been in good shape all this week, with a gradual upward tendency. The week started out with a higher market and there was a still further gain on Tuesday. On Thursday there was a slight backset, but the loss was more than recovered on Friday, while the advance on the last day of the week carried the market to a point that was just about 10c higher than the close of the previous week. The demand was good all the week and on most days the movement was active. The buyers have evidently wanted the hogs, and, while the receipts have been up to the average for the month, they have not been large enough for the buyers, who have been shipping in a good many hogs from Sioux City and Kansas City. The market is now at the highest point touched since October 29, when the hogs sold at the average price of $3.70. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
45	147	...	$3 50	64	286	80	3 67½
66	164	80	3 55	88	262	240	3 67½
57	185	120	3 60	95	222	200	3 67½
65	222	120	3 60	56	272	160	3 67½
100	211	...	3 62½	75	220	...	3 70
74	236	160	3 62½	62	295	160	3 70
88	233	200	3 65	39	348	80	3 70
10	315	...	3 65	68	270	...	3 70
93	213	120	3 65	21	206	...	3 70
62	225	80	3 65	76	256	40	3 70
69	250	...	3 65	66	261	80	3 70
86	210	80	3 65	38	358	160	3 70
89	222	120	3 65	102	280	160	3 70
89	228	160	3 65	73	302	160	3 70
106	197	200	3 65	69	257	40	3 70
51	251	80	3 65	64	[illegible]	...	3 70
81	221	40	3 65	66	259	40	3 70
86	215	40	3 65	63	298	60	3 70
64	229	120	3 65	78	294	160	3 70
92	226	40	3 65	56	302	80	3 70
72	242	200	3 65	53	301	...	3 70
94	228	...	3 65	57	258	...	3 70
80	262	80	3 65	59	318	160	3 70
52	325	40	3 65	63	289	160	3 70
59	307	160	3 65	69	270	120	3 70
65	242	80	3 67½	80	266	200	3 70
65	224	120	3 67½	80	267	240	3 70
86	232	240	3 67½	55	345	160	3 70
66	235	40	3 67½	65	307	80	3 70
72	292	40	3 67½	35	318	160	3 70
64	341	160	3 67½	56	232	40	3 70
67	252	...	3 67½	24	260	...	3 70
64	274	120	3 67½	69	228	40	3 70
78	275	80	3 67½	57	218	...	3 70
83	247	...	3 67½	63	301	80	3 70
70	244	40	3 67½	54	300	80	3 70
82	268	280	3 67½	62	336	120	3 70
46	270	120	3 67½	67	262	160	3 70
62	265	160	3 67½	83	246	...	3 70
82	249	160	3 67½	80	265	200	3 72½
65	274	80	3 67½	77	228	...	3 72½
71	217	...	3 67½	62	330	120	3 72½
92	226	80	3 67½	63	265	...	3 72½
51	259	80	3 67½	60	335	80	3 72½
67	230	...	3 67½	56	269	...	3 75
89	226	...	3 67½				
WAGON LOTS—PIGS.							
1	190	...	2 50	3	223	...	3 60
7	114	...	3 20	8	378	80	3 65
8	105	...	3 20	9	357	...	3 65
21	110	...	3 25				

SHEEP—The market on sheep was not materially changed. There seemed to be a good demand for good mutton sheep and some heavy western wethers of pretty good quality sold at $3.85, which was fully steady. The market on lambs, however, was slow and buyers did not appear to be anxious for them.

The market on desirable kinds of sheep has been good all the week and values have gradually firmed up so that at the close of the week it is safe to call the market all of 10@25c higher. The buyers have evidently wanted supplies, and while the receipts have been gradually growing larger they have been none too large to meet requirements of buyers.

The lamb market, however, has not been of such a satisfactory character. In fact, it has been unsatisfactory to the sellers. One day there would be a pretty fair demand, then the market would ease off the next day or be lower, and then it would go back again, and so it has switched about all the week, and at the close is not much changed from what it was last week. To say that it has remained steady, however, is not saying much, as it has not been much good any time for more than a week back in the estimation of sellers.

Quotations are: Good to choice fed western wethers, $3.80@4.00; fair to good, $3.70@3.80; choice native wethers, $3.90@4.15; choice western yearlings, $4.10@4.25; fair to good western yearlings, $3.90@4.10; fed ewes, $3.30@3.60; good to choice native lambs, $4.75@4.90; good western lambs, $4.60@4.80; feeder sheep, $3.50@3.75; feeder lambs, $4.00@4.25; cull sheep, $2.00@3.00; cull lambs, $3.00@3.50. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
35	Colorado wethers	114	$3 90
5	Colorado lambs	100	4 65
486	western lambs	79	4 65

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 900 head; market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, $4.10@6.00; bulk of sales, $4.75@5.80, the top being paid for steers weighing between 1,000 and 2,000 lbs.; dressed beef and butcher steers, $4.40@5.55; bulk of sales, $4.90@5.50; steers, under 1,000 lbs., $3.55@4.35; bulk of sales, $3.75@4.45; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.65; bulk of cows, $2.35@3.25; canning cows, $1.25@2.75; bulls, $2.25@4.00; Texas and Indian steers, $3.75@4.80; bulk of sales, $4.00@4.60; cows and heifers, $3.25@4.05.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,100 head; market steady; pigs and lights, $3.65@4.85; packers, $3.85@3.92½; butchers, $3.85@4.00.

SHEEP—Receipts, 375 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.70@4.00; lambs, $4.00@5.10; clipped Texas sheep, $4.00@4.10; Texas ewes, $3.60@3.75.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 28.—CATTLE—Receipts, 173 head. Market nominally unchanged. Prices for the week were the highest of the year, but the close was 10@15c lower than the high time. Thirteen loads of good light cattle were bid for at 20@25c lower than the high time, but were not sold.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,855 head, being the largest Saturday's supply for a long time. The quality was about average. Packing grades sold irregularly, 5@10c higher, at the opening, closing at yesterday's prices, with some grades 5c lower. Heavies, $3.72½@3.90; mixed, $3.70@3.90; lights, $3.15@3.70.

SHEEP—Receipts, 339 head. Market strong. The week's receipts amounted to 16,200 head, a little in excess of the previous week. Values were about the same notch as a week since.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 100 head. Market nominal.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,000 head. Market, 5@10c higher, selling at $3.55@3.85; bulk, $3.65@3.80.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head. Market steady.

Stock in Sight.

Following are the receipts at the four principal western markets for January 28:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	910	6,636	764
Chicago	200	15,000	2,000
Kansas City	173	4,855	339
St. Louis	900	5,100	375
Totals	2,183	31,591	3,478

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