COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Sustained by Foreign and Local Influences, Closing Unchanged.

CONSIDERABLE SLUMP IN DECEMBER CORN

May and January Also Down-Oats Still Dull and Close a Shade Lower -Provisions Open Slightly Advanced, Close Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.-Moderate receipts, bullish Argentine news and firmness at Liverpool sustained wheat today, May closing unchanged. Corn closed tac, tac and tac-lower, respectively, for May, January and December. Outs closed a shade down and

provisions practically unchanged.

During the first half hour Liverpool was not regarded as having properly responded

Articles. | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Yes'y. Wheat | 70146714 70% 6714 72% 6078 7318 Corn-Dec, Jan. May Oats-Dec, Jan. May Pork-Jan. May Lard-Dec, Jan. May 4016 3614 36 40764134 4114 36169016 21% 21% 21% 23% 23% 23% 23% 7 20 6 8716 6 9219 7 171/2 6 871/4 6 921/2 7 20 6 90 6 95 6 35 6 35 6 30 6 32½ 6 30 6 37½ 6 42½ 6 35 6 37½ 6 37½

*No. 2. Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Dull: winter patents, \$3.65@3.80; straights, \$3.1003.60; clears, \$2.90@3.30; spring specials, \$4.30; patents, \$3.40@3.85; straights, \$3.00@3.40; bakers, \$2.20@2.75. WHEAT-No. 3 spring, 70% 671c; No. 1

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 704@71c; No. 2 ped, 71@74c.
CORN—No. 2, 49c; No. 2 yellow, 49c.
OATS—No. 2, 224@22c; No. 2 white, 254@26c.
RYE—No. 2, 51@52c.
BABLEY—Fair to choice malting, 52@59c.
SEEDS—No. 1 flax, \$1.59; No. 1 northwestern, \$1.60; prime timothy, \$4.40. Clover, contract grade, \$10.00@10.25.
PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$11.124@11.25. Lard. per 100 lbs., \$6.95@7.05. Short ribs sides (loose), \$6.25@5.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$5.874@6.124; short clear sides (boxed), \$6.70@6.80.
WHISKY—On basis of high wines, per gal., \$1.27. following are the receipts and shipments

on the Produce exchange today the butter market was dull; creameries, 15@23½c; dairies, 13@29c. Cheese, dull at 11%c. Eggs, dull; fresh, 22c.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,661 bbis.; exports, 3,667 bbis.; sales, 7,568 pkgs.; continued in a steady position without pressure to sell: Minnesota patents, \$2,35694,20; winter extras, \$2,5562,20; winter \$2.55494.20; winter extras, \$2.55472.90; winter patents, \$2.8563.20; winter straights, \$3.464; 3.55; Minnesota bakers, \$2.0043.25; winter low grades, \$2.4542.90. Rye flour, steady. Buckwheat flour, dull.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet.

CORNMEAL—Steady; yellow western, \$7c; city, \$9c.

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RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 55c affoat.
BARLEY—Duil.
WHEAT—Receipts, 38,850 bu.; spot steady;
No. 2 red, 77%c f. o. b.; No. 2 red, 76%c elevator; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, 87%c f. o. b.
affoat; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 87%c affoat, f. o. b. Options opened easy through short selling through local traders, but were soon strengthened by predictions of smaller northwestern receipts and active covering; closed steady at %c net advance; fanuary closed at 79%c; Maych, 789-166739-18c, closed at 78%c; December closed at 77%c. 78%c; May, 78.9-16973.9-16c, closed at 78%c; December closed at 77%c. CORN-Receipts, 84.825 bu.; exports, 198.-151 bu.; spot stendy; No. 2, 46%c elevator and 45%c f. c. b. affoat. Option market was steady earlier in the day without much feature, reflecting smaller country offerings, stendler cables, large clearings and export demand; finally yielded under sales for long account and closed casy at 1,47%c net decline; January closed at 44c; May, 42942.5-16c, closed at 42c; December, 46%6.64c.

664c.
OATS—Receipts 43,400 bu.; exports, 1,600 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 2714c; No. 3, 274c; No. 2 white, 314632c; No. 3 white, 3046631c; track, mixed western, 27446284c; track, white, 3046634c; Options neglected and stendily held. white, angreege, Options neglected and steadily held.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 162Tle, 1899 crop, 162Tle; old olds, 266c; Pacific coast, 1900 crip, 15679c; 1899 crop, 16474c; old olds, 266c.

HIDES—Firm, Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18479c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 196794c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 15c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 24625c; acid, 2346244c. WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 24@25c; WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 24@25c; Texas, 14@16c.
PROVISIONS—Reef, steady; family, \$11.0c.
@12.00; mess, \$9.0002.50; beef hams, \$20.0002.
2.050; packet, \$10.00010.50; city extra India mess, \$14.00016.0c. Cut meats, dull; pickled bellies, 73.20c; pickled shoulders, 53.c; pickled hams, \$4.50c. Lard, easy; western steamed, \$7.35; refined, steady; continent, \$1.25 South American, \$8.25; compound, \$5.40c. Pork, dull; family, \$15.00016.50; short clear, \$14.00015.00; mess, \$12.00013.00.
POTATOES—Quiet; Jerseys, \$1.0001.374c, New York, \$1.2501.624; Long Island, \$1.5002.
275; Jersey sweets, \$1.7502.25.
TALLOW—Firm; city, 43c; country, 43c. TALLOW—Firm; city, 4%c; country, 4% 654c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 77½@80c; good to choice, 85@91c.

FEED—Steady; spring bran, \$16.00@16.35; middling, \$17.00@19.50; winter bran, \$17.00@1850; city, \$16.50@17.00.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3% 664c; Japan, 4% 64%c.

BUTFER—Reveipts, \$.622 pkgs.; steady; creamery, 17@25c; June creamery, 17@25c; factory, 11½@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2.112 pkgs.; strong, fall made, fancy, 11½@10½c; small, fall made, fancy, 11½@10½c, small, fall made, fancy, 11½@10½c, small, fall made, fancy, 11½@10½c, small, fall made, fancy, 11½@10½c; small, fall made, fancy, 11½@10½c, small, fall made, fancy, 10%10½c, dickens, 8½@10c; chickens, 8½@10c; chickens, 8½@10c; chickens, 8½@10c; chickens, 7@10½c; fowls, 10@10½c, fowls, 10@10½c.

METALS—Features in the metal trade were void of important improvement today. The market lacks the confidence of traders

and as a result the demand was only of a mature to supplying firmediate requirements. Tin, however, at Lendon was firm and closed £1 higher at £18 is, having at one time during the day reached £17 lies. This factor railed to influence the local situation uside from a natural advance in simpainly with the rise abroad. The close here was quiet, with prices nominally quiet at £3 and trading slow; copper in London was a shade tirmer and closed at £71 lis, but the local market ruled quiet and without special new features nominally quoted at £15 for Lake Superior and \$16.52% for casting copper and electrolytic; lead, quiet and unchanged here and abroad at \$4.15% and £16 respectively. A loss of £12 points was scored in spelter on account of considerable selling pressure and a frecepts: the close was weak at \$4.12% \$1.7%, while at London the close was £18 1.2% for the close was weak at \$4.12% and unsettled. Glasgow closed at £12 and markets were duli and nominally unchanged.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 68, 500 bu.; corn, 124,000 bu.; oats, 23,000 bu. SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 45,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu. do 2d pfd. Liverpool Grain and Provisions.
Liverpool, Dec. 29—WHEAT—Spot, 68 mm; No. 1 California, 68 2½d; No. 2 red do 184 pfd. St. L. & S. F. do 184 pfd. Spirit Spiring, 68 2½d; Futures, quiet; February, 18 1½d; American mixed, new, 18 1½d; American mixed, old, 48 2½d; Futures, quiet; Peccember, nominal; January, 18 10½d; May, 38 9½d.
PEAS—Canadian, quiet, a; 58 7½d.
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CORN Spot, quiet: American mixed, new, is 114d: American mixed, old, 4s 214d. Futures, quiet; December, nominal: January, is 104d: May, 3s 94d.

PEAS—Canadian, quiet, at 5s 74d.
FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady it 8s 64.
HCPS—At London (Pacific coast), steady it £2 5s £2 5s.
PROVISIONS—Reef, duil; extra India HCFS—At London (Facilic coast), steady at 42 58742 58.
PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; extra India ness, 67s 9d. Fork, firm; prime mess, west-trn, 12s. Lard, quiet; prime western, in lerces, 38s 3d; American refined, in palls 98s 3d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 fbs., dull, 48s. Bacon, quiet; Cumberland cut, 26 to 38 fbs., 48s; short ribs, 18 to 23 fbs., 46s 3d; ong clear middles, light, 35 to 46 fbs., quiet, 46s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 40 to 15 bs., quiet, 46s; short clear backs, 16 to 29 bs., easy, 43s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 fbs., itel., 14s 6d. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 fbs., steady, 34s. dy, 24s. TTER-United States finest, 25s; good, TALLOW-Prime city, firm, 248 5d; Australian, in London, steady, 27s. CHIEDEL-Easy, American finest white. is 6d; American finest colored, 528 6d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions. KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—WHEAT—May, 5c; cash. No. 2 hard, 65@66c; No. 3, 63@40c; No. 2 red, 65@50c; No. 3, 66%@68t.c. CORN—May 31%@34%c; cash. No. 2 dixed, 35%c; No. 3, 34%c. OATS—No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 34%c. DATS—No. 2 white, 25c. RYE-No. 2, 46c. HAY-Choice timothy, \$10.50@11.00; choice rairie, \$9.50@10.00. BUTTER-Creamery, 19@23c; dairy, fancy, EGGS-Lower; fresh Missouri and Kan-as stock, 15c per doz., loss off, cases re-urned; new whitewood cases included, 15c RECEIPTS Wheat, 108,800 bu.; corn, 40,800

bu. Noats. 11,000 bu. SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 44,000 bu.; corn, 36,-200 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu Philadelphia Produce Market. Philadelphia Produce Market.
PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 20—BUTTER—
Dull and unchanged; fancy western creamery, 25c; fancy prints, 27c.
EGGS—Quilet but steady; fresh nearby,
21c; fresh western, 25c; fresh southwestern,
24c; fresh southern, 23c.
CHEESE—Quiet; full creams, fancy smail,
114,612c; full creams, fair to choice, 104,62

DULUTH, Dec 20. WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 aard, 72c; No. 1 northern, 71c; No. 2 northern, 65% 105% c; No. 3 spring, 85% 659% c. Tourive; No. 1 hard, 73% c; No. 1 northern, 73% c; December, 71c; May, 75% c. CORN—33% c. OATS—246/24% c. Duluth Grain Market.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

00; second clears, \$2,0092.10 BRAN-In bulk, \$11.50611.75.

Toledo Genin and Seed. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26. WHEAT-Dull and irm; cash and December, 754c; any, 784c; CORN-Firm; cash and December, 374c; May, 374c, OATS-Cash and December, 334c; May, 25c. RYE-52c. CLOVERSEED-Dull and steady; 1890 prime, 16.75; December, 16.72½; March, 16.89.

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2434 do 2d pfd.
68% Pacific Mail
3604 People's Gas
15 Pessed S. C.
91 do pfd.
23 Pullman P. C.
79 Stand. R. & T.
5614 Sugar
1622 do pfd.
40 Tenn. C. & I.
1308 U. S. Leather
181½ do pfd.

> 4174 do pfd 75% 21 *West Union 874 71 Amal Copper 924 22 Republic I & S 16 70% do pfd 334 824 P. C. C. & S. L. 55 *Ex-dividend.
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> The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: A good volume of business was transacted in the markets here today, bilt the tone was weak, the failure of the Bank of England to advance its minimum discount rate being countersacted by the bank return, which showed that £1,000,000 had gone into the interior. This suggested dearer money, which was the principal tople of conversation. Americans were distinctly active, but the fluctuations here in them were moderate. The New York opening caused only a half hour's raily, the close here being at the lowest. Frices railied, however, in the strept. Northern Pacifics were bought in influential quarters on repetition of the statement that the preferred stock is to be converted into bonds, illinois Central also was bought, mainly for the reason, apparently, that it has been hitherto neglected. The failure of the bank to change the discount rate had a favorable effect on the exchanges and no gold was taken out, although Paris is buying some in the open market. India is resuming its silver purchases. The Banks of Bengal and Bombay have reduced their discount rates from 6 to 7.

Boston Stock Quotations. BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Call loans, 41465 per cent; time loans, 566 per cent. Official closing:

Amer. Sugar 1304 Atchison 48 11 do pfd 115 Am. Telephone 154 Boston & Al 272 Roston Elevated 155 C. R. & Q. & C. & Adventure 256 C. R. & Q. & Arlantic 256 Comminion Coal 354 Boston & Mont. do pfd 108 Butte & Boston Federal Steel 238 Cal. & Hecla. do pfd 754 Centennial Franklin Gen. Electric 1524 Humboldt Osceola Fitchburg plu
Gen. Electric ... (\$\Si)\square\text{4} Humboldt ...
do pfd ... 146 Osceola
Ed. Elec III. ... 217 Parrot
Mex. Central ... 14\square\text{2} Quincy
Mich. Telephone ... 85 Santa Fe Cop...
N. E. G. & C. ... 11 Tamarack
Old Colony ... 202 Utah Mining
Bubber ... 28 Winona
Bubber ... 28 Winona Union Pacific

second patents, \$1.806[3.90; Brst clears, \$2.904; Shows: Available cash balance, \$141,297,643; gold, \$28,800,080.

New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 20 MONEY On call, steady at 496 per cent; last loan at 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4% 25% per STERLING EXCHANGE-Steady,

May, 374c, OATS—Clash and December, 33½c; May, 25c.

RYE—52c.
CLOVERSEED—Duil and steady; 1829 prime, 18.50, December, 18.72½; March, 18.50 prime, 18.50, December, 18.72½; March, 18.50 Milwaukee Grain Market.

Milwaukee Grain Market.
Steady, No. 1 northern, 72½75c; No. 2 northern, 683½c; 1½c.
RYE—Firm, No. 2, 60c; sample, 45½ Sec.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND HONDS.

Reaction in Stock Market Hegins Under Northern Pacific Seiling.
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The stock market today did not vary materially in character from that which has prevailed for many days. Profit-taking was palpably on an enormous scale and was not without effect in prices, but the inroads made were not capable.

engush bank rate. Kamrs declined sharply on unsatisfactory news from Capetown, affecting the whole market; later Parquet stocks were mine cheerful on the unchanged English bank rate. Kamrs, however, continued weak; Rio tintos were firm on the advance in copper. At the close the market all around was steadier. Three per cent rentes, 101f 17½c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 2½c for checks; Spanish 4s closed at 70.45. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes; Notes in circulation, increase, 34,100,000 francs; treasury accounts current, decrease, 25,075,000 francs; gold in hand, increase, 5,700,000 francs; silver in hand, decrease, 125,000 francs; silver in

cent.
CALCUTTA. Dec. 20.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Bengal was today advanced from 6 to 7 per cent.
BOMBAY. Dec. 20.—The rate of discount of the Bank of Bombay was today advanced from 5 to 7 per cent.

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO. Dec. 20.—Clearings. \$4.413.804; balances. \$2.213.682; posted exchange. \$4.826
4.86; New York exchange. 25c premium. ST. LOUIS. Dec. 20.—Clearings. \$5,983.751; balances. \$741.439; money. 467 per cent; New York exchange, 15c premium bid, 25c premium asked. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 20.—Clearings. \$1,818.1520; balances. \$2.067.402. CINCINNATI. Dec. 20.—Money. 366 per cent; New York exchange. 256/30c discount; clearings. \$2.041.600. NEW YORK. Dec. 20.—Clearings. \$252.026.
055; balances. \$1,759.947. BALTIMORE. Dec. 20.—Clearings. \$22,751.830; balances. \$1,759.947. BALTIMORE. Dec. 20.—Clearings. \$3,867,—5301; balances. \$616,500.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—COFFEE—Futures opened steady, with prices 5500 points higher and later scored further signal gains on active covering and buying on the reaction theory, started by a scare of room shorts, who feared the market to be heavily oversoid. Favorable late European cables, rumors of firmer spot market and evidence of buil support held the market in a firm condition during the afternoon. Realizing cut down the advance in the last haif hour. Closed barely steady, with prices 10620 points higher. Total sales, 23,000 bags, including December at 5.55c; March, 5.8565.0c; June, 5.75c; July, 5.856.55c; October, 5.906 6c; November, Sc., Spot, Rio, quiet; No. 7, invoice, 6%c. Cordova, 9½@13¼c. Coffee Market.

Oil and Rosin.

Oil City, Dec. 20.—Oil.S—Credit balances, \$1.07; certificates, closed, offered, \$1.08; shipments, 88.944 bbls; average, 95.388 bbls; runs, 113.781 bbls; average, 89.393 bbls, LONDON, Dec. 20.—Oil.S—Petroleum, American refined, 74d, Turpentine spirits, 29s. Linseed, 30s.9d.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Oil.S—Cottonseed, dull; prime crude, 27c; prime yellow, 29tsc. Petroleum, quiet; refined New York, \$1.25; Philadelphia and Baltimore, \$7.20; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, \$4.65. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, \$1.7021, 175. Turpentine, quiet at 40ts/201c.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—Oil.S—Turpentine spirits, dull, 20s.9d.

Evaporated and Dried Fruits. Evaporated and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—EVAPORATED
APPLES—The market for evaporated apples
was decidedly more active today for desirable grades and the market was quite firm
without any material change in prices;
state common was quoted at 465c; prime,
44,6654c; choice 554,66c; fancy, 667c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Inactive
again, but steady. Prunes were quoted
from 35c to 85c. Apricots, Royal, 18216c;
Moor Park, 15476c. Peaches, peeled, 1642
20c; unpeeled, 669c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—DRY GOODS—
Spot business continues limited in cotton goods, with mail orders light. Brown cottons irregular for spot, steady for contracts. Lightweight commerce and fine yarn makes, slow sale at previous prices.

Bleached cottons are inactive but steady.

Print cloths without feature in both regular and odd goods. Prints in average requist. Ginghams slow at previous prices.

Men's wear woolens for quick delivery in fair demand.

Thirteen Thousand Strike. ANTWERP, Dec. 20.-It is now estimated there are 13,000 men on strike, including 11 Tamarack 288 there are 13,000 men on strike, including 202 that Mining 234, coal porters and sailors, who have joined 28 Whoma 44 the dock laborers. Most of the imported 765 Wolverines 455 laborers have been induced to join the laborers have been induced to join the

unions. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 2d.—WHEAT—Cash
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Te: May, 73% 26%; July, 74% 275c. On track;
No. 1 hard, 74%; No. 1 northern, 72%; No. 2 northern, 67% 26%; Co. 2 northern, 67% 26%

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Receipts Light and Good Stuff Sold at Stronger Prices.

HOG MARKET A LITTLE STRONGER

Sheep Held About Steady with Yester day, but for the Week They Are

Official Wednesday ... 1,751 10,872 3.57

Four days this week ... 8,812 38,338 13,276

Same days ast week ... 14,83 42,089 16,681 83 WYOS Same days week before .12,757 29,764 17,880 7 feeders ... 935 4 25 Same three weeks ago ... 8,97 36,662 16,880 7 feeders ... 762 32,55 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 17,112 37,711 23,371 5 bull ... 630 2 25 Same four weeks ago ... 640 3 36 Same four weeks ago ... 640 3 3

There was not much change noticeable in the trade on buils, calves and stags.

Good heavyweight feeders that are ready to go into the feed lot held just about steady today. The less desirable grades, however, were rather slow. The light stockers were also very slow, as the demand for such kinds from the country is very light. If anything, the tendency is toward lower prices. Good stock cows or helfers and also stock buils are just about steady, but common kinds are slow and weak. Stock calves are also slow sale, Representative sales:

BEEF STEBRS.

1...... 270 3 00 STAGS. 1450 2 85 2 1490 3 1290 3 40 STOCKERS AND FEEDERS. .1490 3 50

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| 183 | 239 | 40 | 4 | 7715 | 68 | 243 | 40 | 4 | 8215 | 66 | 218 | 40 | 4 | 7715 | 70 | 229 | 40 | 4 | 8215 | 66 | 218 | 40 | 4 | 7715 | 70 | 229 | 40 | 4 | 8215 | 68 | 246 | 4 | 80 | 76 | 227 | 4 | 8215 | 68 | 246 | 4 | 80 | 76 | 227 | 4 | 8215 | 67 | 300 | 4 | 80 | 64 | 204 | 4 | 8215 | 67 | 300 | 4 | 80 | 76 | 227 | 4 | 8215 | 67 | 300 | 4 | 80 | 76 | 224 | 80 | 4 | 8215 | 67 | 300 | 4 | 80 | 76 | 224 | 80 | 4 | 8215 | 67 | 300 | 4 | 80 | 80 | 75 | 229 | 80 | 4 | 8215 | 85 | 226 | 4 | 80 | 30 | 320 | 4 | 8215 | 85 | 226 | 4 | 80 | 30 | 320 | 4 | 8215 | 82 | 229 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 66 | 221 | 160 | 4 | 8215 | 82 | 229 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 66 | 221 | 160 | 4 | 8215 | 82 | 220 | 200 | 4 | 80 | 66 | 225 | 80 | 4 | 82 | 82 | 220 | 200 | 4 | 80 | 66 | 226 | 80 | 4 | 82 | 85 | 220 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 54 | 325 | 4 | 82 | 85 | 220 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 54 | 325 | 4 | 82 | 85 | 220 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 54 | 325 | 4 | 82 | 85 | 220 | 80 | 4 | 80 | 54 | 325 | 4 | 85 | 81 | EPP—The sheep market today was just about steady at the decline of yesterday. Packers took hold in fairly good shape and bought up the few cars offered in good season. Some choice lightweight Mexican yearlings brought 34 | 25 | but the top on lambs was 34 | 75 | 1t is safe to quote the general run of either ewes or wethers as 156 | 256 | lower for the week. Choice lightweight yearlings, which are in good demand, may not be over a dime lower. Lambs have declined the most of all and may be quoted 256 | lower for the week. All other points have gone off a corresponding amount, so this market is well in line. There is very little demand for mutton during the holidays and packers do not care for supplies unless they can get them at a low figure.

There were only a few feeders on sale today and there was no particular change in the situation noticeable.

Quotations: Choice fed wethers, \$3.5063.75; choice yearlings, \$4.1064.25; fair to good spring lambs, \$4.756.00; fair to good spring lambs, \$4.50603.75; feeder lambs, \$4.00074.40. Representative sales:

No. 112 feeding ewes

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Cattle Active and Higher-Hogs Shade

Up-Sheep Steady to Strong. CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts 7,000 head; active and strong to a shade higher; butchers' stock strong; natives, best on sale today, two carloads at \$5.90; good to prime steers, \$2.566.600 poor to medium, \$3.6065.20; selected feeders, steady to strong at \$3.7564.40; mixed stockers, steady at \$2.0663.75; cows, \$2.5694.10; helfers, \$2.9664.60; canners, \$1.8562.45; bulls, firm at \$2.50664.60; calves, \$4.0666.50; Texans, receipts, 460 head; best on sale today, five carloads at \$3.80; Texas-fed steers, \$4.0664.85; Texas grass steers, \$3.5664.00; Texas bulls, \$2.46683.25; HOGS-Receipts today, 29,000 head; tomor-

HOGS—Receipts today, 29,000 head; tomorrow, 28,000 head; estimated; left over, 2,500 head; average shade higher, closing weak; top, \$4,25; mixed and butchers \$4,70074.95; good to choice, heavy, \$4,75074.95; rough heavy, \$4,6004.70; light, \$4,6004.90; bulk of sales, \$4,8004.875; SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 11,000 head; steady to stronger; good to choice wethers, \$3,70074.25; fair to choice, mixed, \$3,25074.70; Texas sheep, \$1,2503.50; native lambs, \$4,00075.25; western lambs, \$4,50075.25. Kansas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.
KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Recepts, 5,000 natives, 450 Texans and 100 calves, good killing grades scarce; best 10c higher, while plainer kinds only steady; stockers and feeders firm; native steers, 34.25@5.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.00@4.40; canners, \$2.50@24.00; fed westerns, \$2.50@24.00; fed westerns, \$2.50@5.00; fed Texans, \$3.50@64.50; grass Texans, \$3.15@5.50; calves, \$3.50@65.0; grass Texans, \$3.15@5.50; calves, \$3.50@65.0; fed westerns, \$3.75@5.00; fed Texans, \$3.15@65.00; fed Westerns, \$3.75@5.00; fed Texans, \$3.50@65.00; fed Westerns, \$3.75@5.00; fed Westerns, \$3.75@5. \$4.2504.70. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts. head; trade fairly active; steady prices lambs, \$5.0005.25; muttons, \$3.7594.25; stock-ers and feeders, \$3.2594.00; cuils, \$2.7593.25.

St. Louis Live Stock Market. St. Louis Live Stock Market.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—CATTLE—Receipts.
1,500 head, including 700 Texans; market 10c higher; native shipping and export steers.
14.5006.60, with extra Christmas heeves worth up to \$5.00; dressed beef and batcher steers. 14.1506.20; steers under 1,000 lbs.
15.0004.50; stockers and feeders. 12.3504.55; cows and heiters. \$2.0004.75; canners. \$1.250; 2.75; bulls. \$2.5503.50; Texas and Indian steers. \$3.3004.50; cows and helters. \$2.250 HOGS-Receipts, 7.300 head; market strong, active and 5@10c higher; pigs and

ights, \$1.75crt.so; packers, \$1.80cot.85; butch-SHEEP AND LAMBS-Receipts, 60 head; market steady but slow, native muttons, \$1500p4.25; lambs, \$4 top5.50; culls and bucks, \$2,500p4.00; stockers, \$1.755p2.85.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market. St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH Mo., Dec. 20.—(Special)—The Journal quotes:
CATTLE—Receipts, use head; market 10c higher; quality peor; unityes, \$1.26m.25;
Toxas and westerns, \$1.6m.25; cows and helices, \$2.0094.50; bulls and stags, \$2.009, 4.70; yearlings and caives, \$2.25m.30; stockers and feeders, \$2.0004.50; bulls and stags, \$2.009, 4.70; yearlings and caives, \$2.25m.30; stockers and feeders, \$2.0004.50; vonls, \$2.30m.30, HOSS—Receipts, 6.70; head; market steady.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100 head; market steady.

Stock in Sight.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—COTTON—The market advanced 125/23 points teday Inherent strength and builtsh influences were | 1800 | 1838 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 | 1835 |

9.25c: May, 9.2999.30c; June, 9.27g9.29c; July, 9.25a9.26c.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 29.—COTTON—Firm; sales, 5,920 bales; ordinary, 5.13-16c; good ordinary, 8.7-16c; low middling, 9.1-16c; middling, 9.7-16c; good middling, 9.11-16c; middling fair, 10c; receipts, 5,622 bales; stock, 372.009 bales.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—COTTON—1-16c higher; no sales; middling, 9.9-16c; receipts, 7,84 bales; shipments, 6,281 bales; stock, 70.—289 bales.

260 bales. GALVESTON, Dec. 20.—COTTON—Steady, GALVESTON, Dec. 20.—COTTON—Steady, 95%c.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—4 p. m.—COTTON—Spot, moderate business, steady: American middling fair, 5 13-151; good middling, 5 5, 3-20; good ordinary, 4 21-22d; low middling, 5 7-3-2; good ordinary, 4 21-32d; low middling, 5 7-3-3-2; good ordinary, 6 20-3-3, good ordinar

Prunes Sum for Improvements. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.-The river and harbor committee of the house, through a sub-committee which was at work last night, has cut down the amount carried by the bill (including continuing contracts) to about \$60,000,000.

Explosion Wrecks Houses. PITTSBURG. Dec. 20.-An explosion of natural gas at Beaver Falls, Pa., today wrecked a number of houses and seriously injured several persons. The explosion was caused by a leak in the main.

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