New York Money Market.

actual business in bankers bills at \$4.8% for demand and at \$4.8% for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.84 and \$4.8%; commercial bills, \$1.825,24.83%.
SILVER-Bar, 55%; Mexican dellars,

434c. BONDS-Government, irregular; state, in-

active; railread, steady.
The closing quotations on bonds are as

STERLING EXCHANGE-Weak,

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Receipts, Scanty Offerings, Weak Cables and Meager Cash Sales Are the Depressing Influences on the Board.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Trade in all grains was dull today and prices fluctuated narrowly. May wheat closed a shade lower, May corn to lower and May oats to lower. Provisions closed Registre, to 175c down.

Wheat ranged over to 175c with several ups and downs and though there was a slight early firmness, based on exceedingly small receipts and scanty offerings, the duliness made traders timorous. All hands seemed indisposed to trade and even the bears refused to press matters. Early cables were weak, but not as far depressed as had been expected. Cash business was small. The railroad tieups curtailed receipts, but reports had it that the cold weather was not hurting winter crops. The early small demand gave way to some small buying and the session, was bereft of any speculative interest. May opened a shade lower to a shade higher at 175c to 175c, touched 175c, sagged off to 175c, fluctuated of the contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 391 cars, making a total for the three points of til cars, against 733 hast week and 481 a year ago. Primary receipts were 617,000 bushels, compared with 13,000 bushels last year. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour equalled 740,000 bushels.

Corn had much the same experience as

mand gave way to some small buying and the session, was bereft of any speculative interest. May opened a shade lower to a shade higher at 79% to 139% to 109% to the 19% to 100% to to 1 83.5098.5219. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 5 cars; corn, 105 cars; oats, 80 cars; hogs, The leading futures ranged as follows:

May July	79% (12 %) 79% (12 %) 70% (12 %)	75% 79% 79%	794 621 794 621	75% 79% 79%	75% 973 75% 973 75% 973
•Corn— Dec. May July	64 66% 66%	64 67% 66%	63% 66% 66	63% 66% 66	63° 66°
Oats- Dec. May July	44% 923% 35%	44% 45 38%	44 44% 38%	3814 @%	44 ¹ 88 ²
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Jan. May	9 87% 9 85	9 871 <u>6</u> 9 871 <u>4</u>	9 6714 9 7214	9 6714	9 88 9 85
Jan. May	8 374	8 371/4 8 60	8 30 8 50	8 30 8 521/2	8 40 8 60
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Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, \$3.70@ 50: straights, \$3.70@3.90; clears, \$3.00@3.40; pring specials \$3.40; patents, \$3.50@3.80; spring specials, \$3.40; patents, \$2.50@3.80; straights, \$3.10@3.30. WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 73½c; No. 2 red, SOLGESC.
OATS—No. 2, 464,67464c; No. 2 white, 45%,6484c; No. 3 white, 486,484c.
RYE—No. 2, 644c.
BARLEY—Fair to choice maliting, 57661c.
SEEDS—No. 1 flax, \$1.52; No. 1 north-western, \$1.55; prime timothy, \$6.55; clover, contract grade, \$3.40.
PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., \$15.10 (315.20, Lard, per 190 lbs., \$5.70,29.75. Short ribs sides (loose), \$8.30,28.40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$7.374,67.50. Short clear sides (boxed), \$8.65,875.
WHISKY—Basis of high wines, \$1.32.
The following are the receipts and ship-

The following are the receipts and shipments of grain yesterday:
Articles. Receipts, Shipments

On the Produce exchange today the but-ter market was steady; creameries, 152 24c; dairies, 1820c. Cheese, firm, 9420104c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 28c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 12.878 bbls; exports, 12.356 bbls; market was overstocked and weak; winter patents, 53.564 60; winter straights, 53.4633.60; Minnesota patents, 53.8564.10; winter extras, 52.863.30; Minnesota bakers, 52.943.35; winter low grades, 52.963.70; Rys flour, steady; fair to good, 52.263.40; choice to fancy, 53.463.70.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 51.38; city, 51.36; Brandywine, 53.6533.75.

HYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 71450, f. o. b., afloat; state, 67668c, c. 1. f., New York, carlots.

17.50.
BUTTER—Receipts, 2,907 pkgs.; firm; state dafry, 15623c; creamery, 15625c; June creamery, 156214c; factory, 1246154c; CHEESE—Receipts, 4,004 pkgs.; firm; fancy large September, 106104c; fancy small September, 10461c; late made, best large, 94c; late made, best small, 106104c; EGGS—Receipts, 5,011 pkgs.; 4nsettled and higher; state and Pennsylvapia, 306 Sic; western at mark, 24629c; southern, at mark, 24629c.

Sic; western at mark, 24628c; southern, at mark, 24629c.

POULTRY-Live, steady; springers, 3c; turkeys, 2610c; fowls, 10c; dressed, firm; springers, 106104c; fowls, 34600c; turkeys, 106124c.

METALS—Another cut in copper prices was announced today by the principal concerns and the market was weak and unsettled all day. There was no business reported, as traders believe the reduction at the close was \$13 for Lake Superior, \$12.824c for electrolytic and \$12.50 for castings. The London market was also depressed again and made new low records. Thus spot was quoted at £42 10s. The London exchange closed at noon out of respect for its chairman, Mr. Kekewich, whose son committed suicide, but during

the morning trading was particularly active. Tin suffered another setback, both at home and abroad, owing to a lack of speculative support and under liquidation. The close at London found the market weak and £1 lower, spot being quoted at £198 los and futures at £105. Here the market was unsettled and weak, with spot quoted at £22.7952.95. Lead at London was reduced 28 6d to £10 5d, while the local market was featureless at \$4. Spelter remains inactive and nominally unchanged at New York and at London, closing at \$4.45 and £17, respectively. Iron was again quiet, but held steady. Pig iron warrants, \$10.59611.36; No. 1 northern foundry, \$16.596315.36; No. 1 southern foundry, \$16.596315.36; No. 1 southern foundry, \$16.596317.06. Glasgow warrants closed at 56s and Middlesborough closed at 438 6d.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS-Receipts, light; fresh stock, 21c. LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 54436c; old roosters, 334c; turkeys, 735c; ducks and geese, 54436c; spring chickens, per lb. geese, 54,436; spring chickens, per lb., 59615c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Turkeys, 11312c; ducks, 8385c; geese, 839c; spring chickens, 75-338c; hens. 73274c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 145c; choice dairy, in tubs, 15417c; separator, 23324c.

FROZEN FISH—Biack bass, 18c; white bass, 19c; bluefish, 12c; bullheads, 19c; bluefins, 7c; buffaloes, 7c; catfish, 12c; cod, 11c; crappies, 11c; halibut, 11c; herring, 7c; haddock, 19c; pike, 19c; red snapper, 19c; salmon, 14c; sunfish, 6c; trout, 9c; whitefish, 9c; pickerel, 6c; fresh mackerel, each, 20335c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 50c; Rutabagas, per 100 lbs., \$1.25.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., \$1.25.

LETTUCE—Head, per tbi., \$6.50; hothouse lettuce, per doz., 25c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 25c.

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SWEET POTATOES—Home grown, per lb., 25c; Kansas, per bbi., \$3.25.

CABHAGE—Holland seed, crated, 11/4c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, \$2.75.

ONIONS—Home grown, per lb., 2621/4c; Spanlsh, per crate, \$2; Michtgan reds, 3c per lb.

CELERY—California, 40@75c.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., \$2.15.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbi., \$4.00@4.50;

PRUITS.
APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbi. \$4.00@4.50;
Winesaps, \$5; Jonathan, \$5.50; Beiieflowers,
per box, \$1.55.
PEARS—Vikers, \$2.25; Lawrence, \$2.25@ 2.50. GRAPES-Malagas, per keg. \$5.50@6.50. CRANBERRIES-Per bbl., \$7.50@8.00; per crate, 2.75. ORANGES-Floridas, \$3.25@3.50; California navels, \$3.25@3.50; budded, \$2.75. LEMONS-Fancy, \$3.50@3.75; choice, \$3.90

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, \$2.26, 2.76.
FIGS—California, new cartons, \$1.00; imported, per lb., 12614c.
DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, per lb., DATES 5½c; Sairs, 5c. MISCELLANEOUS.

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NUTS—Now crop wainuts. No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 12c; hard shell, per lb., 11c; hard shell, per lb., 11c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; fiberts, per lb., 13c; dalmonds, soft shell, 17c; hard shell, 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, 10c; cocoanuts, per cwt., 35; chestnuts, 12c.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, \$3.50\(\pi_3.75\). CIDER—Nehswks, per bbl., \$3; New York, \$3.50.

HIDES—No. 1 greet, 6e, No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 8c; No. 2 salted, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 124 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c; dry hides, \$3.13c; sheep pelts, 25\(\pi_77c; horse hides, \$1.50\(\pi_77c; horse hides

St. Louis Grain and Provisions. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 82½c; track, 84@ 5c; December, 82c; May, 82½c; No. 2 hard,

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Weak; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 82½c; track, 84½ | \$5c; December, 82c; May, 82½c; No. 2 hard, 1763783½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 66%c; track, 66698½c; December, 96%c; May, 65½6686%c

July, 68½c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 47%c; track, 49¼g49%c; December, 47%c; May, 46%c; No. 2 white, 51½c.

RYE—Dull at 65c.

FLOUR—Dull, easy; red winter patents, 3,7563.90; extra fancy and straight, \$3.560; SEED—Timothy, nominal, \$6.0036.50.

CORNMEAL—Steady at \$3.25.

BRAN—Steady; sacked, east track, \$1.1039, 1.25.

HAY-Better; timothy, \$13.00@15.50; prairie,

HAT-Better; timothy, \$13.00215.50; prairie, \$13.50.

WHISKY-\$1.32.

IRON COTTON TIES-95c.

BAGGING-5%265c.

HEMP TWINE-9c.

PROVISIONS-Pork, lower; jobbing, \$15.85.

Lard, lower, \$5.52½. Dry sait meats (boxed), steady; extra shorts and clear ribs, \$5.00; clear sides, \$8.76. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts and clear ribs, \$9.37½; clear sides, \$9.62½.

METALS — Lead, unsettled; \$3.95 best price. Spelter, dull at \$4.15@4.17½.

POULTRY-Steady; chickens, 5c; springs, 6c; turkeys, 6½@7½c; ducks, 6@7c; geese, 4@5c.

KANSAS CITY, 'Dec. 19.—WHEAT—May, 77@774c; cash, No. 2 hard, 744@754c; No. 3, 74c; No. 2 red, 87c; No. 3, 854@984c; No. 3, 74c; No. 2 red, 87c; No. 3, 854@984c; January, 68c; May, 684c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 68@684c; No. 2 white, 46@984c; No. 3, 674@68c. OATS—No. 2 white, 474@48c. RYE—No. 2, 86c. HAY—Choice timothy, \$13.50; choice prairie, \$13.75@74.60.

BUTTER—Creamery, 18@22c; dairy, fancy, 18c.

Sc. EGGS-Firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock quoted on 'change at 24c doz. loss off, cases returned; country held, lic.
RECEIPTS—Wheat, 27,200 bu.; corn, 14,400 bu.; cats, 7,000 bu.
SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 10,400 bu.; corn, 75,400 bu.; cats, 18,000 bu.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—EGGS—Firm, good demand; fresh nearby, western and southwestern, for southern, for BUTTER—Firm, half higher; fancy western creamery, 25126726; fancy nearby prints, for CHIESE—Firm; New York full creams, fancy small, the; New York full creams, fatr to choice, 96710% c.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran. MINNEAPOLIS Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Cash. 74%c; May. 75146755c; July. 7514c. On track; No. 1 hard, 77%c; No. 1 northern, 74%c; No. 2 northern, 75%6744c; second FLOUR—First patents, \$3.5564.05; second

patents, \$2.80@2.90; first clears, \$2.90@3.00 econd clears, \$2.60. BRAN-Lower; in bulk, \$19.00019.50. Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Mar-tet steady; No. 1 northern, 761-2676; No. 2 orthern, 764-2676; May, 79-36. RYE—Steady; No. 1, 84c. BARLEY—Pirm; No. 2, 63c; sample, 509 CORN-May, 66%c.

Toledo Grain and Seed. TOLEDO, Dec. 19.—WHEAT—Dull; cash, c; December, 88c; May, 85%c. CORN—Dull; December, 87%c; May, 67%c; July, 67-3c. OATS—December, 46c; May, 46-3c. CLOVERSEED—Cash, 48-57-3; March, 55-56.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 19.—WHEAT-Cash, No. 1 hard, 765e; No. 2 northern, 71c; No. 1 and December, 735e; May, 765e. CORN-645e. OATS-433e.

MOVEMENTS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Causes Erratic Fluctuation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Amalgamated Copper almost broke Stock exchange records for the erratic character of its fluctuations today. So great was the uncertainty over the action to be taken by the directors on the dividend and the consequent effect on the general market that dealings in other stocks than Amalgamated Copper were practically suspended. The stock broke several times during the morning, going during the morning to 53%, which wiped out the sudden gain at the close yesterday. From that point it began an irregular recovery, with frequent haits and reactions. A story got affoat that the full 1/2 per cent dividend was to be declared, to be paid in scrip for such proportion as was represented by the dividends of subsidiary companies which have been tied up by injunction. The outstanding short interest became frightened at this rumor and bought to cover. The stock struck 89% before the directors had assembled at the dividend meeting. It was only a few minutes after the hour of assembling when the price slumped to 64½, under a torrent of effers. The rebound was to 67½ and the stock then tended to equilibrium and closed with a net loss of 5%. The action on the dividend had not been amounced when the market closed. The further cut in price of raw copper 'was not unexpected and there are predictions that the level has not yet been reached to attract large buying orders. The amouncement of the cut did not interrupt the upward course of Amalgamated Copper, which was then in progress. The undertone of the general market was firm, but there were sharp declines in several leading stocks when the cut in copper was announced and also when Amalgamated Copper commenced its wild movement in the last half hour. Very few stocks attained a movement of as much as a point in either direction from last night's close. The tone of the coalers was good and there was some talk of a coraing advance in the Causes Erratte Fluctuation.

dull.

Railroad bonds were dull and steady.

Total sales, par value, were \$2,145,000. United States 3s, coupon, and the 5s, coupon, advanced ½ and the old 4s, coupon, declined 36 on the last call.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange: Atchison 77% So. Pacific do pfd 99% So. Railway Baltimore & O. 101% do pfd. do pfd. Canadian Pacific 113% Tol. St. L. & W. Canada So. 85% do pfd. Union Pacific Chicago & A. 34% do pfd. Chicago & A....

Chicago & A. 34% do pfd.
do pfd. 77% Wabash
Chi. Ind. & L. 47% do pfd.
do pfd. 74% W & L. E.
Chicago & E. III.134% do 2d pfd.
Chicago & W. 24
do 1st pfd. 87
do 2d pfd. 47% Adams Ex.
Chicago & N. W 200
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C. C. C. & St. L. 97% Amer. Car & F.
Colorado So. 13%
do 1st pfd. 57
do 2d pfd. 26
Del. & Hudson. 173
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Del. L. & W. 245%
Denver & R. G. 43
do pfd. 93% Brooklyn R. T.
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27015 Inter. Power
26 Laclede Gas
128 Na. Biscuit
10519 National Lead
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16015 do pfd
2414 No. American
14 Pacific Coast
196 Pacific Mail
10274 People's Gas
25 Pressed S. Car
36 do pfd
37 do pfd Manhattan I.

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do pfd.
N. J. Central
Norfelk & W.
do pfd.
Ontario & W.
Pennsylvania
Reading

> I. 58 do pfd F 554 U. S. Rubber d 80 do pfd d 73 U. S. Steel thw 255 do pfd 584 Western Union 1615 Amer Locomo 187 do pfd do pfd..

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Call loans, 465 per cent; time loans, 41/265 per cent. Official closing:

82½ Amalgamated 80 Baltic 56½ Bingham 77% Cal. & Hecla 29% Centennial 258 Copper Range 190 Dom. Coal 197 Pranklin 211 Isle Royale 144 Mohawk do pfd.
Boston & Alb'y.
Boston & Me.
Boston Elev.
N Y. N H & H.
Fitchburg pfd.
Union Pacific Mex. Central Amer Sugar Amer T. & T. Dom. I. & S. Gen. Electric Mass. Elec. pfd. N. E. G. & C. United Fruit U. S. Steel do pfd. Westingh. Com. Adventure Santa Fe Cop. Tamarack 5 Trimountain 5 Trinity 91 United States 91 Utah 41% Utah 911 Victoria Winona Wolver 1714 Wolverine

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA Dec. 19.—Bank clearings for today, \$1.165.633.85; for corresponding day last year, \$991.377.79; increase, \$174.256.06. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Clearings, \$17.347.256; balances, \$1.961.770; money 5 per cent. CINCINNATI. Dec. 19.—Clearings. \$3,965.—SI 269; money at 44,265 per cent; New York exchange, par and 10c premium. CHICAGO. Dec. 19.—Clearings. \$24,985,267; balances. \$1,989,783; posted exchange. \$4,849; 4,874, New York exchange. 20c premium. BOSTON. Dec. 19.—Clearings. \$22,773,326; balances. \$1,340,492.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—Clearings. \$8,271,719;

balances, \$815,805; money, 407514 per cent; New York exchange, par. BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Clearings, \$3,596,-503; balances, \$419,834; money, 6 per cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.-MONEY-On call, firm, at \$1-26 per cent; closing, bid and asked, 566 per cent; prime mercantile pa-Hands Slewly at Lower Frices.

HOGS SLOW AND GENERALLY TEN LOWER

Not Many Fat Sheep and Lambs Offered and About Steady Prices Paid in Spite of Unfavorable Reports from Other Points.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg 1083 L. & N. unl. 4s . 1023 do coupon 1024 Mex. Central 4s . 83

do coupon 1125 do gen. 3458. 119 do 58, reg. 1078, do coupon 108 NJ. C. gen. 58 1224, do coupon 108 NJ. C. gen. 58 1224, do 36. 37 do add. 48. 94 do 38. 37 do add. 48. 94 do 38. 37 do add. 48. 94 do 38. 37 do 60 do 48. 1024 do 39. 38. 48. 49. 48. 1024 do 39. 38. 109 do 38. 38. 109 do 60 do 48. 104 do 28. 38. 109 do 18 inc. 56 do 28. 39. 854 do 60 do 6 LONDON, Dec. 19.-4 p. m.-Closing: Consols, money., 90% Norfolk & W

14% So. Pacific

55% Union Pacific

41 do pfd

73% U.S. Steel

58 do pfd

142 Wabash

1681% do pfd

25% Spanish 48

51% Rand Mines

171 DeBeers Ilinois Central M. K. & T.... do pfd.... N. Y. Central BAR SILVER-Firm at 25%d per cunce. MONEY-3½(33% per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 3½ per cent. linois Central New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The following are the closing prices on mining stocks:

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balances, \$172,166,-176; gold, \$115,689,170.

LIVERPOOL. Dec. 19.—COTTON—Spot, fair demand; prices unchanged to 1-32d lower; American middling, 4 19-32d. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 8½c; middling gulf, 8½c; sales, 1,527 bales. Futures closed quiet and steady. December, 8.07c; January, 8.08c; February, 8.12c; March, 8.16c; April, 8.17c; May, 8.19c; June, 8.18c; July, 8.17c; August, 8.04c; September, 7.75c. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 350 bales; middling, 8c; receipts, 3.679 bales; shipments, 4.450 bales; stock, 51.971 bales.

GALVESTON, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Holl-

GALVESTON, Dec. 19.-COTTON-Holl-GALVESTON, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Holl-day; no market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—COTTON—Steady; sales, 6,300 bales; ordinary, 6 9-16c; good ordinary, 71-16c; low middling, 75c; middling, 8c; good middling, 8k;c; middling fair, 8 11-16c; receipts, 12,270 bales; stock, 305,686 bales. Futures, steady; December, 7,9878c; January, 7,98c; February, 7,9878c; March, 8,0378,04c; April, 8,0578,07c; May, 8,6778,08c; June, 8,6778,09c; July, 8,0678,10c.

Coffee Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—COFFEE—Spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 6%c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 7%dilc. Futures opened steady in tone, with prices 5@19 points lower, under public and room long selling, prompted by adverse cables and heavy Brazilian receipts. Following the call there was a slight rally on European, Wall street and new buying, but this lasted only a short time, when the market again became heavy, under liberal offerings, and continued so to the close, which was steady at a net decline of 5%19 points. Business was light again. Total sales for the day aggregated only 22.00 bags, and included December at 6.5%6.60c; May, 6.55c; June, 7.19c; July, 7.15c; September, 7.30%7.35c; October, 7.49c.

Sugar Market. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—SUGAR—Market steady; open kettle, 29-16/35c; open kettle centrifugal, 3½c; centrifugal granulated, 3½c; white, 3½c; yellow, 37-16/36¾c; seconds, 26/3½c. Molasses, steady; open kettle, 20/331c; centrifugal, 7/221c. Syrup, kettle 29431c; centrifugal, 7421c. Syrup, steady 22432c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 9-32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 33₄c; molasses sugar, 3 13-32c. Re-fined, unsettled.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—BEET SUGAR—De-cember, 7s.

Evaporated and Dried Fruits. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—EVAPORATED APPLES—Out of town orders were received this morning in a liberal way, particularly for choice and fancy grades, and these held quite steady. Other grades were quiet and unchanged. State, common to good, 6384c; prime, 9394c; choice, 9436 CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Market inactive. Prunes, 34,67c. Apricots, Royal, 16314c; Moor Park, 94,613. Peaches, peeled, 12319c; unpeeled, 73104c.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Dec. 18.—OIL—Credit balances, \$1.19; certificates, no bid; shipments, 98.892 bbls.; average, 29.636 bbls.; runs, 89.495 bbls.; average, 73.400 bbls.; TOLEDO, Dec. 19.—OIL—North Lima, 85c; South Lima and Indiana, 80c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—OIL—Cottonseed, easy; prime yellow, 29.4234c. Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady. Turpentine, steadler, \$18.16.33c.

Dry Goods Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—DRY GOODS— Only a quiet general market has been re-ported today in cotton goods of any de-scription, but the tone continues firm throughout. Ducks are advancing and sheetings and drills are firm. Print cloths are firmly held. Prints and ginghams also firm. Knit goods quiet, but steady. Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—WOOL—Unchanged; medium grades, 13@17½c; light fine, 12½@ 15c; heavy fine, 10@12c; tub washed, 14@ 25c.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on file Thursday, December 19: Warranty Deeds.

Quit Claim Deeds.

Eliza With ow to Rose Vickery, n40 feet of s180 feet lot 12, Barker's Al-lotment Deeds. Sheriff to Omaha Realty company, lots 1, 2 and 2, Van Camp & E. s subdiv. Same to same, lot 15, block 2, Armstrong's list add.
Same to F. E. Horbach, part taxlot
36 in 15-15-13.
Same to Union Stock Yards company,
lot 6, block 4, Boyd & S.'s add......

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Cattle Receipts Liberal-Offerings Cuanged

C. M. & St. P. Ry
O. & St. L. Ry
Missouri Pacific Ry
Union Pacific system
C. & N. W. Ry
F. E. & M. V. R. R.
C. St. P. M. & O. Ry
H. & M. R. Ry
C. B. & Q. Ry
K. C. & St. J.
C. R. I. & P. east
C. R. I. & P. west
Illinois Central Total receipts149 156

The di-position of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle Hogs. Armour & Co. Cudahy Pack, Co., K. C., R. Becker & Degan

 R. Becker & Degan
 58

 Vansant & Co
 445

 Lobman & Co
 6

 W. I. Stephen
 92

 Livingstone & Schaller
 42

 L. F. Husz
 143

 H. L. Dennis & Co
 8

 B. F. Hobbick
 54

 Wolf & M
 391

 Other buyer:
 235

86.35. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 15,000 head; market steady; good to choice wethers, \$2.75\(\text{eq.}\)4.50; fair to choice mixed, \$2.75\(\text{eq.}\)3.40; western sheep, \$3.00\(\text{eq.}\)4.25; native lambs, \$2.50\(\text{eq.}\)5.50; western lambs, \$4.2\(\text{eq.}\)5.50; consistent lambs, \$4.2\(\text{eq.}\)6.00 Official yesterday; Receipts—Cattle, 21.120 head; hogs, 46.01 head; sheep, 25.844 head, Shipments—Cattle, 3.033 head; hogs, 3.127 head; sheep, 625 head.

so very much lower than yesterday, but medium kinds and canners were slow sale and unevenly lower. In a good many in-stances sellers found it a difficult propo-sition to dispose of what they had at any

price.

The market on bulls, veal calves and stags was also slow and weak, particularly on the less desirable grades.

There was a better demand for desirable grades of stockers and feeders than usual and prices were fully steady. A big string of Colorado cattle sold as high as \$4.10, which was considered a good, steady price. Common cattle, however, were neglected and in most cases sold a little lower than yesterday. Representative sales: St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,160 head, including 2,900 head Texans; market steady for beef cattle, others slow and quiet; native shipping and export steers, \$5,0006.35, with choice to fancy grades worth, \$6,0007.75; dressed beef and butchers' steers, \$4,3506.25; steers under 1,000 hts. \$2,3505.00; stockers and feeders, \$2,4004.25; cows and helfers, \$2,0004.75; canners, \$1,5002.85; bulls, \$2,3504.25; Texas and indian steers, \$4,4005.25, feet, grassers, \$3,0004.35; cows and helfers, \$2,4004.35.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,200 head; market 100 life lower; plas and lights, \$6,0006.15; packers, \$6,0006.25; butchers, \$6,2006.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,600 head; market loc lower; native muttons, \$3,4002.90; lambs, \$4,2505.70; culls and bucks, \$2,5002.75. esterday. Representative sales: BEEF STEERS. AV. Pr. No. Av. 796 3 40 6 1006 1173 3 50 17 1148 1510 3 75 30 1225 1075 3 75 17 1330 1510 4 90 7 1320 1510 4 90 20 1310 1546 4 25 35 1417 17970 4 40 15 1462 1300 4 50 STEERS AND HEIFERS. 973 4 60 9 1027 .1027 4 75

HEIFERS .1450 4 95

for pigs, which sold at about steady price with yesterday. Representative sales: FOREIGN SALES DROP OFF Sh. Pr. Av.

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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Lower-Hogs Lower-Sheep

Stendy.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH. Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,900 head; steady; natives, \$5.500 6.00; cows and helfers, \$1.2505.25; veals, \$2.50 95.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.0004.15.

HOGS—Receipts, 11,600 head; 100015c lower; light and light mixed, \$5.956.45; medium and heavy, \$6.2596.66; pigs, \$5.0004.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 990 head;

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at the five principal markets for December 19:

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Reduced Dividend Declared By Amalgamated Copper Company.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Amalgamated Copper claimed and held interest over all the 18th in the street today and went through a rapid series of wild fluctuations. After the erratic market had closed the directors of Amalgamated met and voted a dividend of 1 per cent and issued a statement piacing the blame for the decline upon the shrinkage in foreign consumption. In this contraction it was stated that Amalgamated was forced to bear the largest loss in the effort to maintain prices. The statement placed the falling off in exports at 86.60 tons and said that during the last month the United Metals Selling company had sold over 180.000,000 pounds for future deflivery.

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Large blocks of the stock were unloaded as soon as business began on the Stock exchange and about a half an hour after the opening the gain of 3 points made yesterday was wiped out. Transactions then became very moderate. Efforts of shorts to cover, assisted by what appeared to be adroit manipulation, ran it up to 66½ or a parity with yesterdays close. The stock backed and filled over a range of a point until well into the afternoon.

Trading became excited in the last half-hour of business and blocks of from 1,000 to 3,000 shares changed hands frequently on a rapid rise to 52½. An equally rapid reaction followed to 64½, changes of a point being made between sales, but the buying soon overcame the declining tendency and the prices bounded up again to 67½. There was another slump just before the close and the sale was at 65%. The general movement of the stock throughout the day was of an exceptional character and its dominance of the trading was represented in transactions of 222,800 out of a total for all stocks of 476,000 shares.

Directorate Holds Meeting.

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The meeting of the directors at which the reduced dividend was declared, and the statement in behalf of the company made public, commenced as the market was closing and was attended by William Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers, James Stillman, Anson R. Flower and William G. Rockefeller. No announcement was made for an hour and when a clerk appeared at the office door with an armful of typewritten statements he was instantly the center of a sensational rush. Half of the statements were torn as the clerk attempted to distribute them in the crowd of messengers, financial bureau men and reporters.

Announcement was made that the dividend was 1 per cent, compared with 15 declared in September. The statement given out was as follows: The conditions prevailing in the copper trade up to the commencement of the present year were very satisfactory and so far as this country is concerned are still so, every copper wire, brass and electrical manufacturing concern being run to its full capacity. A large proportion, however, of the copper produced in this country has to find a market abroad. The unsatisfactory trade conditions which have existed during the present, year in Europe, together with the fact that the supplies of copper to Europe from sources outside this country have increased, have jointly caused a falling off in exports of about 65,000 tons. This decrease has in some degree been compensated for by increased domestic consumption. CHICAGO, Dec. 19—CATTLE—Receipts, 13,000 head, including 200 Texans; siow and steady, mostly 10c lower; good to prime, 36,2597,45; poor to medium, \$3,7595,90; stockers and feeders, \$2,0004,45; cas, \$1,0004,65; heiters, \$1,5005,25; canners, \$1,0007,00; buils, \$1,7504,65; caives, \$2,5005,75; Texas fed steers, \$4,3005,25.

HOGS—Receipts, 42,000 head; estimated tomorrow, 34,000; left over, 14,000; opened steady to 10c lower, closed 15020c lower; mixed and butchers, \$5,8006,50; good to choice heavy, \$6,2506,70; rough heavy, \$5,5006,50; light, \$5,0005,90; bulk of sales, \$5,7506,55; light, \$5,0005,90; bulk of sales, \$5,7506,55; SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 15,000

Maintain a Firm Price.

By adopting the policy of maintaining a firm price, a large proportion of the loss arising from the decrease of exports has been borne by the companies whose shares are owned wholly or in part by the Amalgamated Copper company. This policy has in the past been the best for these companies, as the portion of the copper which has been sold has realized a larger profit than would have been realized if all the copper which had been produced had been sold at a much lower price. It has likewise presented fluctuations in price which would tend to demoralize the business of manufacturers consuming copper. KANSAS CITY. Dec. 19.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,500 natives, 700 Texans and 200 calves; market steady to 10c lower; choice export and drossed beef steers, 15,6000.55 fair to good, 34.7500.50; stockers and feeders, 25.750 and the companies of the copper which has been soil as realized a larger profit than would have been realized fail the copper which has been soil at a much lower price. It has likewise presented that the copper which has been soil at a much lower price. It has likewise presented fluctuations in price which has been soil at a much lower price. It has likewise presented fluctuations in price which has been soil at a much lower price. It has likewise presented fluctuations in price which heavy. 16c lower; light and pigs 10720c lower; top, 36.675; bulks of sales, 37.050.50; mative cows, 32.5004.25; lowestern lambs, 34.7505.25; western lambs

Use Modern Machinery.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,220 head; market 16% 15c lower; pigs and lights, \$6,0006.15; packers, \$6,0006.25; butchers, \$6,2506.65.
SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,600 head; market 10c lower; native muttons, \$2,5002.75.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—BEEVES—Receipts, 400 head, mainly consigned direct; no sales reported.

CALVES—Receipts, 582 head; firm; veals sold at \$4,0008.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 12,917 head; sheep, \$1,500 keep, \$2,500 keep, steady; poor to prime sheep, \$2,500 keep, \$2,500 keep, \$2,500 keep, \$1,500 keep, \$2,500 keep head; sheep, steady; lambs not as strong as yesterday; poor to prime sheep, \$2.506 3.75; culls, \$1.75; common to choice lambs, \$4.7567.55; one bunch, \$5.80; culls, \$3.5064.00, HOGS-Receipts, 5,174 head; very few on sale; steady.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 18.—The Atlantic Rubber Shoe company, capital \$10,000,000, was incorporated here today. The com-pany is authorized to manufacture and prepare for market rubber and all its bi-

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