## NDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

day Demand Very Heavy and High-Prices Goods in Best Request.

THER ADVANCE IN PRICE OF SUGAR Weather Greatly Improved

vement of Winter Goods and Merchants' Stocks Going to Pieces at a Rapid Rate.

son then ever before, but that they will sell a better class of goods than usual ing the holidays. Merchants say that ple seem to have plenty of money and they are willing to spend it, and as a lit are buying high-priced goods in berence to the cheap trash which was ght so freely a few years ago. Taking rything into consideration the general ison is that this is the most satisfactory day season that has been experienced in by years.

diday season that has been experienced in any years.
House trade with jobbers was naturally ather quiet last week, owing to the fact last merchants were too busy to come to market, but orders, both direct and through ravelers, were of liberal proportions. So hat jobbers, as well as retaliers, are well lessed with the present condition of trade. Future business for spring is also very trailfying, as traveling salesmen have looked more orders up to date than during the same period of any previous year.

Prices on most classes of goods have ductanted very little during the week under review. Groceries have moved up and suctinted very little during the week under review. Groceries have moved up and flown to some extent, but aside from that line of goods prices have held good and firm, with few quotable changes. Collections have been fairly satisfactory. Collections have been fairly satisfactory. It is a superior thristmas, owing to the rapidity with which merchants are now reducing their stocks. Jobbers anticipate very little trouble in making their collections and practically no losses at all.

## Sugar Advanced Ten Cents.

One of the most important changes in

One of the most important changes in groceries last week was the advance in sugar, amounting to 10 cents per hundred. This advance effected all lines and the market may be quoted strong at the advance. Owing to the colder weather the consumption of beans has considerably increased, and as anticipated prices firmed up, with prospects favorable for their going still higher in the near future.

There is nothing particularly new to report in the way of canned goods except that trade is rather quiet in anticipation of stock-taking the first of the year. It is claimed that very little corn is new in first hands, while a considerable block is controlled by speculators. The situation is so strong, however, that there is no prospect of lower prices, and many are of the opinion that every case will be wanted before the season is over with at even higher prices than those now ruling. The market on tomatoes is also rather quiet, with prices the same as they were a week ago.

Dried fruits have held just about steady, with little demand except for the fancy lines, and even those are pretty well cleaned up.

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eaned up. The rice market is quoted good and strong The rice market is quoted good and strong at the recent advance and while ordinarily at this senson of the year there is very little doing the market on the higher grades is quite active. It is now claimed by those who ought to know that the early estimates of the crop were hearly 50 per cent higher than the amount of stock that will actually be available for demestic consumption.

sumption.

The fish market is still in a very strong position and jobbers predict higher prices for the future. They say that as soon as the demand for Lent sets in prices will undoubtedly be much higher than at the pres-So far as the volume of business is con-

So far as the volume of business is con-cerned local houses say that they are en-tirely satisfied and in fact have sold much more stock than usual at this time of the year. The demand last week was naturally of a holiday character, with imported fruits, nuts. candles and that class of goods selling to the best advantage. Cotton Goods Up Five Per Cent.

Dry goods merchants enjoyed a very nice trade last week, owing partly to the holi-day demand and also to the cold weather. Traveling salesmen for local jobbers say they never saw trade in the country better

on record and that is especially true of trees.

The poultry market was in good shape most of the week. Chickens and turkeys held steady, as the demand was fully equal to the sipply, but the receipts of duck and geese were very heavy and the market weak. The general opinion is that turkeys will sell fully as high for Curistmas trade as they did at Thanksgiving time.

The butter market was very firm all the week, with the demand unusually large. Eggs also held firm.

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selling through commission houses. New York reports 15 loads for export. Estimites for Monday, 20 cars.

CORN—Has felt freer offerings from the

Bullish Foreign News Hardens Wheat, Which Closes About Steady.

mates for Monday, 26 cars, CORN.—Has felt freer offerings from the weet lower cash market and weak December price. The December sold off like and the deferred futures a fraction. Receipts were 28 cars, with 6 coutract. Estimates for Monday, 300 cars. Clearances were 23.—200 bushels. New York experts were 6 loads. The lowa crop report is builted, only 67 per cent sound corn of a total of 286,000,000 bushels, but the Illinois report was bearied, 220,000,000, or the largest on record, and quality 21. Stocks here will increase about 500,000 bushels. There was some support for the December by the Et. Louis crowd. Primary receipts were 506,000 bushels, against 557,000 last year.

OATS—There has been the same sort of selling of oats as of corn by the receiving element. There has been an increase in country offerings and cash market was weak. Local receipts were 166 cars, with 15 contract; estimates for Monday, 189 cars. Iowa crop report makes its oat crop 22,000,000 bushels, against 116,000,000 last year and 135,000,000 bushels, ngainst 116,000,000 last year and 135,000,000 bushels. New York reports 50,000 bushels its taken for export. Local cash sales were 75,000 bushels. There was some indications of selling by the leading long interest. PROVISIONS—Market onesded strang on Ballish Foreign New Trace fraction. Recently for Monday, 580 cars. Clearances were 255500 numbers. New York experts were controlled to the state of the state o gesse [Griic.

BUTTEER—Packing stock, 163164c; choice dairy in tubs, McTric; separator, 280726c.

FRESH CAUGHT FISH—Trout, 5c; herring, 6c; plekerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch 6c; buffalo, dressed 7c; sunfish, 3c; bluefins, 3c; whitefish, 10c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters boiled, per 1b., 30c; lobsters, green, per 1b., 28c; builheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

per lb. 30c; lobsters, green, per lb. 25c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; hallbut, 11c.

CORN\_New 40c.

OATS-33c.

RYE\_No. 2. 45c.

BRAN\_Per ton. 215.00.

HAY\_Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Declare's association: Choice No. 1 upiand 45.56, No. 1 medium. 37.99; No. 1 coarse, 37.99. Rye straw, 46.90. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand, fair; receipts light.

OYSTERS\_Standards, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 25c; new York counts, per can, 42c; bulk, extra selects, per gal, \$1.75; bulk, extra selects, per gal, \$1.75; bulk, extra selects, per gal, \$1.75; bulk, extra selects, per gal, \$1.80.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

TREES-4 to 5 feet, per dozen, \$1.75; 7 to 5 feet, \$2.50; \$5 to 7 Outs were inclined toward a lower plane.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
*Wheat Dec. May July	75 @14 774694 744694	7516 7716 7416	75 77% 74%	754 77404 74404	75% 77% 74%
*Corn— Dec. Jan. May	57% 48% 44%@%	58% 49 44%	65% 47% 43%	5614 4814 4314 (97)	57% 48% 44%
*Oats- tDec. May Pork-	81% 23½	311/4 231/2	31% 33%	31%@% 33%	813 839
Jan. May Lard-	16 70 15 521/4	15 75 15 62%	16 60 15 50	16 69 15 531/4	16 574 15 524
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bagas per lb., ic.

BEETS-Per basket, 60c.

CUCUMBERS-Hethouse per doz., \$1.50.

PARSNIPS-Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS-Per bu., 40c.

GREEN ONIONS-Southern, per doz. \*No. 2. †New.
Cash quotations were as follows:
FLOUR-Market quiet, steady; winter patents, \$3.4063.50; straights, \$3.1063.30; spring patents, \$3.4063.70; straights, \$2.5063.50; bakers, \$2.2562.75.
WHEAT-No. 2. \$59710g, 754676c; No. 3 spring, \$9673c; No. 2 red, 756754c.
CORN-No. 2. \$54c; No. 2 yellow, \$64c.
OATS-No. 2. \$314c; No. 3 white, \$22635c.
RYE-No. 2. 494c.
BARLEY-Good feeding, \$9640c; fair to choice malting, \$5656c. RADISHES-Southern, per doz. bunches, WAX BEANS-Per bu. box, 15; string CABBAGE-Misc. Holland seed, per lb.,

selling in the best springers.

Der good merchante enjoyed a very size which is a selling and the selling and

MISTLETOE BRANCHES—Per lb., 30c.
EVERGREEN WREATHING—In coils of
20 yards, per coil, 30c; five-coil lots, 35c.
WREATHS—Magnolia and galax wreaths,
per dozen, 11.5092.00; evergreen wreaths, per
dozen, 11.5092.00; holly wreaths, per dozen,
\$1.5092.00.

VEGETABLES. NEW CELLERY-Kaiamazoo, per dot. Ec; Utah, per doz. 45c; California, per doz., for stalks weighing from 1 to 1½ lbs., each,

POTATOES-New, per bu. 50c. SWEET POTATOES-Kansus, per bbl., TURNIPS-Per bu., 30c; Canada ruta-

METALS-Lead, steady at \$4.00. Speiter, dult at \$4.00.
POULTRY-Turkeys, higher; chickens, 8c; springs, 8g84c; turkeys, 134gH4c; ducks, 12c; ge; so. 10c.
RUTTER - Steady; creamery, 23g36c; dairy, 184gH2c.
EGGS-Steady at 22c, loss off.
Receipts, Shipments, Flour, bbis. 6.000 11,000
Wheat, bu. 61.000 22,000
Corn, bu. 71.000, 80.000
Oats, bu. 20.000 15.000

with a downward tendency to prices, which are, however, at the moment unchanged. NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

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St. L. S. W. New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec 13 .- MONEY-On call, arrangements; six months, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Nominal, with actual business ir bankers bills at 44.87 for demand and at 44.833964.8335 for sixty days; posted rates, 44.845 and 44.85; commercial bills, 44.82464.8346.

SILVER—Bar, 48c; Mexican dollars, 374c.
BONDS—Railroad, irregular; government, steady; refunding 2, registered, 1074; coupon, 1084; 3s, registered and coupon, 1074; hew 4s, registered and coupon, 1354; old 4s, new 4s, registered and coupon, 1354; old 4s.

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today opened quiet. Canadian Pacifics were animated on New York advices. Later the tone of the market was more favorable in consequence of the rise in the price of iron and encouraging reports from Upper

Weekly Bank Statement.

NEW TORK, Dec 11.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week ending today shows: Loans, \$819,371,300; decrease, \$2,003,500. Deposits, \$872,731,300; decrease, \$6,001,400. Circulation, \$45,500,700; increase, \$600,800. Specie, \$198,859,300; decrease, \$600,800. Specie, \$198,859,300; decrease, \$6,001,800. Reserve required. \$218,432,800; decrease, \$1,501,850. Surpling, \$6,008,900; decrease, \$1,501,850. Extinited States deposits, \$18,428,075; decrease, \$1,002,255.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Dec. 12.—Bank clearings for the week as compared with corresponding week last year: 

PHILADELPHIA Dec 11.—Clearings, \$30,828,779; balances, \$2,357,516; clearings for the week, \$108,008,500; balances, \$13,004,943. Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.-COTTON-Futures the day were 7,000 bales, of which 250 were for speculation and export and included 6,300 American; receipts, 29,000 bales, all C. American Futures quiet; American middling, g. o. c. December, 4,484; December, and January, 4,466; January and February, 8,4594,466; February and March, 4,4594,466; March and April, 4,4564,46d; April and May, 4,466; May and June, 4,4694,47d; June and July, 4,4564,47d; July and August, 4,4664,47d. Bt. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—COTTON—Steady, middling, 8,3-16c; no sales; receipts, 3,129 bales; shipments, 3,179 bales; stock, 26,536 bales.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.—WHEAT—Spot: Firm: No. 2 red western winter, 5s 11d; No. 1 California, 6c 74d. Futures: Steady; December, 6c 14d; March, 6c 14d; May, 6s 1%d.

CORN—Spot: American mixed, new, steady, 5s 2d; American mixed, old, quiet, fas 4d. Futures: Inactive: January, 4s 7d; March, 4s 3%d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India pessa 18s Pork firm; prime mess west.

Evaperated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—EVAPORATED APPLES—The market continues firm, being influenced by a fairly active demand. Common are quoted at 4654c; prime, 546 54c; choice, 6654c; fancy, 7674c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Spot prumes are firm, with the larger sizes being in comparatively better demand and particularly strong. Quotations range from 54c to 74c. Apricots are in moderate jobbing demand and rule steady at 74,421c for boxes and 74,610c for bags. Peaches are quiet, but steadily held, at 12,615c for peeled and 64,610c for unpeeled.

All Kinds of Cattle Considerably Lower Than a Week Ago.

HOGS AT LOWEST POINT SINCE MARCH

Active Demand for Fat Sheep and Lambs and Desirable Grades Advance Just About a Quarter-Feeders Stendy for Week.

Receipts were: Cattle Home Sheep.
Official Monday 7,150 1,770 11,383
Official Tuesday 8,229 8,761 11,883 6,362 5,114 3,169 360 18,528 8,178 16,890 7,200 Total this week. 27.208 16.218
Same days last week. 21.720 54.486
Same week before. 15.929 36.430
Same three weeks ago 25.130 42.008
Same four weeks ago 34.423 34.206
Same days last year 17.133 67.286 RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE

Wabash
Missouri Pacific Ry
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F. E. & M. V. R. 8
C. St. P. M. & O. 6
B. & M. Ry
15
C. B. & Q. Ry
C. R. I. & P. east 1
C. R. I. & P. west 8
Illinois Central 1

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 115s. Pork, firm; prime mess western, 22s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 15 ths., quiet, 52s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 25 to 50 lbs., quiet, 63s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., quiet, 51s; long clear middles, heavy, 24 lbs., dull, 51s; long clear middles, heavy, 25 to 40 lbs., dull, 51s; long clear middles, heavy, 25 to 40 lbs., dull, 50s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., dull, 50s; short clear backs, 16 lbs., dull, 50s; short clear backs, 16 lbs., dull, 50s; clear beilies, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 50s; shoulders, square, 11 to 15 lbs., quiet, 45s. Lard, prime western, in the corresponding week of lbs., dull, 50s; shoulders, square, 11 to 15 lbs., quiet, 45s. Lard, prime western, in palls, dull, 50s 6d.

BUTTER—Nominal.

CHEESE—Strong; American finest white and colored, 59s.

TALLOW—Prime city, steady, 28s 6d; Australian in London, firm, 34s 3d.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions, 18th Carlot, 18th and 18th week has consisted of cornfeds, and the quality has also shown some improvement. The high price of the week was 34.25, which was paid on Tuesday for a 34.25, whic

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CINCINNATI, Dec. 13.—WHISKY—Distillers finished goods active on basis of 51.32.

CHICAGO. Dec. 12.—WHISKY—Basis of high wines. \$1.32.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—WHISKY—Steady at ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—WHISKY—ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—WHISKY—ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—WHISKY—ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET

Rogs Righer, with Fair Saturday Re-· celpts-Sheep Dull.

CHICAGO, Dec. II.—CATTI.E.—Receipts, 350 head; nominal; good to prime steers, 52 accessed; nominal; good to prime steers, 52 accessed; nominal; good to prime steers, 52 accessed; no medium, 51.5697.50; etockers and feeders, 52.0094.50; cows, 51.75 g4.50; heliers, 51.891.50; canners, 51.591.50; buils, 52.0094.75.
HOGS.—Receipts today, 16.000 head; estimated Monday, 35.000 head; left over, 8.000 head; strong to 10c higher; mixed and butchers, 51.0094.15; good to choice heavy, 36.1806.60; rough heavy, 53.8008.15; light, 55.5004.00; bulk of sales, 52.0098.15; light, 55.5004.00; bulk of sales, 32.0098.15.
SHEEP AND LAMISS—Receipts, 1.500 head; sheep and lambs, dull, good to choice wethers, 52.8094.25; fair to choice mixed, 52.5002.50; western sheep, 53.5504.25; native lambs, 52.7503.50; western lambs, 54.0095.25.
Official yesterday:

Receipts Shipments. Receipts, Shipments.

Cattle 4,918
Hogs 27,608
Sheep 21,072 

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—CATTLE—Receipts.
2.00 head, including 1,00 Texnus; market dull, slow and steady; native shipping and resport steers. \$4.5005.50, with strictly fancy worth up to \$3.75; dressed beef and butcher steers. \$4.0052.25; etockers and freeders. \$2.4562.25; cows and hefers. \$2.2563.00; canners. \$1.50 kd.250; bulls. \$2.2563.40; caives. \$4.0057.00; Texns and Indian steers. \$2.6054.85; cows and heifers. \$2.2052.40; caives. \$4.0057.00; Texns and Indian steers. \$2.6054.85; cows and heifers. \$2.2052.40; butchers. \$5.0076.30. \$4.250; packers. \$5.8056.10; butchers. \$5.0076.30. \$4.250; packers. \$5.8056.10; butchers. \$5.0076.30. \$4.250; lambs. \$4.30675.50; culls and bucks. \$2.0054.00; stockers. \$1.5062.00; Texaus. \$2.60

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

Buyers.

Cattle. Hogs. Shep.

Omaha Packing Co. Sister Hogs.

Armour & Co. 1.592 S88

Cudahy Packing Co. 1.795 S49

Armour, from Sioux City 1.820

B. F. Hobbick. 3 1.285

Cherry Hobbick. 3 1.285

Totals. 129 7.760 2.555

CATTLE—There were only a few bunches of cattle in the yards this morning, but for the week the supply has been yery. New York Live Stock Market.

Stock in Sight.

following were the receipts of live The following were the receipts of live stock at the six principal cities yesterday:

Cattle. Hogs. Sheep.
Omaha 299 7,290 2,790
Chicago 300 10,000 1,500
Kansas City 990 5,000
St. Louis 2,000 1,500 1,000
St. Joseph 70 4,861
Sioux City 300 5,500 100 Totals.....3,830 40,061

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