OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

Light Receipts of Cattle Caused Prices to Improve.

HOGS ADVANCE FIVE TO TEN CENTS

Active Demand for Fat Sheep and Lambs of Good Quality at Stronger Prices, Advance for Week Being Ten to Fifteen Cents.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 24.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	2,506	5,433	4,232
Official Tuesday	2,429	6,091	5,731
Official Wednesday	1,212	5,916	911
Three days this week	6,147	17,430	10,874
Same days last week	11,541	23,810	30,241
Same week before	18,750	29,041	36,153
Same three weeks ago	13,718	25,362	31,805
Same four weeks ago	15,515	24,002	27,033
Same day last year	4,584	20,512	3,770

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR TO DATE.

The following table shows the receipts of cattle, hogs and sheep at South Omaha for the year, to date, and comparisons with last year:

	1902.	1901.	Inc.	Dec.
Cattle	995,527	809,233	186,294	....
Hogs	2,206,763	2,206,763	....	170,286
Sheep	1,722,377	1,306,770	415,607	....

The following table shows the average price of hogs sold on the South Omaha market the last several days, with comparisons with former years:

Date.	1902.	1901.	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Dec. 1	6 09	*	4 63	3 71	3 25½	3 23	3 19
Dec. 2	6 08½	5 93	*	3 76	3 30	3 20	3 09
Dec. 3	6 13⅛	5 85	4 64	*	3 29	3 19	3 13
Dec. 4	6 22½	5 92	4 68	3 81	*	3 21	3 16
Dec. 5	6 24⅝	6 05	4 77	3 80	3 37	*	3 09
Dec. 6	6 16⅝	6 09	4 84	3 86	3 35	3 25	*
Dec. 7	*	6 04	4 81	3 81	3 28	3 23	3 00
Dec. 8	6 07⅝	*	4 78	3 83	3 30	3 17	3 19
Dec. 9	6 05⅞	6 11	*	3 90	3 29	3 13	3 21
Dec. 10	6 12	6 13	4 85	*	3 31	3 13	3 21
Dec. 11	6 08	6 14	4 82	3 93	*	3 15	3 17
Dec. 12	5 96⅜	6 16	4 77	3 95	3 37	*	3 20
Dec. 13	5 98⅜	6 21	4 81	3 96	3 38	3 20	*
Dec. 14	*	6 21	4 86	3 98	3 33	3 23	3 28
Dec. 15	6 09⅝	*	4 84	3 95	3 27	3 24	3 17
Dec. 16	6 10⅛	6 26	*	4 01	3 30	3 29	3 17
Dec. 17	6 22⅝	6 34	4 83	*	3 26	3 31	3 17
Dec. 18	6 14⅞	6 26	4 73	3 98	*	3 31	3 16
Dec. 19	6 01⅝	6 12	4 77	3 92	3 28	*	3 18
Dec. 20	6 07⅞	6 04	4 79	3 94	3 28	3 33	*
Dec. 21	*	6 06	4 81	4 01	3 32	3 28	3 17
Dec. 22	6 16⅛	*	4 80	4 02	3 34	3 24	3 14
Dec. 23	6 18¼	6 06	*	4 04	3 37	3 21	3 17
Dec. 24	6 26⅛	6 09	4 86	*	3 41	3 26	3 19

* Indicates Sunday.

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

Roads.	Cattle	Hogs.	Sheep.
C., M. & St. P. Ry	1	1	..
Wabash	2	1	..
Union Pacific system	17	10	..
C. & N. W. Ry	8	29	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	3	13	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	6	6	6
B. & M. Ry	8	9	..
C., B. & Q. Ry	3	9	1
C., R. I. & P. Ry., east	6	9	1
Illinois Central	1	3	..
Total receipts	55	96	8

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

Buyers.	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha Packing Co.	144	939	246
Swift and Company	266	1,696	.....
Armour & Co.	251	1,661	210
Cudahy Packing Co.	467	1,511	489
Armour, from Sioux City	140	2,154	.....
Vansant & Co.	48	.....	.....
Lobman & Co.	110	.....	.....
W. I. Stephen	9	.....	.....
B. F. Hobbick	4	.....	.....
Dennis & Co.	1	.....	.....
Other buyers	10	.....	293
Totals	1,450	7,361	1,238

CATTLE—There were hardly enough cattle here this morning to make a market, but all the packers seemed to want a few and buyers started out early and bought up the better grades as rapidly as they arrived, and in a good many cases paid fancy prices for what they got. It was, of course, a very uneven market, with the more desirable cattle selling to the best advantage.

The few cars of cornfed steers on sale sold easily a dime higher than yesterday. The quality of most of them was rather inferior, though as high as $4.95 was paid. As compared with the close of last week the general market is fully 25c higher, and some sales have been much better than that. Packers have evidently had to have a few cattle to fill their more urgent orders and the extremely light receipts have forced them to advance prices.

The cow market was also stronger this morning. Prices have advanced during the week just about the same as on steers. If anything, though, the cow market has been more uneven than the steer market. Canners and cutters, in particular, have sold at very uneven prices, some sales being a good deal higher than others.

Bulls, veal calves and stags did not show much change this morning. Bulls have been strong all the week, but still prices have not advanced anything like as much as on steers and cows. The same is true of stags.

There were not enough stockers and feeders in the yards today to tell anything about the market. Buyers evidently did not want many cattle owing to the fact that tomorrow will be a holiday and then the end of the week will be close at hand. The better grades of stockers and feeders have commanded strong prices all the week, but the inferior kinds have been neglectd and hard to dispose of at any price. Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	695	3 00	1	830	4 00
18	823	3 50	5	988	4 00
2	1060	3 50	42	1064	4 10
40	1113	3 60	1	1200	4 10
6	816	3 65	18	1132	4 10
19	1003	3 65	1	1220	4 25
1	1006	3 75	16	1234	4 60
18	903	3 85	40	1237	4 70
18	1234	3 85	18	1360	4 85

STEERS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
20	1019	4 00	25	886	4 30
22	965	4 00	18	1056	4 95

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	540	1 50	12	967	3 00
2	1000	2 00	4	1032	3 00
1	550	2 00	10	958	3 00
2	1160	2 10	42	974	3 05
4	915	2 25	3	1280	3 05
2	1050	2 25	34	920	3 15
6	925	2 30	1	1370	3 15
4	875	2 40	1	1090	3 15
1	770	2 50	1	1100	3 15
3	793	2 50	1	1090	3 15
4	816	2 50	8	1202	3 20
5	832	2 50	13	1018	3 20
1	940	2 60	8	1151	3 20
3	1107	2 60	16	1157	3 25
5	942	2 60	3	1265	3 25
6	776	2 65	6	1205	3 25
3	1131	2 65	3	1013	3 25
6	923	2 65	1	1040	3 25
4	897	2 75	20	911	3 30
12	895	2 75	6	1120	3 35
3	986	2 75	20	1006	3 35
10	857	2 75	14	1071	3 35
22	858	2 75	23	1176	3 40
1	1070	2 75	1	1370	3 40
20	882	2 75	10	1094	3 40
1	1100	2 75	2	1195	3 40
9	840	2 80	19	1119	3 40
3	1060	2 80	4	1135	3 50
5	832	2 90	20	1068	3 50
1	960	2 90	16	1110	3 50
6	1024	3 00	8	1047	3 60
1	1200	3 00	2	1325	3 75

COWS AND HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.
5	520	2 00

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	580	1 35	1	1070	3 75
1	635	2 00			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1100	2 30	1	1330	3 25
1	1380	2 75	1	1310	3 25
1	1570	2 75	1	1410	3 25
1	1406	2 75	1	1440	3 25
1	1050	2 85	1	1420	3 30
1	1140	2 90	1	1370	3 40
1	930	3 00	1	1460	3 40
1	1440	3 00	1	1720	3 50
1	1470	3 00	1	1635	3 65
1	1433	3 00	1	1820	3 75
1	1470	3 00	1	1830	4 00
1	1000	3 10			

CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	280	3 60	1	170	6 00
1	70	5 00	1	120	5 00
3	290	5 00	1	110	6 00

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1330	3 25	39	1124	3 80

STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	600	3 00	7	1010	3 45
1	730	3 00	38	952	3 80
9	885	4 40	10	821	4 00
20	750	3 45			

Duck Brand Cattle Co.—Neb.

45 cows	875	2 95	1 steer	1070	3 75
14 steers	868	3 75			

Vail & G.—Colo.

18 steers	807	3 40	8 cows	747	3 15
2 bulls	1000	3 65	1 cow	550	2 00

HOGS—There was another light run of hogs here today, and as packers had to have a few the market ruled fairly active and 5@10c higher than yesterday. The bulk of the sales went from $6.25 to $6.30, and as high as $6.35 was paid. The light weights sold largely from $6.25 down, with the medium weights going largely at $6.27½@6.30, while the prime loads sold from $6.32½ to $6.35. There was no particular change in the market, though the late arrival of a few trains delayed the close until a late hour.

Light receipts and a fairly good demand caused prices to move steadily upward all this week, and the total advance for the three days amounts to about 20c. The average price today was at the highest point reached since the third week in November. Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
142	124	...	5 50	77	235	80	6 25
40	228	120	6 12½	66	216	...	6 25
55	218	160	6 20	67	244	...	6 27½
78	172	40	6 00	80	274	40	6 27½
73	184	...	6 20	70	263	120	6 27½
58	191	80	6 20	52	268	40	6 27½
64	212	...	6 22½	64	276	80	6 27½
63	197	...	6 22½	71	248	160	6 27½
89	198	40	6 22½	60	287	...	6 27½
59	199	120	6 22½	41	311	...	6 27½
48	230	160	6 25	75	238	320	6 27½
54	239	40	6 25	72	272	240	6 27½
67	208	120	6 25	77	226	200	6 27½
69	221	40	6 25	79	260	40	6 30
69	254	400	6 25	58	265	40	6 30
72	225	160	6 25	63	257	80	6 30
37	260	...	6 25	54	308	240	6 30
40	231	80	6 25	74	258	80	6 30
54	253	160	6 25	59	264	120	6 30
68	235	40	6 25	71	269	160	6 30
64	236	40	6 25	80	270	160	6 30
64	231	80	6 25	61	276	40	6 30
62	211	...	6 25	56	273	40	6 32½
77	222	120	6 25	58	293	80	6 32½
75	223	120	6 25	62	316	120	6 35
29	264	120	6 25	48	312	...	6 35
60	247	...	6 25	65	244	...	6 35
60	210	280	6 25	59	318	...	6 35
73	224	120	6 25	55	298	...	6 35

SHEEP—There were only just a few cars of sheep and lambs in the yards this morning, and the market ruled active and strong on good stuff. As high as $4.50 was paid for some western fed yearlings, which looked considerably higher than the same kinds have been selling for of late. As compared with the close of last week, the better grades of both sheep and lambs may be quoted 10@15c higher. Supplies have been light all the week, and as packers have had quite liberal orders, they had to pay stronger prices. The commoner kinds have not advanced as much as the inferior grades, but still even those are selling fully as high as they were a week ago.

Feeders have been rather scarce all this week, and the demand has been sufficient to take what was offered at good, strong prices.

Quotations for fed stock: Choice lambs, $5.00@5.25; fair to good lambs, $4.50@5.00; choice yearlings, $4.00@4.50; fair to good yearlings, $3.75@4.00; choice wethers, $3.60@4.00; fair to good, $3.25@3.60; choice ewes, $3.50@4.00; fair to good, $3.00@3.50; feeder lambs, $3.00@4.00; feeder yearlings, $3.00@3.50; feeder wethers, $2.75@3.25; feeder ewes, $1.50@2.25. Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
5	cull ewes	96	1 50
10	cull lambs	59	2 50
58	cull ewes	81	2 50
177	western ewes	94	3 20
21	western ewes	106	3 25
152	yearling ewes	64	3 60
96	western lambs	60	4 25
246	western fed yearlings	89	4 50
238	feeder ewes	88	2 50
63	western ewes	88	3 80
52	feeder lambs	47	3 00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle Close Dull, Hogs Weak, Sheep Rise Unevenly and Lambs Steady.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 12,000 head; market opened strong, closed dull; good to prime steers, $5.50@6.55; poor to medium, $3.00@5.25; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.50; cows, $1.25@4.60; heifers, $2.00@5.60; canners, $1.25@2.40; bulls, $2.00@4.50; calves, $3.00@7.25; Texas fed steers, $3.50@5.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 22,000 head; tomorrow, 25,000 head; left over, 4,500 head; market 5@10c higher; closed weak; mixed and butchers', $5.90@6.40; good to choice heavy, $6.45@6.60; rough heavy, $6.10@6.35; light, $5.80@6.20; bulk of sales, $6.10@6.35.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 12,000 head; sheep, unevenly higher lambs, steady; good to choice wethers, $4.00@4.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.00@4.00; western sheep, $4.00@4.50; native lambs, $4.00@5.90; western lambs, $4.00@5.85.

Official yesterday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Cattle	6,587	1,532
Hogs	26,314	609
Sheep	9,777	4,558

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4,338 head; natives, $6.67½; 5,000 native calves; corn cattle weak, 10c lower; cows and heifers, steady to higher; stockers, slow and lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.20@6.00; fair to good, $3.25@5.15; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.25; western fed steers, $2.50@5.25; Texas and Indian steers, $3.00@4.25; Texas cows, $2.25@3.00; native cows, $1.50@4.00; native heifers, $2.40; canners, $1.00@2.50; bulls, $2.25@4.00; calves, $2.75@3.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000 head; market 5@10c higher; top, $6.45; bulk of sales, $6.25@6.40; heavy, $6.35@6.45; mixed packers, $2.00@4.40; light, $6.12½@6.30; Yorkers, $4.25@6.30; pigs, $5.00@5.92½.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 1,100 head; market steady; native lambs, $4.00@5.45; western lambs, $3.85@4.35; fed ewes, $3.00@3.95; native wethers, $3.00@4.60; western wethers, $3.00@4.20; stockers and feeders, $2.00@3.35.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,500 head, including 1,100 Texans. Market in good demand, active and strong; native shipping and export steers, $4.90@6.00; dressed beef and butchers' steers, $4.25@5.50; steers under 1,000 pounds, $3.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.00; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.75; canners, $1.50@2.50; bulls, $2.50@4.00; calves, $4.00@7.00; Texas and Indian steers, $2.40@5.00; cows and heifers, $3.20@3.45.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,500 head; market firm and higher; pigs and lights, $6.10@6.35; packers, $6.25@6.50; butchers, $6.35@6.60.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; native muttons, $3.40@4.00; lambs, $4.00@5.50; culls and bucks, $2.75@4.00; stockers, $1.50@2.50.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—BEEVES—Receipts, 2,253 head; market 10@20c higher; bulls and cows uneven; sales 10@15c off; steers, $4.40@5.80; oxen and stags, $4.40@4.75; bulls, $2.50@4.30; cows, $1.50@4.25. Cables steady. Exports today were 500 cattle and 3,645 quarters of beef.

CALVES—Receipts, 1,174 head; steady; veals, $5.00@9.50; little calves, $3.50@4.50; barnyard calves, $3.00@3.40; westerns, $3.55@3.65; city dressed veals, steady, 11@14c.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 5,493 head; sheep steady, but slow, for all but top grades; good lambs in fair demand and fully steady; others very dull; sheep, $3.00@4.00; lambs, $4.50@6.00; culls, $3.50@4.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,270 head; firm; state hogs, $6.35@6.45; few choice pigs, $6.50; mixed westerns, nominal.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,177 head; Texas and westerns, $3.25@5.75; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.40; veals, $2.50@6.75; bulls and stags, $2.50@4.50; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,797 head; 5c to 10c higher; pigs, light and light mixed, $6.15@6.35; medium and heavy, $6.25@6.45; bulk, $6.30@6.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 329 head; 15c to 25c higher; top western lambs, $5.40.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—CATTLE—Receipts, 300; stockers steady, killers strong; beeves, $3.50@5.50; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.50@3.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.00; yearlings and calves, $2.25@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,500; market 5@10c higher at $5.60@6.35; bulk, $5.90@6.20.

Stock in Sight.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Omaha	1,212	5,916	911
Chicago	12,000	22,000	12,000
Kansas City	2,338	1,100	1,100
St. Louis	1,500	2,500	500
St. Joseph	1,177	5,797	329
Sioux City	300	4,500	......
Totals	20,527	41,813	14,840

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Holiday in grain markets.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 55@70c; good to choice, 95c@$1.00.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1902, 29@37c; 1901, 24@26c; olds, 7@7¼c; Pacific coast, 1902, 25@31c; 1901, 23@26c; olds, 7@12½c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14c.

LEATHER—Quiet.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $16.90@18.00; mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet, $14.00@16.00; city extra India mess, $25.00@28.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $8.75@9.75; pickled shoulders, $8.25@8.50; pickled hams, $11.25@11.50. Lard, easy; western steamed, $10.70; refined, easy; continent, $10.90; South America, $11.50; compound, $7.50@7.75. Pork, dull; family, $18; short clear, $21.00@22.00; mess, $18.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 6¼@6⅝c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼c.

BUTTRE—Receipts, 4,461 pkgs; steady; state dairy, 20@26c; creamery, extra, 28c; creamery, common to choice, 21@27½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,234 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large, state, full cream, colored and white, fall made, 11¾@14c; late made, 13¼c; fancy, small, colored and white, fall made, 13⅝@14c; late made, 13@13¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,125 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania average best, 28c; western, poor to fancy, 20@26c.

POULTRY—Alive: Dull; chickens, 10c; turkeys, 14@15c; fowls, 11@12c. Dressed: Irregular; western chickens, 11@12½c; western fowls, 11@12c; western turkeys, 17½@18c.

METALS—The London metal markets were open for only half of the session today and will remain closed until Monday morning. In today's trading tin advanced 10s to £118, 5s for spot and £118 for futures. The local market was also firm and higher, spot closing at $5.95@26.15s. London declined 2s 6d on copper, with spot £51 5s and futures at £51 12s 6d. Locally copper was unchanged and nominal at $10.75 for standard, $11.55 for lake and $11.45 for electrolytic and casting. Lead was unchanged at £10 16s 3d at London and locally at 4⅛c. Spelter was unchanged at £19 17s 3d in London, but declined another 5 points in New York, closing at $4.75. The foreign iron markets were steady, with Glasgow quoted at 53s 6d. Locally iron remained quiet. Warrants are nominal. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $23.00@25.00; No. 2 foundry northern, No. 1 foundry southern and No. 2 foundry southern soft, at $22.00@23.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Candled stock, 24c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 7@7½c; old roosters, 4@5c; turkeys, 15c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7½@8c; spring chickens, per lb., 8@8½c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Hens, 8c; young chickens, 9c; turkeys, 16@15c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 10c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 17@17½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 20@21c; separator, 29@30c.

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

CORN—New, 40c.

OATS—32c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

BRAN—Per ton, $13.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $8.50; No. 1 medium, $7.50; No. 1 coarse, $7.00. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair, receipts light.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 28c; extra selects, per can, 35c; New York counts, per can, 42c; bulk, extra selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, standards, per gal., $1.45.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

TREES—4 to 5 feet, per dozen, $1.75; 7 to 9 feet, $3.50; 5 to 7 feet, $2.50; 9 to 10 feet, $4.50; large, for school and church purposes, 12 to 14 feet, each, $1.00@1.50; extra large, 15 to 20 feet, $2.00@4.00.

HOLLY BRANCHES—Per case of 2x2x4 feet (about 50 lbs.), $4.00; per bbbl., $1.50.

LONG NEEDLE PINES—Per dozen, $2.50@3.00.

MISTLETOE BRANCHES—Per lb., 30c.

EVERGREEN WREATHING—In coils of 20 yards, per coil, 90c; five-coil lots, 85c.

WREATHS—Magnolia and galax wreaths, per dozen, $1.50@2.00; evergreen wreaths, per dozen, $1.50@2.00; holly wreaths, per dozen, $1.50@2.00.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per dozen, 25c; Utah, per dozen, 45c; California, per dozen, for stalks weighing from 1 to 1½ lbs., each, 45@75c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa Muscatines, per bbl., $3.25; Kansas, $2.25.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 40c; Canada rutabagas, per lb., 1c.

BEETS—Per basket, 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per dozen, $1.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per lb., 1c.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c.

RADISHES—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c.

WAX BEANS—Per bu. box, $3; string beans, per bu. box, $1.50.

CABBAGE—Miscellaneous Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c.

ONIONS—New home grown, in sacks, per bu., 75c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.60.

TOMATOES—New California, per 4-basket crate, $2.75.

CAULIFLOWER—California, per crate, $2.50.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Fall varieties, per box, $2.00; Colorado, per box, $2.25.

APPLES—Western, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $4; New York stock, $3.25; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.60.

GRAPES—Catawbas, per basket, 18c; Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $9.50; Bell and Bugles, $10.50; per box, $3.25.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@2.50.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50.

ORANGES—Florida Brights, $3.75; California navels, $3.50; California sweet Jaffas, all sizes, $2.75.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, $1; Turkish, per 35-lb. box, 14@18c.

GRAPE FRUIT—Florida, $6.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—New Utah, per 24-frame case, $3.75.

CIDER—New York, $4.50; per ½ bbl., $2.75.

SAUERKRAUT—Wisconsin, per ½ bbl., $2.25; per bbl., $3.75.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; No. 2 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; Brazils, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 50c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1.00; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpirn quotes the following prices: Iron, country, mixed, per ton, $11; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8; copper, per lb., 8½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 8½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 8c; zinc, per lb., 2½c; rubber, per lb., 6½c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 2 red, elevator, 73⅜c; track, 74c; May, 77⅞c; No. 2 hard, 69@73¼c.

CORN—Strong; No. 2 cash, 44½@44¾c; track, 44½@44¾c; May, 39½@39⅝c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 32c; track, 33c; May, 33¼c; No. 2 white, 35c.

RYE—Firm at 49@49½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.35@3.50; extra fancy and straight, $3.05@3.20; clear, $2.90@3.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.90@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 71@73c.

HAY—Easier; timothy, $11.00@15.00; prairie, $10.50@12.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.07½.

BAGGING—6 5-16@7 1-16c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, unchanged; jobbing, standard mess, $17.90@18.00. Lard, unchanged at $10.17½. Dry salt meats—Dull; boxed extra shorts, $9.12½; clear ribs, $9.00; short clears, $9.50. Bacon—Dull; boxed extra shorts, $10.50; clear ribs, $10.50; short clear, $11.00.

METALS—Lead, steady at $3.95. Spelter, lower at $4.45.

POULTRY—Lower; chickens and springs, 8½c; turkeys, 13@13½c; ducks, 12c; geese, 8c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 23@30c; dairies, 18@22c.

EGGS—Steady at 22c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	4,000	13,000
Wheat	54,000	94,000
Corn	128,000	38,000
Oats	47,000	45,000

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—WHEAT—Spot: No. 1 northern spring, no stock; No. 2 red western winter, firm, 5s 11½d; No. 1 California, steady, 6s 0d. Futures: Easy; December, 6s 2½d; March, 6s 1⅝d; May, 6s ⅞d.

CORN—Spot: American mixed new, quiet, 5s 1d; American mixed, old, steady, 5s 4d. Futures: Inactive; January, 4s 6⅛d; March, 4s 3⅛d.

PEAS—Canadian, steady, 6s 7½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, quiet, 28s 3d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), firm, £6 15s to £7.

PROVISIONS—Beef, extra India mess, steady, 113s 9d. Pork, steady; prime mess western, 90s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 15 lbs., steady, 53s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., quiet, 47s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., dull, 48s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., quiet, 48s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., quiet, 48s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., quiet, 48s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., dull, 58s. Shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., quiet, 43s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, dull, 50s; American refined, in pails, dull, 55s.

BUTTER—Nominal.

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

TALLOW—Prime city, dull, 27s 3d; Australian in London, firm, 31s 2d.

Imports of wheat into Liverpool last week were 31,300 quarters from Atlantic ports, none from Pacific ports and 25,000 quarters from other ports.

Imports of corn from Atlantic ports last week were 14,000 quarters.

The Provision exchange here will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1.

Chicago Provision Market.

CHICAGO Dec. 24.—BUTTER—Quiet and easier; creamery, 18@27½c; dairy, 17@25c.

EGGS—Steady; loss off, cases returned, 25c.

CHEESE—Firm; twins, 13c; daisies, 13½c; Young Americas, 13¼c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 15@17½c; chickens, 9@10c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—BUTTER—Weak and sold 1c lower; extra western creamery, 29c; extra nearby prints, 33c.

EGGS—Quiet but steady; fresh nearby, 27c, loss off; fresh western, 27c, loss off; fresh southwestern, 28@29c, loss off; fresh southern, 25c.

CHEESE—Unchanged; New York full cream, prime small, 13⅝@14c; New York fair to good small, 13@13¼c; New York prime, large, 13⅝c; New York fair to good large, 13@13½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 24.—CORN—Lower; new No. 3, 41⅜c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 31½c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Closes Firm at Top Notch of Day's Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The stock market closed firm today at the top level of the day, with net gains in a few of the prominent railroads, and specialties reaching a point or more. The day's movement of prices was not of much significance and the dealings were on a very small scale, except in the local traction group, in which there was some large buying without any definite explanation. The trading was idle nearly to the point of stagnation at times, and the brokers gave more attention to playing pranks in celebration of the eve of the Christmas holidays than to trading in stocks. The Produce exchange celebration began midway of the session of the Stock exchange on the same floor and separated only by a low partition. Speculative sentiment may easily have been tinctured by the festivities. The distribution of Christmas donations was on a liberal scale and helped the prevailing cheerful sentiment. There was apparently some outstanding short interest also which chose to cover for the holidays, especially as many brokers are preparing to leave town for the rest of the week.

The strength of the local tractions had a sentimental effect on the whole list, the rise in Brooklyn Transit extending to over 4 points. No definite explanation of the rise was forthcoming, but old rumors had renewed circulation of a passing of control to the Pennsylvania. Sugar also was well sustained at a recovery from yesterday's sharp decline. The most active period of the trading, however, was during the decline of the morning. The maintenance of the call rate at between 9 and 10 per cent was the depressing influence. The blockade restriction enforced by the blocking powers of La Guayra on the steamer Caracas occasioned some uneasiness, though of little direct influence. The announcement of wage increases by the New York Central and the Atlantic Coast line called renewed attention to a tendency which is general throughout the railroad world. The passing of the dividend by the St. Joseph Island first preferred explained yesterday's late break of 8½ points in that stock, to which was added a 2½ point decline today. Canada Southern was also a sufferer from the reduction in its dividend rate. The great influence of these two cases was not encouraging. The rise of 13 points in Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling was unexplained. The stiffness of the call money rate and a hardening of the time market were not effective in checking the rising tendency in sterling exchange or the falling tendency in New York exchange at interior points. At Chicago the New York exchange fell back to par, after having ruled at 40c premium last week. More than $500,000 was again transferred to New Orleans today, but $250,000 was paid out by the sub-treasury on transfer of Alaskan gold from San Francisco. Yesterday's heavy customs collections, coupled with the falling off in pension payments, has resulted in a wiping out of the sub-treasury's earlier contribution to the money market. Money is also rising in London and there were continued large transfers by cable to that center today.

There was some distributed activity in the bond market, but the price movement was rather irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,080,000. United States new 4s advanced ¼ and the old 4s ½ per cent on the last call.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	83⅝	do pfd	92½
do pfd	99⅛	Texas & Pacific	39⅛
B. & O.	97⅝	Tol., St. L. & W.	26
do pfd	93	do pfd	44⅛
Canadian Pacific	130¼	Union Pacific	99
Canada Southern	72	do pfd	93
Ches. & Ohio	46½	Wabash	28½
Chicago & Alton	33¼	do pfd	42
do pfd	70	W. & L. E.	24
Chicago, I. & L.	74	do 2d pfd	33
Chicago & E. I.	195	Wis. Central	26¼
Chicago & Gt. W.	47⅞	do pfd	52⅝
do 1st pfd	80	Adams Express	200
do 2d pfd	37½	Am. Express	220
Chicago & N. W.	217	U. S. Express	130
Chicago T. & T.	16⅜	Wells-Fargo Ex.	220
do pfd	33	Amal. Copper	59½
C., C., C. & St. L.	95¼	Am. Car & Foundry	34½
Colo. Southern	27¼	do pfd	89½
do 1st pfd	65½	Am. Linseed Oil	15
do 2d pfd	42⅝	do pfd	35
Del. & Hudson	163¼	Am. Smelting & R.	39⅝
Dela., L. & W.	245	do pfd	92
Denver & R. G.	39½	Anaconda M. Co.	86½
do pfd	91	Brooklyn R. T.	69
Erie	34½	Colo. F. & I.	79½
do 1st pfd	65	Con. Gas	210¼
do 2d pfd	46¼	Con. Tob. pfd	115½
Gt. Northern pfd	185½	General Electric	176
Hock. Valley	97	Hocking Coal	18⅝
do pfd	96	Int'n'l Paper	18
Illinois Central	144½	do pfd	70
Iowa Central	37½	International Power	57
do pfd	68	Laclede Gas	75
Lake Erie & W.	47	National Biscuit	45
do pfd	115	National Lead	26
L. & N.	124	No. American	114⅛
Manhattan L.	147	Pacific Coast	68
Met. St. Ry.	139	Pacific Mail	39¼
Mexican Central	22	People's Gas	101¾
Mexican National	16	Pressed Steel Car	60½
Minn. & St. L.	106	do pfd	92
Missouri Pacific	106¼	Pullman Pal. Car	226
M., K. & T.	25⅝	Republic Steel	19
do pfd	55¼	do pfd	74
N. J. Central	165	Sugar	128¼
N. Y. Central	151⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron	54⅝
Norfolk & W.	70¾	U. B. & P. Co.	12
do pfd	91	do pfd	76
Ontario & W.	33¼	U. S. Leather	11⅞
Pennsylvania	154⅝	do pfd	88
Reading	63⅜	U. S. Rubber	15½
do 1st pfd	86	do pfd	50
do 2d pfd	76	U. S. Steel	24⅞
St. L. & S. F.	71	do pfd	84⅞
do 1st pfd	80	Western Union	87¾
do 2d pfd	69⅜	Am. Locomotive	27½
St. L. S. W.	26½	do pfd	93½
do pfd	60	K. C. Southern	32
St. Paul	176⅜	do pfd	54½
do pfd	192	Rock Island	49⅝
So. Pacific	63⅝	do pfd	82⅝
So. Railway	32¼		

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—MONEY—On call firm at 6@10 per cent; closing offered at 6. Time money firmer; sixty and ninety days and six months, 6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8675 for demand and at $4.83125 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates, $4.84 and $4.87½. Commercial bills, $4.82½@4.83½.

SILVER—Bar, $4.83¼. Mexican dollars, 38c.

BONDS—Government, strong; railroad, irregular.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	107⅝	L. & N. uni. 4s	101½
do coupon	108¼	Mex. Central 4s	77½
do 3s, reg	107¼	do 1st inc	22
do coupon	107½	Minn. & St. L. 4s	102¼
do new 4s, reg	135¼	M., K. & T. 4s	97⅝
do coupon	135¼	do 2ds	82
do old 4s, reg	109	N. Y. Central 1s	102¼
do coupon	110	do gen. 3½s	105
do 5s, reg	103⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	135¼
do coupon	102⅝	No. Pacific 4s	103⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	101⅞	do 3s	72⅝
do adj. 4s	91	N. & W. c. 4s	99⅝
B. & O. 4s	102¼	Reading gen. 4s	96⅝
do 3½s	94½	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	112½
do conv. 4s	104⅝	St. L. & S. F. 4s	97
Canada So. 2s	2⅛s	St. L. S. W. 1s	86⅝
Central of Ga. 5s	106½	do 2ds	83½
do 1st inc	75	S. A. & A. P. 4s	86⅝
C. & O. 4½s	103⅞	So. Pacific 4s	90½
Chicago & A. 3½s	79⅞	So. Railway 5s	120
C., B. & Q. new 4s	96	Texas & P. 1s	116
*C. M & St P g 4s	113	T., St. L. & W. 4s	75½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	133½	Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
C., R. I. & P. s4	105¼	do conv. 4s	106¼
*C.C.C. & St. L. g. 4s	98½	Wabash 1s	116⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	86	do 2ds	108½
Colo. & So. 4s	92	do deb. Bs	74⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	100⅛	West Shore 4s	112
Erie prior lien 4s	98⅝	W. & L. E. 4s	91
do gen. 4s	86	Wis. Central 4s	92
Ft. W. & D. C. 1s	110	Con. Tob. 4s	65
*Hocking Val. 4½s	109		

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Closing quotations:

Consols for money	92 15-16	New York Central	155½
do account	93	Norfolk & Western	72⅝
Anaconda	3½	do pfd	93½
Atchison	84⅝	Ontario & Western	30⅝
do pfd	102	Pennsylvania	79⅝
Canadian Pacific	132½	Rand Mines	11⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	47⅛	Reading	33½
Chicago G. W.	25½	do 1st pfd	44⅝
C., M. & St. P.	179½	do 2d pfd	39½
DeBeers	22⅛	Southern Railway	32½
Denver & R. G.	40	do pfd	94½
do pfd	92	Southern Pacific	64⅝
Erie	34⅝	Union Pacific	100⅝
do 1st pfd	66	do pfd	96
do 2d pfd	47	United States Steel	25⅛
Illinois Central	145½	do pfd	86⅝
Louisville & Nash	126⅛	Wabash	28⅝
Missouri, K. & T.	26¼	do pfd	43

BAR SILVER—Steady at 22⅛d per ounce.

MONEY—4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4@4⅛ per cent and for three-months' bills 4 per cent.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following are the closing prices on mining stocks:

Adams Con	15	Little Chief	8
Alice	18	Ontario	875
Breece	45	Ophir	130
Brunswick Con	2	Phoenix	6
Comstock Tunnel	5	Potosi	20
Con. Cal. & Va	125	Savage	12
Horn Silver	125	Sierra Nevada	45
Iron Silver	80	Small Hopes	20
Leadville Con	2	Standard	325

Bank Clearings.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $22,418,933; balances, $2,093,944.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—Bank clearings, $1,036,758.06; corresponding day last year, $1,381,658.85; decrease, $344,899.77.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $35,926,165; balances, $3,000,026. Money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $3,554,204; balances, $580,121. Money, 6 per cent.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $36,919,583; balances, $1,838,366. New York exchange, par. Foreign exchange, sterling, posted at $4.84 for sixty days and $4.87½ for demand.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Money, 6 per cent. New York exchange, 40c discount. Clearings, $3,482,300.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $7,526,180; balances, $661,970. Money, steady, 5@6 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $290,372,796; balances, $13,839,873.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Money was in active request today and the supplies were short, considerable cash being owing to the Bank of England. Discounts were harder. On the Stock exchange no business was transacted in the mines except in Contangos. Consols were steady. Americans relapsed, and there was a few realizations, but they were afterward disposed harder, became irregular and closed quiet. Grand Trunks were firm. Kaffirs were maintained.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Prices opened hesitating on the bourse today, but led by foreigners they gained some firmness toward the close. Industrials were firm. Rio tintos receded on New York advices, but subsequently rallied slightly. Kaffirs were firm and more active. The private rate of discount was 2 15-16 per cent. Three per cent rentes, 99f 37½c for the account.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Business was hesitating on the bourse today owing to New York advices, but prices were fairly maintained. Iron shares were advanced. Canadian Pacific relapsed. Discount rate for short bills was 2¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½ per cent.

OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES

Not Much Change in the Marketing of Hogs as Compared with Previous Week.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Price Current says: There has not been much change in the marketing of hogs. Total western packing is 545,000 head, compared with 575,000 head the preceding week and 675,000 head last year. Since November 1 the total is 5,015,000 head, against 5,190,000 head a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows:

	1902.	1901.
Chicago	1,405,000	1,690,000
Kansas City	375,000	670,000
South Omaha	330,000	425,000
St. Louis	235,000	315,000
St. Joseph	223,000	406,000
Indianapolis	211,000	310,000
Milwaukee	169,000	209,000
Cincinnati	113,000	125,000
Ottumwa	92,000	112,000
Cedar Rapids	87,000	103,000
Sioux City	127,000	175,000
St. Paul	150,000	145,000

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Quiet and steady; sales, 1,959 bales; ordinary, 6⅝c; good ordinary, 7⅝c; low middling, 7 11-16c; middling, 8¼c; good middling, 8 11-16c; middling, fair, 9⅛c; receipts, 24,996 bales; stock, 395,111 bales; futures, quiet and steady; December, 8.17@8.18c; January, 8.18c; February, 8.23@8.25c; March, 8.28@8.29c; April, 8.31@8.33c; May, 8.37@8.38c; June, 8.40@8.41c; July, 8.43@8.44c; August, 8.18c bid.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Opened quiet and steady at unchanged prices, rallied a point or two and then eased off 3@4 points, only to turn steadier again, with the close very steady at a net loss of 2 points to a net rise of 3 points. The influences at work on the market were first bearish and then bullish. The early cables were unsatisfactory. Early indications as to the receipts for the day were under the mark and the local contingent started an incipient raid in the absence of public support. Later, however, public support became something of a factor, following advices pointing to an unsatisfactory showing by the week enders and tending to change statistics through large exports and large home consumption. As the day advanced local shorts covered and there was some investment demand, which gave the market a firm undertone up to the close. The January situation remains unchanged, such as to keep the market in a state of uncertainty. The total transactions of the day were estimated at 50,000 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 8¼c; sales, 1,000 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—COTTON—Spot, quiet; prices 2 points lower; American middling, fair, 5.16d; good middling, 4.68d; middling, 4.52d; low middling, 4.40d; good ordinary, 4.28d; ordinary, 4.16d. The sales for the day were 4,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for sale and export, and included 7,500 bales, American middling, good, December, 4.50d; December and January, January and February and March, March and April, 4.49@4.50d; April and May, 4.51d; July and August, 4.51d; August and September, 4.45@4.46d.

Oil and Rosin.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 24.—OIL—Credit balances, $1.51; no shipments; average, 93,320 bbls.; runs, 102,121 bbls; average, 77,000 bbls.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 24.—OIL—Turpentine, firm, at $5.24.

ROSIN—Firm; A, B and C, $1.50; F, $1.50; G, $1.70; H, $2.00; I, $2.35; K, $2.85; M, $3.35; N, $3.55; W. G., $3.80; W. W., $4.20.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—OIL—Petroleum, firm; turpentine, firm.

ROSIN—Firm.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—OIL—Turpentine spirits, firm, 40s. Rosin, common, 4s 7½d. Petroleum, refined, firm. Linseed oil, firm, 26s. Cottonseed oil, Hull refined, spot, steady, 21s 7½d.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK—Dec. 24.—Spot Rio market quiet; No. 7 invoice, 5¼c; mild quiet; Cordova, 7½@12c. Futures opened dull and unchanged and continued inactive, most of the transactions representing switches. There was no feature in the foreign news; a brace of holidays were at hand and the local trade indifferent. The close was quiet at a partial decline of 5 points. Sales footed up 31,000 bags, including December, at 4.45c; February, 4.45c; March, 4.70c; May, 4.85@4.90c; June, 4.95c; July at 4.96c, and September at 5.15c.

Evaporated Apples and Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—EVAPORATED APPLES—The market shows the usual pre-holiday dullness, but prices remain steady. Common are quoted at 4@5c; prime, 5¼@5½c; choice, 5¾@6¼c; fancy, 7@7½c.

CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUITS—Spot prunes are steady to firm, but rather less active. Quotations range from 3½c to 7¼c for all grades. Apricots are steady at 7¼@12c in boxes and 7½@10c in bags. Peaches also are quiet but steady at 12@18c for peeled and 6½@10c for unpeeled.

Sugar and Molasses.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—SUGAR—Dull; open kettle, 2⅝@3¼c; open kettle centrifugal, 3 7-16@3¾c; centrifugal granulated, 4 3-16@4¼c; white, 3⅞@4 1-16c; yellow, 3½@4c; seconds, 2¼@3 5-16c. Molasses, quiet; open kettle, 18@22c; centrifugal, 7@21c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—SUGAR—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3 7-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16c. Molasses sugar, 3 3-16c. Refined, steady. Molasses, quiet.

Whiskey Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—WHISKY—Steady at $1.31.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—WHISKY—Steady at $1.31.

PEORIA, Dec. 24.—WHISKY—On the basis of $1.31 for finished goods.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods on basis of $1.31.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—DRY GOODS—Buying of heavy brown cottons for export to China continues and the tone of the market for these goods is firmer. There is no change in the home demand of any moment. Print cloths are quiet, but steady. In woolen goods business is mostly in kerseys for overcoats and cloaks and prices are firm.

Gold is Transferred.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The subtreasury today paid out $250,000 on telegraphic order from San Francisco and transferred $500,000 to New Orleans for local banks.

The total transfer for the day to New Orleans was $550,000.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—WOOL—Firm; medium grades and combing, 17@20½c; light fine, 16@19c; heavy fine, 13@15c; tub washed, 18@29c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—WOOL—Firm.

Jury is Out All Night.

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Laura Biggar, Dr. Charles G. Hendricks and former Justice of the Peace Samuel Stanton, accused of having conspired to secure the entire estate of the late Henry M. Bennett, which retired at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, was out all night.

Alaskan Project Abandoned.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—J. R. Warner, storekeeper at Iliamnat bay, Alaska, for the Transalaska company, who is here en route to Iowa to spend the winter, says the project to build a railroad from Ilian bay to Yukon river has been abandoned indefinitely.

HENNINGS SUGGESTS REFORM

Proposes New Laws and Amendments for Omaha's Financial Transactions.

WOULD PUT THE CITY ON CASH BASIS

Favors Scavenger Bill to Clear Tax-Burdened Real Estate and at the Same Time to Bring in Money.

City Treasurer Hennings is among the first of the municipal officers to make a definite statement of the changes required in the charter to improve local conditions. Mr. Hennings, from the experience he has gained in a close application to the duties of his office and from a careful investigation of the taxpayers' interests, finds several things for the incoming legislators to consider. In an interview the city treasurer points out to the public the existing conditions and suggests remedies for what he considers the evils therein. He says:

"Section 109 of the statutes should be amended. Under interpretation by the supreme court, the treasurer, selling either at public or private sale, must include all delinquent taxes, both regular and special, and the purchaser must pay all of these to constitute a valid sale. The legality of many of the special taxes being open to question, the purchaser at tax sale often refuses to buy and many of the lots against which these specials are assessed therefore remain unsold.

"In order to furnish the city with this necessary revenue the county treasurer should be allowed to offer the sale of this property for the regular taxes only, after having offered them with the total taxes standing against them and having received no bids thereon, and the certificates of tax sale delivered to the purchaser should contain a clause that the validity of all taxes levied prior to the date of sale shall not be questioned by him.

"The city charter should bar any property owner from contesting the payment of any special improvement tax unless action is brought in court before the expiration of one year from the date of the approval of the ordinance levying the special tax for said improvement.

Personal Property Tax.

"The state revenue laws provide, in section 139, that taxes levied against personal property shall be a lien thereon, while the charter does not make them such. This should be corrected.

"Any personal taxes remaining unpaid after four years of their delinquency should become outlawed, and it should be mandatory upon the treasurer to use all efforts to collect them before that time.

"That personal taxes can be collected has been demonstrated by the city treasurer, as, during the year 1902, he collected over 92 per cent of all such taxes within four months after their delinquency.

"Up to the year 1898 the city has outstanding special fund warrants to the amount of $150,000, upon which interest at the rate of 7 per cent accumulates in the sum of over $10,000 annually.

"In many instances the special fund warrants will never be paid out fully by the funds upon which they are drawn, partly because taxes were declared illegal, and partly because the city has compromised the tax upon the property and accepted a less amount in full satisfaction. Warrants to about the full amount of the special levy having been drawn, it naturally follows that the holder of the last warrants cannot be satisfied or paid out of this levy. For instance, a certain district has a levy of $1,000 charged as special taxes against the property therein, and warrants to the amount of $800 are drawn thereon in sums of $100 each. These warrants are drawing interest, as are also the special taxes, but after the lapse of five years, or more, the city compromises with the owner of the property for, say, 50 per cent in full satisfaction of this tax assessed, which gives the treasurer $500 with which to pay the $800 in warrants; necessarily $300 of this must remain unpaid and draw interest of $21 annually.

Bond Special Fund Warrants.

"The source for redemption of these warrants have been destroyed, through this compromise, without the consent of the holder of the warrants, the city certainly will be held liable for their redemption. Had the city the right to bond these warrants, only about 3½ per cent interest would have to be paid upon these obligations, as Omaha bonds are now sold at about that figure, and the floating debt drawing 7 per cent, would be wiped out for one drawing only about half as much interest.

"Besides avoiding expensive litigation, the credit of the city would thereby be raised in the money centers. The redeemed special warrants could be held by the treasurer as assets and any money paid in on them might be put to the credit of the sinking fund for the interest and redemption of such obligations.

"In order to bring up a discussion regarding the enormous amount of unpaid back taxes levied upon Omaha real estate, I would like to call attention to the following facts and figures:

"First—On July 31, 1902, the delinquent regular taxes amounted to $1,351,124.20, interest on same, $973,631.11, or a total of $2,324,755.31.

"Second—All taxes, from 1860 to 1902, are in force, and each year the delinquent taxes of all prior years have been carried forward, and in the above amount are included poll and dog taxes from the year 1860, and a large amount of other uncollectible taxes.

"Third—It is a well known fact that a great deal of the real estate in Omaha is burdened with more taxes than it would sell for.

"Fourth—Over 90 per cent of all real estate taxes levied during the years 1866 to 1899, inclusive, have been collected, excepting for the years 1896 and 1897.

Ninety-Day Scavenger Bill.

"The remedy which the city treasurer would offer is that the legislature could pass a so-called scavenger tax bill, good for ninety days from date of approval, which would provide:

"First—That all real estate taxes levied during the years 1860 to 1885, inclusive, amounting to $88,355, shall be cancelled.

"Second—That a payment of 10 per cent of the principal only shall liquidate the total balance of taxes levied from 1886 to 1889, inclusive, amounting to $73,216.65, and which could produce under such an act $7,321.67.

"Third—That a payment of 50 per cent of the principal only shall liquidate all taxes levied from 1890 to 1894, inclusive, amounting to $200,658, which could produce $100,329.

"Fourth—That a payment of 75 per cent of the principal only shall liquidate all taxes levied from 1895 to 1899, inclusive, amounting to $434,399, which could produce $325,799.

"If this act would only produce two-thirds of the amounts above mentioned it would not only put us on a cash basis, but would enable us to retire an issue of bonds of $100,000 due in 1903, and also be the means of reducing the levy for general expenses—but the greatest benefit, and most lasting one, would be that all the real estate which has been taxed to death and unproductive for years would in the future become saleable and again produce a revenue, thereby reducing the burden on the balance of the real estate in the city.

"The only objection that could be raised against this plan would be that some taxpayers might hold off paying subsequent taxes in hopes of a similar act becoming a law in the future. This could, and should, be remedied by the passing of a law which is in force in all states of the union, to the effect that a valid and irrevocable title shall be given to the tax purchaser.

"In conclusion, I would say that I have given this matter my serious consideration, and have consulted a number of our heaviest and most prompt taxpayers, and as assured that such a measure would meet with their hearty approval. Let's clean off the slate, save what we can and start anew."

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Mortality Statistics.

The following births and deaths were reported to the Board of Health during the twenty-four hours ending Wednesday noon:

Births—James Stapleton, 4233 Nicholas, boy; James Vomacka, 1523 Pine, girl; John Schnider, 2718 South Twenty-first, boy; Steve Schicker, 1910 Martha; J. W. Kaneft, 3412 Burt, girl; G. W. Todd, 2804 Harney, girl; O. Gray, Eighth and Clark, girl.

Deaths—J. J. Murphy, St. Joseph's hospital, 29; Edward Inerson, St. Bernard's hospital, 50; Joseph P. Sweeney, Chicago, 23.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS filed in the register of deed's and county clerk's offices on December 24.

Warranty Deeds.

Byron Reed company to Edgar Estill, lot 1, block 103, Florence	$ 750
A. E. Lewis and wife to Andrew Anderson, nw se 5-16-13	2,800
Commercial Land company to H. S. Thomas, lot 33, Cunningham & B.'s add	1
Total amount of transfers	$3,551

RAILWAY TIME CARD—Continued.

BURLINGTON STATION—10TH & MASON

Burlington & Missouri River.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Wymore, Beatrice and Lincoln	a 8:40 am	b11:55 am
Nebraska Express	a 8:40 am	a 7:45 pm
Denver Limited	a 4:25 pm	a 6:45 am
Black Hills and Puget Sound Express	a11:10 pm	a 3:10 pm
Colorado Vestibuled Flyer		a 3:10 pm
Lincoln Fast Mail	b 2:52 pm	a 9:17 am
Fort Crook and Plattsmouth	b 3:20 pm	b11:05 am
Bellevue & Pacific Jct.	a 7:50 pm	a 8:27 am
Bellevue & Pacific Jct.	a 3:00 am	

Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Kansas City Day Ex.	a 9:45 am	a 6:05 pm
St. Louis Flyer	a 5:10 pm	a11:05 am
Kansas City Night Ex.	a10:30 pm	a 6:15 am

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago Special	a 7:00 am	a 4:05 pm
Chicago Vestibuled Ex.	a 4:00 pm	a 7:30 am
Chicago Local	a 9:30 am	a11:00 pm
Chicago Limited	a 8:05 pm	a 7:30 am
Fast Mail		a 2:45 pm

UNION STATION—10TH AND MARCY.

Union Pacific.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Overland Limited	a 9:40 am	a 7:50 pm
The Fast Mail		a 3:25 pm
California Express	a 4:20 pm	
Pacific Express	a11:30 pm	
Eastern Express		a 5:30 pm
The Atlantic Express		a 7:30 am
The Colorado Special	a 7:10 am	a 3:40 am
Chicago Special		a 3:40 am
Lincoln Beatrice and Stromsburg Express	b 4:00 pm	b12:50 pm
North Platte Local	a 8:00 am	a 5:15 pm
Grand Island Local	b 5:30 pm	b 9:25 pm

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.

EAST

	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago Daylight L't'd	a 5:00 am	a 6:45 am
Chicago Daylight Local	a 7:00 am	a 9:35 pm
Chicago Express	b11:15 am	a 5:05 pm
Des Moines Express	a 4:30 pm	b11:50 am
Chicago Fast Express	a 5:35 pm	a 1:25 pm

WEST.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Rocky Mountain L't'd	a 6:50 pm	a 4.55 am
Lincoln, Colo. Springs, Denver, Pueblo and West	a 1:30 pm	a 5:00 pm
Colo., Texas, Cal. and Oklahoma Flyer	a 5:20 pm	a12:40 pm

Chicago & Northwestern.

"The Northwestern Line."

	Leave.	Arrive.
Fast Chicago	a 3:40 am	a 7:00 am
Mail	a 8:00 pm	a 8:30 am
Local Sioux City	a 5:10 am	a 3:50 pm
Daylight St. Paul	a 7:35 am	a10:25 pm
Daylight Chicago	a 8:00 am	a11:20 pm
Local Chicago	a10:55 am	a 5:10 pm
Local Carroll	a 4:00 pm	a 9:50 am
Fast Chicago	a 5:50 pm	a 4:05 pm
Fast St. Paul	a 7:55 pm	a 8:15 am
Limited Chicago	a 8:10 pm	a 9:20 am
Fast Mail		a 2:40 pm
Local Sioux City	b 4:00 pm	b 9:50 am

Wabash.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis "Cannon Ball" Express	a 5:55 pm	a 8:20 am
St. Louis Local, Council Bluffs	a 9:15 am	a10:30 pm

Illinois Central.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago Express	a 7:20 am	a 5:10 pm
Chicago, Minneapolis & St. Paul Limited	a 7:50 pm	a 8:05 am
Minneapolis & St. Paul Express	b 7:20 am	b10:35 pm
Chicago Express		a10:35 pm

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago & Omaha Ex.	b 7:40 am	b 3:40 pm
Chicago Limited Ex.	a 6:00 pm	a 7:50 am

Missouri Pacific.

	Leave.	Arrive.
St. Louis Express	a10:00 am	a 6:25 pm
K. C. and St. L. Ex.	a10:50 pm	a 6:15 am

WEBSTER DEPOT—15TH & WEBSTER

Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Black Hills, Deadwood, Lead, Hot Springs	a 3:00 pm	a 5:00 pm
Wyoming, Casper and Douglas	d 3:00 pm	e 5:00 pm
Hastings, York, David City, Superior, Geneva, Exeter and Seward	b 3:00 pm	b 5:00 pm
Bonesteel, Lincoln, Niobrara and Fremont	b 7:30 am	b10:25 am
Fremont Local	c 7:30 am	

Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Twin City Passenger	a 6:30 am	a 9:10 pm
Sioux City Passenger	b 2:00 pm	a11:20 am
Oakland Local	b 5:45 pm	b 8:45 am

Missouri Pacific.

	Leave.	Arrive.
Nebraska Local, Via Weeping Water	b 4:10 pm	a10:25 am

a Daily. b Daily except Sunday. d Daily except Saturday. e Daily except Monday. c Sunday only.

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