POSTOFFICE NOTICE

Willem V. (mail for Curacao, Venezuela, Trinidad and Guiana must be directed "per s. s. Prins Willem V."); at 12:30 p. m. (supplementary 1 p. m.) for TURK'S ISLAND and DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, per s. s. Seminole; at 12:30 p. m. (supplementary 1:30 p. m.) for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, LEEWARD and WINDWARD ISLANDS and GUIANA, per s. s. Parima (mail for Grenada and Trinidad must be directed "per s. s. Parima"); at 2 p. m. for ARGENTINE, URUGUAY and PARAGUAY, per s. s. Sailor Prince.

THURSDAY (5)—At 8 a. m. for CUBA, YUCATAN and CAMPECHE, per s. s. Monterey (mail for other parts of Mexico must be directed "per s. s. Monterey"); at 9:30 a. m. for BRAZIL, per s. s. Byron, via Pernambuco, Bahia, Rio Janeiro and Santos (mail for Northern Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay and Paraguay must be directed "per s. s. Byron"); at 9:30 a. m. for BARBADOES, TRINIDAD and GUIANA, per s. s. Caprera; at 12 m. (supplementary 12:30 p. m.) for BAHAMAS, per s. s. Niagara (mail for Mexico, via Tampico, must be directed "per s. s. Niagara"); at 12 m. for BARBADOES, GUIANA and NORTHERN BRAZIL, per s. s. Fluminense, via Barbadoes, Para, Maranham and Ceara.

FRIDAY (6)—At 11:30 a. m. for BRAZIL, per s. s. Roman Prince, via Pernambuco, Maceio and Santos (mail for Northern Brazil must be directed "per s. s. Roman Prince"); at 12 m. (supplementary 12:30 p. m.) for BAHAMAS, per s. s. Yucatan (mail for Guantanamo and Santiago must be directed "per s. s. Yucatan").

SATURDAY (7)—At 3 a. m. for ARGENTINE, URUGUAY and PARAGUAY, per s. s. Etona; at 8 a. m. for BERMUDA, per s. s. Bermudian; at 8:30 a. m. (supplementary 9:30 a. m.) for PORTO RICO, CURACAO and VENEZUELA, per s. s. Caracas (mail for Colombia, via Curacao, must be directed "per s. s. Caracas"); at 9:30 a. m. (supplementary 10:30 a. m.) for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA and COLOMBIA, except Cauca and Magdalena Departments, per s. s. Sibiria (mail for Costa Rica, via Limon, must be directed "per s. s. Sibiria"); at 10 a. m. for CUBA, per s. s. Morro Castle, via Havana; at 12:30 p. m. for CUBA, per s. s. Olinda, via Matanzas (mail must be directed "per s. s. Olinda").

NOTICE—Five cents per half ounce in addition to the regular postage must be prepaid on all letters forwarded by the SUPPLEMENTARY MAILS, and letters deposited in the drops marked "Letters for Foreign Countries," after the CLOSING OF THE REGULAR MAIL, for despatch by a specific vessel, will not be so forwarded unless such additional postage is fully prepaid thereon by stamps. Supplementary Transatlantic Mails are also opened on the piers of the AMERICAN, ENGLISH and FRENCH steamers, whenever the mailings occur at 9 a. m. or later; and late mail may be deposited in the mail boxes on the piers of the German Lines sailing from Hoboken. The mails on the piers open one hour and a half before sailing time, and close ten minutes before sailing time. Only regular postage (letters 5 cents a half ounce) is required on articles mailed on the piers of the American, White Star and German (Sea Post) steamers; double postage (letters 10 cents a half ounce) on other lines.

Mails Forwarded Overland, Etc., Except Transpacific.

CUBA—Via Port Tampa, Florida, close at this office daily, except Thursday, at 4:30 p. m. (the connecting mails close here on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays).

MEXICO CITY—Overland, unless specially addressed for despatch by steamer, close at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. Sundays at 1 p. m. and 10:30 p. m.

NEWFOUNDLAND (except Parcels-Post Mails)—By rail to North Sydney and thence by steamer, close at this office daily, except Sunday, at 7 p. m.; Sunday at 6:30 p. m. (connecting mails close here every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday).

JAMAICA—By rail to Boston and thence by steamer, close at this office at 7 p. m., Tuesday.

By rail to Philadelphia and thence by steamer, close at this office at 10:30 p. m., Wednesday.

MIQUELON—By rail to Boston and thence by steamer, close at this office daily except Sunday, at 7 p. m.; Sunday at 6:30 p. m.

BRITISH HONDURAS, HONDURAS (East Coast) and GUATEMALA—By rail to New Orleans, and thence by steamer, close at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m., Sundays at 1:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. (connecting mail closes here Mondays at 10:30 p. m.).

COSTA RICA—By rail to New Orleans and thence by steamer, close at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. Sundays at 1 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. (connecting mail closes here Tuesdays at 10:30 p. m.).

NICARAGUA (East Coast)—By rail to New Orleans and thence by steamer, close at this office daily, except Sunday, at 1:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. Sundays at 1:30 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. (connecting mail closes here Wednesdays at 10:30 p. m.).

BAHAMAS (except Parcels-Post Mails)—By rail to Miami, Fla., and thence by steamer, close at this office at 10:30 p. m. Tuesday and Saturday.

Registered mail closes at 6 p. m. previous day.

Transpacific Mails Forwarded Overland Daily.

The schedule of closing of Transpacific Mails is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit to port of sailing. The final connecting mails (except Registered Transpacific Mails, which close at 5 p. m. previous day) close at the General Postoffice, New York, as follows:

HAWAII, JAPAN, COREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m., January 5, for despatch per s. s. China.

NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA (except West), NEW CALEDONIA, SAMOA, HAWAII AND FIJI ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m., January 7, for despatch per s. s. Sierra. (If the Cunard steamer carrying the British mail for New Zealand does not arrive in time to connect with this despatch, extra mails—closing at 5:30 a. m., 9:30 a. m. and 6 p. m.; Sundays at 5:30 a. m., 9 a. m. and 6 p. m.—will be made up and forwarded until the arrival of the Cunard steamer).

JAPAN, COREA, CHINA and specially addressed mail for PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Tacoma, close at 6 p. m. January 13 for despatch per s. s. Keemun.

HAWAII, JAPAN, COREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. January 16 for despatch per s. s. Manchuria.

HAWAII, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. January 16 for despatch per s. s. Alameda.

JAPAN (except parcels-post Mails)—, COREA, CHINA and PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close at 6 p. m. January 17 for despatch per s. s. Empress of Japan.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, specially addressed, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. January 27 for despatch per U. S. Transport.

FIJI ISLANDS, and specially addressed mail for AUSTRALIA and NEW CALEDONIA, via Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., close at 6 p. m. January 28 for despatch per s. s. Miowera.

TAHITI and MARQUESAS ISLANDS, via San Francisco, close at 6 p. m. February 2 for despatch per s. s. Mariposa.

MANCHURIA (except Newchwang) and EASTERN SIBERIA is at present forwarded via Russia.

NOTE—Unless otherwise addressed, West Australia is forwarded via Europe; New Zealand via San Francisco and certain places in the Chinese Province of Yunnan, via British India—the quickest route. Philippines specially addressed "via Europe" must be fully prepaid at the foreign rates. Hawaii is forwarded via San Francisco exclusively.

WILLIAM R. WILLCOX, Postmaster.

Postoffice, New York, N. Y., December 30, 1904.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Office of Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware Company, Omaha, Neb., Dec. 11, 1904.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lee-Glass-Andreesen Hardware company that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the offices of the said company, corner of 9th and Harney streets, in the city of Omaha, in the state of Nebraska, on Tuesday, Jan. 10, A. D., 1905, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.

(Seal.) H. J. LEE, President.
W. M. GLASS, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER—Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30, 1904. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received here until 10 a. m., central standard time, Jan. 9, 1905, for heating, plumbing and electric wiring an administration building at Fort Robinson, Nebraska. Full information furnished on application to this office, where plans and specifications may be seen, or to the Quartermaster, Fort Robinson, Nebraska. Proposals to be marked "Proposals for Heating, Plumbing and Electric Wiring," and addressed to Major M. GRAY ZALINSKI, Acting Chief Quartermaster. 32-2-7

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CITY VETERINARIAN.

Office and Infirmary, 28th and Mason Sts. OMAHA, NEB. Telephone 839.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE

PROPOSALS for PAPER FOR THE PUBLIC PRINTING AND BINDING.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received until January 12, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. for furnishing the PAPER for the PUBLIC PRINTING and BINDING for the year ending 28th of February, 1906, the said proposals to be opened before and the award of contracts to be made by the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing to the lowest and best bidder for the interest of the Government, the committee reserving to itself the right to reject any and all bids, as its judgment of the best interests of the Government may dictate.

Detailed schedules of the description, quantity and quality of the paper required, accompanied by samples and blank proposals, and giving the regulations with which bidders must comply, can be obtained by addressing F. W. Palmer, Public Printer, Washington, D. C.

The contracts will be entered into for supplying such quantities of paper as may be needed during the year and no more.

The estimated quantities set forth in detail in the schedule comprise:

50,000 reams machine-finish printing paper, 24x38.
20,000 reams machine-finish printing paper, 33x48.
26,500 reams sized and super-calendered white or tinted printing paper, various sizes
400 reams antique machine-finish printing paper.
32,600 reams white writing paper, various sizes and weights.
3,800 reams colored writing paper, various sizes and weights.
5,100 reams cover paper, various sizes and weights.
10,000 pounds of best plate paper.
250,000 pounds of best map paper.
700,000 pounds superfine (single and double) coated book paper.
5,650 reams manila paper, various sizes and weights.
154,000 pounds bond paper.
30,000 pounds artificial parchment, various sizes.
4,000 pounds parchment deed.
10,000 sheets plated bullet patch, 16x21 inches.
10,000 sheets high-finish onion skin, 19x24 inches.
170,000 sheets cardboard, various colors, sizes and weights.
3,600,000 sheets bristol board, various colors, sizes and weights.
9,600 reams first-class ledger paper, white or blue, laid or wove, various sizes and weights.
9,200 reams second-class ledger paper, white or blue, laid or wove, various sizes and weights.
6,300 reams tissue and copying paper.
49 reams blotting paper, any required color and weight.
820 reams marble, comb and lining paper, various sizes.
770 reams typewriter paper, various sizes and weights.
1,115 reams letter, note and quarto-post paper.
200 reams white French folio, 17x22 inches.
25 reams extra S. and C. tissue paper, 25x38 inches.
2,000 sheets parchment, 15x21 inches.

Proposals will be received for one thousand reams or more.

By direction of the Joint Committee of Congress on Public Printing.

F. W. PALMER, Public Printer.

Washington, D. C., December 12, 1904.
Dec-19-26-Jan-2.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE—Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received here until 1 o'clock p. m., central standard time, January 21, 1905, and then opened in the presence of attending bidders, for three hundred fifty-seven (357) geldings and seven hundred twelve (712) mares, for cavalry remounts, and eighteen (18) artillery horses. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all proposals, or any part thereof. Blank forms for bidding and circular giving full information and requirements will be furnished on application to this office. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Horses," and addressed to M. Gray Zalinski, acting chief quartermaster. D29-30-31-J1-2-3-26—M

RAILWAY TIME CARD

UNION STATION—TENTH AND MARCY

Union Pacific.	Leave.	Arrive.
Overland Limited	a 8:40 am	a 5:05 pm
Colorado & Calif. Ex.	a 4:10 pm	a 9:20 am
Calif. & Oregon Ex.	a 4:20 pm	a 8:10 pm
North Platte Local	a 7:50 am	a 7:00 pm
Fast Mail	a 8:50 am	a 3:20 pm
Colorado Special	a 7:45 am	a 7:40 am
Beatrice Fast Express	a 4:30 pm	b 1:20 pm
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.		
EAST.		
Chicago Limited	a 3:55 am	a 7 10 am
Chicago Daylight Local	b 7:00 am	a 9:55 pm
Chicago Express	b11:15 am	a 5:15 pm
Des Moines Express	a 4:30 pm	b11:50 am
Chicago Fast Express	a 5:40 pm	a 1:20 pm
WEST.		
Rocky Mountain Ltd.	a 7:20 am	a 3:50 pm
Lincoln, Den. & West.	a 1:30 pm	a 5:05 pm
Oklahoma & Tex. Ex.	a 4:15 pm	a12:40 pm
Chicago Great Western.		
St. Paul & Minn.	a 8:30 pm	a 7:15 am
St. Paul & Minn.	a 7:35 am	a 8:25 pm
Chicago Limited	a 4:30 pm	a10:30 am
Chicago Express	a 4:30 am	a 4:05 pm
Chicago & Northwestern.		
Local Chicago	a11:30 am	.....
Mail	a 8:10 pm	8:30 am
Daylight St. Paul	a 7:50 am	10:00 pm
Daylight Chicago	a 8:00 pm	11:50 pm
Limited Chicago	a 8:25 pm	9:15 am
Local Carroll	a 4:00 pm	9:30 am
Fast St. Paul	a 8:15 pm	7:05 am
Local Sioux C. & St. P.	b 4:00 pm	a 9:30 am
Fast Mail	.....	8:30 am
Chicago Express	.....	a 3:45 pm
Norfolk & Bonesteel	a 7:40 am	10:25 am
Lincoln & Long Pine	b 7:40 am	10:25 am
Deadwood & Lincoln	a 2:50 pm	5:15 pm
Casper & Wyoming	d 2:50 pm	e 5:15 pm
Hastings-Albion	b 2:50 pm	5:15 pm
Wabash.		
St. Louis Express	6:30 pm	8:20 am
St. Louis Local (from Council Bluffs)	9:15 am	10:30 pm
Shenandoah Local (from Council Bluffs)	5:45 pm	2:30 pm
Missouri Pacific.		
St. Louis Express	a 9:30 am	a 6:00 am
K. C. & St. L. Ex.	a11:15 pm	a 5:00 pm
Illinois Central.		
Chicago Express	a 7:25 am	a10:35 pm
Chicago Limited	a 7:50 pm	a 8:06 am
Minn. & St. Paul Ex.	b 7:25 am	b10:35 pm
Minn. & St. Paul Ltd.	a 7:50 pm	a 8:05 pm
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul.		
Chicago Daylight Ex.	a 7:55 am	a11:00 pm
California-Oregon Ex.	a 5:45 pm	a 3:10 pm
Overland Limited	a 8:20 pm	a 7:35 am
Des M. & Okoboji Ex.	a 7:55 am	a 3:10 pm

BURLINGTON STATION—10TH & MASON

Burlington.	Leave.	Arrive.
Denver & California	a 4:10 pm	a 3:30 pm
Northwest Express	a11:10 pm	a 6:08 pm
Nebraska points	a 8:50 am	a 7:40 pm
Lincoln Fast mail	b 2:57 pm	a12:05 pm
Ft. Crook & Plattsm'th	b 9:52 pm	a10:35 am
Bellevue & Plattsm'th	a 7:50 pm	b 8:32 am
Bellevue & Pac. Junc.	a 3:32 am	.....
Denver Limited	.....	a 6:55 am
Chicago Special	a 7:10 am	.....
Chicago Express	a 4:00 pm	a 2:45 pm
Chicago Flyer	a 8:06 pm	a 7:25 am
Iowa Local	a 9:15 am	a11:00 pm
St. Louis Express	a 4:25 pm	a11:45 am
Kansas City & St. Joe.	a10:45 pm	a 6:45 am
Kansas City & St. Joe.	a 9:15 am	a 6:05 pm
Kansas City & St. Joe.	a 4:25 pm	.....

WEBSTER DEPOT—15TH & WEBSTER

Missouri Pacific.	Leave.	Arrive.
Nebraska Local, via Weeping Water	b 4:50 pm	b11:40 am
Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha.		
Twin City Passenger	b 6:30 am	b 9:10 pm
Sioux City Passenger	a 2:00 pm	a11:20 am
Oakland Local	b 5:45 pm	b 9:10 am

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

GIBBONS PRAISES THE ORDERS

Large Audience Listens to New Year's Sermon by the Cardinal.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—The cathedral was filled almost to overflow today by the worshipers, who had made up their minds to start the new year with a religious record.

Cardinal Gibbons preached at 11 o'clock and his sermon abounded in sound advice for the coming year. The subject of his sermon, however, was the "Beneficent Institutions of the Catholic church." His eminence referred especially to the Little Sisters of the Poor, The Sisters of Mercy and the Order of St. Vincent De Paul were also referred to in glowing terms.

At the close of the pontifical mass the cardinal held his usual New Year's day reception in the archiepiscopal residence and greeted several hundreds of persons of all creeds.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

December Liquidation Takes Corn Down Two Cents.

END OF WHEAT DELIVERY FEATURLESS

Reported Overestimates in Odessa and Ontario—Corn Situation Dull and Little Selling Pressure—Oats Quiet.

OMAHA, Dec. 31, 1904.

The December liquidation came to an end in wheat without any demonstration of any sort, but the end of the December corn brought a decline of 2c from the opening. This made the corn 2¾c under the May option. The wheat market was nervous, but not so much so as during the preceding day. Friday it was most confusing, as by some it was thought the Wall street pool was dumping its holdings and by others this selling was considered merely for the purpose of shaking off tailers. Chicago eleventh-hour tailers did liquidate, which caused some weakness. The December wheat opened up today at $1.14½, one-half cent above the Friday close. The high point was $1.14¾, but the market weakened toward the close and the last quotation on December was $1.13. The May wheat closed Friday at $1.13⅞. It opened today at $1.14½, declined to $1.13⅝ and rallied at the close to $1.14⅜.

The eastern long interest bought most of its wheat at near the present figure and has no inducement to sell now. The speculators are holding over until after the holidays. An Odessa cable gives the crop at 3,000,000, against a estimate of 1,000,000 in 1903. Broomhall estimates the world's shipments for week ahead at 8,000,000 bushels, 7,200,000 to go to Europe. He expects a fair decrease in breadstuffs afloat. Australian wheat shipments for the week are 352,000, against 624,000 last week and 392,000 last year. Two elevator lines in Minnesota are reported as saying their houses hold less wheat now than the same period last year. Minneapolis shipped 88,000 today and 50,000 flour. The Minneapolis stock of No. 1 northern is 3,492,753 and of all grades 14,379,272, an increase of 31,516 bushels. The Ontario crop is said to be smaller than estimated, 6,000,000, against 20,000,000 for last year, and the Ontario millers drawing 20,000,000 from Manitoba.

The December liquidation in corn brought a weak close. The Friday session ended at 44⅞c and today's opening was 44½c, but the market steadily declined with one or two small bulges until the closing figure was 42½c. The corn situation is dull. The selling pressure is not urgent, but it is large enough to keep the market from going up. The buying is not imperative, but it comes from influential interests and is in volume enough to keep the market firm. Fairview City, Illinois, reports corn in that section is from one-half to three-fourths marketed. The prices have been good enough to satisfy the farmers and the roads have been in good condition.

The oat market is also dull. The visible is so large as to deter outside speculation. The receipts are normal and the demand not particularly strong.

Omaha Cash Sales.

WHEAT—No. 3 hard, 1 car, 57 lbs., $1.04½; no grade, 1 car, 47½ lbs., 90c.

CORN—No. 3 white, 1 car, 46c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 1 car, 29c; no grade, 34 lbs., 28c.

Omaha Cash Market.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.04; No. 3 hard, $1.02; No. 4 hard, 85@95c; No. 2 spring, $1.04.

CORN—No. 2, 39c; No. 3, 38½c; No. 4, 37½@38c; no grade, 33@37c; No. 2 yellow, 37c; No. 3 yellow, 38½c; No. 2 white, 39c; No. 3 white, 38½c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, 28½c; No. 3 mixed, 27½@28c; No. 4 mixed, 26@27c; No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3 white, 28½c; No. 4 white, 27½@28c; standard, 28½c.

Carloe Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	18	375	54
Minneapolis	267	...	...
Duluth	57	...	...
Kansas City	69	23	14
St. Louis	33	49	31
Omaha	40	125	10

Markets Elsewhere.

Closing prices in other markets were as follows:

CHICAGO.

Wheat—	
May	1.14⅝B
July	98⅝
Corn—	
May	45⅛B
July	45⅝A

KANSAS CITY

Wheat—	
May	1.04⅝
July	90½
Corn—	
May	41⅞
July	42½

ST. LOUIS.

Wheat—	
May	1.15⅛
July	96 A
Corn—	
May	43⅝

MINNEAPOLIS.

Wheat—	
May	1.15⅞
July	1.03¼

DULUTH.

Wheat—	
May	1.16⅛B

NEW YORK.

Wheat—	
May	1.15⅛
July	1.03¼

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—FLOUR—Receipts, 9,986 bbls.; exports, 6,327 bbls. Market inactive but firmly held. Minnesota patents, $5.85@6.20; Minnesota bakers, $4.40@4.75; winter patents, $5.50@5.85; winter straights, $5.25@5.40; winter extras, $3.65@4.30; winter low grades, $3.45@4.10. Rye flour, quiet; fair to good, $4.40@4.70; choice to fancy, $4.75@5.00.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.30@1.35; coarse, $1.24@1.26; kiln dried, $2.90@3.10.

RYE—Nominal.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 44c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 45@62c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 65,000 bu.; exports, 45,000 bu. Spot steady; No. 2 red, nominal, elevator, and $1.22½, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1.22½, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, $1.08, f. o. b. afloat. Options had a firm opening on further bull support, but quickly weakened under realizing. Then followed a sharp recovery on rumors that the visible might show a decrease on Tuesday, and on reports of a bullish Illinois state report, the close being firm, at ¼c net advance. May, $1.14⅝@1.15 5-16, closed $1.15⅛; July, $1.02⅝@1.03⅛, closed $1.03¼; December, $1.22½.

CORN—Receipts, 289,620 bu.; exports, 122,251 bu. Spot was barely steady. No. 2 yellow, 53½c; No. 2 white, 53½c. The option market opened steady on covering of December shorts, but reacted later with the west closing ¼c net lower. May, 51@51⅛c, closed 51½c; December, 54½@54⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 12,000 bu.; exports, 8,000 bu. Spot market steady. Mixed oats, 26 to 32 pounds, 30@39½c; natural white, 31 to 32 pounds, 31@33c; clipped white, 36 to 40 pounds, 38@40½c.

HAY—Dull. Shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 77½@80c.

HOPS—Steady. 1903, 30@33c; olds, 14c; Pacific coast, 14@15½c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 pounds, 18c; California, 21 to 25 pounds, 19c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 pounds, 14½c. Leather, firm; acid, 24@28c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@12.00; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $22.00@23.00; packet, $10.50@11.00; city extra India mess, $14.00@14.50. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $6.75@7.25; pickled hams, 9c. Lard, steady; refined, quiet; continent, $7.15; compound, $5.00@7.37½. Pork, firm; short clear, $13.75@16.25; mess, $13.00@15.00.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4¾c; country, 4⅝@4¾c.

BUTTER—Firm; street price, extra creamery, 28@29½c; official prices, creamery, common to extra, 18@25c; creamery, held, common to extra, 20@26c; state dairy, common to extra, 19@26c; renovated, common to extra, 14@21c; western factory, common to choice, 14@17c; western imitation creamery, common to choice, 17@22c.

CHEESE—Steady; New York full creams, fancy, 12¼c; choice, 11¾@12¼c; fair to good, 11@12c.

EGGS—Strong; western fancy selected, 28c; western firsts, 27c.

POULTRY—Alive: Firm; western chickens, 10c; fowls, 11½c; turkeys, 12@13c. Dressed: Irregular; western chickens, 10@15c; fowls, 10@11c; turkeys, 13@19c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—BUTTER—Firm; extra western creamery, 29@29½c; extra nearby prints, 32c.

EGGS—Steady; nearby fresh, 32c, at mark; western, 31c, at mark.

CHEESE—Steady, quiet; New York full creams, fancy, 12c; choice, 11¾@12c; fair to good, 11@11½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31.—WHEAT—Steady; No. 1 northern, $1.14@1.15; No. 2 northern, $1.07@1.10; May, $1.14¾ asked.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 79c.

BARLEY—Dull; No. 1, 79c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2, 33c; sample, 37@51c.

CORN—¼c lower; No. 1, 51c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—WHEAT—December, $1.10¾; May, $1.15¾; July, $1.13¾; No. 1 hard, $1.16¾; No. 1 northern, $1.14¾; No. 2 northern, $1.08¾.

FLOUR—First patents, $6.10@6.20; second patents, $5.00@5.60; first clears, $4.10@4.35; second clears, $2.70@2.80.

BRAN—In bulk, $14.50.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Improved milling demand was one of the chief factors in a strong wheat market today. Final quotations on May wheat showed a net gain of ⅝@¾c. Corn is up ⅛@⅜c. Oats and provisions are practically unchanged.

A moderate bulge in wheat prices occurred at the immediate opening. The cause was a fairly good commission house demand. May was ⅛@⅜c to ⅛@⅜c higher at $1.14⅛@1.14. The buying was partly the result of continued light receipts in the northwest, arrivals today being almost half what they were a year ago. Another factor influencing the situation was a report that prospects are good for a considerable decrease in the amount of wheat on passage and in the world's shipments. After May had advanced to $1.14¾ a quick reaction occurred on realizing by pit traders, the price declining to $1.13⅝@1.13¾. On the break, however, the market met with good support from a leader of the bulls. Quick recovery followed. Prices were given a decided upward impetus by news from the northwest, where cash markets showed unusual strength. Reports from Minneapolis, claiming big sales of flour, were an additional bull influence. A late factor was a rumor to the effect that the Illinois crop report would be quite bullish. During the last hour of trading the market held remarkably firm, offerings being comparatively insignificant. After selling up to $1.14⅝@1.14¾, May closed at $1.14¾. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 152,900 bushels. Primary receipts were 573,000 bushels, compared with 1,027,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 340 cars, against 612 a year ago.

Liquidation of December option was the feature of trading in the corn market. This selling had no effect on the distant futures. The general market, however, showed a slight response to the weakness of the December delivery. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 45⅝@45¾c to 45½c, sold off to 45¼c and closed at 45⅛@45½c. Local receipts were 375 cars, with 2 of contract grade.

The strength of wheat had a steadying influence on the oats market, prices fluctuating within a narrow range. The volume of trading was extremely small. May opened a shade higher at 31⅛c, sold off to 31¼c and closed at 31⅛@31⅜c. Local receipts were 54 cars.

Provisions were a trifle easier earlier in the day in sympathy with a small decline in the price of hogs. There was some selling by small packers, offerings being taken by shorts. A steadier tone developed later in the session, prices at the close showing a slight gain. May pork was up 2½@5c at $12.80. Lard was up 2½c at $7.02½@7.05. Ribs were 5c higher at $6.70@6.72½.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 50 cars; corn, 540 cars; oats, 67 cars; hogs (for Monday), 41,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec.	1 14½ @1 14⅝	1 14¾	1 13	1 13	1 14
May	1 13⅞ @1 14	1 14¾ @1 14½	1 12⅝ @1 13¼	1 14⅛	1 13⅝ @1 13¾
July	98½@⅞	98⅞	98⅛	98⅝@⅞	98½
*Corn					
Dec.	44½	44⅝	42½	42½	44⅞
May	45⅝@½	45½	45⅛	45⅛@¼	45½
July	45⅞	45⅞	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝@¾
*Oats					
Dec.	29⅞	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝	29⅞
May	31⅝	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛@⅛	31⅛@⅛
July	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝	31⅝	31½@⅝
Pork—					
Jan.	12 35	12 40	12 32½	12 40	12 37½
May	12 72½	12 82½	12 72½	12 80	12 77½
Lard—					
Jan.	6 72½	6 77½	6 72½	6 77½	6 77½
May	7 05	7 05	7 00	7 05	7 02½
Ribs—					
Jan.	6 35	6 42½	6 35	6 42½	6 37½
May	6 65	6 72½	6 65	6 72½	6 67½

*Indicates Sunday.
** Indicates holiday.

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

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sh'p.	H'ses.
C., M. & St. P. Ry.	..	19	..	..
Wabash	..	1	..	..
Missouri Pacific Ry.	..	2	..	..
Union Pacific System	..	28	2	1
C. & N. W. Ry.	1	14	..	..
F., E. & M. V. R. R.	1	43	..	..
C., St. P., M. & O. Ry.	2	10	..	..
B. & M. Ry.	..	8	..	..
C., B. & Q. Ry.	..	1	..	..
C., R. I. & P., east	1	11	..	..
Illinois Central	..	5	..	..
Chicago Great Western	..	1	..	..
Total receipts	5	148	2	1

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.	....	1,108	....
Swift and Company	70	2,307	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	....	2,372	1,088
Armour and Company	....	3,056	....
Armour & Co., Sioux City	....	801	....
Hill	12	....	....
L. F. Huss	26	....	....
S. & S.	....	547	....
Other buyers	6	....	....
Total	113	10,591	1,088

CATTLE—There were a few cattle in the yards this morning, but not enough with which to make a test of the market. For the week receipts show a decrease as compared with last week amounting to about 3,000 head and of about 2,000 head as compared with the same week of last year.

The tendency of prices on beef steers was upward the early part of the week, owing to very light receipts and to a fairly good demand. On Friday, however, there was a liberal run and packers made use of the opportunity to break the market, with the result that they took off nearly all they put on the early part of the week. In some cases steers that just suited buyers yesterday could perhaps a dime higher than the same kinds brought last week, but as a general thing there was very little change. In other words, the market is back to just about where it was before the bad weather of this week caused a shortage in supplies. Good to choice corn fed steers may be quoted from $4.90 to $5.50 and something strictly prime would probably sell well up toward $6.00. Fair to good cattle sell from $4.25 to $4.75 and the shorter fed and common kinds from $4.15 down.

The cow market followed much the same course as did the steer market. Common to medium cows yesterday lost all of the advance of the early part of the week, but choice cows and heifers are perhaps 10c to 15c higher than they were a week ago. Buyers all seem to be anxious for the better grades and as a result they did not suffer so badly. Canners and the commoner kinds. Good to choice grades sell from $2.90 to $3.50, with strictly choice grades up to $3.80 or a little better. Fair to good go at $2.25 to $2.75 and canners largely from $1.50 to $2.00.

Bulls advanced the first part of the week, but the market closed with prices, if anything, a little lower than they were the week before. Feeder bulls sell mostly from $2.00 to $2.50, with good fat bulls from $2.50 to $3.50. Bologna bulls sell from $2.50 down. Veal calves are steady for the week; best grades up to $5.50.

The stocker and feeder market was slow and weak the first part of the week, but the latter part the demand improved, owing to better weather, and closing prices are just about the same as they were at the close of last week. Good to choice grades sell from $3.50 to $4.00; fair to good, $3.25 to $3.50, and commoner kinds from $3.15 down. Representative sales:

NEBRASKA.

1 cow	1320	2 35	5 steers 1026 3 60
1 cow	1150	2 05	1 steer 810 2 00
1 cow	1100	5 00	3 steers 913 3 10
5 cows	1018	2 60	1 bull 1410 2 50
1 steer	660	2 65	9 heifers 1046 3 20
21 mixed	963	3 60	

HOGS—There was a liberal run of hogs here this morning for a Saturday and as advices from other points were rather unfavorable the tendency of prices was downward. The market could be quoted active and nearly a nickel lower. The long strips went at $4.47½, with the bulk of all the sales at $4.45 to $4.50, with choice hogs up to $4.52½. Trading was quite active at the decline, so that most all the early arrivals were disposed of in good season. Some of the trains were late in arriving, which delayed the close to quite an extent. Trading on the close was rather slow, with the feeling a little weak.

For the week receipts have been very light, there being a decrease as compared with last week of about 24,000 head and of 17,000 head as compared with the same week of last year. The tendency of prices was upward until Friday, when there was a reaction, followed by a decline today of about a nickel. This leaves closing prices around a nickel higher than they were at the close of last week. Representative sales:

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