Report of County Institute. The proceedings of the late sessions of the County Institute have just been issued in pamphlet form. This is the thirteenth of these annual reports and comprises, with the report proper, its valuable pages of educational statistics, a series of interesting pages in astronomical subjects, and some advertising matter, over one hun-The bill for postage alone, we learn, was nearly fifty dollars. Two copies were sent to each teacher enrolled, one to each of the three hundred and fifty or more school directors in the county, and one to each city, county and borough superintendent

A BALLAD OF TREES AND THE MASTER.

BY SIDNEY LANIER. Into the woods my Master went, Clean forspent, forspent, Into the woods my Master came, Into the woons my master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him:
The thorn tree had a mind to Him When into the woods he came.

Out of the woods my Master went, And He was well content. Out of the woods my Master came, Content with death and shame. When Death and Shame would woo Him last, From under the trees they drew him last: 'Twas on'a tree they slew Him—last When out of the woods He came.

The True Cross, Mr. James Stewart has left with us a section of wood, about an inch and a half in diameter and an eighth of an inch thick, sawed from a tree that grows on the Madeira river and in other parts South America and is known as the Vera Cruz, or True Cross. When sawed in vertical sections, the wood presents the exact appearance of a Malteese cross, the interstices between the arms of the cross being filled with a fibre of different color and quality from that of the cross. The branch from which the specimen was sawn was not cylindrical in

Severely Injured by a Fall. On Tuesday evening Mr. Adam Danner and wife, of Penn township, were visiting at the house of Rev. B. Z. Eby, in Manheim borough, with the intention of at tending service. On leaving Mr. Eby's and on their way to the church Mrs. Danner slipped on the ice and fell with such violence as to produce complete dislocation of both fore-arms at the wrist joint; also fracturing the bone in her left forearm a few inches above said joint, besides being severely injured internally by the

form, but nearly quadrilateral.

Argument Court. This morning the court was still hearing cases in common pleas court. In regard to the coroner's cases, the court delivered an opinion this morning, stating that the court had nothing to do with the confirmations of the inquisition, but if the parties thought there was no reason for an inquest, they had their redress by asking for a rule to show cause why a certorari should not issue and further that the coroner should

Real Estate Sales. Jno. II. Stauffer, of Salunga, has bought the corner lot owned by I. F. Bomberger and Isaac Buch, next to Witter's shoe store, in Lititz, for \$1300. Mr. Stauffer will creet thereon a building, in which he will open a dry goods and grocery store, and it is also designed to have the upper story for a public hall.

keep a book of all proceedings.

Henry Zartman, of Brickerville, bought the Centennial hotel property at Manheim, for \$3,200, and will take possession of the same on April 1.

To Speak at a Christmas Festival. A Sunday school festival will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock in Gernant's church, near Leesport, Berks coanty. Prof J. F. Kershner, of Franklin and Marshall college, and Edwin A. Gernant, a student in the Reformed theological seminary, will deliver addresses.

Heavy Snow. The snow fall in the lower end of the county has been much heavier than in these parts. On the Buck hills and below it is a foot deep on the level, and in many sections it is much drifted, and consequently much deeper.

Another. Geo. M. Steinman & Co., are another of our business firms who to-day presented each of their employees with a fine, fat Christmas turkey.

Drew a Prize. "Mrs. Vickers of Lancaster," holding ticket No. 5,008, has drawn the folding bed at the Co. E. drawing of the First regi-ment fair in Philadelphia.

Mayor's Court. This morning the mayor discharged one vagrant and sent a drunk to jail for 10 days

Sunday Hours. Sunday hours will be observed at the postoffice to-morrow.

A Surprise. John W. Reith, son of John F. Reith, carpenter, residing on North Water street, gave his mother'a very agreeable surprise this morning by presenting her with a very handsome set of

parior furniture as a Christmas present. The Toledo Weekly Biade Say they are personally acquainted with the managers of the Day Kidney Pad Co., whom they know to be responsible and reliable men.

d20-1wd&w M W&F Menuonite Preaching. The Rev. Eli Herr, of New York state will preach in the Reformed Mennoulte church,

East German street, to-morrow morning at 10

Night sweats, cough, emaciation and decline prevented by Malt Bitters. A Foul-Mouthed Woman

is worse than o foul-mouthed man. But no one need be foul-mouthed if they will only use SOZODONT and rub it in well. Don't spare the brush and spoil the mouth, as some parents do with their children when they withold the

A delightful shave is possible only with the Cuticura Shaving Soap.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

This wine for sickness has long been in popular favor, but by no means intoxicating is its nature. We refer to Speer's Port Grape Wine, which has been introduced into the hos pitals and among the first families in New York, the principal drug stores in this city, by Alfred Speer, of Passaic, N. J., who has devoted himself for many years to the cultivation of the Oporto Grape, and the study of fermentations, and producing an article, the medical properties of which are said by genlemen of reputation to be unsurpassed. Mr. Epecr ferments his wine by a new process, pe-culiar to himself, without the addition of sugar or spirits. We doubt whether there is a vine yard in the old or new world that can yield: wine at all comparable to this in richness or delicacy of flavor. All first class druggist keep it.

The above extract from the New York Her ald shows the appreciation in which Speci's wine is held abroad. We have drank the wine and can truthfully endorse what the above extract says concerning its good qualities. The way in which it is matured by Mr. Speer gives

it a finer flavor than any wine we ever drank, -Boston Traveler. This wine is endorsed by Drs Atlee and Davis, and for sale by H. F. Slaymaker.

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The Melancholy Dane,

Sitting Up Nights. dred pages of the size of the asyleania School Journal. Seventeen he red copies were issued, some sixteen andred of which were mailed out yesterday to teachers, directors and superintendents. The bill for postage alone, we learn, was nearly fifty dollars. Two copies were sent to seek teacher entollied one to each of

> MARRIAGES. SIMON—SHUFFLEBOTTOM.—December 23, 1880, at the parsonage of Trinity church, by Rev. Dr. Greenwald, Charles Frederick Simon to Miss Sarah Jane Shufflebottom, both of Lancas-

DEATRS. Musselman.—Dec. 22, 1880, in this city, Harry D., son of H. D. and Sarah Musselman, in the

17th year of his age. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, 131 North Shippen street, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. 3t

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. CHOICE BALTIMORE AND PHILADEL-PHIA OYSTERS for the Holidays at CHARLES BISSINGERS. 21 N. W. cor. Water and West King streets.

WANTED-A GOOD MAN TO OPEN OYSTERS this evening. Apply to J. A. KELLER, 135 East King Street.

A LL PAPERS OF GERMAN BUILDING Association will be released at the Court House, on MONDAY, DECEMBER 27. 1td C. MATZ, Sec'y. PURKEY AND SAUER KRAUT LUNCH on Monday, December 27, from 9 a. m. to n., at JOHN FRITSCH'S SALOON, Formerly Chas, Rothweller's, d* 206 West King Street,

OST.-STRAYED FROM THE RESI-

Jost.—STRATED FROM THE RESIDER of the subscriber, a Young English Bull Dog, entirely white, except a yellow spot under the left eye: ears cropped. A liberal reward will be paid for his return to PHILIP HAIIN, No. 663 South Queen Street.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
of the American Mechanics' Building and
Loan Association will be held to-morrow (sAT-URDAY) evening, 25th inst, at 7½ o'clock, in
Coyle's building, No. 38 East King street.
Nominations for officers,
1td WM. T. JEFFERIES, Sec'y.

OBRISTMAS PRESENTS. - IMPORTED German Canaries, in full song. Gold Fish German Canaries, in full song, Gold Fish and Globes, Gray Parrots (they make the best talkers), and other varieties of birds, at VONDERSMITH'S, 129 North Queen street (Howell's building.)

PUBLIC SALE OF HORSES ON MON-DAY, JANUARY 27, 1880, at J. D. Den-linger's Merrimae House, 115 North Prince street, Lancaster, Pa., 16 Head of Franklin County Horkses. Among them are some Heavy Boned Foeders. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p. m. A credit of 60 days will be given. 1td* DANIEL LOGAN. NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED. Organs and Planes, NEW AND SECOND HAND, at greatly reduced prices. JUSTUS STUCKENHOLZ,

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Knives, &c., in proportion, will be found many articles useful for

HOLIDAY PRESENTATION, E. F. BOWMAN,

106 EAST KING STREET.

DUBLIC SALE. On MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1880, WIII On MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1880, will be sold at public sale at the Cooper house, West King street, the following city property, viz.; A lot of ground situated on the corner of Green and Duke streets, trouting on Duke street 269 feet and 3 inches, running along Green street 1774 feet, and along Low street 200 feet, upon which are crected a one-story Double Frame House, Stable and Hog Sty in rear of lot; well of good water with pump therein; also hydrant, truit trees, &c. The fences around the grounds are in good order. The property will be sold in lots or in the whole as may best suit purchasers.

Sale to commence at 7 o'clock p. m., when ferms will be made known by the TRUSTEES OF ST. STEPHENS CHURCH. H. Shtarat, Auct. dec3-18W&S

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VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY AT PUBLIC SALE. On FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1889, will be sold on the premises, southeast angle Centre Square, the following valuable real estate viz: No. 1. A Lot of Ground, southeast corner of

No. 1. A Lot of Ground, southeast colline of Centre Square, with a frontage on said square of 9 feet, including 3½-feet wide alley on west side, with a further extension of said line castward 33 feet, more or less, to property of Abraham Hirsh, then south, 44 feet, more or less, to ward 33 feet, more or less, to property of Abraham Hirsh, then south, 44 feet, more or less, to a 3-feet wide alley, running cast and west, then castward along said alley 22½ feet, more or less, to property of Isaac Stirk, then south 21 feet 3 inches, including said alley, more or less, to property of Neal Lagan's estate, then west 63½ feet, more or less, to property of Bitner & Hostetter, then north 65 feet 3 inches, including the 3-feet wide alley, more or less, to Centre Square, on which is creeted a two-story BRICK BUILDING, formerly occupied by Dr. Mishler for the manufacture of Bitters and Gold and Sodium: also, another part two and part three-story Brick Building, adjoining Stirk's property on the cast, Bitner & Hostetter on the west, and Neal Lagan's estate on the south, now used as a Dwelling and Beer Saloon; good Cellar and Sewerage, as well as Gas and Water throughout the entire buildings.

No. 2. A Lot of Ground, situate on the north side of Middle street, 29 feet in front, and in depth 110½ feet, more or less, to a common aliey, known a Howard street, on which has been lately exceled a three-story Brick Dweiling House.

Sale to commence at 7 o'clock p. m. of said

ing House.

Sale to commence at 7 o'clock p. in, of said day, when the as of sale will be made known by ELIZABETH MISHLER, HENRY SOUTHER, Auct. d17.

Holiday 60008.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. NOVELTIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

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PHOTOGRAI II ALBUMS, STEREOSCOPES AND VIEWS, FINE POCKET BOOKS. CIGAR CASES, GRAPHOSCOPES, CABINET AND PANEL PICTURES,

New Books in Holiday Dress. An immerse assortment of

BIBLES, PRAYER AND HYMNALS, CHURCH EOOKS, ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, PICTURE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. GAMES, ALPHABET BLOCKS. PAINTING BOOKS. WATER COLORS &c.

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These goods we are selling at about one-half the cost of importation. We have marked them very low in order to close out the whole lot by Christmas

We have also a great number of knickknacks at a very small cost out of which many suitable gifts can be selected for Girls and Boys

For Ladies' and Gents' wear we have an endless assortment of Ties and Bows. Kid Gloves and Castor Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiets, Gossamer Waterproofs, Silk and Alpaca Umbreitas, Collars and Cuffs, &c. We call attention to a few pieces of Black Silk Just received, which we have marked very low. These goods we warrant not to

erack or break. We invite Special Examination, We invite Special Examination, Of our Goods in Every Department. Of our Goods in Every Department, As we have made Prices Exceedingly

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found to be the Best. Before Making your Purchases give as n Call. Before Making your Purchases give us a Call.

NOTE.-We open to-day, December 22, another large lot of Holiday Novelties, which we will offer at special low

Givler, Bowers & Hurst.

No. 25 Bast King Street,

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

We have not time or space to commercial the many articles that will make beautiful and useful Christman Presents. But by an examination of our stock you will be sucr to find something suitable for your purpose. Call and see, whether you want an article costing One Dollar or One Thousand Dollars.

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Manufacturing Jeweler, Zahm's Corner,

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Beautiful and Durable Christmas Gifts. DIAMONDS,

SPECTACLES, JEWELRY, GOLD BRONZES, GOLD HEAD CANES, GOLD THIMBLES, SILVER HEAD CANES, SILVER THIMBLES, OPERA GLASSES.

SILVERWARE.

GOLD PENS AND PENCILS, HANDKERCHIEF AND GLOVE BOXES, GOLD BRONZE SMOKING SETS. FINE CIGAR SETS.

> ALL THESE AND MANY MORE AT ZAHM'S CORNER, LANCASTER, PA.

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Nothing would be nicer and more appropriate for a Christmas Gift than one of

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The best line of Sleighs in the Lancaster Market, including PORTLAND, ALBANY and TWO-SEATED CUTTERS. Call and secure Bargains. A Full Line of

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All kinds of House Painting and Graining done at the shortest notice and in the best possible style. We have reduced our prices to \$1.75 per day. Shop on Charlotte street. ectl2-3md ALLEN GUTHRIE & SONS.

DEMOVAL.

MRS. M. A. EDWARDS has removed her Millinery Store to No. 250 West King street, where she will be pleased to see all her old customers. Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons, Satins, Velvets, Feathers, Flowers, &c., will be sold cheaper than ever bofore. Call and see.

THE EMPORIUM FOR HOLIDAY PRES-THE EMPORIUM FOR HOLIDAY PRES-ENTS. Presents for all at FREY'S CITY PHARMACY, North Queen, corner Orange street, Lancaster, Pa. An immense variety of Tollet Sets, Ladies' and Gents' Companions, Ladies' Cabbas, Russia Leather and Seal Skin Pocket-Books, Letter and Card Cases, Fans, Cigar Cases, &c. Fine Colognes, Tollet Waters, Cut Glass Bottles, &c.

NO NONSENSE.—PARTIES WHO WANT to keep a drink of pure invigorating Whisky in their houses, should go to George Wall's Southern Exchange Hotel, corner of South Queen and Middle streets. He keeps only the best brands of liquor; also, California and Blackberry Wine, and Sweet Cider for Christmas. Oysters for family use. Egg-nog will be served to his customers on Christmas day.

TRY A POUND OF THE DELICIOUS 8 o'clock Breakfast Coffee,

ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC TEA CO., 114 NORTH QUEEN STREET,

Lancaster, Pa. Christmas Groceries.

Florida Oranges, Valencia Oranges, Solid Sweet White Grapes, 29 and 25c, per pound; Fine Raisins, Princess P. S. Almonds, 40 and 5c, per pound; Cream Nuts, Filberts, English Walnuts, Pecan Nuts, Shelfbarks, &c.

Pure Fresh Mixed Candy Crystalized Fruits, Apricots and Cherries. FINE FIGS at 25c, a box, FINE FRENCH PRUNES in Jars, also by

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TAKE NOTICE THAT ALL THE OUT-standing and ungaid city tax for the year 1880, now in the hands of the collectors of the several wards, must be paid on or before WEDNESDAY. THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D., 1850, as immediately after that date the same will be placed in the hands of the city solicitor for collection. (HRISTMAS GIFTS!!!

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No. 12 WEST KING STREET. HEADQUARTERS FOR PURE CONFEC-JOSEPH R. ROYER'S, 50 AND 52 WEST KING ST.

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Remember the place—

50 AND 52 WEST KING STREET. FLINN & BRENEMAN. GRAND OPENING OF TOYS, CHRISTMAS GOODS.

A larger stock than ever, Lower prices than ever. Every variety of Mechanical Toys, DOLLS! DOLLS! DOLLS! BLOCKS AND GAMES. Horses, Carts, Wagons, Sleighs. Velocipedes and Bicycles.
USEFUL CHISTMAS PRESENTS. Elegant Carvers, Silver plated Knives, Silver-plated Spoons, Silver-plated Forks. The above goods are Rodgers & Bro,'s best goods, bought at a sacrifice, and will be sold very low. HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

Tin, Sheet Iron and Wooden Ware at Great Great Stove and Heater Store,

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LANCASTER, PA. the Cheapest, Simplest and Best in the Market. Made of Walnut, Moulding three and four inches wide, and New Patterns. We have them thirteen different ways, and very low in price.

CURTAIN POLES with Brass Rings, Ends and Brackets. All Walnut and Ash Poles complete.

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Plain Window Shades, All Colors and Widels, Hollands, Paper Curtains, Fixtures, France, Cords, Tassels, Loops, Picture Nails, Tassel Hooks, &c. Opening almost daily New Styles of

WALL PAPER, FOR THE COMING SPRING.

PHARES W. FRY, No. 57 NORTH QUEEN ST. THIRD EDITION.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 24, 1880.

WEATHER INDICATIONS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—For New England and the Middle states generally cloudy weather and light snow, with northeast to southeast winds, stationary or a slight rise in temperature, and falling barometer during the night.

FREE IRELAND.

Seizure of Arms For Her. LONDON, Dec. 24.—The ship June, which was driven back into the Shannon by stress of weather, was loaded with arms which were seized by the customs authorities. There does not seem to have been any surreptitious attempt to land these arms, but the presence of a number of Irish-Americans is pointed to as singular coincidence."

Further Apprehension of Trouble. London, Dec. 24.-The soldiers who are home on leave have been ordered to return to Ireland. The feeling against the military among the lower orders is very bitter. The Times correspondent at Dublin says it is generally believed that the government possesses informa-tion warranting the apprehension of tion warranting the apprehension of danger. Immense supplies of provisions, etc., have been stored in the central depots. A store ship has arrived at Woolwich with 20,000 rounds of buckshot, a large quantity of ball cartridges and entrenching tools. Another vessel is shipping a similar cargo at Woolwich.

THE RAGING FLAMES. Their Fierce Havoc in Patterson, N. J. PATERSON, N. J. Dec. 24.-A fire broke out about 1 a. m. to-day at No. 298 Main street, in this city, which totally destroyed the stock and building of Vandeyk & Co., furniture dealers, and did much damage to No. 796, next adjoining, occupied by Robt Dunean, as a store and dwelling. Loss on the Vandcyk building about \$15,000, insured for \$2,000 in each of the following accurate the state of the state o following companies: Commercial, Union, Tradesman, of Newark; Queen's, of England and Phoenix, of Brooklyn. The loss on stock is \$30,000; insured for \$15,000 in part in the following companies: German, American, Phenix of London and Continental \$2,500 each; Queens BACCARET VASES. of England \$1,250. The firm being unable to open their safe further insurance is unknown. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The loss of Robert Duncan is slight; insured for perhaps \$800.

> The Constabulary Warned. London, Dec. 24.—The police of Porta-down, Ulster, arrested a Home Ruler named Boyle, and a number of documents relating to secret societies found upon him have been remitted to Dublin. The inspector general of the Irish constabulary has issued a circular warning the police against attempts to decoy them from their barracks and reminding

them of the precautions necessary to insure the safety of the barracks and arms. A Long Lived Legislature. MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 24.—The Legis lature, after the longest session on record, adjourned sine die at eleven o'clock this morning. Yesterday's session continued all last night. The bill taxing express and telegraph companies two per cent. on their gross receipts passed both branches.

Five tanks, containing nearly 5,000 gallons, each, of petroleum, attached to the South Brooklyn oil works, Brooklyn, were destroyed by fire this morning. The flames accidentally originated from a lamp in the hands of George Hazeldine, engineer of works. Loss, about \$8,000. Fire in Delaware County.

A Christmas Conflagration.

CHESTER, PA., Dec. 24.—Two new dwellings at Rockdale, owned by George Howard and John Neal, were burned to the ground last night. Loss \$3,500; no insur-Shot and Fatally Wounded. WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 24.-Chief of Police Hayes, of Ansonia, Conn., in attempting to arrest "Chip" Smith last

night, was shot and fatally injured. MARKETS. Philadelphia Market. PHILADELPHIA, December 21.-Flour dull and

PHILADELPHIA, December 21.—Flour dull and lower to sell; superfine \$1093550; extra at \$3756425; Ohio and Indiana family \$5506660; Penn'a family \$5006537; St. Louis family \$575625; Minnesota extra \$5006575; do straight \$500650; Winter patent \$6506675; do straight \$600650; Winter patent \$65066750; Spring do \$6756800, Rye flour dull at \$525. Wheat unsettled and lower; No 2, Western Red \$1126112½; Penn'a, Red and Amber \$11161154. Corn dull and weaker; steamer 524653e; yellow 534654e; mixed, 53%e. low 5534654c; mixed, 5334c. Outs easier and dult; No. 1 White 48c; No. 2 do 4634647c; No. 2 do at 4534c; No. 2 Mix-

No. 2 do 46%@47c: No. 3 do at 45%c; No. 2 Mixed 45@45%c.

Ryc dull at 98c.

Provisions market and prices dull; mess pork—old, \$13 00@13 50; new, \$14 75@15 00; beef mans \$18 00@18 50; Indian mess beef \$17 50; Bacon—sanoked shoulders 5%c; sail do 5% \$3/4c; sanoked hams 9%%10%c; pickled hams \$20%c.

Lard dull; city kettle 9@9%c: loose butchers \$%c; prime steam \$8 55.

Butter market dull and generally weaker; Creamery exera 34c; do goost to choice 30@34c; Butter market dull and generally weaker; Creamery extra 34c; do good to choice 30@34c; Bradford county and New York extra, tube, 25@30c; firkins, 24@25c; Western reserve extra 25@25c; do good to choice 18@20c; Rolls dull, and fancy lots scarce; Penn'a Extra 25@26c; Western Reserve extra 25@24.

Eggs scarce and firm; Penn'a 40c; Western & 65%.

Cheese firm but steady; New York full cream at 13/4c; Western full cream 12/4c; do fair to good 11@12c; do half skim-192/16/2c; Pado 10@11c.
Petroleum dull; refined at 9/4c.
Whisky weak at \$1 16.
Seeds—Good to prime clover dull 5/4@8;
Fiaxses nominal at \$1 25@1 35.

New York Market. New York, December 24.—Flour—State and Western dull strongly in buyers' favor; Superfine State at 43 00%3 75; extra do 44 00%4 50; choice, do 44 55@5 00; tancy do \$5 05@6 50; cound hoop Ohio 44 25@5 25; choice do at 45 50@6 75; superfine western \$100@3 75; common to good extra do \$100@4 90; choice do \$5 00@6 50; choice white wheat do \$5 00@6 00; Soathern quiet and heavy; common to fair extra \$4 a5@5 25; good to choice do \$5 30@6 50.

Wheat 1@11/2c lower and heavy,; No. 1 White Jan. \$1 21/26 1 22/3; do May \$1 15/26 1 15/4; No. 2 Red. Jan. \$1 14/26 1 15; do Feb. \$1 17/26 1 1:/3; do March \$1 17/26 1 20; do May \$1 19/2.

Corn 1/20/2c lower, dull; Mixed western spot, at 54/26/35c; do future at 55/257c.

Oats 1/26/3c lower; No. 2 Jan 41/2c; State 43/26/3c; Western 41/26/5/2c.

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