THE MARKET BASKET.

Mid-Winter Quiet is Fully On in Country Produce Lines.

DEMAND FOR GOOD OYSTERS FAIR.

The Press Club Contributes Its Mite to Revive Trade.

THE SITUATION IN CONSUMERS' FAVOR

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, January 25, 1889.

Retail trade in the lines of Saturday market basket materials have undergone very few changes in the past week. All dealers report a very quiet week's trade. Neither jobbers nor retailers of country produce and dairy products represent the situation in very rosy colors. The open weather has been against any revival of trade. With almost two-thirds of the winter gone, and no tight weather showing up trade has dragged, and business has been generally unsatisfactory to dealers. Sunday's snow storm ran its course too quickly to make any impression on the markets, other than to check the downward drift of eggs and butter.

Harry Beckert, of the Diamond market, reports trade very quiet in vegetable lines, but finds a few crumbs of comfort in some handsome orders for the Press Club banquet at the Hotel Duquesne, for Tuesday night. Among these orders are 25 pounds of mushrooms at $1 per pound; 87 dozen asparagus and 8 dozen cucumbers. The brethren of the press evidently are doing their part to lift trade out of its mid-winter ruts.

Fish Trade Fair.

At the fish and oyster stalls a fair week's wholesale trade is reported, but retail trade has been quiet. The open winter furnishes excellent opportunities for catching oysters. With the average winter, the supply of select oysters would not have been equal to the demand. Down-the-bay oysters or what are known in the trade as snaps, have been in large supply all season, and for these prices rule lower than last year. A winter like this is better for the consumer than it is for the trade. In the line of meats no improvement in trade is reported. Butchers are able to secure their stock at lower figures than a week ago, but make no change in prices, claiming that such times as these are only a fair offset to such times as last summer and fall, when they had to work for glory. "Shadow and shine is life," and butchers are now in the shine. Butter, eggs and poultry are unchanged. It is a very rare thing that eggs are as low at this time of the year as now. Choice country butter has held up well amid all the fluctuations of creamery. Creamery butter, in a jobbing way, is 15c per pound below November prices. But there has been very little variation all the season in the price of the pure stuff to the consumer.

The flower trade is reported good. Prices have gravitated back to the ante-holiday figures.

Following are the latest retail prices for Saturday market basket material:

Meats.

The prices called for at the Diamond Markets remain unchanged. The best cuts of tenderloin steak range from 20 to 25c, with the last figure for very fancy, which are very often no better than the 20c article; sirloin, best cuts, from 18 to 20c; standing rib roast, 15 to 20c; chuck roast, 10 to 12c; best round steaks, 15c; boiling beef, 5 to 8c; sweet breads, 25c per pair; beef kidneys, 10c apiece; beef liver, 5c a pound; calf livers, 25c apiece; corned beef from 5 to 10c per pound. Veal for stewing commands 10c; roast, 12½ to 15c; cutlets, 20c per pound; spring lambs, fore quarter, 12½ to 15c; hind quarters, 15 to 20c. A leg of mutton, hind quarter, of prime quality, brings 12½c; fore quarter, 8c; loin of mutton, 15c.

Vegetables and Fruit.

Jersey sweet potatoes, 25c a half peck; potatoes, 15c a half peck; celery, 10c a bunch; squash, 10 to 25c; tomatoes, 50c per quart box; pumpkin, 15 to 25c; cabbage, 5 to 10c; apples, 15c to 20c half peck; bananas, 15 to 25c a dozen: lemons, 25 to 30c per dozen; oranges, 35@50c; Malaga grapes, 25c per pound; onions, 25c a half peck; spinach, 25c per peck; lettuce, 10c per bunch, 3 for 25c; radishes, 5c per bunch; cranberries, 15c per quart; cucumbers, 25c a piece; mushrooms, $1 pound.

Game.

Plovers $2 00 a dozen; woodcock, $6 50 a dozen. Ducks, 75c to $1 00 a pair. Pigeons, 50c a pair. Squirrels, 40c a pair. Mallard ducks, $1 a pair; quail, $3 00 to $5 00 dozen; reed birds, $1 00 per pair. Teal ducks, 65c a pair; canvasback ducks, $5 00 per pair; redhead ducks, $2 50 per pair. Pheasants, $1 25 a pair. Rabbits, 25c a pair. Venison, 35c pound, steaks; whole deer, 15c to 18c. Prairie chickens, $1 25 a pair. Bear steaks, 35c per pound.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

The best creamery butter is 40c. Fancy pound rolls of country butter are 50c.

The ruling retail price for eggs is 29c. Choice country eggs bring 25c.

The range for dressed chickens is 75c to $1 00 per pair. Turkeys, 15c per pound.

Fish and Oysters.

Following are the articles in this line still on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 12½c; California salmon, 40c pound; white fish, 12½c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; fresh mackerel, 20c apiece; Spanish mackerel, 45c to 50c a pound; sea salmon, 40c a pound; blue fish, 20c; perch, 10c; halibut, 25c; rock bass, 30c; black bass, 20c; lake trout, 12½c; lobsters, 25c; green sea turtle, 28c. Oysters: standard, $1 per gallon; select, $1 50 to $1 75; N. Y. counts, $1 75 per gallon; snaps, 90c; shell oysters, 25c dozen; smelts, 20 to 25c pound; clams, $1 25 gallon; scollops, 50c a quart.

Flowers.

La France roses, $3 00 per dozen; Bride roses, $1 75 per dozen; Perles, $1 00 per dozen; Niphetos, $1 00 per dozen; Bennetts, $2 00 per dozen; Magna Charta roses, $1 25; American Beauty, $1 00 apiece; Mermets, $1 75 per dozen; De Wattville, $2 00; carnations, 50 cents a dozen; Violets, $2 00 a hundred; Lily of the Valley, 75c per dozen; Maiden Hair fern, 50c per doz. fronds. Bermuda Easter lilies, $3 50 per dozen; tulips, 75c per dozen.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Condition of the Market at the East Liberty Stock Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, January 25, 1889.

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,800 head; shipments, 1,960 head; market nothing doing, all through consignments. No cars of cattle shipped to New York to-day.

HOGS—Receipts, 2,100 head; shipments, 3,700 head; market fair; Philadelphias, $4 90@5 00; pigs and Yorkers, $5 05@5 75; 12 cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3,200 head; shipments, 2,200 head; market slow at unchanged prices.

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 1,660 head, including 40 carloads for the market; 85 carloads for city slaughterers direct and 19 carloads for exportation. Really choice cattle were steady, but inferior and common were dull and lower. Sales included native steers at $3 25@4 90 per cwt, with 1 carload at $5 10; bulls and dry cows, $2 00@2 90. Sheep—Receipts, 3,800 head, and 2,000 were carried over yesterday. The feeling was about steady, but sales were rather slow. Very poor to prime sheep sold at $3 50@6 00 per cwt; poor to good lambs at $5 00@7 50. Hogs—Receipts, 3,200 head; all consigned direct to slaughterers; none offered alive; nominal value, $5 25@5 65.

CHICAGO—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market stronger for good; choice beeves, $4 10@4 70; steers, $2 90@4 00; stockers and feeders, $2 25@3 40; cows, bulls and mixed, $1 50@3 15; Texas steers, $3 50@3 65. Hogs—Receipts, 17,500 head; shipments, 5,000 head; market slow and 5@10c lower; mixed, $4 65@4 85; heavy, $4 65@4 85; light, $4 70@5 00; pigs, $3 50@5 00. Sheep—Receipts, 4,500 head; shipments, 2,000 head; market steady; natives, $3 00@5 10; choice Western, corn fed, $4 10@4 75; Texans, $3 00@4 25; lambs, $5 00@6 50.

CINCINNATI—Hogs dull and easier; common and light, $4@4 95; packing and butchers', $4 65@4 90; receipts, 2,460 head; shipments, 1,450 head.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON—There is no change in the wool market and fair trade is noticed in all grades, with sales of 2,054,400 pounds. Prices remain firm and no concessions are accepted by dealers. In Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces there have been sales of X at 32@33c, X and above at 35c, XX at 35@36c and No. 1 at 38c. There is very little doing in Michigan wool, with small sales at 32c, while New York State and Wisconsin wools are offered at 31@31½c. For combing and delaine fleeces there is a firm feeling and good demand, but sales are limited owing to the small stocks on hand. No. 1 combing sells at 31@40c. Ohio fine delaine at 39c and Michigan delaine at 34@35c. Unwashed combing fleeces meet with good demand, and the small stock is held firm at 30c for one quarter and three-eighths blood. Territory wool has been quiet, with small sales at 17@25c for fine and medium.

Whisky Market.

There is an active demand for finished goods at $1 03.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Wheat Unsettled but a Shade Higher—Operators Make a Mistake—Corn and Oats Featureless—Pork and Lard Hold Their Own.

CHICAGO, January 25.—Trading was quite active in wheat, and a large business was transacted. Heavy coverings of shorts and some new buying by two or more houses were reported. The feeling was somewhat unsettled, and fluctuations were confined within a 2⅝c range. Opening sales were made at the closing figures of yesterday to a shade under, but the market became quiet, and prices declined, with some changes 1⅛c, then rallied irregularly 2⅛c, and closed about ¾c higher than yesterday. The early decline was due to a rush to realize, but when operators undertook to buy there was not much wheat found on sale, and the reaction followed. The decline was influenced by the Government report, which, it was claimed, indicated an increased acreage planted to winter wheat to the amount of about 865,000 acres.

Corn was traded in sparingly, fluctuations being narrow and transactions limited to local operators. The feeling was comparatively steady, the range of prices being much the same as on yesterday, though at the close the market was ¼c lower.

Oats were quiet, with a small improvement in values.

Quite an active business was reported in pork. Prices very irregular. Opening sales were made at a decline, which was followed by a further reduction of 30@32½c. Later prices fluctuated considerably within a range of 12½@15c, and the market closed firm at about medium figures.

Considerable interest was manifested in lard; prices irregular. Opening sales were made at 2½@5c decline, and a further reduction of 7½@10c was submitted to. Later the markets showed more steadiness, and prices rallied 5@7½c and closed quiet.

An active business was reported in short ribs, but the market was greatly unsettled. Early sales were at 10c decline, and a further reduction of 10c followed. Later prices rallied 7½@10c, and the market closed steady.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT—No. 2, January, 94⅞@94⅞@94@94⅝c; February, ⊗93⅝@93⅞@94⅝c; May, 97⅛@98⅛@98⅛@98⅝c; July, 89⅛@89⅛@88⅞@88⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, February, 35⅛@35⅛@35⅛@35c; March, 35⅝@35⅛@35⅛@35⅛c; May, 37@37@36⅞@36⅞c.

OATS—No. 2 January, 24⅝c; February, 24⅞@25⅛@24⅞@25⅛c; May, 27⅝@27½c.

MESS PORK, per bbl.—February, $11 35@11 47½@11 35@11 47½; March, $11 52½@11 60@11 50@11 60; May, $12 22½@12 25@11 87½@11 87½.

LARD, per 100 lbs.—February, $6 80@6 82½@6 70@6 82½; March, $6 80@6 85@6 77½@6 85; May, $6 92½@6 95@6 85@6 92½.

SHORT RIBS, per 100 lbs.—February, $6 07½@6 07½@5 97½@6 07½; March, $6 17½@6 17½@6 02½@6 12½; May, $6 27½@6 27½@6 15@6 25.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 94½@94⅝c; No. 3 spring wheat, 85@89c, No. 2 red, 94½@94⅝c. No. 2 corn, 34½c. No. 2 oats, 25c. No. 2 rye, 48c. No. 2 barley nominal. No. 1 flaxseed, $1 61. Prime timothy seed, $1 55. Mess pork, per barrel, $11 05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6 75@6 80. Short ribs sides (loose), $6 05@6 10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6 00@6 12½. Short clear sides (boxed), $6 37½@6 50. Sugars, cut loaf, 7¾@8⅛c; granulated, 7⅛c; standard A, 6⅞c. Receipts—Flour, 8,000 barrels; wheat, 20,000 bushels; corn, 95,000 bushels; oats, 76,000 bushels; rye, 2,000 bushels; barley, 28,000 bushels. Shipments—Flour, 7,000 barrels; wheat, 18,000 bushels; corn, 76,000 bushels; oats, 56,000 bushels; rye, 9,000 bushels; barley, 46,000 bushels.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was dull and unchanged. Eggs easy at 15c.

NEW YORK—Flour quiet and firm. Wheat—Spot quiet and 1c higher; options active, irregular and ¼@¾c higher. Corn—Spot moderately active and steady; options steady and dull. Oats—Spot a trifle higher; options ¼c higher. Hay firm but quiet; shipping, 70@75c; good to choice, 80@85c. Hops, choice firm and quiet. Coffee—Options opened steady, 10@15 points down; closed barely steady, 15@40 points below yesterday; sales, 25,000 bags, including January, 15.50@15.57c; February, 15.50@15.60c; March, 15.40@15.60c; April, 15.35@15.50c; May, 15.35@15.55c; July, 15.50@15.55c; August, 15.55@15.65c; September, 15.75@15.80c; October, 15.80c; December, 15.80@15.85c; spot Rio steady; fair cargoes, 17¾c. Sugar—Raw easy and dull; fair refining, 4 1-16@4⅛c; centrifugals, 96° test, 5 9-16c; refined steady and in good demand. Molasses—Foreign firm; New Orleans quiet. Rice firm and quiet. Cottonseed oil weak. Tallow easy; city, 5⅝c. Rosin dull. Turpentine steadier at 45½c. Eggs dull and lower; Western, 15½@15¾c; receipts, 3,752 packages. Pork dull; new mess, $13 25@13 50; extra prime, $12 50@13 00. Cutmeats irregular and lower; pickled belies, 12 pounds average, 7 7-16c; loose hams, 10 pounds average, 8c; middles steady; short clear, $6 50. Lard lower; spot dull; options moderately active; Western steam, spot, $7 25; city, $6 80; January, $7 23; February, $7 23; March, $7 17; April, $7 27; May, $7 20@7 26, closing at $7 26; June, $7 21@7 28, closing at $7 26; July, $7 22@7 26, closing at $7 26; August, $7 27; September, $7 27. Butter firm for fine; fair demand; Western dairy, 13@18c; do, creamery, 16@27c; Elgins, 28@28½c. Cheese firm and quiet; Western, 10½@11¼c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour quiet and easy. Wheat was weak early and declined ⅝c, but rallied later and a strong demand set in, prices not only recovered, but May closed 1c, and July ⅜c above yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 90⅞@91c; February sold at 91c and closed at 92c, nominal; May, 93⅛@95⅛c, closed at 95⅛c asked; July, 82⅝@83⅝c, closed at 83⅝c; August, 82½c. Corn—Cash was firmer with 30c bid, but options were weak with very light trading; May sold at 33⅝@32⅞c, with that bid at the close. Oats higher and strong; No. 2, cash, 23⅝c; May, 28⅛c. Rye quiet; No. 2, cash, 47½c; May, 51c. Barley—Nothing done. Flaxseed steady at $1 59. Bagging easy at 7¾@9c. Iron cotton ties, $1 10. Provisions lower and steady. Pork, in small lots, $12 25. Lard $6 62½. Dry salt meats lower.

CINCINNATI—Flour barely steady. Wheat dull and nominal; No. 2 red, 97c; receipts, 700 bushels; shipments, 500 bushels. Corn in light demand; No. 2 mixed., 35c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 28@28½c. Rye dull; No. 2, 54@55c. Pork dull and nominal, $12 25. Lard neglected at $6 75. Bulkmeats dull; short rib, $6 50. Bacon easy; short clear, $8 12½. Butter quiet. Sugar quiet. Cheese firm.

MILWAUKEE—Flour steadier. Wheat stronger; cash, 88c; May, 91⅜c. Corn unchanged; No. 3, 32c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 26c. Rye lower; No. 1, 47½c. Barley higher; No. 2, 63c. Provisions weaker. Pork, $11 45. Lard, $6 80. Cheese dull; cheddars, 10½c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull and weak. Wheat opened firm, declined about ½c, but afterward recovered and left off ⅛c higher than yesterday's final prices. Corn firm under moderate offerings. Oats steady and demand light. Butter and eggs steady.

BALTIMORE—Butter dull but firm for good grades; western packed, 16@21c; creamery, 29@27c. Eggs quiet and steady at 15@16c. Coffee firm; Rio fair, 17⅜@17½c.

TOLEDO—Cloverseed active and steady; cash and February, $5 30; March, $5 35.

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS—Wool quiet and weak, but not quotably lower; receipts, 18,383 pounds.

PHILADELPHIA—Wool quiet; Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia XX and above, 34@36c; X 33@34c; medium, 38@40c; coarse, 38@39c; New York, Michigan, Indiana and Western fine or X and XX, 31@33c; medium, 37@38c; coarse, 37@38c; finewashed delaine X and XX, 36@38c; medium washed combing and delaine, 41@42½c; coarse do, 39@40c; Canada washed combing, 34@35c; tub washed, 35@42c; medium unwashed combing and delaine, 30@32c; coarse do, 30@31c; Eastern Oregon, 15@24c; Valley Oregon, 23@29c; New Mexican and Colorado, 15@22c.

TOOK NOTHING BUT A GIRL.

A Married Man Elopes With His First Love, but Leaves His Accounts Straight.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

LANCASTER, January 25.—John S. Musser, a prominent young business man and member of a highly respected family of Columbia, left home some days ago, telling his wife that he was going to Lancaster to visit friends. His father has just received a letter from him stating that he will never return.

It has been discovered that he took with him Miss Gertie Kerr, a popular young lady of Wrightsville, just opposite Columbia, on the Susquehanna. He had been attentive to Miss Kerr before his marriage, and they are supposed to have gone West. An examination of Musser's books and accounts show everything to be correct.

Conclusive Enough to Commit.

Albert Campbell and Samuel Geiger, the young men quite conclusively charged with committing the robberies in Wilkinsburg, had a hearing before Alderman Gripp and were committed yesterday for larceny and burglary. The prosecutors are William Harris and L. K. St. Clair, who charged them with breaking into their houses and stealing $58 in money, two gold watches, a revolver 12 gold rings and a lot of cuff buttons.

Montana Rates Advance.

On February 1 the freight rates from Pittsburg to all points in Montana will be advanced. The increase on iron and steel articles in carload lots will be 5 cents per 100 pounds.

KEEP YOUR PENNIES.

A New Scheme for the Benefit of People of Very Small Means.

EDUCATION IN THE ART OF SAVING.

The Agreement Between Standard and Producers Gives Oil a Lift.

ELECTRIC RECOVERS FROM ITS SHOCK

One of the peculiar monetary institutions of Philadelphia is a Penny Savings Fund, which went into operation in 1879, and is doing good work. Its promoters and managers are men of ability and means, who charge nothing for their services except necessary running expenses, such as rent and clerical labor, which amounts to about $650 a year. The institution is practically a charity, and is very useful to the poor, by educating them in the difficult task of saving their pennies. There are 3,000 depositors, men, women and children.

THE DISPATCH representative called the attention of a Wood street savings bank official to this institution, and to the facts in connection therewith, as above set forth, yesterday afternoon, and his opinion asked as to its practicability in Pittsburg. He said it was an excellent thing as a charity, but that there was no money in it, except for the depositors. As a charity, he was in favor of it. There was nothing of the kind here, but he thought it would be well enough for some of the liberal-minded, big-hearted citizens to give it a trial. The cost would be trifling, and the results might be important. Anything that would promote economy among the poorer classes would be worth its cost, and more, too. It could probably be made a sort of annex to one of the regular savings banks, the only cost being clerk hire and room rent. In the event of the organization of such an institution here, he would, he added, do all in his power to promote its success.

Another gentleman whose attention was called to the matter said he thought it was a good thing and could be put be put in operation here at a small expense. Anything that had a tendency to inculcate economy among any class of people was deserving of attention. The penny savings fund scheme was in that direction. It was a true charity, in that it would have a tendency to teach people to take care of themselves.

THE SCARE SUBSIDES.

Electric Stock Comes Up Smiling, but Charters a Little Weaker.

The scare in Electric caused by the Supreme Court decision had ceased to be a disturbing element in the market when the brokers assembled at the Exchange yesterday morning for their usual seance. The proof of this is seen in the stingy manner in which it was offered. It closed firm and about up to high-water mark. Chartiers was weaker as a result of the report made at Thursday's meeting, but hints here and there by those who were supposed to be on the inside that the company would soon emerge from the entangling alliance with the Philadelphia Company, some going so far as to predict a dividend in April, lent strength to the stock as the day wore on. Holders seemed to be satisfied with the situation, and refused to sacrifice the stuff. The offerings were therefore light. The other specialties were firm. Bids and offers reflect the spirit of the market better than would extended comment. They are appended:

MORNING.

	Bid.	Asked.
Allegheny Nat. Bank	61	....
Commercial National Bank	93	98
Citizens' National Bank	....	....
Diamond Nt'l Bank	150	....
First National Bank, Pittsburg	165	....
Fourth National Bank	119	....
Freehold Bank	49½	....
Iron City National Bank	91	....
Iron and Glass Dollar Savings Bank	125	....
Tradesmen's N. Bank	225	....
Man'f'rs and Merchants Insurance	....	50
Pennsylvania Insurance	27	....
Union Insurance	46	....
Western Insurance	....	56
Allegheny Gas Co. (Illum.)	36¼	....
Southside Gas Co. (Illum.)	....	28
Chartiers Valley Gas Co.	53½	56
Natural Gas Co. of W. Va.	....	57½
Pennsylvania Gas Co.	13½	15
Philadelphia Gas Co.	33⅝	39
Wheeling Gas Co.	28½	28¾
Citizens' Traction	....	70
Pittsburg Traction	48	49½
Westinghouse Electric	36½	....
Union Switch and Signal Co.	12½	13
Westinghouse Brake Co., Lim.	119¾	....

AFTERNOON.

Allegheny Gas Co.	36¼	....
Southside Gas Co.	....	28
Philadelphia Co.	38¾	39
Wheeling Gas Co.	28¾	28¾
Columbia Oil Co.	3¾	4
Tuna Oil Co.	....	63
Pittsburg Traction	....	49½
La Noria Mining Co.	1¼	1½
Westinghouse Electric	36⅝	36½
Union Switch and Signal Co.	12¼	15
Pittsburg Cyclorama Co.	10	10¾

The morning sales embraced 50 shares 'La Noria at 1¼; 75 Westinghouse electric at 36½; 35 Union Switch and Signal at 12½, and 10 Westinghouse Airbrake at 120.

At the afternoon call 5 shares Philadelphia Gas changed hands at 38¾, and 550 La Noria at 1½.

Henry M. Long sold 140 shares Electric at 36½@36⅝ and 20 shares Airbrake at 120½.

The total sales of stocks in New York yesterday were 152,444 shares, including: Atchison, 6,190; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 19,950; Erie, 3,870; Missouri Pacific, 6,025; Northwestern, 8,550; Reading, 32,570; Richmond and West Point, 5,445; St. Paul, 4,336; Texas Pacific, 8,120; Union Pacific, 4,310.

THE BANKS ALL RIGHT.

Local Money Matters Without New Feature, but Moving Along Smoothly.

There were no new features in the local money market yesterday, its condition being about the same as heretofore reported. Call loans were quoted at 5@6 and time paper at 6@7. The usual counter business was transacted. The Clearing House report shows: Exchanges, $1,685,672 70; balances, $263,291 32. Exchange and currency traded even.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@5c. Sterling exchange active but steady at $4 86¼ for 60-day bills and $4 88¾ for demand.

Bonds closed in New York yesterday: U. S. 4s, registered, 127¾; U. S. 4s, coupon, 127¾; U. S. 4½s, registered, 109; U. S. 4½s, coupon, 109; Pacific 6s of '95, 120.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $107,484,768; balances, $5,096,162.

BOSTON—Clearings, $14,307,517; balances, $1,604,434. Money 2 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings, $1,147,761; balances, $1,495,200.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $2,137,874; balances, $234,982.

CHICAGO—Money unchanged. Bank clearings, $8,773,000.

VERY BULLISH.

Eastern News Booms the Oil Market—Looking Toward Ninety.

The effect of the agreement reached by the Standard and the Producers' Association in New York was to make a very bullish oil market yesterday. The price opened at 87c, with nearly everybody wanting to buy. Oil City absorbed some large blocks. New York unloaded to a moderate extent, but there was no general selling movement. The bears opened up their batteries and hammered with might and main, but they made but very little impression. The bulls more than held their own. The struggle between the opposing factions was quite exciting at times. By sure but easy stages the figures grew in importance until 87c was reached. This, it was thought, would be the culminating point of the day, but those who banked upon it and realized were mistaken. Another spurt, caused by advices from Oil City of heavy buying there, sent the price up to 87⅞c, at which the market closed. The opening was 87c, highest, 88⅞c; lowest, 87c; closed, 87⅞c.

The small selling movement developed during the day caused considerable talk, as there were several good opportunities to realize at a big profit. It was taken by some as an indication of still higher prices. One of the leading brokers thought differently, however. He was of the opinion that the advance was too sharp and sudden to be permanent. He explained his position further by saying the boys felt good over the news and went in regardless of consequences. He thought the market would open to-day about where it left off yesterday, but would sell down before noon. But as all this is in the line of prophecy, it must be taken at what it is worth as a factor in influencing operations. Although one element of uncertainty has been removed from the market, the situation is full of peril, and demands care and judgment to avoid fatal mistakes.

A. B. McGrew quotes puts, 86⅞c; calls, 89¼@89⅝c.

The following table, corrected by De Witt Dilworth, broker in petroleum, etc., corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg, shows the order of fluctuations, etc.:

Time.	Bid.	Ask.	Time.	Bid.	Ask.
Opened	87	Sales	12:45 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
10:15 A. M.	88	88¼	1:00 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
10:30 A. M.	87⅞	88	1:15 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
10:45 A. M.	87⅞	87⅞	1:30 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
11:00 A. M.	87⅞	87⅞	1:45 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
11:15 A. M.	87⅞	87⅞	2:00 P. M.	87½	87⅞
11:30 A. M.	87⅞	88	2:15 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
11:45 A. M.	87⅞	88	2:30 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
12:00 M.	87⅞	88	2:45 P. M.	87⅜	87⅞
12:15 P. M.	87⅞	87⅞	Closed	87⅞	....
12:30 P. M.	87⅞	87⅞			

Opened, 87c; highest, 88¼c; lowest, 87c; closed, 87⅞c.

	Barrels.
Daily runs	43,064
Average runs	42,407
Daily shipments	57,092
Average shipments	70,383
Daily charters	51,857
Clearances	2,555,000

New York closed at 87⅞c.
Oil City closed at 87½c.
Bradford closed at 87⅝c.
New York, refined, 7.10c.
London, refined, 6 7-16d.
Antwerp, refined, 18¼f.

Other Oil Markets.

TITUSVILLE, January 25.—Opened, 86⅞c; highest, 89c; lowest, 86⅞c; closed, 87⅞c.

OIL CITY, January 25.—Opened, 86⅞c; highest, 89c; lowest, 86½c; closed, 87⅞c.

BRADFORD, January 25.—Opened, 86½c; highest, 88½c; lowest, 86½c; closed, 87⅞c.

NEW YORK, January 25.—Petroleum opened strong at 87c, 1⅝c above last night's close, and after some exciting trading the price advanced to 88⅝c. A sharp reaction then set in, but the market rallied in the afternoon and closed firm at 88c. Sales, 2,309,000 barrels.

SOME BIG DEALS.

A Seventeen Thousand Dollar Real Estate Dicker on Duquesne Way.

The inquiry for real estate yesterday was of the usual proportions. There was a report that a hotel in Altoona had been purchased by a Pittsburg man, but it could not be verified. One of the biggest deals of the year will soon be completed.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold the McAuley property on Duquesne way, Fourth ward, city, lot 35x164 feet, with large dwelling and stable, for $17,200. They report inquiry for property very good. They are placing a great many mortgages at 5 and 6 per cent.

Reed B. Coyle & Co., 131 Fourth avenue, sold for D. R. Speer to M. E. Dethlefs a piece of property in Sharpsburg borough, fronting the West Penn Railroad, size 60x220, for $1,750 cash. They also placed a mortgage of $1,100 on Chartiers property for three years at 6 per cent.

Black & Baird, 95 Fourth avenue, sold to G. W. Eagye for A. V. D. Watterson, Esq., a lot on the southeast corner of Rebecca and Pitt street, Wilkinsburg, 50x120 feet to an alley, for $1,350 cash. They also placed a mortgage of $1,600 for three years at 6 per cent on Southside property.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a lot on Liberty avenue, near Millvale station, 40 by over 175 feet, for $4,000; also a piece of ground about 225x300 feet near Homewood for $7,000; also a house and two lots in the Second ward, Allegheny, seven rooms in house and lots 50x125 feet near Ackley street, for $4,000. They also placed two mortgages of $17,500 on manufacturing and dwelling property in the city at 6 per cent; also two mortgages of $2,000 on property in McKeesport at 6 per cent.

LET THEM COME.

Some Big Industrial Plants May be Located Here Very Soon.

Several important manufacturing concerns have had representatives here during the past week looking into the advantages of natural gas as an element of cheap production, examining sites for building purposes, etc., with a view to their removal to Pittsburg if all the claims set forth by the citizens should be ascertained to be well founded. Two of these concerns are located in the East, but they desire to remain in the background until all their arrangements for removal are completed, if they should finally conclude to come. These firms have not only had representatives here with the object above stated, but they are also in correspondence with one of the leading real estate agencies on Fourth avenne.

Another concern that has turned its longing eyes toward Pittsburg is the Southern Ice Company, of Columbus, Ga., which has several branch establishments in the South. It sent a representative here sometime ago to look over the field and select a site for the necessary buildings. He returned home a day or two ago with a favorable report in his pocket. Should it conclude to locate here, as is probable, it will aid materially to the industrial resources of the city. The ground and buildings necessary to operate the plant will cost not less than $100,000.

WON'T GIVE IT UP.

Wilkinsburg and Turtle Creek Bound to Have Gas and Oil.

The good people of Wilkinsburg who have been laboring under a natural gas craze for some time are sanguine of the speedy fruition of their hopes. They have concluded to drill another well, in order to give the field a thorough trial. With this end in view, the company has made a new issue of bonds in order to raise the necessary funds to prosecute the work. The most of these bonds have been taken by members of the company, but outsiders would probably be accommodated to a limited extent upon application. The old well is plugged, but the pressure is said to be as great as ever.

Following in the wake of Wilkinsburg, an oil and gas company has been organized at Turtle Creek and bonds issued upon which to obtain money to commence operations on the Montgomery farm, which has been leased, together with other territory, amounting in all to 600 acres. A member of the company who was seen yesterday said the prospect for both oil and gas was excellent. Drilling will begin as soon as the funds are in hand, which, it is expected, will be in about a month.

ONE THING SETTLED.

Arbitrators Decide the Herdman Building Need Not be Torn Down.

The arbitrators' report on the status of the Herdman building on Wood street, which was among those damaged by the late storm, made a report yesterday to the effect that it was not necessary to tear it down, that the damaged walls could be repaired and the building thus be made as good as ever. The report was accepted.

The other four buildings will be razed in accordance with the decision of Inspector Frank. They will be replaced by a handsome business block, but of what description cannot be stated until the plans have been completed. These are in course of preparation and will be presented to the owners of the property for their consideration some time next week. They will probably be of uniform style and cost and at least five stories high.

REFUSE TO REACT.

Wall Street Still Dominated by the Bears—Stocks Very Dull, but Close a Little Better Than Opening Figures—Bonds Without Feature.

NEW YORK, January 25.—The stock market was very dull to-day, while the movements and prices were confined to even a narrower range than usual of late, very few of the active shares fluctuating over a range of more than ½ per cent. The covering movement of last evening extended over into this morning and gave the market a firm appearance in connection with the limited purchases for foreign account. The news of the day was of a favorable character generally, and the statement of the Lackawanna was considered excellent, but nothing of that sort had power to move the market out of its rut, and dullness and stagnation continued to be the leading features throughout the day. The bears hammered some of the active shares, including Reading, Lackawanna, St. Paul, Union Pacific, Richmond and West Point and Texas Pacific. In none except the last two was there any impression made, and that was almost entirely neutralized before the close, when covering was again in order.

First prices were only slightly changed from those of last evening, and the market was dull with no feature whatever until after noon, though a firm tone prevailed and most of the list remained upon a higher level than that of the opening figures. Texas Pacific was the first stock to move, and it rapidly declined under large sales over 1 per cent. The weakness gradually spread to the rest of the list, and most of the early advances were wiped out with Atchison, Reading and Richmond and West Point showing weakness. After delivery hour there was more animation with a stronger tone and the highest prices were again approximated, though there was no movement of importance whatever. The market finally closed dull but firm at fractional advances in most cases over the opening figures.

The railroad bond market was about as active as usual, though there was a very large number of issues traded in. There was extraordinary activity and strength in the Reading general 4s, and they furnished $1,003,000 out of a total day's business of $2,986,000. At the same time they rose from 90⅝ last evening to 91⅝, closing at the latter figure. The general list was firm to strong, but in few did the movements amount to more than small fraction.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange. Corrected daily for THE DISPATCH by Whitney & Stephenson, members of New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Am. Cotton Oil	45⅝	....	....	50
Atch., Top. & S. F.	50⅛	50⅝	49⅞	50⅛
Canada Southern	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	51⅝
Central of New Jersey	98¼	98¼	98	98
Central Pacific	36	36	36	35¾
C., Bur. & Quincy	109	109	108⅞	109
C., Mil. & St. Paul	64⅛	64¼	64	64¼
C., Mil. & St. P., pf.	101½	101½	101	101¼
C., Rock I. & P.	97¾	98	97½	98
C., St. L. & Pitts.	....	....	....	14½
C., St. L. & Pitts. pf.	....	....	....	35
C., St. P., M. & O.	31½	....	....	31⅞
C., St. P., M. & O., pf.	....	....	....	91½
C. & Northwestern	106½	107	106½	106¾
C. & Northwestern, pf.	....	....	....	141
C. C. C. & I.	58	58	58	57½
Col., Coal & Iron	30	30	29⅞	29¾
Col. & Hocking Val.	....	....	....	25
Del., L. & W.	140	140⅛	140	140¼
Del. & Hudson	136¼	136¾	136	136⅝
E. T., Va. & Ga.	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛
E. T., Va. & Ga., 1st pf.	....	....	....	64
E. T., Va. & Ga. 2d pf.	21⅛	21⅛	21½	21½
Illinois Central	113½	113½	113½	113¼
Lake Erie & Western	16½	16½	16½	16½
Lake Erie & West. pf.	53½	53½	53½	53⅝
Lake Shore & M. S.	102½	102⅝	102½	102½
Louisville & Nashville	57⅝	57⅝	57¼	57⅝
Michigan Central	85⅝	85⅞	85⅝	85¼
Mobile & Ohio	....	....	....	8
Mo., K. & Tex