IN SOUND CONDITION, prices are again lower, with the market weak.

Nothing in the Iron and Steel Trade of an Alarming Nature.

PRICES HAVE TOUCHED BOTTOM.

But Light Business Will be the Rule For Some Time to Come.

THE FOREIGN METAL MARKETS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Following is the Iron Age's report of the iron and metal markets for the week:

It is becoming more and more evident in an exceptionally sound condition. Prices have been declining for months, so that liquidation has proceeded for a long time. learn the banks are treating the trade well, evidently having confidence in it.

American Pig-The majority of sales agents report a quiet market, but in those cases they re generally the ones who appear to have little discretion in naming prices to meet prevalling conditions. There is some briying going on, however. Thus we hear that one house sold during the week, in blocks of 1,000 tons and under, about 5,000 tons of Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia from, about one-half to Baltimore consumers, on the basis of \$17.25 for No. 1; \$18.30 for No. 2, and \$16 for No. 3. In response to telegrams to the Alahama furnace como telegrams to the Alabama furnace com-unies, we are advised to-day by wire that the Noodware Iron Company are running both beir furnaces and do not expect to stop, furnaces and do not expect to stop, their miners are at work; that be Bardeleben Company have blown the De Bardeleben Company have blown out No. 3 and No. 4 and do not know when the two others must follow. The Gadsden, Alam furnace is in and expects to keep running. Mary Pratt is out for repairs. Trussville is running, but cannot tell how long it will continue. Williamson is producing and expects to continue. Hattie Ensley, at Sheffield, will not believe out. Lady. Ensley, was not out safety. show out. Lady Ensley was put out early in october. The Tennessee Company are run-sing three furnaces at Ensley and one at Alice, and the Sloss Company three out of four. The

Pioneer Company, at Thomas, have banked both their furnaces.
Spiegolisen and Ferro Manganese—No husiness whatever is doing. In ferro, makers ame prices equivalent to \$60000 there but there are lots in second hands which are offered at figures reflecting the financial necessities of the holders. Under the circumstances every transaction must depend upon its own merits. Billets and Rods—Aside from the repetition of reports of low offerings from the West, equivalent to \$25 to East, there is nothing to report. Steel rails—The market is absolutely lifeless.

Steel rails—The market is absolutely lifeless. The mills are holding off, in the hope that negotiations still pending among them may lead to samething to prevent ruinous competition. The Bethlehem mill is reported to have started on an order from the railroad on the line of which it is located.

Kuil fastenings—The market is weaker, with very little doing. We quote angles at 1.70@ 1.75c; spikes, \$1.90@2.00, and bolts and nuts 2.70 @2.80c. Old rails. The best bids which an active can-vass of the market in behalf of a railroad com-pany has been able to bring out, was \$22. Re-ports from the West indicate a break there

HOLDERS HANGING BACK

Their Action Causes Much Dullness in Foreign Metal Markets.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH ! NEW YORK, Dec. II.—The Iron Age's report of the foreign iron and metal markets for the week is as follows: London operations in pig iron warrants have been on a moderate scale, and prices have railed irregular during the greater portion of the week, ioning up somewhat toward the close. Latest sales were at 16st their course if the producing companies do not make a material reduction in prices. make a material reduction in prices.

They have gone so far as to form a league, with a membershy of 25, which will demand the concessions about January 1. The operators are that holders are giving the market little support, owing probably to absence of outside speculation, and the persistent course of operators for a fall has considerable weight. The prolonged strike at the furnaces also has an unfavorable bearing, as do the rather poor trade returns for last month. There was considerable excitement in Glisspow on Monday, and serious difficulties were apprehat toward the close. Latest sales were at 46s ended. Stocks in Cornwall's stores decreased 486 tons lost week. Total British exports in ovember, 224,000 tons, against 356,000 tons last

plg in market was quiet until Friday, when the appearance of orders from America produced some animation and brought about a rise in prices to £33 lbs. The nast few days have been quieter, and prices receded to £91 lbs. for snot on Tuesday, and subsequently to £91 bs. Heavy shipments from the straits lest menth are partly bulanced by good deliveries beer, the bulk of which went into strong leads. ands. Consumption continues good.
The copper market has been unsettled and ir-

disegnetly receded to £51.
For its slate the demand has been moderate, ad makers manifest more haviety to sell. The emand from the I nited States is particularly Middle-berough, f. e. b. Soutch Pig Iron-The market continues dull and is practically in the same position that it was a week ago.

American Munufacturer's Cable Quotations I Scotch Pig-The situation has changed but little. Connal's stocks have further decreased and makers' stocks are also lower but both speculative and trade demand continues slow. Prices for warrants therefore continue irregu and quotations for makers' iron are not

demand is fair. West Coast brands Nos. 1, 2, 2, quoted at 58s. f. o. b. simpping point.

Middlesbrough Pig—Prices for warrants have continued unsettled, going down below 43s., and for makers from the market continues flat. Malors quote about 43s. for No. 2, Middlesbrough, free on beard.

Spiencleisen—Prices are held fairly firm and the demand is quite good. English 20 per cent quoted at 10s. f. o. b. at works.

Steel Wire Rods—Bushiess very slow and prices are nominal. Mild steel, No. 6, quoted at 18 12s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping poit.

Sieel Rails—There has been more doing, and the market is steadier at last week's prices. Heavy sections quoted at 55 f. o. b. shipping point. sint. Steel Blooms-Prices are a shade lower, and

Steel Blooms—Prices are a snade liver, and the demand is molerate. Bessemer 7x7 quoted £4 liv. f. o. h. shipping point.

Steel Bildets—There has been a very fair bustness at slightly modified prices. Bessemer (size 2%x2%) quoted at £5 f. o. h. shipping

point. Steel Slabs-Prices are steady, but there is Sicci Slais-Prices are steady, but there is only a moderate business passing. Ordinary sizes quoted at £5 f. o. b. shipping point.

Crop Ends-The demand light and prices without change. Run of the mill quoted at £363 2s. 6d. f. o. b. shipping point old from Rails—The demand has continued slow and prices are a shade weaker. Tees quoted at £32s. 6d. and double heads at £3 5s. f. o. b.

guoted at the graphics have decreased and Conner-Visible supplies have decreased and consumers' stocks are becoming smaller, but speculative sales offset those features and prices have been unsettled. Chili bars quoted £54 for spot, £65 for future delivery. Best selected English, £62 10. Lead—The demand has continued slow and

er-Prices show a further decline, and is slow. Ordinary Silasia.

at £23 liss.

Tin Plate—The market is unsettled. Demand runs light, and holders are more anxious | L. C. charcoal, Allaway grade, | L. C. charcoal, | L. C. c

COKE OVENS IDLE.

Operators Forced to Shut Down on the Volume of Production for Various Reasons -Over 2,500 Ovens Idle-Scant Car Supply Still Continues.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAN TO THE DISPATOR ! SCOTTDALE, Dec. 11 .- The coke market, for the week under review, presents some new features. There are as yet no indications, as viewed by operators, for relief from the several disturbing elements. The scant car supply is that, so far as the won trade is concerned, people are much more scared than hurt. derangement in trade, although there seminary property has been marked up The iron and steel trades are undoubtedly are other surrounding influences which in an exceptionally sound condition. Prices have has ened the suspensions and intended suspensions of hundreds of coke ovens throughout the region. There have been several important factors behind the scenes for Values are now as low as they ever have two or three weeks, which are just now assertever. It is fair to add, however, that the trade must be prepared for a long spell of close bargaining and light business. Sa far market has had a disheartening effect on trade. The coke market is largely dependent on the iron undustry for its existence, and invariably rises and falls with it. As evidence of the lethargic condition of the iron trade and its concomitant effect on the coke trade, the Illinois Steel Company, the largest consumers of Connellsville coke in America, have blown out five of their eleven blast formaces, the daily consumption of which was 143 cars per day, or nearly 800 cars per week. Extensive inquiry has developed the fact that the financial furore affects nearly every operator in an indirect manner. The lessening in demand, coupled with inadequate transportation, has been the primitive causes of the indefinite suspension of over 2000 oven a liready.

Though the car famine still rages, to the detriment of both producer and consumer, rail-

detriment of both producer and consumer, railway officials are confidently expecting an improvement, and assign as their reasons for the same, that there has been a decline in the volume of general business. Operators hope fervently that their expectations may be realized. In consequence of the car famine nearly every yard in the region is filled with stock coke and the various companies will now seize the opportunity for its removal. Some of the yards are hadiy overstocked. The Frick Company, in addition to blowing out 25 per cent of its ovens, will next week operate but two days at the Trotter, Kyle, Leisenring No. 1, Leisenring No. 2 Leisenring No. 3, Leith, Davidson and Oliphant plants, in order to get the stock coke into market. The end of this week will witness the idleness of over 2,560 ovens, mainly occasioned by the demoralization of shipping facilities.

The notices as given in the last report by the Frick, Hecla, Southwest and Schoonmaker companies have taken effect, and about 2300, or about 25 per cent, are already cold. Thirteen hundred and thirty-seven ovens of this number is by Frick, 143 by the Hecla, 55 by Schoonmaker, and about 230 by the Southwest Company. The McClure Coke Company served notice to-day that by reason of the depression in market and searcity of Eastern cars they will close down 25 per cent of their ovens at the expiration of six days, as follows: Twenty-six at Harlett, 17 at Diamond, 18 at Union, and 63 at Donnelly. The remaining 25 per cent will likely be distributed between the Mayfield, Lemont, Bessemer and Buckeye plants, Of the smaller operators the Calumet Company has given notice of the intended blowing out of 25 per cent, as has also detriment of both producer and consumer, rail-way officials are confidently expecting an im-

Calumet Company has given notice of the in-tended blowing out of 25 per cent, as has also the Pennsville Coke Co., Stauffer & Wiley. J. W. Overholt and A. C. Overholt Company. The Frick Company will, in the meantime, resume operations at the Morgan and Frick plants and blow in 71 ovens at Henry Clay and 53 at Foun-dry.

blow in 71 ovens at Henry Clay and 33 at Foundry.

The list of inactive ovens is now estimated at 3,600 and the actives at 13,000. Five days' operations per week seems to, be the universal rule, though the Rainey and Cambria companies are make six days right along. The works of the McClure Company were idle one day this week, while the Scoommaker Company will lay off one day at each of five plants next week, in the hope of clearing the varies of surply, in the hope of clearing the varies of surply.

are still kicking. I am told. Well, let them kick. They should know by past experience that it requires two parties to form a contract. All this talk about the coke combine is nonsense. There isn't any such organization in existence. We have always tried to be fair with these people, and it is evident that they don't relish such treatment. You can state that a reduction in prices is not under contemplation for the balance of the year at least. After next February we will look into those matters."

Shipments last week took another "tumble" and were exceeded by the previous week by 275 cars. Shipments averaged 872 cars for price and were exceeded by the previous week. Following is the record of consignments: To points west of Pittsburg, 3,475 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 900 cars; to cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 200 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 1,300 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 3,650 cars; to Pittsburg and river points, 1,300 cars; to points east of Pittsburg and river points, 1,500 cars; to points east of Pittsburg, 2,450 cars. Coke prices are thus: Furnace coke, \$2 15; foundry, \$2 45; crushed, \$2 65-all f, o. h, cars at ovens.

Freight cates from the region to points of consumption are as follows:

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	To Detroit, Mich
	To Cincinnati, O
	To Louisville, Ky 3
15	To Chicago, Ill.
1 3	To Miles and the Williams
	To Milwanker, Wis
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2	To Fast St. Louis 3
16	To Baltimore 2
	To Boston 41
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	Point, Furnace, Foundry, Crushed
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et I	M. and S. Valleys 2 50 1 50

Drygoods.

NEW YORK, Dec. II .- Through the present of Southern buyers in the drygoods market there was more business, but transactions were of a cautious character. The general dispe tion continues a waiting one under the prese condition of the money market, but the or look in that direction is again brighter, and is expected that commercial paper will be demand within a week. The market maintai

New York—Coffee options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points down, closed barely steady and unchanged to 10 down. Saies, 16,750 bags, including December, 17,256/17.30c; January, 16,206/16,35c; February, 15,756/15,80c; March, 15,40c; April, 15,15c; May, 15,056/15,15c; June, 14,90c; spot Rio quiet and steady; fair cargoes, 194c; No. 7, 174c.

Metal Markets. New York, Dec. 11.—Pig iron nominal. Copper nominal: lake, December, \$15-25. Lead steady; domestic, \$4-123. Tin easier; straits, \$21-21; plate quiet and steady.

Price of Bar Silver. PETECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 NEW YORK, Dec. II .- Bar silver-London,

AUCTION.

Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry and Silverware, Etc.,

AT NO. 533 SMITHFIELD STREET. Positively this stock will be sold to the highest bidder without reserve, as I am de-termined to close out this stock. Come and buy your Christmas presents at your own price. Sales every morning, afternoon and evening until all is sold. Store for rent and

When haby was sick, we gave her Castoria When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria
When she had Children.she gave them Castoria

PUT UP THE

Refusal of a Liberal Offer for St. Michael Seminary Property.

THE WRECKER LOSING HIS GRIP.

Insurance Companies Using Money Earned Here to Boom Other Cities.

THE DISCOVERY OF NATURAL GAS

A good round figure, approximating \$3, 000 an acre, was offered and refused yesterday for the St. Michael Seminary property, at Glenwood. Values of real estate in that district have stiffened considerably since seminary property has been marked up along with others. It is in the market, but the person who bus it will have to pay something over \$5,000 an acre. There are about nine acres in the tract.

Scurvy Treatment.

A trade authority says: "The Equitable Insurance Company, of New York, has in view the construction of a \$550,000 office building in Des Moines, Iowa." This raises the inquiry: Why do not the great insurance companies do something for Pittsburg? They do an immense business here, yet not one of them, so far as known, owns a foot of land or a building in this city. The money they get here is invested elsewhere, and Pittsburg has nothing to show for it. Some of them have been talking for years of building here, but nothing has come of it, and there is no better prospect of such improvements now than there was last year or the year before. If they propose to continue the policy of draining this community of funds to put into expensive buildings in cities of far less importance to them and to the business of the country, the sooner it is known the better. In such a case it would be suicidal to keep on enriching these outside corporations at the exenriching these outside corporations at the ex-pense of home companies which are doing all they can to increase the prosperity of the city.

Talk Without Meaning.

The "wrecker" has over-leaped himself in several instances within the last few days. He A Better Feeling Among Financiers and a started some ugly stories with a view to alarm the people and unsettle confidence, and worked them for all they were worth, but he made so few converts that he concluded the made so few converts that he concluded the times were not ripe for a panic, and retired temporarily to his hole. Of course, he will appear again upon the least provocation and repeat his dismal platitudes about things going to the demnition how-wows; but so long as they don't go, why should anybody pay attention to his silly chatterings? He has been crying panic, panic, for weeks, but there is no panic. Having shown that he didn't know what he was talking about, no further attention should be paid to him. Like Othello, his occupation is gone.

Discovery of Natural Gas. A writer in the New York Commercial Advertiser says that the first natural gas well in this country was opened in the year 1811, at Fredonia, Chautaugua County, N. Y., and the supply applied in a small way to illuminating and heating purposes. More than 55 years elapsed before its practical utilization for both light and fuel. In 1878 some men were drilling for petroleum at Murraysville, 18 miles from Pittsburg. A depth of nearly 1,323 feet had been reached, when the drills were thrown high into the air and the derricks broken to pieces and thrown around by a tremendous explosion of gas, which, with hoarse shricking, rushed into the air, alarming the population for miles around. Upon application of a light there immediately issped into light a flerce, dancing demon of fire, hissing and swirling about with the wind, and scorching the earth in a large area about it. For five years did this continue. At last, however, the gas was captured, and by means of pipes was conducted to the city and

means of pipes was conducted to the city and utilized.

The discovery of the gas in Ohio (the supplies of which are practically confined to the counties of Hancock, Wood, Auglaize and Mercer) was made in November, 1884, at Findlay, when it was found that the Trenton limestone underlying the flat country of Northwestern Ohio was, in certain places, charged with high-pressure gas. In January, 1886, a well was brought into use large enough to accredit the new gas rock as a first-class source of production, one which could safely endure comparison with the most prolific horizons of the new fuel of Pennsylvania and elsewhere,

... Business News and Gossip. The deed for the Moorhead property, Oak-

This completed the deal.

An addition is to be built to the hospital or Main street, Wheeling, at a cost of \$20,000. Plans and specifications are being prepared for the bridge to span the Youghiogheny river

at McKeesport. Work on it will begin early in the new year.

The most important mortgage on file yester-day was for \$25,000. Eight of 30 were for purchase money.

The Chartiers Electric Light Company has

broken ground for a new plant in that borough.

Three first-class dwellings are going up at the corner of Kirkpatrick and Webster streets, three at the corner of Wooster and Webster, and one on Erin street, near Webster.

It is likely that a good business block will be put up early next year on the corner of Grant and Fourth avenue, opposite the Dalzell building.

The Building Record.

Five permits were granted yesterday for that number of houses, the most important being for \$11,000. The list follows. Emil Sitz, brick two-s ory and mansard store and dwelling, 22x32 feet, on Walnut street, Twentieth ward. Cost. \$3 300. John A. Dietrich, frame addition two-story

John A. Dietrich, frame addition two-story dwelling, 16x16 feet, on South Twelfth street, Twenty-eighth ward. Cost, \$700.

Alfred C. Farland, frame two-story dwelling, 20x48 feet, on Mobile street, Twenty-third ward. Cost, \$2,800.

Totten & Hogg, fron addition one-story foundry, 65x176 feet, on Twenty-fourth street, Twelfth ward. Cost, \$11,000.

William Nixon, frame two-story and attic dwelling, 16x32 feet, on Dickson street, Thirteenth ward. Cost, \$1,100.

John Ramsey sold, through Algeo Bros., for James Barr, to T. M. Thompson, 100x138 feet on Fremont street, Allegbeny, with two brick and three frame dwellings, for a price approximating \$20,000.

C. H. Love sold the property No. 25 Second

avenue, lot 20x72, with a three-story brick dwelling, for F. T. Lusk to Louis Marks, fer

avenue, lot 20x72, with a three-story brick dwelling, for F. T. Lusk to Louis Marks, for \$8,300.

Reed B. Coyle & Co. sold for Mrs. G. R. McDonald to James O'Neil two lots on Ridge street, Thirteenth ward. 40x100 feet, with two frame dwellings, for \$2,000.

Black & Baird sold for John C. Aufhammer to the Church of the Ascension, a new brick dwelling on Wallingford street, Shadyside, between Barton and Neville streets, with lot 50x 181 feet, for \$11,500. They also sold to John Knox for J. S. McCord a lot on Wilmot street, Oakland, near Sylvan avenne, 23 feet 3 inches by 100 feet, for \$750.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for W. S. Taylor to E. O. Loveland, two lots on Frankstown avenue, Brushton, 40x140 each, back to an alley, for \$1,700.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold No. 203 Plymouth street, in the McCandless plan, Thirty-fith ward, a brick house of six rooms and all the late improvements, lot 18x114 feet, for \$1,800, on easy payments. This is the second house sold in this ulan this week.

Charles Somers & Cc. sold for J. A. Langütt, to J. S. Cleland, a loc 67 feet front on Bryant avenue, Bellevue, for \$1,100.

MORE DOING!

Fair Trading in Oil and the Boys Take

Courage. The oil market was somewhat stiffer yester day, and the "boys" felt considerably encourday, and the "boys" felt considerably encouraged. Trading was fair. W. J. Robinson sold 30,000 harrels of cash oil in New York and 20,000 here. This is something unusual of late, and shows that customers are coming forward to lift the commodity out of the mire.

The market opened at 61½, advanced to 65, fell back to the initial figure, and quit at 65 offered. Average runs, 70,285; average shimmen s, 94,621; average charters, 17,527. Refined at New York, 7,25c; at London, 5½d; at Antwerp, 18½f. werp, 16%f.
McGree, Wilson & Co, quote: Puts, 64; calls, 06, 606.

Other Oil Markets. OIL CITY, Dec. 11.—National Transit Certifi-cates opened at 515/c; highest, 635/c; lowest, 615/c; closed at 655/c. Salex, 883,000 barrels; clearances, 416,000 barrels; carrying, 35,040 bar-

rels.

BRADFORD, Dec. II.—National Transit Certificates opened at 61%c; closed, 65%c; highest,
55%c: lowest, 66%c; clearances, 410,000 barrels. NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- Petroleum opened

steady, and after a slight decline in the early trading moved up he on light transactions, then reacted he and closed dull. Pennsylvania oil, spot, no sales. January option—Opening, 63%c; highest, 65%c; closing, 65c. Liona oil—Opening, 15%c; highest, 45%c; owest, 15%c; closing, 15%c. Total sales, 30,000 barrels.

Most of the interest centered in Electric. Before the opening some contended that the issue of preferred stock would injure the common, while others held the contrary view. Although nothing was settled, the latter had something to show for their opinion, for the stock went up on the statement, but lost some of the advance at the last call. Philadelphia Gas and Luster also improved their standing.

Bank of Pitteb'g S4 Com. Nat. Bank 195 Key'ne B. of P. 76 Second N. Bank 230 German A. Ins. 546 57 P. N. G. & P. Co Phila. Co. ... 14% 14% 14% 14% 14 16% 14% 14% ola Oll. Co 25 2i 25 25

SOME IMPROVEMENT.

Easier Money Market.

Several of the leading financiers reported better feeling in the local money market yes terday than for some time. Funds were some what easier and accommodations were mor freely extended. The question of issuin Clearing House certificates in case of need had not been settled, as stated in some quarters, but was still under consideration.

The cause of the delay was gaid to be due to the opinion of the majority of bankers that there was no occasion for such action, as business was moving along as smoothly as usual. The fact that the associated banks stand ready to render assistance when called upon goes a long way toward restoring confidence and keeping business on its feet. When capitalists combine, and by their actions as well as words declare there shall be no panic, that settles it.

The call for loans was moderate, and regular customers were promptly served as usual. Outside paper met with some favor, but not enough to encourage the presentation in large amounts. Rates were unchanged. Bank clearings were larger than those of the previous day, being \$2,065,119 36. The halances were \$246,446 89.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 3 to 5 per cent, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, \$4 87% for 60-day bills and \$4 83 for demand. Clearing House certificates in case of need ha

Closing Bond Quotations. U. S. 48, reg. | 21 | M. K. & T. Gen. 5s. 378, U. S. 48, coup. | 121 | Mintual Union 6s. | 100 | U. S. 48, reg. | 103 | U. S. 48, coup. | 103 | N. J. C. Int. Cert. | 1074 | U. S. 48, coup. | 103 | Northern Pac. 1818. | 114 | Pacific 6s of | 195. | 109 | Northern Pac. 26s. | 104 | Northern Pac. 26s. | 105 | Northern P | Nortw'n deben's 5s. 1043
| Tenn. new sct. 6s. ... 1014
| Tenn. new sct. 8s. ... 104
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CHICAGO-Clearings, \$14,007,060. New York exchange was 70c discount. Rates for money were firm at 7 per cent. ST. LOUIS-Cleatings. \$2,915.711: balances, \$416,820. Exchange on New York, 75c discount. New York-Clearings, \$130,401,265; balances, 85,808,529.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, \$14,949,492; balances, \$1,330,851. Money, 7@7 3-10 per cent. Exchange on New York, 25c discount. PHILADELPHIA--Bank clearings, \$11,433,009

PHILADELPHIA-Bank clearings, \$11,433,000; balances, \$1,974,895. Money, 6 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings, \$2,313,928; balances, \$294,456. Money, 6 per cent.

CINCINNATI—Money tight at 6@8 per cent; New York exchange heavy at par at 25@40 cents discount; clearings, \$2,219,550.

MEMPHIS—Clearings, \$50,167; balances, \$94,-623. New York exchange selling at par.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Market Weak and Feverish in Forence but Strong Later-Bear Attacks on Union Pacific and Lackawanna in the Morning.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 .- The stock market to day was feverish and weak in the forenoon, but quite strong, though dull, later in the day, leaving most stocks fractionally higher, though there were a few material losses among those stocks to which the bears paid most attention The trading during the day was almost entirely of a professional order, and is likely to remain so until time money is once more available, as brokers are discouraging buying on margin as far as they are able, one reputable brokerage house to-day asking 25 per cent margin to buy

St. Paul for a customer.

An improved market, however, is looked for

St. Paul for a customer.

An improved market, however, is looked for from the meeting of railroad presidents to be held Monday. Gold from England is due here about the middle of next week, and its arrival is expected to give greater buoyancy and strength to the market.

The opening was quite irregular and generally lower than last evening's prices, but the bears again took hold and depressed prices still farther, paying special attention to Lackswanna and Union Pacitic, and some specialties showed marked losses before the downward movement was checked. Lackawanna was forced off 1½ per cent from last night's price, and Union Pacitic per cent, but the changes in the rest of the list were generally insignificant. The loaning rates for stocks, however, showed that there was a large outstanding short interest, while money was easy at from 3 to 5 per cent on call, and the traders, when the bear attack slacked away, turned over to the bull side for a turn, and the market became dull as the pressure to sell was removed; but the demand from the shorts developed a strong tone, prices moving up slowly, and soon recovering not only all the forenoon's losses, but something in addition.

Lake Shore was one of the strongest features, but the movement in Atchison was equally procounced, and in Sugar Refineries a sudden advance of 3 per cent was made. The demand from the shorts slacked away toward delivery hour, and realizations sagged the list away in the last hour, but the market closed strong, though dull, at close to the best figures of the day. The final changes are nearly all in the direction of better prices, and Lake Shore and Atchison are up 1½ per cent each, and Sugar and Rock Island each I per cent. but Southern Pacitic is 1½ lower, and Lackswanna and Wheeling and Lake Erie preferred, each I per cent.

cent.
Railroad bonds were still quiet and generally Railroad bonds were still quiet and generally displayed a steady ione, with irregular changes in the list, among which losses are rather the more numerous. The sales of all is-nes were \$1.283,000, with no special animation. Among the advances of note may be mentioned Oregon Short Line sixes, 4 to 165; Reading seconds. 2½ to 35, thrids, 1½ to 27, and Iron Mountain fives, 2 to 88. Those that show losses, however, are generally the inactive issues.

The Post says: Money on call at the Stock Exchange ranged from 5 per cent in the foremon to 3 in the afternoon. These low rates for loans on stocks, at a time when discounts of commercial paper are still very difficult, reflect the opinion of money lenders that stocks for which there is always a ready, market—more ready, in fact, than ever for railroad bonds—are not only very cheap, but the most available

ready, in fact, than ever for railroad bondsare not only very cheap, but the most available security for ioans. There was a good borrowing demand for stocks throughout the day, indicating the existence of an important short interest. A number of stocks notably New York Central, Burlington, and one or two others, loaned flat, showing that the same rate of interest was paid for the use of them from day to day as for the use of money. Others loaned a from 1 to 2 per cent.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Corrected daily for The Dispatch by Whitneys & Stephenson, oldest Pittsburg members of New York Stock Exchange, & Fourth avenue:

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N. Y. & N. E. 2055
N. Y. O. & W. 2055
Norfolk & Western M. 2055
Norfolk & Western M. 2055
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Northern Pacific N. 605
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North American Co. 114
P., C., C. & St. L. pr. 30

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue, Members New York Stock Exchanger

Reading
Buffalo, Pittsburg & Western
Lenigh Vallsy
Lehigh Navigation
Philadelphia and Eric
Northern Pacific
Northern Pacific

Stocks.
Boston & Mont. 41½

New York, Dec. 11.—Alice, 175: Hale and Norcross, 150; Homestake, 800; Horn Silver 300; Ontario, 38.00; Ophir, 330; Savage, 165; Sierra Nevada, 175; Standard, 190; Union Con-solidated, 190.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Condition of Trade at the East Liberty Stock Yards. OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH THURSDAY, Dec. 11, 1890. Cattle-Receipts, 1,176 head; shipments, 777 Cattle-Receipts, 1,100 mean, head; market dull and slow at yesterday's quotations; I car of cattle shipped to New

Hogs-Receipts, 2,100 head: shipments, 1,100 Hogs-Receipts, 2,100 head: shipments, 1,100 head; market very dull; Philadelphias, \$3 70@ 3 50; mixed, \$3 50@3 57; heavy Yorkers, \$3 40@ 3 50; light Yorkers, \$2 20@3 35; pigs. \$2 50@3 00; 13 cars of hozs shippent to New York to-day. Sheep-Receipts, 200 head; shipments, 100 head; market slow at yesterday's quotations. Following is report of transactions at these yards for the week ending December 11, 1890:

RECEIPTS.

	CATTLE.		nogs.	SHEEP
	Thro'.	Local.	1	
Thursday			5,830	440
Friday		****	5,625	2,090
Saturday	****	4444	2, 325	
Sunday	** *	****	7,500	6, 050
Monday	.0000	****	7,050	440
Tuesday	****	****	2,400	2,200
Wednesday	****	****	4,875	770
Total	6,800	2,640	35, 625	14,080
Last week Previous week	4, 160 4, 580	2,850 2,140	44, 200 30, 975	13, 980 9, 120
	SALES	i.		
Thursday	****	12	2.888	
Friday	2007	7235	3, 119	331
Saturday	****	227	1, 512	2
Monday	****	2, 497	7,732	3,982
Tuesday	****	676	5, 146	1,806
Wednesday	****	231	3,071	1,021

3, 613 23, 488 7.540

.... 2,873 28,913 6,500 2,134 22,088 6,280

By Telegraph.

Last week...... Previous week....

By Telegraph.

CINCINNATI — Hogs in larger supply and lower; common and light, \$2,60@3 35; packing and butchers', \$3,25@3 65; receipts, 7,600 head; shipments, 2,100 head, Cattle—Best qualities steady; others weak; common, 75c@1 50; fair to choice butchers' grades, \$1,75@2 50; prime to choice shippers, \$5,50@4 50; receipts, 850 head; shipments, 600 head. Sheep—Demand light: market heav; common to choice, \$2,25@4 25; extra fat wethers and yearlings, \$1,50@4 75; extra fat wethers and yearlings, \$1,50@4 75; exceipts, 640 head; shipments, 360 head. Lambs—Spring in light demand and weak; good to choice shipping, \$5,25@5 75; common to choice butchers', \$4,00@5 50 per 100 pounds.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 1,151 head.

butchers', \$4 00@5 50 per 100 pounds.

NEW YORK—Beeves—Receipts, 1,151 head, including 37 cars for sale; market weak; native steers, \$3 60@4 75 per 100 pounds; bulls and cows, \$2 60@3 50; dressed beef slow at 6½@ 7½c per pound; shipments to-day, 155 beeves. Calves—Receipts, 297 head; market steady; veals, \$5 00@7 55; Westerns, \$2 50@3 25. Sheep—Receipts, 4,599 head; sheep firm; lambs a shade higher; sheep, \$4 00@5 12½; lambs, \$5 75 @6 60; dressed mutton firm at 7½@6 per pound; dressed lambs steady at 8½@10;. Hogs—Receipts, including 2 cars for sale, were 11,396 head; market lower at \$3 40@3 75 per 100 pounds.

CHICAGO—The Ev ming Journal reports:
Cattle—Receipts, 35,000 head; shipments, none;
market steady with little or change; Christmas
steers, \$5 50@6 40; other good steers, \$1 00@4 80;
common steers, \$2 75@5 75. Hogs—Receipts,
35,000 head; shipments, 5,000 head; market
weak and lower; rough and common, litht,
\$3 30@3 50; good mixed and packers, \$3 55@
3 65; prime heavy and butcher weights, \$3 70@
3 80; light, \$3 50@3 55. Sheep—Receipts, 11,000
head; shipments, 3,000 head; market dull, weak
and 25@40c lower.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle—Receipts, 3,200 head; shipments, 1,800 head; market steady; good to
fancy native steers, \$4 40@5 00; fair to good,
\$3 30@4 50; stockers and feeders, \$2 00@
3 25; Texans and Indian steers, \$2 20@3 50.
Hogs—Receipts, 6,800 head; shipments, 1,900
head; market steady; fair to choice heavy,
\$5 50@3 00; mixed grades, \$3 10@3 50; light,
fair to best, \$3 20@3 30. Sheep—Receipta,
700 head; shipments, 100 head; market steady;
good to cnoice, \$4 00@3 30.

OMAHA—Cattle—Receipts, 800 head; mar-CHICAGO-The Evening Journal reports:

good to enoice, \$4,00%5 30.

OMAHA—Cattle—Receipts, 800 head; market slow and about steady on both beeves and butchers'; feeders unchanged; faucy steers nominally at \$1,50%5 00; prime steers, \$2,85%4 00; fair to good steers, \$2,75%3 90. Hogs—Receipts, 7,700 head; market steady on good and 5c lower on poor hogs; active and all sold; range, \$2,80%3 50; bulk at \$3,30%3 45; pies, \$2,25%2 80; light, \$2,80%3 30; heavy, \$3,35%3 00; mixed, \$3,25%3 40. Sheep—Receipts, \$1 head; market steady; matives, \$2,30%4 40; Westerns, \$2,00%4 15.

tives, \$2 30@4 40; Westerns, \$2 00@4 15.

KANSAS CITY—Cattle—Receipts, 2.110 head; shipments, 3.270 head; market in bad shane and 10c lower: steers, \$3 50@4 75; fancy Christmas cattle, \$5 00@5 35; cows, \$1 90@2 00; stockers and feeders, \$2 25@3 00. Hogs — Receipts, 8,730 head; shipments, 18,875 head; market strong; bulk, \$3 25@3 50; all grades, \$2 90@3 70. Sleep — Receipts, 190 head; shipments, 650 head; market steady and unchanged.

INDIANAPOLIS—Cattle—Receipts light; market steady on hest grades; shippers, \$2 90@4 50;

choice light, \$3 25@3 40; pigs, \$2 00@3 00.

BUFFALO—Cattle—Nothing doing: receipts, 131 loads through, 15 sale. Sheep and lambs—Top grades higuer. Sheep—Choice to extra, \$4 85@5 15; good to choice. \$4 60@4 80; lambs, choice to extra, \$5 85@8 15; good to choice, \$5 60@5 80; receipts, 90 loads through, 40 sale. Hogs slow: receipts, 42 loads through, 80 sale; heavy Yorkers, \$3 55@3 60. FINDING one afternoon each week for

the sale of diamonds not sufficient to supply the demand, I have decided to devote the hour between 3 and 4 P. M., daily, for the sale of diamonds at auction at 533 Smithfield Stocks, Grain, Oil. McGrew, Wilson & Co., Eisner building, cor, Fifth ave, and Wood st.

DOMESTIC MARKETS. Fancy Creamery Butter and Fresh Eggs in Active Demand.

POTATOES AND APPLES VERY FIRM.

The Cereal Situation Continues Pavorable to the Euver.

TIGHT MONEY IS ADVERSE TO TRADE

OFFICE OF PITTSHURG DISPATCH, THURSDAY, December 11, 1890. Country Produce-Jobbing Prices. Fancy creamery butter and strictly fresh eggs are firm at quotations. Home-raised eggs are hard to be had at any price, but large quantities of Western stock are going to the con-sumer as such. Since Government detectives are on the watch for oleo dealers, there has been a better demand for country butter. Choice potatoes and apples are still in short supply, and demand is good for all that are offered. Prices are more apt to go higher than lower. Poultry is coming in freely, but dea good ready for Christmas doings. APPLES-\$4 00@5 50 a barret.

BUTTER-Creamery, Eigin, 32@33c; Ohio do, 28@29c; common country butter, 10@15c; choice

28@29c; common country butter, 10@15c; choice country rolls, 18@20c; fancy country rolls, 25@25c.

BEANS—New crop beans, \$2 50@2 55: marrowfat, \$2 00@2 75: Lima beans, 6@94c.

BEESWAX—22@36c \$\frac{2}{2}\$ in choice: low grade, 22@25c.

CIDER—Sand refined, \$9 00@10 00; common, \$5 50@6 00; crau cider, \$10 00@11 00 \$\frac{2}{2}\$ barrel; cider vinegar, 14@15c \$\frac{2}{2}\$ gallon, CHESE—Ohno cheese, fall make, 10%c: New York cheese, 10%@11c: Limburger, 13%@14c; domestic Sweitzer, 12@15c; Wisconsin brick Sweitzer, 14c; imported Sweitzer, 27%c.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, \$3 25@3 50 a box, \$9 50 a barrel; Jerseys, \$3 00@3 25 a box, \$8 50 a barrel.

DRESSED HOGS-LARGE, 436@54 W B; small, 5 @6c. EGGS-23@24c for Western stock: 28@30c for EGGS-23@24c for Western stock: 22@30c for strictly fresh nearby eggs.
FEATHERS-EXITA live geese, 50@60c; No. 1 40@45c: mixed lots, 30@55c P B.
GAME-Mailard ducks, \$4 00@4 50 a dozen, Butter ducks, \$2 00@2 50 a dozen; pheasants; \$5 00@5 50 a dozen; squirrels, \$1 25@1 50 a dozen; woodcocks, \$4 25@4 50 a dozen; qual, \$1 00@1 25; rabbits, 25@30c a pair; venison saddles, 15@18c a pound; whole venison. 10@12c a pound.
HONEY-New crop white clover, 20@22c P B.
California boney, 12@15c P B.
MAPLE STRUP-75@05c a can; maple sugar, 9@10c P B.
NUTS-Chestnuts, \$5 00@5 50 a bushel; walnuts, 70@75c a bushel; shell bark hickory nuts.

9@10c \$ B.

NUTS—Chestnuts, \$5 00@5 50 a bushel; walnuts, 70@75c a bushel; shell bark hickory nuts, \$1 50@1 75 a bushel; peanuts, \$1 75@2 25, roasted; green, 64@7c B B.

POULTRY—Chickens, 40@50c a pair; dressed 9@12 a pound; ducks, 50@70c a pair; dressed ducks, 12@13c a pound; live turkeys, 9@10c a pound; dressed turkevs, 14@15c; live geese, 60@50c ablec; dressed geese, 10c a pound.

TALLOW—Country, 4c; city rendered, 5c.

SEEDS—Recleaned Western clover, \$5 00@ 5 25; country medium clover, \$4 00@4 25; timothy, \$1 50@1 55; blue grass, \$2 85@2 00; orchard grass, \$1 50; millet, 70@75c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, choice, \$5 50 @6 50; fancy, \$7 00@7 50; Jamalea oranges, \$6 00 @6 50; a barrel; Florida oranges, \$4 00@4 50 a box; bananas, \$1 50 firsts, \$1 00 good seconds, \$1 bunch; Malaga grapes, \$5 50@8 50 a half barrel, according to quality; California plums, \$2 00@2 25 \$2 box; California pears, \$4 00@4 50 \$2 box; figs, 17c \$2 B; dates, 5@65c \$2 B.

VEGETABLES—Pointoes, \$1 10@1 25 \$2 bushel; Southern sweets, \$2 25@2 75 \$2 barrel; Jersey, \$3 50@4 00; kin dried, \$4 00 a barrel; cabbage, \$6 50@7 00 \$2 hundred; onions, \$3 00 a barrel; celery, 30@35c a dozen bunches; parsnips, 40c a dozen; carrots, 30c a dozen; parsley, 40c a dozen; carrots, 30c a bushel; horseradish, 50@75c a dozen.

Sugar and coffee are strong but unchanged Canned goods are quiet and likely to be until the year 1890 joins the receding centuries While volume of trade continues good, collections are slow, a fact which jobbers charge up to stringency of money markets.

GREEN COFFEE-Fancy 24/4@25/4c; Rio, choice Rio, 22/4@23/4c; prime Rio, 27c; low grade Rio, 20/4@21/4c; old Government Java, 29/4@30c; Maracaibo, 25/4@77/4c; Mocha, 30@32c; Santos, 22@25c; Caracas, 25@27c; La ROASTED (in papers)-Standard brands, 25c; igh grades, 28@30%c; old Government Java, nlk, 33@34%c; Maracaibo, 28@29c; Santos, 26@

COIN, No. 2

30c; peaberry, 30c; choice Rio, 26c; prime Rio,
25c; good Rio, 24c; ordinary, 213,6223/c.
SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 15@16c; alispice, 10c;
cassia, 8c; pepper, 13c; nutmeg, 75@80c.

PETROLEUM (jobbers' prices)—110° test, 74c;
Dito, 120°, 83/c; headlight, 150°, 83/c; 74c;
May. 120°, 856c; headlight, 150°, 836c; water, 1056c; globe, 14@1456c; elaine, 1456c; care, 1156c; royaline, 14c; red oit, 11@1156c;

white, 10%c; globe, 14@14%c; elaine, 14%c; carnadine, 11%c; royaline, 14c; red oil, 11@11%c; purity, 14c.

Miners' Oil.—No. 1 winter strained, 43@45c P gallon; summer, 38@40c; lard oil, 55@58c.

Syrup—Corn syrup, 30@32c; choice sugar syrup, 37@41c; prime sugar syrup, 32@35c; siricity prime, 55@36c.

N. O. Molasses—Fancy, new crop, 46@48c; fancy old, 45@49c; choice, 43c; medium, 35@40c; mixed, 40@42c.

Soda—Bi-carb in kegs, 3%@3%c; bi-carb in ½s, 5%c; bi-carb in kegs, 13%c; do granulated, 2c.

Candles—Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, 2 set, 8%c; paraffine, 11@12c.

Rice—Head Carolina, 7@7%c; choice, 6%@6%c; prime, 6@6%c; Lauisiana, 5%@6c.

Starch—Pearl, 4%c; corn starch, 6%@7c; gloss starch, 6%@7c.

Foreign Frutts—Layer raisins, 22 65; London layers, 82 75; Muscatels, 82 40; California Muscatels, 22 40; Valencia, 74@7%c; Ondara Valencia, 8%68%c; sultana, 18@20c; currants, 5%66%c; Turkey prunes, 7%@8c; French prunes, 11%@13c; Salonica prunes, in 25 packages, 9c; cocoanuts, 27 100 fc; almonds, Lam, 35. 36@7c; new dates, 6@6%c; Brazil nuts, 18c; pecans, 14%@16c; citron, 2 B, 11@20c; lemon peel, 18c 2 8c conange peel, 12c.

Dried Frutts—Apples, sideed, per B, 10c; apples, evaporated, 14%65c; cherries, pitted, 31c; cherries, unpitted, 18@30c; pacanes, California, evaporated, 46@30c; blackberries, 10@11c; huckleberries, 15c.

berries, 15c. SUGARS—Cubes, 6%c; powdered, 6%c; granu-

orated. 34g330c; blackberries, 10g211c; nuckleberries, 15c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 6%c; powdered, 6%c; granulated, 6%c; confectioners A, 6%c; standard A, 6%c; soft white, 5%c65%c; yellow, choice, 5%c65%c; yellow, choice, 5%c65%c; yellow, dair, 5%c65%c; yellow, fair, 5%c65%c; yellow, gark, 5%c69%c; yellow, fair, 5%c65%c; yellow, dair, 5%c65%c; yellow, fair, 5%c65%c; yellow, dair, 5%c65%c; yellow, fair, 5%c66%c; yellow, fair, fair

OATMEAL-\$7@7 25% bbl.

The only sale on call at the Grain Exchange was a car of No. 1 timothy hay, \$9 50, 5 days. Receipts as bulletined, 24 cars, of which 15 cars were by Pittsburg. Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway, as follows: 1 car of millfeed, 9 of corn, 1 of bran, 2 of hay, 2 of oats. By Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago, I car of rye, I of middlings, I of hay, I of flour, I of malt. By Pittsburg and I of hay, I of four, I of mait. By Pittsburg and Western, I car of core, I of hay, I of barley. By Pittsburg and Lake Erie, I car of ficur. The cereal situation is practically the same as at last reports. If any difference, markets are more favorable to buyers. Heceipts are s ill in excess of demand, and while this and stringent money market lasts, grain and hay are sure to go slow.

Prices are for carload lots on track:

WHEAT—No 2 red, \$1 00@1 01; No. 3, 96@ 97c.

97c. CORN-New ear, 50@60c; No. 1 yellow shelled, CORN—New ear, 59@60c; No. 1 yellow shelled, 62@63c old; No. 2 yellow, shelled, 51@62c old; high mixed shelled corn, 10@61c old; yellow shelled corn, new, 55@57c.

OATS—No. 1, 513@53c; No. 2 white, 50%@51c; extra, No. 3, 49%@50c; mixed oats, 48@49c.
RYR—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 76@77c; No. 1 Westerp, 74@75c.
FLOUR—Jobbing prices—Fancy spring and winter patent flour, 36 00@6 25; fancy straight

winter, \$5 25@5 50; fanoy straight spring, \$5 25 \$6 50; clear winter, \$5 00@5 25; straight XXXX bakers', \$4 75@5 00. Bye flour, \$4 25@4 50. Buckwheat flour, 24@35 2 2. MILLFEED-No. 1 white middlings, \$25 00@ 25 50 \$7 ton; No. 2 white middlings, \$22 00@ 23 00; brown middlings, \$20 00@21 00; winter wheat bran, \$19 50@29 00. HAY-Baled timothy, choice, \$10 75@11 00; No. 1, \$10 00@10 25; No. 2 do, \$7 50@8 00; loose from wagon, \$11 00@12 00, according to quality: No. 2 prairie hay, \$7 25@7 50; packing do, \$7 00 67 25. STRAW-Oat, \$6 50@7 00; wheat and rye, \$6 00

Sugar-cured hams, large, 13e; sugar-cured hams, medium, 101/4c; sugar-cured hams, small, 1034c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon, 834c; sugar-cured shoulders, 654c; sugar-cured boneless cured shoulders, 6%c; sugar-cured boneless shoulders, 8%c; skinned shoulders, 7%c; skinned hams, 10%c; sugar-cured California hams, 7c; sugar-cured dried beef flats, 9c; sugar-cured dried beef frounds, 12c; bacon, shoulders, 7%c; bacon, clear sides, 12%c; bacon, clear bellies, 6%c; dry salt shoulders, 6%c; dry salt shou

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Wheat Lazy at the Opening, but Encouraging Reports Cause Good Buying Later On-Other Articles Slow and

Comparatively Featureless. CHICAGO—The wheat market opened tame at a decline of 1/2 from the closing prices of the preceding day. The cables were easier in tone and there appeared to be a remarkable scarcity of orders on either side of the market. Fluctuations were narrow. The dispatches from every point of the compass were almost

uniformly bullish.

There were numerous dispatches received from Indiana, Kansas and Missouri, reporting injury to the fall wheat from the Hessian fly. and Minneapolis dispatches quoted an improvinc demand for cash wheat at I to 2c over yes-

and Minneapolis dispatches quoted an improving demand for cash wheat at 1 to 2c over yesterday's closing prices, with farmers' deliveries in the interior steadily increasing. The effect of such an array of buillish news was slow in showing itself, but there were a good many traders who picked up a good deal of wheat early in the session, and on every accession of encouraging reports bought more, and in the end this steady absorption of the limited offerings created a local shortage which expressed itself in some anxious buying in the last hour of the session, during which the May delivery from hanging lazily within a free action of 98% cadvanced to 99%.

Hutchinson was a seller when trading started; Pardridge was also on that ride of the market. Rumsey and Chandler, Lawson, Kennett-Hopkins and Schwartz-Dupee were among the most prominent buyers in the first half of the session. Hutchinson also came around to that side in the end.

The corn deal was confined to a range of 100% and that indicates the lifelessness of the business. There was nothing in the shape of outside influences brought to bear upon the market, and it was therefore easy for a party who sold heavily of puts and calls on the previous afternoon to keep the prices from going beyond the line drawn at the price of these privileges. May corn started at 54% and a sale or two occurred at 1-18c over that price about the same time. It was maintained at 54% for some time, but on the estimated receipts for to-morrow of 295 cars it sagged to 54%. There was a firmer feeling later in sympathy with wheat, and another advance to 54%.

Cas were traded in to a moderate extent;

Oals were traded in to a moderate extent; were small.

Mess Pork-Trading was only moderate. At the opening the feeling was steady with a fewer sales, provided at about outside figures. Later, the demand slackened and prices receded 1254@ 15c, but near the close improved 7%@ioc, and

15c, but near the close improved 7%@10c, and ruled steady.

Lard—A fairly active business was transacted. Early in the day the feeling was rather firm, with quite liberal trading, but later in the day a reduction of 2½c was submitted to. Near the close prices railied again and ruled firm.

Short Rib Sides—A fairly active trade was reported. On the whole range prices receded 5@7½c, and the market closed quiet at medium figures. figures.
The leading futures ranged as follows, as cor-

rected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members Chicago Board of Trade: Open-High- Low- Clos-ing, est, est, ing. ARTICLES. WHEAT, NO. 2

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January....
May....
LARD,
December... 4 87% 4 87% 4 87% 4 87% 4 87% 5 20 5 20 5 12% 5 15 5 80 5 80 5 75 5 80

Cash quotations were as follows:
Flour steady and unchanged: No. 2 spring wheat, 90%c: No. 3 spring wheat, 80%86:: No. 2 red, 91%691%c: No. 2 corn, 52%c: No. 2 cars, 22%60:2%c: No. 2 ree, 80. 2 barley, 88%70c: No. 1 flaxseed, \$1.26; prime timothy seed, 23% 24c. Mess pork, per bbl, 88 25%8 37%. Lard, per 160 lbs, 35 76. Short cibs sides (loose), \$5.00%566; dry salted shoulders (boxed), \$4.30% 4 62%; short clear sides (boxed), \$5.30%545, Sugars unchanged. No. 2 white oats, 44%c: No. 3 barley, f. o. b., 56%66: No. 4, f. o. b., 48%58c.
On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 22%24c. market was unchanged. Eggs, 22@2fc.

28\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; Elgin, 30c. Cheese moderately active and firm: light skims, 4\(\frac{1}{2}\)GO2(c; Ohio flats, 6\(\frac{1}{2}\)c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour firm but unchanged. Wheat—The market opened \(\frac{1}{2}\)c below yesterday's close; there were few orders and in the absence of any news to affect the market, trading was languid and fluctuations within a very narrow range until about 12:15 o'clock, when there was a rally on higher Chicago market and values advanced steadily to the close, which was about the same as yearerday's final figures; No. 2 cash, \$2200; January, 94c bid; May, 98\(\frac{1}{2}\)GO3(c) asked: July, \$73\(\frac{1}{2}\)c bid. Corn—The opening was quiet and \(\frac{1}{2}\)c bid. Corn—The opening was quiet and \(\frac{1}{2}\)c bid. Corn—The opening was quiet and \(\frac{1}{2}\)c bid. Year-Now, \$13\(\chick{1}\)GO2C. Oats quiet and stendy: No. 2 cash, \$12\(\frac{1}{2}\)c; May, \$13\(\chick{1}\)GO2C. Oats quiet and stendy: No. 2 cash, \$12\(\chick{1}\)c. Fixseed—Nominally worth \$1\(\chick{2}\)c. Provisions—The market was dull for both salt and smoked meats: quiet and unchanged for pork and lard.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour barely steady.

smoked meats: quiet and unchanged for pork and lard.

PHILADELPHIA — Flour barely steady. Wheat quiet and prices largely nominal: No. 2 red Pecember, 88½@96: January, \$1 0061 01; February, \$1 6291 029; March, \$1 0461 049; Corn, steady; old No. 2 low mixed, in grain devot, 61½c; new No. 2 mixed in grain devot, 61½c; new No. 2 mixed in do, 56: No. 2 mixed, December, 58½@56c; steamer in export elevator, 57€57½c; No. 3 in ind, 56: No. 2 mixed, December, 58½@56c; starca, 55½@56c; No. 2 mixed, December, 58½@56c; January, 55½@56c; February, 55½@56c; January, 55½@56c; March, 55½@56c; MinneApolls—Cash wheat was in good request and firmer, with millers good buyers for local use. There were few cars sold to ship, caused likely by shippers being outbid by millers, Out-of-town millers had orders in, and a

moderate amount of wheat was taken on them. Private elevator people bought some, and altogether a good inquiry existed for the stuff for sale. Competition seemed to be best for No. 1 Northern, and an advance on it was perhaps most on the average. Closing prices: No. 1 hard December, 90c: January, 91c; on track, 90c: No. 1 Northern, December, 80c: So. 2, Northern, December, 82c: January, 88c; on track, 82.

MILWAUKEE — Flour unchanced. Wheat MILWAUKEE - Flour unchanged. Wheat firm: No. 2 spring, on tasck, cash, 50@-7c; Mav, 50@-924c; No. 1 Northern, 88c. Corn quiet; No. 3, on track, 50c. Oats dull; No. 2 white, 44@444c, Barley easier: No. 2, in store, 55c. Rye firm: No. 1, in store, 65c. Provisions quiet. Pork—January, \$10.40. Lard—January, 55.873c.

BALTIMORE-Wheat-Western steady: No. 2 winter, red, spot and December, 941-2913/c bid; January, 96296/c; May, 51 0201 023, Corn-Western easy, duli: mixed snot, 583/c; year, 583/c; January, 56c bid; May, 583/c; steamer, 550/551/c. Oats steady, Rye firm. Hay steady, Provisions quiet. Butter firm. Eggs firm, at 7623/c.

Tig. 38c.

Cincinnati—Flour quiet. Wheat quiet and firm: No. 2 red. 88c: Corn easy: No. 2 mixed, 50c. Oars weaker: No. 2 mixed, 475,288c. Rye quiet: No. 2, 75c. Provisions easy. Lard, \$5 60. 85 70. Butter firm: fanoy Elgin, 30,331c: choice dairy, 13,615c. Eggs quiet at 22c. Cheese firm. TOLEDO—Wheat dull and firm; cash and December, 96c; May, \$1 00%. Corn quiet and steady; cash and December, 52%c; May, 54%c. Oats quiet; cash, 48c. Cloverseed dull and lower; cash and December, \$1 00; January, \$2 67%.

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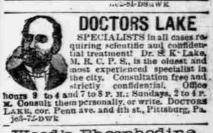
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