IRON TRADE REVIEW.

No Change for the Better Noticeable in the Local Situation.

TRYING TO CARRY LIGHT STOCKS.

After the Holidays a More Active Movement is Expected.

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING CENTERS

There is no change for the better in iron markets since last week's report. The time of the year is at hand when transactions are uniformly light, and this season proves exceptionally dull, owing to tight money market. Consumers of raw irons aim to carry as light stocks as possible at the close of the year, and hence no active movement is looked for until after the holidays. As finished products have held up well thus far, manufacturers will, no doubt, be compelled to replenish stocks of raw iron at an early day. Prices of gray forge and Bessemer iron stands as quoted last week, and while markets are slow and dull, there is no disposition on the part of holders to make concessions. The feeling is general among dealers that bottom has been reached. Manufactured iron is not so brisk as it has been for a few weeks past, but this was anticipated by manufacturers, and the quiet time has been longer delayed than usual. Steel nails and rails are quiet, but prices remain unchanged. The demand for structural iron holds up unusually well for this time of the year.

Following are latest quotations:

Structural Iron—Angles, $2.25; tees, 2.85c; beams and channels, 3.10c; sheared bridge plates, steel, 2.00c; universal mill plates, iron, 2.30c; refined iron, 2c card.

Barbed wire fencing, galvanized, $3 00; plain wire fencing, galvanized, $3 50.

Neutral mill	$14 50@14 75—cash
All-ore mill	15 00@15 50—cash
No. 1 foundry, native ore	16 25@16 50—cash
No. 1 foundry, lake ore	17 25@17 50—cash
Bessemer ore	16 75@17 00—cash
Charcoal foundry iron No. 1	22 50@23 00
Charcoal foundry iron No. 2	21 00@22 50
Charcoal cold blast	25 00@26 00
Muck bar	25 75@29 00
Steel blooms	25 75@26 00
Steel slabs	25 75@26 00
Steel billets	25 75@26 00
Steel H. C. ends	24 00@24 50
Steel rails, new	29 00@29 50
Rer iron	1 85@1 90
Wire rods	25 00@26 00
Steel nails, per keg, usual dis	1 90@2 00
Wire nails, per keg	2 10@2 15
Ferro manganese	66 00

VERY LITTLE IRON SOLD

In the District of Which Birmingham is the Center.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 19.—The unsettled condition of the iron trade in this district continues without change for the better. Very little iron is selling, as furnace men are unable to make contracts for future delivery on account of the strike of coal miners. Nearly half the furnaces of the district are out of blast and others may follow soon if the strike continues.

The furnace men say they do not care to sell iron now except for cash. Some of them have been caught for small amounts in several failures and they had rather have their iron than bad paper.

There is no change in prices. No. 1 pig is still quoted at $12 50, but it could probably be bought for less in a cash trade. A few small orders from regular customers are coming in, but there is no demand for large lots, and sales for the past week have been below any previous week this year.

There is considerable stock on hand in the district. The storage warehouses are pretty well filled up, and there is iron in every furnace yard. With the present demand the stock on hand in the district will not be materially reduced for some time even with only half the furnaces running.

The Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company and the Sloss Iron and Steel Company, who have the State convicts in their coal mines, have been able to keep their 12 furnaces running, but if the strike lasts much longer they must bank the fires in half of them.

There is no prospect of any improvement in trade until after the holidays.

The failure of the Bessemer Rolling Mill Company last week caught some of the local furnaces for small amounts, and forced the Henderson Steel Company to go into the hands of a receiver. The steel company lost $12,000 on the rolling mill. The failure of the rolling mill was due to that of the United States Rolling Stock Company, of Chicago, where they had $30,000 tied up. These are the only failures in the iron business, and are the first of any magnitude in the history of the district.

The strike of the coal miners continues with no prospect of a settlement until the strikers are worn out and hungry. In the meantime, a few mine operators are employing inexperienced negroes, who learn the work very quickly, and most of the strikers, when they want to go back to work, will find their places filled by the brother in black, who never strikes.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

An Overloaded Market Threatened at Philadelphia.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—The iron market is at present excessively dull, which is not at all unusual at this season of the year. If production is greater than consumption, the question is how much lower can prices be forced, or how much money will producers be willing to lose before they make up their minds to blow out their furnaces, shut down their mills and stop adding production to a market which threatens to become largely overloaded. Old orders are rapidly approaching completion, and it is apparent that they are not being replaced as readily as they were some time ago. A large proportion of the Virginia furnaces are out of blast and only one has been recently blown in. Pig iron holds very steady, considering the general condition of business. The prices are: Standard Pennsylvania No. 1, $18 00@18 25; No. 2, $16 50@17 00; medium Pennsylvania No. 1, $17 00@17 50; No. 2, $16 00@16 25; ordinary forge, cylinder mixed, $15 75@14 25; and charcoal car wheel iron, $22 00@26 00. Bessemer pig is quite neglected, with no sales and no inquiries likely to lead to immediate business. The price is about $18 at furnace. Muck bars are very dull, with no disposition to either buy or sell. Some business has been done at about $29, delivered, but there are very few buyers at over $28 50@28 75.

Box iron is dull and weak and the prices irregular, as for instance 1.70c to 1.75c at outside mills, or 1.80@1.82½c at city mills, although the nominal prices are 1.85@1.8c and 1.85@1.95c. Skelps have but little new business offering and prices are nominal at 1.80@1.90c, delivered, for grooved, and 2.10@2.15c for sheared. Structural iron shows but little change. For lots delivered in consumers' yards the prices are: Angles, 2.20@2.40c, and from 10c to 20c more for steel ties; 2.70@2.80c for beams and channels; 3.1c for either iron or steel. Sheet iron: Prices are weak and business is light. The following quotations are for best refined: No. 14 to 20, 3c; 24, 3.10c; No. 27, 3.20@3.30c; No. 29 to 26, 3.40@3.50c; No. 27, 3.50@3.60c and No. 28, 3.60@3.70c.

BUT FEW TRANSACTIONS.

Buyers Pursuing a Conservative Course on the Chicago Market.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Rogers, Brown & Merwin say: The present time of year is always marked by lack of activity in the way of placing new contracts for raw material, and the year just closing is proving no exception; in fact, less transactions than usual are being consummated, buyers both large and small occupying the conservative position that retrenchment is in order in many directions, and that until money again becomes plenty it is wise to avoid placing further contracts on incurring new financial obligations. Some business is doing in the way of carlots, but little is being done in the way of large sales. Among interesting features at present is the curtailment in production which is being forced in especially seen in the Alabama district, where the coal miners' strike still continues, with no prospect for early settlement. A considerable number of furnaces have already blown out or banked, and those still running are simply using upstock on hand, with the exception of one or two large companies, having other labor under their control. Many of the furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys are also blowing out or banking, as they have found it impossible to continue the manufacture of iron with the existing scale of cost for coke and other material. While it is a fact that consumption is less at the present time than during the past summer and autumn, yet it is evident that production is being curtailed at a more rapid rate than consumption. In some cases low figures are still being made by a few furnace companies having iron on hand, which they are forced to realize on, in view of the interest and other payments which are due, or about to become so.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK—Copper nominal. Lead dull. Tin dull, closing a shade easier; straights, $20 50.

A CHANGE OF BASE.

Additional Reasons for Cutting Loose From the Business Center.

GOOD RESULTS POINTED OUT.

Oil Unexpectedly Struck by a Tidal Wave and Advances Seven Cents.

THE NEWS AND GOSSIP OF THE CITY

The remarks in this column yesterday on the necessity of enlarging the business area of the city caused considerable talk in certain quarters. While all admitted the pressing need of more room for the transaction of the growing trade of the city, there were those who held that a change of location would be ruinous to those who led the way, and in proof of this cited the instance of a prominent drygoods firm which moved from Fifth avenue to Wood street a few years ago, and lost so much of its trade that it was glad to get back to the old stand on any terms the landlord saw fit to impose.

Of course there are exceptions to all rules. The firm in question had done business on Fifth avenue for so many years that it had become attached to it, and probably omitted the necessary effort to compel success in the new location. But things have changed since then. Rapid transit has so multiplied that one street is as easily reached as another, and if the same firm were to repeat the experiment of changing the scene of its operations to the very spot which proved so disastrous before, there is every reason to believe that success would crown the venture.

As an offset to this failure to carry trade to a new locality two instances may be mentioned which had an entirely different result. A lady in business on Market street was so oppressed by rent that she sought and found a location on Penn avenue. Her customers not only followed her, but she secured many others, and prospered so uninterruptedly that she is now in affluent circumstances. Not long ago she bought two fine properties in the East End. The other case referred to is that of a dealer in household goods. A few years ago he occupied a stand on Wood street, below Fifth avenue, but the rent was so high that it wiped out the bulk of his profits. He bought a lot on Penn avenue and put a fine building on it, which he has since occupied. The change was the making of him, as the savings, and he is now classed among the solid men of the city. Numerous other cases might be cited where a change of location has produced equally happy results. A gentleman in business on Sixth street for many years needing more room and feeling that he was paying more rent than he could well afford, secured a stand on Fifth avenue, a few squares beyond the Court House, and prospered from the start. He thinks the change was the best thing he ever did. The territory above Grant street as far out as East Liberty and Oakland is so thickly populated as to afford business openings in lavish profusion. The West End and the Southside are also rich in opportunities.

That there must be a breaking away from the present business center at no distant time is so obvious as to be generally admitted. Those it never occur to those who cling to the old idea that change means ruin that the first to go will have peculiar advantages in the way of building up trade, and will secure the cream of it before their competitors get fairly established. The dispersion of business is desirable in every way. It would allow of indefinite expansion, reduce rents, accommodate buyers and accelerate the material growth of the city.

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Business News and Gossip.

Notes always fall due. Thoughtless people should make a note of this.

Real estate is in better shape than at the close of any previous year in the history of the city.

Mr. C. Beringer, of C. Beringer & Son, returned from the South yesterday. While there he closed the sale of 20,000 acres of mineral and timber land—9,000 acres in Kentucky and 11,000 in Tennessee, reserving for himself a farm of 150 acres in each tract.

Deals in many large properties which have been hung up for some time, will be taken down soon after the New Year bells stop ringing.

It is conceded on all sides that by the middle of January the money market will be easy enough to give everybody a chance to show his mettle.

Black & Baird have just received a communication from the largest retail drygoods firm in New York City, to the effect that they are desirous of establishing a branch store here, and asking for a suitable stand on one of the best streets, Fifth avenue preferred. They require at least 100 feet front. There are no such places obtainable here at present, and the firm was so informed. This should stir up owners of tumble-down or antiquated buildings to tear them down and put up good ones.

There are many pretty things suitable for Christmas presents, but nothing would be prized more as a gift from man to wife than a building lot. It would be a nest egg for the entire family.

The largest of 27 mortgages on file yesterday was for $11,000. Seven were for purchase money.

The various savings banks report a large increase in deposits, but the notices for withdrawals for the next week are also more numerous than usual, showing people anticipate making unusually large holiday presents.

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The Building Record.

Builders were so completely knocked out by the storm that the weekly list of permits will be the smallest of the year. Three were issued yesterday:

Mrs. Zern, frame addition one-story dwelling, 9x12 feet, on Spring alley, Ninth ward, Cost, $30.

Philip Mueller, frame addition one-story kitchen, 12x13 feet, on Excelsior street, Thirty-first ward. Cost, $100.

Mercy Hospital, brick and stone addition two-story hospital, 24x29 feet, on Stevenson street, Sixth ward. Cost, $3,600.

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Movements in Realty.

James W. Drape & Co sold a house and lot in the East End, near Roup station, for $6,000 cash; also two houses and lots in Allegheny, near North avenue, for $8,750.

Brown & Saint sold to F. M. Lutton lot No. 77, in the Bank of Commerce addition plan, Brushton, frounting 50 feet on the west side of Brushton avenue, near Kelly street, and extending back 130 feet to a 20-foot alley, for $1,050.

Black & Baird sold for George S. Elbourne a new frame dwelling on Ivy street, East End, with lot 40x120 feet, for $5,500.

J. B. Larkin & Co. sold to Benjamin Jefferson, for Michael McNally, on Gazzam and Aliquippa streets, Fourteenth ward, small frame house with lot 25x96 feet, for $750.

Thomas Liggett sold a piece of land, one and one-third acres, on Boulevard, Park View plan, Fourteenth ward, for $9,500. It will be subdivided.

Alles & Bailey sold at public auction for the United States Treasury Department all the accumulated material of the past ten years around the new postoffice, including the fence, for $3,000 cash.

A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for Reuben Miller to a resident of Moon township lot No. 1 in the Reuben Miller plan of lots, Coraopolis, Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, being in size 27x165, running through from State avenue to Fifth avenue, for $3,000 cash.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold house No. 212 Coltart Square, Oakland, for $6,300. The house has nine rooms, all modern conveniences, and well improved; first story brick and second story frame.

UP IT GOES.

Oil Advances Several Cents, With Indications of Doing Better.

The oil bulls were in clover yesterday and pushed the market up 7 cents. Oil City started the bulge, followed by Bradford and Pittsburg.

The market opened rather tame at 65¾c, and hung there until about 11 o'clock, when a tidal wave rolled in and sent the price up to 72¾c. The close was 72c bid. There was very little trading, as prospects of a further advance were so good that sellers held back. In fact, there is no telling how high the price will go, now that a good start has been made.

The bullish influences were the producers' meeting to formulate plans for independent action, stagnation in field work owing to the storm and other causes, and the steady advance in refined. The improvement in the monetary situation was another strong factor, encouraging the room traders to hope for better outside support.

McGrew, Wilson & Co. quote puts at 68⅝@69c; calls, 75½c.

Other Oil Markets.

BRADFORD, Dec. 19.—National Transit Certificates opened at 65½c; closed, 75⅝c; highest, 72¾c; lowest, 65¾c; clearances, 274,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, Dec. 19.—National Transit Certificates opened at 65¾c; highest, 72¾c; lowest, 65¾c; closed at 70⅝c. Sales, 484,000 barrels; clearances, 208,000 barrels; shipments, 98,471 barrels; runs, 79,100 barrels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—There was a sudden burst of animation in the petroleum market today. One of the most expert manipulators on the Stock Exchange, who has selling orders in the market, having acquired a large line, withdrew his selling orders this morning, and then began to rush the market up on the shorts. There was a good deal of climbing by the bears, but there was little oil in sight. Lima oil shared in the advance, and was also strong. The market opened strong, advanced 7c for spot and 7¼c for January option in Pennsylvania oil. January option reacted ⅛c later, and the market closed firm. Pennsylvania oil, spot, opening, 64¾c; highest, 71½c; lowest, 64¾c; closing, 71½c. January option—Opening, 65⅝c; lowest, 65⅝c; highest, 72c; closing, 71½c. Lima oil—Opening, 17c; highest, 18c; lowest, 17c; closing, 18c. Total sales, 221,000 barrels.

HOME SECURITIES.

No Supporting Orders and Values Left to Take Care of Themselves.

There was a very slim market for local stocks yesterday. There were only four sales, aggregating 33 shares—10 Electric at 13¼, 10 Philadelphia Gas at 13, 3 Luster at 18, and 10 Pleasant Valley at 24½.

There were no supporting orders worth mentioning, and the market sagged of its own weight. Weakness was the only feature. Some of the prices named were the lowest ever seen on the board.

	First Call. B	First Call. A	Second Call. B	Second Call. A	Third Call. B	Third Call. A
Com. Nat. Bank	....	104	....	....	....	....
I. & G. D. S. B'k	....	140	....	....	....	....
Marine N. Bank	....	110	....	....	....	115
Masonic Bank	....	66	....	....	....	68
M. & M. N. Bank	....	....	....	....	....	180
Monon. N. Bank	....	....	....	....	....	150
Q. N. Gas Co.	....	15	....	....	12	14
N. G. Co. W. Va.	....	....	....	....	....	65
P. N. G. & P. Co	8	9	7½	8¾	7½	9
Peoples. Gas	....	103¾	....	....	....	....
Phila. Co.	13	13¼	12½	13	12½	13
Wheeling Gas Co	....	15	....	....	....	....
Columbia Oil. Co	....	3	....	....	....	....
Penn Oil Co	....	20	18	25	18	19
Citizens' Trac'n.	....	62½	....	66½	....	....
Pleasant Valley.	24⅝	24⅞	24⅝	24⅞	....	....
Second Avenue.	....	52	....	....	....	....
Pitts. & L. E.	....	61	....	....	....	....
Pitts. Junction	....	27	....	....	....	....
P., C. & St. L.	24	....	....	....	....	....
N. Y. & C. G. C. C	36	....	....	....	....	....
Consignee Min'g	18	....	15	....	19	....
La Noria M'g Co	....	30	....	....	....	....
Luster Mining.	19½	20	....	20¼	18	19
Westinghouse E.	13⅝	13¾	13¼	13⅝	12¾	13¼
Monon. W. Co.	27½	29	28	....	....	....
U. S. & S. Co.	....	13	....	13	10½	12
West'house A. B	....	108	....	....	....	....
West'h B'ch L. Lim	....	74	....	....	....	....
P. Cyclo. Co.	....	5½	....	5½	....	5½
Stan. Un. C. Co.	....	70	....	....	....	....

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 102,148 shares, including: Atchison, 16,251; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 5,575; Lake Shore, 4,567; Louisville and Nashville, 10,120; Missouri Pacific, 6,320; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,985; Reading, 6,700; St. Paul, 12,900; Union Pacific, 4,000.

MONEY MARKET.

Conditions Working Around to the Easy Side—Still Conservative.

Local banks are carrying their customers right along and are paying more attention to outside paper, though making no effort to increase business. There was a better feeling yesterday and conditions were more favorable. Checking was moderate. Exchanges were $1,871,594 70, and balances $278,265 88.

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy, ranging from 2 to 5 per cent, last loan 3, closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 7@9. Sterling exchange quiet and strong at $4 80¼ for 60-day bills and $4 84¾ for demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s, reg.	121½	M. K. & T. Gen. 5s.	37
U. S. 4s, coup.	122½	Mutual Union 6s	101
U. S. 4½s, reg.	109¼	N. J. C. Lint. Cert.	107¼
U. S. 4½s, coup.	109¼	Northern Pac. 1st s.	115
Pacific 6s of '95	109	Northern Pac. 2ds.	103½
Louisiana stamped	92½	Northw'n consols.	135
Louisiana 6s	90	Northw'n deben 5s.	105
Tenn. new set. 6s	101½	Oregon & Trans. 6s.	—
Tenn. new set. 5s	95	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s.	91⅝
Tenn. new set. 3s	70	St. L. & S. F. Gen. M.	107
Canada So. 2ds	94	St. Paul consols	120½
Central Pacific lsts	110½	St. P. Chi. & Pac. 1sts.	113⅝
Den. & R. G. lsts	113½	Tex., Pac. L. G. Tr. Rs.	84
Den. & R. G. 4s	80	Tex., Pac. R. G. Tr. Rs.	26¼
D. & R. G. West 1sts.	—	Union Pacific lsts	111½
Erie 2ds	96	West Shore	106½
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s	73		

Boston Stocks.

Atch. & Top	25½	Franklin	15
Boston & Albany	190	Huron	5
Boston & Maine	199	Kearsarge	12
C., B. & Q.	80½	Osceola	33¾
Cin., San. & Clev.	77½	Pewabic (new)	9
Eastern R. R.	99	Quincy	58
Fitchburg R. R.	83	Santa Fe Copper	4⅝
K. C., St. J. & C. B. 7s	119	Tamarack	137
Mass. Central	5	Boston Land Co.	3⅝
Mex. Cen. com.	19	San Diego Land Co.	16
N. Y. & N. Eng.	22	West End Land Co.	21
Old Colony	184½	Bell Telephone	242
Wis. Cen. common	17½	Lamson Store S.	22
Allouez Mg. Co.	3¾	Water Power	3
Boston & Mont.	41	Centennial Mining.	16½
Calumet & Hecla	351	N. Eng. Telephone.	49

Philadelphia Stocks.

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Railroad	49⅝	49¾
Reading	15	15 1-16
Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia.	7	7¼
Lehigh Valley	....	*48½
Lehigh Navigation	45½	45¾
Philadelphia and Erie	25	*25
Northern Pacific	21	21⅛
Northern Pacific preferred	61⅞	62

*Sale.

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Alice, 175; Adams Consolidated, 170; Consolidated California and Virginia, 240; Gould and Curry, 100; Hale and Norcross, 10.50; Homestake, 800; Horn Silver, 275; Mexican, 200; Ontario, 37.00; Ophir, 250; Plymouth, 100; Savage, 125; Sierra Nevada, 145; Standard, 100; Union Consolidated, 130.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, December 19, 1890.

Country Produce—Jobbing Prices.

With the breaking of the snow blockade there has been some improvement in trade, but markets are still quiet. Strictly fresh eggs are in very scant supply, and are very firm at outside quotations. Supply of game and poultry has been on the decline for a few days, but there is plenty on the way, and unless another snowstorm comes between now and Christmas, there will be plenty. It has not happened, however, for many a year that the supply of turkey has exceeded demand in Christmas times.

APPLES—$4 00@5 00 a barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery, Elgin, 32@33c; Ohio do, 28@29c; common country butter, 10@15c; choice country rolls, 18@20c; fancy country rolls, 23@25c.

BEANS—New crop beans, navy, $2 30@2 35; marrows, $2 35@2 40; Lima beans, 6@6¼c.

BEESWAX—28@30c ℔ ℔ for choice: low grade, 22@25c.

CIDER—Sand refined, $9 00@10 00; common, $5 50@6 00; crab cider, $10 00@11 00 ℔ barrel; cider vinegar, 14@15c ℔ gallon.

CHEESE—Ohio cheese, fall make, 10½c: New York cheese, 10½@11c; Limburger, 13½@14c; domestic Sweitzer, 12@12½c. Wisconsin brick Sweitzer, 14c; imported Sweitzer, 27½c.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, $8 75@4 00 a box, $11 50@12 00 a barrel; Jerseys, $3 00@3 75 a box, $11 00@11 50 a barrel.

DRESSED HOGS—Large, 4½@5c ℔ ℔; small, 5 @6c.

EGGS—23@24c for Western stock; 28@30c for strictly fresh nearby eggs.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 50@60c; No. 1 40@45c; mixed lots, 30@35c ℔ ℔.

GAME—Mallard 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; quail, $1 00@1 25; rabbits, 30@35c a pair; venison saddles, 14@15c a pound; whole venison, 10@12c a pound.

HONEY—New crop white clover, 20@22c ℔ ℔. California honey, 12@15c ℔ ℔.

MAPLE SYRUP—75@95c a can; maple sugar, 9@10c ℔ ℔.

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 50@1 75, roasted; green, 4½@6c ℔ ℔; pecans, 16c ℔ ℔; new French walnuts, 10½@16c ℔ ℔.

POULTRY—Live—Chickens, young, large, 55 @65c, small, 45@50c; large, old, 65@75c, small, 55@60c; turkeys, fat, 11@12c a pound, poor, 9@ 10c a pound; ducks, 60@75c a pair; geese, choice, $1 25@1 30 a pair. Dressed—Turkeys, 14@16c a pound; ducks, 14@15c a pound; chickens, 11@ 12c a pound; geese, 9@9c 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@3 00; orchard grass, $1 50; millet, 70@75c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $4 50; fancy, $5 00@5 50; Jamaica oranges, $6 00@6 50 a barrel; Florida oranges, $3 75@4 00 a box; bananas, $1 50 firsts, $1 00 good seconds, ℔ bunch; Malaga grapes, $7 00@12 50 a half barrel, according to quality; California pears, $4 00@4 50 ℔ box; figs, 15@16c ℔ ℔; dates, 4½@6c ℔ ℔.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, $1 20@1 30 ℔ bushel; Southern sweets, $2 25@2 75 ℔ barrel; Jersey, $3 50@4 00; kiln dried, $4 00 a barrel; cabbage, $6 50@7 50 ℔ hundred; onions, $3 00 a barrel; celery, 35@40c a dozen bunches; parsnips, 30c a dozen; carrots, 30c a dozen; parsley, 10c a dozen; spinach, 70c a bushel; horseradish, 50@75c a dozen.

Groceries.

The snow blockade, strange to say, brought more country and village stores to the city than usual. Storekeepers took advantage of the lull in home trade to wade through to the city and place orders for goods. As a result, volume of trade has been good this week, in spite of the elements. Prices on staples are unchanged.

GREEN COFFEE—Fancy 24½@25½c; Rio, choice Rio, 22½@23½c; prime Rio, 22c; low grade Rio, 20½@21½c; old Government Java, 29½@30c; Maracaibo, 25½@27½c; Mocha, 30@ 32c; Santos, 22@26c; Caracas, 25@27c; La Guayra, 26@27c.

ROASTED (in papers)—Standard brands, 25c; high grades, 28@30½c; old Government Java, bulk, 31@33½c; Maracaibo, 28@29c; Santos, 26@ 30c; peaberry, 30c; choice Rio, 26c; prime Rio, 25c; good Rio, 24c; ordinary, 21½@22½c.

SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 15@16c; allspice, 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, 15c; nutmeg, 75@80c.

PETROLEUM (jobbers' prices)—110° test, 7c; Ohio, 120°, 8½c; headlight, 150°, 8½c; water white, 10@10½c; globe, 14@14½c; elaine, 15c; carnadine, 11½c; royaline, 14c; red oil, 11@11½c; purity, 14c.

MINERS' OIL—No. 1 winter strained, 40@43c ℔ gallon; summer, 35@37c; lard oil, 55@58c.

SYRUP—Corn syrup, 28@30c; choice sugar syrup, 36@38c; prime sugar syrup, 32@33c; strictly prime, 34@36c.

N. O. MOLASSES—Fancy, new crop, 42c; choice, 40c; medium, 35@38c; prime, 34@36c.

SODA—Bi-carb in kegs, 3½@3¾c; bi-carb in ⅛s, 5¼c; bi-carb assorted packages, 5½@6c; sal soda in kegs, 1½c; do granulated, 2c.

CANDLES — Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, ℔ set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c.

RICE—Head Carolina, 7@7½c; choice, 6¼@ 6½c; prime, 6@6¼c; Louisiana, 5½@6c.

STARCH—Pearl, 4½c; corn starch, 6¼@7c; gloss starch, 6¼@7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Layer raisins, $2 65; London layers, $2 75; Muscatels, $2 25; California Muscatels, $2 15@2 25; Valencia, 7@7½c; Ondara Valencia, 8¼@8½c; sultana, 18@20c; currants, @5½c; Turkey prunes, 7¾@8c; French prunes, 11½@13c; Salonica prunes, in 25 pack ages, 9c; cocoanuts, ℔ 100, 50c; almonds, Ian., ℔ ℔, 20c; do Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 40c; walnuts, nap., 13@14c; Sicily filberts, 12c; Smyrna figs, 13@14c; new dates, 5½@6c; Brazil nuts, 18c; pecans, 14½@16c; citron, ℔ ℔, 19@20c; lemon peel, 12c ℔ ℔; orange peel, 12c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, per ℔, 10c; apples, evaporated, 14½@15c peaches, evaporated, pared, 28@30; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 20@23c; cherries, pitted, 31c; cherries, unpitted, 13@13½c; raspberries, evaporated, 32@33c; blackberries, 9½@10c; huckleberries, 15c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 6⅝c; powdered, 6⅛c; granulated, 6¼c; confectioners' A, 6c; standard A, 6c; soft white, 5¼@5½c; yellow, choice, 5¼@ 5½c; yellow, good, 5¼@5½c; yellow, fair, 5⅛@ 5¼c; yellow, dark, 5¼@5½c.

PICKELS—Medium, bbls, (1,200), $8 50; medium, half bbls, (600), $4 75.

SALT—No. 1, ℔ bbl., 95c; No. 1 ex., ℔ bbl., $1 00; dairy, ℔ bbl, $1 20; coarse crystal, ℔ bbl., $1 20; Higgins' Eureka, 4-bu. sacks, $2 80; Higgins' Eureka, 15-lb ℔ packets, $3 00.

CANNED GOODS—Standard peaches, $2 80@ 2 90; 2nds, $2 50@2 60; extra peaches, $3 00@3 10; pie peaches, $2 00; finest corn, $1 35@1 50; fl'd. Co. corn, 85c@$1 15; red cherries, $1 40@1 50; Lima beans, $1 35; soaked do, 80c; string do, 75 @90c; marrowfat peas, $1 10@1 25; soaked peas, 70@80c; pineapples, $1 30@1 40; Bahama do, $2 50; damson plums, $1 10; greengages, $1 50; egg plums, $2 20; California apricots, $2 50@2 60; California pears, $2 75; do greengages, $2 00; do egg plums, $2 00; extra white cherries, $2 35; raspberries, $1 40@1 45; strawberries, $1 30@1 40; gooseberries, $1 10@1 15; tomatoes, 85c@90c; salmon, 1-lb, $1 35@1 80; blackberries, $1 10; succotash, 2-lb cans, soaked, 90c; do green, 2-℔, $1 25 @1 50; corn beef, 2-lb cans, $2 00; 14-lb cans, $14; baked beans, $1 40@1 50; lobster, 1-lb, $2 25; mackerel, 1-lb cans, broiled, $1 50; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $4 15@4 25; sardines, domestic, ½s, $6 50; sardines, imported, ¼s, $11 50@1 25; sardines, imported, ⅛s, $18; sardines, mustard, $3 60; sardines, spiced, $4 25.

FISH—Extra No. 1 bloater, mackerel, $20 ℔ bbl.; extra No. 1 do mess, $28 50; extra No. 1 mackerel, shore, $24 00; No. 2 shore mackerel, $22; large 3's, $20. Codfish—Whole, pollock, 5c ℔ ℔; do medium, George's cod, 5c; do large, 7c; boneless bakes, in strips, 5c; do George's cod, in blocks, 6¼@7½c. Herring—Round shore, $5 50 ℔ bbl; split, $6 50; lake, $5 25 ℔ 100-℔ bbl; White fish, $3 50 ℔ 100-lb half bbl. Lake trout, $5 50 ℔ half bbl. Finnan haddies, 10c ℔ ℔. Iceland halibut, 13c ℔ ℔. Pickerel, half bbl, $3; quarter bbl, $1 35. Holland herring, 70c; Walkoff herring, 90c.

OATMEAL—$7@7 25 ℔ bbl.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

There was but one sale on call at the Grain Exchange, viz., a car of 2 y. e. corn, new, 61c, 10 days. Receipts as bulletined, 31 cars, of which 26 were by the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway, as follows: 6 cars of oats, 8 of corn, 3 of middlings, 2 of hay, 2 of bran, 5 of flour. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis, 1 car of oats, 3 of corn, 1 of hay. Cereal markets present no new features. The preciousness of money precludes any upward movement. Retail dealers are following the hand-to-mouth policy, as is very natural when stuff is on the decline and money tight.

Prices are for carload lots on track:

WHEAT—No 2 red, $1 01@1 02; No. 3, 98@ 99c.

CORN—No. 1 old, shelled, 61@62c; No. 2, 60@ 60½c; high mixed, 59½@60½c; mixed, 58½@59c; new No. 2 y. shelled corn, 55½@56c; new high mixed, 53@54c; No. 2 yellow ear corn, old, 68@ 69c; new No. 2 y. e. corn, 61@61½c; new high mixed ear corn, 58@59c.

OATS—No. 1, 50½@51c; No. 2 white, 49@49½c; extra, No. 2, 48½@49c; mixed oats, 47@48c.

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 76@77c; No. 1 Western, 74@75c.

FLOUR—Jobbing prices—Fancy spring and winter patent flour, $5 75@6 00; fancy straight winter, $5 00@5 25; fancy straight spring, $5 00 @5 25; clear winter, $4 75@5 00; straight XXXX bakers', $4 75@5 00. Rye flour, $4 25@4 50. Buckwheat flour, 2½@3c ℔ ℔.

MILLFEED—No. 1 white middlings, $25 00@ 25 50 ℔ ton; No. 2 white middlings, $22 00@ 23 00; brown middlings, $20 00@21 00; winter wheat bran, $20 50@21 00.

HAY—Baled timothy, choice, $10 50@10 75; No. 1, $9 75@10 00; No. 2 do, $8 00@8 50; loose from wagon, $11 00@12 00, according to quality; No. 2 prairie hay, $7 25@7 50; packing do, $7 00 @7 25.

STRAW—Oat, $6 50@7 00; wheat and rye, $6 00 @6 50.

Provisions.

Sugar-cured hams, large, 10c; sugar-cured hams, medium, 10½c; sugar-cured hams, small, 10¾c; sugar-cured breakfast bacon, 8¼c; sugar-cured shoulders, 6½c; sugar-cured boneless shoulders, 8½c; skinned shoulders, 7½c; skinned hams, 10¼c; sugar-cured California hams, 7c; sugar-cured dried beef flats, 9c; sugar-cured dried beef sets, 10c; sugar-cured dried beef rounds, 12c; bacon, shoulders, 7¼c; bacon, clear sides, 7½c; bacon, clear bellies, 6¾c; dry salt clear sides, 6¾c; dry salt shoulders, 6½c. Mess pork heavy, $12 50; mess pork, family, $12 50. Lard—Refined, in tierces, 5½c; half-barrels, 5¾c; 60-℔ tubs, 5⅞c; 20-℔ pails, 6¼c; 50-℔ tin cans, 5¾c; 3-℔ tin pails, 6½c; 5-℔ tin pails, 6c; 1-℔ tin pails, 6½c. Smoked sausage, long, 5c; large, 5c. Fresh pork, links, 9c. Boneless hams, 10½c. Pigs feet, half-barrels, $4 00; quarter-barrels, $2 15.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

Bullish News Predominates in the Wheat Pit, and Prices a Shade Better—Corn and Oats Tame—Provisions Active and Decidedly Firmer.

CHICAGO—There was nothing of interest to wheat speculators in this morning's budget of news except the cables, but the tone of those dispatches was decidedly strong. The market opened firm at ⅛@¼c improvement on the closing prices of the preceding day, notwithstanding some elaborate preparations to keep it down; which had evidently been made prior to the opening.

There was a report from Kansas City that some carloads of wheat, which were en route to this market, had been recalled on account of the ship