SLOW CATTLE MARKET.

Quality of Receipts at Liberty Yards Lower Than Usual and

PRICES LOWER ON ALL GRADES.

Light Smooth Butcher Beeves Suffered Least From the Drop.

SHEEP STRONGER AND HOGS WEAKER

OFFICE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, December 2.

The number of cattle on sale this week at the East Liberty yards has been 110 loads, against about the same number last week. There has been no week for months past when the quality was as low as this week. There were no primes, and few good beeves on sale. The great bulk of offerings consisted of common and low grades. Buyers were present in fair force, but markets opened very slow at a decline of 10 to 15 per cent on all grades excepting smooth light butcher beeves, which were in short supply, as they have been for weeks past. The few offered were taken at about last week's prices. There were no beeves on sale good enough to bring a nickel a pound. The top of markets was $4 60 to $4 75, and only a few reached these figures. Heavy coarse beeves were particularly dull. Fresh cows were in light supply and demand was light, with $45 as top price. Veal calves ranged about the same as last week, with $6 50 as top of markets. Hogs—Receipts have been large, the total for the week being over 100 carloads. Some very fancy were sold in the early part of the week at $3 95 and $4 00. Owing to lighter receipts since Monday, markets are steadier, but prices are no better. Sheep—Receipts for the week light and markets strong, with lambs a shade higher. Top price of sheep 5c per lb, and lambs 5½c per lb, with these outside prices the exceptions.

A Live Stock Firm's Review.

The following is a report for the week as furnished by Holmes, Rowlen, Briggs & Co.: We report 102 loads of cattle on sale Monday, which was made up principally of old, shelly cows, common stockers and half-fatted stock, which were very dull sale, even at buyers' own prices. These prices, we believe, were the lowest of the season. Good feeders and smooth, fat cattle were scarce, and while they suffered the least in the decline, we were compelled to make concessions on such grades of 5 to 10 cents to make a clearance. There were no prime heavy beeves offered and but little inquiry for such, as there were no orders for export. We quote good, 1,300 to 1,400, at $4 25@$4 60; good, 1,100 to 1,200, at $3 50@$3 90; good, 900 to 1,100, $3 00@3 25. Fat cows and bulls, $2 00@2 75; old poor shelly cows, $7 00@12 00 per head; good feeders, 1,000 to 1,200, $3 25@3 80; stockers, 600 to 900, $1 85@2 60; fresh cows and springers, $20 00@45 00 per head; veal calves, $5 50@6 50; heavy and grass calves, $2 50@3 50.

Receipts of hogs were heavy on Monday, and all but prime were 10c lower. Since Monday the receipts have been light, and all of Monday's losses regained, market closing strong. We quote: Select tops, $3 90@4 00; best Yorkers, $3 65@3 75; good mixed, $3 80@3 85; light Yorkers and pigs, $3 40@3 60; roughs, $2 75@3 25.

Receipts of sheep and lambs are light and steady to shade higher on good lambs. We quote prime 100 to 110 wethers at $4 80@5 10; 80 to 90, $4 00@4 50 for; 70 to 80, $3 00@3 75; culls, $2 00@3 00; lambs, $4 50@5 50.

Some of the Sales Reported.

Lafferty Bros. & Hadden: Cattle—20 head sold from $3 75 to $4 25; 5 calves, 710 lbs, $6 25. Hog—27 head, 6,380 lbs, $3 90; 37 head, 4,950 lbs, $3 60; 34 head, 7,090 lbs, $3 75; 39 head, 3,500 lbs, $3 40; 29 head, 3,830 lbs, $3 55; 20 head, 3,550 lbs, $3 85. Sheep—66 head, 6,500 lbs, $4 30; 100 head, 17,500 lbs, $4 80.

E. McCall & Co.: Cattle—17 head, 20,200 lbs, $4 15; 21 head, 23,610 lbs, $4 00; 19 head, 19,630 lbs, $3 60; 26 head, 19,000 lbs, $2 45; 22 head, 19,330 lbs, $3 00; 16 head, 16,770 lbs, $3 40; 23 head, 17,180 lbs, $2 30; 15 head, 19,610 lbs, $3 65; 8 calves, 1,030 lbs, $6 50. Hogs—62 head, 12,410 lbs, $3 90; 145 head, 23,100 lbs, $3 70; 59 head, 9,710 lbs, $3 65; 60 head, 11,170 lbs, $3 75. Sheep—76 head, 7,920 lbs, $4 70.

Drum, Dyer & Co.: Cattle—20 head, 25,380 lbs, $4 00; 18 head, 23,640 lbs, $3 80; 21 head, 25,620 lbs, $3 65; 21 head, 23,500 lbs, $3 20; 12 head 13,000 lbs, $3 70. Hogs—82 head, 16,920 lbs, $3 85; 104 head, 22,040 lbs, $4 00; 122 head, 30,120 lbs, $3 90; 74 head, 15,880 lbs, $3 50; 93 head, 12,420 lbs, $3 60. Sheep—188 head, 15,740 lbs, $5 05; 72 head, 4,890 lbs, $3 25; 44 head, 3,500 lbs, $3 60.

S. B. Hedges & Co.: Cattle—20 head, 24,500 lbs, $3 40; 34 head, 45,120 lbs, $4 00; 20 head, 17,570 lbs, $2 75; 5 calves, 530 lbs, $6 00. Hogs—62 head, 16,820 lbs, $4 00; 146 head, 24,510 lbs, $3 80; 25 head, 2,180 lbs, $3 75; 106 head, 14,930 lbs, $3 60; 64 head, 14,310 lbs, $3 85. Sheep—93 head, 6,530 lbs, $5 15; 104 head, 8,520 lbs, $5 00; 122 head, 9,210 lbs, $3 50; 80 head, 7,060 lbs, $5 10; 49 head, 3,750 lbs, $5 50.

John Hesket & Co.: Cattle—19 head, 19,250 lbs, $2 70; 28 head, 23,740 lbs, $2 75; 14 head, 17,670 lbs, $4 32½; 20 head, 23,030 lbs, $3 50; 19 head, 24,270 lbs, $4 20; 12 head, 12,600 lbs, $3 60; 16 head, 19,770 lbs, $3 75; 19 head, 20,620 lbs, $4 25; 16 head, 16,180 lbs, $3 90. Hogs—81 head, 11,470 lbs, $3 95; 87 head, 14,530 lbs, $3 65; 99 head, 15,050 lbs, $3 60. Sheep—120 head, 10,020 lbs, $4 65; 49 head, 4,760 lbs, $4 85; 114 head, 7,480 lbs, $3 75; 157 head, 12,160 lbs, $4 70; 47 head, 2,530 lbs, $4 75.

Holmes, Rowlen, Briggs & Co.: Cattle—23 head, 22,940 lbs, $2 50; 20 head, 23,940 lbs, $4 00; 24 head, 21,980 lbs, $3 00; 20 head, 25,330 lbs, $4 10; 21 head, 23,450 lbs, $3 80; 21 head, 23,910 lbs, $3 45; 25 head, 23,300 lbs, $3 30; 17 head, 21,950 lbs, $4 30; 7 calves, 840 lbs, $6 25. Hogs—80 head, 16,740 lbs, $4 00; 149 head 26,000 lbs, $3 80; 154 head, 27,250 lbs, $3 80; 105 head, 20,610 lbs, $3 85; 127 head, 20,180 lbs, $3 65. Sheep—63 head, 5,550 lbs, $4 25; 32 head, 2,489 lbs, $2 40; 56 head, 3,370 lbs, $4 50; 90 head, 7,340 lbs, $4 75; 47 head, 3,470 lbs, $4 85.

Reneker, Linkhorn & Co.: Cattle—23 head, 25,640 lbs, $3 90; 19 head, 25,320 lbs, $4 40; 14 head, 12,930 lbs, $3 25; 19 head, 18,400 lbs, $3 25; 15 head, 13,300 lbs, $3 60; 14 head, 12,200 lbs, $3 40; 16 head, 16,750 lbs, $3 80; 22 head, 25,340 lbs, $3 40; 17 head, 21,950 lbs, $3 90. Hogs—79 head, 14,770 lbs, $3 85; 70 head, 10,490 lbs, $3 65; 67 head, 12,340 lbs, $3 75; 97 head, 14,460 lbs, $3 60; 40 head, 10,170 lbs, $3 90. Sheep—116 head, 8,660 lbs, $3 00.

Huff, Hazelwood & Imhoff: Cattle—15 head, 15,140 lbs, $2 80; 22 head, 21,520 lbs, $2 75; 19 head, 19,540 lbs, $3 60; 19 head, 20,850 lbs, $3 40; 21 head, 24,250 lbs, $3 40; 18 head, 21,550 lbs, $4 25; 20 head, 23,220 lbs, $3 25; 7 calves, 770 lbs, $6 30. Hogs—159 head, 25,650 lbs, $3 55; 48 head, 10,030 lbs, $3 90; 152 head, 27,830 lbs, $3 75; 159 head, 28,090 lbs, $3 80; 156 head, 29,290 lbs, $3 75. Sheep—151 head, 10,670 lbs, $2 55; 103 head, 5,920 lbs, $4 80; 62 head, 5,010 lbs, $5 20; 155 head, 14,030 lbs, $5 15; 112 head, 8,500 lbs, $4 60.

By Telegraph.

Buffalo — Cattle — Receipts, 156 loads through, 12 sale; market steady for good butchers; heavy and dull. Hogs—Receipts, 42 loads through; 60 on sale. Opened strong and higher, owing to late trains, but weakened later. Opening prices; heavy grades cornfed, $4 05@4 15; medium weights cornfed, $3 95@4 00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 6 loads through, 48 sale, including 30 loads Canada lambs. Opened steady but weakened. Sheep—Extra fancy, $4 65@5 00; good to choice, $4 25@4 60; fair to good, $4 00@4 25. Lambs—Good to choice natives, $5 25@5 60; common to fair do, $4 75@5 15; Canadas, common to extra, $5 40@5 60.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 2,210 head, including 41 cars for sale; market 10c per 100 lbs higher; native steers, $3 80@5 05 per 100 lbs; bulls and cows, $1 25@3 10; dressed beef steady at 7@9½c per lb; shipments to-day, 5,828 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 551 beeves and 20 sheep. Calves—Receipts, 1,155 head; market firm; veals, $5 00@5 50 per 100 lbs; grassers, $1 75@3 25; Westerns, $3 25@3 75. Sheep—Receipts, 12,634 head; sheep steady; lambs, ¼c per lb lower; sheep, $3 00@4 85 per 100 lbs; lambs, $5 25@6 12½; dressed mutton steady at 7½c per lb; dressed lambs weak at 7½@9c. Hogs—Receipts, 4,820 head, including 2 cars for sale; market steady at $3 60@4 00 per 100 lbs.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 16,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market steady; top prices for prime steers, $4 90@6 00; others, $2 40@4 75; stockers, $2 25@2 70; cows, $1 25@2 75. Hogs—Receipts, 37,000 head; shipments, 8,000 head; market steady to lower; mixed, $3 25@3 70; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $3 75@3 85; light, $3 30@3 60; rough and common, 5@10c lower. Sheep—Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market active and steady; native ewes, $2 50@4 25; mixed, $4 00@4 50; wethers, $4 50@5 40; Texans, $4 50@4 75; Westerns, $4 50@4 85; yearlings, $5 00@5 50; lambs, $3 00@5 25.

Cincinnati — Hogs lower; common and light, $3 00@3 60; packing and butchers, $3 50@3 75; receipts, 15,690 head; shipments, 2,630 head. Cattle firmer; fair to choice butcher grades, $2 00@4 00; prime to choice shippers, $3 50@5 00; receipts, 8,110 head; shipments, 4,110 head. Sheep easy; common to choice, $2 50@4 50; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $4 60@4 75; receipts, 1,670 head; shipments, 180 head. Lambs easy; common to choice, $3 50@5 00 per 100 pounds.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady; fair to choice natives, $4 50@4 60; fair to good natives, $3 80@4 65; Texan and Indian steers, $2 10@3 65. Hogs—Receipts, 9,200 head; shipments, 1,300 head; market easier; fair to choice heavy, $3 70@3 85; mixed, $3 30@3 70; light, fair to best, $3 30@3 50. Sheep—Receipts, 600 head; shipments, 600 head; market steady; fair to choice, $2 40@4 60.

FEARS OF A NEW CORNER.

The December Future in Corn Now the Subject of Apprehension—A Dull Trade in Grain, With a Net Loss for Wheat—Provisions Weak.

CHICAGO—Trading in all the grain pits was dull and weak during most of the day with fluctuations confined to moderate limits. The early cables showed wheat and corn both decidedly weak and lower in Liverpool, and continued reports were not encouraging. Domestic markets were also weak.

Around the opening it was reported that *Bradstreet's* report would show an increase in the available supply of wheat during the week of nearly 4,000,000 bushels, while the weather was as favorable for the winter wheat crop as could well be expected. There was also a report that Beerbohm's compilation of the world's wheat crop showed an excess of 50,000,000 bushels over the crop of 1889, which was not especially a small crop nor noted for its high prices. About the only items which relieved the outlook for the bulls was the fact that the clearances seaboard were reported at nearly 1,000,000 bushels, and that the clearances for the week from all points to the continent and the United Kingdom were nearly 4,000,000 bushels less than the week previous.

December wheat opened ⅝c off at 90⅝c, and in spite of the bearish news worked its way up slowly to 90⅞c on covering by shorts who had a profit. When they had covered their deal and began to sell again, weakness followed and the price sagged off, assisted by further weak cables, to 89⅝c. Short covering to secure profits near the close caused a reaction of ⅛c, and the close was steady at 89⅞c.

Corn opened ⅜c higher for December and unchanged for the other months. The market was firm for a time, but later in the day followed wheat, sagging off in the middle of the session but reacting slightly near the close. December opened and closed at an advance of ⅝c over yesterday's close, while January is ⅛c lower and May unchanged. The superior strength in December was the result of a demand from shorts, who fear a corner similar to that in November.

Oats were very dull and weak throughout the session, recovering ⅛c at the close.

Under the pressure of the continued enormous receipts of hogs, provisions were weak in spite of the fact that some long houses kept supporting orders in the pit. The close shows moderate declines.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Chicago Board of Trade:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2.				
December	$ 90⅛	$ 90⅞	$ 89⅝	$ 89⅞
January	91⅞	92⅛	91	91⅛
May	97⅛	97⅞	96⅞	96⅞
CORN, No. 2.				
December	46½	46⅞	46⅛	46½
January	42⅛	42⅛	41⅞	42⅛
May	42⅞	42⅞	42⅜	42⅞
OATS, No. 2.				
December	31⅜	31⅜	31⅛	31⅛
May	32⅜	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛
MESS PORK.				
December	8 10	8 15	8 10	8 15
January	11 10	11 15	11 00	11 07½
May	11 50	11 60	11 42½	11 47½
LARD.				
December	5 90	5 92½	5 90	5 92½
January	6 10	6 12½	6 05	6 10
May	6 42½	6 45	6 42½	6 45
SHORT RIBS.				
December	5 45	5 45	5 42½	5 42½
January	5 50	5 52½	5 47½	5 45
May	5 82½	5 85	5 77½	5 80

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour easier and 5@10c lower: No. 2 spring wheat, 89½@89½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 80@81c; No. 2 red, 97½c. No. 2 corn, 46½c. No. 2 oats, 31½c; No. 2 white, 33@34c; No. 3 white, 31@32½c. No. 2 rye, 88½c. No. 2 barley, 59@60c; No. 3 f. o. b., 45@59c; No. 4, f. o. b., 40@48c. No. 1 flaxseed, 95c. Prime timothy seed, $1 22@1 23. Mess pork, per barrel, $8 17½@8 25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5 90@6 00. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 40@5 60. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 12½@4 25. Short clear sides (boxed), $5 75@5 80. Whisky, distillers, finished goods, per gallon, $1 18. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was steady and unchanged. Eggs, 24@25c.

NEW YORK—Flour irregular, weaker, more active. Cornmeal steady. Wheat—Spot was more active; No. 2 red, $1 03⅛, store and elevator; $1 04⅝@1 03⅛ afloat; $1 05⅞@1 08⅛f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 99c; ungraded red, 92c@$1 08⅜; No. 1 Northern, $1 06⅜@1 07⅛; No. 1 hard, $1 08⅛@1 08⅜; No. 2 Northern, $1 02⅛; options declined ⅛@⅜c, advanced ½@⅝c, closed steady at ⅛@½c under yesterday; No. 2 red, December, $1 03 5-16@1 04⅝, closing at $1 03⅝; January, $1 04⅝@1 06, closing at $1 05; February, $1 06⅛@1 07⅜, closing at $1 06⅝; March, $1 07⅝, closing at $1 07⅞; April, $1 08⅜@1 19, closing at $1 08; May, $1 07 7-16@1 08⅝, closing at $1 07⅞; June, $1 06@1 07⅜, closing at $1 06⅞. Rye firm; Western, $1 05½@1 07½. Barley steady; No. 2 Milwaukee, 72@74c. Corn—Spot market irregular and more active, closing steady; No. 2, 73@75c elevator; 74c afloat; ungraded mixed, 73@75c; No. 3, 59½@59⅝c; steamer mixed, 69c; options were weakened ½@⅝c lower, except in December, which is ⅛c up; December, 57⅞@58⅛c, closing at 58⅛c; January, 54@54⅝c, closing at 54; May, 52@52½c, closing at 52c. Oats—Spot market lower, irregular and moderately active; options dull and weaker: December, 39½@40c, closing at 39½c; January, 39@39¼c, closing at 39c; May, 39c; spot No. 2 white, 40@40½c; mixed Western, 38@41c; white do, 40@44c; No. 2 Chicago, 41@41½c. Hay firm and quiet. Hops firm and in fair demand. Tallow steady and quiet. Eggs quiet and steady; Western, 27@27½c. Pork in fair demand and steady; old mess, $9 50; new mess, $9 75@10 75; extra prime, $9 50. Cutmeats quiet and steady; pickled bellies, 5⅞c. Middles quiet and weak; short clear, $6 30@6 40. Lard weak and dull; Western steam, $6 35@6 37½c; options, December, $6 32 closing, $6 34 asked; January, $6 42@6 46, closing at $6 43 bid; February, $6 53 bid; March, $6 64@6 65, closing at $6 63 bid; May, $6 74 bid. Butter quiet; Western dairy, 16@23c; do creamery, 20@30c; Elgin, 30c. Cheese quiet and firm; part skims, 4½@9c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour quiet. Wheat weak and lower; No. 2 red, in export elevator, $1 03½; No. 2 red, December, $1 02⅜@1 03; January, $1 04⅛@1 04⅝; February, $1 05½@1 06 March, $1 07@1 07⅛. Corn—Options weak; local car lots scarce; firm, with a fair demand; new No. 3 mixed, in grain depot, 53c; new steamer No. 2 mixed in do, 56c; new No. 2 mixed in do, 60c; new No. 2 yellow in do, 60½c; old No. 2 yellow in do, 69c; No. 2 mixed, December, 56@56½c; January, 53½@53⅝c; February, 52½@53c; March, 53@53c. Oats lower; No. 2 mixed, 38½c; No. 3 white, 38½c; No. 2 white, 40c; No. 2 white, December, 39½@40c; January 39½@40c; February, 39½@40c; March, 39½@40c. Eggs—Choice scarce and firm; Pennsylvania firsts, 29c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar active and firm; strictly prime, 2⅜c; prime, 2⅜c; fair to fully fair, 2⅛@2 9-16c; common to good common, 2⅛@2⅜c; centrifugals, choice white, 3⅝@3 11-16c; off do, 3 7-16@3 9-16c; gray do, 3 5-16@3⅜c; choice yellow, clarified, 3⅝@3 7-16c; prime do, 3¼@3 5-16; off do, 3⅛@3¼c; seconds, 2½@2⅝c. Molasses strong; open kettle, choice to fancy, 32@33c; strictly prime, 30@31c; good prime, 27@28c; prime, 25@26c; fair, 22@24c; common to good common, 20@21c; centrifugals, strictly prime, 17@19c; prime to good prime, 14@16c; fair to good fair, 9@12c; common, 8c; interior to common, 5@6c; syrup, 24@26c.

BALTIMORE—Flour weak. Wheat weak and lower; No. 2 red, spot and the month, $1 00⅜@1 01; January, $1 03@1 03⅛; February, $1 05@1 05⅛; May, $1 08@1 08⅛; steamer No. 2 red, 95@96c. Corn weak and lower; mixed spot, 60c; year, 55½@55⅝c; January, 53⅛@53½c; February, 53@53⅛c; March, 53c asked. Oats strong and inactive; No. 2 white Western, 40c asked; No. 2 mixed Western, 38½c bid. Butter firm; creamery fancy, 29@30c. Eggs steady at 27c.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat opened lower, with slight upward tendency and closed steady; No. 2 cash, 78⅛c bid, 79⅛c asked; December, 78½c bid, 79⅛c asked. Corn quiet and lower; No. 2 cash, 36⅝c bid, 37½c asked; December, 36c bid, 37½c asked. Oats quiet; No. 2 cash, 29½c bid, 30c asked; December, 29½c bid. Eggs steady at 22@23c.

MILWAUKEE — Flour quiet and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 87c; No. 1 Northern, 91½c; May, 92½c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 43@43½c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 32c. Barley easy; No. 2, 88c; sample on track, 40@63c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 99c. Provisions quiet. Pork, January, $11 07½. Lard, January, $6 30.

CINCINNATI—Flour easy. Wheat easier No. 2 red, 95½c. Corn weak and lower; mixed ear, 42c. Oats weak; No. 2 mixed, 34½@35c. Rye dull; No. 2, 95½c. Pork dull at $9 25. Lard weak at $5 85. Bulkmeats in moderate demand at $5 50@5 62½. Bacon quiet at $7 50. Butter firmer. Eggs strong at 22@23c.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 86½c; May, 94⅜c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 85½c; May, 93½c; rejected, 65c.

ON THE NORTHSIDE.

The Hill District Going to Waste Through Lack of Enterprise.

SEEKING OUTLETS ELSEWHERE.

Rapid Transit as a Factor in the Development of Outlying Districts.

OFFICE AND STREET NEWS AND GOSSIP

Realty on the Northside occupies about the same position as in Pittsburg. There is a good and improving demand for use and investment, but very little for speculation. Good properties are hard to get, especially in the City Hall district, where a number of contemplated improvements have swelled the views of owners.

The importance of outlets for Northside people wanting to establish rural homes has long been recognized. For a long time it hoped that the hill district would be opened up for this purpose, but this consummation seems as remote as ever. A little enterprise in this direction would bring a great deal of valuable property into the market that is now unavailable by reason of difficulty of approach. Improved locomotion would bring the most of it within five minutes of City Hall. While the Southside is full of development schemes with a view to expediting the settlement of the hilltops, Allegheny seems satisfied to let her natural outlet remain as it is. In the meantime other outlets are being sought. The completion of California avenue will open a new field on the mart, while the extension of rapid transit to Sharpsburg will afford some relief in that direction.

In this connection it may be permissable to remark that too much cannot be said in favor of rapid transit as a factor in the development of the outskirts. It has rendered thousands of acres accessible to the industrial classes which a few years ago were practically worthless because of their isolation from the business centers. As the system is developed the movement of population toward the suburbs will increase until in a few years they will be thickly built up.

With such a prospect in view few, if any, will deny that real estate in any of the surrounding districts is a good purchase at present prices. Purchasers are the only ones who will lose by delay.

Orders for Steel Rails.

Conclusive evidence of a revival in the iron trade is found in the fact that in the last three or four weeks contracts for steel rails have been made for nearly 250,000 tons, as follows: Pennsylvania Railroad, 70,000 tons; Chicago and Northwestern, 40,000; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 35,000; Erie, 20,000; Rock Island, 16,000; Norfolk and Western, 15,000; other companies, 25,000; total, 221,000 tons. This, remarks the *Journal of Commerce*, represents the current requirements of only a few companies, and some of the largest railway corporations in the country are yet to be reported. There will necessarily be proportionate orders for freight cars, and it is doubtful if any orders not placed before Christmas could be filled in season for the next harvest.

At this rate we may safely anticipate steady work in the iron industry and allied trades through the year.

Business News and Gossip.

It is said California avenue will be completed next year without fail.

A new front and an additional story will greatly improve the appearance of the Hussey building on Fifth avenue. There have been offers for this property recently, but it is not in the market.

A business man on Smithfield street has had a good offer for his property, and was hustling around yesterday for another stand. Yesterday the Department of Public Works awarded the bid for lighting the streets of Pittsburg for four years to the Allegheny County Light Company at $96 per annum per arc light. This should assist the company considerably. The major portion of this work will be done shortly from the light company's new station at Twelfth and Etna streets. The first machines will be in operation within two weeks.

The Michigan Car Company has just obtained a contract to build 500 freight cars for the Pennsylvania Railroad on an agreement to rush the order.

James Sykes is erecting a nice frame dwelling on Herron avenue. This thoroughfare has been graded and paved and is now "one of the finest."

Rea Bros. & Co., who were compelled to suspend September 22 last on account of the failure of S. V. White & Co., their New York and Chicago correspondents, on October 3 made a proposition to their creditors to pay 50 per cent cash and the balance in notes payable in one year. This was accepted and the firm resumed business October 26. These notes, as will be seen by consulting the advertising columns, are being called in after the lapse of only two months. This prompt settlement before the expiration of the legal period reflects high praise on the business integrity and substantial qualities of the firm.

Mr. T. Griffin has just completed six frame dwellings on Olive street, near Wylie, Thirteenth ward, making 24 built by this gentleman in that locality this year.

The Inman Steamship Company is about to try the experiment of using petroleum for fuel, and if it works successfully the use of coal will be abandoned on all the vessels of the company and oil will take its place.

John W. Pears has sold to John W. Robinson a residence property on Penn avenue, Twenty-first ward, for $18,500.

Three permits were issued yesterday for new buildings, aggregating $2,285.

The Board of Directors of the Big Four has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent on the preferred stock, payable January 2, 1892, and 2½ per cent on the common stock, payable January 11.

Movements in Realty.

Baltensperger & Williams sold to James McDale lots Nos. 10, 11, 39 and 40, in the Weinman plan, Southern avenue, Mt. Washington, for $1,100.

Black & Baird sold for Mary R. Fowler a new frame dwelling, No. 5508 Howe street, East End, with lot 32x100 feet, for $4,000.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold to William Gittings for Edward Noble a frame house of three rooms, with lot 20x202, on Morrison avenue, Tenth ward, Allegheny, for $700.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold a fine residence property in Allegheny City, in the Fourth ward, near the East Parks, and as far as can be learned the price paid is about $30,000. It is understood that the purchaser intends to occupy it as a residence.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold lot No. 1 in the third plan Wilkins estate at Edgewood, Pennsylvania Railroad. The lot is 50 feet on Braddock avenue by 120 feet deep to an alley, for $750.

The Burrell Improvement Company report the following sale of lots at Kensington: Frank Lautella, 10 feet north end lot 37 and 15 feet south end lot 36, block 6, for $1,147 50; David Hughes, lot 103, block 2, for $488 75; August Lempt, Monroeville, Pa., lot 103, for $488 75; Martin Byrne, Pittsburg, lot 117, block 5, for $650; Mara Horodowicz, Pittsburg, lot 118, block 5, for $725; Strawbridge & Benver, Pittsburg, lots 16 and 17, block 18, for $1,331 25.

HOME SECURITIES.

AN INTERESTING MARKET WITH PHILA THE ATTRACTION.

The Big Gas Company's Stock Depressed but Soon Recovers Under the Influence of Supporting Orders—Airbrake Weaker—Small Changes in the Tractions.

Philadelphia Gas was the feature of most interest on 'Change yesterday. There was a good demand for it at all the calls. The first sale was at 13¼. This indicated a reaction, which was emphasized when 300 shares changed hands at 13⅝. This was low water mark for the day. From this time forward it had good support and advanced to 13⅞, which was the closing figure. After the close of the afternoon board, 13¾ was bid.

Another feature of the day was weakness in Airbrake. From 99 at the opening it dropped to 98¾ at the close, and after the last call it was offered still lower. That this stock should be thus clipped is passing strange to the uninitiated, when it is remembered that the company claims to be in a good financial position and to have plenty of orders.

Wheeling Gas improved its position nearly half a point, Citizens' Traction a small fraction, and Switch and Signal still more. Luster lost a trifle. Electric commenced and finished the same. There were four offers of insurance stock but no bids. The feeling at the close denoted a good undertone.

Sales at the first call were 2 shares of Airbrake at 100, 30 Philadelphia Gas at 13¼, and 200 at 13¾. The second call was a misfit. At the third 100 shares of Chartiers Gas went at 6, 10 Switch and Signal at 9¾, and 65 Philadelphia Gas at 13⅝. Between calls 50 Philadelphia changed hands at 13⅝. Bids and offers follow:

EXCHANGE STOCKS.	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
German N. B.	....	327	....	....	....	....
Iron City N. B.	81½	....	....	....	....	....
Mer. & M. Nat. B.	....	61½	....	61½	....	....
Safe Deposit Co.	....	65	....	....	....	....
M. & M. Ins.	....	45	....	....	....	....
People's Ins.	....	40	....	....	....	....
Teutonia Ins.	....	61	....	....	....	....
Western Ins.	....	49	....	....	....	....
Chartiers V. Gas.	5⅝	6⅛	....	6⅛	5½	6
Manufact'rs Gas.	....	27	....	....	....	....
P. N. G. & P. Co.	7½	....	7½	....	7½	....
Phila. Co.	13⅝	13½	13⅝	13½	13⅝	13¾
Wheeling Gas.	21⅝	....	22	23½	22	23½
Fisher Oil Co.	66	....	....	....	66	....
Ft. Pitt Incline.	....	....	....	20	....	....
Central Traction.	20½	20⅞	20½	21	20½	....
Citizens' Tract.	61	62	61	62	61⅛	61¾
Pittsburg Tract.	46½	48	46½	47½	46½	47½
Pleasant Valley.	22¼	23	22⅝	23	22¼	....
Point Bridge.	....	12	....	....	....	....
Hidalgo Mining.	4	....	....	....	....	....
La Noria Min.	....	....	....	....	29	35
Luster Mining.	11⅛	11⅝	11¼	....	11¼	11⅝
Red Cloud Min.	....	3	....	....	....	....
Westinghouse E.	12½	....	12½	13½	....	....
Monon. Nav. Co.	....	....	70	....	....	....
Union S. & S.	9¼	....	9⅛	....	9½	10¼
Union S. & S., pf.	....	....	19½	25	20½	25
West House A. B.	99	100	99	99¼	98¾	99⅝
West. B. Co. lim.	....	....	....	70	....	....
Pa. Water, com.	....	....	....	20	....	....
Pa. Water, pref.	....	....	....	50	....	....

STOCKS RATHER SCARCE.

A WEAK MORNING IS SUCCEEDED BY LATER STRENGTH.

Lord Goschen's Speech Has a Buoyant Effect on Silver, and Through That on the Shares—New York Central Shows the Largest Gain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The stock market was dull to-day, and while weak in the forenoon developed considerable strength in the late trading, closing strong with a scarcity of stocks offering in all portions of the list. The principal factor in the weakness was the dullness and the rumors which were circulated in regard to the Richmond and West Point Company, whereby the bears were enabled to still further depress the prices of both the stock and the trust bonds. The stock at one time showed a decline from last night's figure of 1¼ per cent, having touched 8⅝c.

The late price of stock gave evidence of selling of a different character. The pressure was especially marked in Missouri Pacific, which yielded readily, while Atchison, Northern Pacific preferred and Erie were better held. The declines in the general list were held down to insignificant fractions, notwithstanding the weakness developed in the Industrials, and when the pressure was removed a full recovery followed.

The inactive stocks were without feature, and Ohio and Mississippi, which was a prominent feature yesterday, sold down to 23, against 20¾ yesterday, on only one transaction. Lake Shore, Burlington and Quincy, Wheeling and Lake Erie and Union Pacific were strongly supported, and the fine showing of the earnings of the Burlington has created considerable confidence as to the future showing of all railroad properties.

The improvement in the temper of the market was further aided in the latter part of the day by the news from London regarding the issue of £11,000,000 notes, and Mr. Goshen's announcement that he favors an international conference on bimetalism. The latter, especially, was very stimulating to silver, and the certificates which have so long been utterly stagnant and dull, revived suddenly, and on very heavy transactions rose ½ per cent to 95.

The advance, however, was most marked in the substantial properties, and New York Central is the only stock which to-night shows a material gain for the day. The trading still maintained largely its professional character, but the final dealings showed the confidence which possesses the street, the closing being quiet, but firm and strong, with most stocks at the best of the day, while only slightly higher than those of last night. New York Central is up 1 per cent.

Railroad bonds were more animated, and again showed a widely distributed business with no decided tone, and only small fluctuations in everything except the Richmond and West Point issues, which were affected by the general weakness of the securities of the company, and the circulation of rumors hunting at crooked work in the disposal of assets. The highest and closing quotations were:

Atchison Inc.	63⅞@	63⅞		
do 4s	83⅝@	83⅞		
B & O 1988	109	@109		
do 1925	107	@107		
Bur Neb	87⅛@	87⅛		
do Convt	110⅜@	109½		
do Iowa	91	@ 91		
do Deb	99½@	99½		
B C R & N 1st	98	@ 98		
Can Sou 1st	107½@	107½		
Erie 2d cons	104½@	104½		
E&T H 1st c	118	@118		
H & St Jos	85	@ 80		
H Valley 5s	86½@	86		
H & St J cons	116½@	116½		
Iowa Cent 1st s	84	@ 84		
Iron Mtn 5s	85	@ 85		
Int Sk 5s	70½@	70		
K & Des M 1st	94⅞@	94⅞		
Kans & Tex 4s	78	@ 77⅞		
L. H. & N	111	@111		
M. P. 3ds	112⅞@	112⅞		
do cons	102	@102		
M. & St. L. 2d	65	@ 65		
do Iowa	113½@	113½		
M. C. cons	121	@121		
M. & O. 4s	67	@ 67		
do new 5s	115	@115		
Mil. & N. 1913	110	@110		
Nor. Pac. 5s	79⅛@	79¼		
N Y Cons	137½@	137½		
N Y, L & W 1st	126½@	126½		
N Y, C & St L	94¼@	94¼		
Ogn Imp 5s	64	@ 64		
P & W 1st	79½@	79½		
Penna 4½s cp.	108	@108		
P & E Inc	27	@ 27		
R D & E 2d	68½@	68¼		
R & W P Tr 5s	51½@	50¾		
do 6s	83½@	83		
St. P 4s	84	@ 84		
Scioto Val 1st	77½@	77½		
St P & Tr 5s	122½@	122½		
Souwest 6s	113½@	113½		
D G S	99⅞@	94⅞		
St L Stwest 1st