THE MEAT WE DEVOUR.

Not Many Prime Beeves Offered at East Liberty Yards.

GOOD STOCK A SHADE HIGHER.

Heavy Run of Sheep and Lambs, but Only the Best Sought After.

PORK LIBERALLY OFFERED AND FIRM

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, December 9.

There have been, all told, about 95 carloads of cattle on sale at East Liberty yards this week against 110 last week. Quality of offerings was low, as it has been for a number of weeks past. All desirable grades, especially light, tidy butcher beeves, were a shade higher than last week, but common and low grades were weak and a shade lower. Buyers were on hand in fair force, but were slow to accept an advance. The highest price paid was $4 80 for two loads of good cattle from Ross county, O., which averaged close to 1,400 lbs. Prime heavy beeves were not offered, and light primes were very scarce.

Fresh cows were in fair supply, and range of markets was about the same as last week, with $45 as the top price. Veal calves were in fair supply, and range of markets was 5½@6c per lb., with a few fancy selling a shade higher than our outside quotations.

HOGS—Receipts for the week so far were over 100 carloads, against the same number last week. Markets were slow on Monday, with $3 90 as top price. Since Monday there has been an improvement, and to-day there were sales at $4 10 for choice stock.

SHEEP—Receipts for the week unusually large, the total being above 35 car loads, or nearly double what they were last week. Choice sheep and lambs were fairly steady by reason of their scarcity, but all common grades were weak and lower. Top price of sheep was $5 20, with a few fancy bunches selling at $5 25. Lambs are now selling at about the same price as sheep

A Live Stock Firm's Review.

Following is the situation as furnished by Holmes, Bowler, Briggs & Co.:

We report 90 loads cattle on sale Monday, which were no improvement in quality over recent receipts last week. There were no prime heavy beeves offered, and as we near the holidays the butcher trade appears to get worse, even on moderate receipts, on account of the large quantity of poultry and game which are shipped to all Eastern markets every day. This will be continued until after holidays. Until then we cannot anticipate any permanent change for better prices. We quote good, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs. at 4½@4¾c; good, 1,100 to 1,200, at 3¾@4c; 900 to 1,000, 3@3½c; fat cows and bulls, 2½@2½c; old sticky cows, $7 00@15 00 per head; stockers, 500 to 900, 2½@3½c; fresh cows and springers; $20 00@45 00 per head; veal calves, 5½@6½c; heavy and grass calves, 4½@5½c.

Receipts of hogs was heavy on Monday and prices at last week's closing was barely sustained. Since Monday receipts have been light and all grades improved, closing active. We quote select top at $4 00 to $4 05; best yorkers to good mixed, $3 80 to $3 95; common yorkers and pigs, $3 50 to $3 70.

Receipts of sheep and lambs have been fair this week and prices scarcely sustained of last week. We quote prime weathers, 90 to 100 lbs, $4 75 to $5 00; 80 to 90, at $4 00 to $4 40; 70 to 80, at $3 00 to $3 75; culls, $2 00 to $2 50; spring lambs, $4 50 to $5 50.

Some of the Sales Reported.

Lafferty Bros. & Gledden: Cattle—21 head, 25,530 lbs, $4 28; 13 head, 13,410 lbs, $3 50; 7 head, 6,740 lbs, $3 50; 2 head, 2,080 lbs, $4 75; 7 calves, 1,190 lbs, $6 25. Hogs—108 head, 13,350 lbs, $3 70; 68 head, 13,720 lbs, $3 85; 55 head, 6,210 lbs, $3 75.

E. McCall & Co.: Cattle—14 head, 17,070 lbs, $3 75; 16 head, 17,420 lbs, $3 40; 18 head, 18,840 lbs, $3 25; 33 head, 39,470 lbs, $2 90; 19 head, 19,030 lbs, $3 40; 7 calves, 870 lbs, 6c. Hogs—79 head, 9,740 lbs, $3 75; 36 head, 10,360 lbs, $3 80. Sheep—26 head, 1,980 lbs, $4 50; 56 head, 4,970 lbs, $4 75; 41 head, 2,930 lbs, $4 00.

Dunn, Dyer & Co.: Cattle—12 head, 24,740 lbs, $4 40; 17 head, 21,780 lbs, $4 00; 16 head, 19,770 lbs, $3 90; 9 head, 24,400 lbs, $3 90; 22 head, 32,880 lbs, $3 55; 21 head, 20,200 lbs, $3 10; 8 calves, 1,050 lbs, $4 75; 7 calves, 860 lbs, $6 50; 7 calves, 770 lbs, $6 25. Hogs—119 head, 22,080 lbs, $3 85; 41 head, 7,740 lbs, $3 95; 109 head, 19,440 lbs, $3 90; 64 head, 6,130 lbs, $3 90. Sheep—96 head, 7,000 lbs, $4 90; 72 head, 7,540 lbs, $4 10; 95 head, 8,300 lbs, $5 00; 113 head, 9,840 lbs, $4 20.

Holmes, Bowler, Briggs & Co.: Cattle—16 head, 18,400 lbs, $4 50; 18 head, 23,420 lbs, $3 75; 19 head, 22,450 lbs, $3 70; 21 head, 23,780 lbs, $4 00; 22 head, 22,950 lbs, $3 55; 19 head, 20,600 lbs, $3 65; 7 calves, 790 lbs, 6c; 4 calves, 370 lbs, 4c. Hogs—238 head, 34,400 lbs, $3 70; 221 head, 19,400 lbs, $3 75; 55 head, 13,120 lbs, $3 90; 63 head, 11,410 lbs, $3 85; 96 head, 14,370 lbs, $3 85. Sheep—40 head, 5,020 lbs, $5 10; 47 head, 3,400 lbs, $4 75; 56 head, 4,310 lbs, $5 20; 92 head, 6,870 lbs, $4 75.

S. R. Hedges & Co.: Cattle—20 head, 25,000 lbs, $4 30; 16 head, 7,550 lbs, $3 65; 19 head, 25,110 lbs, $3 30; 26 head, 24,040 lbs, $3 00; 14 heifers, 13,470 lbs, $3 40; 16 head, 12,800 lbs, $4 10; 7 head, 5,890 lbs, $4 00; 8 calves, 1,020 lbs, 6½c. Hogs—96 head, 17,700 lbs, $3 90; 74 head, 14,930 lbs, $3 85; 95 head, 15,920 lbs, $3 80. Sheep—97 head, 10,620 lbs, $5 00; 52 head, 13,490 lbs, $5 50; 25 head, 2,350 lbs, $4 50; 22 head, 2,050 lbs, $5 50; 60 head, 5,250 lbs, $5 25.

Huff, Hazelbaut & Imhoff: Cattle—19 head, 20,350 lbs, $3 40; 18 head, 16,280 lbs, $2 80; 20 head, 22,880 lbs, $3 50; 17 head, 20,700 lbs, $4 50; 22 head, 24,750 lbs, $3 60; 22 head, 22,700 lbs, $4 00; 4 calves, 400 lbs, 6c. Hogs—71 head, 13,500 lbs, $3 90; 101 head, 14,080 lbs, $3 75; 61 head, 8,960 lbs, $3 75; 132 head, 23,900 lbs, $3 90; 63 head, 15,970 lbs, $4 00. Sheep—105 head, 6,810 lbs, $5 00; 85 head, 5,360 lbs, $4 40; 140 head, 9,520 lbs, $5 35; 105 head, 10,400 lbs $4 60; 153 head, 9,610 lbs, $4 50; 186 head, 12,060 lbs, $4 90.

John Besket & Co.: Cattle—26 head, 22,290 lbs, $2 85; 18 head, 23,960 lbs, $3 75; 22 head, 25,410 lbs, $3 50; 16 head, 22,800 lbs, $4 80; 19 head, 21,700 lbs, $4 00; 20 head, 22,950 lbs, $4 10; 21 head, 21,700 lbs, $3 25; 29 head, 22,470 lbs, $3 75. Hogs—89 head, 17,500 lbs, $3 60; 123 head, 24,850 lbs, $3 60; 75 head, 14,570 lbs, $3 80; 84 head, 13,750 lbs, $3 85. Sheep—105 head, 9,220 lbs, $4 65; 46 head, 10,220 lbs, $4 80; 82 head, 6,200 lbs, $4 30; 253 head, 20,429 lbs, $5 10; 126 head, 7,650 lbs, $4 75.

Beecher, Linkham & Co.: Cattle—17 head, 19,630 lbs, $3 55; 21 head, 17,120 lbs, $3 10; 16 head, 20,270 lbs, $3 85; 11 head, 12,900 lbs, $3 75; 17 head, 18,840 lbs, $3 70; 18 head, 16,400 lbs, $3 45; 23 head, 25,700 lbs, $4 00; 25 head, 25,500 lbs, $3 80; 12 head, 10,900 lbs, $3 50. Hogs—112 head, 23,430 lbs, $3 65; 101 head, 19,620 lbs, $3 80; 96 head, 16,900 lbs, $3 70; 39 head, 6,250 lbs, $4 00. Sheep—131 head, 9,500 lbs, $5 20; 81 head, 4,920 lbs, $4 60; 329 head, 19,610 lbs, $5 75; 120 head, 10,200 lbs, $4 40.

By Telegraph.

Omaha—Cattle—Receipts, 2,800 head; dressed beef buyers were bearish, bidding 10@25c lower than yesterday; trading very slow; fair to finest steers, $3 70@5 50; good butcher steers, $2 45@3 50; common steers, $2 50@3 40; Westerns, $2 50@3 75; Texans, $2 00@3 00. Hogs—Receipts, 9,700 head; some of the best heavy hogs sold early at steady prices, but the bulk of the early trading was at a decline, market ruling 5@10c lower than yesterday; bulk of sales, $3 50@3 62½; tops, $3 65@3 70; mixed, $3 50@3 65; packers, $3 50@3 60. Sheep—Receipts, 800 head; prices were about steady on the basis of $5 75@5 00 for natives, and $5 30@4 75 for Westerns.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 2,228 head, including 37 cars for sales; market active and steady; native, $5 50 per 100 lbs; Texans, $3 00@3 75; dressed beef, 6@8½c; dressed beef steady at 7@10½c per lb; shipments to-day, 550 beeves and 2,550 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 1,800 beeves. Calves—Receipts, 407 head; market steady; veals, $5 00@8 00 per 100 lb; grassers, $2 50@4 50; Western calves, $4 50@6 00. Sheep—Receipts, 9,504 head; sheep steady; lambs 10c per lb higher; $5 00 per 100 lbs; lambs, $5 00@6 25; dressed mutton steady at 6@8½c per lb; dressed lambs firm at 7@9½c. Hogs—Receipts, 11,092 head; consigned direct; nominally steady at $5 60@4 00 per 100 lbs.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 20,000 head; 10 cents lower; inferior to choice steers, 10c lower; top price, $4 50@4 75; one lot Christmas steers, $5 85; others, $4 60@4 25; cows, $2 00@4 35. Hogs—Receipts, 45,000 head; shipments, 9,000 head; market closed weak, 10c lower; rough and common, $3 50@3 75; prime packers and mixed, $3 80@3 95; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3 90@4 10; light, $3 50@3 70. Sheep—Receipts, 7,000 head; shipments, 5,000 head; lambs, 10@25c lower; sheep steady; ewes, $2 50@4 25; mixed, $4 25@4 60; wethers, $4 75@5 15; lambs, $4 50@5 25.

Cincinnati—Hogs—Common and light, $3 10@3 65; packers and butchers', $3 60@3 80; receipts, 3,700 head; shipments, 2,400 head. Cattle—In good demand and firm; fair to choice butcher grades, $2 50@4 15; prime to choice shippers, $4 00@4 75; receipts, 1,400 head; shipments, 1,200 head. Sheep in fair demand and stronger; common to choice, $2 50@4 50; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $4 50@4 75; receipts, 150 head; shipments, 350 head. Lambs in fair demand; common to choice, $3 75@5 00 per 100 pounds.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 3,700 head; shipments, 2,100 head; market active and a shade better; good to choice native steers, $2 30@4 90; stockers, $2 30@4 20. Hogs—Receipts, 10,400 head; shipments, 1,700 head; active and 10c higher; good to choice packers, $3 75@3 90; butchers', $3 95@4 00; pigs, $2 75@3 25. Sheep—Receipts, none; market improving some, but only for the best grades of butchers' sheep; prices unchanged.

Buffalo—Cattle—Receipts, 94 loads through, 2 sale; market steady to firm. Hogs—Receipts, 36 loads through, 35 sale; market strong and 5@10c higher; heavy grades, $4 00@4 10. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1 load through, 10 sale; market lower; sheep, extra fancy, $4 75@5 00; good to choice, $4 15@4 50; lambs, good to choice, native, $5 25@5 50; common to fair, $5 00@5 15; Canada, common to extra, $5 40@5 60.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000 head; shipments, 3,700 head; market dull and lower; steers, $3 00@5 85; cows, $3 00@3 65; stockers and feeders, $2 30@3 10. Hogs—Receipts, 12,500 head; no shipments; market steady and 5c down; bulk, $3 30@3 65; all grades, $3 00@3 80. Sheep—Receipts, 3,700 head; shipments, 800 head; market strong.

ANOTHER CORN FLURRY.

The December Future Jumps Up Fully 11 3-8c During the Day—Corn Helps Up the Other Markets, Which Were Otherwise Dull and Drooping.

CHICAGO—The corn pit was the center of interest on the Board of Trade to-day, and a fever of excitement prevailed throughout, with lightning changes and unusual strides upward. In less than two hours from the opening the price of December or year corn had advanced over 11c from the opening, with the excitement and strain at times very intense.

It had been understood for some time that there was to be a bull deal in December. The short interest was believed to be heavy, and, with little of the contract grade in this market, current receipts of that grade would enable the longs to squeeze the shorts to almost any extent. December closed yesterday at 48⅝c, and started at 48⅞c to-day. But a few dashing operators had got control of the market on the long side, and had got the old November clique short, and intended to squeeze them unmercifully. This started the whole crowd of shorts to buying at once, and, as there was little for sale, a scene of wild excitement followed, prices going up 3c at a clip until 60c was paid—an advance of 11⅜c from yesterday.

The market was very feverish with frequent reactions and going off to 53c shortly after noon. It rallied to 57c, broke to 53c again and closed firm at 55½c. January sympathized some with December. It closed at 44½c yesterday; opened at 44½@44⅝c to-day, and advanced to 47⅝c, closing at 47½c. May, which closed yesterday at 43⅞c, opened at the same figure and sold to 44½c and closed at 43⅞c.

When opened rather weak on the failure of foreign markets to respond to yesterday's advance here. May opened lower at 98⅝c, though soon touching 99c. Later, on the excitement in the corn pit, wheat became strong and May sold up steadily to 99⅞c. This was followed by a reaction when corn weakened, and cables coming lower wheat weakened and May fell away to 98⅜c, at which it closed easy. What little news there was to influence values was lost sight of in the excitement in corn.

Oats were quiet but strong most of the day, chiefly owing to the flurry in corn, and closed with an advance of ⅜c for December, but unchanged for May.

Hog product were weak on the estimated receipts of hogs at the yard being 51,000, or 15,000 more than were looked for, with prices 5c lower. The early weakness and lower prices for products, however, were subsequently counteracted by the advance in corn and a partial rally followed, but the market weakened again later and the close was near the bottom prices of the day and generally at material recessions from the closing figures of yesterday.

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

ARTICLES.	Opening.	High est.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT, No. 2				
December	$ 92½	$ 93⅝	$ 92½	$ 92½
January	93¾	94⅛	93⅝	93
May	98⅝	99⅞	98⅜	98⅝
CORN, No. 2				
December	48⅝	60	48⅝	53¾
January	44½	47⅝	44½	44⅝
May	43¾	44½	43½	43⅝
OATS, No. 2				
December	32⅝	33¼	32⅝	33
January	32	32⅝	32	32⅝
May	33⅝	33⅞	33⅛	33⅝
MESS PORK.				
December	8 35	8 35	8 35	8 35
January	11 15	11 15	11 05	11 07½
May	11 02½	11 02½	11 02½	11 05
LARD.				
December	6 65	6 65	6 62½	6 62½
January	6 15	6 17½	6 12½	6 12½
May	6 52½	6 55	6 50	6 50
SHORT RIBS.				
December	5 40	5 50	5 42½	5 42½
January	5 47½	5 52½	5 45	5 47½
May	5 90	5 90	5 85	5 85

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm but not quotably higher. No. 2 spring wheat, 92½@92½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 84@85c; No. 2 red, 92½c; No. 2 corn, 53c; No. 2 oats, 33c; No. 2 white, 33⅝@33½c; No. 3 white, 31⅝@32½c; No. 2 rye, 89c; No. 2 barley, 59c; No. 1 flaxseed, 45@46c; No. 4, f. o. b., 38@45c; No. 1 flaxseed, 94½c; prime timothy seed, $1 22. Mess pork, per barrel, $8 37½@8 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 07½@6 10. Short ribs sides (loose), $5 45@5 65. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 37½@4 65. 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 unchanged. Eggs, 24@24½c.

NEW YORK—Flour dull and unchanged. Cornmeal steady and in fair demand; yellow Western, $3 15@3 60. Wheat—Spot opened higher and closed easy and quiet; No. 2 red, $1 06⅞@1 06⅞, store and elevator; $1 07⅝@1 08⅜, afloat; $1 07⅝@1 09⅞, f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1 01; ungraded red, 96⅝@$1 11½; No. 1 Northern, $1 09@1 09½; No. 1 hard, $1 10⅞@1 11⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1 06@$1 06½. Options declined 1@1⅝c, advances ⅜@⅝c, declined ⅛@⅜c, and closed steady at ⅛@⅜c under yesterday; trading moderate; No. 2 red, December, $1 06⅛@1 07, closing at $1 07⅛; January, $1 07⅛@1 08, closing at $1 07⅞; February, $1 08⅛@1 09⅛, closing at $1 08⅛; March, $1 09⅛@1 10⅛, closing at $1 09⅞; April, $1 09⅞@1 10⅞, closing at $1 09⅞; May, $1 09 5-16@1 10⅞, closing at $1 09⅞; June, $1 09⅞@1 09⅞, closing at $1 06. Rye dull and irregular; Western, $1 05@1 04½. Barley dull. Corn—Spot market opened higher; closed weak and quiet; No. 2, 66⅝c in elevator; 67⅛@68c afloat; ungraded mixed, 53@68c; No. 3, 56c; steamer mixed, 63½@64c; options excited; the close is weak at ⅛c advance on December, and in part ⅛c decline in the others; December, 64⅝@66c, closing at 64½c; January, 57⅛@58⅛c; opening, 56⅝c; May, 52⅝@53⅛c, closing at 53c. Oats—Spot market active but weaker; options dull, irregular and weak; December, 41½@42c, closing at 41½c; January, 40⅝@41c, closing at 40⅝c; May, 38⅝@40c, closing at 39½c; No. 2 white, December, 42@42½c; January, 41@41½c; spot No. 2 white, 42½c; mixed Western, 40@43c; white do, 40@45c; No. 2 Chicago, 43½c. Hay firm and quiet. Hops firm and in fair demand. Tallow strong; city ($2 00 for p kgs), 4 11-16c. Rosin quiet and easy. Pitch quiet and easy. Turpentine firm at 29c. Pork quiet and steady; old mess, $8 50; new mess, $9 75@10 75; extra prime, $8 50. Cut meats quiet and steady. Lard lower; dull. Western steam, $6 45; options, December, $6 39; January, $6 49@6 50, closing at $6 48; February, $6 58; March, $6 68; May, $6 82 bid. Butter quiet and easy; Western dairy, 16@25c; do creamery, 20@32½c; Elgin, 30c. Cheese quiet; part skims, 4½@9c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour quiet. Wheat opened a shade weaker, afterward reacted and closed ⅛c higher; No. 2 red, December, $1 01⅛@1 01⅝; January, $1 03⅛@1 06; February, $1 07⅛@1 07½; March, $1 08⅛@1 09. Corn—Spot, in elevator, 1c higher, later months at former rates; No. 4 high mixed, in grain depot, 54c; No. 4 yellow, in grain depot, 54½c; No. 3 yellow, in grain depot, 55c; No. 2 mixed, in export elevator, 55½c; No. 2, in do, 61@62c; No. 3 mixed, December, 64@66c; January, 55@56c; February, 54@54½c; March, 54½@54¾c. Oats a shade firmer and quiet; No. 3 white, 40½c; No. 2 white, 41@41½c; do clipped, 42½c; No. 2 white, December, 41@41½c; January, February and March, 40½@41½c. Eggs quiet and easy; Pennsylvania frests, 28c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat steady; No. 2 red spot, $1 01@1 04⅝; December, $1 03⅞@1 04⅛; January, $1 05⅛@1 05⅝; February, $1 07⅛@1 07½; May, $1 10⅛@1 10⅝. Steamer No. 2 red, 98c. Corn unsettled; mixed spot, 61c; year, 61½c; January, 57⅛@57½c; February, 57½c; March, 55½c asked; steamer mixed, 58c. Oats strong; No. 2 white Western, 41@41½c; No. 2 mixed, 39½c. Rye quiet and dull; No. 2, 92c. Hay very firm; good to choice timothy, $13 00@14 00. Provisions firm, unchanged. Butter steady; creamery fancy, 29c; fair to choice, 22@28c; imitation, 24@25c; ladle fancy, 22@23c; good to choice, 20@21c; rolls, fine, 20c; fair to good, 18@19c. Eggs steady at 26c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar very strong; open kettle, strictly prime, 2 13-16c; prime, 2 11-16@2½c; fair to fully fair, 2⅜@2 9-16c; common to good, 2⅛@2⅜c; centrifugals, choice white, 5½c; off white, 5⅛@5⅜c; fine gray do, 3⅞@5c; choice clarified, 2 9-16c; do prime, 3⅝@3 7-16c; off do, 3¼@3⅜c; seconds, 3⅛c. Molasses—Open kettle, choice, 32c; strictly prime, 30@31c; good prime, 28c; good fair to prime, 25@27c; common to fair, 22@24c; centrifugal, strictly prime, 21c; prime to good prime, 14@16c; good common to good fair, 8@10c; inferior to common, 5@6c. Syrup nominal.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat—No. 2 red, December, 92⅞@93c, closing at 93⅛c bid; May, 99⅞@$1 00⅛, closing at 99⅞c bid. Corn—No. 2 cash, 45@45⅞c; year, 44@45c, closing at 44c; January, 42⅝@43⅛c; opening, 43⅛c; May, 43⅝@43¾c, closing at 43½c asked. Oats—No. 2 cash, 33c; December, 33c, nominal; May, 33⅛@33¼c, closing at 33⅛c asked. Barley slow; Iowa, 59½c. Butter barely steady and unchanged. Provisions—Scarcely anything doing; pork $11 50. Lard, $6 05.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat steady; No. 2 cash, 89c bid, 89½c asked; December, 89c bid, 89½c asked. Corn very dull; January, 37c bid and steady at 37½c asked; May, 36½c bid. Oats higher; No. 2 cash, 30½c bid, 31½c asked; December, 30½c bid and quiet at 30¾c asked; January, 30c bid, 30½c asked; May, 31½c bid, 33 asked. Eggs in fair demand and firm at 25c.

CINCINNATI—Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 2 red, 98c. Corn in good demand and firmer; medium, 42½@44c. Oats firm; No. 2 mixed, 35@35½c. Rye in moderate demand; No. 2, 95c. Pork steady, $9 00@9 12½. Lard easier at $5 90@6 00. Bulkmeats firm at $5 40@5 50. Bacon steady at $5 95. Butter steady. Eggs steady at 22c. Cheese firm.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern: December, opening, 87½c; closing, to-day, 86½c; yesterday, 87c; May, opening, 93½c; highest, 94⅝c; lowest, 93½c; closing, to-day, 93½c; yesterday, 93½c; June, closing to-day, 87c; yesterday, 88c; on track, No. 1 hard, 88½c; No. 1 Northern, 87½c; No. 2 Northern, 83@85c.

MILWAUKEE—Wheat easier; May, 94c; spring, 90c; No. 1 Northern, 93c. Corn firm; No. 3, 42½c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 33½c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c. Barley dull; No. 2, 58c; sample on track, 50@63c. Rye firm; No. 1, 89½c. Provisions firm. Pork—January, $11 10. Lard—January, $6 02½.

TOLEDO—Wheat—Market lower and weak; No. 2 cash and December, 96½c; May, $1 02⅝. Corn easier; No. 2 cash, 48c; January, 49½c. Rye dull; cash, 92c. Oats quiet; cash, 34c.

LARGE AND SMALL WELLS.

THE GOOD PRODUCERS OFFSET BY BARREN FIFTH SANDERS.

Oil Is Still Being Taken from the Gordon Rock—Several Strings of Tools on Top of This Formation—Another Southwest Producer.

The bull and the bear features of the McDonald field yesterday were about equal. Two fair fifth sand wells were added to the list, but there were other points in the field where this sand was found to be without the precious fluid. Early yesterday morning the Fisher Oil Company, Hackett & Shirley, got the fifth sand in their No. 2 on the McMichael farm in southwest McCurdy, and it began to flow at the rate of 35 barrels an hour. The Devonian Oil Company's No. 2 on the Boyce heirs' farm, which was making only ten barrels an hour Tuesday, improved when drilled deeper, and is now doing about 50 barrels an hour. The other fifth sand producer belongs to Jennings & Galloway and is located on the Welch property about half a mile west of Oakdale. It came in yesterday morning and is good for 30 barrels an hour. It is evidently located on a narrow belt as there is a 50-barrel well only a few feet away on the Wettengel farm.

Into Non-Producing Sand.

The barren fifth sand was found in Forst & Greenlee's No. 16 on the Merey farm. The well is located in the northwestern corner of the property. The same firm's No. 1 on the Marshall property, located between Noblestown and Willow Grove, was about through the fifth last evening with no perceptible improvement. Southwest of McDonald the Venture Oil Company's wildcat on the Moorhead farm was reported to be two bits in the fifth sand with no increase in its output from the Gordon. The People's Gas Company drilled in its well on the Rend & Robbins property at the Jumbo mines yesterday, and it will make about a 50-barrel-a-day producer. The Royal Gas Company's No. 2 M. Robb is one bit in the fifth sand, which is of a good quality, but lacks the out to make it a big producer. The Devonian Oil Company's No. 3 J. H. Robb, adjoining the M. Robb, was two bits in the sand and filled up only 300 feet with oil. There was a third well which is making some oil from the fifth. It is Davis & Brown's No. 1 on the brickyard lot, where a heavy flow of gas was struck in the fourth sand, shutting off the oil from the Gordon. The fifth was reached yesterday and the well immediately began to produce six barrels an hour from that formation.

Many Gordon Sanders Watched.

The wells about to reach the Gordon sand are now being closely watched. Hawley & Co. were drilling in the Gordon on the schoolhouse lot at Noblestown yesterday. It made a 13-barrel flow in the morning. On account of the proximity of the well to the schoolhouse, and the possibility of a fire in case of an open flow, the school was dismissed, and will not reassemble until Monday. Hervey Bros. expect to get the Gordon to-day on the Catherine Church property near the slaughter house well. Murphy & Co.'s well, on the Mitchell property, west of Noblestown, is in the Gordon and showing for only 50 barrels a day. Guckert & Steele's No. 9 Mevey is 12 feet in the Gordon and showing light. Gibson & Borcher's well on the Dennen lot is making 100 barrels a day from the Gordon. Koerner, Westhead & Co. on the McFarland lot are in the top of the Gordon with a good showing. Hacker & Co. expect to get the Gordon to-day on the O'Grady lot. Gallagher Bros. will also be in the Gordon to-day on the Kennedick lot. Gettman & Co.'s well on the Thomasy lot has been finished up in the Gordon. It is making 250 barrels a day. Gas and will not be drilled to the fifth. Robinson, Brown & Co.'s well on the Pastier is making 15 barrels an hour. The boiler is being moved back, and it will be drilled in to-day. Their Dietrick lot well should be in the fifth today. A good deal of excitement was caused by the Woodland Oil Company's No. 1 on the Robert Gladden farm, a mile south of McDonald, which made a 25-barrel flow from the Gordon sand yesterday. Greenlee & Forst's No. 16 Merey, is on top of the Gordon sand, and is making a very small showing. Their well on the Miller heirs' property, near Willow Grove, is on top of the Gordon and will be drilled in to-day.

A Big Gordon Strike.

The Biyon well of Koerner, Westhead & Co., McFarlane lots, Miller heir farm, Laurel Hill, struck first pay streak about 6 o'clock P. M., and it made two flows in a 250 tank in 40 minutes of 11½ inches. This well opens up a large southern territory. She is about 1,200 feet south of Ryna No. 2. The well is good for 300 barrels a day or more. The Ryna No. 2 did not produce until they were 16 feet in the Gordon. The Biyon well is not over 12 feet in the Gordon.

Gauges of the Wells.

The gauges of the big wells yesterday showed the following to be their average per hour: Guffey, Jennings & Co.'s No. 1 Mathews, 100; Mathews heirs, 135; their No. 1 Herron, 55; Nos. 2 and 4 Herron, 200; Bell No. 2, 38; Bell No. 4, 10; Oakdale Oil Company's No. 1 Baldwin, 15; Nos. 1 and 2 Wallace, 115; No. 3 Wallace, 73; Wallace No. 4, 20; No. 1 Morgan heirs, 30; Morgan No. 4, 180; Sturgeon heirs' No. 1, 14; Guffey, Murphy & Galey's No. 1 Elliott, 10; No. 3 Elliott, 30; No. 1 Sam Sturgeon, 10; No. 2 Sam Sturgeon, 42; Forest Oil Company's No. 1 Etta Green, 60; No. 1 J. M. Glenn, 40; No. 1 Shaffer, 10; No. 7 Shaffer, 15; No. 3 Herron, 25; No. 4 Herron, 110; Forst & Greenlee's No. 1 Mevey, 45; No. 4 Mevey, 40; No. 1 Gamble, 38; Devonian Oil Company's No. 1 Elliott, 60; Hoffman & Co.'s No. 2 Moore, 12; Woodland Oil Company's No. 1 Gamble, 32; W. P. Snyder's No. 1 Rend, 10; Pagett Co.'s No. 1 Sauters, 15; Guckert & Steele's No. 3 Mevers, 25; Patterson and Jones' No. 2 Kelso, 40; No. 3 Kelso, 45; Gordnier & Co.'s No. 3 Mertz, 10; Devonian Oil Company's No. 1 Boyce, 100; Boyce No. 2, 50; Forest Oil Company's Nos. 1 and 2 Wright, 20; Davis & Brown's No. 1, 10; No. 2, 10; Thompson & Co.'s No. 1 Mormlongrig, 18; Brenneman & Co.'s No. 1 Tillmont, 18; Brown & Co.'s No. 1 Montgomery, 18; Forest Oil Company's No. 1 James McGregor, 10; Hussler, Davis & Co.'s No. 1 Boyce, 35; Patterson & Jones' No. 2 Shaffer, 20; Liberty Oil Co.'s No. 1 Descamp, 18; Venture Oil Co.'s No. 1 Moorhead, 7; Black & Co.'s Crunkleton No. 1, 10; Fisher Oil Company's No. 2 McMichael, 35; Guffey & Queen's No. 1 Wetmore, 15. The production of the field yesterday was estimated at 51,500 barrels, a decrease of 500 barrels over the day before. The stock in the field was reduced from 122,000 barrels to 119,000. The runs from McDonald Tuesday were 58,311.08 barrels. Outside of McDonald the Southwest pipe line were 11,419.46 barrels, a total of 69,730.54. National Transit runs were 37,343.44 barrels; shipments, 44,633 25.

Yesterday's Market Features.

Trading was again light and the tone weak. The market had very little support from the order crowd. January opened at 58⅞c. This was also the highest. The lowest was 58⅜c and the close 58⅝c. Refined was unchanged. Daily average runs were 121,498; daily average shipments, 82,850.

OIL CITY, Dec. 9.—National Transit certificates opened at 58⅞c; closed, 58⅝c; lowest, 58⅝c; closed at 58⅝c. Sales, 68,000 barrels; clearances, 238,000 barrels; shipments, 98,913 barrels; runs, 127,439 barrels.

BRADFORD, Dec. 9.—National Transit certificates opened at 58⅞c; closed, 58⅝c; highest, 58⅞c; lowest, 58⅝c; clearances, 72,000 barrels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Petroleum opened steady, but yielded under Western selling, declined ⅜c, then became dull and remained so until the close; Pennsylvania oils—Spot, opening, 58⅝c; highest, 58⅝c; lowest, 58⅝c; closing at 58⅝c; January option opening at 58⅝c; highest, 58⅞c; lowest, 58⅝c; closing at 58⅝c. Lima oil—No sales. Total sales, 60,000 barrels.

A NORTHSIDE HOBBY.

Public Interest Largely Centered on California Avenue.

IT WILL BOOM VALLEY PROPERTY.

Handsome Improvements Completed and Many Others on the String.

FEATURES OF MONEY AND SPECULATION

If Northsiders have a hobby it is California avenue. They regard it with as much affection as the Romans did their Appian or Flaminian way, and have followed its development from an idea into a fact with great interest. Its completion has been delayed by the clashing interests in and out of Councils, largely growing out of the rivalry of street railways. This has severely taxed the patience of the people in the lower part of Allegheny and delayed much valuable improvement. Still, work has proceeded and considerable progress made. It is expected the road will be opened as far down as Emsworth during the coming year. It is being paved with Ligonier stone from Island station to within a short distance of Wood's Run.

There is ample reason for the high expectations of benefits to accrue from the completion of this great highway. It will open up one of the finest districts in the country. Allegheny, as has been frequently pointed out, is badly in need of an outlet for homeseekers and builders. Owing to the inaccessibility of the hill district, the valley is the only available quarter. It possesses many natural advantages and attractions. All that is needed to make it the East End of the Northside is improved locomotion. These are the considerations focus public interest on California avenue and make the people so anxious for its completion. Real estate owners are, perhaps, more deeply interested in this work than any other class of citizens. Its consummation will bring several thousand acres of land into the market. There is more valuable acreage in this district than in any other within a convenient distance of either city.

Even in its backward state this Northside artery has greatly stimulated activity in realty. In fact, it is the source and center of nearly all the material progress on the Northside. The completion of a number of fine dwellings in the Ridgeview plan, which is controlled by A. Z. Byers & Co., was mentioned some time ago. Since that time many others have been started, the most notable of which are those of Attorney Goehring, Architect Osterling and Contractor Morrison. Among those who will build next spring are Dr. J. H. Wright, Captain Robinson and Contractor Rose. It is understood that a land syndicate, recently organized, is negotiating for several tracts near Emsworth, aggregating about 100 acres, with a view to building houses for sale. The outlook is distinctly favorable for busy times in the valley next year.

Business News and Gossip.

The Snaman building on Federal street, Allegheny, is being repaired. The interior will be entirely rebuilt and a new front put in.

Plans are being made for the M. E. Church to be erected on the Rink property, Allegheny, purchased from the Denny heirs.

Reliable brokers advise the purchase of Chicago Gas. They think it will soon sell at much higher figures.

The stockholders of the Anaconda Mining Company have decided to increase the stock from $12,500,000 to $25,000,000.

Three permits for the erection of new buildings were issued yesterday, aggregating $7,700. The most important of these was for a one story and basement M. E. Church, Oneida and Sycamore streets, to cost $5,900.

A Vanderbilt director says the dividend on Lake Shore and New York Central will be announced during Christmas week.

There is a lively inquiry for stores on the Northside. Yesterday a gentleman from Erie was looking for a stand on Federal or Ohio streets. The representative of an Eastern firm wrote to a real estate agency a few days ago for a place in which to open a large drygoods store.

The Enamel Company, of Ellwood City, will begin operations within the next ten days.

No. 401 Wood street is being overhauled interiorally for a new occupant.

A charter was granted at Harrisburg yesterday to the Friendship Building and Loan Association of Pittsburg; capital stock, $300,000.

While negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the Christ Church property, there is no probability of a deal for some time.

The Government property on Garrison alley will be again placed under the hammer on Saturday next, at 3 P. M., in the Exchange building.

There is talk of a deal on Diamond street, but nothing definite has leaked out.

That Birmingham Traction statement is anxiously awaited.

At the last call yesterday Citizens' Traction 5s were wanted at 106⅜, and offered at 107.

Movements in Realty.

The Aspinwall Land Company sold from their plan at Aspinwall the following: To Milton Jones, lot No. 329, 25x100, for $375; to Francis Armstrong, lot No. 96, 50x100, for $1,100; to Mrs. Sarah F. Hazlett, lot No. 207 and 208 50x100, with a new frame dwelling, for $4,500.

Peter Shields sold in William Flinn's Green