A Better Inquiry Causes Prices to Take on a Firmer Tone.

GOOD NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY.

About 700,000 Tons of Raw Material to Be Exhausted Soon by

THE ORDERS BOOKED FOR STEEL RAILS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATOR, FRIDAY, Dec. II. RAW IRON AND STEEL-Business during the week was not very extensive. Dealers, generally, are purchasing sparingly. The trade developed no new features, as its strength seems to be in the future. While the volume of business continues liberal the margin of profit is next to nothing. There is certainly too large a supply of pig iron to permit any material advance, unless the consumption largely increases. Among vertain dealers there is a strong feeling that low prices will be maintained for some time. On the other hand general trade conditions throughout the country, the heavy traffic of the railroads, and the abundant crops appear to warrant the belief that the new year will bring more business and bet-ter prices to the iron trade. This is the prevailing sentiment. It is pretty generally accepted that no money can be lost in purchases at present prices. There is, however, a disposition among manufacturers to go slow on future contracts, and the largest producers of pig from are not anxious to name figures for deliveries five and six months, aboad. months ahead.

Looking for the Turn Soon. leading fron dealer says: "There may be and probably will be a spell of duliness until after the 1st of January, but after that business is expected to move along in larger clume and at accelerated speed. No wellnformed person expects a boom nor any reat excitement in prices, but simply, as we have said, an increasing volume of busi-ness, to be followed by better prices."
In our last report we noted an improved demand and activity in the steel rail trade. rything pertaining to the business was xcellent shape. Since then the fact has a made public that orders for 600,000 tons rails have been placed for delivery during 92. This is more than double the amount

1892. This is more than double the amount ever ordered at this season of the year, and goes to prove that the various roads are badly in want of rails, and that contracts could not be put off any longer. Of course, Pittsburg comes in fera large slice.

The Shenango and Mahoning Valley mills are well supplied with orders and are running full time. A furnaceman from that district said that during the past week considerable inquiry had been made for Bessemer and gray forge for future delivery, but up to the present no contracts had been closed. Business in the Eastern cities is said to be active, with sales at satisfactory prices.

THE LATEST-Market for raw iron firmer, with several lots of Bessemer under negotiations that will be closed soon. Prices are well maintained, and in some instances an advance is asked. The heavy sales of steel rails for next year's delivery has caused buyers to look round and prepare the way for next year's business. It will require fully 700,000 tens of raw material to make the mount of rails already under contract.

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PLENTY OF SMALL ORDERS. At Chicago, Where One Southern Brand of

Iron Is Held Highest.

BICAGO, Dec. H .- [Special.]-Rogers, Brown Merwin says: Chicago market continues move on in the same way described last week; small orders are numerous, and here and there a large transaction has been con-semunated, these being cases where consumre find an opportunity for buying at cut igures by placing contracts now. Several stances may be noted of coke furnaces stances may be noted of coke furnaces to the lawe been obliged to make a sacrifice price in order to move accumulated tells. Charceal irons remain inactive, more size current of more or less sales aging in price from \$16.50 to \$17.00 Chicago.

runds are all holding firmly to latter figure, as a minimum. Two or ree sales of one Birmingham brand have on made at from \$17.50 to \$17.75 One encouraging feature is the fact that us of the car works are conter g round lots of raw manufacture aring the first six months of next yearing the first six months of next year e additional orders for rolling stock lately been placed, but the volume of ness in this direction is yet to come.

YET DULL IN BIRMINGHAM. The Only Feature in the Market Not at All

a New One. BHEMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. II.-[Special.]-The from market is without any special feature unless the prevailing duliness can be so de scribed. Production is heavy.

Stocks continue to accumulate pending the brisker trade which the new year is expected to bring. The market on a cash lasts, f. o. b. at the furnace, may be quoted at No. 1 foundry, \$12; No. 2 foundry, \$11 50; No. 3 foundry, \$10 73; gray forge, \$16.

There is renewed interest in the steel plant following the announcement that its encess is contingent on the action of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, a corporation that has done more than any other agency to develop this district. Stocks continue to accumulate pending

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11 .- [Special.] -- Rogers, frown & Co. say: The sales of pig iron thi eek nas been mostly in sizable lots for devery running into the first three months in next year. Had iron furnaces and steel

IRON TRADE REVIEW. this year and that existing this time last year is suggestive.

ACTIVITY AT CINCINNATI The Unexpected Happens, as It Often Does

in the Iron Business. CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.-[Special.]-Brown & Co. say: Sellers of iron had anticipated that December would be perhaps the lightest month of the year, and there has not been much disposition to press for new business It seems to be a rule in the iron business, however, that the unexpected happens. Instead of marked dullness, there has been a good degree of activity. Orders booked so far this month are in excess of corresponding time in November. Prices, however,

ing time in November. Prices, however, have felt the effect of accumulation of stock and the prevalence of bear talk. Some grades of Southern iron have lost all the advance that was scored in August and September, and have sold as low as at any time during the summer. It is not easy to make sales for immediate delivery, and furnaces that have been unwilling to book forward orders have found it very difficult to keep their yards clear. The embarrassment of one large Southern company is not thought by those well informed to have had any narticular bearing on the situation South. Its furnaces have not been located so favorably for cheap material, and from appearance it was not a fair representation of Southern iron manufacturing interests. It is said that very low prices have enforced economies and improved furnace practice all through the South, and this has done much to reduce cost and improve quality of iron. It is known that some of the large companies, that a while back were barely holding their own, are now making some money.

On the whole, it can be said that produc-

On the whole, it can be said that production in the South is not likely to decrease in consequence of ruling low prices. The underlying elements of the market continue in consequence of ruling low prices. The underlying elements of the market continue to rain in strength beyond question. Large offers for cars, locomotives and steel rails have been placed this month by the railroads. This has not created the extra demand for wheel iron, etc., that might have been expected, because prior to the giving out of such orders many of the car works here were running very light and had iron in stock. The demand, however, for charcoal iron is very considerably improved, and every prospect points to greater improvements in the near future. Many railroad companies are still holding back orders for rolling stock until increased business or special financial arrangements warrant placing them. The accumulation of funds at money centers and the consequent improvement of demand for railroad, municipal and water works bonds, pointstrongly to a revival of

works bonds, point strongly to a revival of activity in such parts of the fron trade as depend upon railroad and municipal im-provements, etc. The results are slow in realization because the temper of the coun-try is conservative. It may take several months of next year before the legitimate The particular question that concerns iron men, however, is whether production will go on increasing so rapidly as to further in-crease stocks and prevent any improvement

New York, Dec. 11.—Pig iron quiet; American, \$15 75@18 00. Copper weak; lake, December, \$16 80. Lead quiet; domestic, \$4 30. Tin cull and steady; Straits, \$19 85.

THE MARKET BASKET.

New Vegetables From the South-Poultry

Slow and Game Firm. There are few new features in the week past in this line. At the Diamond Market stalls trade is reported very slow with little or no change in prices. New vegetables from New Orleans and San Francisco are already coming to the front, but prices are too steep for the ordinary purse. Home-grown ettuce is in the stalls. Butter, eggs and ponitry are bringing the same prices as they did a week ago. Game shows an upward tendency, and our quotations in this line are advanced. The season for fresh fish is practically over. All the Western fish now on sale is frozen stock. A few fresh shad are still coming from the East and find ready sale at \$150 a piece. Western white fish and salmon are in good demand. Oysters are in supply sufficient for all needs, and demand is fair at old prices. Florists report a quiet week's trade. Holly and laurel are coming to the from; giving evidence that Christmas is near at hand.

Following are latest retail prices of market basket materials: poultry are bringing the same prices as they

MEATS—Best cuts of tenderloin steaks, Sc per MEATS—Best cuts of tenderloin steaks, 25c per b: strioin, 18620c; standding rib roast, 18620c; ckuck roasts, 12c; corned beef, 5600c per b; spring lamb, 15c; leg of mutton, 124c for hindquarter and 8c for forequarter; loin of mutton, 15c; lamb chops, 20c; stewing pieces, 5c per b; veal roasts, 1246-15c per b, and cutlets, 20c. Pork chops, 124cc, and steaks, 10c.

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT—Cabbages, 5600c; potatoes, 15c per half peck; sweet potatoes, 20620c per half peck; green beans, 25c a quarter peck; wax beans, 35c a quarter peck; wax beans, 35c a quarter peck; bananas, 20c a dozen; carrots, 5c a burch; lemons, 206-25c per dozen; oranges, 13635c; lettuce, 16c per bunch, 3 bunches for 25c; beets, 3 bunches for 15c; cuclumbers, 25c aplece; celery, 5c a bunch; calliflower, 13635c aplece; apples, 13635c a half peck; tomatoes, 35c a quart box; Spanish ontons, 5c aplece; Malaga grapes, 20c a pound; new beets, 10c a bunch, 3 for 35c.

BUTTER AND EGGS—Good creamery, 31635c per

BUTTER AND EGGS-Good creamery, 31@32c per h; fancy brands, 34635c; choice country rolls, 30c; good cooking butter, 17c; fresh eggs, 30632c per dozen. dozen.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 68675c a pair; five turkees, 126015c per lb; live ducks, 60675c a pair; dressed chickens, 12 to 13c per lb; ducks, 13 to 15c per lb; turkeys, 15c.

GAME—Squirreis, 30c a pair; rabbits, 40c a pair; qualt, 42 30 a dozen; snipes, 42 30 a dozen; woodcock, \$1 00 a pair; phenasants, \$1 30 a pair; pratrie chickens, \$6 00 a bozen; Mailard ducks, \$1 00 a pair; venison, 35c per lb; wild turkeys, 15c a pound; jack raibits, 70c apiece.

FISH—Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: Lake salmon, 10 to 15c; California salmon, 35 to 48c per pound; white fish, 125 to 15c; herring, 4 pounds for 5c; Spanish mackerel, 20c per pound; bluefish, 15c; halibut, 20c; rock bass, 35c; lake trout, 125c; lobsters, 20c; green sea turtle, 20 to 25c; sysaters, New York counts, \$1 75 per gallon; smells, 20c a pound; Mackinaw trout, 125c per pound; frogs. \$2 00 a dozen; clams, \$1 50 a gallon.

FLOWERS—La France, \$2 00 per dozen; Mermets, \$1 35 per dozen; Brides, \$1 25 per dozen; Brides, \$1 25 per dozen; Brides, \$1 25 per dozen; Brides, \$2 5 per dozen; Brides, \$3 5 per dozen; Brides, \$4 5 per dozen; Brides, \$5 6 5 per dozen; Brides, \$6 5 a dozen; Brides, \$6 5 a per dozen; Brides, \$6 5 a dozen; Brides, \$6 5 a for per dozen; Brides, \$6 5 a for dozen; Brides, \$6 5 POULTRY-Live chickens, 65675c a pair; five

Wool Markets

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Boston—There has been a fair trade in wool during the past week. The sales amount to 2,780,000 pounds of all kinds, but the market has been quieter than previously and some of the large buyers have withdrawn. Some good sales of territorial wool have been made on the basis of 59@50c clean, for fine: 53@58c for fine medium, and 50@50c for medium; in California wool the only important sale was one of 100,000 pounds of spring at 15@19c: Texas and Oregon wool has been dull. Ohio fleeces have been quiet at 28@20c for X, 30@31c for XX and XX and above: Michigan X has sold at 265@27c, but mostly in small lots: No. I clothing wools have been quite firm at 35@30c for Ohio and 34@35c for Michigan; No. I combing wools have been dull at 37@30c; fine delaine selections have sold at 34@35c for Ohio and 32@33c for Michigan, but mostly at inside prices. Unwashed combing wools have been in strady demand at 25@26c for one-quarter and 27@28c for three-eighths blood: unwashed and unmerchantable fleeces have been in demand at 18@24c for Super; 22@30c for extras; Australian wools have been dull.

Sr. Lot se Wool-Receipts, 20,800 pounds; been dull. Sr. Lot. s-Wool-Receipts, 20,800 pounds; shipments, 23,000. Steady but movement

Slow.

New York—Wool easy and quiet; domestic florec, 30,35c; pulled, 25,35c; Texas, 16,24c.

Prilabelthia—Wool quiet and prices steady: Onlo, Pennsylvania and West Virginia XX and above, 39,631c; X, 28,63c; medium, 31,235c; coarse, 23,634c; fine or X and XX, 25,65c; medium, 31,235c; coarse, 32,34c; fine washed delaine, X and XX, 25,65c; medium, 31,25c; coarse, 35,56,35c; coarse do, do, 31,65c; Canada washed, 32,635c; tub washed, choice, 36,635c; fair, 35,35c; coarse do, do, do, 31,65c; Canada washed combing and delaine, 25,627c; Montana, 18,625c; territorial, fine, 15,621c.

NEW YORK, Dec.11.—Coffee—Options opened steady 15 points down to 5 points up; closed harely steady 5@20 points down; sales, 20,000 bass, including December, 12.00@12.00c; January, 12.20@12.40c; February, 12.05@12.10c; March, 11.80@11.95c; May, 11.05@11.75c; June, 11.55@11.00c; September, 11.45@11.50c; October, 11.30g/11.35c; apot Rio quiet and steady; No. 7, 13.46.133cc.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Coffee steady; Rio cargoes fair at 17c: No. 7, 133/@13/c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11.—Coffee—Rio, ordinary to fair, 141/@16/4c. Turpentine and Rosin.

New York-Rosin steady and quiet. Tur pentine quiet and steadier at 33@3314c. FROM over 2,000 autograph letters, it appears that the new scientific system adopted by the Eric Medical Institute, Buffalo, N. works taken all the business offered them for extended delivery at present prices, the present of sales would have been the largest on record for several years. The contrast between the feeling among buyers which will be mailed free in sealed letter. AN EAST END DEAL

A High-Class Residence Picked Up by an Iron Manufacturer.

SEVERAL LEASES ON THE CARPET. The Scarcity of Business Houses May Put Up Rents Next April.

A BIG BOOM FOR MOUNT WASHINGTON

It has been rumored for a few days that F. W. Gerdes, Esq., had sold his fine residence corner Fifth and Denniston avenues, East End, to a prominent iron manufacturer for a price close to \$35,000, and that W. A. Herron & Sons were the agents who negotiated the sale. Asked for particulars yesterday, they declined to say anything, except that the property had been sold at the figures named. It consists of a lot 100 x120 feet, with an elegant new dwelling of the latest design and finish.

A Boom for Mt. Washington One of the effects of rapid transit to Mt. Washington cropped out Thursday night in the organization of the Mt. Washington Land and Improvement Company, with a capital of \$100,000. The promotors have secured a tract which they propose to plot, and upon which they will erect houses for sale on the installment plan. The company has options on two other desirable pieces, which, as soon as a charter is obtained and other arrangements are perfected, they pro-pose to put on the market. These move-ments have been attended with considerments have been attended with considerable secrecy, but now that preliminaries are settled business will go right on. One of the objects of the company, which will result in great benefit to the citizens of the Mount, is to erect on Grandview avenue a daily market, to be run on first-cinss principles. The building will be 50x100 and two stories high. These enterprises will be pushed so as to bring Mt Washington to the front with the rest of the city.

A Strong Market.

While the influences controlling the real estate market have undergone very little change for several months, the situation is full of strength and is decidly more favorable than it was a year ago when the country was in the throes of a financial panic and was in the throes of a financial panic and buyers were expecting a tumble in values. The sales reported from day to day—many of them of great importance—show that the market is far from stagnant. There is ho speculation to speak of, but buying for investment and use is unusually active for the season, and it would be larger were it not that investors think prices rather extravagant. Good business or residence property when offered at a fair price finds a ready market. But the firmness of owners is an element of strength. They ask only what they think the prosperous condition of the city will enable the people to pay. High prices for realty show confidence in the present and fatth in the future.

Scarcity of Business Stands. Several important leases of downtown property will be completed in a few days. In one case the lessees will practically rebuild and in another make extensive im provements. It may be noted in this connection that a striking feature of the real estate situation is the scarcity of business stands both in Pittsburg and Allegheny. It is probable that this dearth will lead to an advance in rents in cases of expiring leases next source.

Figures on Building. An Eastern publication gives some figures comparing the building operations of New York and Chicago during corresponding periods of 1890 and 1891. During the first ten months of 1890 permits were granted for the erestion of 10,136 buildings in Chicago at an ere-stion of 10,126 buildings in Chicago at an estimated cost of \$41,479,000. In the same period of 1891 permits were granted for 10,440 buildings at a cost of \$42,306,000. There is a small gain shown both in the number of buildings and in the amount represented. During the first ten months of 1890 permits were granted for 3,151 New York buildings at a cost of \$65,238,000. During the corresponding period of 1891 there were only 2,382 permits issued for buildings at an estimated cost of \$47,772,000.

Business News and Gossip. It is expected that the Government's Penn There will be considerable building on Braddock avenue next year. Among others, It is stated there is not a week's supply of

coal in dealers' hands in Iowo, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas or Nebraska, and Western mines are working on half time, all because of the scarcity of cars for time, all because of the scarcity of cars for hauling coal.

The only important building permits issued yesterday were to O. K. Gardner for two brick three-story stores and dwellings on Wylie avenue, Thirteenth ward, to cost \$13,000, and to the Pennsylvania Female College for a stone and brick one-story gymnasium, on the hill above Fifth avenue, to cost \$3,900. Three others were taken out aggregating \$3,650.

The growing ease of the money market is one of the promising signs of the times.

J. W. Kirker has sold to Murphy & Diebold a residence property in the Nineteenth ward for \$4,150.

There is a brisk demand for lots at Homewood, near the race track. Sales during the last three or four weeks aggregate about \$10,000.

It is rumored that Murphy & Diebold will erect a planing mill at Wilkinsburg on a corner of the Hubley property, recently purchased by them.

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corner of the Hubley property, recently pur-chased by them.
Boston has authorized the issue of \$200,000 20-year 4 per cent street bonds, and \$120,000 20-year bridge bonds.
Low-priced bonds, well secured, are pretty sure to pay a handsome return to the pur-chaser within a short time. This is the opinion of an expert.

The sale: of 47 acres of land at Munhall should have been credited to Major A. J. Julius F. Stark sold 100 shares of Birming Julius F. Stark sold 100 shares of Birmingham Traction stock at 18%.

The London, Brighton and South Railway Company has issued an order refusing to permit any cars on its line which are not fitted with the Westinghouse brake.

It is said that 5,000 loaded cars are lying at Chicago, and at present rate of transfer many will remain there for months.

Railroad reports received yesterday were uniformly favorable.

Movements in Realty.

Movements in Realty. Henry A. Weaver & Cold for John C. Elliott, the lot, 20x122 feet, with a large four story warehouse, No. 18 Federal street, Allegheny,

Black & Baird sold for Frank M. Evens to Cormic P. Hagan the property No. 722 Ward street, Oakland, having a frontage of 40 feet by a depth of 165 to Hardie alley, with a two story and mansard brick dwelling, for a price approximating \$7,000.

John K. Ewing & Co. sold for Myler & White to H. M. McMillen a vacant lot 23x81/6 on the New Brighton road, near Woodland avenue, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, for \$650 cosh

avenue, Eleventh ward, Allegheny, for \$650 cash.

James W. Drape & Co. sold 15 lots at Avonmore at prices from \$259 to \$500 each; also sold five lots in the Newhall Terrace plan at from \$30 to \$500 6 each; also a residence property in Allegheny near Western avenue for \$11,500; also a lot at Crafton, in the Keystone plan, for \$350.

Battensperier & Williams sold two more lots in the Weinman plan, Mt. Washington, each 25x115, on Soffel street, for \$200 each.
Peter Shields sold in William Flinn's Greenfield avenue plan, Twenty-third ward, to Edward Rice, lot No. 126, having 36 feet frontage on Greenfield avenue, for \$1,030.

The Burrell Improvement Company, Kensington, sold be Joseph M. Robinson, Tarentum, two lots for \$1,268 75 cash; William D. Snyder, Rimersburg, halves of two lots for \$14,375; Leonard Boston, Allegheny, one lot, \$555. \$355.
A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for William A. Black to George B. Spencer lot No. 115 in his plan, Tenth ward, Aliegheny, of 20x160 feet, for \$260.
S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for John W. Pears and others, to an Allegheny business man, the property on Penn avenue, near Homewood avenue, 200x175 feet, with two-story frame residence, for \$18,500.

HOME SECURITIES.

ANOTHER GOOD DAY REWARDS THE EFFORTS OF SPECULATORS.

Philadelphia Gas Experiences an Upward Impulse and Luster Recovers Most of Its Lost Ground-Trading of an Encouraging Character-Business and Figures. Yesterday was another good day in local speculative circles. Trading was good and well distributed, and prices were on a higher

street after call. The old members of this group were strong.

Sales at the first call were 141 shares of Luster at 8% and 25 Duquesne Traction at 17%. Second call, 50 Philadelphia Gas at 13%, 100 Manufacturers' Gas at 26% and 30 Luster at 9%. Third call, 130 Philadelphia Gas at 13%, 15 at 13%, \$1,228 Electric scrip at 80, 100 Duquesne Traction at 18 and 10 Luster at 9%.

EXCHANGE STOCKS.	B A	B A	B CALL.
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M. & M. In, Co	39% 43	**** ****	
Western In. Co C. V. Gas Co	6	634	5%
Manufact'rs Gas.	2034 27	****	
P. N. G. & P. Co Philadelphia Co.	13% 13%	13% 13%	13% 13%
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Ft. P. I. P. Co	****	**** ****	2014 2076
Cent. Trac. Co	60% 61	20% 21	2014 20% 60% 61
Pitts, Trac. Co	46 5 50	40% 47	46% 47%
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N.Y.& C.G.C.Co			
La N. Min. Co		30	954 944
Red C. Min Co		954 954	974 975
W. Electric Co		12% 12%	******
Union S. & S. Co. U.S. & S. Co. pfd.	2416		1034
W. A. B. Co	100 103	100 102	100 101
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PREPARING FOR WAR.

A STRUGGLE AMONG RICHMOND TER-MINAL FACTIONS

Causes Heavy Buying in That Security by the Parties Interested-Vanderbilt People Are Bullish-A Boom in Chicago Gas-Railroad Bonds Active.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-The stock market toiay was irregular, with most of the business confined to a few specialties. The strongest features were Richmond Terminal and Chicago Gas. Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific wers exceptionally weak, the former de-clining I per cent and closing at the lowest point. The rest of the list was comparatively

neglectas. The Vand-rbilt following continue their predictions of higher prices generally, es-pecially for their own line of stocks, and

pecially for their own line of stocks, and working, as is their custom, on one line at a time, are predicting an early advance in the Nickel Plate securities.

The advance in Chicago Gas was on buying by brokers generally handling investment orders, and was accompanied by reports of largely increased earnings. The movement in Richmond Terminal was apparently due to a pending contest for control between factions of the directory, and most of the stock was bought by interests identified with the property.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 192,622 shares, including: Atchison, 8,994; Canada Southern, 3,869; Chicago Gas, 18,175; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 3,100; Eric, 9,614; Lonisville and Nashville, 3,940; Richmond and West Point, 26,935; St. Paul, 18,175; Union Pacific, 26,975. ific, 26,975. Railroad bonds were comparatively active,

Railford onds were comparatively active, the sales amounting to \$2,107,000.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. Currected daily for THE DISPATCH by WHITNEY & STEPHENSON, oldest Pittsburg members of the New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth avenue.

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Mobile & Ohio Missouri Pacific National Cordage Co	57% 93	57% 93	56% 92	5334
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Philadelphia Stocks. Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue, members of the New York Stock Exchange: Reading Railroad.
Buffalo, N. Y. and Phila.
Lehigh Vailey
Northern Pacific
Northern Pacific, preferred*
Lehigh Navigation. Electric Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 11. - (Special.)-The latest electricities quotations to-day were:

Mining Stock Quotations. New York, Dec. 11.—Alice, 135; Consolidated California and Virginia, 400; Deadwood, 190; Gould and Curry, 110; Hale and Norcross, 190; Homestake, 10,75; Horn Silver, 390; Iron Silver, 145; Mexican, 190; Ontario, 3900; Ophir, 275; Plymouth, 520; Sierra Nevada, 190; Standard, 101; Union Consolidated, 160; Yellow Jacket, 110.

PLENTY OF CASH. Bankers Expect Employment for Idle Funds Early in the Year, There was a little more than the usual

movement in the local money market yes-terday. The improvement came from the

level. New York was active at the opening, but lapsed into duliness toward the close.

The market presented several good features. Philadelphia Gas recovered all of its lost ground and more, the inspiration being an oil well, said to be a good one, brought in by the company at Elizabeth. Luster developed unexpected strength, furnishing nearly a point better than the opening. Switch and Signal added a big fraction to its credit. All of the unlisted tractions were in better favor. Duquesne sold up to 18, and was slightly stronger on the street after call. The old members of this group were strong.

Sales at the first call were 141 shares of Luster at 8% and 25 Duquesne Traction at 1724. Second call, 50 Philadelphia Gas at 1334, 100 Manufacturers' Gas at 265, and 30 Luster at 94. Third call, 130 Philadelphia Gas at 1334, 15 at 1335, \$1,228 Electric scrip at 80, 100 Duquesne Traction at 18 and 10 Luster at 95.

It is quite evident that one of the most important among the factors which go to make up the present market is the confidence of holders of stock, rendering them unwilling to sell at concessions and unlikely to be scared by bear stories.

Bids and asking vrices at each call are given in the following table.

EXCHANGE | FIRST | SECOND | THIRD | CALL Closing Bond Quotations

Bank Clearings.

Philadelphia—Bank clearings, \$10,155,938; balances, \$1,691.492. Money, 4 per cent.

St. Louis—Clearings, \$4,530,514: balances, \$673,765. Money, 7@8 per cent. Exchange on New York par to 25c premium.

Chicago—Bank clearings, \$16 109,000. New York exchange steady. Money, 6 per cent. Memprins—Exchange selling at par. Clearings, \$62,826; balances, \$132,661.

New Orleans—Clearings, \$1,895,758. New York exchange—Commercial \$1 50 per \$1,000 discount. Bank, 50c discount to par.

Baltimore—Bank clearings, \$2,431,891; balances, \$330,985. Rate, 6 per cent.

New York—Bank clearings, \$126,231,691; balances, \$2,109,109. Rate for money, 2@3 per cent. Exchange on New York, 10c discount to par. Bank Clearings.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. Receipts at East Liberty and All Other

Yards. OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, Dec. 11. CATTLE-Receipts, 1,092 head; shipments, 1,281 head. Market — Nothing doing; all through consignments. No cattle shipped

o New York to-day. Hogs—Receipts, 4,250 head; shipments, 4,000 head. Market steady; Philadelphias, \$3 85@ 3 90; mixed, \$3 85; best Yorkers, \$3 75@3 85; common to fair, \$3 60@3 70; 25 cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

SHEEF—Receipts, 400 head; shipments, 200 head. Market slow at unchanged prices.

By Telegraph, By Telegraph.

New York-Beeves-Receipts, 2,884 hend, including 59 cars for sale; market 15c per 100 pounds lower; native steers, \$3 55@5 00 per 100 pounds; Coloradoes, \$3 70; bulls and cowa, \$1 20@2 27%; dressed beef steady at 7@9½c per pound; shipments to-morrow, 600 beeves and 4,400 quarters of beef. Calves-Receipts, 148 head; market dull; Western calves and grassers, \$2 00@2 50 per 100 fbs. Sheep-Receipts, 5,613 head; market steady; sheep, \$3 50@4 75 per 100 fbs; lambs, \$5 00@6 69; dressed mutton steady at 6½@8c per fb; dressed lambs weak at 7@8½c. Hogs-Receipts, 6,428 head, including 2 cars for sale; market steady at \$3 60@4 60 per 100 fbs.

Chicago-Cattle-Receipts, 8,000 head; ship-

market steady at \$3 60@4 00 per 100 ms.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 8 000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market lower: prime export and shipping steers, \$4 65@5 25; Christmas steers, \$6 00@6 10; others, \$2 40@ 3 75; stockers, \$2 20@2 75; cows, \$1 10@2 35. Hogs—Receipts, 21,000 head; shipments, 11,000 head; market strong at vesterday's decline; rough and common, \$3 50@3 65; prime mixed and packers, \$3 75@3 85; nrime heavy and hutchers' weights, \$3 20@3 93; light, \$3 40 @3 70. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market firm and steady; native ewes, \$2 00@4 25; wethers, \$4 40@5 00; Westerns, \$4 30@4 45; lambs, \$3 25@4 45.

Cincinnati—Hogs barely steady; common Westerns, \$4 30@4 45; lambs, \$3 25@4 45.

Cincinnati—Hogs barely steady; common and light, \$3 00@3 60; packing and butchers', \$3 50@3 80; receipts, 6.570 head: shipments, 3,625 head. Cattle in light demand, easier; fair to choice butchers grades, \$2 50@4 00; prime to choice shippers, \$4 00@4 75; receipts, 700 head; shipments, 400 head. Sheep strong: common to choice, \$2 50@4 50; extra fat wethers and yearling., \$4 50@4 75; receipts, 230 head; shipments, 190 head. Lambs in fair demand and firm; common to choice, \$3 75@5 00 per 100 pounds.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 900 head; ship-

\$3 75@5 00 per 100 pounds.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 900 head; shipments, 800 head; market slow; Christmas steers, \$5 23@6 30; fair to good butchers; \$2 90@5 40; cornfed Texans, \$3 00@3 85. Hogs—Receipts, 5.900 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market 10c lower; fair to prime heavy, \$7 70@3 85; mixed, \$3 15@3 70; fight, fair to best, \$2 40@3 60. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000 head; shipments 100 head; market strong; Christmas wethers, \$4 75@5 50; fair to good muitons, \$3 00@4 90.

tons, \$3 00@4 90.

Buffalo — Cattle — Receipts, 145 loads through, 3 sale: market quiet and steady. Hogs—Receipts, 28 loads through, 75 sale: fairly active, fully 5c lower: heavy grades, \$4 00@4 45; medium weights, \$3 85@4 00. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 40 loads through, 18 sale: steady and strong: sheep. extra fancy, \$4 60@5 00; good to choice, \$4 15@4 50; lambs, good to choice native, \$5 25@5 60; common to fair do, \$4 30@5 15; Canada, common to extra, \$5 50@5 80.

mon to extra, \$5 50@5 80.

Omaha — Cattle — Receipts, 2.100 head; the market was dull and weak at the recent decline; common to fancy steers, \$2 75@5 75; Westerns, \$2 50@3 55. Hogs—Receipts, 11 600 head; the market opened dull and 5c lower, closing about steady at yesterday's prices, bulk, \$3 45@3 55; lignt, \$3 30@3 45; heavy, \$3 45@3 56; mixed, \$3 45@3 50. Sheep—Receipts, 2,027 head; market slow and weak; natives, \$3 75@5 00; Westerns, \$3 50@4 50.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 3,800 head; shipments, 1,500 head; market steady; steers, \$3 00@5 80; cows, \$3 50@3 60; stockers and feeders, \$2 30@3 10. Hogs—Receipts, 13,300 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady to 5c lower; bulk, \$3 50@3 60; all grades, \$3 00@3 80. Sheep—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, 100 head; market steady.

The Drawoods Market

The Drygoods Market.

New York, Dec. II.—Business in drygoods continued to improve to-day. The price of Merrimack was made &c less, a liberal discount, and this is understood to be about the basis of the market this season. The jobbing trade was good for this period, and business with retailers was very active.

FOR Coughs and Throat Disorders use Brown's Bronchial Troches, "Have never changed my mind respecting them, except 1 think better of that which I began by thinking well or," —Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Sold only in boxes, Wonderful New Art Goods.

Vernis Marten cabinets, Onyx and gold cabinets, Remarkable louchet vases, Real bronze figures, Rarely beautiful lamps, Writing desks, Jewel cabinets, HARDY & HAVES',

Jewelers, Silversmiths and Art Dealers, 529 Smithfield street. Open in the evenings.

Our Holiday Offering. "The Home Guard" at all the stores of the A. & P. Tea Co.; don't fail to get one. Given out December 14 to 24 with one pound of tea, one pound of baking powder, or two pounds of coffee. See list of stores in another

For Holiday Gifts, "Chemical Diamonds," mounted in solid gold and set in jewelry of every description.

K. SMIT, Sole Agent,

Corner Liberty and Smithfield and 311 Smithfield street.

"CHEMICAL Diamonds" defy experts. See Jas. W. Drape & Co., 313 Wood st.

B. & B. Lots of new and unique things for to-day's Christmas sales. BOGGS & BUHL. THE eighth wonder, "Chemical Dia-monds." Exquisite gems.

THERE is no higher grade flour made than SILK handkerchiefs for holiday presents. JAMES H. AIKEN & Co., 100 Fifth ave. Clocks

Clocks for the parlor, Clocks for the library, Clocks for the dining room, Clocks for the bedroom, Clocks for the kitchen, Clocks of every kind, HENRY TERHEYDEN, GRAIN IS STILL FIRM.

Corn and Oats Keep Moving Up, With Choice Hay in Demand.

POULTRY DULL AND GAME ACTIVE

In General Produce Lines the Movement Is Still Quite Slow.

GENERAL GROCERIES AS THEY WERE

COUNTRY PRODUCE-Jobbing prices-The situation in this department of trade is practically the same as it has been for a umber of days. Commission merchants are unanimous in reporting a quiet trade. In dairy product lines cheese is the firm factor. Country butter is in bountiful sup-ply, and only the best is wanted. Poultry is still slow, and game is firm. Vegetables of all kinds are in favor of buyers. The same is true of fruits. Apples are very slow at quotations. Florida oranges continue to arrive in quantities beyond the needs of our markets, and markets are weak. Sananas of high grade are firm at outsid

quotations.

APPLES—81 5022 00 per barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery Elgin, 316-32c; Ohio brands, 28639c; common country butter, 18620c; choice country roll, 25622c.

BEANS—New York and Michigan pea, \$1 9062 00; marrow, \$2 1562 25; Lima beans, 4645c 7, b; hand picked medium, \$1 9062 00.

BEESWAX—Choice, 22635c 7 h; low grades, 2265c. 5c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR-New, 24@25c 7 B.

CHRESE-Ohlo cheese, 115@12c; New York
heese, 115@12c; Limburger, 11@115c; New York
weitzer, full cream, 125@135c; imported Sweiter, 26@27c.

zer. 28@7e.
CIDER -Country cider, \$3 50@5 00 \$\barrel; sand refined, \$5 50@7 90.
CRANBERRIES - Per box, \$2 25@2 75.
EGUS- Strictly fresh nearby stock, 28@7e; candied egg. 24@2e; cold storage eggs, 71@2fe.
FEATHERS - Extra live geese, 57@8e; No. 1, 48@50 \$\barrel; billion by \$60 \$\barrel; billion by \$60 \$\barrel; billion by \$60 \$\barrel; billion bil er, meane. Cides -Country cider, \$3 50@5 00 % barrel; sand clined, \$5 50@7 90.

The situation in this line is practically the ame as it has been all the week. Sugars are quiet at quotations, and coffees are firm. Choice New Orleans molasses are firm. Canned goods of all kinds are dull.

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GREEN COFFER—Fancy, 21622c: choice Rio, 20
(20)4c: prime, 195c; low grade Rio, 174,60184c; old Government Java, 276,23c: Maracalbo, 2156; Stochas, 274,6254c; Santos, 185,6224c; Caracas, 275,6224c; La Guayra, 214,6224c; Caracas, 275,6224c; La Guayra, 214,6224c; Caracas, 275,6224c; Old Government Java, bulk, 2624c; Maracalbo, 275,6234c; Santos, 195,6243c; peaberry, 26c: choice Rio, 205c; prime Rio, 20c; good Rio, 195c; ordinary, 175,6185c; alispice, 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, 11c; nutmer, 70,886c.

PETROLEUM (Jobbers' prices)—110° test, 65,6c.

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Pict royaline, 14c; red oil, 105,601c; purity, 14c; oldne, 14c. 0. Molasses—Fancy new erop, 40642c; ce, 40641c; old crop, 26633c; N. O. syrup, 446

90c.
SODA—Bi-carb, in kegs, 3½@3½c; bi-carb, in ½c.
5½c; bi-carb, assorted packages, 5½@6c; sal soda,
in kegs, 1½c; do granulated, 2c.
CANDLES—Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, per set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c. Rick—Head Carolina, 6½@6½c; choice, 5½@6e; Louisiana, 5¼@5½c. STARCH—Pearl, 4c; corn starch, 6@6½c; gloss starch, 6@6. RICK—Hend Carolina, %466%; c: choice, 5%66c; Louislana, 5460%; c.

STARCH—Pearl, &c; corn starch, 665%c; gloss starch, 665%c.

Forrigon Pruits—Layer raisins, \$2.00; London layers, \$2.25; Muscatels, \$1.75; California Muscatels, \$1.606, 1.75; Valencia, 760%; c: Ondara Valencia, 86.65%c; Sultana, 1066lbc; currants, 44638c; Turkey prunes, 660%c; French prunes, 690%c; Solonica prunes, in 2-lb packages, 9c; cocoanuts, \$1.00, \$4.00; almonds, Lam., \$10, 20c; do, Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 60c; walnuts, Nap., 13604c; Sicily filberts, I2c; almonds, Lam., \$10, 20c; do, Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 60c; walnuts, Nap., 13604c; citron, \$1.00, 2400; almonds, Lam., \$10, 20c; do, Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 60c; walnuts, Nap., 13604c; citron, \$1.00, 24024c; lemon pect, 12c \$10; for any do, 10c; do, 10c;

duarter bbl. \$1 60. Holland herr herring, 90c. OATMEAL—\$5 00@5 25 per bbl.

Grain, Flour and Feed. Sales on call at the Grain Exchange were larger in volume than for any one day these several menths past. Total sales were 17 carloads, as follows: Two cars of No. 2 yellow ear corn, 51c, spot; 1 car No. 1 yellow ear corn, 52c, spot; 3 cars No. 2 white oats, 39½c, 5 days; 1 car extra 3 white oats, 39½c, 5 days; 1 car extra 3 white oats, 39½c, 5 days; 1 car no. 2 white oats, 39½c, 1 car No. 2 white oats, 39c, December, Receipts as bulletined, 34 cars, as follows: By Pittsburg, as follows: By Pittsburg, Chachnati and St. Louis, 6 cars of corn. By Baltimore and Ohio, 1 car of hay, 1 of flour, 3 of hay, 1 of flour, 1 of malt. By Pittsburg and Western, 1 car of mat. Sy complete the strong of the spects are for higher-priced oats and corn. Milliced and hay are steady at prices quoted. Flour is firm at sources of supply. Choice grades of hay are in good demand at quotations.

Following quotations are for carload lots on the strong quotations are for carload lots on the strong quotations are for carload lots on the strong of the pitch of the strong of t low ear corn, 51c, spot; 1car No. 1 yellow ear

om store: WHEAT-No. 2 red. \$1 00@1.61; No. 3 red. 26287c. CORN—No. 2 vellow car, 34631 se; high mixed car, 48 6 30c; mixed car, 48 6 40c; No. 1 shell corn, 546 54 sc; No. 2 vellow shelled, 36 35c; high mixed shelled, 52 6 35c; mixed shelled, 50 10c; No. 2 white, 39 6 40c; extra No. 3 oats, 38 6 30c; mixed oats, 336 RYE-No. 1 Pennsylvania and Onio, 26638c; No.

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 96@88c; No. 1 Western, 95@96c.
BARLEY—488775c.
FLOUR-Jobbing prices—Fancy spring, patents, \$5.5665.75; honey winter patents, \$5.2665.50; fancy straight winter, \$6.062.70; fancy straight spring \$5.2665.50; clear winter, \$4.065.00; straight XXXX bakers; \$4.7465.00. By flour, \$5.2665.00; might have be supported by the middlings, \$1.00620.00; brown middlings, \$18.00610.00; how middlings, \$18.00610.00; brown middlings, \$18.00610.00;

Provisions. Sugar cured hams, large, Sugar cured hams, medium, Sugar cured hams, small, Sugar cured California hams, Sugar cured by hacon, Sugar cured skinned hams, large, Sugar cured skinned hams, medium, Sugar cured shoulders, Sugar cured shoulders,

UNCLE SAM NOT IN IT.

In Spite of the Bullish Crop Report the Bears More Than Hold Their Own After a See-Saw Struggle-Corn Shorts Less Panicky.

CHICAGO-The combined action of sev ral of the largest local bear operators over came the effect of a very bullish Government report, and closed the market at a decline since yesterday of %c, and about 2c below the highest price of the day. Outside business was scant throughout the session, leaving the market largely in the hands of local operators. In corn the year shorts are

wheat sold as high as 23%c and closed at 91%c.

In corn January was the strongest option on the list, the shorts evidently being inclined to take a lesson in prudence from what they have seen in November and so far in the present month. It closed at 45%c, compared with 45%c at the end of yesterday's session. The December and year deliveries are gradually losing their terrors for the shorts, the transactions in them during the first hour's trading not exceeding 30,000 bushels, although the price, even at the trifling amount of business, rose to 53c as compared with 55%c at the close of the previous session. The last alle made to-day was at 54 cents. May was strong during the greater part of the session, advancing from 43%@44c, and closing at 43%@44c.

43%c.
The oats market was firm, the range of The oats market was firm, the range of prices being only 1/2 until the last half hour. Trade was rather quiet and the market did little but trail after corn. Sample oats met with a good demand for shipments at prices 1/2 higher. December started at 331/2, sold to 351/2 and hung around the latter price most of the session; broke to and closed at 331/2, to 351/2, to 351/2, to 351/2, sold to 351/2, to 351/2, to 351/2, sold to 351/2, to

9635c.
The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 48 Sixth street, members of the Chicago Board of Trade. Open- | High- Low- Clos-ing. est. est. ing. ARTICLES. WHEAT, No. 2 9354 \$ 94 90% January May CORN, NO. 2. 58 47 44 51 45% 48% May OATS, No. 2 33% 32% 33% anuary ... 8 37 16 8 37 16 8 37 36 8 37 36 11 1235 11 15 11 66 11 65 11 6235 11 625 11 50 11 50 nuary... 6 0214 6 05 6 1236 6 15 6 50 6 5239 5 4234 5 45 5 47 5 40 5 40 5 80 5 87 5 577 5 5 80

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour nominally unchanged. No. 2 suring wheat, 91½c: No. 3 spring wheat, 84@85c; No. 2 red, 91½c: No. 2 corn, 53@63½c; No. 2 cats, 33c; No. 2 white, 34@35c; No. 3 white, 31@34c; No. 2 rve, 89c; No. 2 barley, 59c; No. 3 f. o. b., 43@57c; No. 4, f. o. b., 40@57c; No. 1 flaxseed, 91½c; prime timothy seed, \$1.22. Mess pork, per barrel, \$8.37½@8.50. Lard, per 100 lbs, \$6.07½@6.10. Short ribsides (loose), \$5.40%5.60. Dry saited shoulders (boxed), \$4.37½@4.50. Short clear sides (boxed), \$4.37½@4.50. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, \$1.8. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was quiet and unchanged. Eggs firm; fresh, 24@24c.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Dutter market was quiet and unchanged. Eggs firm; fresh, 21@24c.

NEW YORK Wheat—Spot market dull, unsettled and lower: No. 2 red, \$1 054@1052, store and elevator: \$1 074@109, aflout: \$1 074@119, aflout: \$1 074@ PHILADELPHIA-Flour quiet but firm.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar active and very firm: open kettle, strictly prime, 2 13-16; prime, 25-62½; fair to rully fair, 25-62-16; prime, 25-62½; fair to rully fair, 25-62-16; common 10 good common, 25-62½; centri.ugal, off plantation, granulateu, 35-6; choice white, 32-16; off white, 32-16; off do, 35-63; 3-16; prime do, 35-63; 7-16; off do, 35-63; 5-16c; seconds, 25-63½; c. Molasses—Open kettle firm; choice, 22c; strictly prime, 30-31c; good prime, 28-62; good,

fair to prime, 25@27c; common to fair, 22@ 24c; centrifugal easier; strictly prime, 18@ 19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 16@ 14c; common to good common, 6@0c. Syrup

24@30c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 39/2055/c; December, 95/2055/c; closing at 91/20 asked; May, 95/201 00. closing at 90c; July, closing at 91/20 asked. Corn quiet; No. 2, cash, 42/20 42/20; year, 410/411/20, closing at 44c bid; January, 402/40/20; closing at 40/40/40/20; May, 403/40/41/20; closing at 40/40/40/20; May, 403/40/40/20; closing at 40/40/40/20; May, 30/20 bid. By encylected. Barley quiet, but stoady; Minnesota, 53/60/40. Butter unchanged Eggs dull and easier at 250. Provisions dull and very little doing. Pork—Old, 49/00; new, \$11/20. Lard easier at 55/97/20. Old, \$9 00; new, \$11 25. Lard ensier at \$5 97)4.

BALTIMORE—Wheat firm: No. 2 red spor and December, \$1 033,91 04; January, \$1 052,91 05; February, \$1 053,91 04; January, \$1 105,91 105; steamer No. 2 red. 97,498c. Corn firm: mixed spot and year, 61c; January, 57c; February, 55½c asked: March, 55c asked. Onts strong and fairly active: No. 2 white Western, 42c asked; No. 2 mixed do, 39,494c. Eve dull and weak; No. 2, 25, 98c. Hay steady; 200d to choice timothy, \$13 06,914 00. Provisions firm and active. Butter steady. Eggs steady at 28c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, December, opening, 88c; highest, 88c; lowest, 87½c, closing to-day at 86c; yesterday, 88½c; May, opening, 94c; highest, 94½c; lowest, 92½c; closing to-day at 92½c; yesterday, 23½c; January, closing to-day at 87c; yesterday, 87½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 88c; No. 1 Northern, 87c; No. 2 Northern, 82@84c.

ern, 87c; No. 2 Northern, 82684c.

MILWAUKEF-Flour quiet. Wheat easy, December, 8934c; No. 2 spring, 89c; No. 1 Northern, 9334c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 43c. Oats steady; No. 3 white, 34c. Barley quiet; No. 2, 5834c; sample, on track, 5162634c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 89c. Provisions quiet. Pork—January, \$11 10. Lard—January, \$6 1234. CINCINNATI—Flour easy. Wheat ensier; No. 2 red, 95/6996c. Corn in good demand; No. 2 mixed, 50c. Oats scarce and firm; No. 2 mixed, 50c. Rye quiet; No. 2, 95c. Provisions quiet and unchanged, Butter in moderate demand. Eggs stendy at 22c, Cheese steady.

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DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 29c; December, 89c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 88c; December, 884c; May, 35c; No. 2 Northern, cash, 824c; No. 3, 794c; rejected, 694c.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and lower; cash and December, 36c; May, \$1 62%. Corn active and lower; cash, 473cc; January, 45Ec, Oats quiet; cash, 34c. Rye dull; cash, 914c. KANSAS CITY—Wheat dull and steady; No. 2, cash, 79c. Corn lower; No. 2, cash, 38d bid; January, 37c. Oats higher; No. 2, cash, 30\(\frac{1}{2}\)c bid; December, 30\(\frac{1}{2}\)c.

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