MORE GOOD BEEVES

Offered at East Liberty This Week Than for Months Past.

LIGHT BUTCHER CATTLE STEADY.

But Heavy Grades Were Weak and Slow at a Sharp Decline.

GOOD SHEEP FIRM AND HOGS LOWER

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16.

There were all told about 92 carloads of cattle on sale at the East Liberty yards this week, against 95 loads last week. The proportion of good beeves was larger this week than it has been for months past. There were no strictly prime cattle offered in carload lots. Markets opened weak and lower for all heavy stock, and there was a decline on this grade of not less than 25c per cwt. Said an old-time stockman: "We haven't had as mean a market for heavy cattle for a year past as we have had this week."

Full flesh lightweight beeves weighing from 900 to 1,100 pounds were steady at last week's prices. The highest price paid in a wholesale way was $4 80 for a carload of Coshocton county, Ohio, cattle, which averaged 1,443 pounds in weight. The same would have brought 5c per pound a week ago. Two very fancy heifers weighing 1,470 pounds were bought by B. Trauerman from Holmes, Rowlen, Briggs & Co. at $5 37½. This fancy pair was consigned by Carpenter & Campbell, of Middletown, Indiana, and were forwarded to Young & Young, of Johnstown, for their holiday trade.

Hogs were in liberal supply, the total receipts for the week being about 100 carloads against the same number last week. The highest price obtained was $4 90 per cwt but this morning the top of the market was $4 90 and slow at that. Sheep and lambs have been in supply to the amount of about 35 loads this week, about the same number as last week. Good grades were easy to sell at last week's prices, while common stock was very slow at a decline. Top price of sheep was 5c and lambs 5½c per lb. A very fancy bunch of lambs, consigned by Mr. Ross, of Bucyrus, O., sold at 5¼c.

A Live Stock Firm's Review.

Following is report of transaction at Liberty yards by Holmes, Rowlen, Briggs & Co.:

We report 88 loads of cattle on sale Monday which were principally from Chicago, Ohio and Indiana. The quality of Ohio and Indiana cattle was very much better than former offerings on this market for the past two months, a large per cent ranged in weight from 1,300 to 1,450, with fair quality and good flesh. These proved too heavy and high-priced for our country trade, and as the Eastern markets were reported to be in a demoralized condition it was impossible to make sale of such grades except at prices which we consider strong ½c lower than last week, and lower than such cattle have sold here for the past year. The demand was good for smooth light cattle, and this grade sold readily at strong last week's prices. A few prime beeves were offered and sold for holiday trade at $5 00@5 37½. We sold two heifers at the latter price; weighed 1,470 each. We quote: Good, 1,400 to 1,500 lbs. at $4 25@4 80; good, 1,200 to 1,300, at $3 90@4 40; good, 1,000 to 1,100, at $3 40@3 75; mixed, 900 to 1,200, $2 60@3 50; cows and bulls, $2 00@2 75; stockers, 600 to 900, $2 00@2 75; fresh cows and springers, $20 00@45 00 per head. Receipts of hogs are liberal, and closing slow at a shade lower prices. We quote: Select tops, $3 85@3 90; Yorkers, $3 65@3 75. Receipts of sheep are light, and prices a shade higher. We quote: Prime, 100 to 110, at $5 00@5 25; 80 to 90, at $4 25@4 60; 70 to 80, at $3 00@4 00; culls, $2 00@3 00; lambs, $4 50@5 50.

The Sales Reported.

Below are sales that show the trend of trade:

Lafferty Bros. & Hadden: Cattle—16 head, 14,870 lbs. $3 20; 7 head, 7,500 lbs, $3 00. Hogs—23 head, 12,320 lbs. $3 75; 64 head, 14,000 lbs. $4 90. Sheep—4 head, 2,890 lbs. $5 10; 29 head, 1,430 lbs. $3 25; 94 head, 6,440 lbs, $5 25; 152 head, 12,430 lbs, $4 65.

E. Mcnall & Co.: Cattle—18 head, 21,160 lbs. $3 65; 20 head, 3,280 lbs, $3 00; 18 head, 19,460 lbs. $3 65; 20 head, 23,750 lbs, $4 00; 18 head, 22,400 lbs. $3 70; 20 head, 21,890 lbs, $3 65; 9 calves, 1,080 lbs, $5 75. Hogs—123 head, 22,730 lbs, $3 85; 19 head, 3,750 lbs, $4 00; 55 head, 16,350 lbs, $4 00; 167 head, 21,190 lbs, $3 80. Sheep—35 head, 2,070 lbs, $4 75; 102 head, 7,280 lbs, $5 25.

Holmes, Rowlen, Briggs & Co.: Cattle—17 head, 24,500 lbs, $4 25; 19 head, 23,100 lbs, $3 80; 19 head, 23,480 lbs, $4 00; 17 head, 22,400 lbs, $4 20; 44 head, 49,380 lbs, $3 80; 20 head, 24,290 lbs, $3 65; 18 head, 23,890 lbs, $4 00; 11 calves, 1,360 lbs, $5 75. Hogs—80 head, 19,820 lbs, $3 95; 366 head, 57,490 lbs $3 85; 158 head, 27,000 lbs, $3 90; 103 head, 15,530 lbs, $3 75. Sheep—31 head, 1,760 lbs, $4 60; 42 head, 3,840 lbs, $4 40; 84 head, 6,180 lbs, $4 50; 93 head, 4,250 lbs, $5 25.

S. R. Hodges & Co: Cattle—17 head, 24,510 lbs, $4 80; 15 head, 18,590 lbs, $3 65; 16 head, 22,190 lbs, $4 25; 12 head, 14,970 lbs, $3 75; 15 head, 18,520 lbs, $3 75; 11 head, 12,310 lbs, $3 87½; 45 head, 64,850 lbs, $4 30; 7 calves, 840 lbs, 6c. Hogs—28 head, 6,780 lbs, $4; 158 head, 22,760 lbs, $3 80; 36 head, 5,100 lbs, $3 65; 44 head, 6,440 lbs, $3 62½. Sheep—199 head, 13,020 lbs, $5 25; 20 head, 1,470 lbs, $4 50; 62 head, 3,470 lbs, $4 25; 83 head, 6,950 lbs, $3 10.

Beacker, Linkhorn & Co: Cattle—14 head, 20,850 lbs, $3 25; 24 head, 24,870 lbs, $3 65; 19 head, 19,880 lbs, $2 50; 14 head, 12,750 lbs, $3 20; 2 head, 10,030 lbs, $3 00; 29 head, 19,750 lbs, $3 75. Hogs—103 head, 16,570 lbs, $3 70; 89 head, 5,090 lbs, $3 85; 8 head, 15,100 lbs, $3 80; 67 head, 13,330 lbs, $3 90; 72 head, 14,000 lbs, $3 75. Lambs—24 head, 1,990 lbs, $5 25.

Huff, Hazelwood & Imhoff: Cattle—11 head, 13,510 lbs, $3 35; 16 head, 16,940 lbs, $2 55; 1 head, 8,350 lbs, $3 50; 5 calves, 700 lbs, $5 75; 9 calves, 920 lbs, $6 00. Hogs—113 head, 19,850 lbs, $3 85; 70 head, 15,650 lbs, $3 80; 65 head, 14,540 lbs, $4 00; 62 head, 8,950 lbs, $3 95; 86 head, 19,090 lbs, $3 90. Sheep—67 head, 4,210 lbs, $4 50; 125 head, 8,760 lbs, $4 60; 122 head, 8,570 lbs, $3 60; 318 head, 21,730 lbs, $5 50; 184 head, 13,550 lbs, $5 25.

John Hesket & Co: Cattle—20 head, 23,150 lbs, $2 70; 25 head, 25,890 lbs, $3 40; 19 head, 20,250 lbs, $3 50; 10 head, 18,130 lbs, $3 15; 22 head, 27,500 lbs, $4 25; 20 head, 23,670 lbs, $4 00; 21 head, 23,930 lbs, $3 90; 28 head, 30,410 lbs, $2 20; 19 head, 23,140 lbs, $3 65; 15 head, 17,940 lbs, $3 10. Hogs—86 head, 19,010 lbs, $3 75; 71 head, 13,490 lbs, $3 90; 66 head, 12,110 lbs, $3 90. Sheep—34 head, 7,010 lbs, $3 60; 25 head, 1,680 lbs, $4 80.

Dinah, Dyver & Co: Cattle—17 head, 20,710 lbs, $3 85; 18 head, 22,340 lbs, $4 00; 20 head, 24,690 lbs, $3 60; 20 head, 25,560 lbs, $4 00; 24 head, 26,020 lbs, $3 50; 31 head, 15,380 lbs, $4 17½; 21 head, 22,910 lbs, $3 75; 8 calves, 1,000 lbs, 6c. Hogs—70 head, 11,450 lbs, $3 80; 124 head, 23,500 lbs, $3 90; 43 head, 7,900 lbs, $3 90; 75 head, 12,750 lbs, $3 85. Sheep—199 head, 22,100 lbs, $4 30; 29 head, 2,950 lbs, $5 00; 194 head, 14,930 lbs, $5 35; 72 head, 6,590 lbs, $5 60.

By Telegraph.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 1,298 head, including 42 cars for sale; market 10c per 100 pounds higher; native steers, $3 40@5 00 per 100 lbs; choice Christmas do, $5 50@6 00; bulls and cows, $1 50@2 10; dressed beef steady at 6½@8½c per lb; shipments to-day 897 beeves and 6,472 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 65 beeves and 48 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 326 head; market steady; veals, $3 00@8 00 per 100 lbs; grassers, $2 00@2 50. Sheep—Receipts, 2,271 head; sheep steady; lambs a shade firmer; sheep, $3 00@5 00 per 100 lbs; lambs, $5 00@6 00; dressed mutton steady at 6½@8c per lb; dressed lambs firm at 7@8½c. Hogs—Receipts, 6,250 head, consigned direct; nominally steady at $3 60@4 00 per 100 pounds.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 13,000 head; shipments, 4,000 head; market steady to a shade stronger; Christmas steers, $6 25; choice to export and shipping steers, $5 00@5 05; others, $2 35@4 50; stockers, $2 15@3 00; cows, $1 10@2 50. Hogs—Receipts, 43,000 head; shipments, 8,000 head; market active and 10c higher; rough and common, $3 50@3 65; mixed and packers', $3 70@3 85; prime heavy and butchers' weights, $3 90@4 00; light, $4 50@5 70. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000 head; shipments, 600 head; market steady native ewes, $2 00@4 00; mixed ewes and lambs, $4 25@4 55; good wethers, $5 00@5 25; fancy Corn-fiums wethers, $5 50@5 75; Westerns, $4 75@4 85; lambs $3 75@5 35.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 2,700 head; shipments, 300; market strong; fair to choice native steers, $3 90@4 75; Texan and Indian steers, grass and corn fed, $2 75@3 50; Texan cows, $2 00@2 35. Hogs—Receipts, 8,200 head; shipments, 400 head; market 5@10c higher; fair to prime heavy, $3 75@3 90; mixed, $3 55@3 80; light, fair to best, $3 45@3 65. Sheep—Receipts, 400 head; market steady; fair to choice, $3 00@4 75.

Cincinnati—Hogs active and stronger; common and light, $3 10@3 60; packing and butchers', $3 55@3 90; receipts, 5,225 head; shipments, 2,790 head. Cattle stronger and unchanged; receipts, 300 head; shipments, 500 head. Sheep weak; common to choice, $2 50@4 25; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $4 50@4 75; receipts, 830 head; shipments, 220 head. Lambs easy; common to choice, $3 50@4 75 per cwt.

Buffalo — Cattle — Receipts, 63 loads through; 12 sale; steady. Hogs—Receipts, 12 loads through; 65 sale; heavy grades, $3 95@4 05; medium weights, $3 85@3 90. Lambs—Receipts 9 loads through; 14 sale; steady and firm; about all sold. Sheep—Christmas, $5 25@5 75; extra fancy, $4 80@5 20; good to choice, $4 25@4 75. Lambs—Good to choice native, $5 25@5 65; common to fair native, $4 90@5 20.

Omaha—Cattle—Receipts, 1,700 head; market dull; prices steady on everything good; common to fancy steers, $2 75@5 75; Westerns, $2 50@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 7,500 head; prices fully 5c, and, in occasional cases, 10c higher; light, $3 50@3 60; heavy, $3 60@3 72½; mixed, $3 50@3 65. Sheep—Receipts, 760 head; market active, and everything useful sold readily at fully steady prices; natives, $3 75@5 00; Westerns, $3 50@4 75; lambs, $4 00@5 00.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 3,600 head; shipments, 2,100 head; market strong for steers; others dull; steers, $3 00@3 85; cows, $3 50@3 65; stockers and feeders, $2 30@3 15. Hogs—Receipts, 14,000 head; shipments, 900 head; market active and 5c higher; bulk, $3 60@3 70; all grades, $3 10@3 80. Sheep—Receipts, 300 head; market steady.

BETTER CORN INSPECTION.

That and the Depressed Condition of Wheat, Bears Down the Price of Corn —Europe Has Been Over-Buying Wheat —No Change in Provisions.

CHICAGO—Wheat was weak to-day and prices ruled lower. The conditions were full of discouragement for holders and there was a steady selling pressure most of the day with a sluggish demand, and trade was dull and narrow. The weakest aspect of the case was the situation in Europe, where holders seem to have lost confidence and turned free sellers. For some days the situation there has been growing worse, and now there appears to be a general slaughter of the longs. Europe has been getting more than it was consuming for some weeks, and this has finally had its effect. To-day most of the private cables reported the market sick, both on the continent and in the United Kingdom.

Domestic markets have sympathized with the conditions abroad and are tending downward. Local bears sold freely and longs were also inclined to let go their holdings. The decline met some stop loss orders whose execution added to the weakness. The buying was confined largely to the covering of short sales, which show a satisfactory profit. May opened at 97c against 97⅞c at the close yesterday, broke to 96¾c, reacted to 96⅞c, weakened again during the last hour, selling off to 96¼c, rallied to 96½c and closed at 96⅜c.

Corn was weak and lower on all the futures. The weakness in the wheat pit was one of the depressing factors, but the chief one was the improved inspection, which was 57 cars out of 401 inspected in—a larger per cent than for some time previous. This discouraged the bull party, and their fears were augmented by the statement that at least one Chicago elevator was making contract corn at the rate of several thousand bushels a day by drying out its excellent No. 2 new. Word was also received from other points that a good deal of corn is now grading contract, and the proportion is expected to increase; so shorts felt more at ease and bought while the selling by longs was free. A slump was the result. December opened 1⅛c down at 50c, sold off without reaction to 49c, a decline of 13c from the high price of a few days ago, reacted on purchases to take profits, and closed at 49c. January opened 1c lower at 44⅞c, sold as low as 43½c and closed at 43¾c.

Oats were quiet, steady and without feature.

Hog products were steady and inclined to firmness, although the trade was light. Receipts of live hogs were smaller than estimated, and prices at the yards were quoted 10c higher. This tended to keep the product steady, notwithstanding the weakness in wheat and corn. The close shows practically no change from the last figures of yesterday.

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	$ 90½	$ 90½	$ 89⅞	$ 90
January	91⅝	91⅝	90½	91½
May	97	97⅛	96¼	96⅜
CORN, No. 2.				
December	50	50¼	47	48
January	44⅝	45	43½	43¾
May	42¾	42¾	42⅛	42⅜
OATS, No. 2.				
December	32¼	32¼	32	32
January	32	32¼	30⅞	31⅛
May	34	34¼	32⅝	32⅝
MESS PORK.				
December	8 12½	8 12½	8 10	8 10
January	11 00	11 00	10 92½	10 95
May	11 42½	11 45	11 37½	11 40
LARD.				
December	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
January	6 12½	6 12½	6 10	6 12½
May	6 47½	6 50	6 45	6 47½
SHORT RIBS.				
December	5 45	5 45	5 40	5 40
January	5 45	5 45	5 42½	5 42½
May	5 82½	5 82½	5 77½	5 80

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 90c; No. 3 spring wheat, 82½@83½c; No. 2 red, 90c. No. 2 corn, 47½c. No. 2 oats, 32c; No. 2 white, 33@34c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c. No. 2 rye, 88c. No. 2 barley, 59c; No. 3, f.o.b., 38@57c; No. 4, f.o.b., 35@45c. No. 1 flaxseed, 94½c. Prime timothy seed, $1 25. Mess pork, per bbl., $8 10@8 15. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6 07½. Short ribs sides, loose, $5 40@5 60. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 37½@4 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $5 70@5 75. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1 18. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was quiet and unchanged. Eggs, 23½@24½c.

NEW YORK — Flour dull and weak. Wheat—Spot market quiet and lower; No. 2 red, $1 04½@1 04¾ in store and elevator; $1 06@1 06⅞ afloat; $1 06@1 07⅞ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1 00½@1 01; ungraded red, 98⅞c@$1 11; No. 1 Northern, $1 08½; No. 1 hard, $1 11½; No. 2 Northern, $1 02; options declined ¾@1⅛c; reacted ⅛@¼c, and closed weak at ⅜@1⅛c under yesterday. No. 2 red, December, $1 04⅛@1 04⅝; closing at $1 04⅛; January $1 09 closing at $1 10; February, $1 06@1 06⅝, closing at $1 06⅝; March, $1 07⅛@1 08, closing at $1 07⅞; April, $1 07⅞@1 08, closing, $1 07⅞; May, $1 07@1 08⅛, closing at $1 07⅞; June, $1 05⅞@1 06⅛; July, $1 05⅞@1 04. Barley dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 73@74c. Corn — Spot market fairly active; closing firmer; No. 2, at 56¾@57⅜c elevator; 57⅜@58c afloat; ungraded mixed, 48@66c. No. 2 white, 56c; No. 3, 50@53c; steamer mixed, 54½@55½c; options declined ⅜@2c; reacted ½@1c, closed weak at ⅜@1⅜c under yesterday; December, 56⅞@57⅜c, closing at 57⅛c; January, 53⅞@54¼c, closing at 53⅜c; February, 52⅞@53c, closing at 52¾c; March, 52⅞@52¾c, closing at 52⅝c; May, 51½@51¾c, closing at 51⅝c; July, 50½@50¾c, closing at 50⅝c. Oats—Spot market weaker and moderately active; options dull and lower; December, 39¾@40c, closing at 39⅞c; January, 39¼@39½c, closing at 39½c; May, 39@39¼c, closing at 39⅛c; spot No. 2 white, 40¼c; mixed Western, 38½@41½c; white Western, 39@43½c; No. 2 Chicago, 41½c. Hay quiet and steady. Hops firm, good demand. Tallow dull, barely steady. Eggs quiet and easy; Western, 24@24½c. Pork quiet. Cut meats quiet and weak; pickled bellies, 5½@5⅝c; do shoulders, 5c; do hams, 7¾@8c. Middles quiet and steady. Lard easier and quiet; Western steam closed at $6 42½ bid; options—December, $6 45 asked; January, $6 44; February, $6 53 bid; March, $6 63 bid; May, $6 78. Butter quiet and easy; Western dairy, 16@22c; do creamery, 19@29½c; Elgin, 29½c. Cheese quiet; part skims, 4½@9c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour very dull and weak. Wheat weak and lower; steamer No. 2 red, in export elevator, 95c; No. 2 red, in do, $1 00¼; No. 2 red, December, $1 00@1 00¼; January, $1 01¾@1 02¼; February, $1 03½@1 04; March, $1 05½@1 05. Corn weak and lower; No. 3 in export elevator, 51½c; steamer, in export elevator, 54c; No. 2 white, in export elevator, 55½c; No. 2 mixed, December, 55½@56c; January, 53½@53¾c; February, 52½@52¾c; March, 52½@52¾c. Oats quiet; prices ruled firm under light offerings; No. 3 white, 40½c; No. 2 white, 41½c; No. 2 white, December, 40½@41¼c; January, 40@40½c; February, 40@40½c; March, 40@40½c. Eggs dull and weak; Pennsylvania firsts, 26c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour dull and neglected. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 92⅝@92¾c; December, 92⅝@93¼c, closing at 92¾c bid; May, 97@97⅛c, closing at 97⅛@97¼c bid; July, 92¾c closing at 92c bid. Corn—No. 2, cash, 39@39½c; year, 38⅞@39⅛c, closing at 39c; January, 38¼@39c, closing at 38¼c; February closed at 38½c; May, 39¼@40c, closing at 39½c. Oats—Spot quiet and firm; options weak and ⅛c lower; December, 34⅝c; May, 34½@35c, closing at 34¾c bid. Rye dull and lower; No. 2, 62c bid. Barley dull and weak; Minnesota, 60@62½c. Butter dull and unchanged. Eggs steadier at 22c. Provisions very quiet and about steady. Pork—Old, $9 00; new, $11 25. Lard firm.

BALTIMORE—Wheat steady; No. 2 red, spot and December, $1 02¼@1 02½; January, 1 03@1 03⅛; February, $1 04⅝@1 05; May, $1 07⅝; steamer No. 2 red, 96½@97c. Corn weak; mixed spot, 57@57½c; year, 56@56½c; January, 53¼@53½c; February, 52¾@53½c; March, 52½c; steamer mixed 53¼@53½c. Oats easy; No. 2 white Western, 41c; No. 2 mixed, do, 39c asked. Rye dull and weak; No. 2, 94c; stock, 208,484 bushels. Hay steady; good to choice timothy, $13 00@14 00. Provisions dull and quiet. Butter firm and unchanged. Eggs dull at 25c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar steady; prime, 2⅝c; good fair to fully fair, 2½@2 9-16c; common to fair, 2¼@2½c; off white, 3⅛@3 9-16c; gray do, 3⅜@3 7-16c; choice yellow, clarified, 3¾@3⅞c; prime do, 3 9-16@3 5-16c; off do, 3⅛@3⅜c; seconds, 2¼@3c. Molasses — Open kettle strong; choice, 32c; strictly prime, 30@31c; good prime, 28@29c; good fair to prime, 25@27c; common to fair, 22@24c; centrifugal steady; strictly prime, 18@19c; good, 15@17c; fair to prime, 10@14c; common to good common, 6@9c. Syrup, 24@29c.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, December, closing to-day at 85½c, yesterday, 86c; May, opening, 92c; highest, 92c; lowest, 91⅜c; closing to-day, 92⅛c, sellers, yesterday, 92½c; January closing to-day at 85½c, yesterday at 86⅜c; on track, No. 1 Northern, 87½c; No. 1 hard, 88½c; No. 2 Northern, 81@83c.

MILWAUKEE—Flour quiet. Wheat easy; May, 91⅞c; No. 2 spring, 86c; No. 1 Northern, 91c. Corn lower; No. 3, 41c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 3 white, 32@32½c. Barley easy; No. 2, 55½c; sample on track, 56@59c. Rye dull; No. 1, 88c. Provisions steady. Pork—January, $11 45. Lard—January, $6 47½.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat higher; No. 2 cash, 78c bid; December, 78c bid, 80c asked; January, 78c bid. Corn lower; No. 2 cash, 33c bid, 36¼c asked; January, 35¼c bid, 36½c asked; May, 36c. Oats up; No. 2 cash, 30¼c; December, 30¼c; January, 30½c; May, 32c. Butter and eggs unchanged.

CINCINNATI—Flour easy. Wheat dull and nominal; No. 2 red, 24c. Corn easier; No. 2 mixed, 45c. Oats easier; No. 2 mixed, 35@35½c. Rye neglected; No. 2, 93@94c. Provisions firmer. Butter easier. Eggs easier at 22c. Cheese in moderate demand.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 88c; December, 88c; May, 94½c bid; No. 1 Northern, cash, 87c; December, 87c; May, 93½c bid; No. 2 Northern, cash, 81c; No. 3 Northern, 78c; rejected, 66c.

TOLEDO—Wheat active and lower; No. 2 cash and December, 95½c; May, $1 01½. Corn steady; No. 2 cash, 45c; May, 44c. Oats quiet; cash, 34c. Rye dull; cash, 92c.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—There was an improved general demand for drygoods and a more active special movement in bleached cottons. Buyers and the market to some extent have been waiting for some time for a price to be made on Lonsdale bleached shirtings, which was done to-day, and a few other lines followed, though the action has been quietly discounted by some agents. The following revisions were made: Lonsdale 4-4 bleached shirtings, 8½c; do 7-8, 7¼c; Blackstone, 7c; Hope, 7c; Fitchville, 6½c; New York mills 4-4 bleached shirting, 10¼c. The reductions on the Lonsdale and New York mills were ¼c a yard; others, ½c; Lonsdale cambrics were made 10c. The movement seems to satisfy buyers and relieves the market from suspense. A few other reductions may follow. These reductions occur upon comparatively light stocks.

Turpentine Markets.

SAVANNAH—Turpentine firm at 31c. Rosin firm at $1 25@1 30.

CHARLESTON—Turpentine steady at 31c. Rosin firm; good strained, $1 20.

NEW YORK—Rosin quiet and steady. Turpentine quiet and firm at 33½@34¼c.

WILMINGTON—Spirits of turpentine steady at 30½c. Rosin firm; strained, $1 20; good strained, $1 25. Tar steady at $1 30. Crude turpentine firm; hard, $1 00; yellow dip, $1 90; virgin, $1 90.

The Coffee Markets.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—Coffee firm; Rio cargoes fair at 17c; No. 7, 14c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Coffee—Rio, ordinary to fair, quiet, 14½@16½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Coffee—Options opened steady 5 points up to 10 down; closed steady 5 down to 10 up; sales, 42,750 bags, including December, 13 00@13.20c; January, 12.70@12.80c; February, 12.50@12.55c; March, 12.10@12.50c; May, 11.90@11.95c; July, 11.80; October, 11.65c; spot Rio firm and quiet; No. 7, 14c.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Pig iron in fair demand; American, $15 50@17 75. Copper quiet and steady; lake, December, $10 30. Lead quiet; domestic, $4 25. Tin quiet and firm; straights, $20 00.

ST. LOUIS—Wool—Receipts, 93,100 pounds; shipments, none. Steady and unchanged.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Rumored that rebellion has broken out afresh at Yuguaron, Brazil.

Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli is being advocated as the successor of Pope Leo XIII.

—The Crowley express office near Lake Charles, La., was robbed of $1,000 Tuesday night.

—A Brussels shoemaker named Gustave Averro is on trial for murdering his five brothers.

—The English fishing boat Osprey foundered in the Tay yesterday. Her crew of five were drowned.

—The Hawaiian Minister of Foreign Affairs has appointed an honorary World's Fair Commission.

—Governor Buchanan, of Tennessee, has decided to send the convicts back to the mines under an armed escort.

—The volcano at Kaliane, Hawaii, is burning very actively, and an overflow is expected there in the near future.

—Rumored that Count Behaine, the French Ambassador to the Vatican, will be recalled. He is not a favorite of the Pope.

—The authorities of Victoria, B. C., have discovered in that city regular slave shambles, where Chinamen buy women as they would tea.

—The defunct Bank of Columbia and the Columbia Banking Company, at Columbia, Tenn., will probably pay from 60 to 70 cents on the dollar.

—A wreck on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy R ilroad at Dudley, Ia., Tuesday, demolished 17 cars, and killed Engineer Welsh and Fireman McGovern.

—The Bulgarian Minister at Paris, in an interview, expressed the opinion that his Government will back down in the diplomatic dispute over the Journalist Chadonine incident.

—The owners of the Eureka coal mines in Clay county, Ind., have given in to the strikers' demands, but no work is being done. The best part of the season, the operators say, is already past.

—The Grand Detour Plow Company and the Henderson Shoe Company, at Dixon, Ill., have informed their employes that under no circumstances would Knights of Labor be employed in either establishment.

—The United States cruiser Charleston, which arrived at Honolulu from Yokohama on the 4th inst., encountered a typhoon on the second day out, and heavy weather followed for ten days. The vessel behaved splendidly.

—Returns issued by the French Board of Trade show that during the month of November the imports decreased 7,107,000 francs and the exports increased 4,405,000 francs, as compared with the corresponding month last year.

—The Spaniards have taken to Manilla one of the five native chiefs of the Caroline Islands, probably to impress him with a sense of the power and resources of the Spanish Government. At the order of the Spanish he undertook to lead an expedition against the Meteleim tribe. When his people heard of it they went after him and brought him back to his own territory.

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DEALS AND DICKERS.

Another Handsome East End Residence Passes Into New Hands.

BUSINESS CHANGES ON THE SLATE.

Negotiations Pending for Nearly One Thousand Feet on Fifth Avenue.

FEATURES OF THE CLOSING YEAR

It was reported yesterday that W. C. Stewart had sold the Hatry residence property, corner of Fifth avenue and Shady Lane, at a price approximating $35,000, Mrs. J. Scott Ferguson, wife of the well-known attorney, being mentioned as the purchaser. Mr. Stewart would neither affirm nor deny the report. The property consists of a lot 184x170 feet, with one of the finest dwellings in the East End.

Some April Changes.

A number of important changes will occur about April 1. It has been stated that the Adams Express Company on Fifth avenue has given up its present quarters and will flit about that time. It is understood it will remove to the vicinity of the Union station, where it owns considerable ground, and where it may erect a permanent home. As noted a few days ago, the probability is that the Central Hotel will pass into the hands of new managers. One or two of the storerooms will likely be leased to new occupants. A commission house on Liberty street will occupy a large building on Water street. The Arbuthnot building on Water street, it is understood, has been leased, but to whom is not known. Several minor concerns will pull up stakes, one or two going out Fifth avenue. In most cases removals are due to high rents, which the scarcity of business stands enables owners to impose. It is a fact worthy of note that there are fewer empty stores in Pittsburg than in any other city in the country. Practically, there are none that are in a condition for occupancy, a fact which should not escape the attention of capitalists and builders.

Features of the Year.

Business men with singular unanimity join in saying that nearly all the unfavorable conditions under which the year opened, and which handicapped almost every line of activity until late in the summer, have practically disappeared. Confidence has succeeded timidity. The financial situation has undergone a complete reversal within the last six months. Money is easy at all of the great business centers. Pittsburg national banks have nearly $1,500,000 in excess of the legal requirements, while private capitalists are strong in resources. At the beginning of the year, and for some time afterward, several important local corporations were deeply involved. These troubles have been adjusted. So far as can be seen there is nothing to cause apprehension. There is clear sailing ahead. Everything invites a forward movement all along the line. With plenty of material to work on, with confidence practically restored, with money to be had almost for the asking, there is every reason to believe that Pittsburg is on the eve of a business revival which will prove the most notable in her history. These are the conditions and prospects under which the year is drawing to a close.

Investors Are Moving.

There is a brisk inquiry for property in Shadyside, on Fifth avenue, and it is safe to assert that in a short time practically everything on the market will have changed ownership. It is known that negotiations are pending for several parcels aggregating 814 feet, with a view to substantial improvement next season. At the present rate of absorption it will be but a short time until everything is taken up, leaving to future investors only one course, that of buying out others at whatever figures they may see fit to name.

Business News and Gossip.

An Eastern capitalist is dickering for a slice of East End property.

To-day stockholders of the Pittsburg and Duquesne Traction Companies will take action on the pooling arrangement, or whatever it may be.

General managers of Western roads say that the shortage of cars at Chicago will be relieved materially in about ten days.

The Rock Island Railroad has ordered 1,200 new cars, all to be delivered before March 1 next.

It is stated on good authority that the earnings of the Birmingham traction road are about $1,100 a day. The inclines are good feeders.

The Chicago Elevated Terminal Railway Company has purchased for $7,500,000 the right of way and all the real estate holdings of the Atchison within the city limits of Chicago.

Louisa M. Horn has sold to Isabel L. Saunders a house and lot on Park street, McKeesport, for $12,000.

The directors of the Vanderbilt roads will meet next week on either Tuesday or Wednesday and the dividends will be then declared.

John H. Kohne took out a permit yesterday for two brick two-story and mansard dwellings on Desoto street, Fourteenth ward, to cost $6,000. Two others were issued, aggregating $1,100.

At the last call yesterday 18⅝ was bid for Duquesne Traction stock and 94¼ for the bonds. The stock was offered at 20. For Electric scrip, 81½ was bid.

Stockholders of the Odd Fellows' Savings Bank yesterday voted to apply for an extension of the charter of the bank for 25 years.

The only unfavorable news received yesterday was that the Irwin Bank had again closed. It was the culmination of the former trouble and had been discounted.

Movements in Realty.

A. J. Pentecost sold for the estate of Julia Forbes, at Orphans' Court sale, a strip of ground on Second avenue near Tenth street bridge, having a frontage of 345 feet by 115 to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, to the Maloney Bronze Manufacturing Company for $15 525.

Black & Baird sold to A. V. Womeldorff lots Nos. 20 and 21, in the T. A. Gillespie plan of Herron Hill Park, for $800.

J. B. Larkin & Co. sold for the Blair Land Company the following additional lots at Blair station: To Joseph Burkley, Southside, city, lots 356 and 323, for $1,105 cash; also to Miss Maggie Donahue, city, lots 221 and 222, for $800 cash.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold another lot in the third plan of the Wilkins estate, being No. 8, having a front of 50 feet on Braddock avenue by 120 deep, at Edgewood, for $750.

The Burrell Improvement Company report the following sales of lots at Kensington: Antone Moritz and Frank Cizio, lot 101, block 2, $488 75; Martin Sadler, lot 42, block 5, $1,037 50; Martin Sadler, lot 101, block 5, $825; Marcus Ketterer, lots 28, 29 and 30, block 13, $1,211 25.

EASY ALL AROUND.

Money Almost a Drug in New York—Conditions Unchanged.

The same conditions environed the local money market yesterday as previously reported. The demand was moderate and the supply was abundant. The prevailing rate was 6 per cent. Bank clearings were $2,312,092 42 and balances $459,380 09. The *Wall Street News* says: "Money looks as though it would be a drug here before long." Substantially the same information comes from all the financial centers except a few in the South.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 2½ to 3 per cent; last loan, 3; closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 4@6. Sterling exchange quiet and firm at $4 83 for 60-day bills and $4 85 demand.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s reg	116½	N. J. Cent. Int. Certs.	109¾
do 4s coup	117½	N or thern Pac. 1sts.	118½
do 2s*	109	do do 2ds.	112
do 4½s