Some Signs That Point to a Good Start Early in 1892.

GOOD REPORTS FROM THE VALLEYS.

Several Sales Hinging Solely on the Improvement Hoped For.

DEIFT OF BUSINESS AT OTHER POINTS

OFFICE OF PITTSEURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, Dec. 18. RAW IRON AND STREL-The market de veloped no new features since our last. Conditions remain about the same, but the outlook for the future is very encouraging. Already makers of Bessemer and gray forge are demanding an advance, contending that prices will be certain to go up. And why not? For instance, taking the sales of steel rails, compared with this time last year, it will require from 350,000 to 400,000 tons of raw iron to meet the increased demand for them alone. There are a large number of big buildings under contract for 1892, being largely in excess of any previous season, It is a matter of fact that every new building being erected will require more iron and steel than the preceding one, which will naturally increase the demand for the raw

Orders Placed in the Valleys.

Reports from the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys are very encouraging. Several and sized orders for Bessemer have been mooked for next year's delivery at fair prices. During the week the pig iron manuor a reduction in rates. All the roads infor a reduction in rates. All the roads Interested were represented. Harry E. Passavant. Secretary of the Mahoning and Shoning and Don Manufacturers' Association, was on hand to push the claims of the fron men. The local agents are all in sympathy with the valley people, but they lack authority to make a reduction. The matter has been referred to the Iron Committee with a favorable recommendation. A reduction in tures the beginning of the new year would nests husiness materially in the valley as well as other points. Pittsburgers are largely interested in the valley are furned owners in Pittsburg who are still holding out for more money for fron, as one of them remarked to us: "We decline to sell a ton of Bessenier or gray forge. As a matter of fact we have been buyers instead of sellers." The fact is beyond dispute that iron and steel is relatively lower in Pittsburg than any other city.

An Advance Means a Boom.

A leading Eastern iron dealer says: "There is a wood demand for most kinds of products. th finished and crude, and all that is wanted to make the situation entirely satis-inctory is a general advance in prices. rice-are very low at present-lower than for years before—and in some lines the cur-rent figures are below anything ever reached ere before. Costs of manufacture are also such lower than they were two years ago, but the margins are uncomfortably small on nearly every product. The markets are stendy and firm, but there is little tendency ward advance. Purchases have been on more liberal basis of late, however, and my orders that have been placed will cover to output of many furnaces for some time

THE LATEST-The outlook is decidedly bet-HE LATEST—The outlook is decidedly bet-Bessemer sold at an advance, and ders generally firm. Gray forge steady, at the late advance maintained. Foundry firmer. Steel billets and slabs show no ages. Muck bar is 25 cents higher. Skelp , narrow and wide gange, unchanged; ared advanced 2½. Bloom, beam, rail scrap ends show 25 cents advance, if where rods declined 30 cents per ton, no manganese, imported, declined. Old I rails scarce and higher. Fron rails unrio manganese, imported, declined. Old el ralls scarce and higher. Iron rails unanged. Scrap material quiet and neg-

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STILL WINE RODS.

PERRO MANGANESE.

OLD RON AND STEEL BAILS.

20 tons 80 per cent imp., delivered ... \$51 60 cas

...\$13 50 cash

0 tons fron axies, net,

CHARCOAL.

tons bloom and beam ends.....

GOOD SALES AT CINCINNATL

Not the Dullest Month of the Year by Any

Means. CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.-[Special.]-Rogers, Brown & Co. 823; There is no new thing to mention in connection with the pig iron market. Sales have very considerably exceeded expectations of sellers. It was thought that December would be the dullest mouth of the year, but there has been moderate activity so far. Temporarily there is every appearance of overproduction, and buyers are depending upon this to get concessions when they are compelled to place orders. Official statistics, however, indicate that the increase of stocks is very low, in spite of the slack demand, and those of sanguine expectations say these small accumations will be quietly taken up when the nand that there is every reason to expect

ome enthusiastic observers of the market predict that the utmost producing capacity of the country will be unequal during the next two years to supply the legitimste de-nance for iron to meet the natural developlong experience see nothing but discouragement alread on account of great producing apacity and the disposition to make from the long as a new dollar can be had for an old one. The demand for the week has been well distributed, and charcoal from, so long neglected, again come in for their fair proportion. The car works have not for a year seen so full of orders, and if information portion. The car works have not for a year heen so full of orders, and if information from railroad circles is correct, a great many large contracts are yet to be given out. In the pipe business duliness continues. Agri-cultural shops are running full, as are also stove works, radiator works, etc. No circles in prices is looked for maril well in stove works, radiator works, etc. No climbge in prices is looked for until well into January.

Some Life at Birmingham

BIEMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 18 .- [Special.]-Con mary to all expectation, the iron market is betraying some life this week. Orders have come in with considerable briskness, and concessions which were made last weekers

IRON TRADE REVIEW. as follows: No. 1 foundry, \$12 00; No. 2, \$11 25; No. 3, \$19 50; gray forge, \$10 00. These figures are the cash quotations. No considerable movement is expected until January.

NOT BAD AT CHICAGO, Low Prices Attract Those Who Are Look-

ing for Bargains. CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—[Special.]—Rogers, Brown & Merwin say: December is showing more activity in the way of sales than is usually the case. An explanation of this is that prices are ruling phenomenally low for this time of year, and consumers always on the, alert for bargains are taking occasion to cover their requirements during the first few months of next year, instead of waiting until after January 1, as is usually the cus-tom. It is undeniably a fact that Southern tom. It is undeniably a fact that Southern coke irons are weak; the market on metals of this sort is in a better condition, however, than many consumers suppose. While prices are very low, yet the offerings by one Southern company fluancially embarrassed, are not setting the pace for other manufacturers of the same district.

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The present is beyond question a good time in which to make contracts. While there is no prospect of any marked advance, many indications point to greater firmness in the way of prices; this must come or a large number of stacks will be forced to go out of blast. Reports are still current of extremely low figures made on charcoal iron; reputable brands of Lake Superior are today being held at \$17 Chicago, as bottom, and only here and there can furnaces be found which are pressed for money who will accept less. One of the encouraging features is the fact that railroad lines are placing contracts for folling stock and equipments, and inquiries from the same direction prove that other companies will soon be large buyers.

The St. Louis Market Quiet. Sr. Louis, Dec. 18.-[Special.]-Rogers, Brown & Meacham say: The market has been comparatively quiet the past week, and it is expected that little improvement will be noticed until after the holidays. It is reported that the railroads have placed orders for 20,000 cars within the past 40 days, di-vided among Eastern, Western and Central car works, which will undoubtedly be a stimulus to the market. General foundries report trade good and orders on their books for several months to come.

The Metal Markets.

New York, Dec. 18.—Pig iron in fair demand; American. \$15.50@17.75. Copper nominal; lake, December, \$10.25. Lead dull; domestic, \$4.25. Tin quiet and essy; straights, \$19.90.

THE MARKET BASKET.

Poultry, Game and Christmas Trimmings Active Here Now,

There have been few changes in this de-partment the past week. At the Diamond market stalls trade is reported slow. The cold wave has improved demand for game, poultry and dairy products, but prices are practically the same as they were a weekago. In the fore part of the week eggs were dull, while now they are active and firm. Southern vegetables are in good supply but prices are too steep for the ordinary purse. In line of tropical fruits we note an improved demand and firmer prices for bananas.

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Country butter is a drug, as the quality
of arrivals is such that cleo has the preference with the ordinary consumer. The lake
and ocean products now offered are mostly
frozen stock. A few fresh bass, shad and
blue fish are coming in from the ocean, out
Western stock is all frozen. Demand for
fish and oysters is only fair and prices are
unchanged. Florists report active tride at
a decided advance on prices of last week.
The holiday season never fails to bring
strong demands in this line. In addition to
the regular line, holly, palms and mistletoe
are now to the front, and will be for the
coming week. All signs point to an extra
demand for everything in the evergreen line
from now until Christmas. Orders are
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goods.
Following are latest retail prices of market basket materials:

MEATS—Best cuts of tenderion steaks, 25c per lb; sirloin, 18629c; standding rib rosst, 18629c; ckuck rossts, 18c; corned beef, 8600c per lb; spring lamb, 15c; leg of mutton, 125c for bindguarter and se for forequarter; loin of mutton, 15c; himb chons, 20c; stewing pieces, 6c per lb; veal rossts, 125615c per lb, and cutlets, 25c. Pork chops, 125c, and steaks, 16c.

steaks, 10c.

VECETABLES AND FRUIT—Cabbages, 52810c: potations, 15c per half peck; sweet potatoes, 20c25c per half peck; green beans, 25c a quarter peck; wax beans, 35c a pearter peck; pie pumpkins, 15c25c; onlone, 25c a half peck; bananas, 20c a dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 20c25c per dozen; carrots, 5c a bunch; lemons, 20c25c per dozen; oranges, 15c35c; lettnee, 10c per bunch, 3 bunches for 25c; beets, 3 bunches for 10c; cucumbers, 25c apiece; celery, 5c a bunch; cauliflower, 15c35c apiece; applees, 15c35c a bunch; cauliflower, 15c35c apiece; celery, 5c a bunch; cauliflower, 15c35c apiece; apiece; delays of the period of the BUTTER AND EGGS Good creamery. Mazze per bifancy brands, 34532; choice country rolls, 30; good cooking butter, 17c; fresh eggs, 35572c per

good cooking butter, 17c; fresh eggs, 36632c per dozen.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 85635c a pair; live turkevs, 12543c per lb; live ducks, 66635c a pair; dressed chickens, 12 to 13c per lb; ducks, 13 to 15c per lb; turkeys, 15c.

GAME—Squireds, 35c a pair; rabbits, 50c a pair; quair, \$2 50 a dozen; sulnes, \$2 00 a dozen; wood-cock, \$1 00 a pair; pheasants, \$1 50 a pair; prairie chickens, \$1 50 a pair; pheasants, \$1 50 a pair; prairie chickens, \$1 50 a pair; Malland ducks, \$1 55 a pair; ventson, 35c per lb; wild turkeys, 15c a pound; jack rabbits, 35cs381 apiece.

FISH—Following are the articles in this line on the stalls, with prices: L. ke salmon, 10 to 15c; California salmon, 35 to 50c per pound; white itsi, 125 to 15c; herring, 4 pounds for 25c; Spanish mackerel, 25c per pound; bluefish, 15c; halibut, 20c; rock bass, 25c; lake trout, 125c; lobsters, 25c; green sea turtle, 20 to 25c; oyaters, New York counts, \$1 75 per gallon; smelts, 20c a pound; shad, \$1 00 to \$1 25 each; scallops, 25c a pound; Mackinaw trout, 125c per pound; frogs, \$2 00 a dozen; claus, \$1 30 a gallon.

FLOWERS—La France, \$1 60 per dozen; Duckess

gallon.

Flowers.—La France, \$4.00 per dozen; Duchess of Albany, \$4.00 per dozen; Mermets, \$5.50 per dozen; Brides, \$4.50 per dozen; white and yellow roses, \$2.50 per dozen; Senster St. 300 per dozen; Senster Wootlen roses, \$3.00 a dozen; Bennetts, \$3.00 per dozen; Myschuths, \$5.00 per dozen; Hyschuths, \$5.00

MILLERS NEED CARS BADLY.

The Blockade and a Slackening of Orders Troubling the Flour Men. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 18,-The Northwestern

Millier says: The mills last week got out about the same amount of flour as in the week before. The total was 182,194 barrels, averaging 30,336 barrels daily, against 181,290 barrels the week before: 135.625 barrels for the corresponding

before; 185,625 barrels for the corresponding time in 1850, and 152,550 barrels in 1889. Heavy rains have had the effect of making the water power much better, and since Monday there has been a considerable increase in the output by water. Colder weather, however, is predicted, and may again suddenly restrict the supply of water.

The mills are bothered a great deal to get what cars they need for moving their products, and the prospects are that the situation will soon be very much worse. Some millers think that the operation of the mills will be seriously interferred with. There has been considerable less doing in the flour trade for a week back than previously. Mills that have sold as much flour as they have made, are the exception. The domestic demand has been light and export trade not much better. Foreigners bid fairly well for patents, but usually want them at figures lower than millers are willing to accept. Bakers' and low grades are quite dull, attributed to the holidays, but the majority of the mills have a good many orders absend the majority of the mills have a good many

Wool Markets,

PHILADELPHIA-Wool quiet; prices steady and unchanged. Sr. Louis-Wool-Receipts, 20,000 pounds; shipments, 56,600; steady and unchanged. New Yonk-Wool quiet and rather easy; domestic fleeces, 30@36c; pulled, 25@33c; Texas, 16@24c.

domestic fleeces, 36@36c; pulled, 25@36c; Texas, 16@24c.

Boston—Wool—There has been a steady demand for wool during the past week. The sales amount to 3,00,600 pounds of all kinds. The principal business has been in unwashed combing wools, which have been sold freely at 25@25c for one-quarter and three-eighths blood. Territory wools have also been in steady demand on the scoured basis of 35@35c for fine, 55@35c fine medium and 56@35c for thedium. Texas, California and Oregon wools have been without sales of importance. Fine washed fleeces have been quiet, with Ohio X selling at 25@25c, XX and XX and above at 25@31c, Michigan X at 25%2627c. Fine delaine selections have been in fair demand at 33@33c for Michigan and 34@35c for Ohio. Puited wools have been in steady demand, choice supers selling at 45@35c, fair to good supers at 35@38c and extras at 22@30c. American wools have been firm and in good demand. Carpet wools have been firm and in good demand. Carpet wools have been firm and in good demand.

NEW YORK—Rosin quiet and steady. Turpentine quiet and firm at 33/634/c.

Wilmisoton—Spirits of turpentine steady at 30/c. Rosin firm; strained, \$1 20; good strained, \$1 25. Tur steady at \$1 25. Crude turpentine firm; hard, \$1 00; yellow dip, \$1 30; virgin, \$1 90. concessions which were made inst week are not thought of now. There is no quotable change in the market, however, the difference being mainly in the firmness with which producers hold up the prices and secure them. The quotations as furnished are

MONEYED MEN TALK

Une of Them Deplores the Scarcity of Stores and Warehouses.

THE ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE

Attributed by Another to Confidence in It as an Investment.

SAVING WHERE IT WILL DO MOST GOOD

A local firm, with plenty of capital and energy, is looking for a place in which to start a whip manufactory. One of the members said yesterday: "We thought of leasing the Arbuthnot building on Liberty street, but Roberts, the paper man, got ahead of us. There is no other vacant stand that would suit. Scarcity of stores and warehouses is sending a great deal of business away from Pittsburg."

Have Confidence in Realty. In speaking of the amount of property changing hands, a well-known real estate lealer yesterday said: "I have been watching the matter very closely for some time, and can only account for the continued activity of the market in this way: People who are not in business and have their savings in bank are drawing them out and investing in something that they know is substantial. Real estate, they reason, may be purchased at a high figure and drop back a trifle, but it regains and needs no watching, and is always there when you want it." The number of lots selling in the various plans shows an activity unusual at this time of year, and very clearly indicates the presence of a new element.

It is a well-known fact that Lawrenceville and Southside people are putting the bulk of their savings into lands and houses.

A Hotel Venture. T. O'Leary, Jr., is having plans prepared for a snug little hotel on Homewood avenue, East End. It will have more glass surface to the square yard than any other building in the city. Mr. O'Leary wants light and is bound to have it. J. W.

Offerman is the architect. A Lucky Man.

A gentleman of prominence in the chess world, and otherwise, bought a piece of property on Penn avenue, in the Garrison alley district, a few years ago, when that quarter was as lifeless as a dried herring. He sold out a short time ago at a profit of \$16,000. One of his friends said: "He is one of the luckiest men I know of. If he fell into the river he wouldn't get wet."

Truth Well Spoken. A real estate broker remarked yesterday: "I must confess that the Pittsburg newspapers have been of great benefit to us in our business. They have kept the subject before the people until the entire community has become interested. There is nothing so much talked about as realty. The result of this has been to stimulate sales. Hundreds of people have become proprietors who, but for this valuable aid, would still be renters. This is good work and we appreciate it."

Business News and Gossin. A well-informed gentleman said yesterday press Company was behind Mr. Rowand in the Government property deal. The sale has been confirmed by the Government,

Railroad Company at and between Pitts-burg and New York could not be purchased at the aggregate value of its capital stock at Dallas and Homewood have been promised rapid transit facilities before the end of

rapid transit inclines before the case of next year.

Practically all of the \$3,300,000 Reading Coal and Iron Company bonds maturing next January have been extended for five years at 6 per cent interest. This will reduce fixed charges \$33,000 at year.

The Knoxville Land Improvement Company has sold to Caroline Rebbect a lot 50x100, with a two-story brick dwelling, on Jocunda street, Knoxville, for \$1,750. THE DISPATCH is indebted to Robert J

The Disparch is indebted to Robert J. Stoney, Jr., for a copy of his compendium of Pittsburg national bank returns. It is of great value to all business people.

Two permits for new buildings were issued yesterday—one to William Bligge for a two-story and mansard dwelling on Louise street, Fourteenth ward, to cost \$4,000, and the other to Samuel Sweeney, for two frame two-story dwellings, on Mont-zuma street, Twenty-dirst ward, to cost \$3,000.

Allegheny county has 38 national banks, of which 27 are in Pittsburg, 4 in Allegheny, 2 each in Braddock and McKeesport, and 1 each in Sewickley, Tarentum and Homestead. The total capital is \$12,625,000. Deposits approximate \$45,000,000.

The next important event in real estate will be the auction sale of the Christ Church property, under the direction of W. A. Herron & Sons.

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Business men of Irwin have taken steps to establish a national bank in that place.

Mr. James W. Drape, who had been confined to his home with an attack of the grip and neuralgia, has recovered sufficiently to warrant his being at his office yesterday. Movements in Realty.

J. E. Glass sold for I. H. Aaron five lots or Mt. Washington, each 20x100 feet, for \$1,750. A. J. Pentecost sold lot No. 60 in his Valley-view plan, Chartiers Valley Railway, with a view plan, Chartiers Valley Railway, with a one-story frame dwelling, for \$375.

James W. Drape & Co. sold a small property in Wilkinsburg for \$1,500 cash: also an East End residence property for \$5,000; also several lots at Avonmore at from \$300 to \$450 cach: also three lots in Munhall Terrace, near Homestead, at from \$330 to \$550 cach.

Black & Baird sold for Patrick Mullins to James Hardie lot No. 27 in the Sawyer plan, fronting 20 feet on Brook street, Oakhand, by 100 feet in depth, for \$430 cash.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for James Scaright to W. G Markell, a property on Margaretta street, lot 30x10 feet, with two-story and attic frame dwelling, at \$5,100.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold lot 20 feet front on Arch street by 100 feet to another street, Second ward, Allegheny, for \$4,000. The purchaser will improve this lot soon.

SOME IMPROVEMENT.

Better Call for Money-Heavy Depositing

Shows Active Trade. There was rather more than usual activity in the local money market yesterday, the call being somewhat better and counter business brisk. Depositing was a feature largely influenced by holiday traffic. There was little deviation from the customary 6 per cent rate. There were offers at 51/2 or thereabouts by individual capitalists on productive real estate security. Bank clear ings were \$2,217,290 77, and balances \$301,-

It appears that Western farmers are showing their integrity by paying arrears of interest and cancelling mortgages before buying tuxuries. As a natural result the mortgage and investment companies find themselves well supplied with money and are in a condition to make good all arrearages of interest, and also pay off their debentures or the mortgages they have guaranteed, instead of asking for an extension. The effect of this will certainly be felt in the Eastern money markets. of this will certainly be felt in the Eastern money markets.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, rauging from 2½ to 3 per cent; last loan 2½; closed offered at 2½. Prime mercantile paper, 4½66. Sterling exchange quiet and weaker at 482½ for 60-day bills and 484½ demand.

Closing Bond Quotations

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Bank Clearings, St. Louis-Clearings, \$3,934,977: balance \$572,764, Money, 7@8 per cent. Exchange o New York, 50c premium. New York, 50c premium.
CRIGAGO—New York exchange par to 10c discount. Bank clearings, \$15,919,439. Money at 6 per cent.
New ORLEANS—Clearings, \$1,889,487. New York exchange commercial \$125 per \$1,000 discount; bank 5c discount to par.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, \$389,062; balances, \$65,940.

NEW YORK—Bank clearings, \$110,035,760; balances, \$5,349,873.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, \$14,660,063; balances, \$1,601,661. Rate for money, 2 to 3 per cent; exchange on New York, 3c par and 5c discount. discount.

Baltimore—Bank clearings, \$2,325,665; balances, \$323,350. Rate 6 per cent.

Philadelphia—Bank clearings, \$11,239,058; balances, \$1,427,454. Money, 4 per cent.

HOME SECURITIES.

FEW PRICE CHANGES, BUT TRADERS LESS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Exchange fell off

ay, as compared with a as days, but it was as good as no pronounced movement can reasonably be looked for. There were no important price changes.

Closing bids, as compared with those of the revious day, show these changes: Luster d Electric advanced 1/2 each, and Airbrake Philadelphia Gas dropped 1/2 and Central ion 1/2. The rest of the street railways about steady, with the exception of ank of Pittsburg advanced the first

bid.

Sales at the first call were 9 shares of Luster at 9%, 20 Central Traction at 20%, 100 Philadelphia Gas at 13%. Second call, 20 Duquesne Traction at 18. Third call, 10 Luster at 9%, \$1,000 Electric scrip at 90. Bids and offers follow:

	EXCHANGE STOCKS.	B CALL.	CALL. B A	B CALL.
1	Com. Nat. Bank.	23 100	93	93
N	German Nat. B	315 325	325	325
٠,	Iron City N. B	81 84		85
- 1	Second Nat. B	245	**** ****	****
	Birmingham Ins.	**** ****		48%
	Citizens' In. Co	31	**** ****	**** ****
31	German. Am. Co.	****	**** ****	50
	Peoples Ins	30	****	**** ****
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3	Philadelphia Co.		1316	1334 1354
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	Ft. Pitt In. P. Co	20	25	20
٠.	Central Traction		2016	2014
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ч	Monon, Nav. Co.	**** ****	**** ****	70
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4	Union S. & S. Co	10% 11	10% 11	10% 11
d	West'se A.B. Co	102	100% 101%	**** ****

Investment Notes. THERE was a sale of Philadelphia Gas after

the last call at 13%. Ar the afternoon board 9434 was bid for Birmingham bonds. CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO earnings second

week December, '91, \$178,800; increase, \$31,732.
The shipment of meats from New York PRESIDENT CABLE, of Rock Island, says he

believes the bull movement in Western railroads will run at least six months in the It is reported that all but about 100,000 shares National Lead Trust have consented

to reorganization. The new common and preferred have been listed.

The Sinking Fund Commission, of Phila-delphia, will pay off on January 4 the \$4,600.-000 3 per cent loan out of the sinking fund and proceeds of \$1,000,000 United States 4s to THE recent sale of copper by the Calume

and Hecla at 10% is understood to exceed 3,000,000 pounds for January and February delivery. The metal has been offered from other sources at 10%c, and in remote in-stances at as low as 10%c.

GOOD OLD TIMES AGAIN.

STOCKS ARE NOT ONLY STRONG, BUT SOME ARE BOOMING.

nds Make Even a Better Comparative Showing-The Usually Inactive Shares the Most Animated Now-Erie, Cotton Oil and Sugar Among the Leaders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 .- The strength of the strated by the heavy realizations which took place but which were absorbed without effort, and higher prices all around are the result. The market also broadened out materially, and the most active day since the present rise began, both in stocks and bonds, was seen. The important movements, however, were few and confined to the inactive shares, as a rule, while among the stocks which now lead in activity prices were not widely changed, and such stocks as Erie, St. Paul and others of a like nature were traded in over a range of less than 1

per cent.

Eric again led the list in activity, and Eric again led the list in activity, and Atchison also displayed an increasing busi-ness at slowly advancing prices. The out-side centers were again well represented in the purchases, and Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia, as well as the arbitrage con-tingent, were heavy purchasers taroughout

the purchases, and Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia, as well as the arbitrage contingent, were heavy purchasers throughout the day.

There were many signs of nervousness on the part of the short interest in the Coal stocks, and while the rising tendency in those stocks were stubbornly resisted, rumors and assertions of trouble among the companies in the near future were freely circulated, but without apparent effect, except in Jersey Central which, however, has of late been very foverish and sensitive to every breath that blows. The Western operators took the Grangers in large lots, while the realizations prevented any material movement in any of them. The important movements were in such stocks as Chicago Gas, Cotton Oil, Wabash preferred, Sugar and St. Paul and Duluth.

The opening was very active, and the struggle between the different forces in the market was early seen to be a severe one with the advantage on the side of the bulls, the opening gains of small fractions being followed by further fractional gains in the general list, while the only material movements were in Cotton Oil, which rose 1%, and in St. Paul and Duluth, which on unusually large transactions for that stock moved up rapidly from 43% to 45%. Later

ments were in Cotton Oil, which rose 1% and in St. Panl and Duluth, which rose 1% and in St. Panl and Duluth, which on unusually large transactions for that stock moved up rapidly from 43½ to 45½. Later Sugar displayed pronounced strength, and Wabash preferred scored an advance of 1½ per cent, and Lake Erie and Western 1½, with 1 per cent in the preferred.

The great bulk of the stocks traded in however, displayed a stubborn strength which was sufficient to absorb the offerings, but showed a lack of speculative forcing, and while the list was placed on a slightly higher level than that of last night no movement of note took place. In the late dealings the realizations became more numerous and some shares yielded enough to wipe out the early gains, Northern Pacific preferred being specially prominent in the movement. The market finally closed rather heavy under these sales, but with most of the list still at small fractions better than last night. Wabash is up 13½; Cotton Oil, 1½; and Sugar 1 per cent.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 351, 133 shares, including: Atchison; 36,469, Canada Southern, 3,769; Chicago Gas, 15,178; D. L. & W. 9, 167; Eric, 50,785; Louisville and Xashville, 6,460; Missouri Pacific, 4 950; Northwestern, 3,250; North American, 7,705; Northern Pacific preferred, 6,916; Reading, 27,160; Richmond and West Point, 7,605; St. Paul. 23,830; Union Pacific, 7,975.

Railroad bonds were relatively stronger than stocks. The largest business of the season was done at the same slowly-advancing prices. The Atchison issues and the Reading issues were most prominent in the trading, but other bonds of tess note scored the more important gains.

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rican Cotton Oll	3114	32%	31%	3214
rican Cotton Oli, pfd	5934	60	59	5976
Sugar Refining Co	8436	84%	84	84% 92%
Sugar Refin'g Co. pfd.	9234	9912	90%	92%
Top. & S. F	43 -	44	43%	44
elian Pacific	90%	9052	9015	9014
ida Southern	63%	64	63%	63
ral of New Jersey	1144	11434	113	11334
apeake & Ohio	26%	26%	2616	2614
(i., 1st pfd	5934	60%	59%	59%
O., 2nd prd	3914	39 1/2	39	39%
ago Gas Trust	67	67	* 66	6614
Bur. & Quincy	106%	107	106%	100
dil. & St. Paul	79%	801a	79%	79%
dil. & St. Paul, pfd	123	123%	123	123
Rock I. & P	8874	8715	8874	8676
t. P. M. & O	39	30%	29	30%
t. P. M. & O., pfd	106	107	106	106%
Northwestern	1163%	116%	115%	115%
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., C. & J	72%	72%	7236	7:134
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Lack, & West	140	140%	13.7%	130%
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Philadelphia Stocks. Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, fur-nished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue, members of the New York Stock Exchange:

Electric Stocks.

electric stock quotations to-day were: Eastern Electric Cable Co. pfd. Bid. Asked.
Thomson-Houston Flectric Co. 44 90 49 25
Thomson-Houston E. Co., pref 25 75 27 90
Ft. Wayne Elec. Co. 12 90 12 25
Westinghouse Assented Trust R'ta 12 87 13 90
Detroft Electric Works. 25 9 37 5
Thomson-Houston Sec. (Series D), 7 66 7 25

Boston, Dec. 18 .- [Special.]-The latest

Mining Stock Quotations. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Alice, 125: Best and Belcher, 190: Chollar, 110: Consolidated California and Virginia, 370: Deadwood, 185; Gould and Curry, 100: Hale and Norcross, 115; Homestake, 10.75: Horn Silver, 335; Iron Silver, 145; Mexican, 160; Ontario, 42.00: Ophir, 260; Plymouth, 250: Savage, 150; Sierra Nevada, 170; Standard, 165; Union Consolidated, 140; Yellow Jacket, 100.

Bar Silver Onotations NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—[Special.]—Bar silver in London, 43½d per ounce: New York deal-ers' price for silver, 95½c per ounce.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

eccipts, Shipments and Prices at East Liberty and All Other Yards.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, FRIDAY, Dec. 18. CATTLE—Receipts, 693 head; shipments, 777 head; market nothing doing; all through constrainments. No cattle shipped to New York to-day. Hogs-Receipts, 2,650 head; shipments, 3,200

head: market active: best Yorkers, mixed and Philadelphias, \$3 90@4 00; pigsand common Yorkers, \$3 70@3 80; 18 cars of hogs shipped to New York to-day.

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

By Telegraph. Chicago—Cattle — Receipts, 9,000 head: shipments, 2,500 head; market dull and weak to sunde lower; top prices, \$5 00@5 25; no export steers on market; others, \$2,60@4 90; stockers, \$1,50@2 90; cows, \$1,15@2 50. Hogs-Receipts, 40,000 head; shipments, 7,000 head; market opened higher, closed weak and lower; rough and common, \$3,60@3 70; mixed and packers, \$3,85@4 00; prime heavy and butcher weights, \$4,65@4 15; light, \$3,70@3,8734. Sheep-Receipts, 4,000 head; shipments, 1,200 head; market active and steady to strong; old cwes, \$2,50@3,75; mixed ewes and fambs, \$4,25@4 50; norme wethers, \$5,25@5,65; Westerns, \$4,65@4,90; lambs, \$3,75@5,50. port steers on market: others, \$2 6064 90-

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 1.467 head, including 30 cars for sale; market firm; native steers, \$3.50@5.40 per 100 pounds; bulls and cows, \$1.40@3.00; dressed beef higher at 65@0c per 1b; shipments to-morrow, 300 beeves and 3.140 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 103

beeves and 3.40 quarters of beef. Calves—
Beceipts, 103 head; market steady; veals,
\$4.00@7.50 per 100 lbs; grassers, \$2.00@2.75.
Sheep—Receipts, 1,271 head; sheep steady;
lambs ½e per ½ higher; sheep, \$3.50@4.75
per 100 lbs; Christmas sheep, \$5.50@6.00;
lambs, \$5.23@6.25; dressed mutton steady at
6½@8c per 1½; dressed lambs firm at 7@8½c.
Hogs—Receipts, 1,673 head, consigned direct;
nominally steady, \$5.60@4.00 per100 lbs.

Omaha—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; fairly
active at steady to strong prices; fair to
fancy steers, \$3.25@5.75; good butchers'
steers, \$3.00@3.40; common steers, \$2.75@
3.25; Westerns, \$2.50@3.50. Hogs—Receipts,
13,550 head; market opened slow at about
steady prices, but the neavy receipts rather
weakened the market toward the close;
bulk, \$3.70@3.80, ngainst \$3.65@3.75 vesterday; light, \$3.55@3.70. Sheep—Receipts, 545
head; market active and demand good;
prices strong; natives, \$3.75@5.00; Westerns,
\$3.50@4.75.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 700 head; shipments—700; market strong; choice to force.

\$3 50@4 75.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 700 head; shipments, 700; market strong; choice to fancy steers, \$5 00@6 00; corn-fed steers, \$4 00@4 35; grass steers, \$3 00@3 75; stockers and feeders, \$2 00@3 50. Hogs—Receipts, 5,300 head; shipments, 800 head; market strong and closed 10@15c higher; fair to choice heavy, \$3 85@4 495; light mixed, \$3 35@3 50; mixed packing, \$3 20@3 50; pigs, \$3 00@3 35. Sheep—Receipts, 1,100 head; shipments, none; market steady; fair to choice sheep, \$3 05@3 50; lambs from \$4 00 up.

84.00 up.

Buffalo — Cattle — Receipts, 109 loads through, 15 sale; dull, but firm. Hogs—Receipts, 65 loads through, 25 sale; strong and higher; heavy grades, \$4 10@4 15; medium weights, \$4 00@4 05. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 8 loads through, 13 sale; market generally steady at yesterday's prices; Christmas sheep, \$5 50@6 00; extra fancy, \$4 80@ 5 20; good to choice, \$4 25@4 75. Lambs—Good to choice native, \$5 50@5 75; common to fair native \$5 00@5 40.

Kaussa City—Cattle—Receipts, 8400 head: to fair native \$5 00@5 40.

Kausas City—Cattle—Receipts, 8,400 head; shipments, 1,700 head; steers steady to strong; cows steady to weak; steers, \$3 00@4 400; cows, \$3 50@3 75; stockers and feeders, \$2 30@3 25. Hogs—Receipts, 10,600 head; shipments, none; market opened strong to 5c np; closed weak with the advance lost; bulk, \$3 60@3 85; all grades, \$3 20@4 00. Sheep—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, 400 head; market steady to weak.

Cincinnati—Hogs serves and higher com-

ket stendy to weak.

Cincinnati—Hogs scarce and higher; common and light, \$3 30@5 80; packing and butchers; \$3 75@4 00; receipts, 4.300 head; shipments, 1.540 head. Cattle stendy; receipts, 545 head; shipments, 295 head. Sheep in light demand and steady; receipts, 550 head; shipments, 200 head. Lambs stendy; common to choice, \$3 50@5 00 per 100 hs.

The Coffee Markets. NEW YORK, Dec.18,-Coffee-Options opened NEW 10RK, Dec. IS.—Colfee—Options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points down; closed barely steady, unchanged to 10 points down; sales, 19 500 bags, including December, 13 10@15.20c; January, 12.70@12.80c; February, 14 45c; March, 12.15@12.20c; May, 11.90@11.95c; June, 11.80c; July, 11.75@11.80c; spot Rio quiet, easy; No. 7, 134@1354c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 18—Coffee steady: Rio. Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Coffee steady; Rio cargoes, fair, 17c; No. 7, 14c. New Orleans, Dec. 18.—Coffee steady; Rio, ordinary to inir, 14½@16½c.

Lovely Pendants That are dreams of beauty. Goods specially adapted for Xmas gifts. White Enamel. Pearl, Diamonds.

Crescents, And very many beautiful odd shapes that HARDY & HAYES',

Choice Creamery Butter and Cheese Now in the Swim.

A SCARCITY OF FRESH-LAID EGGS.

Corn, Oats and Wheat Still Quiet at the Frices Quoted.

THE GROCERY TRADE IS FEATURELESS

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, }
FRIDAY, Dec. 18. COUNTRY PRODUCE (Jobbing Prices)-The cold wave has developed a more active demand for dairy products, game and poultry. Choice creamery butter is firm at quotations. Country butter is still in supply above demand, and markets in this line Eggs have gained in firmness since the ad-

bananas. Oranges are still dull and slow. Potatoes, though coming in less freely of late, are still dull. The same is true of cab-bage, apples, and, in fact, all farm and gar-den products.

APPLES-\$1 50@2 00 per barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery Eigin, 31@32c; Ohio brands, 28@36c; common country butter, 18@20c; choice country roll. 20@20c.

BEANS—New York and Michigan pea, \$1 70@2 00; marrowiat, \$2 15@2 25; Lima beans, 4@41/c \$ 15; hand picked medium, \$1 50@2 00.

BEESWAX—Choice, 32@35c \$ 15; low grades, 22@20c. 23c. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR-New, 215@215 7 fb. CHEESE-Ohlo cheese, 116/115c: New York cheese, 115/212c; Lumburger, 1215/21315c; Wisconsin, Sweitzer, full cream, 1315/2016c; Imported Sweitzer,

CHEESE—Onlo Cheese, 1931-1936. Wisconsin, Sweitzer, full cream, 134-664c; Imported Sweitzer, 26625c. Country cider, \$3 5065 00 \$\frac{3}{2}\$ barrel; sand refined, \$6 5067 00.

CHANBERHES—Per box, \$2 0062 50; per barrel, \$7 6068 09.

EGGS—Strictly fresh nearby stock, 26627c; candled eggs, 24625c; cold storage eggs, 24625c.

Frathers—Extra live geese, 57658c; No. 1, 48650c \$\frac{3}{2}\$ bir mixed lots, 36646c.

DRIED FRUITS—Peaches, halves, 544c; evaporated apples, 826c; aprileots, 9616c; blackberries, 66354c; raspherries, 17665c.

GAME—Wild turkeys, \$1 5062 20 ceach; mallard ducks, \$2 7563 00 per dozen; phensants, \$5 7566 00; quil, \$1 2564 50; quirrels, \$1 0061 50; rabbits, 36635c ner pair; whole deer, 13616c \$\frac{1}{2}\$ bir, Honely—New crop white clover, 18c; California honey, 12616c \$\frac{1}{2}\$ bir, MAPLE SYRUP—75660c per gallon.

SACAGO on track; from store, 46685c a bair, large; 30690c a pair; dressed chickens, 12646c \$\frac{1}{2}\$ lb; dressed turkey, 13616c \$\frac{1}{2}\$ lb.

POTATORS—Carload lots, 36624c on track; from store, 46685c a bairel; southern sweets, \$1 5061 50; robard grass, \$2 5662 50; a barrel; derman, \$1 10; fine lawn 5c per lb; seed buckwheat, \$1 4061 50; fine lawn 5c per lb; seed buckwheat, \$1 4061 50; fine lawn 5c per lb; seed buckwheat, \$1 5061 50 good seconds, per bunch: Mallaga grapes, \$5 506100 a half barrel; new layer figs, 146616c vellow blanes.

\$5.0000 0 a man barrel, \$10004 00 a hundred; vegerables—Cabbage, \$10004 00 a hundred; yellow Danyer onlons, \$20002 25 a barrel; toma-toes, \$200 per bushel; celery, 25030c per dozen; turnips, 90001 00 a barrel.

There are no new features in this line worthy of mention. Business is only fair. Sugars are slow at the decline already noted. Only such merchants as are stocked up abend can sell sugarata profit on prices which now prevail at refineries. Canned goods of all kinds are dull and slow.

Fat pease \$1 00@1 15; soaked peas, 66@70e; plarapples, \$1 20@1 20; Bahama do, \$2 00; damson plums, \$1 00; greengages, \$1 25; ogg plums, \$1 00; California anricots, \$1 75@1 90; California pears, \$2 10@2 25; do greengages, \$1 55; do egg plums, \$1 00; California anricots, \$1 75@1 90; California pears, \$2 10@2 25; do greengages, \$1 85; do egg plums, \$1 00@1 65; tomatoes, \$2 60@2 35; do greengages, \$1 55; do egg plums, \$1 00@1 65; tomatoes, \$2 60@2 35; do ears, \$1 00@1 10; straw-berries, \$2 00@2 35; do ears, \$1 00@1 50; tomatoes, \$2 60@2 36; corp. beaf, \$2 60; do green, 2-2b cans, \$1 25@1 50; corp. beaf, \$2 60 cans, \$1 60@1 50; do green, 2-2b cans, \$1 25@1 50; corp. beaf, \$2 60 cans, \$1 60@1 50; do green, 2-2b cans, \$1 25@1 mackerel, \$1 60 cans, \$1 60@1 50; sardines, inported, \$4, \$1 80@1 50; cans, \$5 00; sardines, imported, \$4, \$1 80@1 50; sardines, imported, \$4, \$1 80@1 50; sardines, spiced, \$3 60.

FISH—Extra No. 1 bloater mackerel, \$16 50; No. 3 large mackerel, \$16 50; No. 2 large mackerel, \$16 50; No. 3 large mackerel, \$10 00. No. 5 large l

oats, 2 of bran. By Baltimore and Ohio: 1 car of rye, 1 of middlings, 1 of flour, 1 of bar-ley. By Pittsburg and Lake Erie: 1 car of oats, lof hay. The cereal situation is tavorable to buyers. Futures are weak, in anticipation of the light trade which is due in holday times. Corn and oats are weak and prices are a shade lower than they have been for the past few days. Wheat and flour are also weak.

also weak.

Following quotations are for carload lots on track. Dealers charge an advance on these prices from store:

WHEAT-No. 2 red, \$1,00@1 01: No. 3 red. \$6@57c. CORN-No. 2 vellow ear. \$1@515c: high mixed ear, \$05.56c: mixed ear, \$1.565c: high mixed ear, \$05.56c: mixed ear, \$1.565c: high mixed shelled, \$2.565c: mixed shelled, \$3.565c: high mixed shelled, \$2.565c: mixed shelled, \$3.565c: nixed shelled, \$3.565c: high mixed \$3.565c: extra No. 3 oats, \$3.565c: mixed oats, \$3.565c: mixed oats, \$3.565c. high mixed particularly \$1.565c. high mixed oats, \$3.565c. high mixed oats, \$3.565

Nys.—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 20697c; No. 1 Western, 94695c.

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BARLEY-68675c.

FLOUR.—Jobbing prices.—Fancy spring patents, 55 1055 75; fancy winter patents, 55 2565 25; fancy straight spring, 55 2565 50. clear winter, 94 0065 25; fancy straight spring, 55 2565 50. clear winter, 94 0566 60; straight xxxxx bakers 24 7365 00. Rys isour, 85 2565 50.

MILLIPEED—No. 1 white middlings, \$20 00621 00; brown middlings, \$41 00625 00.

HAY—Baked timothy, choice, \$12 25613 90; No. 1, 511 73612 00; No. 2, 810 50610 75; clover hay, 10 00610 50; loose from wagen, \$12 00615 00, according to quality; packing hay, \$10 00616 25.

STRAW—Uats, \$6 5068 75; wheat, \$6 266 50; rye, \$5 0068 50.

Sugar cured hams, large
Sugar cured hams, medium
Sugar cured hams, small
Sugar cured California hams
Sugar cured b. bacon
Sugar cured skinned hams, large
Sugar cured skinned hams, medium.
Sugar cured shoulders.

DAIRY STUFF FIRM.

ANTE-HOLIDAY DULLNESS.

The Wheat Market Almost Lifeless, Both at Home and Abroad-The Corn Clique Finds It Hard to Sell-A Serious Slump in Provisions.

CHICAGO-Wheat was excessively dull to-day. There was little or no outside business, local operators did next to nothing, and the market had a decidedly holiday ap-pearance. At the start there was some are quiet. Cheese of high grade is firm, weakness, as the general disposition was to sell on the firmness created yesterday, and eggs have gained in firmness since the advent of cold weather. Strictly fresh eggs are scarcely a quotable quantity at this time. The few that come are quickly taken at outside prices. In tropical fruit lines we note a firm market for lemons and bennyas. Oranges are still dull and slow. estimates that exporting countries will have to ship for the next seven months on an average of 1,000,000 bushels a day to supply Suropean wants.

During the last hour the market showed

Buropean wants.

During the last hour the market showed considerable strength. Cables were generally quite firm and shorts were good buyers, with the selling somewhat restricted. May opened at 95%c, against 93%c at close yesterday; receded to 90%c; advanced to 96%c; eased off some; railied to 97%c; broke to 97c; grew strong near the end, advancing to and closing firm at 97%c.

Corn was quitet and lower for December. There was not much call for that month, the shorts having apparently all gotten under cover, and the clique had more for sale than was wanted, and hence lower prices ruled. The longer futures were generally firm. The improved grading of the past few days was maintained. December started half a cent lower at 50%c; sold off to 48%c and closed at 49%c. January started at %c; up at 44%c; sold to 44c and closed at 44%c. May fluctuated between 42%c and 42%c and closed at 49%c, an advance of %c.

Onts firm and steady.

Hog products lower. The receipts of live hors were a trifle above the estimate, but prices were quoted 5c higher. There were free offerings, however, and with no one seemingly disposed to support the market, lower prices ruled. There was a feeble rally during the last hour, but the gain was soon lost. The break in prices was the most serious experienced for some time, amounting to 35%7%c for pork, 10c for lard and 15%20c for ribs.

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

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PHILADELPHIA — Flour dull. Wheat opened dull, 1/201/ce lower, but subsequently recovered under better cables and renewed speculative buying, closing firm; No. 2 red, \$1 001/201 01; No. 2 red December, \$1 01/201 01/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/2; March, \$1 02/201 001/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/2; March, \$1 02/201 001/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/2; March, \$1 02/201 01/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/2; February, \$1 04/201 01/201

guarter bbl, \$1 60. Fickeret, half bbl, \$4 00; herring, 90c. Holland herring, 75c. Walkoff herring, 90c. Walko

do fair to good, 18@20c; stores, packed, 16@ 18c. Eggs stendy at 25@25c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar active and firm; open kettle, strictly prime, 24c; fully fair to prime, 24@3 1-16c; good tair, 24@2 3-16c; good common to fair, 2 7-16c; common, 25c; centritusal, off white, 34@35c; grav do, 35@ 27-16c; choice yellow, chirified, 37c; prime do, 3 A@35-16c; off do, 3 1-16@3 3-16c; seconds, 25@35c. Molasses—Open kettle strong; choice, 32c; strictly prime, 26@31c; good prime, 25@25c; good fair to prime, 25@27c; common to fair, 22@24c; centrifugal, steady; strictly prime, 18@19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 16@14c; common to good common, 6@9c. Syrup, 24@29c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 red cash, 334@35c; chosing at 38%c, closing at 38%c; closing at 28%c, closing at 38%c; day, 33%c; year, 38%c; closing at 38%c; day, 33%c; closing at 28%c, closing at 38%c; day, 33%c; day, 33%c; closing at 38%c; day, 33%c; doing at 28%c, closing at 28%c, closing at 38%c; doing at 28%c, closing at 38%c; doing at 38%c;

CINCINNATI-Flour heavy. Wheat in

light supply and stronger:No. 2 red, 242
94%. Corn firmer; No. 2 mixed, 45c. Oats
stronger; No. 2 mixed, 35@35%c. Rye in
fair demand; No. 2 94@55c. Pork nominal at
\$9 00@9 12%. Lard in good demand at \$5 90
@6 00. Bulk meats easier at \$5 20@5 30.
Bacon easier at \$7 00. Butter easy; fancy
Elzin creamery, 30c; Ohio, Ze; choice dairy,
16@18c. Ezgs in tair demand at 21@22c.
Cheese in moderate demand and firm. Cheese in moderate demand and firm;
MILWAUREE—Flour quiet. Wheat firm;
May, 92%c; No. 2 spring, 88c; No. 1 Northern,
92c. Corn dull: No. 2, 38@39c. Oats steady;
No. 2 white, 33%c; No. 3 white, 32@32%c.
Barley steady; No. 2, 56%@37c; sample on
track, 40@69c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 88%c. Provisions lower. Pork—January, 810 72%. Lard
—January, 86 67%.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat steady; No. 2 cash, 78c bid; December, 79% asked. Corn dull and lower: No. 2 cash, 35% bid: December, 35% bid. 36c bid. Oats higher; No. 2 cash, 30% bid, 31% asked; December, 31c bid. Butter and eggs un-

MINNEAPOLIS-Wheat - December, clos-

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—December, closing at 85%c; May, opening, 91%c; highest, 92%c; lowest, 90%c; closing, 92%c; January, closing, 85%c; on track, No. 1 Northern, 82c; No. 1 hard, 89c; No. 2 Northern, 826%c.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 89c; December, 83%c bid; May, 36c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 88c; December, 88%c bid; May, 91%c bid; No. 2 Northern, cash, 82c; No. 3 Northern, 78%c; rejected, 67c bid.

TOLEDO, Wheat duil, and higher, No. 3

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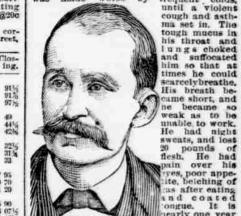
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