REED WELL DOUBTFUL

Many Widely Different Accounts Given of It by the Owners.

DOING FROM 25 TO 200 BARRELS.

Gladden Well Dry in the Gordon Sand, Others in the Fifth.

PRODUCTION IS DROPPING RAPIDLY

The Reed farm well of Mercer and the Pittsburg Oil Company, three miles southwest of McDonald, is still the topic of conversation among the southwestern operators. The different stories being told by the owners are puzzling outsiders. Since the well reached a depth of 2,000 feet there has been an evident attempt to shroud it in mystery. Reports were circulated by interested parties when it reached the Gordon sand that a vein of salt water had been struck which would have to be cased off. After a reasonable delay the same parties stated, in answer to inquiries, that the water had not been cased off because a load of casing had disappeared. No one seemed to know whether the casing had been side-tracked on the railroad, or dumped into a convenient mud hole by an irresponsible teamster. It was only a short time after this statement until it was reported to be within a few feet of the fifth sand.

When the well was said to be filled up with fifth-sand oil last Thursday the statement was generally discredited, as many believed it was only in the Gordon and Saturday one of the owners stated that the well was flowing every 15 or 20 minutes from the top of the fifth, and that it was good for from 250 to 300 barrels a day as it then stood. The latest report from it, however, rather takes the glamour off this last statement. Yesterday another man who is interested in the well made the assertion that it was 14 feet in the fifth sand, and would not make more than a 25 or 30-barrel well. There is only one 250-barrel tank at the well, and as only one more small tank has been ordered, the 25 or 30-barrel estimate appears the more credible.

From Disinterested Parties.

Disinterested persons who were at the well yesterday say that it will not do more than 40 barrels a day. Notwithstanding this another owner asserted positively last evening that it was at least a 200-barrel well, and that it was only three or four feet in the sand.

Greenlee & Forst's No. 1 on the Gladden farm, near the Moorhead, is through the Gordon and almost dry. It will be drilled to the fifth this week. The Oakdale Oil Company's Nos. 3 and 5 on the Sturgeon heirs' farm are both dry in the fifth sand. The People's Gas Company's No. 6 on the Miller farm is on top of the Gordon sand. Their Miller No. 3 has been shot, but was not improved. The same company is fishing for the tools at 2,000 feet on the John McMurray farm. The Woodland Oil Company well on the McMurray, one mile north of Oakdale, is due this week. They have a fishing job in No. 3 at 2,000. The Forest Oil Company's No. 2, Jane McGill, was also reported as being dry in the fifth. Brown & Co., on the McMurray farm, east of Noblestown, was through the 50-foot sand last night. The Little Oil Company's well on the Little property in Noblestown is 24 feet in the Gordon sand, and good for only 40 barrels a day.

Production Going Down.

The estimated production was lower yesterday than it has been since October 14. On that date it was 45,500, and yesterday it was down to 42,000. The hourly gauges for the larger wells yesterday were as follows:

Mathews No. 1, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 45; Mathews No. 3, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 70; Herron No. 1, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 20; Herron Nos. 2 and 4, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 35; Baldwin No. 1 and 2, Oakdale Oil Co., 55; Mathews heirs' No. 1, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 90; Bell No. 2, Guffey, Jennings & Co., 25; Wallace Nos. 1 and 2, Oakdale Oil Co., 95; Wallace No. 3, Oakdale Oil Co., 20; Morgan heirs' No. 2, Oakdale Oil Co., 60; Morgan heirs' No. 3, Oakdale Oil Co., 25; Morgan heirs' No. 4, Oakdale Oil Co., 60; Sturgeon No. 2, Guffey, Murphy & Galley, 35; Etta Glenn No. 1, Forest Oil Co., 25; J. M. Glenn, No. 1, Forest Oil Co., 25; Mevey No. 1, Greenlee & Forst, 35; Mevey No. 4, Greenlee & Forst, 35; Kelso No. 2, Patterson & Jones, 40; Herron No. 4, Forest Oil Co., 50; Gamble No. 1, Greenlee & Forst, 30; Boyce Nos. 1 and 2, Devonian Oil Co., 75; Devonian Oil Co., No. 1, Elliott, 25. Stock in the field, 100,500 barrels. The runs of the Southwest Pennsylvania Pipe Line Company from McDonald Saturday were 44,641.78 barrels, and on Sunday, 37,669.99.

Yesterday's Market Features.

The market scarcely moved out of its tracks, the only change in quotations being an advance of ⅛c shortly after the opening. The opening, lowest and closing for the January option was 59⅜c. The highest was 59⅝c. Refined was quoted: New York, 6.45c; London, 5⅛d; Antwerp, 15⅛f. Trading was light all along the line.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Petroleum opened steady, advanced ⅛c, then declined ⅝c and closed steady; Pennsylvania oil spot sales, none; January options opened at 59⅜c; highest, 59⅝c; lowest, 59⅜c; closing at 59⅜c. Lima oil—No sales. Total sales, 14,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, Dec. 28.—National Transit certificates opened at 60c; highest, 60c; lowest, 59⅜c; closed, 59⅝c; sales, 36,000 barrels; clearances, 138,000 barrels; shipments, 284,983 barrels; runs, 368,157 barrels.

BRADFORD, Dec. 28.—National Transit certificates opened at 60c; highest, 60c; lowest, 59⅜c; closed at 59⅜c; clearances, 90,000 barrels.

NO STARCH IN THE MARKET.

All Grains and Provisions Weak and Declining—May Wheat Below Low Water Mark—The Early Strength of Hog Products Is Soon Knocked Out.

CHICAGO—Wheat opened dull with hardly any disposition to trade on either side. The feeling was weak from the start. Cables were particularly unfavorable, Liverpool being a shade higher for futures, but the absence of local support and meagerness of outside business had a depressing influence. A weak market ruled, the price touching the lowest point for a long time. Heretofore 90c has been the rallying point for May, but when it got started to-day it went off easily below that line and showed but little rallying power. Domestic markets are all dull and easy, and private cables were also discouraging.

The weakness continued throughout the session, and the close was at about bottom prices and weak. May started at 96⅛c, with some sales at 96⅛c; sold slowly off to 95⅜c, and closed at 95⅛c.

Corn was decidedly weak for December and January, both futures selling off sharply, while May was also heavy, but did not decline to the same extent. The receipts of corn were large and contained a much larger proportion than usual of the contract grade, while there was very little demand with a general pressure to sell, which quickly sent the prices of December and January tumbling. December rallied a little from the bottom near the close, but January and May closed at near the lowest point, with a loss of 1⅝c for December, 2⅛c for January and ⅜c for May, compared with Thursday's last figures.

Oats were dull, and show decline since Thursday of ⅛@⅜c.

Hog products opened rather strong on moderate receipts of hogs and the strong prices at the yards, but soon sympathized with the weakness in the grain pits and sold off sharply, closing at about inside figures. Compared with Thursday's last figures pork shows a loss of 7½@10c, except for December, which is unchanged. Lard is 2½c lower, except May, which is unchanged. Ribs are 2½@5c off, except December, which is unchanged.

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	$ 89⅝	89⅝
January	91	91	89⅞	89⅞
May	96⅛	96⅛	95⅜	95⅛
CORN, No. 2.				
December	41⅛	41⅛	39⅜	39⅜
January	41⅛	41⅛	39⅛	39⅞
May	41⅝	42	41⅜	41⅜
OATS, No. 2.				
December	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛
January	31⅜	31⅜	31	31
May	32⅜	32⅜	32⅛	32⅛
MESS PORK.				
December	7 62½	7 62½	7 62½	7 62½
January	10 42½	10 47½	10 27½	10 27½
May	11 00	11 07½	10 85	10 87½
LARD.				
December	5 97½	5 97½	5 97½	5 97½
January	6 05	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½
May	6 42½	6 45	6 40	6 40
SHORT RIBS.				
December	5 15	5 20	5 10	5 10
January	5 20	5 25	5 15	5 15
May	5 60	5 65	5 55	5 57½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour dull and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 89@90c; No. 3 spring wheat, 83@84c; No. 2 red, 91c; No. 2 corn, 39⅜c; No. 2 oats, 32⅛c; No. 2 white, 32⅜@33⅛c; No. 3 white, 29½@31½c; No. 2 rye, 87⅛@88c; No. 2 barley, 59c; No. 3, f. o. b., 35@60c; No. 3, f. o. b., 33@45c; No. 1 flaxseed, 93⅛c; prime timothy seed, $1 23. Mess pork, per barrel, $7 62½@7 75. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 02½. Short rib sides (loose), $5 10@5 20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4 37½@4 50; short clear sides (boxed), $5 45@5 50. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 18. Sugars unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market—Fancy creamery, 27@28c; fine Western, 23@28c; ordinary, 19@21c; selected dairies, 14@26c; ordinary, 18@22c. Eggs, 23@24c.

NEW YORK—Flour—Dull and heavy. Cornmeal—Steady and quiet, yellow Western, $3 10@3 50. Wheat—Spot market lower, free offerings, moderate business; No. 2 red, $1 05@1 05¼ in store and elevator; $1 06⅛@1 07⅞ afloat; $1 06⅛@1 08⅞ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, $1 0 @1 01⅛; ungraded red, 97⅛c@$1 11; No. 1 Northern, $1 07⅜@1 09⅛; No. 1 hard, $1 11; No. 2 Northern, $1 02⅛; No. 3 spring, 98⅛c. Options—No. 2 red, December, $1 05⅛@1 06⅛, closing $1 05⅛; January, $1 05⅜@1 0⅝, closing $1 05⅜; February, $1 06⅛@1 07⅛, closing $1 06⅛; March, $1 07⅜@1 08⅛, closing $1 07⅝; April, $1 07⅜@1 08⅛, closing, $1 07⅝; May, $1 06⅜@1 07⅛, closing, $1 06⅝; June, $1 05⅛@1 06⅛, closing at $1 05. Rye dull, irregular; western, $1 00@1 03. Barley dull; No. 2 Milwaukee, 71@72c. Corn—Spots lower, fairly active, free sellers weak; No. 2 52@53c; elevator, 53⅛@55c afloat; ungraded mixed 46@55c; No. 3, 47@49c; steamer mixed options, January 51⅛@52⅝c, closing at 52⅛c; February, 51⅜@52⅛c, closing at 51⅛c; March, 52@52⅛c, closing at 52c; May, 50⅜@51⅛c, closing at 50⅜c. Oats—Spot, fairly active, closing easy; options quiet and weaker: December, 40@40⅛c, closing at 40c; January, 39⅛@39⅛c, closing at 39⅛c; February, 39⅛@39⅛c, closing at 39⅛c; May, 39⅛c; spot, No. 2 white, 40⅛@41c; mixed Western, 39@41⅛c; February, 39⅛@39⅛c, closing at 39⅛c; May, 39⅛c; spot, No. 2 white, 40⅛@41c; mixed Western, 39@41⅛c; white do, 40@43⅛c; No. 2 Chicago, 41⅛@41⅛c. Hay firm and quiet; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 75@90c. Hops firm and in fair demand; State, common to choice and Pacific coast, 15@22c. Tallow strong and quiet. Eggs—fancy firm; Western 26⅛@28c. Pork steady and in moderate demand; old mess, $9 25; new mess, $9 75@10 25; extra prime, $9 50. Cut meats quiet and easy; pickled bellies, 5⅛@5⅝c. Middles steady and quiet; short clear, $5 90. Lard opened firmer and closed weak; Western steam, $6 37⅛c@6 40. Options—January, $6 28@6 42, closing at $6 39 asked; February, $6 48 asked; March, $6 58 asked; May, $6 71 asked. Butter quiet; fancy creamery firm; Western dairy, 15@21c; creamery 19@30c; do, factory, 14@20c; Elgin, 29⅛@30c. Cheese in moderate demand and firm; part skims, 5⅛@10c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour weak. Wheat weak; No. 2 red, December, $1 01⅜@1 01⅜; January, $1 01⅜@1 02⅛; February, $1 03⅛@1 03⅜; March, $1 04⅜@1 05⅛. Corn weaker; No. 4, 38c; No. 3, in export elevator, 48⅛c; No. 3, 51c; steamer in export elevator, 51@51⅛c; No. 2 yellow, in grain depot, 54c; No. 2 spot, in export elevator, 52⅛@53c; No. 2 mixed, December, 52⅛@52⅝c; January, 51⅛@52c; February, 51⅜@51⅛c; March, 51⅛@51⅛c. Oats—Carlots ruled firm; under light offerings and a fair demand; No. 3 white, 41⅛@42c; No. 2 white, 42@42⅛c; No. 2 white, December, 41@42c; January, 40@41c; February, 40@41c; March, 40@41c. Provisions—Jobbing trade fairly steady. Butter quiet and steady; Pennsylvania creamery, extra, 28c; do print, extra, 33@35c. Eggs dull; Pennsylvania firsts, 26@27c. Cheese dull; part skims, 8@9c.

ST. LOUIS—Flour dull and neglected. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 91⅜@92⅛c; December, 91⅜@91⅛c, closing 91⅛c; May, 95⅜@96⅛c, closing 95⅛c; July closed 91c, bid. Corn—No. 2 cash, 36⅜@37c; year, 36⅛@37⅛c, closing at 36⅛c; January, 36⅛@37⅛c, closing at 36⅛c, asked; February, 36⅛@37⅛c, closing at 36⅛c; May, 38⅜@38⅛c, closing at 38⅛c bid. Oats, cash, strong; No. 2, 31c; options, dull; December, 31c; May, 32⅛@32⅜c; closing at 32⅛. Rye, dull and lower; No. 2, 81c, bid; Eastside, 82⅛c, bid. Barley steady; Minnesota, 55@61c; Wisconsin, 60c; Iowa, 58⅛c. Butter neglected; creamery, 24@27c; dairy, 18@24c. Eggs lower at 20c. Provisions very dull. Pork, old, $8 75; new, $10 75. Lard, $5 75.

BALTIMORE—Wheat weak; No. 2 red, spot and December, $1 03; January, $1 03⅛@1 03⅜; February, $1 05@1 05⅛; May, $1 07⅛; steamer No. 2 red, 93⅛@99c. Corn weak; mixed spot and year, 53⅛@53⅝c; January, 51⅜@52c; February, 51⅛@51⅛c; March, 51@51⅛c; steamer mixed, 48⅜@48⅝c. Oats quiet and steady; No. 2 white Western, 40⅛c; No. 2 mixed, do, 39c. Rye firm; No. 2, 99c. Hay quiet; good to choice timothy, $12 50@14 00. Provisions dull and quiet. Butter firm; creamery, fancy, 29@30c; do, fair to choice, 25@28c; do, imitation, 23@25c; ladle, fancy, 22c; good to choice, 19@20c; rolls, fine, 21c; do, fair to good, 18@20c; store packed, 15@18c. Eggs steady at 24@25c.

NEW ORLEANS—Sugar open kettle, firm; strictly prime, 3 11-16c; fully fair to prime, 2⅞@2⅝c; good common to good fair, 2⅛@2 7-16c; centrifugal, very strong; off white, 3 7-16@3 9-16c; gray do, 3 5-16@3⅛c; choice yellow clarified, 3⅜c; prime do, 3⅛@3 5-16c; off do, 3 1-16@3 3-16c; seconds, 2⅛@3c. Molasses—Open kettle quiet; strictly prime, 30c; good prime, 28@29c; prime, 26@27c; good common to good fair, 23@25c; fermenting, 3@5c lower than sound goods; centrifugals steady; strictly prime, 18@19c; good prime, 15@17c; fair to prime, 10@14c; common to good common, 6@9c. Syrup, 24@29c.

CINCINNATI—Flour easy; family, $3 75@3 90; fancy, $4 15@4 40. Wheat quiet; No. 2 red, 92c. Corn in fair demand; No. 2 mixed, 42⅛@43c. Oats easier; No. 2 mixed, 34⅛@34⅛c. Rye in light demand. Pork nominal at $8 50@8 75. Lard in fair demand at $5 90. Bulk meats quiet at $5 12⅛@5 25. Bacon steady at $6 75. Butter quiet; fancy Elgin creamery, 30c; Ohio, 27c; choice dairy, 15@17c. Eggs dull. Cheese in light demand; prime to choice Ohio flat 11@11⅛c.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat dull; No. 2, 97⅛c; Corn weak and lower; No. 2 cash, 34c bid, 35c asked; December, 33⅛c bid, 34⅛c asked; January, 33c bid; February, 31⅛c asked. Oats lower; No. 2 cash, 29c bid, 30⅛ asked; December, 29c bid, 30⅛c asked; January, 28c bid, 30⅛c asked; May, 31c bid, 32 asked. Eggs weak and declining at 20c.

MILWAUKEE—Flour quiet. Wheat easy; No. 2 spring, 87c; No. 1 Northern, 91c; May, 91c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 38c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 32⅛@33c; No. 3 do, 31@31⅛c. Barley quiet; no. 2, 56⅛c. sample on track, 34@61c. Rye quiet; No. 1, 88c. Provisions quiet. Pork—January, $10 27⅛. Lard—January, $6 05.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat nominal; Northern, December, closing to-day, 85c, Thursday, 85⅛c; January, closing to-day, 85c, Thursday, 86⅛c; May, opening 91⅜c, highest 91⅛c, lowest 91, closing to-day 91c, Thursday, 92⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 88c; No. 1 Northern, 87c; No. 2 Northern, 81@84c.

TOLEDO—Wheat dull, weak; No. 2 cash, 95c; December, 96; January, 90⅛; May, $1 00⅛; Corn dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 41⅛c. Oats quiet; cash, 34c. Rye dull: cash, 90. Clover seed active, steady prime cash $5 40; December, $5 42⅛; February, $5 40.

DULUTH—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 88⅛c; May, 94⅛c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 86⅛c; sellers, December, 88⅛c; May sellers, 93c; No. 2 Northern, cash, 80c, sellers; No. 3, 74c.

The Coffee Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—Coffee steady; Rio, ordinary to fair, 14⅛@16⅛c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28.—Coffee steady; Rio cargoes, fair, 17c; No. 7, 13⅛c.

SANTOS, Dec. 26.—Coffee—Good average unquoted; receipts during the week, 96,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 3,000 bags; shipments to the United States, none; stock, 471,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 26.—Coffee—Regular firsts, 9,850 reis per ten kilos; good second, 9,100 reis; receipts during the week, 69,000 bags; purchases for the United States, 42,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 29,000 bags; stock, 42,000 bags.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Coffee options opened steady and unchanged, 5@15 points down; closed steady, unchanged to 15 points down; sales 7,400 bags, including December, 12.30@12.35c; January, 12.00@12.05c; February, 11.80c; March, 11.70c; spot Rio dull; No. 7 offered at 13c.

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The drygoods market opened quietly with accumulated mail orders and light spot trade. Agents were busy with details of delivery, the movement being active, including shipments direct from the mills. There was no new developments beyond the opening of a few new woolens adapted to the wants of clothiers. Prints received relatively good attention. Not only was the demand for prints good but the strong position of print cloths has a good effect upon the tone of the market. As this week, like the last, is to be a short one and largely under the holiday feeling, no important business is expected. The decided improvement in the weather tends to strengthen the outlook for January.

Turpentine and Rosin.

SAVANNAH — Turpentine firm at 31⅛c. Rosin firm at $1 20@1 25.

NEW YORK—Rosin steady and quiet. Turpentine higher, quiet; 34⅛@35⅛c.

CHARLESTON—Turpentine steady at 32c. Rosin firm; good strained, $1 27⅛.

WILMINGTON—Spirits of turpentine nothing doing. Rosin firm; strained, $1 20; good strained, $1 25. Tar steady at $1 25. Crude turpentine firm; hard, $1 00; yellow dip, $1 90; virgin, $1 90.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Pig iron steady. Copper dull, firmer; lake, January, $10 50. Lead nominal; domestic, $4 25. Tin dull, steady; Straits, $19 90.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, ILL., Dec. 28.—Butter firm; sales, 16,740 lbs at 28c.

BUILDINGS ON PAPER.

An Active Demand for East End Acreage for Improvement.

THE NIMICK DEAL IN GOOD SHAPE.

Shadyside Development the Coming Year Promises Good Results.

STATUS OF CHRIST CHURCH PROPERTY

An interesting feature of the real estate market at present is an active inquiry for acreage in the East End. Several syndicates, to say nothing of individuals, are looking for this kind of property, but without much success so far on account of the firmness of owners. The most promising negotiation known to be in progress involves a large tract in the Eighteenth ward. The price has been agreed upon, but there is a hitch in regard to terms. In the Twenty-third ward several deals which have been under way for two or three months, are likely to be closed soon after New Years. Nearly all of these dickers involve building schemes of more or less importance. It was thought last week that the sale of the Nimick property, 30 acres, at Wilkinsburg, would fall through, but it was learned yesterday that the difficulty had been overcome and the transaction ratified.

Some Figures Named.

There is considerable doubt connected with the disposition of the Christ Church property, principally as to whether it will be sold as a whole or in parcels, and at private or public sale. A leading member of the congregation said yesterday that the trustees were committed to neither of these methods. All they wanted was the best price they could possibly get for the property. He added: "I do not think it will realize as much as was calculated upon just after the fire. Prices paid for the Government and other properties on that avenue show that our original figures were too high. Still, it should bring $200,000 at the very least. I do not mention these figures as a guide to bidders, for I do not know that they would be accepted. The scarcity of well located sites of the size of this one ought to be an important factor in influencing the judgment and governing the action of buyers."

Improvements at Shadyside.

Shadyside is full of building schemes, all substantially backed, and, therefore, reasonably certain of being carried out. While a few of the promoters are talking of blocks and rows, the most of the improvements will be single houses, generally of a high class, for well-to-do people, who have acquired a taste for rural comforts. According to indications the center of activity will be between Fifth and Ellsworth avenues, although other quarters will receive attention. Plans for a number of fine houses are under way, and work on them will begin early in the spring. The progress of this district in the last three or four years has been remarkable, and the spirit of improvement seems to be even more aggressive than at any former period.

A Big Undertaking.

The work of filling up the McGinness property on Fifth avenue, nearly opposite the Ursuline Convent, is one of the heaviest jobs of the kind ever undertaken hereabouts, but it is beginning to show substantial progress. It is the biggest "dump" on the avenue, and a great deal of material will be required to bring it up to the level of surrounding property, which it is proposed to do, and which will no doubt be done in the course of time. It will be valuable property when improved according to the plans under which work is being prosecuted.

An Enterprising Woman.

Where there's a will there's a way. Success in business depends upon the individual more than upon fortuitous circumstances or surroundings. Few, if any, of Pittsburg's rich men were "born with silver spoons in their mouths." A woman, well-known on Fourth avenue, where she finds employment as an office cleaner, which brings her about $50 a month, has contrived to save enough money in the last few years to purchase ground on Fifth avenue, in the Soho district, and build a row of four substantial brick houses. They are not quite completed, but soon will be. She expects the rent from these buildings will keep her in her old age. With such an example as this to stimulate his efforts, no one should despair of acquiring a home.

Business News and Gossip.

The tone of the street yesterday was rather bearish. Holiday sentiment is seldom buoyant.

It is said fire insurance rates all over the country are to be increased. Boston has started the movement.

Plans have been prepared for an extensive addition to the lower Allegheny shops of the Pittsburg Locomotive Works.

Pittsburg is full of building schemes for next year. Should there be no labor trouble great progress will be made in providing homes for the people, so says the *Southern Lumberman*.

Arrangements have been completed for enlarging the pipe works at Emaus, Pa.

Five permits were issued yesterday for new buildings and improvements, aggregating $3,350.

The statement of foreign commerce for November shows the value of exports of merchandise to have been $110,100,220, the largest in the history of the country.

T. P. Hershberger has sold to John Weaver a house and lot on Main street, Thirty-sixth ward, for $6,000.

At the last call yesterday Electric preferred was offered at 40 and Electric scrip at 90. Birmingham Traction was offered at 18⅛, and 35⅛ was bid for Manchester.

The Keystone Bridge Company of Pittsburg has been awarded the contract for the iron and steel work of a new union depot to be erected at St. Louis at a cost of $300,000.

January disbursements at New York, Boston and Philadelphia will aggregate $100,-000,000. Pittsburg's disbursements will be about $1 500,000.

Northern Pacific earnings third week in December, $432,454. Decrease, $63 326.

It is officially announced that the voting trust of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company has been terminated and that certificates issued thereunder may be exchanged at the office of the Treasurer of the company, 120 Broadway, New York City, for stock certificates of the company for the same amount and kind of stock as the certificates surrendered.

The Freehold Bank will next Monday choose directors for the coming year.

Duquesne Traction weakened a little more yesterday. It was bid down to 15 and offered at 17⅛.

Movements in Realty.

It is understood the Leonard property will be formally transferred to Joseph Horne & Co. some time this week. The consideration will approximate $200,000.

G. B. Hart sold for Captain J. W. McIntyre, in Coraopolis, a lot 79x378, fronting on State avenue; also four lots, 40x200 feet, to M. A. Ross for $4,000.

Black & Baird sold to S. G. Winterburn lot No. 15 in the J. H. Willock plan, Hazelwood, fronting 24 feet on Smith street by 100 in depth, for $750.

S. A. Dickie & Co. sold for F. H. Speer to Mrs. S. P. Harper a two-story frame house, with lot 23⅛x120 feet, on Gerritt street, Twenty-first ward, for $2,400.

W. A. Herron & Sons sold for a price approximating $2,300 lot 22 feet front on the corner of Penn avenue and Eveline street, Nineteenth ward. The purchaser intends to improve same soon with a business house and dwelling.

HARD CASH.

The Financial Situation Favorable to the Promotion of New Enterprises.

Money was moderately active yesterday at 6 per cent as the rule, with a liberal supply. Bankers reported a good routine business. Depositing fell off a little, as expected after the holiday rush, but the volume of general trade was larger than at the same time last year.

A cashier remarked: "Indications are that money will be so abundant after the annual settlements as to cause a shading of rates. But this may be prevented by a larger call for loans than now seems probable. Seldom has the monetary situation been so favorable to the establishment of new enterprises." Bank clearings were $2,373,276 72 and balances $466,234 62.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy, ranging from 2½ to 3 per cent; last loan, 3; closed offered at 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4⅜@6. Sterling exchange quiet and firm at $4 81⅛ for 60-day bills and $4 84⅛ for demand.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, $514,086; balances, $133,558.

NEW ORLEANS—Clearings, $2,346,447. New York exchange commercial $1 25 per $1,000 discount. Bank par to 50c discount.

Closing Bond Quotations.

U. S. 4s reg	116½	Mutual Union 6s	105
do 4s coup	117½	N. J. Cent. Int. Certs.	111
do 4½s reg	100	Northern Pac. 1sts	118½
do 4½s coup	—	do do 2ds	112
Pacific 6s of '95	109	Northwest. Consols	140
Louisiana stamped 4s	87½	do debentures 5s	106
Missouri 6s	—	Oregon Trans. 6s	—
Tenn. new set. 6s	106	St. L. & Iron M. Gen. 5s	86
do do 5s	101	St. L. & San. Fran. Gen. M.	108½
do do 3s	71⅛	St. Paul Consols	129⅝
Canada So. 2d	103⅛	St. P. C. & Pac. 1sts	115
Cen. Pacific 1sts	108⅛	Tex. Pac. L. G. Tr. Rcts	84
Den. & R. G. 1sts	116	Tex. Pac. R. G. Tr. Rcts	82⅝
do do 4s	82⅛	Union Pac. 1sts	109
Den. & R. G. West 1sts	—	West Shore	104
Erie 2ds	107		
M. K. & T. Gen. 6 s	79⅛		
do do 5s	47		

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK—Bank clearings, $69,711,869; balances, $4,054,693.

BOSTON—Bank clearings, $12,141,716; balances, $1,972,353. Rate for money 3@4 per cent. Exchange on New York 17 to 25 discount.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, $9,147,903; balances, $1,485,904. Money 4 per cent.

BALTIMORE—Bank clearings, $2,039,645; balances, $264,852. Rate 6 per cent.

CHICAGO—Money 6 per cent. Bank clearings, $15,315,836. New York Exchange par.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $3,890,809; balances, $485,497. Money 7@8 per cent. Exchange on New York, 50c premium.

HOME SECURITIES.

THE HOLIDAY DID NOT WHET THE APPETITE OF INVESTORS.

Luster Bobs Up in Time to Save the Day From Disaster—No Price Changes Worth Considering—Expectation of Busy Times After New Year's.

Speculation was very tame yesterday. The long holiday instead of whetting the appetite for stocks, had the effect of dulling it. There was no accumulation of orders, and the tone was bearish.

The first two calls passed without a sale and the third had a narrow escape. Luster was the only active interest. It sold to the extent of 111 shares at 8⅜, 8¼ and 8—the inside figure for one share. Philadelphia Gas broke a small fraction. There was little or no change in other parts of the list.

The following bids were made on bonds: Pittsburg Traction first mortgage 6's, 117; Pittsburg and Western general mortgage 4's, 83; Citizens' Traction 5's, 106⅜; Pittsburg Incline Plane first mortgage 6's, 105; same, second mortgage 6's, 100.

The situation, so far as stocks are concerned, is the best of the year, and great confidence is felt in a general rally soon after the turn of the year. Easy money is the basis of this expectation. Bids and offers were:

EXCHANGE STOCKS.	FIRST CALL. B	FIRST CALL. A	SECOND CALL. B	SECOND CALL. A	THIRD CALL. B	THIRD CALL. A
P. P. S. & M. Ex.	....	415	....	....	385	4:0
German Nat. Bk.	....	325	....	325	....	325
Iron City N. Bk.	....	84	....	....	....	....
Third Nat. Bank	128	....	....	....	....	....
Teutonia Ins.	....	....	....	....	60	....
P. N. G. & P. Co.	7½	8½	....	....	7½	8¾
Philadelphia Co.	13⅛	13⅜	13⅛	13¼	13	13¼
Wheeling G. Co.	....	....	....	23	....	....
P. Incline P. Co.	....	....	....	....	110	....
Ft. Pitt I. P. Co.	....	20	....	20	....	20
Central Traction	20½	20⅝	20½	20⅝	20½	....
Citizens' Tract'n.	59⅛	60	....	60	59⅛	60
Pitts. Traction	....	48½	....	48½	....	48
Pleasant Valley	....	23	....	23	....	23
Second Avenue	....	....	....	....	48	....
Allegheny Valley	....	....	10 c	....	....	....
Chartiers Ry.	....	....	59	....	....	....
P., C., C. & St. L.	....	....	66½	....	....	....
P., V. & C. R. R.	....	....	....	....	40	....
P. & W. R. R., pfd	....	....	19	....	....	....
Hand St. Bridge	....	....	....	....	43⅛	....
Hidalgo M. Co.	....	....	....	....	4	....
La Noria M. Co.	28	30	....	30	28	30
Luster M. Co.	8	8½	8⅛	8⅜	8¼	8⅜
East End Elec.	....	....	9	....	....	....
W'st'ghouse E.	....	13	12⅜	12⅝	....	....
Monon. N. Co.	....	....	70	75	....	....
Monon. W. Co.	27½	27⅜	....	28	....	28
Union S. & S. Co.	10⅜	11	10⅜	11	....	11
W'house A. B. Co	99⅜	101	99⅜	101	99⅜	101
W. B. Co. Lim.	....	70	....	70	....	70
Standard U. C. Co	....	....	....	....	60	....

BEAR TACTICS FAIL.

THE ATTACK ON N. Y. CENTRAL DOESN'T DEPRESS THE LIST.

Gould Shares Very Prominent in the Dealings—Realizing on Last Month's Profits Makes a Heavy General Market—Bonds Still Active and Well Distributed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The rise in stocks was not, in general, commensurate with the amount of business done, and the advance was not so steady as it has been for the last week or two. The demand was in a great measure made by the shorts who put out their lines during the last week; but while the new buying was large and influential the realizing on the profits accrued during the last month was sufficient to give the market a heavy temper at times, and some of the leading shares are even fractionally lower this evening, while New York Central is actually over 1 per cent lower.

The Gould shares were more prominent in the dealings than for some time, while they were also the strong features of the day, Missouri Pacific taking the lead in the forenoon and Union Pacific toward the close coming up with a rush that placed it upon a materially higher level than on Thursday. None of the other leading shares displayed any marked strength, but Omaha common continued its upward movement and scored the largest net advance of any stock during the day.

As a rule the usually active stocks moved within very narrow limits when the volume of business is considered, many being traded in over a range of less than ⅛ of 1 per cent. The coal stocks were quiet and without feature, but the industrials were more largely traded in at advanced prices, Distillers being especially strong. The foreigners were not an influential factor in the dealings, but the West bought liberally of its specialties. Among the low-priced shares only Tennessee Coal made any marked movement, but many were unusually active without making any extended movement.

The market opened very active and decidedly stronger, but the advances over Thursday's figures extended to only ⅜ per cent, and the pressure to sell in the early trading and the decided weakness in New York Central, caused a recession in the list, bringing most stocks slightly below the level of the opening figures. The market, under the urgent demand shown by the shorts, rallied quickly, and prices along the line were advanced large fractions. The realizations in the afternoon, caused another downward movement, wiping out many of the gains of the forenoon, and bringing most stocks down to the neighborhood of first prices.

The close was rather heavy, notwithstanding the spurt in Union Pacific in the last hour. The final changes are generally small advances, but Omaha is up 2 per cent, Tennessee Coal 1⅜, Missouri Pacific 1⅜ and Distillers' 1⅛, while New York Central is down 1⅛.

The railroad bond market was still very active, with the same wide distribution of the business done, but the Reading firsts and seconds, with the Richmond and West Point Trust 5s, were specially prominent in the dealings. The last named, after selling up to 65, retired to 63, closing only a fraction higher than its last previous sales.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 457,600 shares, including: Atchison, 25,930; Canada Southern, 3,070; Chicago Gas, 12,900; Delaware, Lackawana and Western, 11,630; Erie, 48,295; Lake Shore, 3,079; Louisville and Nashville, 6,720; Missouri Pacific, 19,155; Northwestern, 5,350; North American, 7,595; Wisconsin Central, 13,150; Northern Pacific preferred, 13,460; Reading, 16,260; Richmond and West Point, 34,580; St. Paul, 12,360; St. Paul and Omaha, 16,530; Union Pacific, 27,000; Western Union, 5,267.

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

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
American Cotton Oil	34½	34⅜	34	34⅜
American Cotton Oil pfd	63⅞	63⅞	63½	63½
Am. Sugar Refining Co	85½	86⅜	85⅜	85⅜
Am. Sugar Refining Co, pfd	92⅜	93	92⅜	92½
Atch., Top. & S. F.	45⅛	46	45½	45⅜
Canadian Pacific				91
Canada Southern	63⅞	63⅛	62⅜	62⅜
Central of New Jersey	113	113⅛	113	113⅛
Central Pacific	34⅜	34⅜	34⅜	34
Chesapeake and Ohio	27	27	26⅝	26⅝
C. & O., 1st pfd	60⅜	60⅜	60	60⅜
C. & O. 2d pfd	40¼	40¼	40	40
Chicago Gas Trust	69⅞	70⅜	69⅜	69⅜
C., Bur. & Quincy	109⅜	110	109⅜	109⅜
C., Mil. & St. Paul	81⅜	82	81½	81⅜
C., Mil. & St. Paul, pfd	123⅜	123⅜	123	123⅜
C., Rock I. & P.	89⅜	87⅜	89	8
C., St. P. M. & O.	41¾	47	44¾	46½
C. St. P. M. & O., pfd	110	110	109	109
C. & Northwestern	117	117	116¼	116¾
C. & Northwestern, pfd	142¾	142½	142½	142½
C., C., C. & I.	71	71⅛	70⅛	70⅞
Col. Coal & Iron	37¾	37⅜	37	37
Col. & Hocking Valley	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜	30⅜
Del., Lack. & West	141¼	141⅜	140⅞	140⅞
Del. & Hudson	124⅝	124⅞	124⅝	124
Den. & Rio Grande	.....	.....	.....	17¼
Den. & Rio Grande, pfd				47
E. T., Va. & Ga.	6⅝	7	6⅝	6⅝
E. T., Va. & Ga., 2d pfd	14¾			
Illinois Central	109	109⅜	109	109¼
Lake Erie & West	22¼	22⅜	22¼	22½
Lake Erie & West pfd	69⅞	69⅞	69⅜	69¼
Lake Shore & M. S.	125¾	127	125¾	126¼
Louisville & Nashville	83⅞	83⅜	83¼	83⅜
Michigan Central	109½	109¾	109½	109⅝
Mobile & Ohio				41½
Missouri Pacific	62½	63⅞	62⅜	63⅜
National Cordage Co	94¼	94⅝	94¼	94⅜
National Cordage Co., pfd	100½	100½	100	100
National Lead Trust	18⅜	18½	17½	17⅜
New York Central	119	119⅛	118¼	118⅜
N. Y., C. & St. L.	21½	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜
N. Y., C. & St. L. 1st pfd				79
N. Y., C. & St. L. 2d pfd	44½	45¼	44½	44
N. Y., L. E. & W.	33½	34⅛	33⅜	34⅛
N. Y., L. E. & W., pfd	74⅞	77¼	74⅞	74½
N. Y. & N. E.	40⅜	40⅜	40	40
N. Y., O. & W.	21⅜	22	21⅜	21⅜
Norfolk & Western				17
Norfolk & Western pref	54½	54⅜	54⅜	54½
North American Co	19⅛	19⅛	18⅝	18⅝
Northern Pacific	26⅝	27	26⅝	26⅝
Northern Pacific pref	72¼	73	72¼	72½
Oregon Improvement	28	28½	28	28⅜
Pacific Mail	38	38	37⅞	37⅞
Peo., Dec. & Evansville	22	22	21⅜	21⅜
Philadelphia & Reading	40	40	39⅜	39⅜
P., C., C. & St. L.	29½	29⅛	28⅞	29
P., C., C. & St. L. pref	67	67⅛	66⅞	66⅞
Pullman Palace Car	184	184½	184	184½
Richmond & W. P. T.	15	15⅛	14⅜	14⅜
Richmond & W. P. T. pfd	60	60	59	59
St. Paul & Duluth	46⅜	47	46¼	46⅜
St. Paul & Duluth, pfd				106
St. Paul, Minn & Man	115	115	114½	114½
Texas Pacific	14	14	13⅞	13⅞
Union Pacific	46⅞	47⅜	46⅜	47
Wabash	14⅝	15	14⅝	14⅞
Wabash, pfd	31⅜	31⅜	31⅜	31⅜
Western Union	84⅛	84⅜	83	83⅞
Wheeling & L. E.	37⅜	37⅜	37	37¼
Wheeling & L. E., pfd	77⅝	77⅝	77	77¼
Dis. & Cattle F. Trust	59¾	60⅛	59⅛	60

Philadelphia Stocks.

Closing quotations of Philadelphia stocks, furnished by Whitney & Stephenson, brokers, No. 57 Fourth avenue, members of the New York Stock Exchange:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pennsylvania Railroad	57⅛	57⅛
Reading Railroad	19 1-16	19⅛
Buffalo, N. Y. and Phila	9⅛	9⅜
Lehigh Valley	49⅛	49⅛
Northern Pacific	25⅞	26⅛
Northern Pacific, preferred	72⅜	72⅛
Lehigh Navigation	49⅜	49¼

Boston Stocks—Closing Prices.

Atchi. & Top.	45⅝	Boston & Mont.	40
Boston & Albany	198	Calumet & Hecla	260
Boston & Maine	165	Franklin	15⅛
Chi., Bur. & Quincy	109⅛	Kearsarge	11⅛
Eastern R. R. 6's	—	Osceola	28
Fitchburg R. R.	80	Santa Fe Copper	25
Flint & Pere M.	—	Tamarack	155
Flint & Pere M. pfd.	87	Anniston Land Co.	30
Little Rock & Ft. S.	90	Boston Land Co.	6
Mass. Central	16	San Diego Land Co.	17⅛
Mex. Cen. com	23⅛	West End Land Co.	17⅛
N. N. & N. E.	40⅛	Bell Telephone	205
N. Y. & N. E. 7s	120⅛	Lamson Store S.	17
Old Colony	166	Water Power	3⅛
Rutland pref.	—	Centenn'al Min. Co.	10⅛
Wis. Central, com.	21	N. E. Telep. & Teleg.	51
Wis. Central pref.	43	B. & B. Copper	16⅛
Allouez Min., new	2	Thomson-Houston	51
Atlantic	11		

Electric Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—[*Special.*]—The latest electric stock quotations to-day were:

	Bid.	Asked.
Eastern Electric Cable Co. pref.	$......	$33 25
Thomson-Houston Electric Co.	51 00	51 25
Thomson-Houston E. Co. pref.	25 75	26 00
Ft. Wayne Electric Co.	12 25	12 37½
Westinghouse Electric Co.	12 50	13 00
European Welding Co.	15 00	25 00
Detroit Electrical Works	......	9 12½

Mining Stock Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Alice, 125; Best and Belcher, 190; Consolidated California and Virginia, 305; Deadwood T, 195; Homestake, 1150; Horn Silver, 380; Iron Silver, 125; Mexican, 150; Ontario, 4300; Ophir, 260; Plymouth, 225; Savage, 130; Sierra Nevada, 150; Standard, 120; Union Consolidated, 130.

Bar Silver Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—[*Special.*]—Bar silver in London, 43⅜d per ounce; New York dealers' price for silver, 95c per ounce.

CEREALS ARE WEAKER.

CORN, OATS AND HAY DULL AT A DECLINE IN PRICES.

Wheat and Flour Are Quiet at Quotations—Country Produce in Light Supply, but Enough for Demand—Grocery Trade Is Featureless.

OFFICE OF PITTSBURG DISPATCH, MONDAY, Dec. 28.

Country Produce—Jobbing prices—Trade in this line gives very few signs of life. Receipts of all kinds have been very light since Christmas, but there is still more than enough to meet all demands. The poultry glut is over, and prices are back to about the old standard. Dairy products of high grade are fairly steady, and some dealers predict an advance before the week is out. The soft, rainy weather of last week upset many a nice-laid plan of bulls who worked for higher markets. Said a leading Liberty street commission merchant: "Trade is about as dead as it can be, and has been so for the past week. While we receive very little stuff there is more than enough received to meet all the needs of our customers. We now expect little improvement until after the New Year is fairly open. Much, however, depends on weather."

APPLES—$1 50@2 00 per barrel.

BUTTER—Creamery Elgin, 31@32c; Ohio brands, 2 @31c; common country butter, 16@17c; choice country roll, 19@20c.

BEANS—New York and Michigan pea, $1 90@2 00; marrowfat, $2 15@2 25; Lima beans, 4@4⅛c ℔ lb; hand picked medium, $1 90@2 00.

BEESWAX—Choice, 32@35c ℔ lb; low grades, 22@25c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—New, 2⅛@2⅛c ℔ lb.

CHEESE—Ohio choice, 11@11⅛c; New York cheese, 11⅛@11⅛c; Limburger, 12⅛@13⅛c; Wisconsin, Sweitzer, full cream, 13⅛@14c; imported Sweitzer, 24@25⅛c.

CIDER—Country cider, $3 50@5 00 ℔ barrel; sand refined, $6 50@7 00.

CRANBERRIES—Per box, $2 00@2 50; per barrel, $7 00@8 00.

EGGS—Strictly fresh nearby stock, 26c; candled eggs, 22@23c; cold storage eggs, 21c.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 57@58c; No. 1, 48@50c ℔ lb; mixed lots, 39@40c.

DRIED FRUITS—Peaches, halves, 6⅛c; evaporated apples, 8@9c; apricots, 9@10c; blackberries, 6@6⅛c; raspberries, 17@17⅛c; dried grapes, 4⅛@4⅛c; huckleberries, 7⅛@8c.

GAME—Wild turkeys, $1 50@2 00 each; mallard ducks, $4 00@5 00 per dozen; teal ducks, $2 75@3 00 per dozen; pheasants, $5 75@6 00; quail, $1 25@1 50; squirrels, $1 00@1 50; rabbits, 30@35c per pair; whole deer, 13@15c ℔ lb; saddles, 18@20c ℔ lb.

HONEY—New crop white clover, 18c; California honey, 12@15c ℔ lb.

MAPLE SYRUP—75@90c ℔ gallon.

MAPLE SUGAR—10c ℔ lb.

POULTRY—Alive—Chickens, 60@65c a pair, large; 30@50c, medium; live turkeys, 12@13c ℔ lb; ducks, 50@60c a pair; dressed chickens, 14@15c ℔ lb; dressed turkeys, 15@16c ℔ lb; dressed ducks, 14@15c ℔ lb.

POTATOES—Carload lots, 35@40c on track; from store, 40@45c a bushel; Southern sweets, $1 50@1 75 a barrel; Jerseys, $3 00@3 25.

SEEDS—Western recleaned medium clover jobbing at $5 20; mammoth, $5 55; timothy, $1 45 for prime, and $1 50 for choicest; blue grass, $2 65@2 80; orchard grass, $1 75; millet, $1 00; German; $1 15, Hungarian, $1 10; fine lawn, 25c per lb; seed buckwheat, $1 40@1 50.

TALLOW—Country, 4c; rendered, 5c.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $4 00@4 50; Florida oranges; $2 00@2 25 a box; bananas, $1 75@2 00 firsts, $1 25@1 50 good seconds per bunch; Malaga grapes, $5 50@10 00 a half barrel; new layer figs, 14@16c per lb.

VEGETABLES—Cabbage, $3 00@4 00 a hundred; yellow Danver onions, $2 00@2 25 a barrel; tomatoes, $2 00 per bushel; celery, 25@30c per dozen; turnips, 90@$1 00 a barrel.

Groceries.

The week is too young for new developments in this line. The movement is slow and prices are unchanged.

GREEN COFFEE—Fancy, 21@22c; choice Rio, 20@20⅛c; prime, 19⅛c; low grade Rio, 17⅛@18⅛c; old Government Java, 27@29c; Maracaibo, 21⅛@22⅛c; Mocha, 27⅛@28⅛c; Santos, 18⅛@22⅛c; Caracas, 22⅛@23⅛c; La Guayra, 21⅛@22⅛c.

ROASTED (in papers)—Standard brands, 19⅛c; high grades, 23@26c; old Government Java, bulk, 28⅛@30⅛c; Maracaibo, 22@24c; Santos, 19@24c; peaberry, 25⅛c, choice Rio, 20c; prime Rio, 19⅛c; good Rio, 19c; ordinary, 17@18c.

SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 13@15c; allspice, 10c; cassia, 8c; pepper, 11c; nutmeg, 70@80c.

PETROLEUM—(Jobbers' prices)—110° test, 6⅛c; Ohio, 120°, 7⅛c; headlight, 150°, 7⅛c; water white, 9@9⅛c; globe, 14@14⅛c; elaine, 15c; carnadine, 11c; royaline, 14c; red oil, 10⅛@11c; purity, 14c; oleine, 14c.

MINERS' OIL—No. 1 winter, strained, 42@44c per gal.; summer, 35@37c; lard oil, 55@58c.

SYRUP—Corn syrup, 26@30c; choice sugar syrup, 34@36c; prime sugar syrup, 30@32c; strictly prime, 28@30c.

N. O. MOLASSES—Fancy new crop, 40@42c; choice, 40@41c; old crop, 36@38c; N. O. syrup, 44@50c.

SODA—Bi-carb, in kegs, 3⅛@3⅛c; bi-carb, in ⅛s, 5⅛c; bi-carb, assorted packages, 5⅛@6c; sal soda, in kegs, 1⅛c; do granulated, 2c.

CANDLES—Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, per set, 8⅛c; paraffine, 11@12c.

RICE—Head Carolina, 6⅛@6⅛c; choice, 5⅛@6c; Louisiana, 5⅛@5⅛c.

STARCH—Pearl, 4c; corn starch, 6@6⅛c; gloss starch, 6@7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Layer raisins, $2 00; London layers, $2 25; Muscatels, $1 75; California Muscatels, $1 60@1 75; Valencia, 7@7⅛c; Ondara Valencia, 8@8⅛c; Sultana, 10@15c; currants, 4⅛@5c; Turkey prunes, 6@6⅛c; French prunes, 8@9⅛c; Salonica, prunes, in 2-lb packages, 9c; cocoanuts, ℔ 100, $6 00; almonds, Lan., ℔ lb, 20c; do Ivica, 17c; do shelled, 50c; walnuts, Nap., 13@14c; Sicily filberts, 13c; Smyrna figs, 13@14c; new dates, 5⅛@6c; Brazil nuts, 7c; pecans, 13@17c; citron, ℔ lb, 23@24c; lemon peel, 12c ℔ lb; orange peel, 12c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sliced, 6⅛@8⅛c; apples, evaporated, 9@10c; peaches, evaporated, pared, 20@21c; peaches, California, evaporated, unpared, 13@16c; cherries, pitted, 15c; cherries, unpitted, 8c; raspberries, evaporated, 18@19c; blackberries, 6⅛@7c; huckleberries, 8c.

SUGARS—Cubes, 4⅜c; powdered, 4⅜c; granulated, 4⅛c; confectioners', 4@4⅛c; soft white, 4@4⅛c; yellow, choice, 3⅛@3⅛c; yellow, good, 3⅛@3⅛c; yellow, fair, 3⅛@3⅛c.

PICKLES—Medium, bbls (1,200) $4 75; medium, half bbls (600), $2 85.

SALT—No. 1 ℔ bbl, $1 20; No. 1 extra, ℔ bbl, $1 10; dairy, ℔ bbl, $1 20; coarse crystal, ℔ bbl, $1 20; Higgins' Eureka, 4-bu sacks, $2 80; Higgins' Eureka, 16 14-lb packets, $3 00.

CANNED GOODS—Standard peaches, $1 75@1 80; 2ds, $1 20@1 35; extra peaches, $2 00@2 10; pie peaches, 85@90c; finest corn, $1 25@1 50; Hfd. Co. corn, 85c@$1 00; red cherries, $1 00@1 10; Lima beans, $1 10; soaked do, 85c; stringed do, 65@70c; marrowfat peas, $1 00@1 15; soaked peas, 65@70c; pineapples, $1 30@1 30; Bahama do, $2 00; damson plums, $1 00; greengages, $1 25; egg plums, $1 60; California apricots, $1 75@1 90; California pears, $2 10@2 25; do greengages, $1 85; do egg plums, $1 85; extra white cherries, $2 75; raspberries, $1 05@1 10; strawberries, 95c@$1 10; gooseberries, $1 00@1 05; tomatoes, 85@95c; salmon, 1-lb cans, $1 30@1 80; blackberries, 80c; succotash, 2-lb cans, soaked, 90c; do green, 2-lb cans, $1 25@1 50; corn beef, 2-lb cans, $1 65@1 70; 1-lb cans, $1 30; baked beans, $1 40@1 55; lobsters, 1-lb cans, $1 25; mackerel, 1-lb cans, boiled, $1 50; sardines, domestic, ¼s, $3 85@4 00; ½s, $3 50; sardines, imported, ¼s, $11 50@12 50; sardines, imported, ½s, $18 00; sardines, mustard, $3 30; sardines, spiced, $3 50.

FISH—Extra No. 1 bloater mackerel, $24 00 per bbl; extra No. 1 do mess, $20 00; No. 2 shore mackerel, $18 00; No. 2 large mackerel, $16 50; No. 3 large mackerel, $14 00; No. 3 small mackerel, $10 00; Herring—Split, $3 50; lake, $3 05 per 100-lb bbl. White fish, $4 75 per 100-lb half bbl. Lake trout, $5 50 per half bbl. Finnan haddies, 10c per lb. Iceland halibut, 12c per lb. Pickerel, half bbl, $1 00; quarter bbl, $1 60. Holland herring, 75c. Walkoff herring, 90c.

OATMEAL—$4 90@5 00.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Sales on call at the Grain Exchange: 1 car sample shell corn, 42c spot; 1 car sample ear corn, 48⅛c spot; 1 car winter wheat bran, $18 00, 5 days; 1 car No. 2 yellow shell corn, 49⅛c, 10 days. Receipts as bulletined, 33 cars, as follows: By Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago—4 cars of oats, 6 of hay, 1 of corn, 1 of barley, 3 of flour. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis—1 car of shorts, 8 of corn, 2 of hay, 1 of middlings. By Pittsburg and Lake Erie—1 car of middlings, 2 of oats, 1 of malt, 1 of flour, 1 of hay. The usual holiday dullness of trade is now here. Receipts are large, and markets are weak all along the line. Corn is particularly dull and our quotations are reduced in accordance with actual sales. Oats and hay are a shade lower, and wheat and flour are weak.

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

WHEAT—No. 2 red, $1 00@1 01; No. 3 red, 95@96c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow ear, 48⅛@49c; high mixed ear, 47⅛@48c; mixed ear, 47@48c; No. 2 yellow shelled, 49@49⅛c; high mixed shelled, 48⅛@49c; mixed shelled, 47@48c.

OATS—No. 1 oats, 38⅛@39c; No. 2 white, 38@38⅛c; extra No. 3 oats, 37@37⅛c; mixed oats, 35⅛@36c.

RYE—No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 96@97c; No. 1 Western, 94@95c.

BARLEY—68@75c.

FLOUR—Jobbing prices—Fancy spring patents, $5 50@5 75; fancy winter patents, $5 25@5 50; fancy straight winter, $5 00@5 25; fancy straight spring, $5 25@5 50; clear winter, $4 65@5 00; straight XXXX bakers', $4 75@5 00. Rye flour, $5 25@5 50.

MILLFEED—No. 1 white middlings, $22 50@23 00 ℔ ton; No. 2 white middlings, $20 00@21 00; brown middlings, $18 00@19 00; winter wheat bran, $18 00@18 50; chop feed, $21 00@25 00.

HAY—Baled timothy, choice, $12 50@12 75; No. 1, $11 25@11 50; No. 2, $10 25@10 50; clover hay, $10 00@10 50; loose from wagon, $11 00@14 00, according to quality; packing hay, $9 50@10 00.

STRAW—Oats, $7 00@7 50; wheat, $6 00@6 25; rye, $6 50@7 00.

Provisions.

Sugar cured hams, large	$ 9
Sugar cured hams, medium	9½
Sugar cured hams, small	9¾
Sugar cured California hams	7½
Sugar cured b. bacon	9
Sugar cured skinned hams, large	10
Sugar cured skinned hams, medium	10
Sugar cured shoulders	6¾
Sugar cured boneless shoulders	8½
Sugar cured skinned shoulders	7¾
Sugar cured bacon shoulders	6¾
Sugar cured dry salt shoulders	6¼
Sugar cured d. beef rounds	12
Sugar cured d. beef setts	9
Sugar cured d. beef flats	7
Bacon clear sides, 30 lbs	7¼
Bacon clear bellies, 20 lbs	7¾
Dry salt clear sides, 30 lbs ave'g	6¾
Dry salt clear sides, 20 lbs ave'g	7¼
Mess pork, heavy	12 00
Mess pork, family	12 00
Lard, refined in tierces	5¼
Lard, refined in one-half bbls	5¾
Lard, refined in 60-lb tubs	5⅞
Lard, refined in 20-lb pails	6¼
Lard, refined in 50-lb cans	5¾
Lard, refined in 3-lb tin pails	6½
Lard, refined in 5-lb tin pails	6⅜
Lard, refined in 10-lb tin pails	6¼

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Light Receipts at East Liberty—Prices Advanced on All Grades—Sheep and Swine Higher and Firm—Quotations From All Sources.

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, Monday Dec. 28.

Receipts of live stock were unusually light at our local yards and prices showed an upward inclination all along the line. Prime heavy beeves are conspicuous for their absence. All live stock of good quality is in active demand, and prices are much better than they have been for a number of weeks past. There were 60 car loads of cattle on sale at the East Liberty yards this morning against 75 loads last Monday. Chicago was the main source of supply. Nearly two-thirds of the offerings were from that point. The balance were from Ohio and Indiana. There were no prime beeves on sale and not many good cattle. Quality of offerings was, as it has been for weeks past, below par. Buyers were not so numerous as they have been of late, and, with receipts far below average, markets opened strong at an advance on last week's prices. The advance was reported all the way from 10 to 25c per cwt. The highest price reported was a carload of Ohio beeves at $4 90. A few loads were sold at $4 75. The same quality of cattle which sold at $4 75 would not have brought much above $4 50 a week ago. There was a light run of fresh cows, and no fancy stock was offered. For the best on sale $40 00 was the top of the market. Veal calves were in very light supply, and last week's prices were well maintained. The top price was 6⅛c per pound. Sheep and lambs—Receipts were unusually light. There were on sale about 8 carloads. Markets opened very strong at an advance of 25c per cwt. on all desirable stock. Top price of sheep was $5 25, and lambs $5 75, with a few fancy bunches a shade above these figures. Hogs—There were about 35 car loads on sale at the opening of markets against 50 loads last Monday. Markets were firm at an advance. Top price was $4 10, and the entire range was $3 75@$4 10. Last week the top of the market was $4 00 per cwt.

Receipts of cattle at Herr's Island were light, as they always are in holiday week, and supply of desirable stock was not up to demand. Markets opened active at an advance of 10 to 15c per cwt. on last week's prices. Best Chicago beeves were sold at $6 00 to $6 25 per cwt.; medium grades, $5 60 to $5 80; light weights, $4 60 to $5 15, and common grades ranged in price from $2 60 to $4 15. There was very little country stock on sale. Veal calves were in light supply and sold at a range of 5⅛c to 6⅛c per lb. Receipts: From Chicago—I. Zeigler, 93 head; L. Gerson, 37; A. Fromm, 34. From Pennsylvania, T. Bingham, 2; G. Flinner, 1. Total, 167. Last week, 319; previous week, 236.

SHEEP—Receipts in this line light and demand good. Markets were active and firm. Choice sheep were strong at last week's prices, the entire range being 3c to 5⅛c per lb, and lambs 4⅛c to 6c per lb.

Receipts: From Pennsylvania—G. Flinner, 3; T. Bingham, 161; E. Sergeant, 91. Total, 255; last week, 529; previous week, 313.

HOGS—Receipts in this line were large, but demand was active at higher prices than were obtained last week. Chicagos were sold at a range of $4 15 to $4 35 and Ohios at $4 00 to $4 25.

Receipts: From Chicago—I. Zeigler, 93 head; L. Gerson, 86; W. Zoller, 124. From Ohio—Needy & Frank, 801. Total, 1,095; last week, 1,261; previous week, 1,506.

At the Woods Run yards the Greenanalds had on sale 138 head of cattle, all of which were from Chicago. The range of markets was 3⅛c to 5⅛c per pound. At these yards the range for sheep and lambs was $5 65@6 50. There were 238 hogs on sale, which were sold at $4 15 per cwt.

By Telegraph.

New York—Beeves—Receipts, 2,262 head, including 35 cars for sale; market 10c per 100 pounds higher; native steers, $3 50@5 00 per 100 pounds; Texans, $3 00; bulls and cows, $1 25@3 40; dressed beef steady at 6⅛c per pound; shipments to-morrow, 475 beeves. Calves—Receipts, 403 head; market firm; veals, $5 00@8 50 per 100 pounds; grassers, $2 50@3 00; Western calves, $3 00@4 50. Sheep—Receipts, 8,265 head; sheep ⅛c per pound higher; sheep, $3 75@6 37⅛ per 100 pounds; lambs, $6 25@7 50; dressed mutton steady at 7@9c per pound; dressed lambs higher, 7⅛@10c. Hogs—Receipts, 13,830 head, consigned direct; nominally steady at $3 60@4 00 per 100 pounds.

Buffalo—Cattle—Receipts, 123 loads through 10 loads sale; for good market, 10@15c higher; extra fancy Christmas steers, $5 23@5 50; extra steers, $5 00@5 20; choice, $4 65@4 90; good fairly fat shipping, $4 40@4 60. Hogs—Receipts, 44 loads through, 100 loads sale; market 10@15c higher and fairly active; heavy grades, $4 05@4 15; mediums, $4 00@4 10. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 30 loads through, 35 loads sale; market strong, 10@20c higher for good lambs; sheep also stronger but mostly of common quality; sheep, extra fancy, $5 50@5 75; good to choice, $5 00@5 40; fair to good, $6 25@6 75; lambs, good to extra native, $7 00@7 25; common to fair, do., $5 00@6 00.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500 head; market fairly active; best grade steers and cows strong to a shade higher; others slow; steady top prices for steers $4 75@5 65; no fancy steers on sale; others, $2 25@4 50; stockers, $2 00@2 75; cows, $1 40@2 85. Hogs—Receipts, 22,000 head; shipments, 6,000 head; market active, higher; rough and common, $3 70@3 85; mixed and packers, $3 80@3 90; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3 95@4 07⅛; light, $3 60@3 80. Sheep — Receipts, 6,000 head; shipments, 2,500 head; market active and 10c higher; mixed ewes lambs and wethers, $4 50@4 60; wethers, $5 00@5 50; common ewes, $2 25@3 75; Westerns, $4 00@5 00; Texans, $5 25; lambs, $3 75@5 00.

Cincinnati—Hogs scarce, higher, common and light, $3 40@3 85; packing and butchers', $3 80@4 10; receipts, 2,350 head; shipments, 545 head. Cattle active, higher; fair to choice butcher grades, $3 00@4 35; prime to choice shippers, $4 00@5 00; receipts, 560 head; shipments, 300 head. Sheep strong; common to choice, $3 00@4 50; extra fat wethers and yearlings, $4 75@5 00; receipts, 95 head; shipments, none. Lambs firm; comon to choice, $4 00@5 50 per 100 pounds.

St. Louis—Cattle—Receipts, 1,200 head; shipments, 1,000 head; market steady; good to choice native steers, $4 00@4 25; fair to good native steers, $4 00@4 25; Texas and Indians steers, $3 20@3 85. Hogs—Receipts, 2,900 head; shipments, none; market 5@10c higher; fair to fancy heavy, $3 80@3 95; mixed, $3 40@3 80; light, fair to best, $3 50@3 70. Sheep—Receipts, 300 head; shipments, none; market strong; fair to good, $3 00@4 80.

Kansas City—Cattle—Receipts, 3,900 head; shipments, 1,500 head; steers 10c lower, cows strong, stockers and feeders quiet; good steers, $4 95@5 35; fancy, $5 65@5 85; cows, $1 30@3 60; stockers and feeders, $2 25@3 30. Hogs—Receipts, 4,600 head; shipments, 300 head; market steady to 5c up; all grades, $3 20@3 85; bulk, $3 60@3 80. Sheep—Receipts, 100 head; shipments, none; market quiet and steady.

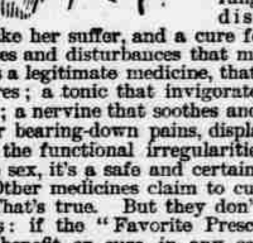
Omaha—Cattle—Receipts, 1,350 head; market active and stronger; common to fancy steers, $2 75@5 75; Western, $2 50@3 75. Hogs—Receipts, 2,700 head; business was moderately active; prices steady to a nickel higher; light, $3 60@3 65; heavy, $3 65@3 75; mixed, $3 60@3 65. Sheep—Receipts, 125 head; demand active and prices steady; natives, $3 75@5 00; Westerns, $3 50@4 75.

Northwestern Stocks of Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The *Northwestern Miller* reports the stock of wheat in the private elevators of Minneapolis at 1,717,000 bushels, an increase over last Monday of 87,600 bushels. The total stock at Minneapolis and Duluth is 15,589,670 bushels, a gain of 1,327,110 bushels. The *Market Record* gives stock of wheat in country elevators of Minnesota and the two Dakotas at 11,614,900 bushels, or 829,400 bushels more than last week. This makes the aggregate Northwestern stock 27,204,570 bushels, an increase for the week of 2,156,510 bushels. A year ago the Northwestern stock was 21,822,000 bushels.

Wool Markets.

ST. LOUIS—Wool—Receipts, 11,600 pounds; shipments, 108,200 pounds. A strong feeling prevails on bright wool, though Texan and Territory stocks are not affected to any great extent; prices unchanged.



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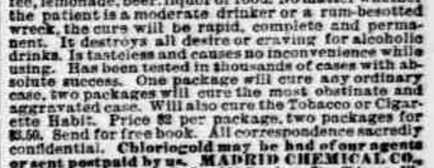

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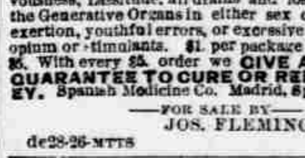

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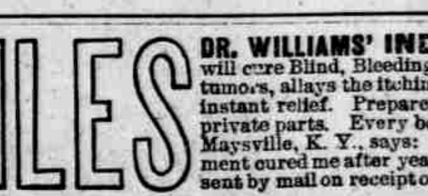

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