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Closing Bond Quotations

# LIVE STOCK REVIEW

More Good Beeves Offered This Week Than Last, but Prices Are

LOWER, BECAUSE BUYERS ARE FEW

Light Feceipts of Sheep and the Choice Grades Were Steady.

HOGS ACTIVE AT ADVANCED RATES

OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20. There have been, all told, about 90 carloads of cattle on the market this week at East Liberty against 105 londs last week, and 95 loads the previous week. Quality of offerings showed a higher average this week than usual. While there were no strictly prime beeves on sale, there was an unusually large number of good 1,400 to 1,500 lb beeves, which were mostly from Ohio. Chicago's contribution to the market comprised about one-third of the offerings. There were very few buyers present, and the few on hand made the most of their opportunity in bearing markets. While there were sales 15c per cwt, above last week's top price, it was for the reason that there were much better cattle on sale this week than last. The highest price paid was \$4 90 for last. The bighest price paid was \$4 99 for two loads of good Ohio cattle weighing from 1400 to 1,500 hs. There is little doubt that the same cattle would have brought a nicked a pound last week. All stockmen report that markets were as dull as they have been for a year past.

There was a fair run of fresh cows, which were mostly of common grade. Demand was only fair, and range was \$25 00 to \$45 00 per head. Veal culves were in light supply, with 7c as top price. Hogs—Total receipts for the week thus far have not been above 50 cariously, will the week's average of

for the week thus far have not been above 50 carioads, while the week's average of lace has been nearly double that number. Markets opened slow on Monday, with \$4.0 to \$4.30 as top price of Palladelphias. Since Monday there has been an improvement, and this morning all offered were promptly taken at \$4.55 to \$4.60 per cwt. Sheen—At the opening on Monday there were 18 loads on sule, and markets were steady at about last week's prices. About a dozen loads have been received since Monday, and choice stock held up well while common was weak and lower. Top price of sheep was \$5.50, and lambs \$5.00. A Stock Flem's Raview.

Following is report of the week's transactions by William Holwes & Co.: We report 85 leads of cattle on sale this week, which graded a shade better in quality than last week, and prices were steady to a sinade lower on common to medium grades. There was no export demand, and, owing to had reports from Eastern markets, there was no inquiry for shipping cattle for New York or Philadelphia. We report good 1400 to 1500 at \$4 60 to \$4 90; good 1200 to 1500, \$4 25 to \$4 90; good 1,000 to 1,000, \$8 05 to \$3 90; mixed heiters and steers, 900 to 1,900, \$8 00 to \$5 50; stockers, 600 to 100, \$2 25 to \$2 75; well fatted cows and buil, \$2 50 to \$3 25; prime to extra, \$3 50 to \$4 00; common bologna cows and buils, \$1 50 to \$2 25.

Reccipts of hogs so far this week have been light, but quite enough to meet the demand at the closing prices of last week up to this morning, when receipts continued light and demand better at an advance of loc per 100 lbs. We quote: Select tops, \$4 55 ity than last week, and prices were steady

the, \$2 40; 8 calves, 880 ba, 64c. Hogs—43 head, 16, 756 bb, \$4 60; 56 head, 11, 176 bb, \$4 55; 54 head, 11, 176 bb, \$4 55; 54 head, 11, 176 bb, \$4 55; 54 head, 11, 176 bb, \$4 50; 105 head, 11, 196 bb, \$4 35; 105 head, 11, 196 bb, \$4 36; 105 head, 11, 196 bb, \$4 36; 105 head, 11, 196 bb, \$4 40; 117 head, 2, 400 bb, \$4 50; 128 head, 8, 136 bb, \$4 40; 117 head, 2, 400 bb, \$4 50; 128 head, 8, 136 bb, \$4 7; 2 head, 12, 300 bb, \$4 50; 12 head, 2, 460 bb, \$4 30; 12 head, 2, 130 bb, \$4 50; 12 head, 2, 130 bb, \$4 30; 12 head, 2, 30 bb, \$4 30; 12 head, 2, 30 bb, \$4 30; 12 head, 2, 30 bb, \$4 30; 13 head, 13, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 6, 470 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 13, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 6, 470 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 6, 470 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 6, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 2, 300 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 2, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 3, 50 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 2, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 13, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 2, 30 bb, \$4 50; 13 head, 13, 30 bb, \$4 50; 30 head, 14, 30 bb, \$5 50; 13 head, 1, 30 bb, \$5 50; 1 2.50 29. \$5.00.

S. Li. Hodges & Co.: Cattle—15 head, 20.400 lbs, 81.51: 25 head, 24.210 lbs, 83.75: 21 head, 24.020 lbs, 85.00: 18 head, 24.020 lbs, 85.00: 18 head, 24.020 lbs, 85.00: 76 head, 20.000 hs, 85.00: 76.000 s, 65.00: 20.000 lbs, 85.00: 20.000 lbs, 85.000 lbs, 85

ker, Linkhorn & Co.: Cattle-14 head, 12,730 lbs. \$5 62b; 19 head, 21.900 lbs. \$3 50: 14 head, 11,200 lbs. \$5 20: 14 head, 15 50: ibs. \$7 40: 15 head, 12,200 lbs. \$8 30: 19 head, 12,200 lbs. \$8 30: 19 head, 17 709 lbs. \$5 35: 18 head, 22,200 lbs. \$4 00: 19 head, 18,300 lbs. \$4 35: Hogs—\$6 head, 12,500 lbs. \$4 00: 50 head, 12,500 lbs. \$4 30: 50 head, 12,500 lbs. \$4 30: 50 head, 10,700 lbs. \$4 30: 50 head, 10,700 lbs. \$4 50; 10 lbs. \$4 50: 10 lbs. \$4 50: 10 lbs. \$4 50: 10 lbs. \$4 50: 10 lbs. \$4 50.

By Telegraph.

Chicago—Cattle—Recnipts, 20,000 head: shipments, 5000 head: market slow, steady to lower: road to extra steers \$4 75@5 15; others \$1 10@4 50; stockers, \$2 25@3 15; others \$1 10@2 75. Heg—Reccipts, 4,000 head: shipments, 12,000 head: market active and irregular: rough and common, \$4 00@4 65; packers and mixed, \$4 15@4 35; brince heavy and butchers' weights, \$4 35@4 50; light, \$4 15@4 50; phys, \$3 30@4 05. Sheep—Reccipts, \$0.00 head: shipments, 2,000 head: market brisk and steady; native ewes, \$3 60@4 00; mixed, \$4 55@4 40; wethers, \$4 65@5 50; Texans, \$4 25@5 50; Westerns, \$4 50@5 40; lambs, \$4 25@6 25. 65 ct; Westerns, \$4 5065 40; lambs, \$4 2566 25.

New York Beeves Receipts, 2,3 8 head, including \$3 loads for sale; market a shade fitner native steers \$3 7525 50 per 100 lbs; bulls and cows. \$1 4063 50; dressed beef seedy at 64669 2c per lb; shipments to-day, 3,756 quarters of beef; to-unorrow, 568 beeves. Calves Receipts, 65 head; market steady; veals, \$5 0069 50 per 100 lbs; grassers, \$2 256 3 00; Western calves, \$2 5063 00. Sheep-Receipts, 2571 head; waasty lambs \$4c per lb higher sheep, \$4 3066 60 per 100 lbs; lambs, \$5 7567 25; dressed sheron doll at 7295c per lb; dressed shabs from at 9250 4c. Hogs-Receipts, 10,000 head, cooxigned direct; unusually steady at \$1 064 60 per 100 lbs.

St. Louis-Cattle-Receipts, 1,900 head; ship-

St. Louis-Cattle-Receipts, 1,900 head; ship-St. Louis Cattle Receipts, 1900 head; shipments, none; marker; slow; fair to good antive ateers, \$3 0004 69; Texans and Indians, fair to handy \$2 5004 00. Hogs-Receipts, 7,200 head; shipments, 600; market active and strong; fair to prime heavy, \$4 2004 40; mixed ordinary to good, \$3 7506 25; light to fair best, \$3 3004 15. Sheep-Receipts, 1,900 head; shipments, none; market steady; fair to choice natives, \$4 0005 50.

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Kassas City—Cattle—Receipts, 6,200 head: shipments, 1.700 head: steers, dull, closing 15 @20c lower; cows steady to weak; stockers and feeders quiet and lower; steer \$3 00@ \$ 05; cows, \$1 50@3 50. stockers and feeders, \$2 00@3 60. Hogs—Receipts, 11,500 head: shipments, 400 head: market steady but be lower; all grades, \$3 05@4 30; bulk, \$4 05@4 20. Sheep—Receipts, 400 head: shipments, 500 head; in good demand and 10@15 up.

800 head; in good demand and 10@15c up.

Fuffalo—Cattle—Receipts, 34 loads; through,
2 sale, fresh and 11 held over; market dull
and very little doing. Hogs—Receipts, 4
loads through: 6 sale; market 20@25c higher;
Yorkers, light to best, 34 6564 75; mixed and
mediums, 34 70@4 75. Sheep and lumbs—Receipts, none througa; 23 sale; dull and 10@15c
lower; sales best sheep, 35 40@5 65; fair to
good, 34 25@5 25; Western lambs, 36 50@6 75. good, \$4 25@5 25: Western lambs, \$6 50@6 75.

Cincinnati—Hogs active and higher; common and light, \$2 50@4 25: pac ing and butchers, \$4 25@4 50; receipts, 5,000 head; shipments, 1,1:0 head. Cattle barely stendy: receipts, 530 head; shipments, 65 head. Sheep firm; receipts, 540 head; shipments, none. Lambs in fair demand; common to choice, \$4 25@4 65 per 100 pounds.

The Metal Markets.

New York, Jan. 20.—Pig from in moderate demand: American, \$15 73@17-75. Copper dull and unsettled; lake, 19% collc. Lead dull and weak; domestic, \$4 15. Tin quiet and weak; \$15 72%.

Sr. Louis—Wool—Receipts, 2,400 pounds; shipments, 19 900 pounds. The market was steady with a fair movement. Unwashed bright medium, 19@20c; coarse braid, 14@20c; fine light, 17@20c; fine light, 17@20c;

## NERVOUS GRAIN SHORTS

of the situation, made shorts apprehensive and there was a general disposition to cover

and the offerings were moderate; but there is still a good deal of bear sentiment, and on

all the bulges the offerings were sufficient to check the generally upward tendency tempo-

the 230 cars received only one graded con-tract. May fluctuated between 41c and 41%c,

ARTICLES.

WHEAT, No. 2.

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May OATS, No. 2,

May MESS PORK.

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fair demand: Pennsylvania firsts, 22@23c.

BALTIMORE—Wheat firm: No. 2 red spot and January, \$1 01@1 01½: February, \$1 01½ 101½; March, \$1 02; May \$1 03½; seeamer No. 2 red, \$7½c@36c. Corn easy: mixed spot, 50½ 50½c; February, 43½6; 50½c; March, 48@45½c; April, 49c; steamer mixed, 47½647½c. Onto steady: No. 2 white Western, 20c; No. 2 mixed Western, 20c;

NEW ORLEANS-Sugar active firm, active

MINNEA POLIS -- Wheat -- No. 1 Northern

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, sie: January closing today, 85½c; pesterday, 85½c; May opening, 85½c; highest, 85½c; low, est. 86½; closing to-day, 85½c; yesterday, 87½c; on track. No. 1 hard, 57c: No. 1 Northern, 85c: No. 2 Northern, 81@83c. Puts on May wheat, 87½c, sellors; calls on May, 89½c; curb on May, 85½c.

CINCINNATI—Flour in moderate demand.

Cincinnati-Flour in moderate demand. Wheat active and strong: No. 2 red, 95c. Corn steady: No. 2, 45c. Oats in fair demand; No 2 mixed, 34@34\c. Eye quiet: No. 2, 87c. Pork in light demand at \$11.50. Lard ensier, \$1.00@655. Bulk meats quiet, \$5.00\c. 575. Bacon nominal at \$7.00. Butter strong. Eggs stronger at 21c. Cheese quiet and firm.

KANSAS CATY—Wheat nigher; No. 2 cash, 7sc bid. Corn lower; No. 2 cash, 23½c bid; 33½c saked; January, 23½c bid. Oats steady; No. 2 cash, 28½c bid; January, 29c bid; February, 29c bid; March, 29½c bid; May, 30½; 31¾ asked. Butter and eggs unchanged.

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DULUTH—Whest No. 1 hard, cash, 87c;
Ianuary, 87c; May 934c; No. 1 Northern,
ash, 86c; January, 85c; May 91c; No. 2 Northern,
cash, 86c; January, 85c; May 91c; No. 2 Northern,
ash, 86c; No. 3 73c; rejected, 62c;
un track, No. 1 hard, 873c; No. 1 Northern,

TOLEDO—Wheat active and higher, No. 2
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cash and January, 984c: May, 97c bid. Corn steady; No. 2 cash, 495c: January, 414c: May, 42c: No. 8, 39c. Oars quiet; No. 2 cash, 32c. Rye dull; cash, 874c.

Turpentine Markets.

New York—Rosin firm and quiet. Turpentine quiet and steady at 34½@35c.

Wilminoron—Spirits of turpentine firm at 31½c. Rosin quiet; strained, \$1 15; good strained, \$1 20. Tar steady at \$1 35. Crude turpentine steady; hard, \$1 00; yellow dip, and virgin, \$1 30.

SAVANNAH—Turpentine firm at 31½c. Rosin firm at \$1 10@1 15.

CHARLESTON—Turpentine steady at 31½c. Rosin firm; good strained, \$1 10.

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Make a Fluctuating but Generally Strong Wheat Market-A Lower Opening on the Excellent Reasons for the Strong Po-Subsidence of the Chilean War Scare, but a Higher Close.

CHICAGO—The wheat market was very nervous to-day and subject to frequent fluctuations. After opening \*@le lower it at one time touched a point 1%c higher, and IMPORTANT SALES AND LEASES. closed 14c higher than yesterday's final figures. The nervousness and strength dis-A Number of Building Schemes Involving played yesterday and the readiness with which it responded to all bullish indications Several Fine Dwellings.

BIG FIGHT OVER WESTERN TITLES

sition of the Market.

Mr. A. A. Siedle, the East End jeweler, has sold to Mrs. Isabella Epstein his residence property on Sheridan avenue, Nineteenth ward, consisting of a lot 30x130 and a brick two-story Queen Anne house, for \$7,000.

It was reported vesterday that another residence property on the same avenue had changed hands at about \$25,000, but inside facts could not be obtained.

check the generally upward tendency temporarily at least, though on all such breaks the buying again sprang into activity, shorts taking advantage of them to cover and scalpers to get a profit on the bull side.

The main cause of the lower opening was the more pacific tone of the dispatches on the Chilean situation. Cables were a little more encouraging early in the day, though later the private ones were easier, with some decline. Public quotations were generally favorable. Domestic markets were easier at the start. The tendency was generally upward. There were good buying orders.

May opened at 91%@91%c, against 92%c at the close yesterday; advanced to 91%c; steadied for a time then spurted to 92%c; broke gradually to 91%c; grew firmer, advancing to 91%c; fluctuated nervously, then, near the close, advanced to 92%c; weakened to 92%c, and closed strong as 92%c. The only reason assigned for the late strength was the nervousness of shorts.

Corn was extremely quiet, but generally firm in sympathy with wheat and because of the 230 cars received only one graded contract. May fluctuated between 41c and 41%c. More Building Prospects. William E. Kuhn, Manager of the American Water Works Company, has bought 125 feet on the north side of Wallingford street, near Neville, at a price close to \$11,000, upon which he will erect a fine stone and brick residence in the spring. Dr. Heber, the Penn avenue druggist, will soon begin the erection of a bandsome residence on Rebecca street, near Penn. R. J. Sproul will in a short time break ground for two

tract. May fluctuated between 41c and 41½c, closing unchanged at the latter figure.

Onto were equally featureless and closed with the active option unchanged.

Hog products lower. Packers were good sellers. There was a partial rally near the close in sympathy with the buige in wheat, but the close shows small recessions in price campared with yesterday.

The leading futures ranged as follows, as corrected by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Chicago Board of Trade: houses on Harriet street. W. B. Wallis is putting up a residence on Kelly street, Brushton. Two or three houses are under way in the same locality. Several fine residences will soon be under

way on Atlantic avenue. Business Stands Re-Leased.

The Pittsburg Brass Company has reeased, through the Black & Baird agency, for one year, at close to \$6,000, the building now occupied by it, corner Sandusky and Robinson streets, Allegheny, better known as the Eagle Cotton Mill. The company is erecting a large plant on Locust street, but is will not be completed before January 1, 1893. The same firm has re-leased to the Singer Manufacturing Company for three years, its present quarters, No. 10 Sixth

Baxter, Thompson & Co. had several applications for business stands yesterday, which they were unable to meet.

Why Realty Is Strong. Why kearly is strong.

While giving from day to day tangible proof of activity in Pittsburg real estate, it is important to keep in view the underlying reasons for the strong position of the market. The possibilities of downtown property, owing to the business growth of the city, are so apparent that owners, as a rule, do not care to sell, and when they are proported to part with this holdings it is persuaded to part with their holdings it is at figures almost invariably in advance of former transactions. There have been al-most a score of transfers below Grant street within the last few weeks, but the demand remains unsatisfied. Almost every agency in the city has orders for business property. Values cannot weaken under such a condi-

There is equally good reason for the activity and strength displayed in the outskirts. These are being populated with amazing rapidity, as shown by statistics of street railway travel. Entire districts which a railway travel. Entire districts which a few years ago were open fields are now thickly built up. There has never been a time in the history of Pittsburg when the inquiry for suburban property was greater than at present. With this backing, those who argue that values will react appear to have no ground to stand on. It follows from this that buyers, having nothing to gain by delay, should bring their deals to a conclusion as soon as possible. conclusion as soon as possible.

A Fight Over Titles. Two hundred or more residence propertyowners in Marshalltown, Ia., are in anything but a tranquil state of mind. The fact is just disclosed that there is a cloud on the title of their real estate. It is claimed by a Mrs. Giddings, whose title dates back ly some of the lots were sold, and, an ab-stract being required, the defect in title was discovered and a request at once for-warded to Mrs. Giddings for a quit-claim warded to Mrs. Giddings for a quit-claim deed to the property in controversy. She responded by demanding \$10 per lot for the entire 80 acres. To avoid litigation quite a number of the holders paid this, but a large majority refused and propose to fight the claim, declaring it a steal, as the Giddings' never had a cent invested in the land. She threatens to bring suit to recover the entire tract unless her demands skims, 54@10c.

PHILADELPHIA—Flour dull and prices in buyers' favor. Wheat opened a shade weaker, subsequently recovered and closed firm: No. 2 red. January, 29@394c; Foornary, \$1 0000 004; March, \$1 014@10 2. Acril, \$1 08 @1 0504. Corn weak and lower; steamer, in expect elevator, 475c; No. 3, in do, 449c; No. 2 in do, 49c; No. 2 mixed. January, 49@494c; Febuary, 43@49c; March, 48@46c; April, 49@20c. Oats steady though qriet; No. 3 white, 599c; No. 2 white, 41c; No. 2 white, January 30@39c; February, 38%20c; March, 28%20c; April, 38%20c; Eggs firm and in fair demand; Pennsylvania firsts, 22@23c.

BALITIMORE—Wheat firm: No. 2 red snot land. She threatens to bring suit to re-cover the entire tract unless her demands

are complied with. Business News and Gossin. Building projects are multiplying with great rapidity. This promises to be a great

year in that line, Bert Neville has sold to W. B. Rath 122x120 feet with improvements, on Cochran street, Sewickley, for \$6,000.

A prominent stock broker says: "The bulls are of the opinion that while money

on call continues so plentiful there is no pos sibility of any serious set back to the market especially as stocks are in strong hands and not likely to be dislodged by a decline of a

not likely to be dislodged by a decline of a point or two."

Teacher—What lie was it Ananias was struck dead for telling?

Dick Hicks—Saying that the lots on his plot were only two minutes' walk from the station.—Real Estate Journal.

Two building permits were issued yesterday, one to Mrs. J. Ross for a brick five-story warehouse on Seventh avenue, Fourth ward, to cost \$12,600. The other was for a frame stable valued at \$300.

At the last stock call vesterday Duquene. frame stable valued at \$300.

At the last stock call yesterday Duquesne bonds were offered at \$35.

Newly-elected Directors of the Independent Natural Gas Company, Sewickley, are: D. C. Herbst, K. Osburne, H. S. Becker, L. A. Miller, William Sipe, Joseph Hite, John McMillen, G. H. Anderson, A. D. Millinger, L. A. Chamberlain.

Eggs steady, 23c.

ST. LOUIS-Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 894@90c; Msv, 92@33%c, closing at 353@35%c asked; July, 88@95c, closing at 884c. Corn—No. 2 cash, 37½c; January, 37%c, closing at 35%c; February, 20%@35%, closing at 35%c; Msy, 38@35%c, closing at 35%c. Oats dull: No. 2, cash, 30c asked; May closed at 33% Eye dull and lower: No. 2, 80c. Barley steady and unchanged. Butter steady and unchanged. Provisions firm and higher. Pork—Old, 89 00@9 50; new, \$11 00@11 50. A. Chamberlain.

The Manufacturers and Merchants' Insurance Company announces a dividend of \$1.50 per share payable on demand.

Pittsburg and Western Railroad earnings NEW ORLEANS—Sugar active firm, active kettle, strictly prime, 2½63c; prime, 213-16c; fully fair, 2½62; pood to fair, 2½62; 11:6c; fair, 2½62; 9-16c; common to good common, 25-16; 62½c; centrilugal, off to choice white, 313-16; 63½c; prime vellow clarified, 3½63; 9-16c; off do, 3½637-16c; seconds, 2½63½c. Molasses quiet; onen kettle prime, 27c; fair to good fair, 23625c; centrifugal, good prime, 156; list; fair to prime, 10613c; common to good common, 660c. second week January decreased \$5.01.

The Pullman Company has declared the usual quarterly divisend of \$2 per share.

There was no exciting war talk yesterday, and New York recovered most of the loss of

Movements in Bealty. A. Z. Byers & Co. sold for Captain Charles S. Frisbee to W. J. McKee, Esq., a prominent oil producer of Butier, the property No. 85 Taylor avenue, Second ward, Allegheny, being a three-story pressed brick front, con-taining ten rooms, with all modern conven-iences, lot 40x90 feet, running through to

Dawson street, for \$10,500.

Baxter, Thompson & Co. sold lot 173, Bank of Commerce addition, Plan Brushton Station, fronting \$40 feet on Keely street, and extending back to a 20 foot alley, 137 feet, for \$900. The purchaser will build at once.

Black & Baird sold to Mrs. Mary Meyers lot \$2 in the Fairmont place plan, fronting 27 feet on Kincald street by a depth of 100 leet, for \$700 cash.

Robert Collins & Co. sold for George F. Hess to Thomas Lucas two lots, each 33x132 feet, on South street, Second Ward, Wilkinsburg, for \$2,000 cash. Dawson street, for \$10,500. burg, for \$2,000 cash.

M. F. Hipple & Co. sold to Fredrick Rubrecht for a price approximating \$4,500, a ten-room frame dwelling with lot 80x100 feet, ten-room irame queining with lot-skind feet, on the east side of Downing street, in the Dickson plan of lots, Thirteenth ward; sold for Hipple & Watt.

W. E. Hamnett & Co., of Wilkinsburg, sold a mortgage of \$1,250 on Wilkinsburg property, three years at 6 per cent.

THE MONETARY SITUATION.

Bank Clearings Uniformly Better Than in Business at the city banks was moderately active yesterday. Officials reported a slowly improving demand for funds. January settlements being practically out of the way, nothing is in sight to hold back the generally expected revival in all lines of trade. The rate was unchanged at 6 per cent for the ordinary classes of loans. Bank clearings were \$2,711,567 35 and balances \$450,288 77. They have not failen below the \$2,000,000 mark this year. Last year at this time they seldom touched it.

At New York yesterday money on call was easy at 15 to 2 per cent, Prime mercantile paper, \$4406. Sterling exchange quiet but January Last Year.

Bank Clearings.

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New York—Bank clearings, \$135,380,274; balances, \$5,546,391.

Boston—Bank clearings, \$14,660,475; balances, \$1,770,025. Money, 2 per cent. Exchange on New York, 100,125,66 (discount. Baltimone—Bank clearings, \$2,786,696; balances, \$358,580. Rate, 5 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Bank clearings, \$10,489,350; balances, \$14,03,569. Money, 4 per cent.

CHICAGO—Money casy at 55,466 per cent, New York exchange quiet at par. Bank clearings, \$14,730,073.

St. LOUIS—Clearings, \$3,591,489; balances, \$537,1004. Money, 667 per cent. Exchange on New York, 190c premium.

MEMPHIS—New York exchange selling at par. Clearings, \$411,435; balances, \$151,705.

NEW ORLEANS—Clearings, \$1,544,887. New York exchange commercial par. Bank, \$1 per 1,000 premium.

## HOME SECURITIES.

ANOTHER BRISK DAY IN LOCAL SPEC-ULATIVE CIRCLES,

Philadelphia Gas Receives a Temporary Backset-Switch and Signal, Citizens' Traction and Junction Railroad the Strongest Features-Unlisted Tractions Still Very Interesting.

Business on 'Change yesterday was the best of the week and embraced a wider range, showing that the market is gradually broadening.
Philadelphia Gas was about the weakest

feature. Under the pressure of a scarcity of fuel and a disposition to realize, it declined at the last call to 15% bid. The last sale was at 1514. This was the only weak link in the Westinghouse chain. Switch and Signal sold up to 14, and finished at 13% bid, with orders unfilled. The company is said to have

to M, and finished at 13% bid, with orders unfilled. The company is said to have \$3,000,000 worth of work on hand. The Airbrake Company, Limited, London, has declared a semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent, checks for which were received on Fourth avenue vesterday.

Luster gave way a fraction. Airbrake was stronger. New York and Cleveland Gas Coal was clipped a trifle at the last moment. Citizens' Traction improved nearly half a point and Junction Railroad about as much Birmingham Traction finished at 18% bid, 19 asked. Duquesne was wanted at 18% and Manchester at 38%.

Sales at first call were 21 shares of New York and Cleveland Gas Coal at 50, 100 Birmingham Traction at 19, 100 Philadelphia Gas at 13%, 10 Duquesne at 10%, 20 Switch and Signal at 13%. After call, 30 Philadelphia Gas at 13%, 50 at 15%. Second call, 100 Birmingham at 19. After call, 3 Philadelphia Gas at 13%, 50 at 15% at 15% 5 Birmingham at 18%, 50 at 18, 10 Switch and Signal at 14, 50 Luster at 9%.

Bids and asking prices at each call are given in the following table:

STOCKS.	B CALL.	B A	B CALL.
First N. B. P'gh.	186	186	185
German Nat. B	326	325	325
Iron City Nat. B.		83	83
Liberty Nat. B		****	**** ****
M'heln Nat. B		**** ****	
People's Nat. B.		*****	
Third Nat. B		12834	*** ****
Ger. Nat. B. Alle.		****	**** ****
Citizens' Ins		****	**** ****
M. & M. Ins		**** ****	**** ****
Western Ins. Co.		**** ****	**** ****
K.C.N.Gas Co		**** ****	834
Man'rera'GasCo.		25	**** ****
P. N. G. & P. Co		**** 8%	**25. **25.
Philadelphia Co.		15% 15%	15% 15%
Wheeling Gas Co		***** *****	24 2436
Central Traction. Citizens' T'tion.		61 24%	
Citizens' T'tion. Pittsburg T'tion.	TA.	200	61%
		50	50
Alleg'y Valley		15 20	****
Chartiers R. R	24 44	**** ****	**** ****
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# BUT ONE WEAK POINT.

DISTILLERS ALMOST ALONE IN THE SHARE WARRET

The General List Recovers From the Missouri Pacific and Chilean War Scares-A Period of Hesitancy Checks the Advauces in the Afternoon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20 .- Wall street to-day showed every indication of having recovered from both the Chilean war scare and the Missouri Pacific war. The tone of to-day's market was, therefore, the exact reverse of there was an excellent demand for stocks while offerings were comparatively light.
The break undoubtedly forced some stocks
out of the hands of the weak holders into

those of stronger holders. The market rose right from the opening sales, which were generally from 1/2 to 1/4 per cent better than last night's figures, while a few shares showed gains of 1 per cent. The Coal stocks were one of the most prominent features of the day. The very liberal buying by the West, however, made Grangers the leaders of the movement, and the advances were very large all through the active list, and even the industrials, which have of late been the weak points in the market, fol-lowed the railroad list up, even though a bad break in Distillers in the early dealings

bad break in Distillers in the early dealings occurred.

The strength of the general market was such that no stock had power to affect the remainder. Distillers' later rallied and scored a material improvement. The low-priced shares were not prominent features in the trading, but Wheeling and Lake Erie and Louisville, New Albany and Chicago were active and strong with the rest of the list.

The buying continued unabated until well in the afternoon, when prices among the

in the afternoon, when prices among the active shares were from 1 to 3 per cent better than those of last night; but at this junc-

in the afternoon, when prices among the active shares were from I to 3 per cent better than those of last night; but nt this juncture the buyers of yesterday sold out and a fractional reaction occurred, led by Distillers', which dropped away I per cent from its figure. The general list yielded slowly and stubbornly, and new buying appeared in the flual dealings, with the effect of bringing most stock up to their previous best prices, while some attained even higher figures.

The market closed active and strong at the highest prices of the day. All the leading shares are materially higher to-night, and the most important gains comprise St. Paul, 24; Sugar, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific, Reading and Omaha, each 25; New England and Northern Pacific preferred each 13; Union Pacific, 13; Burlington and Louisville, each 13; Chicago Gas, Lackawanna and Erie, each 13, and others smaller amounts.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 437-329 shares, including Atchison, 26,116; Chicago Gas, 10,235; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 800; Erie, 22,459; Kaneas and Texas, 3,400; Louisville and Nashville, 11,225; Missouri Pacific, 7,945; Northwestern, 6,980; North American, 3,740; New England, 19,380; Reading, 64,840; Richmond and West Point, 6,225.

Railroad bonds were quiet, but shared in the general improvement in temper displayed by stocks, though there were few marked advances, and some declines are noticeable in the final changes. The total sales were \$24,25,000. of which Reading seconds contributed \$149,000 and Kansas and Texas seconds \$384,000. The rest of the business was well distributed. The speculative issues were generally strong, and Reading seconds roso 2½ to 575; Richmond and West Point, 25 to 94.

The following table shows the prices of active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 57 Fourth wenne.

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Orrgon Improvement. 25%
Pacific Mail. 25%
Peco., Dec. & Evans. 20%
Philadelphia & Reading. 39
P. C. & & St. L. pfd
Pullman Palace Car. 186
Richmond & W. P. T. 15%
L. Paul. & Duluth. 48
St. Paul. & Duluth. 48
St. Paul. & Man. 112%
Union Pacific. 46%
Wabash. 12%
Wabash. 20%
Western Union. 82%
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Wheeling & L. E. 56%
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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: Pennsylvania Raliroad... Rea ing Raliroad... Bufialo, N. Y. & Phiis... Lehigh Va ley... Northern Pacific... Northern Pacific pref... Valida, Vascination

Electric Stocks. Boston, Jan. 20 .- [Special.]-The latest elecric stock quotations to-day were: | Hid. |

New York, Jan. 20.—Alfoe, 135: Aspen, 300: Best and Belcher, 225: Consolidated California and Virginia, 415; Deadwood, 190; Eureka, 125; Gould and Curry, 190: Hale and Norcross, 190; Homestake, 11375; Iron Silver, 135; Ontario, 4300; Ophir, 300; Pivmouth, 150; Savare, 140; Sierra Nevara, 165: Standard, 110; Union Consolidated, 140; Yellow Jacket, 110.

The Coffee Markets. New York, Jan. 20.—Coffee options opened steady 5 points down to 5 up; closed steady, unchanged to 15 points up; sales, 27 000 bags including January, 12.75@12.90c; February, 12.35@12.50c; March, 12.15@12.30c; May, 11.75@11.95c; September, 11.65@11.75c; spot Rio quiet, firm; No. 7, 135.@13%c.

Baltimore, Jan. 20.—Coffee strong. Rio cargoes fair, 17c; No. 7, 131/c. New ORLEANS, Jun. 20.—Coffee—Rio ordinary to fair, 14@16%c. The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Business in drygoods was somewhat more active, with a good many buyers in the market, but transactions were mainly restricted to the wants of the day. The market remained unchanged as rezards condition and tone, with cotton firmer and the print cloth market more active. active.

GETTING MARRIED IN PARIS.

If Relatives Are Obstinate They Can Make Lovers Lots of Trouble.

Saturday is the marrying day of the Parisian ouvrier. It is an economical arrangement. It gives Pierre two whole days for celebrating, with a loss of but one in the shop. He is obliged to take advantage of all such devices for, do his best, marrying is expensive business in Paris.

Before Pierre can with safety select his particular Saturday be has a multitude of civil and religious requirements to see to. Neitner her nor Lizette can think of such a thing as marrying without the consent of their families. If father, mother and grandparents are dead, a family council must be called of the nearest living relatives to consider the case and give or withhold per-mission. If it is refused to Pierre, and he is under 25, or to Lizette, and she is under 21, the marriage cannot go on. If they are over those ages they can summon the re-calcitrant relatives three times, at intervals of a month each, before a notary to give consent. If after the third summons, the permission is still withheld, at the end of a fourth month, they may marry. That is, they may, after the proper publications have been made and necessary documents

#### taken out. ALUMINUM OF GREENLAND.

Most of It Is Now Made From a By-Product in Soda Manufacture.

All the aluminum made in this country at present is brought from Greenland originally, in the shape of a sort of rock that looks somewhat like alum, called "cryolite," says an expert at Washington. There is a company in Philadelphia which has for years past been sending to that re-gion vessels built expressly for that purpose, and of great strength, to fetch back cargoes of this mineral. From it the concern manufactures soda in enormous quantities for washing and cooking purposes. After having extracted the sods, there is left over a substance which chemists term oxide of aluminum, and from this waste material the metal is obtained.

The cryolite is dug out of the ground in Greenland, and there is about enough of it obtainable to last for 50 years, but not more.

However, when that is gone or before, re-sort can be had to enormous deposits of a substance called "bauxite," found in Arkansas. It is a compound of exide of alum-inum, just as cryotite is, and looks like white clay, spread out for miles in flat lay-

# LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

-A Rice Trust is being formed in New Orleans. —There is an epidemic of leather failures in Quebec province. -The New York Central has declared its semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent.

—A steamer has arrived at Valparaiso from Columbia with four cases of yellow fever. The rumor of an organized conspiracy against the life of Judge Botkin has been confirmed.

-The Order of Railway Telegraphers' trouble on the East Tennessee Railroad has been settled. The Frankfort Zeitung has been suspended by the authorities for publishing an immoral article on Maupassaut.

The Montreal Court of Appeals has decided that the printed contract on the back of messages is void, and that the company is liable for damages for sending incorrect messages.

Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer.

Parties wishing to get the Blue Ribbon, should not be decrived by dealers who are handling cheaper and inferior grades. None genuine without the blue ribbon.

HOME MARKETS QUIET. The Cereal Situation Continues to Be in Favor of the Buyer. HAY IN SHORT SUPPLY AND FIRM. Zero Weather Gives New Strength to the Fresh Egg Market OFFICE OF THE DISPATCH, PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, January 20. COUNTRY PRODUCE - Jobbing Prices-Liberty street commission merchants were mostly occupied in the effort to keep warm. Buyers were few and the movement was slow, as it has been all the week. The egg

> firm at quotations, while common and low of tropical fruits we note a firm market for lemons of high quality. Bananas are quiet and Florida oranges fairly steady. With potatoes as the exception to the rule, vege-tables of all kinds are dull and slow. Pota-toes are moving freely at the old prices. APPLES—Il 50@1 75 per barrel.
> BUTTER—Creamery Eigin. 33@34c: Oblo brands.
> 25@30c: common country butter, 15@15c; choice country roll, 15@20c.
> BEANS—New York Michigan pea. \$1.90@2 00: marrowfat, \$2.15@2 55; Lima beaus, 4@45c \$ 5: hand picked medium. \$1.90@2 00.
> BEESWAX—Choice, 35@32c \$ 5; low grades, 22@25c.

25c.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR-New. 24@2½c \$ b.
CHEESE-Ohio choice. 11@115c: New York
cheese. 11%Bilke: Limburger. 12%313-c: Wisconsin Sweitzer. full cream, 185-@14c; imported Sweitzer. 25@25%c.
CUDER-Country cider. 25 50@5 00 \$ barrel: sand
refined. \$6 00@5 50: crab cider. \$7 50@8 00.
CRANBERRIES-Per box, \$2 00@2 30:per barrel, \$7 00
88 00.

EGGS — Strictly fresh nearby stock, 24c; cold storage eggs, 1620c.

FEATHERS—Extra live geese, 57635c; No. 1, 486 50c B lb; mixed lots, 28640c.

DHED FRUITS—Peachea, halves, 55c; evaporated apples, 869c; apricots, 26lic; blackneries, 768c; raspberries, 185085c; huckieberries, 7c; California peaches, 756985c; huckieberries, 7c; California peaches, 756985c; huckieberries, 7c; California peaches, 756985c; blackieberries, 7c; California peaches, 756985c; in huckieberries, 7c; California peaches, 756985c; br pair; quall, 2250 per dozen; pheasants, 21 55 per pair; quall, 2250 per dozen; guirrels, 21 6761 E; rabults, 75690 per pair; whole deer, 176915c B lb; suddles, 18695c B lb.

HONEY—New erop watte clover, 196917c; California honey, 126915c B lb.

MAPLE SYRUP—7560c B gallon.

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dressed Birkeys, 16217c # 10; dressed dicks, 15221c # 1b.

POTATOES—Carload lots, 15240c on track; from store, 45230c a bushel; Southern sweets, \$1 5021 75 a barrel; Jerseys, \$2 5023 75.

SERDS—Western recleaned medium clover jobbing at \$5.20; mammoth at \$5 55; timothy, \$1 45 for prime, and \$1 50 for choice; blue grass, \$2 5526 59; orchard grass, \$1 75; millet, \$1 00; German, \$1 15; Hungarian, \$1 10; me lawn, 25c # 1b; seed buck-theat, \$1 4321 50.

TALLOW—Country, 4c; city rendered, 5c,
TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, \$1 0024 50; Florida oranges, \$2 502 50 a bux; bananis, \$1 3031 75 firsts, \$1 0031 25 good seconds, per bunch; Malaga grapes, \$5 50310 00 a half barrel; new layer figs, 14231c

8 lb. VEGETABLES—Cabbage, \$3.00@4 00 a hundred; yellow Danver onlons, \$2.20@2 50 a barrel; toma-toes, \$2.00 per bushel; celery, 256500c per dozen; turnips, 90c@\$1.00 a barrel.

The movement in this line is more active than it has been the past week or two, but there is still large room for improvement pefore trade reaches its normal condition. Prices are practically unchanged, with sugar and coffee steady, and canned corn and tonatoes very firm.

matoes very firm.

GREEN COFFEE—Fancy, 21@22c; choice Rio, 22@
20%c; prime, 19%c; low grade Rio, 17%di8%c; old
Government Java, 27@29c; Maracatbo, 21%di2%c;
Mocha, 27%di2%c; Santos, 21%di2%; Caracas, 22%
62%c; La Guayra, 21%di2%c; Caracas, 22%
62%c; La Guayra, 21%di2%c; Prime Rio, 19k; good
Rio, 18%c; old Government Java buk, 22%
50c; Maracatbo, 21%di2%c; Santos, 18%di2%c; peaberry, 25c; choice Rio, 19%c; prime Rio, 19c; good
Rio, 18%c; ordinary, 16%di7%c.
SPICES (whole)—Cloves, 13di4c; allspice, 10c;
Casia, 8c; pepper, 10c; nutmeg, 70@86c.
Putchizum—Gobbers' prices)—110° test, 6%c;
Oido, 120°, 7%c; headlight, 15°, 7%c; water white,
960%c; globe, 14@14%c; claime, 15c; carnadine, 11c;
roysline, 14c; red oil, 10%di1c; purity, 14c; oleme,
16c

50c.
SODA—Hi-carb, in kegs, 3½@3½c: bi-carb, in ½s,
5½c; bi-carb, assorted packages, 5½@6c; sal soda,
in kegs, like; do granulated. 2:
CANDLES—Star, full weight, 9c; stearine, per
set, 8½c; paraffine, 11@12c.
Httck—Head Carolina, 6½@65½c; choice, 5½@6c;

in kegs, Hiet do granulated. 2c.
CANDLES—SHar, full weight, 3c; stearine, per set, 8\(\text{ste})\) transfine, 11\(\text{al}\) 12\(\text{2c})\).

RICE—Head Carolina, 6\(\text{al}\) 6\(\text{3c})\); c. tholce, 5\(\text{al}\) 6\(\text{cl}\) c.

STARCH—Pearl, 4c; corn starch, 6\(\text{al}\) 6\(\text{3c}\); gloss starch, 6\(\text{al}\) 7c.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Laver raisins, \$2\(\text{0c}\); c. London layers, \$2\(\text{2c}\); Muscatela, \$1\(\text{75}\); Callfornia Muscatela, \$1\(\text{4c}\); 60; Valencia, \$3\(\text{al}\) 60; Ondara Valencia, 76\(\text{76}\); 7\(\text{4c}\); Suifana, \$6\(\text{2c}\); c. coonants, \$1\(\text{3d}\); 60; valencia, \$3\(\text{al}\); 60; coonants, \$1\(\text{3d}\); 60; valencia, \$3\(\text{al}\); 60; coonants, \$1\(\text{3d}\); 60; valencia, \$7\(\text{3d}\); 60; valencia, \$7\(\text{3d}\); 60; volencia, \$1\(\text{3d}\); 60; valencia, \$7\(\text{3d}\); 60; volencia, \$7\(\text{3d}\); 60; valencia, \$7\(\text{3d}\); 60; volencia, \$7\(\text{3d}\); 60; peaches, \$1\(\text{2c}\); 60; peaches, \$1\(\text{2c}\); 60; peaches, \$2\(\text{3l}\); 60; peaches, \$2\(\text{3l}\); 60; peaches, \$2\(\text{3d}\); 60; peaches, \$2\(\text{3d}\); 60; corrected, \$1\(\text{4d}\); 60; cherries, plitted, \$1\(\text{2c}\); 60; cherries, unpitted, \$6:\(\text{car}\); 60; peaches, \$2\(\text{3d}\); 60; cherries, plitted, \$1\(\text{2c}\); 60; corrected, \$4\(\text{4c}\); confectioners, \$4\(\text{4c}\); soft white. \$4\(\text{4d}\); c; periodium, bils \$(1,20)\$, \$4\(\text{5d}\); 60; peaches, \$4\(\text{3d}\); 60; peaches, \$2\(\text{5d}\); 60; corn beach, \$2\(\text{5d}

Grain, Flour and Feed. The Grain Exchange meeting to-day proved somewhat chilly. Low temperature and light gas pressure had the effect of putting a stop to trade. There were no sales on call. Receipts, as bulletined, 24 cars, of which 17 cars were by Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago Railway, as follows: 3 cars of oats, 6 of hay, 1 of 1ye, 1 of straw, 1 of feed, 1 of ear corn, 4 of flour. By Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis-2 cars of hay, 3 of oats, 1 of bran, 1 of corn. The cereal situation re mains as it has been for a number of days, in favor of the buyer. Ear corn shows steady improvement in quality and is fairly firm. Oats and millfeed are quiet. Hay is in light supply, and markets show increasing firmness, with a prospect of higher prices. Following quotations are for carloads lots on track. Dealers charge an advance on these prices

from store: WHEAT-No. 2 red, 98@29c; No. 3 red, 94@

irom store: Whisat-No. 2 red, 98@99c; No. 3 red, 94@96c.

CORN-No. 2 yellow ear, 50@51c; high mixed ear, 495@50c; mixed ear, 48@85c; No. 2 yellow, shelled, 45@60c; high mixed shelled, 45@60c; nigh mixed shelled, 45@60c; mixed shelled, 45@60c; mixed shelled, 43@4tc.

OATS-No. 1 oats, 38@34c; No. 2 white, 37@37c; extra No. 3 oats, 38%65c; mixed oats, 34@36c.

HYE-No. 1 Pennsylvania and Ohio, 93@94c; No. 1 Western, 25@35c.

FLOUR-Jobbing prices—Fancy spring patents, 5 26@5 30; fancy winter patents, 55 26@5 36; fancy straight spring, 55 26@5 50; clear winter, 34 56@5 50; straight xyxx bakers, 44 75@5 (0. Bye flour, 55 06@5 3).

MILLFERNO-No. 1 white middlings, 350 00@21 00 7 ton f No. 2 white middlings, 350 00@21 00; brown middlings, 456 56@17 00; winter wheat bran, 317 75 318 09; chop feed, 321 00@23 00.

HAY-Baled timothy, choice, 313 50@13 75; No. 1, 12 30@31 30; No. 2, 310 76@11 00; clover hay, 311 50 @12 25; loose from wagon, 315 00@15 00, according to quality; packing hay, 30 00@3 25.

Straw-Oats, 37 00@7 50; wheat, 45 50@6 00; rye, 56 00@6 25.

Provisions. 

VIC PLACE TALKS ON GRAIN.

A BETTER MOVEMENT OF GROCERIES The Immense Wheat Crop Will Bring Prices Very Low-Favors Having Tickers Again Put in Public Places-Business Will Be Livelier.

V. C. Place, formerly a member of the local Stock Exchange, but for several years past a "high roller" on the Chicago Board of Trade, was in Pittsburg yesterday. He will be remembered as one of the most daring plungers in oil certificates who tried to buck against the Standard. He thought nothing of jumping in and buying or selling -as his fancy told him-500,000 barrels during a session. Many times he has broke the grades are weak at nominal prices. In lines market down several points by his persistent selling, or in turn sent it along by bulling it for all it was worth. Mr. Place now handles nothing but grain, and speaking of

the outlook in cereals, said:
"Just at present I am a bear on the wheat market. You probably are aware that last season's crop was the largest in history. The Government statisticians place the total amount of wheat harvested at 612,000,-000 bushels, but I have good reasons to be-lieve that over 700,000,000 bushels are more likely to cover it. I understood that this was Uncle Jerry Rusk's private opinion.
Wheat ought to sell down to 85 cents before the 1st of February. This slow but continued break of 24 cents in the market is due to the large crops. Crop scares will more or less depress things, but I would not advise any one to be a bear after March 1. There is always a demand for wheat, and the crop can't be too large to supply the world."

Mr. Place is in favor of replacing the telegraph "tickers" leading from principal exchanges, in cases, poolrooms and public resorts, giving quotations on stocks and grain. They were taken out by order of the exchanges a year or so ago, but those in-strumental in doing so are now realizing their mistake. "The rule that it takes the outsiders to make a market stands good in this case," continued the speaker, "and if the people see the quotations daily and at convenient points they will decide whether a commodity is a 'sale' or a 'purchase,' and probably be induced to speculate. The movement is receiving a vast amount of consideration, and I have no hesitancy in saying that the ticker will be again put in public places. Business is quite brisk in Chicago, as it always is, but I think it will be far more livelier in the early spring.

### OUR WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

The Uniformity Is Not Due to Any General Act of Congress.

The only units of weight and measure which have actually received the official sanction of Congress by the enactment of law are the Troy pound, brought to this country by Albert Gallatin during the administration of John Quincy Adams, which was specifically designated by Congress as the unit for the control of the coinage of the United States, and the metric units of length and mass, the use of which was declared to be legal in this country by Congress in 1866, writes Major J. W. Powell,

Ph., LL. D., in The Chautaupuan.

The nearly uniform custom prevailing throughout the country in the use of weights and measures has grown out of the action of Congress more than 50 years ago, by which the Office of Weights and Measires was authorized to send to every State of Ohlo, 120°. Net; headlight, 187° Net; water white, 180° Net; globe, 140°14%c; elaine, 180; carnadine, 110; royaline, 140; roya use by the Treasury Department, and thus the final and only court of appeal in all questions arising in reference to weights and measures. Its functions include the standardizing of weights and measures of length and capacity in use in the Customs Department of the United States, the construction and standardizing of weights and measures for new States as they are admitted to the Union, and in a general way such in other countries.

# A LETTER TO HAWTHORNE.

Epistolary Curiosity From Pennsylvania in a Publisher's Sanctum.

Boston Herald. ] In the office of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., on Park street, hangs an epistolary curiosity which is sure to attract the attention of all who have occasion to visit the sanctum of this well-known publishing house. It is a letter written by the principal of a school in a Pennsylvania town to Nathaniel Hawthorne, and is dated October, 1887.

The teacher begins by trying to worm himself into Mr. Hawthorne's good graces by telling him how highly his works are considered by his neighbors, and he winds up by asking a donation of a book or two for the school library.

"It seems very strange," remarked a visitor to the office a few days ago, "that a school teacher should not have heard of

the novelist's death 23 years after his de-"That is not the strangest feature of the matter," replied a member of the firm, to whom the remark was addressed. "The letter was directed to Mr. Hawthorne at Salem, and after remaining unclaimed in the postoffice there for the usual time it-was

sent to us with a request to forward."

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