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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1864.

Emancipation of Slaves and Serfs. It is a remarkable historical coincidence that slavery or serfdom, which was introduced about the same time into this Continent and into Russia, should simultaneously have received its death-blow in the spring of 1861. The first shot fired by the Southern traitors at Fort Sumpter ounded the knell of slavery in this country, and, precisely at the same time, the lews reached us that on March 17, 1861, the Czar had issued his now celebrated proclamation, emancipating the serfs in Russia. We need not here give details respecting the annihilation of slavery here. Enough that events have accumulated since the rebellion broke out which have rendered the further existence, even the toleration, of slavery impossible in any place over which "the stars and stripes" wave now, or ever will wave by right of

in the Crimea was over, seriously applied his energies to the emancipation of the serfs. The whole population of the Russian empire is about 74,000,000, in which there were 22,000,000 of serfs. The nobility, after the manner of the boasted "South ern Chivalry" of our own South, obstinately opposed the liberation of the serfs. The Czar, resolved to carry out his plan, allowed two years for bringing its details into working order, and, at last, we can report what has been done, so far. Up to last August, nearly all the regulating charters were completed (111,568, out of 111,-576), and these referred to estates on which resided 10,001,220 serfs. As many as 4,-521,878 of these are now completely liberated from their former masters, and of these nearly one-half (2,133,043), or nearly a tenth of the whole body of Russian erfs, have come into complete possession of the plats of land allotted them, to change them into small proprietary farmers, and 430,702 of these have required no assistance from the State. All the country people in the nine western provinces, without a single exception, have become proprietors of the rest of Russia. The province of Kharkof ranks highest in emancipation, for 72 per cent, of its former serfs are entirely freed, and are in possession of their grants of land. The percentage varies from 73 in Kharkof to 19 at Smolensk, and 15 in a few remote provinces. In the governments of St. Petersburg and Moscow, where there are a great many nobles, the number of serfs who have become absolute landed proprietors is between 10 and 11 per cent. It was expected that Russian serfdom would be extinct in twelve years from the Czar's proclamation of March, 1861, but if the emancipation proceeds at anything like the ratio which is here reported, there will not be one serf time. ALEXANDER II., whose greatness is shown by his goodness, is as much in advance the other sovereigns of Europe in liberal views as the city of Philadelphia is ahead, in civilization, of the miserable capital of Sonora.

-At a late fine-art exhibition in Antwerp and Brussels several pictures by American painters attracted much attention. The American minister, Mr. Sanford, at Brussels, writes that De Hazs, an artist of much merit and celebrity in Brussels, declared the works of our artists there exhibited to be the finest ever brought to that city, and that admiring crowds were gathered around them at all hours. Hubbard's "Afternoon in Autumn" was especially regarded with appreciation, and Rogers' especially regarded with appreciation, and Rogers' statuette groups, derived from incidents of the war, also attracted great attention. At the Antwerp exhibition one of Kensett's landscapes occupied the post of honor, and a noted picture-dealer of that city has made a proposal to the artist to paint exclusively for that market, offering large prices as inducements for so doing. Pictures by Clifford, Hart, and Hennessey were also at the Antwerp exhibition, and many offers to purchase them were made of the owner. It would seem to come the test made of the owner. It would seem from this that a demand for American pictures is being created in

THE CITY.

MISCELLANEOUS. Immediate action should be had by our citizens in reference to the call of the President for 300,000 more men by the 18th of February next, if the draft is to be avoided and the quota of the city raised without resort to that most unpopular means. City Councils, at a meeting held about two weeks ago, had before them an ordinance appropriating one million of dollars for the purpose of continuing the city bounty to new recruits. Unfortunately the matter was referred to the Finance Committee, and there it may the for some time to come. The city is matter was referred to the Finance Committee, and there it may lie for some time to come. The city is already several thousand in excess of the last draft, and the number to be supplied within the coming fifty days will be comparatively small. The following table shows the quota required, the number credited in excess of last call, and the deficiency: District. Quota. Gredit Nov. 11. Deficiency. First. 1.440 658 802

Second. 1.869 618 1.361.
Third 1.478 121 1.367

Fourth. 1.538 589 949

Fifth. 655 184 521

Total......6,980 2,000 4,980

The Fifth district embraces part of Bucks county. The above enumeration comprises only the city wards of that district. There will be required from this time until the day fixed for the draft enlistments to the number of one hundred per day. This number could be very readily raised, and Philadelphia still retain her proud honor of being the pairiotic city of the Union.

A circular has been issued by the Assistant Adjutant General at Washington, ordering assistant provost marshals not to enlist any person as a substitute for a drafted man, or one Hable to be drafted, except there shall be presented or received a certificate from a provost marshal stating that such substitute is entitled to be enlisted in the navy, and is to be credited to the district named in the certificate. The names of substitute and principal are always to be noted in the provost marshal's certificate, and when either of these is wanted the men are not to be shipped.

BOARD OF SCHOOL CONTROLLERS. Total6.980

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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Controllers of Public Schools was held yesterday afternoon, President Shippen in the chair.

The Committee on Property reported a resolution providing for the payment of \$5,500 to Jacob Wiseman, contractor for constructing a new schoolhouse. Agreed to.

The following elections were confirmed: Miss Susie King as fourth assistant teacher in the Eleventh section; Miss Anna Shields as third assistant in Fifteenth section; Mrs. Saille Yee as fourth assistant in Nineteenth section; Miss Mary Sherry as third assistant in Seventeenth section; James LeCount as principal of colored unclassified schools at Frankford.

Mr. Vaughan offered a resolution that the public schools be closed during the Christmas holidays, from December 22 to January 3. Agreed to.

Mr. Clarke offered a resolution authorizing the secretary of the board to draw warrants in favor of the secretaries of the various sectional boards for \$50 each, in accordance with an ordinance of Councils.

Mr. Vaughan presented the following: BOARD OF SCHOOL CONTROLLERS.

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Mr. Vaughan presented the following:

Resolved, That the Legislature of Pennsylvania be requested to enactal law which shall expressly empower this board to establish a uniform system of examination of qualifications of teachers, which shall be obligatory in all the sections of this district.

Agreed to.

Mr. Clarke moved that, after the stated meeting in January, 1866, the president be requested to reganize the committees of the board, in order that the new members of the board may be added.

Adopted. Adjourned.

WATER IN GERMANTOWN. WATER IN GERMANTOWN. WATER IN GERMANTOWN.

We hear that the citizens of Germantown are in hopes of some action being taken by the City Councils which, will eventuate in the purchase by the city of the Germantown Water Works. Indeed, it is only fair to that portion of our city that it should have all the facilities of the ample supply of water conferred on the other portions. It is not right that the point of os important a requisite as water, should be in the hands of a private company; and if the subject be mooted in Councils to-day we hope that the friends of progress may preserve an unbroken front with a view to the control by the city of these works.

PASSENGER. RALLWAY RELIEF ASSOCIATION

PASSENGER-RAILWAY RELIEF ASSOCIATION. The sixth annual ball for the benefit of the above association will take place at National Guards. Hall this evening. The association is much in need of funds, having lost some \$4,000 by the dishonesty of a former treasurer. Several members are on the sick list, and funds are needed to assist them in their pressing need. The seventh anniversary of the Oriental Section, No. 6, I. O. O. of H. and T. will be celebrated this evening, at Handel and Haydn Hall. The exercises will consist of recitations, essays, and addresses, and will be diversified by music by a quintette of the Germania Orchestra.

THE POLICE. SCENES AT THE CENTRAL STATION.

The want of a hemp carpet for the floor of the Central Station is very evident at almost any hour in the day. At the time of the hearings, the patience of the magistrate, the counsellors, the witnesses, the patience of the magistrate, the counsellors, the witnesses, the paties, spectators, and members of the press is sorely tried. The detectives as a general thing wear creaking boots, with heavy soles. To kick against one or more of the iron spittoons seems to be a pleasure to them, perhaps inst as the magistrate is a waiting a reply from a witness who scarcely speaks above a write-per. The magistrate is a careful public officer. He likes to discriminate and search for probable cause incases of doubt, but just as he is about to reach the desired point of information, a door is alamned against the jamb, until everything is made to rattle. A stal wart officer, Stentor like, shoute, "sitence," thus adding to the noise and confusion. The station, at certain times, is more like a bear garden than anything else. There is a want of quiet dignity during the hearings generally, and thus the patience of everybody is taxed to the ulmost. A hemp or mat carpet on the floor, and apicce of list around the doors, would be a great improvement. There were only two cases SCENES AT THE CENTRAL STATION.

brought up before the magistrate yesterday afternoon both being cases of larceny. both being cases of larceny.

Mumber One.

The defendant, giving the name of Mary Waugh, a fine specimen of a lady, tall, graceful, and modestine specimen of the specim

among many of those with whom she has personal acquaintance.

OASE NUMBER TWO.

Margaret Sullivan, a small-sized and remarkably bold-looking woman, with piercing dark eyes, was arraigned on the suspicion of being a thiof. She has been out of prison two weeks, after having served a short term. This defendant was taken into custody on the strength of an affidavit made by a woman residing in Pearl street, who set forth she believed a certain female who lived in a certain house was a thief. The officers searched the place, and recovered some Articles which were identified as the property of a Mrs. Henry. The defendant is the person alinded to by the affiant.

Mr. Buckley, elerk of the Central Station, read the affidavit for the edification of the magistrate, during which the prisoner said "it's a lie! it's a lie! Ican prove a good character for fifteen years."

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"Find out," replied the defendant with a sneer.
"Have you been out two weeks?"
"Find out as you choose."
"Do you bring your character from prison?"
"I've a good character; the officers never got any-thing but rags about my house."
"Nell;" replied the magistrate, "you must enterball in the sum of \$1,000 to kwait a further hearing."
"You may pile on just as much bail as you choose," responded the prisoner, "I'll not trade with you on the subject;" The present Czar, as soon as ever the war

responded the prisoner, subject subject.

The commitment was made out, and Margaret Sullivan was taken down stairs by the officer.

This closed the seenes at the Central. [Before Mr. Alderman White.]

FELONIOUS TRANSACTION IN CIGARS.

Jacob Meyers was arraigned yesterday on the charge of larceny of money and cigars, the property of his employer, Mr. D. Cassiday, whose place of businss is located on Fassyunk road. The jevidence ellcited set forth that Meyers represented to bis employer that a man named Duesch wanted a certain amount of cigars, to be delivered as soon as possible. The defendant conveyed the cigars, received payment therefor, and, it is alleged, withheld the aum of 593.25 It is further alleged that a bill for cigars had been paid to defendant, and that the recipient retained \$33.80 of the amount. It is further alleged that he procured cigars from his employer to the amount of \$104, alleging they were for a Mrs. Tiernan. The witnesses produced receipts given by defendant. In reference to Mrs. Tiernan, she testified that she never ordered the cigars, nor did she receive any of them at all. There was something said, during the proceedings, about the defendant sending samples of cigars to Washington. D. C. with the riew of effect. [Before Mr. Alderman White.] the proceedings, about the defendant sending samples of cigars to Washington, D. C., with the view of effect-ing a sale in that city. The accused was committed, in default of \$500, to await his trial at the next term of the court, MILITARY CAPTAIN IN TROUBLE.

Capiain Cohen, stationed at Camp Gadwalader, was arraigned before the same megistrate on the charge of misdemeanor, in withholding the bounty-money of a young man named Oliver D. Beamish. According to the evidence the young man, a minor, enlisted in the 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry, on the 8th day of Angust, 1864. He received the city bounty-money, amounting to \$500. This money was taken possession of by the defendant, who gave a receipt for the same. The father of the young recruit proceeded to the camp, and the con, in the presence of the captain, transferred the receipt to him. The father claims the money, and the holder refuses to deliver it. Hence the suit. This action is brought under a law based on the 24th of August, 1864, which provides that no officer in the service of the Baited States Government shall receive any bountyfmoney from any recruit, either with or without the consent of said recruit. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of \$600, and imprisonment for the term of six months. The alleged transaction, it will be seen, bears date prior to the passage of the law. This point will have to be decided by the judge who hears the case. The defendant was held to bail to answer at court. THE COURTS.

States District Court - Judge Cadwalader.

The United States vs. Henry W. Lunt. The defendant, who was master of the brig "Fannle," on a recent voyage from this port to Pensscola, with a carge of coal on Government account, is indicted for "embezzing and knowingly and wilfully misappropristing" certain property of the United States, viz: ten tone of coal; and upon this charge he was tried yesterday "From the evidence it appeared that two hundred and eighty four tons were placed on board the vessel, to be delivered at the navy yard at Pensacola. This quantity was actually delivered at the place agreed upon, and a receipt therefor from the proper authorities at Pensacola. was actually delivered at the place agreed upon and a receipt thereon from the proper authorities at Penascols was given to the defendant. For the United States it was alleged, however, that the coal received on board here as two hundred and eighty four tons was more than that; for after the discharge of that quantity at Penascola ten or more tons still remained, and was by the defendant permitted to remain in the vessel, and was brought back to Philadelphia. This fact having been diclosed the defendant was arrested, the coal, which it is claimed is the property of the Government, was seized, and this p oscention begun.

The defendant denies that he was cognizant of the fact that any coal was left in the vessel until after he had tailed from Penascola, on his return voyage, alleging that the unloading of the coal was superintended by the male, and having a receipt for the quantity received on board he supposed all had been discharged Evidence was also offered to show that there was some coal in the hold of the brig before the Government coal was put in. Good character was also proven. Jury out. District Attorney Gilpin and J. K. Valentine for tha United States; F. C. Brewster for defendant. Supreme Court at Nisi Prius-Justice Read.

EVIDENCE—AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION BY JUDGE

Read.

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At the opening of the court yesterday, Judge Read remarked that he hrd-heen compelled, the day before, to non-cuit a case because the act alleged could not be proved. If the parties themselves could have been examined sa witnesses, the truth could have been ascertained and the ends of justice attained. He remarked that the rules of evidence which exclude witnesses no the ground of interest had been so confused, so numerous, and so contradictory, that it was to be hoped they would all be rendered neeless, as they are unwise. By the Legislature adopting the modern improvements in the law of evidence, which permit parties the maelves to be fully examined and cross-tx-amined in open court. This rule was adopted in England many years ago, and it has met the approbation of every English judge who has expressed an opinion after the parties is not living; but the true rule in his judgment out to be a wise and useful rule.

In most states the provision is restricted to cases by the country of the parties is not living; but the true rule in his judgment ought to be the admission of the testimory of the parties is not living; but the true rule in his judgment ought to be the admission of the testimory of the parties is not living; but the true rule in his judgment ought to be the admission of the testimory of the country of the case, but not had or any other restriction. In practice has a lalow both parties to be examined. In both cases the result had institud his course. In one the verdict had been rendered according to his belief of the truth, of the case, hold parties having been examined before the jury; in the other the plaintiff refused to appear as a witness, and the claim was found by the jury to be not due. He trusted the Legislature would early take the subjectino consideration, and rollow the example furnished by the enlightened modern improvements that have been made.

William Anstice vs. Oliver Ottinger. This was an action to recover damages for injuries

Court of Common Pleas—Judges Thom; son and Ludlow. The court sat yesterday to hear road cases. Court of Quarter Sessions—Judge Allison The Commonwealth vs. James Gordon. Indictment for false pretences. Before reported. The speeches of counsel and the instructions of the court to the jury in this case occupied the day. The jury had not agreed upon a verdict when the court adjourned.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL. duliness for all classes of securities. Governments duliness for all classes of securities. Governments were generally lower, which is attributable to the postponement of the official announcement that no more gold-bearing bonds are to be issued. The large amount of the 10-40 bonds taken up so eagerly in New York on Monday and Tuesday, was in the belief that the limit of that class of bonds would, by that subscription, be reached. Subscriptions to this loan, however, are still open. The 1831 loan sold yesterday at 103%, a decline of 1%; the 5.20 bonds at 103%, a decline of 102, a decline of 102, the 7.30s were held firmly

10-40s at 102, a decline of %; the 7-30s were held firmle at 99%, and the old (endorsed) sold at 120%. State loan were quiet; demand steady for State 5s; the war loan 6s, however, declined to 102. There was nothing doing in City 6s. The share list was very dull, though prices City 6s. The share list was very dull, though prises were somewhat better than on the previous day. Beading and Pennsylvania Railroad recovered their la'e decline; and Catawissa preferred was steady at Tuesday's price; Minehill sold at 57%, a decline of 1; Camden and Amboy was steady at 151; Northern Central at 54%; Philadelphia and Brie at 27%; and Lehigh Valley at 31. Company bonds were generally quiet and steady at 50 price. There was a little doing among the coal stocks, but at a material decline in the rates. Preston sold down to 30; Big Mountain at 6; and Swatara Falls at 5% Bank stocks are moderately active; Worth America 6%. Bank stocks are moderately active; North America selling at 189%; Mechanics' at 34; and Girard at 51; 156 was bid for Philadelphia; 58 for Commercial; 118 for Southwark; 90 for Kensington; 106 for Western; and 33 for Manuacturers' and Mechanics'. There was nothing said in passenger railroad stocks. The canal stocks were dull, with a drooping tendency. Oils were moderately active, without material change as to price The following were the quotations of gold at the hou

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It will be seen by an advertisement b

The following were the closing quotations for the na

RC Postminters are requested to not as against for THE WAR PRESS. To the getter-up of the Club of ten er twenty. an lumn that an organization called the "Racin lumn that an organization called the "Reciprocity Mining Company" has established an office in Philadelphia. This company has been before the New York public, although three of its trustees—ax-Governor Pollock, Hon. W. G. Moorhead, and Charles B. Wright—are eminent Philadelphians, and well known to the nation at large. Mr. L. E. Chittenden, formerly of the Treasury Department at Washington, is precident of the company, and as far as the names of the

trustees are concerned there could be no better gua-rantees of its integrity and respectability. Specimens of the cres that are found on the lands of the new com-pany may be seen at the office of C. B. Wright, 14z South Third street. All who have a desire to invest in gold and iron and lead may make an examination for themselves. pany have just declared a quarterly dividend of 2% per cent., payable after the 2d prox. The Board of Directors of the Westmoreland Goal cent., payable sater the ze prox.

The Board of Directors of the Westmoreland Coal
Company have declared a dividend of 5 per cent. on the
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1,187,911 01 The following were the quotations of Ame in London on the 2d inst, : 74.032 11 faryland 5 per cent. .

Satterthwaite's London Circular has the follo

Drexel & Co. o PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES, Dec. 21. 700 St Nicholas Oil. Its 4½ 100 Continental Oil ... 22 200 Bruner Oil 134 200 Dalzell Oillots 9½ FIRST BOARD.

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Gold is dull at 2224@2244, with few transactions.
Exchange is quiet at 1627 for specie. The loan market
is more active. The rate is seven per cent., and lenders
have no difficulty in employing all their funds. Commercial paper is quiet at 7@34.
The stock market is duli, and quotations have a drooping tendency.
Before the first session little business was done, in
consequence of the storm. Gold was quoted at 2224@
223.

Philadelphia Markets.

and in a small way at 1862. 20 phob. Corn meat is scarce-at former rates, and we hear of no sales. GRAIN.—There is very little demand for Wheat, and the market is dull at about former rates, with sales of about 2,700 bus at 20(2056 for fair to prime Western and Pennsylvania reds, and 1,200 bus white at 20(2050 Pbu, the latter rate for prime Kentucky. Rye is sell-ing, in a small way, at 175@180c Pbu. Corn is dull and rather lower, with sales of 1,500 bus new at 185c in the care. Oats are in good demand, with sales of 3,500 bus at 25c Pbu. ing, in a small way, at 175@180c \$\frac{\text{bu}}{\text{bu}}\$. Corn is dull and rather lower, with sales of 1,500 has new at 185c in the carr. Oats are in good demand, with sales of 3,600 has at \$20 ats are in good demand, with sales of 3,600 has at \$20 ats are in good demand, with sales of \$,600 has at \$20 ats are in good demand for Quercitron; about \$30 hdas let No. 1 zold at \$43,50 \$\frac{\text{bu}}{\text{bu}}\$ of \$1.00 ats are in \$1.00 ats are in the way of \$1.00 ats are in \$1.00 ats are i The following are the receipts of Frour and Grain at his port to day:

Chicago Markets, Dec. 19th.

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Dressed Hogs were in good supply and we note a decline of 12% 615 2 100 lbs, with heavy sales at \$14@15, chiefly at \$14.204 50, dividing on 200 lbs, the market cosing steady

Highwines advanced 102c P gallon, with sales of about 700 blis at \$1.85 for old, and \$1.90 for new, closing firm at \$1.85. Crosby's distillery commences to run on Monday next, and we understand that other distilleries are making preparations to begin.

The Flour market was dull and nedected.

Wheat declined fully 2c P bn, and closed weak, with sales of about 50,000 bus at \$1850,1874 for No. 1 red. \$1.750,174 for No. 1 spring, and \$1.54 for No. 2 spring, the market closing weak at the inside quotation.

Corn was quiet and steady, with sales of new on track at 91@36c.

Outs ruled Modiclower, with sales of upwards of \$2. track at 91(990); Oats railed %@le lower. With sales of upwards of 50,~ (00 bus at 65%@66%c for No. 1, the market closing steady at 65c.

Rye was quiet and steady at \$1.25 for No. I in store.

Barley ruled inactive and quiet, with light sales of old No. 2 at \$1.67 Pittsburg Petroleum Market, Dec. 20.

BUSINESS in the oil way was not very active, for the heat of all reasons, the stock to operate with, particularly crude, being very limited. The large sales during the past ten days has taken a large amount of oil out of the market, besides the condition of the river prevent receipts through that channel. The river to Oil sagain in excellent order, and all the boats and lighting are making ready to depart. The identical lighting are making ready in the sales were as followed. The identical lighting are the sales were as followed. The identical lighting are the sales were as followed. The identical lighting are with the inverty boar read, \$1.70. Corn declining; new white. The identical lighting are sales of 500 points. The ide

Satterthwaite's London Circular has the following in reference to American securities:

We have to report since our last an active market in London for American securities at fluctuating rates, secording to the premium on gold resported from New York. United States five twenty bonds declined at one time to 40½ sellers, and Illinois shares to 50 sellers, but afterwards improved to 43½ and 61 respectively, at which rates they close firm, the demand having been better since the reduction in the rate of discount by the bank of Holland from seven to six and a half per cent. There is also an improved inquiry for first mortgage bonds, both of New York and Pennsylvania sections, Atlantic and Great Western, and the quotations have advanced one per cent.

Drexel & Co. quote:

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DECEMBER 21—Evening.
There is very little demand for Flour either for export There is very little demand for Flour either for export or home use, and the market is very dull, and holders anxious to sell at about former rates. Sales comprise about 500 bbls good and choice Western and Pennsylvania extra family at \$12@12.25; 200 bbls extra at \$11.25, and 600 bbls City Mills extra family on private terms. The retailers and bakers are buying in a small way at from \$9.76@10.50 for superfine; \$10.75@11.25 for extra; \$11.56@12.00 for extra family, and \$12.76@13 B bbl for fancy brands, according to quality. Rye Flour is selling in a small way at \$9@9.25 Bbbl. Corn Meal is scarce at former rates, and we hear of no sales.

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Flour, &c.—The market for Western and State Flour is moderately active, opening steady and closed 10c % bbl better; holders are not disposed to sell at the close. Trade and family brands are irregular and dull. Buckwheat Flour is firm at \$4.7695.20 % 100 lbs. Eye Flouris chull asd unchanged; sales of 60 bbls at \$5.00% 12%. Corn Meal is inactive and heavy.

Grain.—The Wheat market opened steady, but closed. 2c lower. The demand is only for milling. The heaviness is most noticeable in spring

Gorn is nominally lower and quiet. New is coming in in better condition. The sales are 2,500 burshela. Western inized at nominally \$1.55, and New Jersey yellow at \$1.70% 1.75.

Provisions—The Pork market opened excited and higher, but closed dull and heavy at about 50c below the extreme rate.

Beef is beavy owing to the large receipts. Sales of 500 bbls at \$500022 for plain mess; \$250023 for extra do, and 1,000 bbls navy mess at \$27.