HOG MARKET WEAKENS

Only Fair Supply but Quality Good.

TOPS STILL ON $5.12 1-2

Cattle Steady But Dull With Light Supply of Offerings.

The local hog market yesterday was quoted as weak to a shade lower, and this was considerably stronger than any other western hog market. A flat 5 cents lower and 5 to 10 cents lower were the quotations sent out from all the leading points. Some sales here yesterday seemed little less than steady with Thursday's best. The quality was good in the main, and was in line with Thursday's extra good grade. It was a dull and aimless trading through most of the day, solely from want of hogs. At no time were there near enough to supply the demand, and what did come in appeared almost entirely on the close, and mostly unannounced before hand. Up to 4 o'clock there had been only two or three cars of hogs to go over the scales, but late in the day two roads suddenly shoved into the docks a string of a dozen cars. These were more than welcome by the disappointed buyers, and the whole at went through very promptly, and more would so easily have sold and at the same comparatively stronger prices. The average weight was heavier and the general quality exceptional. It was not a heavy day, even with all the receipts in, but it turned out lots better than had been feared. It will show up a good week on the whole, both as to receipts and strength of the market. About 1,200 hogs were sold, and there were late reported a few more cars to arrive in the night. The hog pens were empty on the close, and sellers at least thoroughly satisfied.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Dock. Av. Wt.	Price.
66	247	$5 12½
79	247	5 12½
12	240	5 10
64	251	5 10
71	232	5 10
67	240	5 10
71	214	5 10
74	242	5 10
82	259	5 07½
73	238	5 05
82	259	5 05
72	252	5 05
73	229	5 05
73	221	5 05
68	232	5 05
8	223	5 05
5	219	5 00
5	261	5 00
10	256	5 00
11	190	5 02½
1	190	5 00
2	210	5 00
2	215	5 00
3	233	5 00
4	252	5 00
20	174	5 00
8	170	5 00
6	193	4 95
6	43	4 95
5	229	4 95
3	229	4 95
3	239	4 90
3	234	4 90
2	190	4 90

CATTLE.

The cattle market yesterday was steady with a fair trading, as the receipts were light and there was nothing left over in which to deal. Thursday most of the commission firms had a cleaning up, and wiped out all their holdings, and the offerings yesterday being few and far between there was not much enthusiasm excited, although there was the same strong demand, and many buyers were on hand to take in anything in sight. Ed Washburn, of Augusta; Street & Co., Wichita; Crocker, Robbins & Alexander, Wichita; Duncan, Brown Bros., of Byron, O. T., and Jim Snooks of Conway Springs, were the principal shippers and sellers. The Dold Packing Co., Henry Dubois of New Mirabeau, Henry Tisdale of Greenwich, Hobbins & Alexander, Hamilton, and Charlie Phipps were the main buyers. The quality was generally fair for what was sold.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES.

No.	Av. Wt.	Price.
17 cows	787	$1 30
14 stockers	661	4 25
2 stockers	105	4 25
1 cow	840	3 40
2 cows	925	3 20
1 cow	1070	3 25
1 cow	890	3 25
20 heifers	616	3 20
2 butcher steers	725	3 00

CHIPPINGS AND NOTES.

L. S. Rogers, of Newkirk, was in with a top winner load of heavy hogs, which sold without dock at the top price.

Jack Houston, of Ponca City, shipped in top top hogs of heavy weight, and with no dockage.

F. B. Lincoln, of Enid, was a late comer with a car load of heavy hogs.

W. J. Norris, of Oxford, was a shipper of heavy hogs, closely crowding the top price, and they sold without dock at the top of the bulk.

John A. Ratliff, of Hennessey, was one of the late rush with a car of good medium weight hogs, and they easily brought the top of the bulk.

W. H. Mesbergar, of Mulvane, sent up a car of medium branks, and they sold without dock at bulk top figures.

M. J. Miller, of Renfrow, was on the market with mediums, which sold at a good price.

Sam Turky, of Arkansas City, shipped in a car on the close of heavy hogs, with no dock.

H. F. Shives, of Burrton, had in one door weight hogs of good grade, which sold well.

L. M. McCreklin, of Derby, was among the last to reach the yards with a car load of heavy hogs, which sold strong.

O. P. Hawkins, of Nashville, was in with a car of light hogs, which brought a good price.

Steiner & Blair, the regular Elbe county firm, had in a car of heavy hogs, which sold strong in the bulk range.

Brown Bros., of Byron, O. T., were in with a mixed car of stock. The hogs sold without dock, and were fresh.

D. M. Hutchinson, of Haversill, had in a car of good heavies, which sold without dock early.

Ed Washburn, of Augusta, was early on the market with two lots of hogs, one of heavies and one mediums.

Foster & Cheesman, of Whitewater, were late in with a car of heavy hogs, which sold on the close.

Weekly comparisons were as follows: Yesterday, hogs, $5.12½; 247 lb. $5.00@5.10; average weight, 244. For the day previous, hogs, $5.10@; bulk, $5.00@5.10; average weight, 236. For the same day last week, hogs, $5.20; bulk, $5.10@5.20, average weight, 235.

..D. J. Wallace..
COMMISSION CO.
Grain, Provisions, Stocks bought and sold for cash or on margins.
Rooms 1 and 2, 209 North Main street. Phone 608.

The Dold shipments yesterday from all departments was heavy, and there was also a heavy line of produce arranged and prepared for early shipment today.

Yesterday Mr. Minor Meyers, for many years express clerk in the wholesale market at Dold's, was promoted to the responsible position of city solicitor of the fresh meat department. He takes the place of Mr. John Fortner, who goes back to his old position of cattle buyer for the company. His fellows in the wholesale market, in token of their esteem and warm friendliness for this popular young man, presented him with a handsome gold ring, set with an amethyst, a very pretty manner of congratulating. All wish Mr. Meyers the best of success in his new position.

Chicago yesterday looked for 24,000 hogs; they received 26,000, and expect 26,000 today. On Thursday the receipts were 24,586.

Denver is headquarters for the American Cattle Growers' association which was organized at Salt Lake City last week. The first meeting of the association will be held in Denver on March 5. Arrangements are now being made for the program. An attendance of about 1,000 cattlemen is expected.

The Drovers' Journal aptly remarks: "As long as butter men can get 30 cents per pound for their product they haven't a very strong kick coming about the sales of oleomargarine. They probably figure that butter would be selling at 60c per pound if it wasn't for this competition."

The Price Current of Thursday says: "The marketing of hogs for the week ending last night was liberal, though not so large as previous weeks. Western packing, 580,000, compared with 605,000 the preceding week, and 530,000 last year. From November 1 the total is 6,425,000, against 6,225,000 a year ago.

New Zealand has packing houses which are running on full time and slaughter 200 cattle and 1,500 sheep per day for export. Australia's output of frozen meats for export, including rabbits, game and fish, amount to about $30,000,000 per annum at present, and is growing rapidly each year.

At Kansas City, last week, the average weight of hogs, 203 pounds, was the lightest on record for January. According to the Drovers' Journal, the average weight of the 199,528 hogs at Chicago last week was 225 pounds, the lightest for any week in over eight months, and the lightest January average since 1895. Being unusually light. The steady falling o in the average weight during the past month or two is causing considerable speculation regarding the probable supply of hogs for the next few months. Last week's average was 17 pounds lighter than the second week of last month. Average a year ago last week, 228 pounds, and 2 years ago 230 pounds.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market steady; native steers, $4.25@5.50; Texas steers, $3.50@4.75; Texas cows, $3.00@3.80; native cows and heifers, $2.00@4.50; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.25; bulls, $2.50@4.50. Calves, receipts 100; market steady, $4.25@5.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; market 5 to 7½c lower; bulk of sales, $5.12½@5.20; heavy and packers, $5.10@5.25; mixed, $5.00@5.12½; light, $4.90@5.17½; yorkers, $5.10@5.17½; pigs, $4.50@5.00.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,000; market steady; lambs, $4.00@5.40; muttons, $3.00@4.85.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., aJn. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,400; market steady; native steers $3.50@5.80; stockers and feeders, $2.45@4.60; cows and heifers, $2.00@4.75; Texas and Indian steers, $3.40@4.40; cos and heifers, $2.25@3.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; market 5 cents lower; pigs and lights, $5.10@5.15; packers, $5.15@5.30; butchers, $5.20@5.27½.

Sheep—Receipts, 600; market firm; native muttons, $4.00@4.40; lambs, $4.40@5.50.

THE WEATHER.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 25, 1901.

During the past 24 hours, ending at 7 p. m., the highest temperature has been 47, the lowest 27, a range of 20 degrees, and the mean has been 37, which is 4 degrees warmer than the normal temperature for the day as deduced from the observations at this station for the past seven years, with cloudy weather, fresh to brisk southeast wind, and a marked fall in pressure.

Since the first of the month the average temperature has been 4 degrees daily warmer than the normal, and the total rainfall .25 inch, which is .47 inch less than the normal.

FRED L. JOHNSON, Observer.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:

Kansas—Rain or snow; colder Saturday; wind becoming northwesterly. Sunday, fair.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Rains Saturday; colder Saturday; southwesterly winds, becoming northwesterly. Sunday fair.

"Beggs' Cherry Cough Syrup saved the life of my baby boy when dying of croup; God bless the remedy," writes Mrs. Adam Schreiber, Chattanooga, Tenn. Guaranteed to cute throat and lung troubles. Saves hundreds of these little ones every year. J. P. Allen, Dockum & Higginson, Geo. Van Werden.

FINE SYSTEM AT DOLD'S

Iron Shutter Apparatus Contracted and Night Watch Mechanical Service.

Yesterday the Dold Packing Company closed a large contract with the Swearingen Iron Shutter Co., of Kansas City, for a complete system of their perfected fire proof shuttering. There will be in all eighty-nine of these patent window shutters and all the doors will be protected also. This refers to the new hog slaughtering house, which, when complete will be in the eyes of a packing house expert, a veritable picture, a connoisseur's idea of fine art. This shuttering is a new improved plan and all large factories and manufacturing concerns in the east are now replacing old systems with the Swearingen affair. The windows are of double iron, asbestos lined, with air space between. They are so arranged that by a crank scheme the whole of one side of a building's windows can be closed at once by one simple turn. When ready to open, another crank at the other end of the building at once opens all on that side. The doors are also double thickness and double doors, inside and outside. This is one of the largest contracts of this kind placed by this company west of the river and when once placed in position will mean absolute fire proof.

Another up-to-date mechanical contrivance which will be instituted in the new house will be the Western Union system of clockwork night watch service. This is an electric apparatus which accurately registers everything necessary to be done. If through any cause a night watch at the plant should fail to ring up and register after ten minutes from a given point of time, the mechanism so reports and police attention from down town is at once given and some one despatched post haste out to the plant, knowing that something very serious had gone wrong.

Mr. Fred Dold, with his usual vigorously progressive spirit both as to his own business and also in the well known liberal spirited temper always exhibited, proposes that no pains, care, or expense will be spare etc make this his pride the finest equipped and systemized packing plant anywhere in the land. A large gang of workmen is engaged now in placing the saved floors and making ready to place into position the fine new scalding tanks, scrapers, and other new machinery, all of which were designed and patterned by Superintendent Chas. O. Dietrigand and made to the company's special orders.

DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS

Strong Wheat Start Under Influence of High Cables.

CORN QUIET AND STEADY

Provisions Held Steady on a Good Cash Demand.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Wheat started out strong today, influenced by higher cables, light Argentine shipments, an unfavorable Argentine report, and moderate northwest receipts. May opened ¼@¾c higher, at 75½ to 75¾c, and sold early to 75¾c, there being a good commission house demand, as well as buying by prominent professional bulls. Selling was scattered at the start, but became a little heavier at 75⅝c, and a reaction to 75⅛@75¼c followed. Local receipts were 40 cars, one of contract grade. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 202 cars, against 250 last week and 362 a year ago. Argentine shipments were 168,000 bushels, compared with 648,000 bushels the previous week and 760,000 bushels a year ago. The United States consul at Montevideo reported damage in La Plata provinces, and expressed the opinion that exports from these provinces would fall off 50 per cent.

Corn was quiet and steady. May opened a shade to ⅛c higher, at 39c to 39⅛@39c, and touched 39⅛c in sympathy with wheat. This was followed by a reaction to 38⅞c on profit-taking by a local long. Receipts were 187 cars.

Oats were firm with wheat, but bare of features early. There was a good outside demand which met only scattered offerings. May opened a shade higher at 25¼c, touched 25⅜@25¼c, and later rallied to 25½@25¾c. Receipts were 209 cars.

Provisions opened easy in sympathy with a decline at the yards, but held steady on a good cash demand. There was little trade early and opening prices remained unchanged for some time. May pork opened a shade lower, at $13.77½@13.80; May lard 2½c down, at $7.35, and May ribs 5c depressed, at $6.92½@6.95.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 25, 1901.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Jan	73⅝	74⅛	73⅝	74⅛
May	75⅝	77	75⅝@75⅞	76⅞
Corn—				
Jan	.....	.....	.....	37½
May	39	39⅛	38⅞	38⅞
Oats—				
May	25¼	25⅜	25¼@25⅜	25⅜@25½
Pork—				
May	13 90	13 92	13 77	13 92
Lard—				
May	7 35	7 42	7 35	7 42
Ribs—				
May	6 92	7 00	6 92	7 00

	Calls.	Puts.
May wheat	77⅞	75⅞
May corn	40	39

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25—Wheat—May 68½c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68@68½c; No. 3, 66@67½c; No. 2 red, 69@70c; No. 3, 67@68c.

Corn—May, 37c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 37½; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 3, 38c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 26c.

Rye—No. 2, 45@46c.

Hay—Choice timothy, $10@10.50; choice prairie, $8@8.50.

Butter—Creamery, 17@20c; fancy dairy, 17c.

Eggs—Fresh, 15c.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Jan. 25.—Wheat—Higher; No. 2 cash, elevator, 73½@74c; track, 73½@74c; January, 73½c; May, 76c; July, 74⅝c; No. 3 hard, 69@71c.

Corn—Higher; No. 2 cash, 36½c; track, 37@37½c; January, 36½c; May, 37½c; July 38½@38⅝c.

Oats—Higher; No. 2 cash, 26c; track, 26@26½c; January, 26c; May, 26c; No. 2 white, 28@28½c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 25.—Butter—Receipts, 4,659 packages; market steady; creamery, 16@22c; June creamery, 16@20c; factory, 11@14c.

Cheese—Receipts, 1,689 packages; market steady; fancy large, fall made, 11½@11¾c; small, 11¾@12c.

Eggs—Receipts, 6,834 packages; market steady; western, average packed, at mark, 19@20½c; western, loss off, 24@25c.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼c; molasses sugar, 3⅛c. Refined, steady; crushed, $6.00; powdered, $5.60; granulated, $5.50.

Coffee—Steady.

Molasses—Steady.

DRY GOODS MARKETS

New York, Jan. 25.—The demand from the home trade for all descriptions of cotton goods continue good, but from the number of inquiries coming forward some large buyers appear to be getting ready to do a fuller business. No change in print cloths. Liners are quiet, but firm. Burlaps also firm, and foreign markets higher.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Jan. 25.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the past week, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Cities.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,506,017,190	32.4	....
Boston, Mass.	122,170,010	1.2	....
Chicago, Ill.	200,113,087	4.8	....
Philadelphia, Pa.	97,278,011	2.3	....
St. Louis, Mo.	48,527,194	27.1	....
Pittsburg, Pa.	38,414,849	11.8	....
Baltimore, Md.	21,161,408	15.8	....
San Francisco, Cal.	18,427,119	16.8	....
Cincinnati, O.	21,207,100	29.1	....
Kansas City, Mo.	16,445,847	20.3	....
New Orleans, La.	14,673,198	8.3	....
Minneapolis, Minn.	9,848,002	12.5	....
Detroit, Mich.	8,512,277	9.1	....
Cleveland, O.	11,208,519	9.3	....
Louisville, Ky.	8,629,374	....	2.2
Providence, R. I.	6,819,300	3.1	....
Milwaukee, Wis.	6,573,063	1.9	....
St. Paul, Minn.	4,679,251	3.0	....
Buffalo, N. Y.	6,512,590	15.7	....
Omaha, Neb.	5,951,300	18.7	....
Indianapolis, Ind.	2,799,815	27.4	....
Columbus, O.	4,321,300	28.0	....
Savannah, Ga.	4,252,000	22.1	....
Denver, Colo.	4,140,002	....	....
Hartford, Conn.	2,252,402	....	3.4
Richmond, Va.	4,240,847	18.8	....
Memphis, Tenn.	3,817,363	47.3	....
Washington, D. C.	3,820,700	26.8	....
Peoria, Ill.	2,590,112	20.0	....
Rochester, N. Y.	1,835,954	1.8	....
New Haven, Conn.	1,570,254	1.4	....
Worcester, Mass.	1,435,288	11.9	....
Atlanta, Ga.	2,878,128	8.1	....
Salt Lake City	1,670,127	26.5	....
Springfield, Mass.	1,322,742	1.9	....
Fort Worth, Tex.	1,776,835	62.4	....
Portland, Me.	1,318,485	5.7	....
Portland, Ore.	1,303,121	27.9	....
St. Joseph, Mo.	1,755,979	26.1	....
Los Angeles, Cal.	2,091,511	60.9	....
Norfolk	1,302,317	....	3.3
Syracuse, N. Y.	1,192,143	8.1	....
Des Moines, Ia.	1,365,794	....	....
Nashville, Tenn.	1,431,761	....	2.1
Wilmington, Del.	964,757	....	4.1
Fall River, Mass.	717,143	....	1.5
Scranton, Pa.	1,021,164	4.3	....
Grand Rapids, Mich.	1,327,478	2.1	....
Augusta, Ga.	1,190,931	....	16.9
Lowell, Mass.	660,077	11.7	....
Dayton, O.	1,195,023	4.2	....
Seattle, Wash.	1,356,258	8.1	....
Tacoma, Wash.	1,061,047	20.0	....
Spokane, Wash.	876,751	....	4.1
Sioux City, Ia.	1,326,589	....	2.1
New Bedford, Mass.	528,439	25.9	....
Knoxville, Tenn.	621,621	11.5	....
Topeka, Kan.	1,119,087	79.1	....
Birmingham, Ala.	921,038	8.4	....
WICHITA, KAN.	509,761	1.4	....
Binghampton	446,700	8.3	....
Lexington, Ky.	569,135	17.0	....
Jacksonville, Fla.	237,967	....	7.0
Kalamazoo, Mich.	426,353	43.4	....
Akron, O.	490,600	22.7	....
Chattanooga, Tenn.	466,128	8.2	....
Rockford, Ill.	297,362	....	1.7
Canton, O.	270,000	19.1	....
Springfield, O.	355,955	10.2	....
Fargo, N. D.	333,962	21.0	....
Sioux Falls, S. D.	291,503	7.0	....
Fremont, Neb.	118,840	....	24.3
Davenport, Ia.	694,222	21.9	....
Toledo, O.	1,825,580	....	8.3
Galveston, Tex.	1,751,000	4.2	....
Houston, Tex.	20,052,849	15.5	....
Evansville, Ind.	525,646	8.5	....
Macon, Ga.	724,000	....	15.0
Little Rock, Ark.	854,183	20.5	....
Helena, Mont.	740,222	12.1	....
Springfield	498,223	26.7	....
Youngstown, O.	327,827	1.5	....
Colorado Springs	1,210,540	....	....
Totals, U. S.	$2,184,111,035	36.7	....
Totals outside N.Y.	683,032,835	10.9	....
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$17,208,859	13.5	....
Toronto	10,758,772	22.4	....
Winnipeg	1,892,593	....	8.5
Halifax	1,262,470	21.5	....
Hamilton	893,138	....	14.1
St. John, N. B.	841,216	16.7	....
Vancouver, B. C.	690,207	12.6	....
Victoria, B. C.	679,334	19.9	....
Totals	$32,197,538	11.9	....

CITY IN BRIEF.

Mr. J. C. Mayall was in the city yesterday, from Valley Center.

J. L. Nessley of Mulvane, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

J. H. Stewart, of the firm of Stewart & Burns, was out of the city yesterday on business.

A number of people in Renfrow sent Mrs. Nation a new hatchet by the Pacific Express company.

Ralph Millison returned yesterday from a trip over Oklahoma. He was in Guthrie during his trip.

Mrs. Lillian Rich is the plaintiff in a suit against John Kinsler for $1,000 damages. Ray and Keith are the attorneys.

The Chicago Times-Herald says: If noise cuts any figure in the census returns Wichita would be the largest city in the United States.

Rev. F. Richenberger, of the northeastern part of the state is visiting Mr. A. M. Richenberger, of Andale, Kans. Mr. Richenberger is looking for an investment in ranch property.

Warwick lodge No. 44, and Wichita lodge No. 188, of the Knights of Pythias, will give a banquet at Castle Hall, corner of Topeka and Douglas avenues, Tuesday evening, January 29. All Knights and their ladies are urged to be present and take part in what always proves to be a pleasant affair—a K. P. entertainment.

COMING LOCAL EVENTS.

Special communication of Sundowner lodge No. 86, O. F. and A. M., this evening at 7:3 0 o'clock. Work in the degrees. Visitors welcome.

All members of the Contemporary club please notice that this evening, January 28, is the time for the regular meeting at Miss ott's 1601 North Lawrence avenue, and the subject will be: "Great Movements of the Nineteenth Century."

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

When in Chicago, Miss Flower, who is to give a concert at the Auditorium on next Tuesday evening, received flattering notices in the Inter Ocean, the Times, the Herald and other dailies in reference to her ability as a singer. The following from the Inter-Ocean is certainly an excellent endorsement: "The feature of the evening was the singing of Miss Florence Flower, who is preparing herself for grand opera, and whose wonderful singing last night demonstrated that ere long she will be heard in the great music halls of the world. Her selections from some of the most difficult German and Italia mcomposers showed that she has great natural gifts and has studied very hard to master her loved art. Her voice reminds one of Miss Nilsson in her palmy days. It has the same rich carol, compass and power and her rendering of Robert Burns' ballad, "Comin' Through the Rye," was thrilling in its rollicking sweetness and tenderness."

Miss Flower will sing at Toler's opera house on Tuesday evening, the 28th. Tickets now on sale.

Play-goers who delight in a performance that embodies the elements that entertain will find such a production in the 3-act farce comedy "My Daughter's Husband," with Dan Sherman as Old Dan Tucker, hat will be seen at the Crawford theatre Monday, January 28. It is drawn on a line that does not wholly depend upon scenery and effects to make it popular. There is a carefully drawn plot to this play and one that holds the audience from the rise to the fall of the curtain. There are so many complications that lead up to the happy announcement that space forbids detail, but it is an absorbing story. The play is enlivened by the specialties given by artists who are popularly known on the vaudeville stage. The play is one designe dfor pleasure and entertainment and embodies the elements of comedy, burlesque and vaudeville. So carefully are the interpolations woven into the action of the play that they add to the beauty of the performance rather than detract. The company is a strong one and especially cast for the role.

Edwin Rostell, who comes to the Crawford theatre Thursday, January 31, is to have a New York appearance next season. Rostell has been mounting the ladder of fame in his chosen calling very steadily and an eastern manager who is interested in the classic will furnish him with the opportunity to test his popularity in the metropolis.

Miss Annie Lloyd "The Vital Spark" will be seen as "Janet," the milkmaid in this season's production of Chas. H. Yale's "The Forever and Ever Devil's Auction" company.

That unconventional and amusing farce which set all New York talking last season, "A Stranger in a Strange Land," will be seen at the Crawford theatre during the coming season.

Joseph R. Grismer, the former California actor and manager has been kept busy acknowledging the many attentions and courtesies tendered by old friends, after an absence of four years from San Francisco.

Billy Kersands, the favorite minstrel comedian, has taken a new lease of life, and this season sings, dances and acts younger than ever. The same organization he has been with a dozen years, has surrounded him with the best negro talent, gorgeously costumed and staged with the most elaborate scenery.

Messrs. Heaney & Holland have set a pace for lavish expenditure—in this their largest organization—that startles their competitors. They travel in their own cars and put out a monster street parade at 12:30 p. m., on the day of their arrival in this city.

Hamilton, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The Rev. Dr. Palmer B. Spear, treasurer of Colgate university from 1864 to 1890, died here today aged 80 years. A daughter, Mrs. H. H. Keith, resides at Sioux Falls, S. D.

BOOM FOR STAPLES

Business During Two Months Has Been Unprecedented.

JOBBING TRADE IS GOOD

Failures for the Week Show Increase Over Last Year.

New York, Jan. 25.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade will say tomorrow:

Rarely has there been more business in staple and in manufactured goods at practically unchanged prices than during the period since November 1. This week seems to have marked the climax of the enormous dealings at figures which have become familiar.

The heavy trade in pig iron at better prices, the larger distribution of dry goods at a firmer range of quotations, and the rush to secure prompt delivery of boots and shoes, all indicate that business may have escaped one of those weary re-adjustments of prices which have proved often so trying in recent years. Jobbing trade in the interior is good, and collections continue excellent. Bank clearings at New York gain 32.1 per cent over 1900, and 1.1 per cent over 1899, for the week, while at leading cities outside New York there is a gain of 8.8 per cent over 1900, and 1.6 per cent over 1899. Railroad earnings thus far reported for January show a gain of 12.4 per cent over last year, and 24.6 per cent for 1899.

After a week of quietness, partly due to uncertainty regarding competition among leading interests, the iron and steel industry has taken another long stride forward. The feature was enormous buying of pig at an advance to $18.25 at Pittsburg. This sudden activity in the raw material removed fear that stocks might be accumulating at furnaces, and gave some idea of the heavy contracts for finished products taken by the mills. In some directions there is less foreign inquiry, although an unusually heavy shipment of billets went to Glasgow and exports of rails have not ceased. Freight rates to the coast are still considered excessive by manufacturers, and there is more inclination to push domestic business on this account. Arbitration is expected to prevent suspension of work at the furnaces, where a strike was threatened on February 1. Pooling of coke interests outside the Connellsville region is being discussed, but the quality has always been inferior and sales only effected at concessions. Further improvement is seen in footwear and manufacturers are receiving ample orders. Shipments from Boston for the year thus far amount to 325,422 cases, against 230,942 in 1900, which is a much better showing than in recent months. Leather has been irregular in demand, but prices are steady. Hides at Chicago fluctuated widely, with more grades sold at a concession than at advances. It is difficult to find encouraging features in the wool situation. Sales for the week at the chief eastern cities were a million pounds smaller than in the preceding week, and in four weeks the aggregate is only 12,275,700 pounds against 21,504,700 pounds last year. Not only is there an utter advance of speculative operations, but purchases by manufacturers are restricted to requirements for orders on hand. Domestic quotations have not hardened in sympathy with the better prices obtained at London, while a few sales are reported at moderate concessions. Hopes for the future are based on indifference of dealers and growers to sell at current prices, but present heavy stocks will be augmented in a few months by the new clip. Dullness in woolen goods is the difficulty, and while the manufacture is depressed, there is little encouragement for the raw material. Staple prices have moved with narrow limits, little attention being given to widely varying estimates from Argentina or reports of damage in the northwest through insufficient snow. Despite the advance in prices over those prevailing a year ago, exports of wheat, including flour, from Atlantic ports for the week were 2,256,418 bushels, against 1,644,919 last year, and of corn 2,672,614 bushels, against 3,267,607 in 1900.

Western receipts of corn were heavy, amounting to 4,136,400 bushels, against 2,911,800 last year, but there is complaint of poor quality. Cotton maintained the advance above 10c, but port receipts did not fall off as predicted, and final returns of British exports of yarn in 1900 proved to be 30 per cent smaller than in 1899, while the reduction amounted to 400,000,000 yards.

Failures for the week were 306 in the United States, against 321 last year and 45 in Canada, against 39 last year.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL CONDITION.

New York, Jan. 25.—Bradstreet's financial review tomorrow will say:

Much irregularity has been seen in the course of the market this week, and speculation was uncertain and variable in its tendencies. On last Saturday and Monday the chief influence was the expected death of Queen Victoria, which induced heavy selling in the London market and caused foreign holders to part with considerable amounts of American securities. This supplemented the unsettled feeling of last week about industrials and the liquidation in the railroad share list, led to further concessions in prices and to a decided reduction in the volume of outside participation in the market. On Tuesday, however, there was a decided rally in prices, due partly to the feeling that the death of the queen had been fully, perhaps, excessively discounted at London. The covering of shorts was on an extensive scale, though the steel stocks were again subjected to a certain amount of pressure. On the ensuing day strength continued in the early transactions, followed, however, by renewed selling and finally by a rally, which lasted until the end of the first hour's trading on Thursday. Dullness, however, supervened, and the market hung heavily until the afternoon, when bearish interests became more active and succeeded in forcing down prices through the active list. The opening on Friday was weak in sympathy with lower prices in London, but support was once more shown in various parts of the list, and short covering in various directions also set in, resulting in a rapid erate demand and a steady close.

Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Jan. 25.—Weakness was rather acute in some stocks in the opening dealings, practically the whole list opening lower. The opening in St. Paul, Federal Steel and Brooklyn Transit was wide, quotations in the last named stocks varying a point on the sale of 4,300 shares at an extreme decline of 1½. St. Paul was carried down 2½ on the sale of 4,900 shares, and Federal Steel declined a point. There were losses of a point also in Reading, Pennsylvania and Pressed Steel Car. Changes otherwise were fractional. Closing prices were as follows:

Atchison	6½	Ill. Central	137½
do pfd	18	Jersey Central	68
A. S. & W.	1½	L. & N.	86½
do pfd	5	M. K. & T. pfd	52
Amer. Tob.	134½	Manhattan	114½
Amer. T. Pipe	21	Met. St.	167½
Amer. S. Hosp.	26	Mo. Pac.	95½
do pfd	73½	North Pac.	52½
B. H. T.	4½	do pfd	76½
B. & O.	87½	N. Y. C.	151½
do pfd	92½	Pennsylvania	146½
C. B. & Q.	132½	Pullman	199
C. & C.	74	People's Gas	98
C. B. & I.	45	Reading	37½
C. G. W.	14½	do 1st pfd	71½
Com. Tob.	40½	do 2d pfd	57½
C. & O.	21½	Rock Island	139½
C. & A.	95½	Rio Grande	31
do pfd	94½	South. Pac.	47½
D. & R. G.	32½	St. Paul	140½
E. & N.	104½	Sugar	124
Fed. Steel	40½	T. C. I.	35½
do pfd	69½	Union Pac.	93
Gen. Electric	167½	do pfd	94
Glucose	38	West. Union	88

COTTON.

New York, Jan. 25.—On the call the feeling was steady, with prices unchanged to 2 points lower. Covering soon restored the entire lost in last night's trade, after which a point or two range constituted fluctuations up to the noon hour. A turn to cover was soon decided upon, and for the rest of the afternoon buying by January shorts was the feature. Ten cents was soon reached, and later 10.06. This advance carried the rest of the list also to improve sharply. At the close the market was steady, with prices 3 to 9 points higher, with the exception of February, which was nominally four points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady at the decline: January, 9.87; February, 9.87; March, 9.93; April, 9.97; May, 9.99; June, 9.95; July, 9.98; August, 10.00; September, 10.00; October, 9.97.

Kansas City, Jan. 25.—Jerome Fodoff, Italian consul, has received word from his king that he has been raised to the order of Cavaliere Della Corona D'Italia.

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