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BUSINESS IN NOVEMBER

UNPARALLELED IN VOLUME AND ON A HIGH-PRICE RANGE.

Hides the Only Exception to the Latter Condition—The Month's Grain Inspections—Quotations.

Trade on Saturday was rather slow. The traveling salesmen have been in since Wednesday night and the retail merchants, desiring to clear up stock left over from Thanksgiving, were not very liberal buyers. In prices there were no marked changes. In the fruit and produce markets there was a difference of opinion as to what will be the outcome of the present condition of affairs. Irish potatoes have been steadily advancing until they have reached the strong position at $1 a bushel, and there are those who think prices will be 10 to 15 cents higher during the present month. Others claim that there are enough potatoes in sight to take care of trade for some days and that prices must get even. If they do there will be easier conditions in other lines of winter vegetables, which have been advancing with potatoes. Tropical fruits had a lively week, oranges and bananas selling freely. Malaga grapes are good movers and large quantities of nuts have been sold. Butter, eggs and cheese are unchanged and are meeting with moderate sale. But few dressed turkeys were left over after the rush of Wednesday. These were offered Saturday and the market is well cleared up. The flour market atracts some attention. While there is no advance in prices, the firm, strong tone to wheat gives a firm tone to flour and an advancing tendency. The confectioners are quite busy and will be for the next two or three weeks. One of the oldest dealers remarked on Saturday that sales in the month closed on Saturday were the largest in any November in the history of his plant. The dry goods houses are experiencing rather a quiet time, but take November through it was a good month with them. Leather dealers report trade as excellent, and while prices did not advance during the entire month, as was expected, they ruled very firm and still have an advancing tendency. Druggists, as usual at this season of the year, are quite busy. Prices on most articles they handle carry a steady tone. The provision market in a local way was active through the entire month, and the export trade was in excess of the same month last year. The iron and steel industries had a busy month. The proprietors of one of the largest establishments remarked on Saturday that he did not remember a month in which they had turned out as many goods. Hides, through the entire month, were disappointing. There was plenty of activity, but prices ruled weak. The outlook for a good business the coming month is favorable.

Indianapolis Grain Market.

The local grain market is active, but receipts are light. Inspections on Saturday were but 26 cars. Hay was strong at the advance. Corn ruled steady and firm and oats moved up another cent. All cereals were in active request at prices quoted, which ruled as follows, as reported on the track by the secretary of the Board of Trade:

Wheat firm; No. 2 red, 76c track; No. 2 red, 76c on milling freight; No. 3 red, 72@74c track; wagon, 76c.

New corn firm; No. 1 white, 65½c; No. 2 white, 65½c; No. 3 white, 65½c; No. 4 white, 61½@63½c; No. 2 white mixed, 64c; No. 3 white mixed, 64c; No. 4 white mixed, 60@62c; No. 2 yellow, 64½c; No. 3 yellow, 64½c; No. 4 yellow, 60½@62½c; No. 2 mixed, 64c; No. 3 mixed, 64c; No. 4 mixed, 60@62c; ear, 63½c.

Oats firm; No. 2 white, 46@46½c; No. 3 white, 45½@46c; No. 2 mixed, 44½@45c; No. 3 mixed, 44@44½c.

Hay stronger; No. 1 timothy, $11.75@12.25; No. 2 timothy, $10.25@10.75.

Inspections—Wheat: No. 2 red, 1 car. Corn: No. 3 white, 9 cars; No. 4 white, 1; No. 4 white mixed, 1; No. 2 yellow, 1; No. 3 mixed, 4; ear, 1; total, 17 cars. Oats: No. 2 white, 2 cars. Hay: No. 1 timothy, 1 car; No. 2 timothy, 1; total, 2 cars.

INSPECTIONS IN NOVEMBER.

The secretary of the Board of Trade makes the following comparative report of the trade last month:

	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.	Oats, bu.
November, 1901	50,250	284,250	45,000
November, 1900	72,000	836,250	41,250
November, 1899	26,000	681,800	30,000
October, 1901	64,500	374,250	60,000

WAGON MARKET.

But 70 loads all told were offered on the wagon market on Saturday and on all articles offered firm prices prevailed. No old corn was offered and from this on quotations of old corn will be dropped. Choice, well-filled ears sold at 68 to 72 cents a bushel. Oats advanced 1 cent and were firm at that. Hay ruled as during most of the week. Choice timothy readily brought $12.50 a ton. Prices ruled as follows, as reported by the wagon weighing master:

Corn—68@72c per bu.
Oats—45@47c.
Hay—Timothy, choice, $11.50@12.75; mixed, $9@10; clover, $8.50@10.50 per ton, according to quality.
Sheaf Oats—$9@10 per ton.
Straw—$5@6 per ton, according to quality.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices paid by shippers.)

Young turkeys, 10 to 12 pounds, 7c per lb; hens, 5½c; cocks, 3c; young chickens, 5½c; ducks, 6c; geese, $4.80 per dozen.

Cheese—New York full cream, 12c; domestic Swiss, 17c; brick, 14c; limburger, 15c.

Butter—Choice roll, 11@12c per lb; poor, No. 2, 8@10c.

Eggs—26c per dozen.

Beeswax—30c for yellow, 25c for dark.

Wool—Merchantable medium, 16c; burry and unmerchantable, 3@5c less; coarse grades, 14c; fine merino, 10@12c; tub washed, 24@27c.

Feathers—Prime geese, 30c per lb; prime duck, 20c per lb.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

Green-salted Hides—No. 1, 8½c; No. 2, 7½c; No. 1 calf, 10½c; No. 2 calf, 8½c.

Grease—White, 4c; yellow, 3½c; brown, 2½c.

Tallow—No. 1, 4½c; No. 2, 4c.

THE JOBBING TRADE.

(The quotations given below are the selling prices of the wholesale dealers.)

Produce, Fruits and Vegetables.

Malaga Grapes—Heavy weights, $5.50 per brl.

Cranberries—$2.75 per bu, $7.25 per brl.

Bananas—Per bunch, No. 1, $1.75@2; No. 2, $1.25@1.50.

Oranges—Jamaicas, $3.25; Mexican, $3.25; Florida, $3.25 per box.

Lemons—Messina, 300 to box, choice, $3; fancy, $4.

Potatoes—95c@$1 per bu.

Onions—$1.25 per bu; Spanish, $1.75 per crate.

Honey—White, 13c per lb; dark, 11c.

Cauliflower—$1.50 per doz.

Apples—Cooking apples, $1.75@2.75 per brl; eating apples, $4 per brl; fancy, $4.50@5; Ben Davis, $3@3.50.

Sweet Potatoes—Jersey, $3.25@3.50 per brl; Baltimore, per brl, $3.75; Illinois, $3.

Figs—New California, 90c for 10-lb box.

Chestnuts—$3.50@6 per bu.

Cabbage—Danish, $1.25 per brl, $1 per 100 lbs; domestic, $1 per brl.

Grapes—Concord, 15@20c per basket; pony Catawbas, 17c per basket.

Celery—15@20c per bunch.

Shellbark Hickory Nuts—$1.75 per bu; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.

Black Walnuts—50c per bu.

Persian Dates—50-lb boxes, 5@5½c per lb.

Cocoanuts—50c per doz.

Cider—$4.75 per brl, $2.75 per half brl.

Provisions.

Hams—Sugar cured, 10 to 20 lbs average, 11½@12c; 15 lbs average, 11½@11¾c; 12 lbs average, 12@12½c.

Lard—Kettle rendered, 10¾c; pure lard, 10½c.

Bacon—Clear sides, 50 to 60 lbs average, 10c; 30 to 40 lbs average, 10½c; 20 to 30 lbs average, 10¾c; clear bellies, 20 to 30 lbs average, 10½c; 18 to 22 lbs average, 10½c; 14 to 16 lbs average, 10¾c; clear backs, 20 to 50 lbs average, 10¼c; 12 to 16 lbs average, 10¼c; 6 to 9 lbs average, 10¼c. In dry salt ½c less.

Shoulders—18 to 20 lbs average, 9¼c; 16 lbs average, 9¾c; 10 to 12 lbs average, 9½c.

Candies and Nuts.

Candies—Stick, 7c per lb; common mixed, 7c; grocers' mixed, 6½c; Banner twist stick, 8c; Banner cream mixed, 10@11c; old-time mixed, 8c.

Nuts—Soft-shelled almonds, 18@20c; English walnuts, 12@14c; Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 14½c; peanuts, roasted, 7@8c; mixed nuts, 12c.

Canned Goods.

Corn, 85c@$1.25. Peaches—Eastern, standard, 3-lb, $1.75@2; 2-lb seconds, $1.40@1.60; California, standard, $2.10@2.40; California seconds, $1.90@2. Miscellaneous—Blackberries, 2-lb, 85@90c; raspberries, 2-lb, $1.25@1.50; pineapples, standard, 2-lb, $1.55@1.90; choice, $2@2.10; cove oysters, 1-lb, full weight, 95c@$1; light, 65@80c; string beans, 3-lb, $1@1.10; Lima beans, $1.20@1.25; peas, marrowfats, 85c@$1; early June, $1.10@1.15; lobsters, $1.85@2; red cherries, 90c@$1; strawberries, 85@90c; salmon, 1-lb, 95c@$2; 3-lb tomatoes, $1.25.

Coal and Coke.

Anthracite (all sizes), $7 per ton; smokeless, $4.50; Jackson, $4; Pittsburg, $4; Raymond, $4; Winifrede, $4; Kanawha, $4; Luhrig, $3.75; Brazil block, $3.25; Greene county, $3; Indiana lump, $3; Blossburg, $3; slack, $1.75; Hocking valley, $4.75; lump coke, 10c per bushel, $2.50 per ton; crushed coke, 12c per bushel, $3 per ton. Bags, 25c per ton extra.

Drugs.

Alcohol, $2.60@2.75; asafoetida, 40c; alum, 2½@4c; camphor, 65@70c; cochineal, 50@55c; chloroform, 50@60c; copperas, bris, 90c; cream tartar, pure, 30@35c; indigo, 65@80c; licorice, Calab., genuine, 35@40c; magnesia, carb., 2-oz., 20@22c; morphine, P. & W., per oz., $2.35@2.60; madder, 10@16c; oil, castor, per gal, $1.15@1.25; oil, bergamot, per lb, $3; opium, $3.55@3.90; quinine, P. & W., per oz., 34@36c; balsam copaiba, 55@60c; soap, castile, Fr., 12@16c; soda, bicarb., 2½@6c; salts, Epsom, 1½@4c; sulphur flour, 2¾@5c; saltpeter, 10@14c; turpentine, 40@50c; glycerine, 17@20c; iodide potassium, $2.45@2.60; bromide potassium, 55@60c; chlorate potash, 15@20c; borax, 9@12c; cinchonida, 40@45c; carbolic acid, 37@47c; cocaine, mur., $5.55@5.75.

Dry Goods.

Bleached Sheetings—Androscoggin L, 7½c; Berkley, No. 60, 8½c; Cabot, 7c; Capitol, 7½c; Cumberland, 7c; Dwight Anchor, 8c; Fruit of the Loom, 7¾c; Farwell, 7¾c; Fitchville, 7c; Full Width, 5½c; Gilt Edge, 5½c; Gilded Age, 4¾c; Hill, 7½c; Hope, 7½c; Linwood, 7¼c; Lonsdale, 7¾c; Peabody, 5½c; Pepperell, 9-4, 18c; Pepperell, 10-4, 21c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 19c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 21c.

Brown Sheetings—Atlantic A, 6c; Argyle, 5½c; Boott C, 4½c; Buck's Head, 6c; Clifton CCC, 5½c; Constitution, 40-inch, 6½c; Carlisle, 40-inch, 6c; Dwight Star, 7c; Great Falls E, 5¾c; Great Falls J, 5c; Hill Fine, 7c; Indian Head, 6¼c; Pepperell R, 5¾c; Pepperell, 10-4, 19c; Androscoggin, 9-4, 17c; Androscoggin, 10-4, 18c.

Prints—Allen dress styles, 5c; Allen TR, 4½c; Allen robes, 5½c; American indigo, 4¾c; Arnold long cloth B, 7½c; Arnold LLC, 6½c; Cocheco fancy, 5c; Hamilton fancy, 5c; Merrimac pinks and purples, 5½c; Pacific fancy, 5c; Simpson's mournings, 4½c; Simpson's Berlin solids, 5½c; Simpson's oil finish, 6c; American shirtings, 3¾c; black white, 4c; greys, 4c.

Kid-finished Cambrics—Edwards, 3¾c; Warren, 3½c; Slater, 3¾c; Genesee, 3¾c.

Tickings—Amoskeag ACA, 10½c; Conestoga BF, 12½c; Cordis 140, 11½c; Cordis T, 11½c; Cordis ACE, 11½c; Hamilton awnings, 9c; Kimono fancy, 7c; Lenox fancy, 18c; Methuen AA, 10½c; Oakland AFC, 8c; Portsmouth, 11½c; Susquehanna, 12½c; Shetucket SW, 6c; Shetucket F, 6½c; Swift River, 5½c.

Ginghams—Amoskeag staples, 5½c; Amoskeag dress, 7c; Bates, 5½c; Lancaster, 5½c; Lancaster dress, 7c; Bates, 5¾c; Toil du Nord, 8c.

Grain Bags—Amoskeag, $15.50; American, $15.50; Harmony, $15.50; Stark, $16.

Flour.

Straight grades, $4@4.20; patent flour, $4.20@4.45; spring wheat patents, $5.40@5.55.

Groceries.

Coffee—Good, 10@12c; prime, 12@14c; strictly prime, 14@16c; fancy green and yellow, 18@22c; Java, 28@32c. Roasted—Old Government Java, 32½@33c; finest Mocha and Java, 28@30c; Java blend, 22c; Fancy blend, 18c; Golden blend, 15c. Package coffee—City prices: Ariosa, 11.25c; Lion, 10.75c; Jersey, 11.25c; Caracas, 10.75c; Dutch Java blend, 10.75c; Dillworth's, 11.25c; Mail Pouch, 10.75c; Gates's blended Java, 10.75c; Jav-O-Can (100 friction top tins in basket), 11.50c; Elite (cartons), 15.25c; Good Luck, 15.50c; Good Luck (½ case), $7.80.

Sugar—City prices: Dominoes, 5.32c; cut loaf, 5.82c; powdered, 5.42c; XXXX powdered, 5.47c; standard granulated, 5.22c; fine granulated, 5.22c; extra fine granulated, 5.32c; granulated, five-lb bags, 5.37c; granulated, two-lb bags, 5.37c; cubes, 5.57c. Mold A, 5.67c; Confectioner's A, 5.02c; 1 Columbia A, 4.87c; 2 Windsor A, 4.82c; 3 Ridgewood A, 4.82c; 4 Phoenix A, 4.77c; 5 Empire A, 4.72c; Ideal Golden Ex. C, 4.62c; 7 Windsor Ex. C, 4.52c; 8 Ridgewood Ex. C, 4.42c; 9 Yellow Ex. C, 4.37c; 10 Yellow C, 4.32c; 11 Yellow, 4.27c; 12 Yellow, 4.27c; 13 Yellow, 4.17c; 14 Yellow, 4.17c; 15 Yellow, 4.17c; 16 Yellow, 4.17c.

Salt—In car lots, 90c@$1; small lots, $1@1.10.

Spices—Pepper, 17@18c; allspice, 15@18c; cloves, 15@18c; cassia, 15@18c; nutmegs, 50@65c per lb.

Beans—Prime marrow, bu, $2.75@3; prime pea or navy, bu, $2.10@2.20; prime red kidney, bu, $2.75@3. Lima beans, lb, 6½@7c.

Molasses and Syrups—New Orleans molasses, fair to prime, 28@33c; choice, 38@42c; syrups, 22@24c.

Rice—Louisiana, 4½@6½c; Carolina, 6½@8½c.

Shot—$1.65@1.70 per bag for drop.

Lead—6½@7c for pressed bars.

Wood Dishes—No. 1, per 1,000, $2@2.50; No. 2, $2.50@2.75; No. 3, $2.50@3; No. 5, $3@3.25.

Twines—Hemp, 12@18c per lb, wool, 8@10c; flax, 20@30c; paper, 25c; jute, 12@15c; cotton, 18@25c.

Woodenware—No. 1 tubs, $6@6.50; No. 2 tubs, $5@5.50; No. 3 tubs, $4@4.50; 2-hoop pails, $1.60; 2-hoop pails, $1.40@1.50; double washboards, $2.25@2.75; common washboards, $1.50@1.75; clothes pins, 60@65c per box.

Leather.

Oak sole, 33@37c; hemlock sole, 27@35c; harness, 24@40c; skirting, 26@40c; single strap, 41@45c; city kip, 60@85c; French kip, 90c@$1.20; city calfskin, 90c@$1.10; French calfskin, $1.20@1.85.

Iron and Steel.

Bar iron, 2.50c; horseshoe bar, 2.75@3c; nail rod, 7c; plow slabs, 4.50c; American cast steel, 9@11c; tire steel, 3¾@3½c; spring steel, 4½@5c.

Nails and Horseshoes.

Steel cut nails, $2.65; wire nails, from store, $2.65 rates; from mill, $2.65 rates. Horseshoes, per keg, $4; mule shoes, per keg, $4.50; horse nails, $4@5 per box. Barb wire, galvanized, $3.25; painted, $3.10.

Oils.

Linseed, raw, 53c per gal; linseed oil, boiled, 54c per gal; coal oil, legal test, 8½@14½c; bank, 47@50c; best straits, 50c; Labrador, 60c; West Virginia lubricating, 29@30c; miners' 40c; lard oils, winter strained, in bris, 50@60c per gal; half bris, 3c per gal extra.

Seeds.

Seed clover, prime, $5.50@6; English clover, $5.50@6. Alsike, $7@8; Alfalfa, choice, $5@5.50. Crimson clover, $4.50@5. Timothy, prime, $2.50@2.60; extra prime, $2.60@2.70. Fancy Kentucky bluegrass, $1.25@1.40; extra clean, 60@70c. Orchard grass, $1.25@1.35. Red top, 80c@$1.75. English bluegrass, $2.25@3.

LETTERS IN ENGLISH.

Two-Thirds of the Correspondence of the World in That Language.

New York Sun.

Two-thirds of all the letters which pass through the postoffices of the world are written by and sent to people who speak English. There are substantially 500,000,000 persons speaking colloquially one or another of the ten or twelve chief modern languages, and of these about 23 per cent., or 125,000,000 persons, speak English. About 90,000,000 speak Russian, 75,000,000 German, 55,000,000 French, 45,000,000 Spanish, 35,000,000 Italian and 12,000,000 Portuguese, and the balance Hungarian, Dutch, Polish, Flemish, Bohemian, Gaelic, Roumanian, Swedish, Finnish, Danish and Norwegian.

Thus, while only one-quarter of those who employ the facilities of the postal departments of civilized governments speak as their native tongue English, two-thirds of those who correspond do so in the English language. This situation arises from the fact that so large a share of the commercial business of the world is done in English, even among those who do not speak English as their native language. There are, for instance, more than 20,000 postoffices in India, the business of which in letters and papers aggregate more than 300,000,000 parcels a year, and the business of these offices is done chiefly in English, though of India's total population, which is nearly 300,000,000, fewer than 300,000 persons either speak or understand English.

Though 90,000,000 speak or understand Russian, the business of the Russian post department is relatively small, the number of letters sent throughout the Czar's empire amounting to less than one-tenth the number mailed in Great Britain alone, though the population of Great Britain is considerably less than one-half of the population of Russia in Europe. The Southern and Central American countries, in which either Spanish or Portuguese is spoken, do comparatively little postoffice business, the total number of letters mailed and collected in a year in all the countries of South and Central America and the West Indies being less than in Australia.

Chili and Argentina are, in fact, the only two South American countries in which any important postal business is done, and most of the letters received from or sent to foreign countries are not in Spanish, but in English, French, German or Italian.

Won't Take the Hint.

Kansas City Journal.

The Colorado man who has invented a device by which eighteen messages may be sent at one time on a single wire has also supplied a strong argument why there should be a reduction in telegraph tolls. But it is more than probable that the telegraph companies will not take the hint.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CATTLE SCARCE AND SELLING AT ABOUT PREVIOUS PRICES.

Hogs in Good Supply and About Ten Cents Higher—Sheep Steady—Condition of Other Markets.

UNION STOCKYARDS, INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; shipments, 100. The marketing of cattle this week has been of smaller volume, the total showing a decrease of over 2,000 compared with last week, but there is an increase of about 600 over the same week a year ago and 700 over the corresponding week two years ago. Thus far this year the receipts are over 64,000 larger than the same period last year. From the beginning of the week there was a better undertone to the market for fat cattle, but on account of ample supplies salesmen were unable to advance prices to any quotable extent. Smaller receipts toward the close of the week, however, stimulated competition and with an increased demand from nearly all sources, a gain of at least 10c was registered in prices of all fat stock. There was also a better inquiry for the desirable stockers and feeding cattle, which were salable at more satisfactory prices, but common stockers and very ordinary butcher cattle did not sell perceptibly better at any time during the week. At the extreme close of the week the clearance was better than it has been for some time past, and dealers seem to feel a little encouraged over the outlook for all choice cattle. There was a continued scarcity of fancy stock, which accounts for the absence of any extreme prices, but during the week steers sold as high as $6.10, heifers $4.50 and cows $4.40. As usual at the close of the week, there were not many fresh arrivals to-day and sales were usually on a basis of steady prices compared with yesterday. Steers sold as high as $5.85 and most of the female cattle were below the average in quality and there were no high prices reported. Quotations:

Good to choice steers, 1,350 lbs and upward	$5.75@ 6.25
Plain fat steers, 1,350 lbs and upward	5.25@ 5.75
Good to choice 1,200 to 1,300-lb steers	5.00@ 5.50
Plain fat 1,200 to 1,300-lb steers	4.50@ 5.25
Good to choice 1,000 to 1,150-lb steers	4.40@ 4.75
Choice feeding steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs	2.75@ 3.15
Common to good stockers	2.50@ 3.25
Good to choice heifers	3.60@ 4.25
Fair to medium heifers	3.00@ 3.50
Common light heifers	2.25@ 2.75
Good to choice cows	3.40@ 4.25
Fair to medium cows	2.75@ 3.25
Common old cows	1.25@ 2.50
Veal calves	4.50@ 6.00
Heavy calves	3.50@ 4.50
Prime to fancy export bulls	3.75@ 4.25
Good to choice butcher bulls	3.00@ 3.60
Common to fair bulls	2.00@ 2.75
Good to choice cows and calves	35.00@50.00
Common to medium cows and calves	20.00@30.00

Hogs—Receipts, 7,500; shipments, 400. The total receipts of hogs this week indicates a decrease of nearly 10,000 compared with last week, 2,500 compared with the same week a year ago, and an increase of over 10,000 compared with the corresponding week two years ago. Thus far this year the receipts are nearly 136,000 larger than the same period last year. For the week ending yesterday local packers bought a total of 31,272, against 36,969 the preceding week and 25,345 the same week a year ago. During the same period the shipments were 7,943, against 7,936 the preceding week and 13,595 the corresponding week a year ago. Quite a falling off in the receipts this week together with an increased demand from the outside sources were causes for an upward movement in prices, and the extreme top, $6.25, which was obtained at the close of the week, is the highest price paid in this market in just one month, and 52½c higher than the top price about the middle of the month. The quality continues fairly satisfactory, but there is no increase in the proportion of heavy hogs. Together with the increased shipping demand, packers continued liberal buyers and the supplies have been exhausted early nearly every day. The week opened with an advanc of 5c in the average, followed by a further gain of 10c, and then a reaction of 10c. In the closing days of the week there was a gain of about 20c, which left the average fully 25c higher than the close of last week. The good weight hogs of uniform quality have been favored most, the extreme price for that class at the close of this week is 35c higher than last Saturday. The receipts to-day were larger than a week ago and a little smaller than a year ago. Reports from other places were encouraging and the market here opened with salesmen asking a good advance in prices. There seemed to be just enough inquiry from shippers to give packers a good start and the trading was active at a general advance of about 10c in prices of the better weights over yesterday. Lighter averages, however, were probably not to exceed 5c higher. Practically all of the early arrivals sold on a basis of opening prices, but with shippers out of the market packers naturally were inclined to bid lower toward the close, and, in fact, were offering 5@10c less than in the morning. Salesmen were reluctant in making any concessions whatever, but were finally persuaded that it was better to accept a shade lower prices rather than carry over the few loads until Monday. Consequently a good clearance was finally made and the last sales were generally considered about 5c lower than early. Ordinary light hogs to prime heavies sold from $5.40@6.25, and a very large proportion of the supply sold above $5.72½. Quotations:

Good to choice medium and heavy	$6.00@6.25
Mixed and heavy packing	5.50@6.10
Good to choice light weights	5.60@5.90
Common to fair light weights	5.40@5.55
Common to good pigs	4.00@5.40
Roughs	4.75@5.55

Sheep—Receipts, 200; shipments small. The receipts of sheep and lambs this week have been of smaller volume, the total showing a decrease of over 2,200 compared with last week, over 2,500 compared with the same week a year ago and an increase of over 1,000 compared with the corresponding week two years ago. Thus far this year the receipts are 60,500 larger than the same period last year. There has been practically a steady market for sheep and lambs all of this week. On account of the small supplies there has been no really urgent competition between buyers and the demand from local sources has been smaller than usual. Consequently at times there was a disposition among buyers to press prices and it is possible that they succeeded in getting concessions in some instances, but it was observed that the strictly choice stock showed very little difference at any time during the week. The extreme price paid for lambs was $4.50 and for yearling sheep $3.40 with the top for old sheep practically $3. The supply to-day was small, but about as large as the average on Saturday. The demand was about steady and sales did not show any quotable change in prices compared with yesterday. Lambs were reported at $3.25@4.50 and sheep at $2.50@3.25. Quotations:

Good to choice lambs	$4.00@4.50
Common to medium lambs	2.00@3.75
Good to choice yearlings	3.00@3.25
Good to choice sheep	2.50@3.00
Common to medium sheep	2.00@2.25
Stockers and feeding sheep	1.50@2.50
Bucks, per 100 lbs	2.00@2.25

Transactions at the Interstate Yards.

INTERSTATE STOCKYARDS, INDIANAPOLIS. Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts none; shipments none. All kinds of fat cattle were strong, with other grades ruling steady. The demand from local sources is very satisfactory at quotations:

Good to choice steers, 1,350 lbs and upward	$5.75@ 6.25
Plain fat steers, 1,350 lbs and upward	5.25@ 5.75
Good to choice 1,200 to 1,300-lb steers	5.00@ 5.50
Plain fat 1,200 to 1,300-lb steers	4.50@ 5.25
Good to choice 1,000 to 1,150-lb steers	4.40@ 4.75
Choice feeding steers, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs	3.75@ 4.00
Good feeding steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs	2.75@ 3.15
Common to good stockers	2.50@ 3.25
Good to choice heifers	3.60@ 4.25
Fair to medium heifers	3.00@ 3.50
Common light heifers	2.25@ 2.75
Good to choice cows	3.40@ 4.25
Fair to medium cows	2.75@ 3.25
Common old cows	1.25@ 2.50
Veal calves	4.50@ 6.00
Heavy calves	3.50@ 4.50
Prime to fancy export bulls	3.75@ 4.25
Good to choice butcher bulls	3.00@ 3.60
Common to fair bulls	2.00@ 2.75
Good to choice cows and calves	35.00@50.00
Common to medium cows and calves	20.00@30.00

Hogs—Receipts, 1,600; shipments, 800. The market continued its upward course, all grades advancing 10c to 15c over yesterday's quotations. Although there were no choice heavy hogs offered, the quality was fairly good. Business was active, with all buyers participating. The supply was about equally divided between local packers and Eastern shippers. Prime heavy hogs were quoted at $6.20@6.25, with medium mixed selling from $6@6.15. Good light hogs sold from $5.70@5.85, with common kinds ranging down to $5.40. A clearance was soon effected, the market closing strong at the advance. Quotations:

Good to choice heavies	$6.10@6.25
Good to choice medium grades	6.00@6.10
Light and heavy mixed	5.50@6.00
Common to good lights	5.40@5.85
Pigs, 110 lbs and up	5.00@5.40
Light pigs and skips	4.00@5.00
Roughs	4.00@5.40

Sheep—Receipts none; shipments none. There were no changes either in conditions or quotations:

Good to choice lambs	$4.00@4.50
Common to medium lambs	2.00@3.75
Good to choice yearlings	3.00@3.25
Good to choice sheep	2.50@3.00
Common to medium sheep	2.00@2.25
Stockers and feeding sheep	1.50@2.50
Bucks, per 100 lbs	2.00@2.25

Elsewhere.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 natives, 600 Texans and 60 calves. Compared with a week ago the market is 15@25c higher. To-day's prices nominal. Choice export and dressed beef steers, $5.85@6.45; fair to good, $4.75@5.75; stockers and feeders, $3@4; Western fed steers, $4.75@6; Western range steers, $3.50@4.75; Texas and Indian steers, $3@4.80; Texas cows, $1.75@3.40; native cows, $2.25@4.25; heifers, $3@5; canners, $1.50@2.40; bulls, $2@3.80; calves, $3.25@4.75. Receipts for the week, 29,500; last week, 36,000.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000. Market 15@25c higher. Top, $6.30; bulk, $5.75@6.25; heavy, $6.20@6.30; mixed packers, $6@6.15; light, $5.50@6.10; pigs, $4.60@5.40. Receipts for the week, 86,000; last week, 75,000.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000. Market, compared with a week ago, is 10@15c lower. Native lambs, $4.25@4.60; Western lambs, $3.75@4.35; native wethers, $3.25@4.25; Western wethers, $3@3.35; ewes, $2.75@3.25; culls and feeders, $1.50@3.25. Receipts for the week, 15,000; last week, 20,000.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 800. Market about steady. Good to prime, $6.40@7.25; poor to medium, $5.50@6; stockers and feeders, $2@4.35; cows, $1.25@4.75; heifers, $1.50@5.50; canners, $1.25@2.30; bulls, $2@4.75; calves, $2.50@5; Texas fed steers, $4.75.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 25,000; Monday, 45,000; left over, 4,500. Market 10@15c higher. Mixed and butchers, $5.70@6.20; good to choice heavy, $5.75@6.30; rough heavy, $5.25@5.75; light, $5.25@5.75; bulk of sales, $5.70@6.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,000. Market steady; lambs steady. Good to choice wethers, $3.50@4.25; fair to choice mixed, $2.75@3.50; native lambs, $2.50@4.90; Western lambs, $3.50@4.10.

Official yesterday—Receipts and shipments. Receipts: Cattle, 6,019; hogs, 44,690; sheep, 12,462. Shipments: Cattle, 208; hogs, 4,358; sheep, 2,127.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 250. Market steady, with finest grades scarce and not quoted. Native shipping and export steers, $4.65@6.15; dressed beef and butcher steers, $3.50@5.50; steers under 1,000 lbs, $2.75@5; stockers and feeders, $2.25@3.60; cows and heifers, $2@4.25; canners, $1.50@2.75; culls, $2.25@4; Texas and Indian steers, grass, $2@4.25; fed, $4@4.75; cows and heifers, $2@3.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,200. Market 10c higher. Pigs and lights, $5.75@5.95; packers, $5.85@6.05; butchers, $6.10@6.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 800. Market quiet. Native muttons, $3.25@3.75; lambs, $4@4.75; culls and bucks, $2@2.50; stockers, $1.50@2.

SOUTH OMAHA, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 300. Market quotably steady. Native beef steers, $3.75@6.75; Western steers, $3.65@5.25; Texas steers, $3.50@4.40; cows and heifers, $2.90@4.25; calves, $4@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Market 10c to 15c higher. Heavy, $5.90@6.10; mixed, $5.92½@5.95; light, $5.75@5.96; bulk of sales, $5.95@6.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 700. Market steady. Fed muttons, $3.50@3.75; grass wethers, $3@3.40; fed lambs, $4.25@4.75; grass lambs, $3.75@4.40; ewes, $2.50@3.

EAST BUFFALO, Nov. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 8 cars. Market steady. Veals, good, $6.50@7.

Hogs—Receipts, 25 cars. Market fairly active at 10c advance. Good heavy, 225 to 250 lbs, $6.10@6.15; mixed and medium, $5.90@6; pigs, $5.50@5.35; roughs, $5.20@5.35; stags, $3.75@4.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Supply, 22 cars. Market firm for lambs. Top natives, $4.90@5; others, $3.75@4.85. Sheep steady. Top mixed, $3.55@3.60; yearlings and handy wethers, $3.50@3.75; culls to fair, $1.75@3.25; Canadas, $4.80.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 30.—Cattle steady. Extra shipping, $4.85@5.25; light shippers, $4.40@4.85; best butchers, $3.75@4.25; fair to good butchers, $3@3.75; choice veals, $4.25@4.75.

Hogs firm and generally 5c higher, best heavies selling at $6; mediums, $5.70; light shippers, $5.20; 100 to 120-lb pigs, $5; lighter weights, $4.75; roughs, $4.50@5.

Sheep and lambs steady. Good to extra shipping sheep, $2.25@2.40; fair to good, $2@2.25; thin sheep, $1@2.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Beeves—Receipts none. Exports, 669 beeves and 5,721 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 13 head; 10s on sale. Market quiet but steady. Few veals sold at $4.50@7.50; few grassers, $2.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,647. Fair demand; sheep 25c higher; lambs 12½c stronger. Sheep sold at $2.75@3.50; culls, $2; lambs, $4.40@5.15; culls, $3@3.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,276. Market firm.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 30.—Hogs active at $4.10@6.15.

Cattle strong at $1.75@5.25.

Sheep steady at $1.25@3; lambs strong at $3@4.60.

THE PLOT OF A PLAY.

Tale of Woe by a Man Who Had Compiled Books.

"Observer," in December Era.

"Many years ago," he said, "I compiled a series of volumes for a publisher. I believe there were to have been ten in the series, but the publisher succumbed with the issue of the fourth or fifth and went into bankruptcy. It was given out that he would settle with his creditors at 15 cents on the dollar. I don't know about the other creditors, I do know, however, that I never got my 15 cents. I had my trouble for nothing. But in the first place I never knew how far my confounded series had contributed to the downfall of the publisher. The fear that it might have been the last straw on a burdened back made me feel towards the camel as the offender and not the victim. In the second place, I for many years found comfort in the thought that I should recoup myself for all my trouble some time in the future. And this was the way of it. In the course of very extensive readings to secure unhackneyed material for the series, i. e., good stuff that had passed into oblivion, I found in an old magazine a really excellent short story by one of the brightest of the famous Pfaff gang of Bohemians. It was not only excellent in itself as a narrative, but it struck me that it contained excellent dramatic qualities as well. 'Some day,' says I to myself, 'I'll turn that into a comedy and it'll be a go.' But other duties pressed upon me. I put off writing the play. One day a friend of mine, an actor, suggested to me that we should write a play together. 'I'm a dandy in dialogue,' said the actor friend—and indeed he was well known as a master of the conversational quip and quirk, 'but I can't create a plot.'

"'No more can I, perhaps,' I retorted, 'but I've got a plot ready made. And I recounted to him the story of—'Humpty Dumpty and the Wall,' shall we call it?

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