Commercial and Financial Matters.

Seven vessels cleared yesterday, with 12,902 bales of cotton.

The steamship Hudson, for New York, carries, in addition to other articles of freight, 5280 bbls. of molasses.

Between 1848 and 1876 the product of gold and silver in Mexico was $702,000,000, and of American, from territory formerly Mexican, $1,389,272,185.

The gross earnings of the Illinois Central for six months, ending October 31, are $2,522,954, which is $526,594 more than for the six months of the previous year.

Naturally, during holidays, business in the wholesale line is exceedingly and disagreeably dull, and during yesterday, though our mercantile friends looked fresh and eager for bargains, there was very little done in any description of goods.

We have heard of complaints that a ship moored and loading at the steamboat landing, in the Second District, very seriously interferes with the receiving of sugar and molasses at that wharf. Our energetic Administrator of Commerce will, no doubt, give this matter his earliest attention.

In Cincinnati, on the 22d inst., according to the *Commercial*, of the 23d, New Orleans exchange was firm and quoted at a premium of ⅛c, while that of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore was quoted at 1-10 per cent discount. On the same day New Orleans exchange was in demand at St. Louis.

The steamship Ascupart cleared yesterday for Cork with 2590 sacks of wheat and 46,000 bushels of wheat in bulk. The Italian brig Carolina, for Havre, carried 4445 sacks of wheat, and the steamship Prometheus, for Liverpool, has on board 49,564 bushels of that cereal in bulk, making in the aggregate of 100,454 bushels of wheat as the amount exportation of that article for the day.

Some gentlemen represent the coal producing corporations of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, and they control the labor and the living of a quarter of a million of people. They have combined for the purpose of preventing competition in that production, and to fix the prices which must be paid by several millions of people for fuel. They constitute the most powerful trade's union in the country.

Three vessels arrived here yesterday from Liverpool with salt, viz: The steamship Joseph Pease, with 6630 sacks and 50 tons of rock salt to Jackson & Manson; ship Samuel Skofield, with 1650 sacks, and the ship Olive S. Southard, with 4800 sacks. If the import duty were taken off this article—which is one of prime necessity, and cannot possibly be placed under the general head of "luxuries"—the hundreds of ships which come here during the season in ballast from Liverpool for cargoes of cotton would bring cargoes of salt; and with proper care and energy the lucrative trade in this article with the pork packing people west of the Mississippi, which New Orleans once enjoyed, would be revived and increased to mammoth proportions.

The intelligence that reaches us from the sugar-growing region of the State is, generally, anything but assuring and encouraging. In the Teche country, Terrebonne, Barataria, sections contiguous to the Gulf and other large sheets of water, the effect of the freeze which visited us in the early part of the month are not so perceptible and injurious, and, in some cases, pretty fair crops have been made; but on the coast above here, on the Lafourche and throughout the upper belt of the cane-growing region of Louisiana, where the cold was severe, the product has been most seriously curtailed, and many planters have been well nigh ruined thereby. This is most unfortunate, for, after several years of trouble and disaster, our sugar planters in 1875 and 1876 had good crops, and with the promise of an ample return for their toil, enterprise and industry this year, they had good reason to hope that the time of their deliverance from debt and trouble was near at hand; consequently many indulged in much-needed improvements on their places, which involved large outlays of money, the same being fully justified by the promise of abundant crops. Such men will feel the disappointment most sorely, and are to be commiserated.

Along the upper coast the damage has been particularly severe. We have heard of five plantations in that region on which less than half crops have been made, and some cases where planters have found their canes so much injured that they have abandoned them in the fields. The loss is variously estimated at from 30 to 50 per cent of the crop estimated in the early part of the season.

The Chicago *Times* wants to know where are those steam barges that were to run to the upper rivers and bring down the contents of their granaries. The *Times* can't be expected to be posted about the steam barges of the Mississippi, or it would have heard of the Victory, Arkansas, Annie, Alf. Stevens, Colossal, etc. There will be more of them before long, constructed to carry grain in bulk, in hold and deck box, and they will be found loading at many landings on the Illinois, Missouri and upper Mississippi. This thing is coming, sure, notwithstanding the jibes and sneers of the people that live in Chicago.—[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The New York Public, December 20, says:

The exchanges of the banks last week were a little larger, New York included, than they were for the corresponding week last year; but outside of New York there is still a decline of over 7 per cent. San Francisco and Louisville continue to report increased clearings, and Milwaukee and New Orleans return to the gaining list, but the other cities, except New York, report losses. At Boston, especially, the decrease is important and unusual. The exchanges for the week ending December 8 at San Francisco, and for the week ending December 15 at the other cities, compare thus:

	1877.	1876.
New York	$426,935,792	$391,150,320
Boston	45,502,579	54,439,494
Philadelphia	32,691,358	41,308,712
Chicago	21,976,910	22,942,836
New Orleans	14,466,499	13,549,140
Cincinnati	13,792,743	14,765,832
San Francisco	12,792,136	10,004,512
St. Louis	11,094,958	11,948,638
Baltimore	10,799,025	10,669,200
Milwaukee	6,937,695	6,259,824
Louisville	4,939,699	4,015,043
Pittsburg	3,955,706	4,605,741
Providence	3,505,500	.....
Cleveland	1,251,326	.....
Total	$610 241,926	.....
Total twelve cities	605,485,100	$585,719,292
Previous week	679,921,453	602,743,680
Outside New York	178,549,308	193,568,972
Previous week	190,979,224	205,429,131

Our Trade with Northeastern Texas.

Several days ago we had occasion to mention the fact that letters had been received here from shippers of wheat in Northeastern Texas, making inquiries concerning the feasibility and profitableness of making shipments of that commodity thence to this port. To these, we understand, commission merchants returned unfavorable and discouraging answers, assigning as a reason the circuitous route, via Galveston, which such shipments would have to take to reach this market, and the heavy freight charges which would have to be incurred. This view of the subject would have been just and reasonable last year when Red river was "dead low;" but that important tributary of the Mississippi, and great feeder to the commerce of New Orleans, has been navigable for the largest class of boats for months past, and freight has been freely brought forward with the least possible delay and at reasonable charges.

The New Orleans and Red River Transportation Company, by means of their numerous boats—all of the best class—have kept up uninterrupted communication with all shipping points as far up as Jefferson, and including upper Red river. Railroads there connect by trunks and branches with all parts of Northern Texas and Southern Arkansas, thereby affording the greatest facilities for the transportation of products to New Orleans. To show that rates of freight are favorable to shipments to our city, we give the following, which we obtained from Mr. Douglas, President of the Tyler Tap railroad, which pro-rates with the New Orleans and Red River Transportation Company.

From Galveston to Tyler 85 cents per hundred.

From New Orleans to Tyler, 75 cents per hundred.

From St. Louis to Tyler, $1 25 per hundred.

COTTON.

From St. Louis to Tyler, $4 25 per bale.
From Galveston to Tyler, $3 50 per bale.
From New Orleans to Tyler, $3 25 per bale.

The above figures show conclusively, we think, that our friends in Northeastern Texas can send forward to this market the rich products of their teeming soil at low rates of charges, and with the most flattering prospects of remunerative returns from their venture.

Subsidies.

Were this country in the condition of commercial prosperity which before the late civil war gave it a pre-eminence as the great maritime nation of the world, owning more merchant vessels than even England, the "Queen of the Seas," we would be the last to advocate the granting of subsidies for the establishment of lines of ships or steamships running to foreign ports, by which our trade relations would be secured and our financial interests improved. But times have changed, and our preconceived ideas on this subject have changed with them. The carrying trade of the world has fallen from our hands, and the greater portion of our own products are conveyed to foreign ports in foreign bottoms. To regain this trade should be the study of our national legislators; and this can never be effected unless our government, awakening to present exigencies, shall adopt a wise, judicious and liberal system of granting subsidies to solid and responsible companies who will establish regular lines of communication with such foreign ports as will inure to the general commercial advantage of the country.

Provisions.

We take the following from the circular of Messrs. Miller, Dolhonde & Co., of this city, dated December 26:

All markets, and especially those in the West, have been unsettled within the past two weeks, owing to numerous circumstances, and particularly to the unfavorable packing weather and the holidays, but prices are so low at present that it is believed speculation and consumption will take hold soon for material improvement generally. Intelligent authorities at Chicago say, "we find it difficult to disabuse our minds of the impression that while other packing points are selling their products as fast as made, many of them directly from the block, that our packers are generally increasing their accumulations from their product of cheap hogs, which will, as the season advances, enable them to fix the basis of values of both hogs and their product, using their stock on hand to influence other markets which will be without stocks. Upon this theory, aided by the home and foreign demand that we think must surely follow the moment that our prices assume a settled basis, we base our faith in the ultimate value of the property, as we feel confident that the time is not far distant when the tone of our market will change from its present weakness to one of absolute strength."

Steam on the New York Canal.

[N. Y. Tribune.]

It appears from the records of the canal collector's office at Buffalo that steam has been used upon the Erie canal this year to a considerable extent. Besides the cable boats plying on the section of the canal between Buffalo and Tonawanda, tugs and regular steamers have been running all the season. The tugs came from Lake Champlain, Troy, and even from Buffalo, while others were owned in Buffalo. They went east a number of times, with tows of from two to four boats each. Of regular steamers, propelled by their own machinery, there were twelve employed this year, four running independently, and eight of them with a consort, which they pushed, instead of towing. Four made five round trips between Buffalo and New York during the season, three made four trips, and the others made two and three each, making in all seventy-four cargoes carried eastward from Lake Erie this season by the regular steam canalboats. The number of cargoes transported by the boats in tow of occasional tugs cannot be stated, because the appearance of steam in the business of the canal was so unexpected that no provision had been made for keeping a separate record of the steamboats, and none was kept of the departures in tow of tugs. All except two or three of the regular boats appear to have been owned in New York city. They were sent but one at a time early in the season to make the experiment of competing with horse-boats and railroads. Owing to the low tolls and heavy business of the canal, it was found profitable to operate them, and in the latter part of the season they were all busily employed. Five hundred dollars were paid for the use of one of them to make three trips from this city to Buffalo and back. It is reported by the owners of these boats in this city that the steamers worked well, received a slight preference in freights, and established the entire practicability of steam transportation on the canals of the State of New York. The boats will be operated next year. This subject has been receiving the attention of the Canal Commissioners, and a report will be made upon it to the Legislature.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Wednesday Evening, Dec. 26, 1877.

NEW ORLEANS CLEARING-HOUSE.

	Clearings.	Balances.
December 22	$1,825,472 72	$167,680 54
December 24	2,159,492 01	233,977 68
December 26	2,934,085 70	300,456 72
Total thus far	$6,919,050 43	$702,124 94

Money was in fair demand at the banks and the counter transactions large. On the street there is but little commercial paper offered and notes easy.

Exceptional commercial paper 8@9 ⅌ cent; A1 do 10@12; second grade do 15@18; loans on collaterals 8@10; A1 mortgage paper 9@10; second grade do —@— ⅌ cent per annum.

Gold is scarce and higher.

Foreign Exchange moderately active and steady.

Sight in fair demand.

State Consols weak and ruling lower at 79½@79⅝.

Premium Bonds are easy at 33@33¼.

Stocks quiet.

Gold opened in New York at 102¾, and closed at 102⅞; here, it opened at 102¾@103, and closed at 103@103¼. Sales—$3000 at 103¼, $12,000 at 103⅛, $18,000, $4000 and $2500 at 103.

STERLING SALES—£2000 clear at 492; £5000 bank at 495; £6300 bill lading at 490⅛@490½; £4000 do at 491; £3000 do at 490⅞; £13,000 bill lading at 491@491½; £15,000 do at 490⅛@491. Bank sterling, —@494¾; commercial bills, 490⅛@491½.

FRANC SALES—150,000 commercial at 5.14⅜; 125,000 do at —, and 100,000 do at 5.14⅛@5.13¾. Bank francs —, commercial 5.14⅛@5.13¾.

SIGHT SALES—$150,000 at ⅛@7-16 ⅌ cent discount. Bank sight 5-16; commercial ¼@7-16 ⅌ cent discount.

NEW ORLEANS STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

FIRST CALL, 10 A. M.

$1,000 half paid City Coupons	31½

BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CALLS.

20,000 Premium Bonds	33¾

SECOND CALL, 12 M.

6,000 Premium Bonds	33¾
10,000 do do (B. to drawing)	34

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CALLS.

20,000 State Consols	79⅞
20,000 do do	80

THIRD CALL, 2 P. M.

2,500 State Consols	79¾
5,000 Premium Bonds	33¾
20,000 Premium Bonds (B. to drawing)	34

AFTER THIRD CALL.

10,000 Premium Bonds	33¾

CRESCENT CITY OPEN STOCK BOARD SALES.

BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND CALLS.

$10,000 State Consols	79¾
15,000 Premium Bonds	33⅝
20,000 do do	33¾

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD CALLS.

10,000 State Consols	79¾
15,000 Premium Bonds	33⅞
5,000 do	33¾
5,000 do do	33⅝

AT THIRD CALL.

7,000 Premium Bonds	33⅝

AFTER THIRD CALL.

5,000 Premium Bonds	33⅝

[By Telegraph.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Money closed at 6@7 per cent. Exchange steady at 483@486¾. Gold closed at 102¾. Governments steady; currency sixes 120@121. Pacific Railroad bonds closed as follows: Union firsts 107⅛@107¾; do land grants 103¼@103½; do sinking funds 94@94¼; Centrals 107⅝@108. In State bonds Tennessees, old, sold at 38; Louisiana consols at 84.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE NEW ORLEANS DEMOCRAT, Wednesday Evening, Dec. 26, 1877.

GENERAL REMARKS—As is invariably the case during the holidays, the general market yesterday was exceedingly dull. It is useless for us to dilate upon this condition of stagnation; the fact is palpable and bad enough, without trying to explain the causes thereof.

In our great staple, cotton, there was a fair business, considering the time, and the fact that no cable reports were received at the Cotton Exchange from Liverpool—sales footing up 7100 bales. Prices for all choice grades of cotton are steady, and there is a good inquiry for the same, but the lower grades are neglected.

The receipts of our Louisiana staple, sugar, continue to be small, only 692 hhds. coming in to-day, while the sales amounted to 436 hhds. Surely the sugar trade in this city seems to have reached a low point. The receipts of molasses are naturally large, (most of the cane that has been ground during the past two weeks being unfitted for sugar making,) amounting to 7973 bbls., while the sales were only 962 bbls.

There seems to be a better feeling in the pork market, and there was a good inquiry for mess. Owing to the great supply of hogs in the West our merchants dealing in the cured article, notwithstanding the low prices, are loth to order large consignments, thinking that prices have not yet touched bottom.

For flour there was a good inquiry, and liberal sales are reported altogether for the local trade; for export we heard of no demand. Prices are easy, but not quotably lower.

The sales of coffee, as reported, amounted to 1100 bags.

COTTON—There were no telegraphic reports received at the Cotton Exchange to-day from Liverpool. New York advices, however, reported a decline of 2 to 10 points in futures. The feature of the market here is the irregular feeling on the poor grades of cotton and the steadiness in prices on all choice grades. Low grades are abundant, but choice cottons are scarce and actively inquired for, finding ready sale at full market quotations.

The official quotations of the Cotton Exchange were as follows:

	TO-DAY.	YESTERDAY.
Low Ordinary	7⅛	7⅜
Ordinary	8½	8⅝
Good Ordinary	9⅜	9⅛
Low Middling	10⅝	10⅛
Middling	10¾	10⅜
Good Middling	11⅜	11⅛
Middling Fair	11⅞	11⅞

Sales to-day 7100 bales. Market steady; lower grades irregular.

COTTON STATEMENT.

In store and on shipboard Sept. 1, 1877	21,356
Gross receipts since yesterday 37 913	
Gross receipts previously 741,866—	779,779
Total supply	801,135
Exported to-day 7,851	
Exported previously 483,529—	491,380
Total stocks this day	309,755
Total stock this day last year	295,019

The exports since Monday have been 5649 bales to Liverpool and 2202 bales to New York.

Net receipts since Monday	35,156
Receipts from other ports	2,757
Net receipts last Wednesday	16,421
Net receipts this day last year	1,854
Net receipts since Friday	62,069
Net receipts same time last week	52,981
Net receipts same time last year	40,786
Net receipts since September 1	645,146
Net receipts same time last year	637,684

Cotton on shipboard as per account of the Cotton Exchange, as follows: Liverpool 42,962 bales, Havre 47,457, Bremen 11,308, Mediterranean 2419, North Sea 8159, Spain 616, Mexico —, coastwise 5316; total, 118,231 bales. This, taken from the stock at noon, as noted at the Exchange, leaves in presses 191,524 bales.

The receipts at all ports from 12 m. yesterday to 12 m. to-day, as per Cotton Exchange telegrams, is 35,804 bales, against 38,346 bales last Wednesday and 15,289 bales last year and 20,842 year before last.

The movement at ports for five days up to noon to-day is given below:

	Received since Friday.	Same time last week.	Same time last year.
New Orleans	62,069	52,981	40,786
Galveston	15,996	20,150	12,394
Mobile	21,115	18,767	9,802
Savannah	22,179	20,076	15,730
Charleston	13,006	14,540	13,726
Wilmington	3,866	4,930	1,559
Norfolk	18,985	15,091	11,398
Baltimore	827	743	.....
New York	3,462	4,237	6,241
Boston	4,137	3,779	1,823
Philadelphia	.....	792	790
Total	166,705	156,086	114,259
Receipts at ports since September 1			2,284,131
Receipts same time last year			2,492 923
Receipts same time year before			2,196,774

The exports from all United States ports, consolidated as per telegrams to the Cotton Exchange, for five days have been as follows:

	G. B.	France.	Other for'gn ports.	Channel.	Stocks.
This week	39,194	8,897	20,122	2,565	890,891
Last week	54,862	28,200	15,583	.....	791,704
This week last year	41,049	11,453	6,664	2,800	980,273

OCEAN FREIGHTS—Are quoted as follows: By steam — Cotton to Liverpool 7-16d; to Revel —d; to Bremen 9-16d; to Boston, Providence, Fall River, Philadelphia and Baltimore, via New York ⅝c; to New York ⅝c; grain to Liverpool 10½d nominal.

By sail — Cotton to Liverpool 13-32@7-16d; to Havre ⅞c; to Bremen 15-16c; to Genoa 15-16c; grain to the Continent 10@10½d.

Steam rates to Northern ports are quoted at $2 25 on molasses ⅌ bbl to New York, and $7@8 ⅌ hhd on sugar. By sail the rate on molasses to New York is $1 50 ⅌ bbl.

SUGAR—Receipts 692 hhds. Sales 486 hhds. The receipts are small and barely sufficient to meet the requirements of trade. Prices are steady and the demand good.

We quote: Inferior 3½@4¼c; common to good common 4⅛@5⅛c; fair to good fair 5¾@6⅜c; fully fair 6¾@7c; prime 7⅛@7⅜c; strictly prime 7¾c; gray clarified 6¾@7¼c; yellow clarified, as in quality, 7⅞@8⅜c; off whites, good to choice, 8⅛@8⅝c; white clarified 8¾@9c.

MOLASSES—Receipts 7973 bbls. Sales 962 bbls. The market is well stocked with frosted goods, for which there is but little demand, and prices easy. We quote: Common 20@22c; fair 24@25c; prime 28@30c; strictly prime 34@36c; choice 38@39c.

FLOUR—This article was in good request today in the local trade, and liberal sales of that kind are reported at easy prices—easier, but not quotably lower than our quotations. Sales—100 bbls at $4; 50 at $4 50; 50 at $5 40; 50 at $5 50; 150 at $5 62½; 100 at $6 15, and 125 at $6 50 ⅌ bbl; and 150, 250, 300, and 600 on private terms, and 115, patent, on private terms.

We quote fine to superfine at $4@4 25; single extra $4 25@4 50; double extra $4 50@4 75; treble extra, low to choice, $5@$5 75; choice extras $5 75@6 25; fancy choice $6 50@6 75 ⅌ bbl. On these prices dealers obtain an advance of 50c on job sales.

CORN MEAL—Is quiet, steady and unchanged at $2 40@2 45 in the wholesale trade; and jobbing at $2 65@2 75 ⅌ bbl.

CORN MEAL—Stock moderate and quiet, at $2 40@2 45 in round lots, dealers jobbing at $2 65@2 75 ⅌ bbl.

CREAM AND PEARL MEAL—There is about the usual supply, and the market is quiet and steady at $3 40@3 50 ⅌ bbl. Demand light.

CORN FLOUR—Is quoted at $3 75@4, as in quality. Local demand small, and this article is chiefly sold for export.

GRITS — Demand steady and fair, prices ruling easy in lots at $3 40@3 50 ⅌ bbl for No. 2 and $3 75@3 80 for choice; dealers jobbing at $3 75@4 ⅌ bbl.

RYE FLOUR—There is a moderate supply, but quite equal to the demand, at $4 25@4 50 ⅌ bbl.

BACON—Continues dull and nominal, and the only transactions reported are strictly of a jobbing kind. We quote the market strictly nominal at 6⅜@6½c for shoulders, clear rib sides 8¼@8⅜c, and clear sides 8⅛@8⅜c.

LARD—Was firmer at the close. The demand is fair and prices steady at 8⅜@8½c for refined, and 8¼c for packers' prime steam in tierces. Dealers' rates are ⅛@¼c higher. Sales 100 tierces refined on private terms.

PORK—There was a fair inquiry for mess today, and, although the market opened dull, easy and nominal, there was a better feeling at the close, with sales of standard full weight goods at $12 75 ⅌ bbl. Dealers are still jobbing at $13 25@13 50 ⅌ bbl. Sales—80 bbls at $12 75 ⅌ bbl; 69 bbls on private terms.

DRY SALT MEAT—Dull and easy, owing to the soft weather. We quote shoulders 4⅝c, loose, and 4¾c packed; clear rib sides 6¼@6⅜c loose and packed, and clear sides 6½@6⅝c loose and packed. Dealers job at an advance of ¼@⅜c above these prices.

HAMS—The feeling is easy and demand only moderate.

BREAKFAST BACON—Quiet and steady at 9@9½c in a wholesale way, dealers jobbing at 9¾@9¾c.

PACKERS' HOG PRODUCTS—Dealers are selling on orders in the job trade at $7 25 ⅌ half bbl for pig pork, $12 ⅌ bbl for prime mess pork, $10 for prime pork, and $11 50 for rump pork. Pigs' feet are selling at $1 25@1 50 ⅌ keg. Ham sausages are dull and quoted at 8@8½c ⅌ lb. Family pork is jobbing at $13 50 ⅌ bbl. Pickled pigs' tongues are quoted at 6@6½c apiece. Pickled heads are offering at $10@11 ⅌ tierce, and jowls at $8 50@9 ⅌ barrel. Bologna sausage 7¼@7½c. Spare ribs $5@7.

WHISKY—Is easy and unchanged, city made selling at irregular prices from $1 01@1 05, and Western rectified at $1 05@1 08 ⅌ gallon.

CORN—Is in good demand and stock large. Sales—1000 white at 54½c; 3000 white and yellow at 54c, and 2000 yellow at 53c ⅌ bushel.

OATS—Are only in moderate demand. Sales—300 sacks choice at 38c ⅌ bushel.

BRAN—Fair stock and quiet at 82½c ⅌ cwt. Sales—500 bags on private terms.

HAY—Stock fair and market quiet. Choice $18; prime $14 50@16 50 ⅌ ton.

COFFEE—Demand fair. Sales about 1100 bags at quotations.

QUOTATIONS FOR GOLD.

	Cargoes.	Job Lots.
Prime	19⅝@19¾	20 @20¼
Good	19 @19⅛	19⅝@19¾
Fair	18⅛@18⅜	18¾@19
Ordinary	17 @17¼	17⅛@17½

TOBACCO—The transactions are limited to 5 hhds. Stock on sale 1700 hhds.

QUOTATIONS.

Inferior lugs	3 @ 3⅛
Low lugs	3⅛@ 3¾
Medium	4 @ 4⅛
Good to fine	4¾@ 5⅛
Low leaf	5⅛@ 6¼
Medium	7 @ 8
Good	9 @16½
Fine	11 @11¾
Selections	12 @12¾

BUTTER—Moderate stock and demand fair. We quote New York creamery, fine, 30@31c; New York dairy 18@27c, as in quality; Western repacked 8@17c, as in quality.

CHEESE—Fair stock and demand light. New York cream 15@15¼c, Western factory 12@13c, as in quality.

STARCH—In good demand at 3½c in lots; jobbing at 3¾@4c ⅌ lb.

WOOL—More stocks offering than there is demand, and it is held above the views of buyers. Burry is quoted at 11@12c, Louisiana clear 26¾c, clear lake 27½@29c ⅌ lb.

HIDES—Supply fair and market quiet; country green 8@8½c, dry salted 13@13½c, dry flint 14@15c.

SALT—Stock light, demand active. A cargo, all coarse, sold at 80c per sack afloat. We quote prices at the warehouse: Coarse 85@90c, fine $1 05@1 10. Turks Island neglected at 32c ⅌ bushel. Table salt in pockets 1¼@7½c each, as in size.

POULTRY—Old chickens 4 50, young $3 50@4; ducks $3; geese $6@7; turkeys $12@14 ⅌ dozen.

EGGS—Western 24@26c; Louisiana —@— ⅌ dozen.

RICE—Is in moderate supply. No. 2 3¾@3⅞c, common 4½@4¾c, ordinary 5@5⅛c, fair 5⅜@5½, good 5¾@5⅞c, prime 6@6⅛c, choice 6½c ⅌ lb.

BULK CORN—None offering, and the market is nominally 56½c ⅌ bushel.

WHEAT—None here, and nominally at $1 30@1 35 ⅌ bushel for winter, and $1 20@1 25 for spring.

ESCULENTS—Potatoes are selling at $1 40@2 75; onions at $2 75; apples at $3 50@5 ⅌ bbl; cabbages at $6@8 ⅌ 100, and $1 75@2 ⅌ crate.

BAGGING—Steady at 11½c in round lots; retailing at 12@12½c. Baling twine at 13½c in round lots; retailing at 14c.

Domestic Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26, 11:15 a. m.—Coffee firmer with fair demand; sales 2000 Prasois at New Orleans, p. t. Sugar firm; sales 2140 hhds, 2140 boxes and 2000 bags, on basis of 7⅛@7⅛ for fair to good fair refining and 7⅝ for prime refining. Refined sugar firm. Linseed oil 60@61.

3 p. m.—Coffee quiet. Sugar firm. Refined sugar firm; yellow 6¾@7⅝; extra C 8@8⅛; standard A 9⅛@9¼; off A 8⅝@8¾; standard crushed 9¾@9⅞; powdered 9⅛@9¼; granulated 9⅛; cut loaf 9⅞@10.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The market opened with wheat steady at $1 10⅛ January, $1 11⅛ February. Corn steady at 43⅛ January. Pork—Sales at $11 90 February. Lard—Sales at 7.70 January. Later wheat grew strong at $1 10¾ January, then easier and dull at $1 10⅛. Corn advanced to 43⅛ January, and fell back to 43⅛@43¼. Pork continued dull at $11 75@11 77½ January, $11 90@11 92½ February, $12 05@12 07½ March. Lard dull; 7.75 January, 7.82½ February. Dry salted meats, mostly common, quiet; shoulders 4.20, short rib 6, short clear 6¾.

Union Stock Yards—Hogs—Official receipts since Saturday 5917; estimated to-day 6500; market active and strong. Sales at $4@4 35 for common to choice.

1:30 p. m., Morning Call.—Pork quiet, $11 73½@11 75 January; $11 90@11 92½ February; $12 05@12 07½ March. Lard steady, 7.72½@7.75 January; 7.80@7.82½ February. Wheat unsettled, $1 10¼@1 10⅜ January; $1 11⅛@1 11⅛ February; $1 10 bid cash. Corn quiet, 44⅜ cash; 43@43⅛ January; 42¼ February, 44@44⅛ May.

3:30 p. m., Close.—Pork quiet, $11 70@11 72½ January; $11 87½@11 90 February. Lard quiet; 7.72½@11 75 January; 7.77½@7 80 February. Wheat unsettled $1 10@1 10⅛ January; $1 11@1 11⅛ February. Corn firm, 43@43½ January; 42⅛ February; 43⅞@44 May.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26—Pork, bid $11 75. Bacon—shoulders 6⅛; clear rib 7¼; clear sides 7⅝; hams 11@12. Cut meals—shoulders 4⅛; clear rib 5⅞; clear sides 6⅛. Lard—current make 7.80; prime winter 8⅛@8½. Hogs $3 50@4 20; receipts since Saturday 3564. Whisky $1 05.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Wheat—No. 2 red $1 24 bid cash; No. 3 red $1 19½@1 20¼ cash. $1 21⅛ January, $1 25⅛ February. Corn—new 35¾ cash; old 45@45⅛ cash, 43⅛@44 January, 43@43⅛ February. Oats 27½ cash; 26⅞ bid January. Pork $11 80@11 90 cash; $12 12½ March. Cut meats—car lots, loose, shoulders 4⅛; clear ribs 6.90; clear sides 6@6.10. Bacon—nothing doing. Lard nominally 7.60. Whisky $1 05.

Ocean Freights.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Ocean freights were firm, but the demand was somewhat checked by the higher asking rates, as the improvement is due less to large offering of any spot stuff than to the moderate supply of tonnage. Oil vessels are dull, while grain vessels are in fair demand on a steady market.

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