THE MARKETS.

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 28, 1898.

Ashes, pkgs	9	Oranges, boxes	1,630
Beeswax, pkgs	2	Tar, bbls	209
Beans, white, bbls	1,320	Oilcake, pkgs	1,548
Beans, lima, bags	2,020	Oilmeal, bags	1,400
Broomcorn, bales	227	Oil, lub, bbls	135
Flour, bbls	15,190	Peanuts, bags	1,489
Flour, sacks	44,408	Pork, bbls	588
Cornmeal, bbls	1,376	Beef, canned, cases	3,387
Cornmeal, bags	750	Hams, pkgs	1,272
Oatmeal, bbls	775	Bacon, pkgs	4,005
Wheat, bush	527,775	Lard, tierces	2,868
Corn, bush	325,650	Lard, kegs	4,481
Oats, bush	102,000	Lard, cases	127
Rye, bush	24,375	Dressed hogs, No	16
Peas, bush	2,200	Stearine, pkgs	250
Buckwheat, bush	8,250	Tallow, pkgs	12
Barley, bush	51,675	Grease, pkgs	414
Malt, bush	3,900	Butter, pkgs	3,156
Cotton, bales	6,713	Cheese, pkgs	3,005
Cottonseed oil, bbls	3,935	Eggs, cases	3,064
Copper matte, bags	421	Rice, pkgs	3,796
Copper, pieces	196	Rice chaff, bags	170
Dried fruit, pkgs	1,059	Grass seed, bags	3,665
Hay, tons	2,100	Silk, pkgs	1,838
Straw, tons	19	Skins, bales	90
Millfeed, tons	125	Spelter, pieces	716
Hemp, bales	40	Sugar, bbls	820
Hair, bales	315	Tobacco, hhds	26
Hides, bdls	1,098	Tobacco, tierces	58
Hops, bales	1,760	Tobacco, pkgs	106
Istle, bales	590	Whiskey, bbls	1,578
Leather, sides	9,100	Whiskey, cases	550
Lead, pigs	12,715	Wool, bales	78
Molasses, bbls	1,962	Wool, sacks	351
Moss, bales	370	Wool, bdls	106
Rosin, bbls	1,693	Wine, Cal, pkgs	1,315
Spirits turp, bbls	805	Brandy, Cal, pkgs	426
Crude turp, bbls	82	Dressed poultry, pkgs	2,477
Apples, bbls	6,171	Live do, crates	595
Potatoes, bbls	13,317	Canned salmon, cases	650
Onions, bbls	1,690	Prunes, boxes	3,105
Cranberries, crates	292	Cal can'd fruit, cases	1,391

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor No 1 fdry	$11 87½	Flour, Minn patents	$4 00
Iron, So No 2 soft	10 87½	Cotton, middling	5⅞
Steel rails	18 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	6¾
Pig iron warrants	7 50	Sugar, granulated	5
Lake copper, ingots	12 95	Molasses, O K prime	32
Tin	18 62½	Beef, family	10 50
Lead	3 85	Beef, hams	18 25
Spelter	5 15	Tallow, prime	3⅝
Wheat, No 2 red	80½	Pork, mess	9 75
Corn, No 2 mixed	45¼	Hogs, dressed, 100 lb.	5
Oats, No 2 mixed	33½	Lard, prime	5 60

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	808,656	Rosin, bbls	497
Corn, bush	209,035	Pitch, bbls	3
Rye, bush	82,256	Tar, bbls	2
Flaxseed, bush	67,201	Refined pet, gals	5,244,520
Peas, bush	1,200	Cottonseed oil, gals	674,550
Beans, bush	105	Lubricating oil, gals	407,450
Corn meal, bbls	8,135	Pork, bbls	702
Flour, sacks	37,739	Beef, bbls	420
Cornmeal, bbls	305	Beef, tierces	333
Feed, lb	32,940	Bacon, lb	2,042,325
Oatmeal, pkgs	5,860	Hams, lb	201,000
Bran, lb	911,940	Lard, lb	3,084,620
Grass seed, bags	2,386	Stearine, lb	70,400
Hay, bales	1,469	Tallow, lb	949,200
Hops, bales	94	Grease, lb	696,500
Whiskey, gals	350	Butter, lb	79,650
Oilcake, lb	3,150,900	Cheese, lb	69,900
Spirits turp, gals	580		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 28, 1898.

COFFEE—Following yesterday's heavy slump coffee futures reacted to-day partially on quite active covering by shorts and a marked improvement in outside speculative demand. Opening steady in tone at last night's prices to an advance of 5 points, the general tendency was upward, despite a bearish statistical situation and rather disappointing news from abroad. Within the first hours we went off but ¼ point in sympathy with our weakness of yesterday, interest at these points was very lax. The Brazilian markets displayed a fair amount of stability, prices remaining unchanged, with the general tone of sentiment quite steady. Leading bears in the local market were disposed to increase their short accounts on the rise, basing their views of ultimately lower prices on the heavier receipts at Brazilian ports and steady increase in the American visible supply. Longs, however, were encouraged by evidences of renewed speculative interest on the part of certain strong Wall Street firms, and bought moderately all day. At the close the feeling was steady, with final prices net unchanged to 5 points higher. Total sales of 28,750 bags included pretty much the entire list, with September the leading option. The feature of dealings was the early purchase by an outside house of over 5,000 bags September in a lump.

A feature of the statistical changes over night was a further marked gain in the visible, directly due to extensive clearances from Santos yesterday. These included the steamer Kaffir Prince with 37,000 bags, the steamer Cuvier with 36,000 bags, and the steamer Severn with 10,000 bags, a total of 83,000 bags. In the spot department business in Brazilian coffees was rather quiet. Prices remained about on the basis of 6¾c for Rio No 7, invoice lots.

The range of contract prices in the local market to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.45@5.55	5.45
January	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.45@5.50	5.45
February	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.55@5.65	5.55
March	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.70@5.75	5.65
April	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.75@5.80	5.70
May	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.80@5.85	5.75
June	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.85@5.90	5.80
July	5.90	5.95	5.90	5.90@5.95	5.85
August	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.95@6.00	5.90
September	6.00	6.05	6.00	6.00@6.05	5.95
October	6.05	6.10	6.05	6.05@6.10	6.00
November	6.10	6.15	6.10	6.10@6.15	6.05

Foreign coffee markets: Santos—Coffee market quiet; good average Santos, 7,880; receipts, 18,000 bags; stock, 839,000. Hamburg—Coffee market opened ¼ pfg lower; at 2:30 p. m. net ¼ pfg lower; sales, 4,000 bags. Hamburg—Coffee market opened quiet at ¼ franc decline; at 12 m. unchanged; at 3 p. m. steady and unchanged; closed ¼ franc net lower; total sales, 13,000 bags.

January	38.00	July	39.00
February	38.00	August	39.25
March	38.25	September	39.50
April	38.50	October	39.50
May	38.75	November	39.75
June	39.00	December	37.75

Rio—Coffee market steady; No 7 Rio, 8¾c; exchange, 7½d; receipts, 9,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 13,000; cleared for Europe, 1,000; stock, 265,000.

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last week.
New-York deliveries	13,367	15,611	7,868
Baltimore deliveries	458	67	373
New-Orleans deliveries	310	365	206
Total deliveries	14,165	16,043	8,507
New-York stock	663,256	670,623	610,357
Baltimore stock	56,857	53,345	52,090
New-Orleans stock	33,833	34,143	35,686
Stock at all ports	753,946	764,111	698,133
Afloat	460,000	381,000	449,000
Visible supply	1,213,946	1,145,111	1,145,133
Same time 1897	1,191,247	1,196,302	1,112,027
Same time 1896	740,138	720,190	709,711

COTTON—There was considerable firmness developed in cotton futures to-day, but the market was at no time active. Liverpool cables were practically unchanged. There fact that spot sales in the English market reached only 7,000 bags was a disappointment; but the Liverpool future list at least held its own, and consequent covering here caused a better average of prices at the opening of business, the first call starting at unchanged prices and finishing at an advance of 2 to 4 points. Prices promptly improved several points further; but speculation failed to come into the market as looked for, and a waiting turned the market a little easier, in the face of continued bullish reports from the drygoods market and from spinning districts. Accounts from Southern spot markets were also favorable, and there was some talk of an abrupt let-up in receipts in the near future. Later the market turned steadier on indications of small receipts to-morrow. Shorts covered, and prices advanced to a level showing an improvement of 4 to 6 points on yesterday's closing figures. It was scarcely more than a local market at any time during the session, however; local bears would come out and cause a break in prices. There was no disposition to back up this view, however, and shorts were inclined to cover than to increase their short interest. The bears had the advantage of favorable weather for field work and marketing cotton; but this feature was more than offset by fears of a decrease in the movement. The near approach of the holidays was another drawback to business. Very few traders were disposed to open new accounts, with the markets of this country and Europe to be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday. In the afternoon trading here was quite slack, with the tone finally firm at a net gain of 3 to 6 points, having sharply improved at the close on a spurt of covering. A prominent Wall Street house, well known in grain circles as well, was seen to be quietly yet steadily buying the later deliveries all through the early session, believed to be for a long hold. It was common gossip following the close of Change that several large Wall Street houses were preparing to give more attention to cotton and the outlook was for a renewal of old-time speculative enthusiasm with the beginning of the new year.

The range of contract prices in the local market to-day was as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	5.47	5.48	5.47	5.49@5.50	5.43
January	5.44	5.50	5.44	5.49@5.50	5.44
February	—	—	—	5.50@5.51	5.46
March	5.49	5.54	5.49	5.53@5.54	5.49
April	5.53	5.56	5.53	5.57@5.58	5.52
May	5.58	5.61	5.58	5.61@5.62	5.54
June	5.64	5.64	5.62	5.64@5.65	5.59
July	5.66	5.67	5.65	5.67@5.68	5.62
August	5.69	5.70	5.67	5.69@5.70	5.65
September	5.63	5.63	5.62	5.63@5.64	5.60
October	5.62	5.63	5.62	5.63@5.65	5.60
November	5.62	5.62	5.62	5.63@5.65	5.60

Spot cotton closed steady with quotations unchanged on the basis of 5⅝c for middling upland and 6⅛c for middling Gulf, as compared with 5 15-16c and 6 3-16c respectively last year. Sales of 200 bales were all for delivery on contract. Spot cotton in Southern markets (middling quoted) was reported by wire to the local exchange as follows: Mobile quiet, 5 3-16c; sales, 500 bales. Savannah quiet and easy, 5 1-16c; sales, 250 bales. Wilmington firm, 5⅜c. Norfolk nominal, 5⅜c; sales, 550 bales. Baltimore nominal, 5⅝c. Augusta quiet and steady, 5⅜c; sales, 17 bales. St. Louis quiet, 5⅜c; sales, 38 bales. Galveston quiet, 5⅜c; sales, 182 bales. New-Orleans steady, 5 3-16c; sales, 400 bales. Charleston quiet, 5⅜c. Memphis quiet, 5⅜c; sales, 2,600 bales.

The export movement thus far this season has been as follows:

	Great Britain.	France.	Continent.
Total to-day	17,018	150	20,949
Thus far this week	106,683	25,124	61,785
Total since September 1, 1898	2,074,644	456,713	1,468,281

Receipts at New-Orleans to-morrow were officially estimated to be 12,000 to 15,000 bales, against 13,340 actual last week and 13,625 last year. To-morrow's receipts at Houston were estimated at 10,200 to 10,500 bales, against 17,125 last week and 9,537 last year.

Receipts at the ports and interior points to-day, compared with the same day last week and last year:

Ports.	To-day.	Last week.	Last year.	Present stock.
Galveston	19,854	24,515	15,468	332,574
New-Orleans	23,257	14,506	13,443	526,680
Mobile	338	1,695	3,280	30,299
Savannah	16,320	6,227	2,968	150,196
Charleston	644	2,628	1,512	42,442
Wilmington	1,104	1,340	764	15,667
Norfolk	5,292	5,489	2,812	72,829
Baltimore	—	—	300	20,464
New-York	476	57	1,334	86,487
Boston	2,795	3,222	2,547	8,408
Philadelphia	181	417	113	16,114
Various	12,017	11,286	—	—
Totals	82,278	71,382	44,541	1,311,121
Interior:				
Augusta	2,464	1,940	865	53,792
Memphis	3,682	3,713	3,229	153,248
St. Louis	1,649	637	825	76,472
Cincinnati	5,892	3,748	3,075	21,765
Houston	13,959	13,270	3,824	208,584

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables—Spot cotton quiet; sales, 7,000 bales, speculation and export, 500; American, 6,500; receipts, 46,000; American, 39,000; middling uplands, 3 3-32d, futures opened quiet and unchanged; closed steady, net unchanged to 1-64d advance.

December-January, 3.01½b; January-February, 3.02s; February-March, 3.02½b; March-April, 3.03½b; April-May, 3.04½b; May-June, 3.05½b; June-July, 3.06@3.07; July-August, 3.07½s; August-September, 3.07½b; September-October, 3.08s; October-November, 3.09s; December, 3.01½b. Manchester—Yarns and cloths dull.

FLOUR AND MEAL—The most notable response to wheat's reaction came in the way of a check to business rather than any sympathetic drop in flour prices to-day. Spring patents, in fact, were held a shade higher, and met with fair demand at the advance, other grades being more or less neglected. Spring patents, $3 85@$4 10; winter straights, $3 50@$3 65; winter patents, $3 75@$4; spring clears, $2 85@$3; extra No 1 winter, $2 85@$2 90; extra No 2 winter, $2 65@$2 75; no grade, $1 60, to arrive; buckwheat flour, $1 90@$2.....RYE FLOUR—Firmer. Quoted: Good to fair, $3@$3 20; choice to fancy, $3 25@$3 40.....CORNMEAL—Firmer. Quoted: Kiln-dried, $2 20@$2 30, as to brand.....BAG MEAL—Firm. Quoted: Fine white, 65c; fine yellow, $1@$1 05; coarse, $1@$3c.....FEED—Firm; spring bran, bulk, to arrive and spot, $13 25@$13 50; sacks, to arrive, $13 75@$14 25; coarse winter bran, $13 25@$16, latter white; fine, $13@$13 25; middlings, $14@$17; city feed, $14@$15; hominy chop, $17; oilmeal, $24@$24 50.

GRAIN AND WHEAT—Trade was even more vigorous to-day than on Tuesday, but of an entirely different character. Believing that prices had reached their limit for the time being, and with fair profits on recent purchases in sight, professional traders and many outside operators became heavy and persistent sellers of wheat, under which prices collapsed and were in a nervous, unsettled condition all day. From top to bottom there was a break of 1¾c, with a slight closing rally, which left final prices partially ⅛c below the previous night on all positions except December, which closed ⅛c net higher on a late squeeze of shorts. While realizing was naturally extensive and somewhat demoralizing, it failed to disturb many long accounts held by outsiders who are firm believers in wheat on the idea that Europe will have to be a steady buyer at any price that this country may see fit to dictate. That this view of the case had at least some merit was shown by the vigorous manner in which exporters took advantage of the break to acquire cash wheat. Up to the close fully 125 loads had been worked for European account at all ports, more than half being done at New-York. Another very conspicuous feature of the day was a heavy outward movement from seaboard points, aggregating 1,442,000 bushels wheat and flour. Of this amount New-York contributed 508,000 bushels of wheat, representing a record breaker for a single day. A part of this wheat went to Mediterranean ports, which usually look to Russia for their breadstuffs. This makes the week's shipments so far about 300,000 bushels in excess of last, while the interior movement is 1,325,000 bushels behind a week ago. That the day's decline was principally a speculative one could scarcely be denied in view of these bullish statistics, to say nothing of cables, which, in the case of Liverpool, made the most notable response to developments on this side that has been seen in some weeks. At the best point of the day prices there were up 2@3c per bushel, latter on December, but a late reaction left them only 1⅛@2d net higher. French markets also showed decided strength early in the day, but reacting, closed 5@15 points off on some months, and from 10@15 points higher on others in wheat and flour. Antwerp closed steady at ¼ franc net advance. Our market was at first favorably affected by the foreign news, May reaching its top price of 75½c on the strength of it, but as in all other grain and provision markets opening prices proved highest of the day. "Bradstreet's" figures indicated an increase of 293,000 bushels in world's stocks, including a decrease of 707,000 bushels here, and an increase of 1,000,000 bushels in Europe. There was little trading on the curb, and not much change in price from the regular close. Quotations of cash wheat, f o b afloat basis, were as follows: No 2 red, 80¾c spot; No 1 Northern Duluth, 79¼c spot; No 2 Northern Duluth, 77¾c to arrive; No 1 Northern New-York, 78c spot; No 2 Northern New-York, 76¾c spot; No 1 hard Manitoba, 81c to arrive.....CORN—Developments in corn to-day were largely a duplication of the depressing events in wheat. There was the same heavy unloading for profits by local and outside traders, in face of news that in several cases was distinctly favorable to the market. Prices broke 1c a bushel, but closed with a little rally on covering at ¼@¾c net decline. The afternoon feature was a marked increase in export interest, resulting in sales of 75 loads at New-York and outports. The seaboard movement is still, however, 281,000 bushels behind last week, although the interior movement is also 778,000 bushels smaller than for the first three days of last week. Cables opened 1¾d higher at Liverpool, but easing off later with wheat closed at ¾@1⅛c net higher. Bull sentiment did not appear to be greatly disturbed over to-day's events, and many strong parties are still holding good lines for a further rise. The "Bradstreet's" figures made an increase of 1,076,000 bushels in domestic stocks. No 2 corn closed 45¾c for old, and 45¾c for new, f o b afloat.....OATS—The speculative market was, as usual, in quiet shape and without feature. Spot property, however, was stronger, with sales of 200,000 bushels for export. No 2 oats closed, 33½c, No 3 oats, 33c; No 2 white, 36c; No 3 white, 35c; track mixed, 34½c; track white, 35@38c; No 2 white clips, 36½c.....RYE—Market steady; No 2 Western, 63@63½c, f o b afloat; State rye, 59½c, c i f New-York, carlots; exporters bought 150,000 bushels.....BARLEY—Market firm; feeding, 45@46c, c i f Buffalo; malting, 53@58c delivered, New-York.....BUCKWHEAT—Market dull. Quoted, 54@55c, c i f track, New-York.

NEW-YORK PRICES.

Wheat.	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	77	77¾	75 11-16	76¾	76⅛
March	78⅛	78⅛	77⅜	77⅜	77⅞
May	75½	75½	74⅝	74⅝	74⅞
Corn:					
December	—	—	—	43⅝	44
May	44⅛	44⅛	43⅛	43½	43¾
Lard:					
December	—	—	—	$5 67	$5 67

CHICAGO PRICES.

Wheat.	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	68½	68½	67⅛	67⅜	68
May	71	71⅛	69⅞	70⅜	70⅝
July	69	69⅛	68⅛	68⅛	68⅜
Corn:					
December	37⅜	38⅛	37	37⅛	37⅜
May	39⅜	39⅜	38	38⅝	39⅛
July	39⅝	39⅝	38⅝	38⅞	39½
Oats:					
December	26½	26½	26½	26½	27
May	28⅜	28⅜	27⅞	28	28⅛
July	27⅛	27⅛	26½	26½	27
Lard:					
January	$5 52½	$5 52½	$5 40	$5 40	$5 45
May	5 75	5 75	5 65	5 65	5 70
Ribs:					
January	5 02½	5 02½	4 92½	4 92½	5 00
May	5 25	*5 25	5 12½	5 15	5 20
Pork:					
January	10 10	10 20	10 00	10 02½	10 20
May	10 65	10 70	10 37½	10 40	10 55

Receipts of breadstuffs at interior points in thousands, last three ciphers (000) omitted, flour bbls, grain bush, as follows: (Figures are for three days):

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
Chicago	55	141	399	348	30	73
Milwaukee	2	104	44	46	14	29
Minneapolis	—	265	35	38	4	3
Duluth	—	191	39	17	3	30
St. Louis	4	17	28	40	—	—
Kansas City	—	51	17	4	—	—
Toledo	—	47	117	11	2	—
Detroit	—	11	7	2	—	—
Peoria	—	—	47	11	—	—
Totals	61	827	733	517	53	135

Shipments from these points:

Chicago	83	103	146	326	9	23
Milwaukee	11	14	2	2	14	7
Minneapolis	56	61	10	3	2	3
Duluth	—	57	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	15	114	221	49	—	—
Kansas City	—	100	2	3	—	—
Toledo	—	12	85	6	—	—
Detroit	1	8	6	—	—	—
Peoria	—	—	22	7	—	—
Totals	166	469	494	396	25	33

Receipts at Atlantic ports:

New-York	47	521	326	102	24	52
Boston	5	58	9	30	—	—
Philadelphia	—	74	223	13	18	—
Baltimore	33	67	214	15	19	14
New-Orleans	5	38	62	10	—	—
Galveston	—	104	29	—	—	—
Totals	90	862	863	170	61	66

Exports from Atlantic ports:

New-York	35	809	269	32	—	—
Boston	6	125	61	2	—	—
Philadelphia	14	50	37	12	—	—
Baltimore	3	—	111	—	—	—
New-Orleans	1	40	77	—	—	—
Galveston	—	152	—	—	—	—
Totals	59	1,176	555	14	82	—

METALS—The metal market generally continues to make long strides in the way of improvement, both as to business and prices. The changes noted to-day were most gratifying to sellers, copper and tin scoring further gains on urgent demand and light offerings. News from the mines was encouraging, and the general prospect is all that could be desired. The London market continues to show a ready response to changes here. At the close the New-York Metal Exchange called pig iron warrants firm; spot and December, $7 75 nominal. Copper closed firmer, with spot and December quoted $12 90 bid and $13 asked. Tin at the close was higher; spot and December quoted $18 55 bid, $18 70 asked. Lead closed firm; spot, 3c; January, $3 85 bid, $3 90 asked. Spelter closed dull, with January and February quoted $4 90 bid and $5 asked. London closing cables reported copper firm; spot, £56 18s 9d; futures, £57 5s. Tin closed firm; spot, £84 5s; futures, £85. Soft Spanish lead was quoted at £15 2s 6d. Spelter quoted at £23 10s.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—It was a quiet day in the molasses market, buyers showing little disposition to stock up at the present level of values. Holders were firm in their views, however, and refused to grant concessions. Syrups were steady. Quotations follow: New-Orleans centrifugal, common, 9@12c; fair, 13@15c; good, 16@19c; prime, 20@25c; New-Orleans open kettle, common, 32@36c; fair, 28@31c; good, 30@34c; prime, 31@35c; choice, 33@36c; fancy, 40c; Porto Rico, common, nominal; fair, 13@15c; good, 16@18c; prime, 19@20c; fancy, 21@23c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—A better inquiry was noted for berth freights to-day, but prices remained unchanged. We quote: Liverpool, 3⅛d; London, 5d; Glasgow, 5d; Bristol, 5d; Leith, 5d; Hull, 5d; Newcastle, 5d; Antwerp, 5d; Hamburg, 70 pfgs; Rotterdam, 10c; Amsterdam, 10c; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lb, 25c nominal; London, oats, 2s 6d.....FREIGHTS—There was no important change in the condition of the sail tonnage market to-day, there being a good demand for vessels for the coastwise, West India and South American trades, but a scarcity of tonnage. Rates were strong in all departments. The inquiry for steamers for the various trades was light, and rates generally have an easier appearance. To Cork for orders prompt boats are quoted at 3s 10½d and berth terms boats, 3s 6d.

OILS—The trade in cottonseed oil was moderately active, with old prices maintained and a steady undertone reported. Linseed oil steady to firm, and refined petroleum well sustained at old prices. We quote: Petroleum, bbls, $7 50, and in bulk, $5; Philadelphia, bbls, $7 45 and in bulk, $4 95; refined cases, $8 25; crude naphtha, cargoes, $8 50; deodorized, $9.....COTTONSEED OIL—Quoted: Prime crude, 17½@18c; prime crude, f o b mills, 14@14½c; prime summer yellow, 22@22½c; choice summer yellow, 20@21c; butter grades, 25@27c; prime white, 27@27½c; prime winter yellow, 27@28c; linseed, American raw, 39@40c; American boiled, 41@42c; Calcutta raw, 54c; boiled, 43@46c.

PROVISIONS—After a brief opening rise the market settled down under general profit-taking similar to that in grain, and ruled weak all day, closing at about the lowest point.....PORK—Steady. Quoted: Mess, $9 50@$10; family, $10 25@$11; short clear, $10 50@$12 50.....BEEF—Steady. Quoted: Mess, $8 50@$9; family, $10@$11; packet, $9 50@$10; extra India mess, $15@$16.....BEEF HAMS—Dull; quoted at $18@$18 50.....DRESSED HOGS—Stronger. Quoted: Bacon, 4¾c; 180 lb, 4¾c; 160 lb, 5c; pigs, 5¼c.....CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies firmer. Quoted: Smoking bellies, 6c; 10 lb, 5¾c; 12 lb, 5¾c; 14 lb, 5c. Pickled shoulders steady; quoted at 4c. Pickled hams quiet; quoted at 6¾@7c. Western green, 16 lb, 6¾c; Western S P, 6½c.....TALLOW—Dull; City, 3⅝c nominal. Country, 3⅜@3¾c.....LARD—Weaker; quoted at 5.60@5.62½c. City lard quiet; quoted at 5.20c. Refined lard quiet. Quoted: South America, 6c; Continent, 5.20c; Brazil kegs, 7.10c. Compound steady. Quoted: City, 4⅛@4½c; Western, 4⅜@4½c.....STEARINE—Dull. Quoted: Olco, 5¼c asked; city lard stearine, 6@6¼c.

RICE—City and country jobbers were in the market for the medium grades again to-day, paying full rates in nearly all instances. The news from primary points averaged up in favor of sellers, and added to the general strength of the market here. Quotations follow: Domestic, common to low fair, 4@4¼c; fair to good, 4¾@5¼c; prime to choice, 5⅜@6¼c; head, 6¼@7c; 4⅝@5½c; do in bond, 3⅝@4c nominal; Japan, Patna, 5⅛@5⅝c; do in bond, 3⅝@4c nominal; Japan, 5¼@5½c; Java, 4⅝@5⅝c; Rangoon, in bond, 2⅝@2¾c.

SUGAR—The sugar trade is still "guessing." Developments to-day were of such a nature as to inspire the greatest caution on all sides, and in few instances only did buyers purchase more than sufficient to satisfy immediate wants. Rumors flew thick and fast all day, the most sensational coming from Chicago, where the base of operations in the sugar war has recently been established. There were no changes in quotations at the start, although it was commonly reported that refiners were shading prices. Quotations follow: Granulated, 5-lb sacks, 5.00c; dominos, 5¼c; cut loaf and crushed, 5¼c; powdered and coarse powdered, 5¼c; granulated and fine granulated, 5c; coarse granulated and extra fine granulated, 5¼c; confectioners' granulated, 5¼c; cubes, 5⅛c; XXXX powdered and mould A, 5¼c; diamond A, 5c; confectioners' A, 4⅞c; Nos 1, 2 and 3, 4⅝c; No 4, 4.55c; No 5, 4½c; No 6, 4.44c; No 7, 4⅜c; No 8, 4.31c; No 9, 4⅛c; Nos 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 4.18c. The feature of English news was a sharp break in beet sugar in the London market. Cables reported the feeling in that department as flat, with prices lower, present month easing off 2¼d to 9s 6¾d, and next month 1½d to 9s 6¾d. Cane sugar was quiet and featureless, with prices unchanged on the basis of 12s for Java and 10s 6d for fair refining. In the local market raw sugar was inactive and barely steady, with prices about unchanged and largely nominal. Centrifugal 96 test was quoted at 4⅝c; Muscovado 89 test, 3⅞c, and molasses sugar 89 test, 3⅝c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New-York, December 28, 1898.

BEANS AND PEAS—The demand was exceedingly slack both on home and foreign account, but the general position of the market is without change in tone or price. We quote: Beans, marrow, 1898, choice, per bush, $1 50@$1 52½; do medium, 1898, choice, $1 32½; do pea, 1898, choice, $1 25; do red kidney, 1898, choice, $1 75@$1 80; do white kidney, choice, $1 80; do yellow eye, 1898, choice, $1 50@$1 55; do black turtle soup, 1898, $1 65@$1 70; do lima, California, $2 30@$2 35; green peas, bags, 87½@90c; Scotch, bags, $1@$1 02½.

BUTTER—Trade was not so brisk to-day as it was yesterday, but there was a moderate demand for high-class fresh table stock, and the market for such is quite firm. Receipts are running light this week, and this is offsetting the quietness incident to the holidays. Grades under finest are quiet but steady. Exporters are buying a few fresh creameries at about 16@17c, and have taken a few ladles at 13@14c generally. Southampton and Liverpool steamers sailing to-day took out about 2,000 tubs, some 500 tubs of through consignment of the West. We quote: Creamery, Western, extras, per lb, 21c; do firsts, 19@20c; do thirds to seconds, 15@18c; do State, finest, 19@19½c; do firsts, 17½@18½c; do thirds to seconds, 15@17c; Western, June, extras, 19c; do firsts, 17@18c; do Western, held, thirds to seconds, 13½@16½c; State dairy, half-firkin tubs, fall made, finest, 18c; do firsts, 16@17c; do thirds to seconds, 13@15c; State dairy firkins, fancy, 17c; do seconds to firsts, 14@16c; Western imitation creamery, finest, 16½@17c; do firsts, 14½@15½c; do seconds, 13@14c; factory, June, extras, 14c; do seconds to firsts, 13@13½c; factory, fresh, extras, 14½c; do firsts, 14c; do seconds, 13½c; do lower grades, 12@13c; rolls, fresh, fancy, 14@14½c; do common to prime, 12½@13½c.

CHEESE—The market presents the usual holiday dullness, and little movement is expected until after the new year fairly opens. There are no light offerings concentrated that holders are firm in their views, and few care to offer any desirable cheese at present quotations. Skims generally quiet, though we hear of a little inquiry from exporters. Liverpool cable, 49s for both colored and white. We quote: State, full cream, September and October, large colored or white, fancy, per lb, 10½c; do colored and white, November, choice, 9¾@10c; do colored, small, colored or white, fancy, per lb, 11c; do small, November, good to choice, 10@10⅛c; do common to fair, 7@9c; light skims, small, choice, 8@8¾c; do large, choice, 7½@7¾c; part skims, small, choice, 7@7½c; do large, choice, 6½@7c; do good to prime, 5½@6c; do common to fair, 4@5c; full skims, 3@3½c.

EGGS—Continued light receipts and advices of colder weather in the West have given us a stronger market; the fresh stock from the country and from refrigerators are strong, though no important business is reported at any higher prices than lately quoted. We quote: Jersey and nearby, fancy, selected, per doz, 30c; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, average best, 27c; Western, best, 26@26½c; Southern, best, 24½@25½c; refrigerator, fall packed, at mark, 18@22c; do early packed, fancy, 20c; do fair to good, 17½@18½c; do inferior, 15½@16½c; limed, fair to good, 17c.

FRUITS—FRESH—Apples are in light receipt, but there is a fair supply on hand, and trade is quiet at unchanged prices. Cranberries are moving a trifle better, and tone is a little steadier at unchanged prices. Fancy oranges meeting a moderate inquiry; medium and lower qualities dull. We quote: Apples, greening, fancy Northern Spy, $3@$3 50; do Baldwin, $3@$3 50; do common, $2@$2 50; do fair, $1@$1 50; do Russet, $2@$2 50; do Ben Davis, $2@$2 50; apples, $2 50@$3; common to fair grades, all kinds, $2@$2 25; Pacific Coast boxes, 85c@$2 50; grapes, Catawba, per case of 15-lb baskets, $1 65@$1 75; do Concord, $1 75@$2; do Catawba, per small basket, 10@14c; cranberries, Cape Cod, extra fancy varieties, per bbl, $6@$6 50; do common varieties, $5@$6 50; do Jersey, per bbl, $5; do per crate, $1 25@$1 50; Florida oranges, Bright, per box, $3 75@$4 50; Russet, $3@$3 50; grape fruit, $4@$7; tangerines, $4@$6; mandarins, per box, $4@$6.

FRUITS—DRIED—Evaporated apples are meeting a moderate demand, and market rules quiet, though desirable grades are held at late prices. Sun-dried apples in light supply and values somewhat nominal. Chops and waste moving slowly. Small fruits in few hands and generally held steady. California fruit in good demand and firm. We quote: Apples, evaporated, fancy, per lb, 9¼@10c; do choice, 8¾@9¼c; do common to fair, 7@8¼c; do sun-dried, Southern, sliced, 5@7c; do quarters, 5@6½c; do chops, 2¾@3½c; do cores and skins, 2@2¼c; rasp