VALUE OF FARM CROPS.

Agricultural Department Reports $3,404,000,000 for 1907.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Department of Agriculture issued a report to-day giving final estimates of acreage, production and value of farm crops, showing winter wheat acreage to be 28,132,000, production 409,442,000 bushels, and value per bushel 83.2 cents. Spring wheat acreage, 17,079,000; production, 224,645,000 bushels; value, 86 cents. Corn, acreage, 99,931,000; production, 2,592,320,000 bushels; value, 51.7 cents. Oats, acreage, 31,837,000; production, 754,445,000 bushels; value, 44.3 cents.

The average weight per bushel is shown by reports received by the department to be 56.9 pounds for spring wheat, 58.9 pounds for winter wheat and 29.4 pounds for oats.

It was announced that the total value of the farm crops for 1907 covered in to-day's report was $3,404,000,000, an increase of $428,000,000 over last year. The farm value on December 1 of the four crops already mentioned was as follows:

Corn, $1,540,446,000; winter wheat, $361,217,000; spring wheat, $192,220,000; oats, $334,568,000.

The acreage, production and farm value December 1 of other farm crops follow:

	Acres.	Production (bush).	Value per bush.	Value.
Barley	6,448,000	153,317,000	66.6c.	$102,058,000
Rye	1,926,000	31,566,000	73.9c.	23,068,000
Buckwheat	840,000	14,290,000	69.8c.	9,975,000
Flaxseed	2,865,000	25,851,000	95.6c.	24,713,000
Rice	627,300	18,738,000	85.8c.	16,081,000
Potatoes	3,124,000	*297,942,000	61.7c.	183,880,000
Hay	44,028,000	†63,077,000	$11.68	743,507,000
Tobacco	821,000	698,126,000	10.9c.	76,234,000

*Tons. †Pounds.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON.

9,281,077 Bales Ginned Up to December 13.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The census bureau to-day issued a bulletin showing that the total amount of cotton of this year's growth in the United States ginned up to December 13 was 9,281,077 bales, compared with 11,112,789 bales for the same period last year and 9,297,819 bales for the same period in 1905. The total number of active ginneries was 27,152. In this bulletin round bales are counted as half bales. The number of round bales included is 267,485 for 1907, 243,096 for 1906 and 253,137 for 1905. Sea Island included 65,145 for 1907, 49,361 for 1906 and 50,836 for 1905.

The total crop for 1906 was 12,983,201 and for 1905 10,535,105 bales. The percentage of crop ginned to December 13 was 85.6 for 1906 and 88.6 for 1905.

NATIONAL GLASS COMPANY RECEIVER.

Pittsburg Concern Said To Be Embarrassed by Troubles of Subsidiary Firms.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Upon petition of the Fairfield Pot and Clay Company, an Ohio corporation, William P. Knight was appointed receiver of the National Glass Company to-day by Judge Nathaniel Ewing, of the United States Circuit Court, sitting in Pittsburg.

The receivership is said to have been occasioned by the embarrassment of a number of subsidiary concerns, most of which are now in the hands of receivers in state courts.

According to the petition, the National Glass Company has a capitalization of $2,791,775, of which $1,479,100 is common stock and $1,312,675 preferred stock. The assets consist of real estate, patents, bills and accounts receivable and stock in other companies.

It is alleged that the company is threatened with suits and that it is unable to pay obligations in the ordinary course of business. An answer admitting the allegations was also filed. It is signed by A. W. Herron, president of the company.

SEEK TO RECOVER BONDS AND STOCK.

Atlantic Safe Deposit Company Restrained from Transferring Valuable Securities.

Justice Davis, in the Supreme Court, yesterday granted an injunction in a suit brought by Charles A. Douglas and Brainard W. Parker, as collectors of the estate of Ellen M. Colton, who died in Washington on February 10, 1905, against the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company, the Bowling Green Trust Company, the Interboro Bank, the California Safe Deposit and Trust Company, Walter J. Bartnett and David J. Walker, for the recovery of a number of bonds and shares of stock of various railway and mining companies amounting to about $450,000, restraining the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company from disposing of or transferring the securities pending the determination of the action.

The plaintiffs allege in their complaint that they were appointed as collectors of Ellen M. Colton's estate by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and are about to prosecute an action for the recovery of the securities, which, it is alleged, were wrongfully taken by Bartnett and Walker shortly after her death.

THE PRINT CLOTH MARKET.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 20.—The weekly sales in the print cloth market are estimated at 30,000 pieces. The market for the week has been of a quiet character. The tone, which for the last few weeks had been of a downward tendency, is now steadier. Prices are unchanged, and there is a better feeling throughout.

The question as to whether the mills will curtail here is an involved one, and up to the present nothing can be definitely stated as to the course the mills will take in this respect. The prices are: 28-inch 64 squares, nominal; 28-inch 64 by 60, 4⅛ cents; 38½-inch 64 squares, 5⅝ cents.

CONDITION OF TRADE.

"Dun's Review" says:

"Holiday trade assumed normal proportions this week, partly recovering earlier losses in comparison with previous years, and in staple lines there was a better movement in response to more seasonable weather. Although actual business did not increase in the leading industries there was a more confident sentiment regarding the future, numerous inquiries encouraging manufacturers to anticipate a steady improvement in orders early in 1908. Meanwhile inventories are being taken and machinery thoroughly overhauled and repaired for the first time in many years. While several plants resumed others were added to the idle list, and the net change was small. The best news of the week was the official report of foreign commerce in November, which far surpassed any previous monthly record of exports and supplied a favorable international trade balance of $93,655,751. This should make it possible to retain much of the net imports of gold that amounted to $62,847,867. For the last week at this port alone merchandise exports were $3,656,616 larger than in the same week last year, while imports decreased $3,825,304. Currency still commands a small premium, facilitating further imports of specie, and gross gold in the federal Treasury rose above $941,000,000, while deposits of public funds in the national banks increased to $250,000,000. Railway earnings thus far reported for December were 8.2 per cent smaller than last year, but prices of securities recovered moderately. Bank exchanges at New York for the week were 48.3 per cent less than in 1906, and at other leading cities there was a loss of 21.6 per cent."

"Bradstreet's" says:

"Holiday buying has had the centre of the stage, and retail business has felt very perceptibly the influence of the spirit of the season. While much more marked than some time ago, however, the volume of retail buying as a whole is not up to expectations, and is certainly well below a year ago at this date. Wholesale and jobbing business naturally tends toward quiet at this time, and salesmen are very generally in from the road, but the falling off in transactions in these branches from the normal is very marked at present, and the tendency in industrial lines is still toward curtailment, instances of this being found in the iron and steel, bituminous coal, coke, lumber and cotton goods lines, in which latter a canvass is now being made by New England manufacturers as to the future of production. Sentiment as to the outlook for trade next year is very mixed. Conditions in financial circles are still slowly but quite surely approaching normal. From the country at large there is reported a continued easing up of the situation as regards cash payments, and several cities are practically on a cash basis, with Clearing House certificates being cancelled and cashiers' checks and emergency currency being retired; but it is to be noted that the premium on currency is still maintained at several large cities, and until this disappears the normal cannot be said to have been restored."

RAILROAD EARNINGS.

	1907.	1906.	1905.
CENTRAL OF GEORGIA.			
Number of miles	1,913	1,889	—
Second week in Dec	$219,600	$238,300	$242,300
July 1 to Dec. 14	5,787,000	5,529,400	5,316,545
CHICAGO, INDIANAPOLIS & LOUISVILLE.			
Number of miles	546	546	546
Second week in Dec	$78,331	$104,156	$110,030
July 1 to Dec. 14	2,697,830	2,839,580	2,863,592
DETROIT & MACKINAC.			
Second week in Dec	$16,302	$23,246	$21,520
July 1 to Dec. 14	578,533	556,452	470,645
DULUTH, SOUTH SHORE & ATLANTIC.			
Number of miles	574	574	530
Second week in Dec	$49,521	$51,259	$49,175
July 1 to Dec. 14	1,651,392	1,537,843	1,460,711
HIDALGO & NORTHEASTERN.			
Second week in Dec	$21,365	$23,000	—
July 1 to Dec. 14	452,662	460,217	—
INTEROCEANIC OF MEXICO.			
Second week in Dec	$134,377	$143,195	$144,135
July 1 to Dec. 14	3,300,935	3,113,757	2,681,615
IOWA CENTRAL.			
Number of miles	558	558	558
Second week in Dec	$54,442	$57,744	$59,904
July 1 to Dec. 14	1,471,091	1,467,429	1,356,481
LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE.			
Second week in Dec	$784,855	$984,140	$864,440
July 1 to Dec. 14	22,776,895	21,635,841	19,173,182
MINNEAPOLIS & ST. LOUIS.			
Second week in Dec	$70,907	$67,995	$71,028
July 1 to Dec. 14	2,001,456	1,798,646	1,858,114
MEXICAN INTERNATIONAL.			
Second week in Dec	$158,485	$169,030	$148,657
July 1 to Dec. 14	3,797,470	3,557,025	2,952,915
MINERAL RANGE.			
Second week in Dec	$14,586	$14,642	$18,771
July 1 to Dec. 14	389,055	361,066	345,920
MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL & SAULT STE. MARIE.			
Number of miles	1,042	1,394	1,392
Second week in Dec	$220,783	$214,179	$229,634
July 1 to Dec. 14	6,149,777	6,328,028	5,546,184
NATIONAL OF MEXICO.			
Second week in Dec	$285,984	$278,391	$255,061
July 1 to Dec. 14	7,284,957	6,652,032	5,883,111
RIO GRANDE SOUTHERN.			
Second week in Dec	$11,721	$13,008	$11,745
July 1 to Dec. 14	309,636	290,304	267,274
ST. LOUIS SOUTHWESTERN.			
Number of miles	1,298	1,298	1,298
Second week in Dec	$179,827	$216,034	$191,012
July 1 to Dec. 14	4,929,634	4,764,080	4,148,413
TOLEDO, PEORIA & WESTERN.			
Number of miles	248	248	248
Second week in Dec	$22,557	$23,758	$26,070
July 1 to Dec. 14	570,708	582,358	622,280
WHEELING & LAKE ERIE.			
Second week in Dec	$87,725	$118,609	$108,228
July 1 to Dec. 14	3,142,192	2,857,514	2,646,060
KANSAS CITY SOUTHERN.			
Month of November—			
Number of miles	827	827	827
Gross earnings	$812,534	$752,647	$677,875
Expenses and taxes	595,607	448,585	469,971
Net earnings	$216,927	$304,062	$207,904
July 1 to Nov. 30—			
Gross earnings	$4,358,464	$3,572,803	$2,957,626
Operating expenses	2,609,218	2,285,627	2,307,104
Net earnings 5 mos	$1,449,246	$1,287,176	$650,522
MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY.			
Month of November—			
Gross earnings	$296,184	$263,260	$232,635
Operating expenses	182,637	174,933	153,627
Net earnings	$113,547	$88,327	$79,008
Charges	41,655	39,276	22,074
Surplus	$71,892	$49,051	$56,934
Oct. 1 to Nov. 30—			
Gross earnings	$608,082	$545,082	$482,423
Operating expenses	347,212	331,173	295,308
Net earnings 2 mos	$260,870	$213,909	$187,115
Charges	84,944	79,886	43,137
Surplus	$175,926	$134,023	$143,978
ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM & ATLANTIC.			
Month of October—			
Gross earnings	$171,939	$142,297	$92,496
Expenses and taxes	131,497	94,641	66,651
Net earnings	$40,442	$47,656	$25,845
July 1 to October 31—			
Gross earnings	$665,027	$506,085	$369,069
Operating expenses	498,837	360,954	247,858
Net earnings 4 mos	$166,190	$145,131	$121,211
ROCK ISLAND SYSTEM.			
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Month of October—			
Gross earnings	$5,886,793	$5,354,448	$4,842,716
Expenses and taxes	4,121,353	3,484,694	3,221,292
Net earnings	$1,765,460	$1,879,754	$1,621,424
July 1 to October 31—			
Gross earnings	$22,254,467	$19,630,047	$17,915,079
Expenses and taxes	16,169,162	13,079,627	12,320,590
Net earnings 4 mos	$6,085,305	$6,600,420	$5,594,519
ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO. (Including Chicago & Eastern Illinois.)			
Month of October—			
Gross earnings	$4,794,404	$4,319,182	$3,719,928
Expenses and taxes	3,486,610	2,845,350	2,490,624
Net earnings	$1,307,794	$1,473,332	$1,229,304
July 1 to October 31—			
Gross earnings	$18,364,315	$15,781,298	$13,971,587
Expenses and taxes	13,605,467	10,345,689	9,296,270
Net earnings 4 mos	$4,758,848	$5,445,609	$4,675,317
EVANSVILLE & TERRE HAUTE. (Including Evansville & Indiana.)			
Month of October—			
Gross earnings	$225,648	$204,703	$202,405
Expenses and taxes	150,681	124,165	107,184
Net earnings	$72,967	$80,538	$95,221
July 1 to October 31—			
Gross earnings	$863,523	$811,284	$777,414
Expenses and taxes	581,794	480,546	407,768
Net earnings 4 mos	$281,729	$330,838	$369,646
ALL LINES.			
Gross earnings	$10,904,845	$9,888,333	$8,765,049
Expenses and taxes	7,758,625	6,454,710	5,819,009
Net earnings	$3,146,220	$3,433,623	$2,945,950
July 1 to October 31—			
Gross earnings	$41,482,306	$36,282,730	$32,664,081
Expenses and taxes	30,356,424	23,905,863	22,024,599
Net earnings 4 mos	$11,125,882	$12,376,867	$10,639,482

UNION PACIFIC.

The balance sheet of the Union Pacific Railway as of June 30 last compares with that of a year ago as follows:

Assets—	1907.	—Changes.—	
Cost railways, equipm't, etc.	$373,951,998	Inc.	$20,378,843
Cost extensions	1,290,689	Inc.	694,307
Stocks and bonds owned	209,406,812	Inc.	112,625,006
Trust funds	300,465	Inc.	48,453
Cash	7,520,849	Dec.	13,738,034
Demand loans	3,050,000	Dec.	31,660,000
Time loans	5,738,923	Dec.	621,122
Dividends and interest accr'd	3,370,186	Inc.	1,407,895
Individuals and companies	1,069,455	Inc.	310,443
U. S. Gov'm't transportation	9,884,409	Inc.	2,051,621
Material and fuel	1,074,065	Dec.	88,703
Miscellaneous current assets	26,212,601	Inc.	3,375,999
Adv. construction etc.			17,300,000
Payments account of San P. L. A. & S. L. R. R.	5,126,707		
Ocean steamships	11,503,580	Inc.	5,719,243
Rolling stock	884,659	Dec.	78,540
Due from proprietary companies	39,651	Dec.	84,694
Miscellaneous deferred assets	319,031	Dec.	68,276
Unadjusted accounts	3,281,855	Inc.	354,029
Land and town lots			
Totals	$661,826,035	Inc.	$83,326,458
Liabilities—			
Common stock	$195,477,900	Inc.	$31,000
Preferred stock	99,544,100		
Other stocks	36,210	Dec.	1,870
Funded debt	201,065,500	Dec.	466,500
Coupons due July 1	2,528,095		
Interest accrued	1,878,816	Inc.	1,250,857
Dividends payable	11,765,105	Inc.	323
Loans and bills payable	69,050,220	Inc.	69,050,220
Vouchers and payrolls	6,721,596	Inc.	894,250
Miscell. current liabilities	208,763	Inc.	28,749
Taxes assessed not due	985,218	Inc.	55,240
Insurance fund	492,077	Inc.	39,555
Equipm't replenishment fund	204,329	Inc.	72,091
Reserved for dep'n	1,111,654	Inc.	348,597
Reserved for betterments, etc.	4,678,351		
Reserved for maint, ins, etc.	4,774,619		
Union Pacific Coal Company	2,848,830	Inc.	723,639
Due prop'ty companies	455,020	Dec.	393,554
Union Pacific Land Company	2,081,560	Inc.	1,095,090
Deferred land payments	3,281,855	Inc.	354,029
Miscell. contingent liabilities	158,500	Inc.	106,621
P. & L. surplus	52,977,821	Inc.	10,181,735
Totals	$661,826,035	Inc.	$83,326,458

BALTIMORE STOCKS.

(Furnished by Van Schaick & Co., No. 7 Wall street.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
United Railway	8	10	Cotton Duck	7	10
do incomes	45	45½	do incomes	23	30
do 4s	81	81½	Norf Ry & L 5s	90	95
G E & W T	3	5	Light & P pref	—	40
do incomes	13¼	14	do 4½s	68	72
do 1sts	41	42	Chas City Ry 5s	60	65
Seaboard	12	15	Chas Con Elec 5s	90	96
do 1st pref	52	60	Cent Trust	150	165
do 2d pref	25	35	Union Trust	—	60
do 4s	65½	67	Third Nat Bank	112	125
Balt Traction 5s	90	93	Fidelity & Dep	—	118
Consol Gas	—	90	Maryland Trust	—	55
do 6s	103	103½	Nor Cent Ry	80¼	80¾

COBALT STOCKS.

(Furnished by Wills & Co., No. 43 Exchange Place.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Buffalo	$1 50	$2 00	Nipissing	$5 90	$6 10
Central	19	23	Peterson Lake	10	13
Foster	55	60	Nova Scotia	15	20
Kerr Lake	2 50	4 00	Watts	35	—
McKinley	80	90	Cobalt Lake	9	10
Silver Leaf	5½	9½	Coniagas	3 90	4 05
Silver Queen	60	75	Greene Meehan	9	15
Trethewey	45	51			

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS.

(Furnished by Charles D. Barney & Co., No. 25 Broad street, New York, and No. 122 South 4th street, Philadelphia.)

	Bid.	Asked.		Bid.	Asked.
Am Cement	31	33	Lehigh Val R R	57½	58
Am Ry Co	44	44¼	Marsden	¾	1
Cambria Steel	27	27¼	Phila Co	35	36
Con Tr of N J	60	61	do pref	36	37
Elec St Bat Co	26½	29	Penn R R Co	56¼	56⅝
Elec Co of Am	8⅝	9	Penn Steel Co	60	61
Fairmount Trac	9	10	do pref	85	87
Gen Asphalt	3	15	Phila Elec Co	6½	6⅝
do pref	13	20½	Phila Rap Tr	17¾	18
Ins Co of N A	29	30	Smokeless Pow	6	9
Lake Sup Corp	4	5	Union Traction	47½	48
do pref	17	18	Un Gas Imp Co	74¼	74¾
Lehigh Nav	77	78	Welsbach Co	25	26
			BONDS.		
Am Ry conv 5s	95	95½	Phila Elec 4s	63	63¼
Elec & Peo 4s	86	86¼	do 5s	95	95½
N J Con 5s	98½	99	Phila Co 5s	90	90½
Peo Pass Ry 4s	86	86½			

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL DOMESTIC RECEIPTS.

New York, December 20, 1907.

Beans, white, bbls	482	Oranges (Fla), cases	9,425
Flour, bbls	3,589	Oranges (Cal), cases	5,400
Flour, sacks	23,769	Lemons (Cal), cases	650
Cornmeal, bags	600	Prunes (Cal), pkgs	5,950
Wheat, bush	230,000	Apples, bbls	7,756
Corn, bush	2,150	Potatoes, bbls	6,275
Oats, bush	55,500	Onions, bbls	1,425
Rye, bush	4,875	Cranberries, pkgs	675
Buckwheat, bush	3,900	Dried fruit, pkgs	2,100
Barley, bush	2,400	Rosin, bbls	925
Malt, bush	7,500	Spirits turp, bbls	125
Rice, bbls	75	Crude turp, bbls	175
Rice, pkts	2,495	Tar, bbls	115
Hay, tons	640	Sugar, bbls	2,250
Straw, tons	70	Sugar, bags	40,000
Millfeed, tons	79	Oil, lard, bbls	100
Hops, bales	1,078	Oleo stock, pkgs	495
Flaxseed, bush	53,000	Peanuts, bags	700
Beef, bbls	105	Pecans, pkgs	210
Beef (canned), cases	3,115	Tobacco, hhds	115
Pork, bbls	352	Tobacco, tierces	50
Hams, pkgs	252	Tobacco, pkgs	900
Bacon, pkgs	349	Whiskey, bbls	613
Cut meats, pkgs	1,426	Wool, bales	100
Lard, tierces	1,088	Cotton, bales	1,575
Lard, kegs	3,045	Cottonseed oil, bbls	2,805
Tallow, pkgs	84	Copper, pieces	4,750
Grease, pkgs	135	Copper matte, bags	306
Butter, pkgs	3,920	Lead, pigs	350
Cheese, pkgs	3,626	Hides, bdls	850
Eggs, cases	7,080	Wine (Cal), bbls	1,200
Dressed poultry, pkgs	7,568	Brandy (Cal), bbls	325
Live poultry, crates	374		

EXPORTS.

Wheat, bush	11,746	Refined pet, gals	580,760
Corn, bush	43,338	Naphtha, gals	135,500
Oats, bush	625	Gasolene, gals	10,000
Rye, bush	60,396	Cottonseed oil, gals	60,225
Flaxseed, bush	16,817	Lubricating oil, gals	86,800
Peas, bush	75	Pork, bbls	233
Beans, bush	1,464	Beef, bbls	257
Flour, bbls	3,779	Beef, tcs	23
Flour, sacks	6,327	Bacon, lb	363,825
Cornmeal, bbls	65	Hams, lb	2,000
Grass seed, bags	2,188	Lard, lb	317,100
Whiskey, gals	100	Tallow, lb	42,000
Spirits turp, gals	35,750	Grease, lb	8,000
Rosin, bbls	3,970	Cheese, lb	8,440

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, Nor. No 1 dly	$18 50	Cotton, middling	11.80
Steel rails	28 00	Coffee, No 7 Rio	6¾
Lake copper ingots	13 17½	Sugar, granulated	4.80
Tin	27 02½	Molasses, O K, prime	40
Exchange lead	3 40	Beef, family	$15 00
Spelter	5 15	Beef hams	25 50
Wheat, No 2 red	1 07½	Tallow, prime	5 1-16
Corn, No 2 mixed	66⅝	Pork, mess	14 87½
Oats, 26 to 32 lb	54½	Hogs, dressed, 160 lb.	6¾
Flour, Mpls, patents	5 75	Lard, prime	8 20

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New York, December 20, 1907.

COFFEE—The coffee market had another quiet day, sales being reported of about 14,000 bags. The close was dull, 5 points net lower to 5 points higher. The market opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points, in response to rather disappointing early cables, and as a result of scattered realizing or liquidation. Later cables were steadier, however, and the market here advanced on some positions during the session. Brazilian news continued encouraging from a bullish standpoint, as receipts continued light on the average, but no fresh feature appeared in the situation and there was a continued absence of general interest. Wall Street was credited with buying a little coffee during the middle of the day, but the demand from this source was not on important enough a scale to attract much attention. Houses with European connections were among the sellers. The primary markets were 50 reis lower and receipts were a little heavier than those reported the previous day, but so far for the week have averaged much smaller figures of two years ago. The two ports had 26,000 bags, against 21,000 two years ago, and Jundiahy receipts were 15,000 bags, against 9,000 two years ago. Warehouse deliveries are running rather lighter than they were at the same time last month. New York reporting 9,076 bags yesterday, against 7,296 one year ago and 14,216 two years ago. The market for spot coffee was quiet but steady, with quotations on the basis of 6¼c for Rio No 7.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	5.75	5.75	5.75	5.70@5.75	5.75
January	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70@5.75	5.70
February	—	—	—	5.75@5.80	5.75
March	5.85	5.85	5.85	5.85@5.90	5.85
April	—	—	—	5.90@5.95	5.90
May	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.95@6.00	5.95
June	—	—	—	6.00@6.05	6.00
July	—	—	—	6.00@6.10	6.00
August	—	—	—	6.05@6.10	6.05
September	6.15	6.15	6.15	6.10@6.15	6.10
October	—	—	—	6.10@6.15	6.10
November	—	—	—	6.15@6.20	6.10

COTTON—The cotton market had a very sharp advance during the early session as a result of covering after the publication of the census report, but later eased off under realizing and Wall Street bear pressure, with the close steady at a net advance of 10@14 points. The opening was firm at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 11 points, and inside of the first half hour the active months showed net gains of 23@25 points. Shorts were the big buyers on the advance, and when demand from this source subsided the market became rather quiet and easier, with fluctuations irregular during the afternoon. The close was steadied by covering. The census report showed 9,281,000 bales ginned to December 13, against 11,112,000 last year and 9,297,000 two years ago. This showing was not as bullish as had been looked for or predicted a week or two ago, but it was a little better than suggested by the report of the National Ginners' Association, issued on the previous day, and evidently disappointed some of the local short interest, which had the figures indicated a very small crop, but their circulation seemed to be attracting no fresh demand of consequence to the market, and as soon as this became apparent Wall Street bears turned sellers on their expectation of decreased requirements. Liverpool cabled that the Indian crop was officially estimated at 1,000,000 bales less than last year, but as yet this bull argument this is modified by fear of famine conditions in India and a consequent falling off in the demand for cotton goods from Manchester for that country. Superintendent King's weekly movement figures follow: Port receipts, 400,215 bales, against 353,701 last year; overland to Northern mills and Canada, 20,852 bales, against 20,494 last year; Southern mill takings, estimated, 63,000, against 71,000 last year; gain of stock at interior towns, 21,512, against 28,440 last year; brought into sight for the week, 505,629 bales, against 511,635 last year. Total crop movement—Port receipts, 4,450,899 bales, against 4,691,761 last year; overland to mills and Canada, 227,661 bales, against 448,539 last year; Southern mill takings, 684,000 bales, against 887,000 last year; stock at interior towns in excess of September 1, 400,336 bales, against 539,739 last year; brought into sight thus far this season, 5,762,896 bales, against 6,571,992 last year. The total crop movement is for 111 days this season, against 112 days last season.

Note—Deductions from gross overland this week include 3,652 shipped from St. Louis to Pacific ports.

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

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
December	11.20	11.20	11.13	11.15@11.18	11.05
January	10.34	10.58	10.32	10.47@10.48	10.35
February	10.50	10.60	10.50	10.62@10.64	10.49
March	10.58	10.83	10.57	10.72@10.73	10.58
April	10.74	10.84	10.74	10.74@10.75	10.62
May	10.70	10.88	10.68	10.76@10.77	10.64
June	10.68	10.68	10.68	10.76@10.78	10.64
July	10.67	10.80	10.66	10.72@ —	10.59
August	10.50	10.55	10.50	10.50@10.55	10.39

The local market for spot cotton was steady, with prices 10 points higher, at 11.80c for middling upland and 12.65c for middling Gulf. Sales, 1,800 bales. Southern spot markets were telegraphed as follows: Mobile quiet, 5-16c lower, at 11c; sales, 100 bales. Savannah dull, unchanged at 11 1-16c; sales, 2,760 bales. Norfolk steady, ¼c lower at 11¼c; sales, 706 bales. Baltimore nominal, unchanged at 11½c. Augusta steady, 1-16c lower at 11 3-16c. Little Rock steady, ⅛c lower at 10⅞c. St Louis quiet, ⅛c lower at 11⅞c; sales, 76 bales. Galveston quiet, unchanged at 11 1/16c; sales, 1,480 bales. New Orleans easy, unchanged at 11⅜c; sales, 3,850 bales. Houston quiet, unchanged at 11 9-16c; sales, 252 bales. Charleston quiet, unchanged at 11c. Estimated receipts at leading points for Saturday: At Galveston, 16,000 to 18,000 bales, against 18,783 bales last week and 23,387 bales last year; at New Orleans, 10,000 to 12,000 bales, against 17,628 bales last week and 14,337 bales last year, and at Houston, 9,500 to 10,500 bales, against 17,844 bales last week and 17,218 bales last year.

Cotton Exchange special Liverpool cables: Spot quieter; sales, 7,000 bales; speculation and export, 500; American, 6,000. Receipts, 5,000 bales; American, 3,000; middling upland, 6.10d. Futures opened steady at 7 to 8 points decline. Closed quiet at a net decline of 1 point to an advance of 1 point. December and December-January, 5.73d; January-February, 5.74d; February-March, 5.74d; March-April, 5.75d; April-May, 5.75½d; May-June, 5.76d; June-July, 5.75½d; July-August, 5.72d; August-September, 5.68d; September-October, 5.51d; October-November, 5.41d. Manchester—Yarns dull, cloths irregular.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Flour was firm to-day, in sympathy with strength in wheat. Business was checked by the late advance. The only sales of moment were in spring grades. Rye flour is in moderate demand at old prices. The following are prices quoted on the New York Produce Exchange: FLOUR—Spring patents, $5 40@$6 35; winter straights, $4 50@$4 70; winter patents, $4 85@$5 25; spring clears, $4 50@$4 70; winter clears, $4@$5 25; rye flour, $3 75@$3 95. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Market steady. Quoted at $3 per 100 lb. RYE FLOUR—Market firm. Quoted: Fair to good, $4 85@$5 15; choice to fancy $5 20@$5 40. CORNMEAL—Market firm. Quoted: Kiln dried, $3 35@$3 55. BAG MEAL—Market steady. Quoted: Fine white and yellow, $1 35@$1 37; coarse, $1 30@$1 32. FEED—Western and city easy. Quoted: Western, spring, $26 50; standard middling, $26; flour do, $27 50; red dog, $29 75, all December shipment; city bran, $25 in bulk, $26 50@$27 in sacks; middling, $26 50@$29; red dog, $30; hominy chop, $27 in bulk, $28 29 in sacks; oatmeal, $31 50@$32.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Prices were advanced to about highest levels of the week to-day by renewed and apparently reliable reports about further rains in Argentina. A late Broomhall message estimated 25 per cent damage in portions of Buenos Ayres province from recent rains. Coming on a market already short and very sensitive to bull news, the Argentine advices had an exceptionally strong effect and May touched $1 13½ in New York and $1 07¼ in Chicago before the upward movement was checked. Liverpool was equally positive over the Argentine news, as shown by the fact that whereas early in the day it was ½@¾d net lower it closed strong at 1d net advance. A long delay in getting the government report, which was due at 1 o'clock, kept the afternoon market here in a very nervous state right up to the close. There was a reaction of about ¾c from top at one time on lighter weekly clearances and moderate unloading because of the delay in getting official figures, but the market at the close was quite steady at a net advance under the top. The government figures finally appeared at about 2:30 o'clock, showing a winter wheat crop of 450,442,000 bushels and spring 224,645,000 bushels, representing a total crop of 674,087,000 bushels, compared with the October estimate of 625,567,000 bushels and last year's crop of 735,260,000 bushels. The trade was inclined to accept the figures as rather bearish in view of the increase over October, although there was no attempt to break the market, and on the late curb May was a trifle higher at $1 13¾. Two prominent Northwest authorities were credited with an estimate of 575,000,000 for the spring wheat, but this was about as bullish as anything yet put out. "The Modern Miller" report on winter wheat conditions was unfavorable, reporting Hessian fly in Oklahoma. Along export lines there was considerable of interest to the bulls. Notwithstanding recent indifference, as indicated by the daily advices, it came to light that at least a million bushels of Manitoba wheat had been sold for export during the week and not previously reported, most of the business being done at Buffalo by sample. In addition, thirty-six loads were reported to-day and late Thursday. Seaboard clearances for the day ran up to about half a million bushels, and interior receipts were a shade over last year. The cash market in New York was quoted as follows: No 2 red, $1 06 elevator and $1 07¼ f o b afloat; Nos 2 and 1 Northern Duluth, $1 24, and No 2 hard winter, $1 17¼ f o b afloat. CORN—The corn market had good support all day and was generally firm and higher, except for a slight reaction near the close. Private advices said that the Nebraska corn movement was very light, while the Eastern demand continued good, with a lack of available export grades checking business in that direction. Sales for the day amounted to about five loads. The government report showed a crop of 2,592,320,000 bushels, compared with 2,927,416,000 bushels last year. The figures were about 38,000,000 more than the November indication. No 2 corn closed 72c elevator and 68¾c f o b afloat. No 2 white, 66⅝c f o b afloat. OATS—The market for oats was hig