—Steady; mess, $23 25@$23 75; family, $24 50@$27; short clear, $20 25@$22. BEEF—Mess, $18@$18 50; family, $19@$20; packet, $18 50@$19 50; extra India mess, $28@$30. DRESSED HOGS—10¾@11¼c; pigs, 11¾c. CUT MEATS—Pickled bellies dull; 10 lb, 15¾c; 12 lb, 13¾c; 14 lb, 12¾c; pickled hams, steady; 13½c. TALLOW—Quiet; special, 7⅛c; city, 6⅝c; country, 6@6⅛c. LARD—Steady; middle West, 10.70@10.80c; city, 10⅝c; refined quiet; South America, 12c; Continent, 11.30c; Brazil, kegs, 13c; compound quiet; 8⅝@8⅞c. STEARINE—Dull; oleo, 9¾c; city lard, 11½c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Was only moderately active and developed a slightly easier tone after a steady opening, closing at 2 points advance on December and 1 to 2 points lower for the other months. Crude oil supplies are liberal, and cash demand was inactive. The census report gave the amount of seed crushed to December 1 at 2,291,276 tons. As this was the first time a report of this kind had been given at this date, there were no comparisons available, but the trade was inclined to take a rather bearish view of the figures. Local contract prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
Spot....	—	—	—	6.70@6.75	6.65
Dec....	6.74	6.74	6.70	6.70@6.75	6.68
Jan....	6.75	6.75	6.73	6.74@6.75	6.75
Feb....	—	—	—	6.85@6.88	6.85
March.	7.01	7.01	6.99	7.00@7.01	7.02
April..	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.08@7.11	7.09
May...	7.20	7.20	7.19	7.19@7.20	7.20
June...	—	—	—	7.26@7.26	7.22
July...	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.29@7.31	7.30

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—There was a fair inquiry for grocery grades of molasses, and prices were firm. Syrups steady.

NAVAL STORES—Turpentine quiet and unchanged. Rosin showed no particular feature. Tar was dull.

OILS—Refined petroleum unchanged. Linseed oil quiet.

RICE—Quiet and nominal.

SUGAR—No improvement in the demand for refined and prices were unchanged at 4.20@4.25c for fine granulated. Raw was somewhat demoralized, and there were rumors of sugar for nearby shipment being sold at much below the last figures. As a result price were weaker, with centrifugal quoted at 3.24c; muscovado, 2.96c; molasses, 2.49c, and cost and freight, 1⅞c. There was said to have been a sale of Cubas for late December or early January shipment at 1⅞c, cost and freight, equal to 3.24c for centrifugal, but particulars could not be obtained. The market was influenced by the poor demand for refined and the lack of interest even at the lower prices. In London beet sugar was easier, and the early cable reported sellers at 8s 10½d for December, 9s for January and 9s 3¾d for May, with the curb at 8s 10d for December, 8s 11¾d for January and 9s 3½d for May. London cabled the visible supply at 3,550,000 tons, against 2,380,000 last week.

COUNTRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

New York, December 18, 1913.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,113 pkgs. Improvement in quality of fresh creamery tends to soften the tone a little, especially as trade is light. Secondary grades slow and easy. Process quiet, but steady. Creamery, extras, 36@37c; firsts, 28@34c; seconds, 24@27c; thirds, 22@23c; held, extras, 32@33c; held, firsts, 27½@31c; seconds, 23½@26½c; thirds, 22@23c; state dairy, finest, 31@33c; good to prime, 26@30c; common to fair, 20@25c; process, extras, 24½@25½c; firsts, 23@24c; seconds, 20@22c; imitation creamery, firsts, 22½@23½c; factory, held, 21@22c; current make, firsts, 21@21½c; seconds, 19½@20c; thirds, 18@19c; packing stock, held, 19½@20½c; current make, No 2, 19@19½c; No 3, 17½@18½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,482 boxes. Trading quiet on colored. A little more activity on higher grades of white and slightly higher prices being bid. State, whole milk, held, colored, specials, 16¾c; white, 16¾@17c; average, fancy, 16¼@16½c; fresh, colored, specials, 16c; white, 16@16¼c; average fancy, 15½@15¾c; under grades, 12½@15½c; daisies, held, best, 16¾c; Wisconsin, daisies, held, best, 16@16½c; fresh, 16c; twins and flats, held, best, 16@16½c; state, skims, held, specials, 13@13½c; choice, 11@12c; fresh, choice, 10½@11½c; poor to fair, 5@10c; full skims or badly defective, 2@4c.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,939 cases. Fresh gathered eggs unsettled and irregular. Offerings appear to be more than sufficient for needs, and holders with a surplus are anxious to sell. Sales under the call on Change ranged at 33@33½c for firsts. Storage eggs quiet, and while most holders ask unchanged prices sales in any quantity would require concession. Fresh gathered, extras, dozen, 36c; extra firsts, 34@35c; firsts, 33@33½c; seconds, 30@32c; dirties, 25@27c; checks, 23@25c; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, 30c; firsts, 29@29½c; seconds, 27½@28½c; lower grades, 23@27c; nearby, hennery whites, fine to fancy, 40@42c; gathered, fine to finest, 40c; fair to good, 36@38c; small or defective, $2@35c; Western, gathered, 34@38c; nearby, hennery brown, 36c; gathered and mixed, 33@35c; fresh, foreign, 120-dozen cases, fair to prime, 26@30c; held fresh, poor to fair, 22@26c; refrigerator, poor to good, 23@25c; limed, fair to prime, 22½@24c.

FRUITS — FRESH — Receipts of apples, 3,826 bbls. Apples barely steady. Pears weak except Kieffer, which rule firm. APPLES, Jonathan, bbl, $2 50@$6; Twenty Ounce, $2 50@$4; Snow and Spy, $2 50@$5; Spitzenburg, Baldwin and Hubbardson, $2 50@$4 50; York Imperial, $3@$4 50; Greening, $2@$4 50; King, $3@$5; Ben Davis, $2 25@$3 75; Far Western box apples, $1 50@$2 85; PEARS, Bartlett, bbl, $6@$8; Seckel, $4 50@$6 50; Duchess and Sheldon, $4@$5; Lawrence, $4@$4 50; Kieffer, $2@$3 50; bushel Seckel, $1 50; Bartlett, $5@$8; Clairgeau, $5@$6 50; CRANBERRIES, Cape Cod, late, bbl, $8 50@$10; New York crate, $1 85@$2 25; Early Black, bbl, $6 50@$7 50; bushel crate, $2@$2 25; New York, $1 60@$1 85; defective, bbl, $3@$6; Long Island, crate, $7@$10; Early Black, $6 50@$8; Jersey, fancy, large, late, $8@$8 50; ordinary sorts, $6 50@$7 50; crate, $1 75@$2 25; STRAWBERRIES, Florida, quart, 40@65c; ORANGES, Florida, box, $1@$3; Porto Rico, $1@$2; Isle of Pine, 80c@$1 50; Jamaica and Nassau, $1@$1 50; California, $1 15@$4 50; GRAPEFRUIT, Florida, box, $2@$4; Cuban, $1 25@$2 50; Isle of Pine, $1 25@$2 75; Porto Rico, $1 88@$3 63; Jamaica and Nassau, $1@$2 50; PINEAPPLES, Porto Rico, crate, $1@$2 75; Cuban and Florida, $1@$2 50.

HAY AND STRAW — Market generally steady, with moderate offerings of high grade timothy. HAY—Large baled, ton, timothy, No 1, $20 50@$21 50; No 2 to standard, $15@$20; light, clover, mixed, $18 50@$19 50; other mixed, $14@$18 50; No 1 clover, $17@$18; RYE STRAW, $17@$18; OAT STRAW, $12. (Small baled hay 2½@5c lower than large.)

POULTRY—ALIVE—Receipts unloaded, 19 carloads by freight and about 2 cars by express. Trading moderate and feeling somewhat unsettled. CHICKENS, lb, 13½@14c; FOWLS, 16@16½c; OLD ROOSTERS, 12c; TURKEYS, mixed, 18c; DUCKS, spring, 16@18c; GEESE, lb, 14c; GUINEAS, pair, 65c; PIGEONS, pair, 20c. DRESSED—Receipts, 13,707 pkgs. Movement in turkeys moderate early, but receivers feel a little more steady, and the market appears to be in good healthy shape, on the basis of 24c for strictly fancy Western, in boxes, and 23@23½c in barrels. Tennessees and Kentuckies held at 22@22½c. There is considerable stock here of Western, of simply good average quality, which are urging for sale at 22@22½c. Chickens and fowls in fair demand for strictly large fancy roasting chickens and heavy fowls, and prices firm, especially on scalded stock, but medium sized chickens and small fowls dull. Ducks and geese firm for fancy. Fresh killed—TURKEYS, dry packed, Maryland, Delaware and Jersey, hens appealing to the trade, fancy, 25c; large toms, 23@24c; poor, 18c; Virginia, fancy, 24@25c; poor to fair, 18@20c; state and Pennsylvania, fancy, 24@25c; Western, small boxes, dry picked, fancy, 24c; bbls, 23@23½c; average, 20@22c; scalded, fancy, 23½c; Ohio and Michigan, bbls, fancy, 24c; Tennessee and Kentucky, average best, 21½@22½c; poor, 16@18c; Baltimore, scalded, 20½@21c; Texas, average, 20@21c; old, 21@22c; BROILERS, dry packed, 12 to box, milk fed, fancy, 18@24 lb to dozen, 24½@25c; 25 to 29 lb, 22c; corn fed, 18 to 24 lb, 22@23c; 25 to 30 lb, 19@20c; CHICKENS, dry packed, 12 to box, milk fed, 31 to 47 lb to dozen, 18@19c; 60 lb and over, 21½c; 48 lb and over, 20½c; corn fed, 31 to 47 lb, 16@17c; 60 lb and over, 20c; 48 lb and over, 18½@19c; BROILERS, bbls, Philadelphia, fancy, 1½ to 2 lb each, 26@28c; average, 23@24c; Pennsylvania, fancy, 24@25c; Virginia, milk fed, 23c; Western, 21@21½c; corn fed, 17c; Michigan, scalded, 17c; other Western, 16½c; CHICKENS, frying, 5 to 6 lb to pair, Philadelphia, fancy, 18@20c; Pennsylvania, average, 16@17c; Western and Virginia, milk fed, average, 17c; corn fed, mixed, 14½c; Michigan, scalded, 14c; other Western 13½c; roasting, Philadelphia, fancy, lb, 23@25c; Pennsylvania, 19@20c; Pennsylvania and Virginia, mixed, 17@18c; Western, milk fed, fancy, 20c; 3½ lb each, 17½c; corn fed, fancy, 5 lb, 18½c; 4 to 4½ lb, 17½@18c; Michigan, fancy, 18c; other Western, scalded, 17c; FOWLS, 12 to box, Western, boxes, 60 lb and over to dozen, dry picked, 19c; 48 to 55 lb, 18c; 43 to 47 lb, 17c; 36 to 42 lb, 14½@15c; 30 to 35 lb, 13½@14c; under 30 lb, 12@13c; bbls, 5 lb each, lb, 17½c; 4 lb, 16½c; 3½ lb, 14@14½c; 3 lb and under, 13c; Southern and Southwestern, average, 14@16c; Michigan, scalded, fancy, 17c; mixed, 15@15½c; other Western, fancy, 16c; small, 13c; poor, 10@12c; OLD COCKS, lb, 13c; DUCKS, spring, Maryland, fancy, 20c; poor to fair, 14@16c; Wisconsin, stall fed, 19@20c; Ohio and Michigan, fancy, 18c; other Western, choice, 17@18c; average, 15@16c; poor, 10@12c; GEESE, spring, Maryland, fancy, 19@20c; poor to fair, 14@15c; Wisconsin, stall fed, fancy, 19@20c; Ohio and Michigan, 18@19c; choice, 17c; average, 14@15c; poor, 10@12c; SQUABS, prime, white, 10 lb to dozen, dozen, $4 75; 9 lb, $4 25@$4 50; 8 lb, $3 50; 7 lb, $3; 6 to 6½ lb, $2 50; dark, $1 75; GUINEAS, spring, 3 lb to pair, pair, $1 15@$1 25; 1 lb each, pair, 75c@$1.

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES — Receipts, 3,207 bbls potatoes and 1,682 pkgs onions. Potatoes steady for domestic, but European in heavy supply and weak. Sweet potatoes lower. Brussels sprouts lower. Florida beans higher. Cabbages, chicory and escarol lower. Romaine lower. Kale and spinach lower. POTATOES, Bermuda, bbl, $3 25@$5 25; Virginia, late crop, $1 87@$2; Maine, bag, $2@$2 15; 180 lbs, $2@$2 25; Long Island, bbl or bag, $2 25@$2 60; state, 180 lbs, $2@$2 12; Jersey, bbl or bag, $1 75@$2; European, 168-lb bag, $1@$1 45; sweets, Southern, bbl, $1@$1 50; Jersey, $1 50@$1 75; No 1, bskt, 60c@$1; ONIONS, white, crate, $1 50@$2; yellow or red, 100-lb box, $1 50@$2; BRUSSELS SPROUTS, quart, 6@11c; BEANS, Florida, $2@$4; BEETS, bbl, $1 25@$1 50; 100-lb bag, $1@$1 25; 100 bunches, $1@$1 50; CARROTS, bbl, $1@$1 25; bag, 80c@$1; 100-lb bag, 50@75c; 100 bunches, 75c@$1 25; CUCUMBERS, bskt, $2@$3 50; CELERY, state and Western, dozen, 25@65c; standard crate, $2@$2 75; CELERY KNOBS, 100 bunches, $1 50@$2; CABBAGES, Danish, ton, $23@$28; red, $30@$35; white, 100, $5@$7; bbl, $1 25@$1 75; red, bbl, $1 50@$2; imported, white, ton, $22@$24; red, $24@$28; CAULIFLOWERS, Long Island, short cut, bbl, $2 50@$5 50; long cut, $1 50@$2 50; Florida, basket, $1 75@$2 25; CELERY CABBAGE, bskt, 75c@$1 25; EGGPLANTS, basket, $3@$3; box, $4@$4 50; HORSERADISH, 100 lbs, $3@$5; KALE, Virginia, bbl, 25@40c; nearby, 25@30c; KOHLRABI, 100 bunches, $3 50@$4; LIMA BEANS, half box, $3@$6; LETTUCE, bskt, $1@$2; bbl, $2@$2 50; MINT, dozen bunches, 40@50c; OYSTER PLANTS, 100 bunches, $3@$4; PARSLEY, Bermuda, crate, $1@$1 25; New Orleans, curly, bbl, $1 50@$2 50; plain, $1 50@$2 25; PEAS, bskt, $2@$3; PARSNIPS, bbl, $1 50@$2 25; PUMPKINS, bbl, $1 50@$2 25; RADISHES, hothouse, 100 bunches, $1 50@$2; SPINACH, Virginia, bbl, 65c@$1; nearby, 20@50c; SQUASH, Hubbard, bbl, $1 75@$2 25; marrow, $1 50@$1 75; TURNIPS, rutabaga, bbl, 75c@$1 15; white, $1@$1 50; TOMATOES, Florida, carrier, $2@$3 50; Cuban, $1 50@$3.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

New York, December 18, 1913.

BEEVES—Receipts, 1,345 head, nearly all for slaughter. No trading reported; feeling easy. Dressed beef slow at 12@14c for native sides.

CALVES—Receipts, 98 head; 45 on sale. Trade limited; feeling about steady; no prime or choice stock offered. Common to fairly good veals sold at $8@$11 75 per 100 lb; no sales on grassers or yearlings reported. City dressed veals easy at 14@18½c per lb; country dressed weak at 11½@16½c.

Sales.—Kerns Commission Company: 11 veals, 190 lb average, at $11 75 per 100 lb.

S. Sanders: 5 Indiana veals, 134 lb, $11 50; 1, 90 lb, $8.

SHEEP AND LAMBS — Receipts, 5,392 head; 9 cars on sale. Sheep steady; good, handy lambs steady to strong; others slow; some late arrivals unsold. Common to prime sheep (ewes) sold at $3 50@$4 75 per 100 lb; culls, $3; medium to choice lambs, $7 25@$8 10; culls, $5@$6. Dressed mutton slow at 8@10½c; dressed lambs, 11½@14½c; country dressed hothouse lambs lower at $5@$6 per carcass.

Sales.—Newton & Co.: 285 Ohio lambs, 76 lb average, at $8 10 per 100 lb; 190, 74 lb, $8 10.

S. Sanders: 107 state lambs, 69 lb, $8; 141, 74 lb, $8; 16 cull lambs and yearlings, 56 lb, $6; 5 cull lambs, 46 lb, $6; 5, 52 lb, $5; 2 state sheep, 125 lb, $4 50; 2, 135 lb, $3 75; 2 culls, 80 lb, $3.

S. Judd & Co.: 123 Ohio lambs, 78 lb, $8; 86 sheep, 128 lb, $4 75; 13, 154 lb, $3 50; 64 culls, 81 lb, $3.

Kerns Commission Company: 71 state lambs, 82 lb, $8; 98 Indiana, 72 lb, $7 25; 16 Indiana sheep (bucks and culls), 142 lb, $3 50; 6 state sheep, 117 lb, $3 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,547 head; 1 car on sale. Market steady at $8@$8 10 per 100 lb. Country dressed hogs strong at 8@11½c per lb; roasting pigs steady at 14@18c.

Sales.—S. Sanders: 184 Indiana hogs, 133 lb average, at $8 10 per 100 lb.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 22,000; weak; bulk of sales, $7 55@$7 75; light, $7 30@$7 65; mixed, $7 40@$7 80; heavy, $7 45@$7 85; rough, $7 45@$7 55; pigs, $6 25@$7 75. CATTLE—Receipts, 6,000; weak; beeves, $5 60@$9 75; Texas steers, $8 60@$7 65; stockers and feeders, $4 90@$7 35; cows and heifers, $3 30@$8 40; calves, $6 50@$10 50. SHEEP—Receipts, 18,000; weak; native sheep, $4 25@$5 50; yearlings, $5 40@$6 50; lambs, native, $6 25@$7 75.

Kansas City, Dec. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 13,000; higher; bulk, $7 45@$7 75; heavy, $7 60@$7 77½; packers and butchers, $7 50@$7 75; light, $7 40@$7 65; pigs, $6 50@$7 25. CATTLE—Receipts, 4,000, including 600 Southerns; steady; prime fed steers, $8 25@$10; dressed beef, $7@$8 25; Southern, $5 50@$7; cows, $4 40@$7; heifers, $6 50@$9 50; stockers and feeders, $5 50@$7 50; bulls, $5@$7; calves, $6@$10 75. SHEEP—Receipts, 3,500; steady; lambs, $7@$7 65; yearlings, $5 50@$6 75; wethers, $4 50@$5 25; ewes, $4@$4 60.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,000; movement slow and prices barely steady; Christmas beeves, $9 25@$10; steers, $6 75@$9 35; yearlings, $5 90@$9 25; heifers, $5 40@$8 25; cows, $4 40@$7 10; Southern steers, $5 25@$7 50. HOGS—Receipts, 12,500; fairly active and 5@10c higher; choice medium to heavy weights, $7 75@$7 85; bulk of sales, $7 55@$7 75; packers, $7 40@$7 70; lights, $7 20@$7 60; pigs, $6 50@$7 35. SHEEP—Receipts, 1,900; dull and weak; lambs, $7@$7 75; cull lambs, $5 90@$6 50; mutton sheep, $4 40@$4 65.

CHICAGO GRAIN PRICES OFF

Wheat, Corn and Oats Show Declines—Provisions Lower.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Belief that only a positive calamity will prevent a record yield in 1914 carried wheat to-day to a much lower level. Heaviness prevailed at the close, which was at a net decline of 1c to 1¼c. All other leading staples, too, finished at a loss, corn ¾c to ⅞c, oats ½c to ⅞c and provisions 2½c to 5@7½c. From the outset holders of wheat showed increasing discouragement, largely as a result of the government crop report. Notwithstanding vigorous attempts to support the market, prices gradually slipped lower, and at the end were at the bottom point of the day. Active short selling made the weakness more acute. One bear leader alone was credited with sales that totalled several million bushels. Such aggressiveness did not develop until after one particular expert had recorded his opinion that even allowing for abnormal damage the outlook was for a larger winter crop than any previously known. It was also contended that ploughing operations implied a decidedly increased acreage of spring wheat.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday.
Wheat:					
Dec.....	88½	88⅞	87⅝	87⅝	88⅞
May.....	91⅝	91⅞	90⅞	90⅞	92
July.....	88⅝	88⅝	87⅝	87⅝	89⅝
Corn:					
Dec.....	70⅝	70⅝	69⅝	69⅞	70⅝
May.....	70¼	70¼	69½	69½	70¼
July.....	69½	69½	68⅝	68⅞	69⅝
Oats:					
Dec.....	39½	39½	39	39	39⅝
May.....	42¼	42¼	41½	41½	42¼
July.....	41⅝	41⅝	41	41	41½
Lard:					
Jan.....	10 70	10 70	10 67	10 67	10 70
May.....	11 07	11 07	11 00	11 00	11 11
Ribs:					
Jan.....	10 87	10 87	10 77	10 77	10 82
May.....	11 12	11 12	11 05	11 05	11 07
Pork:					
Jan.....	—	—	—	20 70	20 72
May.....	21 00	21 02	20 85	20 85	20 90

THE METAL MARKETS.

COPPER—The local street market for copper was steady, with lake quoted 15@15½c nominal; electrolytic, 14⅝@14½c; and casting, 14@14¼c. Standard copper on the Metal Exchange was weak, with spot and December, 14.25c asked; January, 14.20c; February, 14.15c asked; March, 14.12½c asked, and April, 14.10c asked. In London copper closed easy at £64 5s for spot and £64 5s for futures.

TIN—Weak; New York spot, December and January, 37@37.50c; February, 37@37.50c; March, 37.10@37.60c; April, 37.20@37.75c, and May, 37.25@37.75c. In London tin closed easy at £169 12s 6d for spot and £171 5s for futures.

LEAD—Quiet; New York spot, 3.95@4.05c, and East St Louis, 3.80@3.90c. London lead closed at £17 17s 6d.

SPELTER—Firm; New York spot, 5.15@5.25c, and East St Louis, 5c bid. London spelter closed at £21 7s 6d.

IRON—Middlesboro No 3, 50s. The local market was quiet, with No 1 foundry Northern quoted $15 25@$15 75; No 2 Northern, No 1 Southern and soft, $15@$15 50.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES.

A moderate business was reported in steamer chartering, with rates slightly lower in instances. Additional freights offered in limited numbers, most of which were for fairly prompt loading. Quotations to Liverpool and Glasgow, 2d; London, 2½d asked; Rotterdam, 5¼c; Hamburg, 32½ pfgs; Bremen, 30 pfgs; Hull and Bristol, 3d Jan; Antwerp, 2¼d; Cork for orders, 2s 6d; picked ports, large tonnage, 1s 10½d@2s; cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lb, 28@30c. Charters: British steamer, 1,826 tons, lumber, Gulf to the River Plate, 110s, Jan; Norwegian steamer, 665 tons, U S and Brazil trade, trip down on time charter, p t, delivery New York, prompt; British steamer, 2,438 tons, transatlantic trade, one trip on time charter, basis about 4s 9d, delivery Gulf, prompt; British steamer, 28,000 quarters grain, once to the Mediterranean, basis about 3s one port, prompt; British steamer, 2,581 tons, cotton, etc, Savannah, etc., to the U K or Continent, p t, Jan; British steamer, 2,500 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Puerto Mexico, p t, prompt; schooner, 2,029 tons, ties, Brunswick to New York, p t.

Apartments to Cost $450,000.

Plans have been filed for the construction of two nine story fireproof apartment houses at No. 226 to 240 West 70th street, for the 228 West 70th Street Company, Randolph Jacobs, president. They will each have a frontage of 66.8 feet and a depth of 85.5 feet, with a façade of brick and limestone. Rouse & Goldstone are the architects and have placed the cost at $450,000.

SHEEPSKINS SOLD IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 18.—A sale of 7,000 bales of sheepskins was held here to-day. The demand was fair and prices ranged from ¼c to ⅛d lower, except for sound crossbred pelts, which were about unchanged. Following are the sales and prices paid for clothing and combing: New South Wales, 300 bales, at 10@8¾d. Queensland, 700; 4@9¾d. Victoria, 1,400; 3¾@9d. South Australia, 700; 5@9d. West Australia, 1,100; 3¼@9¾d. Tasmania, 200; 5¾@9d. New Zealand, 2,400; 4¾@9¾d. Punta Arenas, 200; 4½@10d.

In the Real Estate Market

Sell Fifth Ave. Corner; Parcel Held at $2,500,000

Company Gets Building at 42d Street and Arranges Lease to Old Owners.

CAMBRIA, IN 55TH ST., IN $1,000,000 TRADE

Bing & Bing Buy Dwellings in West 79th Street for Site of Apartment House.

The Oceanic Investing Company, composed of Albert G. Milbank, Albert E. Thorne and George L. Nicholas, has purchased from Edwin Wolf, of Philadelphia, and others the seven story building at the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and 42d street. It is one of the most valuable and prominent corners in Manhattan and has been held at $2,500,000. It has a frontage of 73.4 feet on Fifth avenue, extending back along 42d street 100 feet, to within 22 feet of the new structure to be erected by Rogers, Peet Company, which will have its main frontage on Fifth avenue and 41st street with an "L" on 42d street. The sale was negotiated by Felix Isman, Inc.

The Oceanic Company has arranged to lease the property back to a syndicate, composed of certain former owners, on a net basis, for a period of fifteen years. This is the second important purchase on that block made by the Oceanic Company within a few days. On Monday last the company bought from Frank V. & J. H. Burton, through Horace S. Ely & Co., the southerly end of the front, being the six story building at the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and 41st street, 22x100 feet, which was leased to Rogers, Peet Company, to be incorporated in its new store site.

The new Rogers, Peet store, which will probably be ten stories high, will have a frontage of 73 feet on Fifth avenue, 108 feet in 41st street and 44 feet in 42d street, comprising a total area of about 17,000 square feet. It will be separated on the avenue from the latest purchase of the Oceanic company by the seven story building at No. 487 to 491 Fifth avenue, 57 feet front, held under lease by the New York Real Estate Security Company.

The corner sold yesterday is assessed at $1,475,000.

The J. Romaine Brown Company sold for the Brentmore Realty Company (Bing & Bing) the Cambria, an eight story fireproof apartment house at No. 347 to 355 West 55th street, on plot 100x100.5 feet, to Leo H. Hirsch, a client of Brandler & Haas, attorneys.

In part payment Bing & Bing take the northeast corner of Madison avenue and 128th street, a six story apartment house, with stores, on plot 50x72.6 feet, and Nos. 302 and 304 East 108th street, a six story tenement house, 39.3x125 feet, No. 83 Spring street, a five story loft building, near Broadway, on lot 25x118 feet, and No. 123 Prince street, a six story loft building, on lot 25x95 feet. The transaction involves $1,000,000. The Cambria was held at $500,000.

Bing & Bing bought from Amelia G. Harman, Herbert M. McClintock and Ermine M. Carruthers the three three and four story houses at No. 135 to 139 West 79th street, occupying a plot 62x102.2 feet. William P. Mangam was the broker. The property, which is situated at the crest of the hill between the two avenues, will be improved in the near future with a high class twelve story apartment house.

Samuel Wacht has sold to F. C. Bauman No. 1026 to 1030 First avenue, three four story tenements, on plot 60x94 feet, at the northeast corner of 56th street. The seller acquired the property at auction last year.

Kurz & Uren have sold for the Ellison Realty Company a plot, 217x90 feet, at the northwest corner of Park avenue and 184th street.

Realty Notes.

The Associated Properties, a realty company with a capital of $1,000,000, was incorporated at Albany. The directors are George T. Van Valkenburg, Isaac X. A. Levy and Walter Later, all connected with the law firm of Hoadley, Lauterbach & Johnson.

James M. Faust, connected with Frank D. Veiller for many years, has formed a partnership with Preston S. Faust, to conduct a general real estate business.

Robert S. Kaminski, formerly with Ames & Co., is now with the firm of Jesse T. Moeker.

John Cook & Co. were associated as brokers with Simon Fine in the exchange between Robert Adelmann and Henrietta Stern, involving the properties No. 1233 Boston Road and No. 247 East 117th street, reported in yesterday's Tribune.

Paul Bultmann negotiated the recent sale of No. 318 East 236th street to Peter Lundemann.

Upper Broadway Theatre Plans

Plans have been filed for the construction of a two story moving picture theatre, with stores and a dance hall, on the east side of Broadway from 134th to 135th street.

The Broadway frontage will be 199.10 feet and the frontage on the streets will be 90 feet. The stores will be located on Broadway and on 135th street and the dance hall will be on the second floor of the 135th street end. The theatre will accommodate 1,355 people. The Riverside Drive Realty Company, Arlington Hall, president, is the owner. Gaetano Ajello is the architect and has placed the cost at $150,000.

Business Leases.

S. Osgood Pell & Co. have leased the parlor at No. 2 East 46th street to A. Verstondeg, now at No. 28 East 46th street.

O'Connor & Ellison and Frederick Fox & Co. have leased the third floor of Nos. 53 and 55 Fifth avenue to Reuben Isaacs & Co., manufacturing tailors, for a term of years.

Tucker, Speyers & Co., leased a store at No. 66 West Thirty-eighth street to Arthur R. Womrath, Inc., for a term of years.

P. S. M. Forman & Co. leased for M. & L. Hess at No. 22 to 28 West 21st street, the store and basement containing about 20,000 square feet, to Robinson & Golluber.

The Julius Friend, Edward M. Lewi Company leased 5,000 square feet of space in Nos. 18 and 20 West 21st street.

Apartment Rentals.

Douglas L. Elliman & Co. have leased an apartment of twelve rooms and four baths in No. 929 Park avenue to Roger W. Straus, in conjunction with J. C. Einstein; an apartment in No. 19 East 57th street to W. T. Starr, of Raymond, Starr & Co., bankers, and a large studio apartment in No. 24 West 59th street, for Pease & Elliman, agents, to A. B. G. Tamborini.

TRADING IN BROOKLYN

Dwelling Houses in Various Sections of City Sold.

For the Fort Greene Building and Loan Association, Samuel Galltzka has sold the fifteen room cottage, on a plot 40x100 feet, at No. 470 76th street, to a Mrs. Clarke.

Rudolph F. Schortmeier sold at Crescent Hill, Bay Ridge, two dwelling houses in 82d street, near Narrows avenue, each on a plot 75x100 feet, for $16,500. They were erected for the Crescent Hill Improvement Company, whose property is opposite the Crescent Athletic Club, on the Shore Drive. Olcott, Gruber, Bonynge & McManus acted as the attorneys for the seller.

Arthur T. Weygandt sold the private dwelling houses No. 58 Morton street, for Mrs. Curtis, of Rochester; No. 130 Rutledge street, for G. Gerard, and No. 184 Berkeley Place, for Mrs. A. Stevens.

CITY SOLD FOR ARREARS OWN LOT

Plaintiff Brings Suit to Get Amount Spent for Collecting Information.

That Father Knickerbocker sold a tax lien on a piece of Brooklyn property that belonged and still belongs to himself, although he did not know it, is alleged in a complaint filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday by the Tax Lien Company of New York in a suit against the City of New York. August Weymann is attorney for the plaintiff.

The plaintiff alleges that on November 30, 1910, the city sold the lien, which was "for unpaid taxes aggregating $576.67," in the Borough Hall, Brooklyn, and that it covered property on the east side of Thatford avenue, between Newport and Lott avenues, being described as "lot 10, block 3616, section 12." Shortly afterward the plaintiff set out to find the owner.

After a long and complicated search, costing, it is alleged, $250, the plaintiff found that the owner at the time of the tax lien sale and ever since that time had been the City of New York itself, and that the property was not subject to either taxes or assessments. Then demand was made upon the Controller for the amount paid for the lien, with interest, and $250 to cover the cost of the search and damages. No payment was made and suit for the amount demanded was begun yesterday.

$250,000 Downtown Building.

Plans have been filed for the seventeen story office building to be erected on the southwest corner of City Hall Place and Pearl street for the Rudolph Wallach Company, Joseph H. Newman president. It will have a frontage of 51.2 feet and a depth of 71.3 feet, fireproof, with a façade of brick and limestone. George A. and Henry Boehm are the architects and have placed the cost at $250,000.

IN THE AUCTION MARKET.

The following transactions were recorded yesterday at the Real Estate Exchange salesroom, Nos. 14 and 16 Vesey street:

By Joseph P. Day.

8D AVE, 2756, s e cor of 146th st, 28x72x irreg; 4 sty flat with store. Sold for $31,500.

116TH ST, 217 East, n s, 202.9 ft e of 3d ave, 17.3x100.11; 3 sty dwlg. Sold to Charles Karg for $12,000.

3D AVE, 3809, e s, 92 ft s of 172d st, 27x125x irreg; 4 sty tenmt with stores. Sold for $22,000.

COURTLANDT AVE, 836, e s, 78 ft s of 160th st, 25.2x92; 3 sty tenmt with stores. Sold for $8,900.

BRONX BOULEVARD, 4632, e s, 800 ft n of 240th st, 50x100; 2 sty dwlg. Sold to Thomas McLoughlin for $3,000.

122D ST, 411 East, n s, 171.4 ft e of 1st ave, 18.8x80.11; 3 sty dwlg. Sold for $6,000.

25TH ST, 235 West, n s, 375 ft w of 7th ave, 80x98.9; 1 sty church. Sold to the plaintiff for $22,150.

127TH ST, 159 West, n s, 100 ft e of 7th ave, 50x99.11; vacant. Sold to the plaintiff for $25,000.

146TH ST, s s, 350 ft w of Lenox ave, 150x99.11; vacant. Sold to the plaintiff for $30,000.

At The Bronx Exchange:

By Joseph P. Day.

172D ST, 1002 East, s s, 25 ft e of Longfellow ave, 25x100; 2 sty dwlg. Sold to the plaintiff for $500.

217TH ST, 1021 and 1023 East, n s, 200 ft e of Paulding ave, 50x114.4. Sold to the plaintiff for $4,000.

By L. J. Phillips & Co.

LONGFELLOW AVE, s e cor of 172d st, 100x25; 3 sty tenmt and stores. Sold to the plaintiff for $500.

By Bryan L. Kennelly.

212TH ST, 720 East, w s, 25 ft n of Logan st, 25x100.10. Sold to the plaintiff for $1,500.

RECORDED LEASES.

(With name and address of lessee.)

AVE A, 1363; store and basement; Joseph Tauber to Gramercy Wine and Liquor Co; 10 yrs from April 1, 1914; $720; address, 217 Ave B.

BOWERY, 395; store, etc; William M Chesebrough to Anthony Visconti; 5 yrs from Jan 1, 1914; $2,400; address, 1336 Jerome ave.

PEARL ST, cor of Rose st; ground floor; Nettie Rowne to American News Co; 5½ yrs from Jan 1, 1914; $7,300; address, 9 Park Pl.

PEARL ST, 534; all; Elizabeth Q Boyd et al to Charles Barsotti, sr; 10 yrs from Oct 15, 1913; $6,500; address, Fort Lee, N J.

6TH AVE, 636; n store; Solomon May to Peter Livadas; 5 yrs from Dec 15, 1913; $1,800; address, 238 West 49th st.

22D ST, 132 and 134 West; store and basement; Victoria Building and Contracting Co to Dexter Folder Co; 3 yrs from Feb 1, 1914; $2,600; address, 250 5th ave.

45TH ST, 7-11 West, 16th floor; The 45th Street Realty Co to William Scheer; 10 yrs 1 mo from April 1, 1914; $5,000; address, 542 5th ave.

53D ST, 202 East; east store; Rosa E Bartels to Herman Brinks; 5 yrs from May 1, 1914; $360; address, 204 East 53d st.

125TH ST, 200 and 202 West; store and basement; Gustavus Sidenberg to Louis K Liggett Co; 10 yrs from Dec 6, 1913; $21,400; address, 717 Atlantic ave, Boston.

RECORDED TRANSFERS.

(With name and address of purchaser and attorney.)

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BROOME ST, s e cor of Ridge st, 20x60; Marie J J Bowen to Cecilia Gafney, 2211 Broadway; Dec 18; $100; attorneys, Thornton & Earle, 38 Park Row.

CANNON ST, 61, 27x100; Simon Fuchs et al to Ignatz Leblang, 49 Clinton st, Yonkers, N Y; Dec 15; 42-100 parts (mtg $28,000); a t; all liens; $100; attorney, Chas Schweck, 64 Wall st.

PARK AVE, s w cor of 97th