FINANCIAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON 'CHANGE LEAVES BEARS IN CONTROL OF MARKET

Offerings of Important Stocks Are Made All Through Session, and Declines Ranging From One to Three Points Result—Short Covering Helps at Close

High Points in Today's Financial News

Traders on New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges gave more attention to celebrating Christmas than to trading and business was small. Prices went off, but recovered at close on short covering. Cotton prices higher. Wheat market closed. New York bank statement was strong. Average loans decreased and actual increased. Average surplus larger and actual smaller. Bank clearings throughout country for week increased again. Price of bar silver unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

Christmas comes but once a year, and from Wall street's view and the expressions of the traders on the floor and in the lobby this morning indicated that once is enough if the Street is often to go through the same experience it passed through this holiday week. There was no doubt about its being a bears' Christmas as far as customers of commission houses are concerned.

A week ago United State Steel common sold at 114⅝ and has since been down to 100⅝. Nearly everything on the list followed this market leader, with the consequent wiping out of substantial margins and the creation of general distress among those committed to the long side. About the only cheerful ones on the Street were included in a small bear contingent, which, according to its members, have been working on velvet, basing their operations on well-founded belief in regard to coming developments which proved so true as to now demand congressional investigation.

The strength that was shown in the market yesterday was not maintained overnight. The brokers devoted most of their attention to decorating the boardroom floor with holly and Christmas greens, and over where the London arbitrage rails stood there was placed a huge Christmas tree bearing gifts for all employes. The piano was placed in the New street lobby and from a few minutes after the opening those on the floor devoted more attention to anticipate Christmas observance than to business.

This left the bears with a free hand and all through the short session offerings of important stocks were made, causing declines ranging from 1 to 3 points from the opening figures. These declines did not mean that the market showed a weak tone, but was simply due to the fact that the bear speculators had not yet lost their confidence, while those who should be on the buying side were not disposed to take any long position with a two-day interval coming.

United States Steel common had a lively opening, selling at 107⅝ to 107¾ and making a gain of ⅝, but it was not long before its price was off more than 2 points, and it was followed on the early upturn and on the later decline by nearly everything else on the floor. In the last few minutes there was the usual covering of shorts to be expected at the end of the week and before the holidays and in the last few minutes many stocks made vigorous advances, generally recovering the previous losses and making the market tone at the end strong.

There was a better demand for bonds, but holders were not disposed to sell at around prevailing prices, especially in view of the easier money conditions expected immediately after the holidays.

OIL STOCKS LEAD DULL CURB TRADING

Profit-Taking Causes Reactionary Tendency After Fair Start Start—Midvale Declines

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Holiday dullness characterized the trading in the Curb market today. At the outset, however, a fair inquiry was shown for a number of the more important issues at slight gains. Later, a reactionary tendency set in on profit-taking, which brought many issues under the previous close.

The oil stocks ruled generally strong under the lead of Standard Oils, with a fairly good inquiry for the independent issues. Offerings in many cases were of small proportions.

Midvale Steel, after moving up ½, eased off a full point. United Alloy Steel and Steel Alloys fluctuated narrowly. Submarine Boat was strong at the outset, but likewise eased off moderately.

INDUSTRIALS

	Bid	Asked
Astra Explosives	4½	5
Amer-British Mfg	10	20
Amer Marconi	3	3½
Amer Writ Paper	4	4½
Can Car & Fdy	30	35
Can Car & Fdy pfd	70	80
Charcoal Iron	7	8
Chevrolet Motors	120	123
Cramp Shipbuilding	75	85
Curtis Aeroplane	22	26
Emerson Phonograph	9	10
Haskell & Barker Car	40	42
Hendee Mfg	23	28
Kathodion Bronze pfd	3	4
Laurel Oil & Gas	6½	..
Maxim Munitions	3¼	4
Midvale Steel	56½	56¾
N Y Shipbuilding	44¾	45
Otis Elevator	60	65
Peerless Motors	17	21
Poole Engine	85	160
S S Kresge w i	11	12
Standard Motors	5½	6½
Steel Alloys	7	7½
Submarine	27½	28
Transue Williams	42	43
Triangle Film	2¼	2¾
Todd Shipyards	85	90
United Alloy Steel	48½	49
United States Steamship	5½	6½
United Motors	45¾	46¼
United Profit Sharing	⅞	1
U S Light and Heat com	1¾	2
U S Light and Heat pref	3	5
World Film	1	1½
Wright-Martin Aircraft	14½	15½

RAILROADS

	Bid	Asked
Pere Marquette	36	36¾
Pere Marquette pref	59	61
Rock Island com	42	42½
Rock Island A pref	88	92
Rock Islanr B pref	73	75
Western Pacific pref	46	48
Western Pacific w i	21	23
Wabash Pittsburgh	22	23

STANDARD OIL STOCKS

	Bid	Asked
Illinois	230	235
Ohio	293	298
Prairie Pipe	330	335
S O of California	350	355
S O of New Jersey	685	695
S O of New York	268	272

OTHER OIL STOCKS

	Bid	Asked
Barnett Oil & Gas	2¾	3
Cosden Oil	14¾	14½
Federal Oil	6¾	6½
International Petrol	10	10½
Houston Oil	18	22
Merritt Oil	11½	12
Midwest Refining	77	82
Royal Dutch	67	68
Sequoyah	1 15-16	2 11-16
Sapulpa Refining	9¾	10
Sinclair Oil	61½	62

MINING STOCKS

	Bid	Asked
Alaska Standard	26	28
Atlanta	8	10
Bisbee Copper (a prosp)	⅞	¾
Butte Copper & Zinc	10¾	11¼
Butte New York	1½	2
Cerro de Pasco	36	37
Consolidated Arizona	1¾	1¾
Emma Consolidated	1 1-16	1⅛
First National	3¾	4
Florence Goldfield	20	25
Goldfield Merger	7	9
Hecla Mining	7¾	7½
Howe Sounds	6¾	7
Independence Lead	17	19
Jim Butler	88	92
Jumbo Extension	28	30
McKinley-Darragh	50	55
Magma Copper	40	41
Mines Co of America	2	2¼
Nipissing	9	9½
Ray Hercules	4¾	4½
Sim Toy	15	17
St Joseph Lead	17	17¼
Tonopah Extension	1 15-16	2 1-16
West End Con	70	75
White Oak	3	4

BONDS

	Bid	Asked
Amer Tel & Tel conv 4s	89	89¼
Vivaudou Mfg 6s	94½	97
Indiana Steel	61¾	61¾
Mexican Oil 5s	..	5

New York Bond Sales

		High.	Low.	Close.
$10000	Amer Air cv 5s	103	103	103
14000	Anglo-French 5s	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝
2000	Am Foreign Sec 5s	97⅞	97⅞	97⅞
43000	Am Smelters Sec 6s	101⅞	101⅞	101⅞
4000	Amer Tel cll 4s	91½	91½	91½
1000	Atchison gen 4s	94⅝	94⅝	94⅝
1000	Balt & Ohio 5s	100½	100½	100½
3000	do 4s	91¾	91¾	91¾
8000	Brook Rap Tr 5s 1918	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝
4000	Can Gov Sec 5s 1921	100	100	100
11000	do 5s 1931	97½	97½	97½
1000	Canada South 5s	103½	103½	103½
6000	Cent Pac 1st 4s	91½	91½	91½
25000	Chil Copper 7s	131⅞	131⅞	131⅞
15000	Chic & Ohio Riv conv 5s	94½	94½	94½
2000	Chi B & Q Joints 4s	98½	98½	98½
2500	Chi M & St P cv 4½s	99½	99½	99½
99000	Chi R I & P rfd 4s	74½	74½	74½
2000	do 5s	74	74	74
2000	do 4s	86⅝	86⅝	86⅝
2000	do 5s ct one sta	74	74	74
2000	Col & South 1st 4s	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝
8000	City of Paris 6s	99½	99½	99½
1000	Iowa Central 5s	91	91	91
6000	Lacka Steel 5s 1950	98	98	98
10000	Mo Kan & T rfd 4s	68½	68½	68½
29000	Nat Rys Mex 5s	69½	69½	69½
10000	N Y C & H 6s	111⅞	111⅞	111⅞
4000	N Y Ont & W 1st 4s	80	80	80
2000	Nor Pac prior 4s	94½	94½	94½
20000	do conv 4s	92	92	92
3000	Public Serv N J 8s	92½	92	92½
8000	St L I M & So gen 5s	101½	101½	101½
2000	St L & S F adj 6s	77½	77½	77½
11000	St Paul M & M con 4s	94	94	94
5000	South Pac cv 4s	86½	86½	86½
12000	South Pac rfd 4s	92½	92½	92½
20000	South Rwy gen 4s	73	74½	73
2000	Virginia 6s	92½	92½	92½
1000	U S Rubber 6s	102½	102½	102½
8000	U S Steel s f 5s	105½	105½	105½
165000	U K of G B & I 5s	98½	98	98
22000	do 5½s 1919	98½	98½	98½
5000	do 5½s 1921	97½	97½	97½
2039	Wisconsin Cent gen 4s	86½	86½	86½

Total sales, $1,318,000, compared with $1,105,000 yesterday; thus far this week, $19,410,000; same period last week, $22,623,000.

LOCAL MINING STOCKS

TONOPAH STOCKS

	Bid.	Asked.
MacNamara	.06	.07
Midway	.20	.25
Mizpah Extension	.14	.15
Montana	.23	.25
North Star	.13	.15
Rescue Eula	.24	.26
West End	.65	.70

GOLDFIELD STOCKS

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlanta	.10	.12
Blue Bull	.03	.03
Booth	.13	.15
Combination Fraction	.05	.07
Diamondfield B B	.06	.07
Daisy	.04	.05
Oro	.03	.04
Sandstorm Kendall	.05	.06
Silver Pick	.30	.32

MISCELLANEOUS

	Bid.	Asked.
Arizona United	.60	.70
Nevada Hill	.35	.40
Tecona Mining	.16	.20

GOVERNMENT BONDS

	Bid
2s registered 1930	99⅝
2s coupon 1930	99⅝
3s registered 1918	100⅝
3s coupon 1918	100⅝
4s registered 1925	110
4s coupon 1925	110⅝
4s 1946 small bonds	101
2s registered 1940	101⅛
2s coupon 1940	101⅛
Panama 2s registered 1936	99⅝
Panama 2s registered 1938	99⅝
Panama 3s registered 1961	102
Panama 3s coupon	102

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Business in foreign exchange was quiet this morning and changes were in nearly all cases to lower figures. Reichsmarks were weak, being pressed for sale at concessions, with checks selling at 72¼, against 74 at the close yesterday. Lire checks declined from 6.87 to 6.91.

Rates were:

Demand sterling, 4.75 7-16; cables, 4.76 7-16.

Franc checks, 5.84½; cables, 5.83¼.

Guilders, 40⅝; checks, 40⅝.

Reichsmarks checks, 72½; cables, 72¾.

Lire checks, 6.92; cables, 6.91.

Swiss checks, 5.03; cables, 5.02.

Austrian kronen cables, 11.30.

Stockholm kronar checks, 29.50.

Copenhagen, 27.10.

Pesetas, 21.05.

Rubles cables, 30.30.

LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—HOGS—Receipts, 22,000 head. Market slow, steady, slowly lower. Mixed and butchers, $9.30@10.40; good heavy, $9.80@10.45; rough heavy, $9.50@10; light, $9.50@10.15; pigs, $7.50@9.25; bulk, $9.20@10.35.

CATTLE—Receipts, 10,000 head. Market steady. Beeves, $7@11.75; cows and heifers, $4@10; stockers and feeders, $5@8.10; Texans, $7@8.10; calves, $8@11.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 4000 head. Market steady. Native and western, $6@9; lambs, $11.25@12.40.

Financial Briefs

The Chicago Board of Trade and the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchanges were closed today.

Banks gained from the New York subtreasury yesterday $14,680,000.

The listing committee of the New York Curb Market Association has ruled that all transactions in the ordinary shares of the British-American Tobacco Company shall sell ex-dividend and ex-bonus distribution on Friday, December 29, except those made specifically for cash.

Twenty-seven railroads report gross earnings during the second week of December of $11,443,477, an increase of $1,024,919, as compared with the corresponding week of last year.

New York Stock Sales

	High.	Low.	Close	Net chge.
Advance Rum	19½	19½	19½	+2½
Ajax Rubber	73½	73⅝	73⅝	.....
Alaska Gold Mines	12	11	12	+ ⅝
Allis Chalmers	26½	26½	26½	— ⅝
do pfd	81	81	81	—3
Am Ag Chem	88½	88½	88½	+1½
Am B Sugar	91	89	89½	— ½
Am Can	47½	47	47	— ¼
Am Car & Fdy	65	64½	64⅝	— ½
Am Hide & L	13½	13½	13½	+ ⅝
do pfd	61	60	60	—2
Am Ice	30	30	30	— ¼
Am Linseed	18⅝	18¼	18⅝	— ⅛
Am Loco	76¼	74½	75⅝	+ ⅝
do pfd	103	104½	103	+ ½
Am Smelting	105⅝	104⅝	105¼	— ⅝
do pfd	113	113	113	+ ½
Am Sugar	100½	100¼	100⅝	+ ½
Am Steel Fdy	67	67	67	+ ⅝
Am Tel & Tel	125½	125¼	125½	.....
Am Writ Pap pfd	46	45½	46	.....
Am Zinc	38	37	37	— ⅝
do pfd	70	69⅝	70	+4
Anaconda Copper	83½	81½	82½	— ⅝
Atchison	104½	104½	104½	+ ¼
do pref	100⅝	100⅝	100⅝	+ ¼
At Gulf & W I	117	108½	116	+8⅝
do pref	65½	65½	65½	+ ⅝
Baldwin Loco	61	58	58½	—3
Balt & Ohio	84½	84	84½	+ ⅛
do pref	75½	75⅝	75½	+ ⅛
Bethlehem Steel	503	501	503	—12
Brklyn Rap Tran	82½	82½	82½	+ ⅛
Burns Bros	88½	88½	88½	+ ¼
Butte & Superior	49⅝	48	49⅝	+ ¾
Barrett Mfg	134	134	134	+1½
California Pet pref	52½	52½	52½	.....
Canadian Pacific	166½	165	166½	+2
Central Leather	86⅝	84	85⅛	—2⅛
Chandler Motor	101½	101	101½	+1½
Ches & Ohio	65½	65	65	+ ⅛
Chic Great W	14½	14¼	14½	.....
do pref A	41⅝	41½	41½	— ¼
Chic Mil & St P	92	91⅝	92	+ ½
do pref	124⅝	124⅝	124⅝	.....
Chic & North W	124½	124½	124½	— ½
Columbia Gas	40⅝	39½	40	+ ⅛
Chi R I & Pac	35¼	35	35	.....
Chili Copper	25½	25	25	— ⅛
Chino Copper	35½	32⅝	34⅝	— ⅝
Comput Tab	47	47	47	.....
Consol Gas	132½	132½	132½	— ⅝
Corn Products	24⅝	24	24¼	+ ⅛
do pref	111⅛	111	111	.....
Crucible Steel	59	57⅛	58	—1
Cuban Cane Sugar	51	49¼	49¼	.....
do pref	95⅛	93	93	.....
Del & Hudson	149	149	149	—1
Den & Rio Gr pf	39⅛	39⅛	39⅛	— ⅛
Distillers' Secur	30	30	30	+1
Dome Mines	20½	20	20½	+ ½
Erie	35	34⅝	34⅝	— ⅝
do 1st pref	49⅝	49½	49⅝	+ ⅛
Fed Mint 1st pref	37½	37½	37½	—1½
Gas W & W	40½	39	40½	+1
General Electric	168⅝	167⅝	167⅝	— ½
General Motor	139	139	139	—2
do pref new	91½	91½	91½	— ⅛
Goodrich Co	60	59	59	—2
do pref	112	112	112	+1
Granby Consol	88⅝	87½	87½	+ ⅛
Great North pref	117⅝	117⅝	117⅝	— ⅛
do Ore ctfs	35⅝	35½	35½	— ¼
Green Can Cop	45	44⅝	44⅝	—1⅝
Gulf State Steel	126	125	125	+5
Ill Central	107	107	107	.....
Inspiration Con	57	55⅝	56⅝	— ⅛
Int Agr Corp pfd	43	42½	43	.....
Int Harv Crp N J	121	120	121	+3
Interboro Con	17½	17¼	17½	+ ⅛
do pfd	72	72	72	+ ½
Internt Paper	46	44	44	—1½
do pfd	102	100½	102	—1
Int Nickel	42½	42¼	42½	— ½
Int Mer Mar	26⅝	25⅝	25⅝	— ⅛
do pfd	91½	90	90	—2½
Jewel Tea	77	77	77	—1½
Kan City So	26	25⅝	25⅝	— ⅝
Kelly-Spring Tire	60	60	60	— ⅛
Kenne Cop	45¾	44	45	+ ½
Lacka Steel	83½	81½	83½	+1½
Lake Erie & W	27⅞	27⅞	27⅞	+1⅞
Lehigh Val	80	79	80	+1
Mackay Co pref	65	65	65	.....
Max Motors	53¼	51	53⅛	+ ⅛
do 1st pref	72	71	72	+1⅛
do 2d pref	37	37	37	+ ⅛
Mexican Petrol	96	94⅛	96	— ⅛
do pref	95	95	95	.....
Miami Copper	38¼	37⅝	38¼	+ ½
M St P & S S M	116½	116½	116½	+ ½
Mo Pac w i	34⅝	34⅛	34⅛	.....
Missouri Pacific	17	17	17	— ⅛
do t c	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	.....
Mo Kan & Tex	11¼	11¼	11¼	.....
National Biscuit	124½	124½	124½	+2½
Nat Enameling	27⅝	27½	27½	.....
Nat Lead	60½	60½	60½	.....
Nevada Con	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	— ⅝
N Y Air Brake	146	146	146	— ⅝
N Y Central	104	103½	103½	— ⅝
N Y O & W	20	20	20	.....
Norf & West	136	136	136	+ ⅛
North American	70	69½	69½	— ¼
North Pacific	110½	110¼	110¼	— ⅝
Ohio Cities Gas	109½	107	109½	+2
Ont Silver	6	6	6	.....
Pacific Mail	20⅝	20½	20½	+ ⅛
Penna R R	56⅝	56⅛	56⅝	.....
People's Gas	109½	107½	109½	+2½
Pitts Coal t c	40⅝	39	39⅝	+ ⅝
do pfd t c	111⅝	111½	111⅝	+1½
Pressed Steel Car	76	76	76	+1
Pub Serv Crp N J	130	130	130	.....
Rwy Steel Spring	49⅝	49⅝	49⅝	+ ½
Ray Cons	27	26⅛	26⅝	.....
Reading	104½	103	103⅝	— ½
do 1st pfd	44½	44⅛	44⅛	—1⅞
Repub Ir & Stl	77¼	76⅝	76⅝	+ ⅛
do pfd	104	103	104	+ ⅞
Seaboard A L	18	17¾	17⅞	— ⅛
Sears Roebuck	228	228	228	+ ⅛
Southern Pac	97½	97	97½	— ⅛
South Rwy	33½	32⅝	33	.....
do pref	70¼	69⅝	70	+2½
St L & S Fran	27	27	27	— ½
St L & Southwest pf	53	52	52	.....
Studebaker	112½	110	112½	+ ⅝
Tenn Cop & Ch w i	16½	16½	16½	+ ½
Texas Company	211½	209	211½	— ½
Third Avenue	50⅝	50⅝	50⅝	+ ⅛
Tobacco Prod	58½	57½	58	—1
Twin City R T	95¼	95⅛	95⅛	+ ⅛
United Cigar Sto	99½	98⅝	99½	+ ⅝
United Fruit	150	149½	149½	— ⅝
Union Pacific	147⅝	146⅝	147⅝	+ ⅛
do pref	84⅝	84⅝	84⅝	+1⅝
U S C I P & F	20⅝	19½	20½	— ½
U S Indl Alcohol	111½	108½	111½	— ½
U S Rubber	61⅝	60½	61	+4½
U S Smelters	65	62½	65	+ ½
U S Steel	107½	105⅝	106½	—1
do pref	120	118½	120	+1½
Utah Copper	100	98½	100½	— ⅝
Va Car Chem	42	41½	41½	.....
Wabash	13½	13½	13½	+ ½
do pref A	37½	36⅝	37½	.....
do pref B	39½	39⅝	39½	.....
Wells Fargo	141	141	141	.....
Westinghouse Elec	56	55½	55½	.....
Wheel & L E w i	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	— ⅝
do 1st pref w i	50½	50½	50½	+ ½
White Motor	54½	54⅛	54⅛	+6⅞
Willys Overland	37½	37⅛	37½	+ ½
Wisconsin Central	54	54	54	.....

Total sales, 500,900 shares, compared with 1,729,300 shares yesterday; thus far this week, 9,888,400 shares; same period last week, 10,921,400 shares.

BIG GAIN IN CLEARINGS

Increase of Week 65.0 Per Cent Above Last Year

Bank clearings throughout the country for the week ended today were 65.0 per cent above those of the corresponding week of last year. The total this week was $6,340,910,000, as compared with $6,684,036,623 last week and $3,795,004,138 the same week of 1915. Philadelphia's gain is second in the country.

Details follow:

	1916	1915	P.C.
New York	$3,141,607,746	$2,280,407,086	+37.7
Boston	335,610,310	249,992,001	+34.2
Philadelphia	304,509,138	215,426,065	+41.3
Baltimore	86,097,601	67,825,068	+26.9
Chicago	410,180,410	307,986,000	+33.1
St. Louis	103,784,442	83,445,000	+24.3
New Orleans	80,548,560	55,408,257	+45.4
Seven cities 6 days	$4,462,337,757	$3,260,481,477	+36.8
Other cities 6 days	878,458,917	723,853,047	+21.3
All cities, 6 days	$5,340,796,674	$3,984,334,524	+34.0
All cities, 1 day	1,000,416,921	.....	.....
All cities for week	$6,340,910,804	$3,795,004,138	+65.0

BAR SILVER

	Silver Per oz.	Mexican Dollars
New York (cents)	72½	52½

COTTON VERY ACTIVE AND PRICES ADVANCE

Wall Street Shorts Produce Most Demand—Some Traders Take Profits

COTTON BELT WEATHER CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following temperatures were recorded in the cotton belt this morning: Asheville and Nashville, 18; Knoxville and Chattanooga, 24; Raleigh and Meridian, 24; Yorkboro, Memphis, Oklahoma, Augusta, Montgomery and Birmingham, 30; Mobile, Atlanta and Wilmington, 32; Thomasville, 34; New Orleans and Savannah, 38; Charleston, Jacksonville and Pensacola, 40; Abilene and San Antonio, 42; Del Rio, 44, and Corpus Christi, 54.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The cotton market displayed unusual activity and strength at the opening today and first prices were 17 to 32 points higher. Much of the demand appeared to come from Wall street shorts, who felt that Washington developments were no longer favorable to operations on the bear side of the market.

It was also recognized by the trade that recent heavy liquidation had placed the market technically in a much better position and that thus far no panicky condition had developed among southern holders nothwithstanding the big break in futures.

After the opening reactions of nearly 10 points occurred under scattered local profit-taking, but support from traders who frequently act for spot houses absorbed a good part of the offerings.

At the end of the first fifteen minutes the market was fairly active at about 23 to 24 points net higher.

	Yes. close.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	17.18	.....	.....	.....	.....
January	16.80	16.98	16.62	16.90	16.62
March	16.82	16.61	17.05	16.51	16.97
May	16.63	16.88	17.27	16.76	17.24
July	16.75	17.04	17.30	16.82	17.27
October	15.45	15.45	15.65	15.27	15.63
Spot	16.20	.....	.....	.....	16.55

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

GRAIN AND FLOUR

There was little wholesale business transacted and quotations of wheat, corn and oats are omitted. The Commercial Exchange adjourned from close of business Friday until Tuesday.

FLOUR—There was little trading and prices were without important change. Quotations, per bbl, in jute sacks, Winter clear, $6.50@6.75; do, straight, $7@7.25; do, patent, $7.50@7.75; Kansas, clear, cotton sacks, $7.15@7.40; do, straight, cotton sacks, $7.50@8; western, cotton sacks, $7.15@7.40; spring, clear, $7.15@7.40; do, straight, $7.50@8; do, patent, $7.75@8.25; city mills, clear, $7.15@7.40; do, straight, $7.50@8; do, patent, $7.75@8.25; rye flour, $6.25@6.50; do, favorite brands, $6.50@6.60; city mills, choice and fancy patent, $8.50@8.60; city mills, regular grades, Winter, $6.50@7.25; do, straight, $7@7.25; do, patent, $7.50@7.75.

RYE FLOUR was in small supply and steady, but quiet. We quote $7.25@7.75 per bbl, as to quality.

PROVISIONS

The market was quiet and barely steady. Following are the quotations: City beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 34c; western beef, in sets, smoked, 34c; city beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air-dried, 35c; western beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked, 35c; beef rams, $28@30; pork, family, $32.50@33; hams, s. cured, loose, 19@19½c; do, skinned, loose, 19@19½c; do, do, smoked, 20@20½c; other hams, smoked, city, quoted, as to brand, and average, 20½c; hams, smoked, western cured, 20½c; do, boiled, boneless, 31c; picnic shoulders, s. p. cured, loose, 15c; do, smoked, 16c; beef tongues, pickle, according to average, loose, 17c; breakfast bacon, as to brand and average, city cured, 21c; breakfast bacon, western cured, 21c; and, western, refined, tcs., 19c; do, do, do, tubs, and, pure city, kettle rendered, in tcs, 18c; lard, pure city, kettle rendered, in tubs, 18c.

REFINED SUGARS

The market was dull and unchanged. Refiners' list prices: Fine granulated, 7.95c; powdered, 8.10c; confectioners' A, 8.05c; soft grades, 8.30@8.90c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS

BUTTER—Receipts of fancy stock were light and values were well maintained, but there was little wholesale trading. Quotations: Western, creamery, solid-packed, creamery, fancy specials, 43c; extras, 41@42c; extra firsts, 40@40½c; firsts, 38@39c; seconds, 36@37c; ordinary seconds, 34c; average extra, 42@43c; firsts, 39@40c; seconds, 36@37c; special fancy brands of prints jobbing at 47@50c.

EGGS—Receipts of fresh eggs were in small supply and firm with a fair demand. Quotations: Nearby extras, 40c per doz; nearby firsts, 34@39c per case, nearby current receipts, $13.80 per case; refrigerator extras, 40c per doz; do, extra firsts, $14.10 per case; do firsts, $13.80 per case; refrigerator eggs, storage and insurance paid to January 1, extra, $10.80 per case; do, firsts, $10.80 per case; do, seconds, $9.90 per case; fancy selected candled fresh eggs were selling at 54@60c per doz.

CHEESE ruled steady under moderate offerings and a fair demand. Following are the quotations: New York, full cream, fancy, held, 19½@20c; especials higher; do, do, fair to good, held, 24½@24¾c; do, part skims, 13@21c.

POULTRY

LIVE—The market ruled firm under light offerings and a fair demand. Quotations: Fowls, as to quality, 17@19c; old roosters, 13@14c; spring chickens, according to quality, 17@18c; White Leghorns, according to quality, 16@18c; broilers, Delaware and Jersey, 28@32c; geese, 13@18c; pigeons, old, per pair, 28@30c; do, young, per pair, 20@25c.

DRESSED—There was a fair demand for fancy stock and the market ruled firm under light offerings. The quotations: Fresh-killed, dry-packed turkeys, per lb., fancy, nearby, 31@32c; ... higher; fancy western, 31c; fair to good, 27@28c; common, 22@25c; fowls, 12@20c, dry-picked, fancy, selected, 23½c; do, smaller sizes, 22@23c; ducks, nearby, 20@22c; do, western, 19@20c; geese, nearby, 20@22c; do, western, 18@20c; squabs, per doz, white, weighing 11 to 12 lbs, per doz, $5.75@6; white, weighing 9 to 10 lbs, per doz, $4.85@5.50; white, weighing 8 lbs, per doz, $4@4.50; do, do, 7 lbs, per doz, $3.50@3.75; do, do, 6@6½ lbs, per doz, $2.75@3.50; dark, $2.50@2.90; small to No. 2, 50c@$1.25.

FRESH FRUITS

Demand was only moderate, but values were all sustained on choice stock of most descriptions. Following are the quotations: Apples, per bbl.—Jonathan, $4.50@5.25; Grimes' Golden, $4.50@5.25; York Imperial, $3@4; Ben Davis, $3@3.50; Baldwin, No. 1, $4.25@4.50; do, unsorted, $3@3.75; Greening, No. 1, $3@3.25; do, unsorted, $3@4.25; Kings, No. 1, $4.50@5; do ungraded, $3@4; Spitzenberg, No. 1, $4@5; do, ungraded, $2.50@3.50; Wolcsap, No. 1, $4.50@5; do ungraded, $2.50@3.50. Apples, Northwestern, per box, $1.50@2.50. Lemons, per box, $2.50@3. Oranges, Florida, per crate—bright, $2.25@2.75; russet, $2@2.50. Tangerines, Florida, per crate, $3@4. Grapefruit, Florida, per crate, $2.50@3. Pineapples, Florida, Indian River, per crate, $3.50@4. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl.—Early, varieties, $6@8; Early black, $5@6.50. Cranberries, Cape Cod, per crate, $2@2.40; do, Jersey, dark, per crate, $2@2.40; do, do, light, per crate, $1.50@2. Strawberries, Florida, per qt, 35@50c.

VEGETABLES

The general market was quiet and without important change. Quotations: White potatoes, per bush.—Pennsylvania, choice, $1.65@1.75; New York, choice, $1.65. White potatoes, Jersey, per basket, 50c@$1. Sweet potatoes, Eastern Shore, per bbl.—No. 1, $3@3.25; No. 2, $1.50@2. Sweet potatoes, Delaware and Maryland, per hamper, $1.25@1.50. Sweet potatoes, Jersey, per basket—No. 1, 90c@$1; No. 2, 40@50c. Onions, per 100-lb bag—No. 1, $3.50@4.25; No. 2, $2.50@3. Cabbage, Danish, per crate, $20@25. Beets, Norfolk, per bbl, $2@2.50. Kale, Norfolk, per bbl, $1@1.10. Cauliflower, Norfolk, per crate, $1@1.50. Lettuce, Florida, per basket, $1.50@3; do, Virginia, per basket, $1@1.50; do, North Carolina, per basket, $1@2. Beans, Florida, per basket, 12 quart, $1@2. Beans, Florida, per box, $2.50@3.25. Egg