TRADE

A POULTRY FAMINE

Market Is the Highest During the Winter.

SUGAR TAKES A BIG ADVANCE

Rubber Goods Higher, Due to Revised List in Effect First of the Year.

Strengthening of values in nearly all lines of merchandise has been the feature of the local jobbing situation since the turn of the year. Northwest produce has shown higher price tone, and a famine in dressed poultry has developed. Refined sugar has taken an aggregate advance of 22 points here during the week. Rubber goods are up 7 to 8 per cent, due to revised list put in effect. Ginghams are up ¼ cent, and there has been a strengthening of values in several lines of hardware. Advances made were warranted by condition of supply and demand and will be sustained the first half of the new year, at least.

Dressed poultry is at the highest point reached during the winter in this market. Turkeys are on the basis of 11½ cents for fancy dressed toms and young hens. This is ½ cent higher than the previous highest price. Spring chickens have advanced 1½@2 cents during the week and are firm, while hens have advanced ½@1 cent and are strong. Fancy dressed ducks and geese have made a total gain of 2 cents. Receipts of poultry since Tuesday were the lightest ever known at this season of the year, and it is predicted that the market will be much higher through January than in December. According to report, a larger proportion of the northwest poultry crop has been harvested up to date than usual. This, coupled with only a light to medium production of turkeys, will result in increased strength in the price situation as compared with last month.

Reaction in Eggs.

Market on strictly fresh eggs has reacted to a higher basis, and this mornnig was represented by 23 cents, wholesale. The early part of the week tendency of values was decidedly downward, and values went to lowest point during six weeks, reaching 20 cents. Trading in a jobbing way on the exchange was active below 23 cents, there being many buyers ready to take hold. Cold weather brought on the reaction, and tendency is again upward, but values are not expected to go much higher than at present. Limburger cheese has shown advance of ½@1 cent and is firm. Other descriptions of cheese are steady to firm. Butter continues on a firm and unchanged basis. Dressed meats are advancing, due to high range of poultry prices, with fancy veal showing total gain of 1 cent for week, and light and medium dressed hogs a gain of ½ cent. Potatoes, cabbage, onions and other vegetables continue firm, but without price change.

Total Advance in Sugar.

The total advance in sugar for the week at this point was 22 cents per hundred weight. Monday morning all rail rates became operative as against lake and rail, increasing the cost of transportation 12 cents, to which was added 10 cents, the advance put in effect with the settlement of the sugar war last Friday. Beet sugar sells 10 points under cane and is in good supply. Glucose has developed an irregular and weaker tone. New Orleans grades of molasses are on firm basis for open kettle and centrifugals. Coffee market is generally steady as to spot stocks, although speculative interest has been more active. Package coffees were advanced here 12 cents per hundred weight due to higher freight rates, but remain unchanged at roasting points. Tea is on the strongest basis during the year and advances will develop soon. In dried fruits new syndicate prices on California raisins are awaited, but will not be announced for several weeks, until syndicate is incorporated under the laws of New Jersey. Spot currants show slightly easier tone, decline amounting to ¼@¼ cent. Prunes are gaining in strength, with the four sizes and Oregons active. Peaches and apricots are more active and stronger. Canned tomatoes have gained 2½@5 cents for the week in both 2s and 3s standards. California output is being sold on same basis as eastern production and has been absorbed rapidly. Corn, peas and other vegetables are steady. Gallon apples are firm at an advance of 10@15 cents in first hands. Fruits are generally steady.

Rubber Goods Higher.

With the first of the year rubber goods, including boots and shoes, were advanced 7@8 per cent. A new list was issued by the manufacturers which revised discount on these goods. Values at the advance are designated as remarkably low. The trade war between the large rubber interests is reported as continuing, but advance was made by all interests and is attributed to higher price of crude rubber and increased cost of labor.

Ginghams and Tapestries Higher.

Dry goods lines are taking an advance with the first of the year. Ginghams have been advanced with manufacturers ¼@⅜ cents, and are held firm. Fine ginghams are scarce. Prints show strong undertone. Linens are stronger due to better position of flax in this country and abroad. Tapestry list has been revised resulting in a nominal advance in important items. Manufacturers have advanced carpets 2½@10 cents a yard, according to quality.

Glass Is Lower.

Market on glass has declined as expected. New discount sheet has been put in effect which reduces price 5 per cent. Further declines are believed to be remote, although they may occur due to trade war between the large factors in the situation and independents.

REPORT OF PHILLIPINE COMMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

The report of the Philippine Commission, dealing with the forestry proposition in the Islands, is one of unusual interest. The report estimates the vast government timber lands at from twenty to forty million acres. The forests produce valuable woods for every conceivable purpose. The best gutta percha trees have not as yet been found, but closely allied species are found in large numbers.

The starting of gutta percha and rubber plantations is an enterprise that cannot be considered in the light of an experiment, says the report. Planters estimate a return of $150 to $200 per acre from the rubber crop, after the trees have reached maturity. This, with an inferior grade of rubber.

The best quality of rubber comes from Mexico and South America. The Tabasco Plantation Company, an organization of Minneapolis and St. Paul men, owns a tract of over 7,000 acres in the heart of the rubber district of Mexico. 800 acres of this plantation are already under cultivation. Sugar-cane, cocoa, coffee, bananas and other tropical fruits on the plantation are already yielding a good profit, but not such as can be had from the cultivation of rubber. It requires seven years to mature a rubber tree, and the plan is to sell enough stock to develop the rubber trees to maturity, each stockholder paying for his stock on the installment plan, and receiving his share in the profit from the other products to help reduce his payments. In this way, you secure your stock without feeling the expense, and at the end of seven years own undivided interest in the whole plantation, which will pay at the least rate $125 per acre the seventh year, when trees are mature. It will be noted that this estimate is even lower than that given in the government report mentioned above. Each succeeding year the trees become more profitable, until by the twelfth year they will easily pay $500 per acre. The proposition is an inviting one, and stock sells rapidly. If you wish to invest your money in a legitimate business, with extraordinary profits, look this up. Tabasco Plantation Company, 918 Lumber Exchange, Minneapolis.

HOG MARKET WIDE

Prices Cover a Greater Range—Holiday Tone Still Felt.

BUTCHER CATTLE SOLD BETTER

Light Receipts Again the Feature—News of the Week in Live Stock.

South St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—HOGS—There was a liberal increase in hogs at all markets this week over the light receipts of the week before. At the five big markets receipts aggregated 443,000, against 249,100 for the week before, and 322,900 for the corresponding week a year ago. Receipts here were a little larger than the runs of both a week ago and a year ago, but were still considerably short of the average runs during the past two months. The week's supply here totaled 15,000, against 11,256 for the week before, 22,890 two weeks ago, 24,448 for the same week a month ago and 13,138 for the same week a year ago. Prices fluctuated on a very wide margin early in the week. The demand from the local trade was strong on all grades and, while weights averaged heavier, with a smaller portion of lights, the lighter weights generally ruled stronger and medium and heavies weaker than last week's close. Quality all through averaged considerably better, yet there were very few hogs that could be called better than fairly choice. At the close mediums and heavies are quoted from $6.10 to $6.50, with light and mixed grades quoted from $6.50 to $6.15. The bulk at the close sold from $6 to $6.25 against $5.90 to $6.35 at the close last week, $5.70 to $6.10 two weeks ago, $5.60 to $5.75 a month ago and $4.95 to $5 a year ago.

BUTCHER CATTLE—Receipts of cattle this week at all market points were nearly double the light marketing of the previous week, but fell about 35,000 short of the supply two weeks ago. Receipts at the five big markets totaled 103,000, against 68,400 for the previous week, and 96,700 for the corresponding week a year ago. There was a very light supply received in the local yards. The week's run was about 1,100 against 717 for the week before, 2,994 two weeks ago, 3,100 for the same week a month ago and 2,376 for the same week a year ago. The trade in all kinds of killing cattle suffered, the whole week, from the holiday dullness. There was not a sufficient supply to satisfy the wants of the local trade for any one day and while conditions at all other markets showed no material strength, prices here early in the week advanced fully 10c and held firm the balance of the week. There were a few small bunches of fair quality beef steers included that sold from $4.50 to $5.60. Killing cows ran largely to canners and common butcher cows with a few pretty desirable ones included that sold from $3.75 to $4.50. Veal calves were in very strong demand at good strong prices. Choice ones are quoted at $5, although extra choice ones would command $5.25. Quotations:

Choice to prime dressed beef steers	$5.50@6.25
Good to choice dressed beef steers	5.00@5.50
Fair to good dressed beef steers	4.00@4.75
Best western range killing steers	4.50@5.00
Fair western range killing steers	3.50@4.25
Good to choice butcher heifers	3.00@3.65
Fair to good butcher heifers	2.50@3.00
Good to choice butcher cows	3.00@3.25
Fair to good butcher cows	2.00@3.00
Best western range cows	3.00@3.50
Fair western range cows	2.00@3.00
Canners	1.25@2.00
Fat bulls	2.00@2.75
Bologna bulls	2.00@2.50
Good to choice veal calves	4.50@4.75
Fair to good veal calves	3.00@4.00
Best feeding steers	3.00@3.50
Fair feeding steers	2.50@3.00
Common feeding steers	2.00@2.50
Best stock steers	2.75@2.25
Fair stock steers	2.50@2.75
Common stock steers	1.75@2.50
Best feeding cows	2.25@2.50
Faid feeding cows	2.00@2.25
Common feeding cows	1.50@2.00
Best stock heifers	2.50@2.75
Fair stock heifers	2.25@2.50
Common stock heifers	1.75@2.25
Best stock and feeding bulls	2.50@2.75
Fair stock and feeding bulls	2.00@2.50
Milkers and springers	$18.00@40.00

SHEEP—Receipts in sheep were liberal at all market points, being nearly double the marketing of the week before. The supply at five markets totaled 108,000, against 65,100 for the previous week, 115,600 two weeks ago, 153,300 for the corresponding week a month ago, and 77,500 for the corresponding week a year ago. Receipts here were fairly liberal, totaling about 16,000 against 1,512 last week, 2,086 two weeks ago, 11,759 for the same week a month ago, 1,626 for the same week a year ago and 2,321 for the same week two years ago. The big end of the local supply ran largely to offerings either billed through or billed to local feeders. There was a very small portion of fat offerings included and with the demand very strong, prices advanced from 25 to 50c. Trade in both stock and feeding sheep and lambs was rather slow. Quotations:

Good to choice lambs	$5.00@5.25
Fair to good lambs	4.00@4.75
Good to choice yearlings	3.75@4.25
Good to choice wethers	3.50@4.00
Fair to good wethers	3.00@3.50
Good to choice ewes	3.25@3.75
Fair to good ewes	2.75@3.25
Fat bucks	2.00@2.50
Best stock lambs	3.50@4.00
Fair stock lambs	2.50@3.00
Best feeding wethers	3.25@3.50
Fair feeding wethers	2.75@3.25
Best stock and feeding ewes	2.35@2.75
Fair stock and feeding ewes	2.00@2.25
Old thin ewes and bucks	1.00@2.00

Receipts to-day were about 200 cattle, 25 calves, 3,500 hogs and 200 sheep.

The following table shows the receipts from Jan. 1, 1902, to date, as compared with the same period a year ago:

Year.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses.	Cars.
1902	462	25	6,427	8,594	31	136
1901	1,375	265	5,572	1,260	.....	132
Dec.	913	240	.....	.....	.....	...
Inc.	.....	...	695	7,234	31	4

Receipts:

Date.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
Dec. 28	100	34	2,098	238	42
Dec. 30	235	10	1,430	3,458	42
Dec. 31	141	23	4,409	5,250	37
Jan. 1	92	4	1,047	198	13
Jan. 2	171	1	1,954	167	19
Jan. 3	199	20	4,236	8,229	99

Estimated receipts by cars to-day of the railroads centering at these yards: Chicago Great Western, 6; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 16; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 7; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, 16; Great Northern, 2; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 2; Northern Pacific, 2. Total, 51.

Disposition of stock Friday, Jan. 3:

Firm—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	164	4,193	50
W. E. McCormick	9	1	32
Slimmer & Thomas	5	....	....
Hankey Bros.	1	....	....
J. B. Fitzgerlad	2	....	....
Louis Hertz	2	....	....
W. E. Bronson	3	....	34
King Bros.	1	....	4
Leo Gottfried	...	....	84
Other buyers	...	12	....
Country buyers	65	....	90
Total	252	4,206	294

CATTLE—To-day's local cattle supply was very small, but was about as large as usual for Saturday. There was a good strong inquiry for killing cattle at prices firm with yesterday's trade and about 10c higher than a week ago. There was practically no trading in stockers and feeders.

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
2	1,335	$4.00	2	1,210	$3.50
2	1,215	3.00	1	1,090	3.25
1	1,170	3.25	1	1,090	3.00
1	990	2.65	1	950	2.50
1	1,140	2.25	1	1,030	2.00

Beef and Butcher Steers—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
6	1,381	$5.00	1	1,240	$4.50
4	1,075	4.00	1	1,150	3.50

Veal Calves—

No.	Av.	Price	No.	Av.	Price.
8	107	$5.00	1	140	$4.00

Stockers and Feeders—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
7	734	$3.20	1	900	$2.85

Feeding Bulls—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
4	602	$2.75	1	920	$3.00

HOGS—Receipts in sight to-day at leading markets were moderate. There was a good strong demand here for hogs, and while prices east showed no material advance, bids here ruled higher and sales were made at prices mostly 5c above yesterday. Mediums and heavies sold from $6.20 to $6.50, with light and mixed selling from $5.75 to $6.15. Sales:

Hogs—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
62	248	$6.45	76	231	$6.45
35	228	6.45	74	239	6.45
69	229	6.35	73	191	6.30
74	213	6.27½	83	212	6.25
60	209	6.25	59	219	6.25
84	209	6.20	87	209	6.15
32	169	6.15	60	182	6.10
33	152	6.10	67	272	6.10
2	390	6.00	1	280	6.00
47	148	5.85	23	163	5.90

Pigs—

No.	Av.	Price.	No.	Av.	Price.
15	133	$5.60	15	119	$5.50
4	110	5.00			

SHEEP—Receipts were very small. There was a good strong demand for both fat sheep and lambs at prices 25c to 50c above a week ago.

Sheep—

No.	Av.	Price.
19 lambs	84	$5.00
1 lamb	110	4.50
120 sheep	98	4.30
127 sheep	97	4.30
100 sheep	97	4.30
123 sheep	98	4.30
10 sheep	86	4.50
3 sheep	163	3.50

On the market: H. H. Lauritsen, Tyler; J. S. Green, Red Wing; W. H. Helberg, Nesrand; D. C. Fairbanks, Claremont; L. Bausch, Howard Lake; Goodrich & Harkness, Durand, Wis.; C. Black, Welch; H. Kaye, Maiden Rock, Wis.; G. Nold, Nelson, Wis.; Hall Bros., Foley; L. Wood, Canton; W. E. Lebaron, Lyle; J. Laughlin, Bixby; Schuldt & Walthers, Owatonna; H. H. Scritmie, Bloomer, Wis.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Sioux City Stockyards, Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 4.—Receipts of cattle at this market during the week foot up 3,000 head, an increase of 300 over last week and 500 more than were received during the corresponding week of last year. Holiday week has had the effect of keeping outside buyers off the market, and there has been little or no country demand for stock cattle. The dealers have been the only buyers, and have picked up the light receipts readily on orders. On Monday, with 1,400 cattle on sale, the trade ruled active. Stockers and feeders and the heavier weight yearlings of good quality showed an advance of a dime over last week's quotations. The common and inferior cattle showed no change, and it was hard work for sellers to dispose of their holdings. For the balance of the week the receipts were light and comprised mostly killers. The market showed no change and anything that had the quality sold readily at the earlier advance. There was a pretty good clearance each day out of first hands, and there will be few cattle carried over Sunday.

The fat cattle receipts comprised the bulk of the cattle on sale during the latter part of the week, but were not sufficient to supply the demands of the packers. The market showed an advance of 10@15c over last week's closing quotations on steer grades, with the butcher stock 15@25c higher. The top on steers this week was $6.10, paid for three loads averaging around 1,400 pounds. The fair to good beef steers ranged from $4.25 to $5.50, and butcher steers from $4 to $4.60. The bulk of the butcher stock sold from $3 to $3.75, with a few of the choice cows and heifers at $4 and $4.50. Canners and thin cows sold all the way from $2 to $2.75.

Hogs—Receipts foot up for the week 16,600, an increase of 100 head over last and 3,000 more than the corresponding week of last year. The market opened at the high point on Monday, with an average cost of $6.30, and closed with hogs selling 12c lower than a week ago to-day. The quality has run very much to extremes, as usual, and there has been a wide range between the light and heavy hogs.

Sheep—Receipts this week have not been sufficient to supply the demand of th packers. The market for the week ruled fully steady at the 25c advance noted at the close of last week, and the buyers bought up the supply readily at this advance. The trade has been brisk with top lambs selling at $4.75, yearlings as high as $4 and ewes around $3.

Receipts—Cattle, 200; hogs, 3,000; sheep, 100. Hogs—Strong to 5c higher. Sales:

No.	Av.	Price.
58	188	$5.80
77	223	6.10
57	258	6.30
60	308	6.50

Cattle—Firm. Sales:

No.	Av.	Price.
18 beeves	980	$4.00
20 beeves	1,065	4.65
19 beeves	1,200	5.75
11 cows	980	3.00
24 cows	1,100	3.75
8 cows	958	4.35
16 stockers	740	2.75
21 stockers	800	3.25
19 stockers	1,040	4.00
17 yearlings	530	2.75
28 yearlings	608	3.25
19 yearlings	589	3.75

Sheep—Receipts, 3000. Firm. Sales:

No.	Av.	Price.
35 yearlings	95	3.00
36 lambs	93	5.20

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Cattle, receipts 300; steady; good to prime, $6.50@7.50; poor to medium, $4@6.25; stockers and feeders $2@4.25; cows, $1.25@4.75; heifers, $2@5.25; canners, $1.25@2.30; bulls, $2.25@4.75; calves, $3@6.75; Texas fed steers, $3@4.90.

Hogs, receipts to-day, 23,000; left over, 7,331; strong; mixed and butchers, $5.90@6.65; good to choice heavy, $6 40@6.70; rough heavy, $6.10@6.35; light, $6@6.35; bulk of sales, $6.10@6.45.

Sheep, receipts, 2,000; steady; lambs steady to higher; good to choice wethers, $4.25@5; fair to choice mixed, $3.50@4.25; western sheep, $4.25@4.65; native lambs, $3.50@6.25; western lambs, $5@5.90.

Official yesterday: Receipts, cattle, 3,475; hogs, 40,823; sheep, 9,252; shipments, cattle, 1,625; hogs, 3,245; sheep, 704.

Chicago Country Hides.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Following is the review of the trade by the Hides and Leather Reporter: Trading is rather slack. Buyers are anxious to secure shipment of previous purchases, thus enabling them to take advantage of existing freight tariffs, which, in some cases, are subject to change or revision after this month. As is frequently the case at this season, tanners are taking only a passive interest in the market; personal purchasers were scarce and the brokers report few orders or even inquiries.

Native steers, free of brands, sixty pounds and up, are no stronger than a week ago. For average receipts, 11¼@11½c is asked. Harness leather hides, out of bundle, sold at ¼c premium.

No. 1 heavy cows, free of brands and grubs, sixty pounds and up, settled to 10¼c, and a Milwaukee collar leather tanner secured a car at this figure, and lesser lots sold on the same basis. Two cars containing hides down to fifty-five and fifty-seven pounds changed hands at 10c, and even money is now regarded the market on sixty and up.

Branded steers and cows are quoted at a wide range of prices, according to average weight, condition, take-off, percentage of steers and other conditions which help to determine values. Country packer branded, running well to steers, quoted as high as 10c flat, while two cars butcher take-off, heavy average, sold at 9½c. Receipts around fifty pounds average quoted 8½@9c, while forty to fifty pounds average quoted 8c flat.

No. 1 buffs, free of brands and grubs, forty to 60 pounds, have sold to the extent of 6,000 or 8,000 at 9¼c, and 8¼c. At last week's close, a Pennsylvania purchaser is understood to have taken one car at 9½c, but further support failing to materialize the market soon settled to 9¼c. In most instances, sellers have from one to three weeks in which to complete deliveries, and a tanner in urgent need of hides for immediate use might find it necessary to pay a slight premium.

No. 1 extreme light hides, twenty-five to forty pounds, are a shade stronger than buffs, at 9¼c. Early in the week sellers held out for 9½c, declining to 9⅜c, but later a local tanner secured at car at buff prices.

Buffs are kept closely sold up, principally to Wisconsin harness leather tanners. Receipts are light and readily salable at 9¼c flat.

The Wool Trade in 1901

The American Wool and Cotton Reporter, in its annual review of the wool trade, says:

While there has been some increase in the size of the domestic clip, there has been a substantial falling off in the imports, and the sales in the principal markets have increased to a very noteworthy degree; the sales in Boston, for instance, have been about 90 per cent larger in 1901 than they were in 1900, increasing from 146,975,100 lbs to 272,738,900 lbs. As a result of the changed conditions that have prevailed during the last 12 months, the amount of wool in the country, exclusive of wool in bond, is now 177,191,000 lbs, as against 294,537,338 lbs a year ago, a decrease of 117,346,288 lbs, or about 40 per cent. The salient feature of the situation is that though practically the whole 1901 clip of the United States has already passed out of first hands and has found its way to the distributing centers, nevertheless the stocks on hand in the leading markets at the close of the year show a very considerable falling off from a year ago. For instance, the stocks in Boston, exclusive of wool in bond, have decreased from 94,749,000 lbs in 1900 to 80,100,000 lbs in 1901. It is safe to assert that there has not been a period for some years when less wool was being carried for purely speculative account than today.

Midway Horse Market.

Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—Barrett & Zimmerman report market of an uneven tone. Logging horses, while in large supply, moved the slowest of the season. Farm mares and drivers were in demand, yet the outlet on all classes was of a small proportion. Values:

Drafters, extra	$155@180
Drafters, choice	140@155
Drafters, common to good	125@140
Farm mares, choice	100@120
Farm mares, common to good	60@ 85

New York Mining Stocks.

New York, Jan. 4.—Adams Consolidated, 20; Alice, 45; Breece, 75; Brunswick Consolidated, 15; Comstock Tunnel, 5½; Consolidated California and Virginia, 160; Deadwood Terra, 50; Horn Silver, 190; Iron Silver, 60; Leadville Consolidated, 5; Little Chief, 12; Ontario, 850; Ophir, 35; Phoenix, 5; Potosi, 9; Savage, 4; Sierra Nevada, 20; Small Hopes, 40; Standard, 3.

DATA FOR MESSAGE

President Will Use Figures of Interstate Commerce Commission.

COMMISSION TO BEGIN PROBING

It Will Look Into Burlington Deal—Grain and Packing Products Shipments.

The Chicago Record Herald says that the data gathered by the interstate commerce commission, in its coming investigation, will be used by President Roosevelt in a special message to congress.

It was the original purpose of the president to cover these subjects fully in his annual message to congress, but owing to the inability of the interstate commerce commission to get all the facts necessary, these subjects were touched upon but briefly, and were left to be handled in a supplementary message. The investigations, which will be made, and which will supplement those already made, are:

First—Tuesday, at Chicago, the transportation of packing-house products and dressed beef.

Second—Wednesday, at Chicago, the Burlington-Northern Pacific-Great Northern combination.

Third—Thursday, at Kansas City, grain and grain products to eastern and seaboard points.

Fourth—Friday, at Chicago, packing-house products and dressed beef.

United States Marshal Ames' deputy was busy yesterday serving and trying to serve subpoenas on representatives of packing house interests. He had six summonses, and succeeded in serving two. Several of the men sought are said to have escaped service by leaving the city hurriedly, one of them missing the deputy by only a few seconds.

While the packing house men are apparently shunning the investigation, the railroad men are not seeking to avoid it. Many of them believe that anything is better than the present condition, and that with stable rates would come lower rates to the great benefit of the entire country. The packing house men who were served with subpoenas are: George B. Robbins, vice president of Armour car lines; W. P. Jenkins, superintendent of transportation for the Hammond Packing company.

The Burlington Deal.

It is doubtful if the investigation into the Burlington deal can proceed Wednesday, as President Harris, of the Burlington, and Darius Miller, vice president, will not be in the city. They have asked the commission to postpone the date, and unless the St. Paul people interested can get here a postponement may become necessary. It is understood that the legal counsel interested in the organization of the Northern Securities company, James J. Hill, E. H. Harriman, J. P. Morgan, Former President Hays, of the Southern Pacific, President Burt, of the Union Pacific, and J. C. Stubbs, traffic director for the Harriman lines, have been asked to attend. None of these men were subpoenaed, but Darius Miller said that he expected to respond to the commission's request, and it is presumed that others would do the same.

Must Open Station.

The Northern Pacific must reopen the Twentieth avenue station at Duluth by Jan. 28. It was so ordered yesterday by the railroad and warehouse commission. When the state compromised the St. Paul & Duluth case Sept. 12, 1900, the Northern Pacific bound itself to maintain unimpaired all the facilities and conveniences previously offered by the St. Paul & Duluth. To reopen it will be an inconvenience to the road, but the commission will hold the company to the letter of the contract.

Laying New Steel.

By the end of the present year the Chicago Great Western expects to have its entire line from Minneapolis to Chicago laid with eighty-pound steel. New rails are to be laid between Kenyon and Oelwein, between Waterloo and Marshalltown, and between Oelwein and Des Moines. The Chicago, Minneapolis and Oelwein yards will be increased one-third over their present capacity.

The Great Western has also completed plans for improvements to cost $80,000 between Ranova, Minn., and Elkton, which will be carried out in the spring. Several miles of the present main line will be abandoned and new track will be laid on a better grade. Contracts were let yesterday for a two-mile cutoff at Hampton, Iowa, to cost $20,000.

A Boost for F. G. Pettibone.

Frank G. Pettibone, chief clerk to General Superintendent Kimberley of the Northern Pacific, has been appointed assistant general manager of the gulf lines of the Santa Fe with headquarters at Galveston, Texas.

Minneapolis Fur Prices.

Following quotations are for prime or No. 1. Poorer quality are quoted lower, proportionately.

Bear, black, brown, grizzly	$10.50@ 28.00
Beaver	3.50@ 8.00
Fisher, as to size and color	2.75@ 9.00
Fox, black and silver gray	30.00@300.00
Fox, cross, as to size and color	2.75@ 10.00
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Browning, King & Co., Monthly.

The January issue of Browning, King & Co.'s monthly magazine of twenty-eight pages is just out, and it is a very clever number. It is handsomely printed and is full of interesting pictures and good jokes. Here are two sample bits of merriment found in its pages:

Little Tom (at supper)—Grandma, do your glasses make things look bigger?

Grandma—Yes, dear. Why?

Little Tom—Oh, I only thought if they did I'd like you to take them off while you're cutting the cake.

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Altogether the first issue for 1902 is most creditable, and as it is given away to those applying for it at the Nicollet avenue store, it should find its way into many hands.

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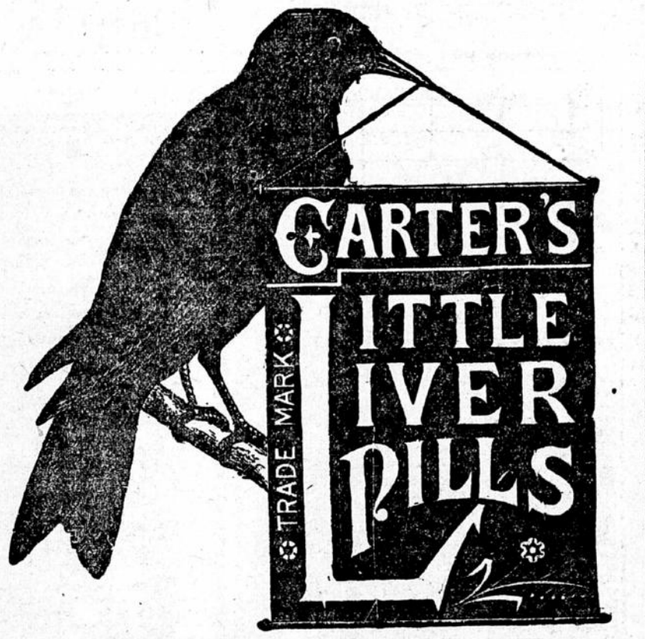

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