In Labor's Field.

TO PUT UNIONS IN RIGHT LIGHT

SERIES OF MEETINGS FOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Their Purpose Is to Remove Prejudice in Certain Circles—First Meeting Will Be Held Jan. 6—Program Has Already Been Prepared.

Arrangements are being made for holding meetings in the interest of the trade union movement this winter. These meetings will take the form of a "campaign of education," and the idea is being favorably received by the working people of Minneapolis. Much enthusiasm is being shown in the movement, which has for its object the placing of the trade unions before the public in their proper light and offsetting some features which may now be a menace to them.

As the opening gun the promoters have arranged for a social gathering of the delegates of the Trades and Labor assembly, to be held at Alexander's hall, Wednesday evening, Jan. 6. It is hoped by those in charge of the affair that this meeting will begin a movement which will in some measure combat the prejudice existing against trades unions in certain quarters. The program for the evening is as follows:

Master of ceremonies, H. L. Dix.
Barytone solo, John Rexford.
Soft shoe buck and wing dancing, Lund and Osterman.
"Typographical Union," A. Henderson.
Tenor solo, J. J. Sampson.
"The Millers," J. E. Larkins.
"Signs of the Times," Phil Carlin.
Recitation, S. E. Shannon.
"Gospel of the Cards and Labels," John Durker.
"Law and Order," A. G. Bainbridge.
Vocal solo, retail clerks.
"Why Women Should Organize," C. F. Celley.
"The Labor Press," E. E. Stevens.
"Ladies' Label League," Miss May Ohatto.
Recitation, Richard Foote.
Door committee, Max Conrad and Henry Morris; reception committee, D. M. Allison, T. E. Lees, F. W. Bell and F. Hoffman.

The "feast and refreshments" will be furnished by Klein & Pauntz, successors to Alexander & Co.

MILLERS' BENEFIT

Everything Ready for Play and Dance New Year's Eve.

The melodrama entitled "Jerry, the Tramp," will be given, under the auspices of the striking millers, at Century hall New Year's eve at 8 o'clock. The whole assemblage will stay after the performance to dance the old year out and the new year in.

S. E. SHANNON.

The play is under the direction of S. E. Shannon, who is a member of the Millers' union. Mr. Shannon takes the part of Jerry, into which he will put his best efforts, having scored a hit in it before.

He has a reputation professionally as well as locally, having made his first appearance in public twenty-two years ago, and has appeared since then in such characters as Frank Redloe in "Shenandoah," and the well known parts of Danny Man, Michael Feeney, Harvey Duff, Con the Shaughraun, and others.

The balance of the cast is as follows:

Colonel Matthew Lee ..... George O. Leonard
James Blackburn ..... Frank Scallen
Jack Worthington ..... Frank Lally
Mrs. Lee ..... Mrs. M. J. Quinn
France ..... Eleanor Phyllis Harrington
Sadie ..... Mae O'Rielly

All are players of established reputation and nearly all have played in the parts several times before.

The music will be furnished by McNamara's orchestra.

NEW OFFICERS.

Unions Are Electing New Officials for the Coming Year.

The Carpenter's union completed the election of officers at last Friday night's meeting. Delegates to the Building Trades Council, John Wahlquist and Philip Carlin; delegates to the Trades Assembly, Samuel Spurrell, J. A. McElroy, T. McCourt, F. D. Furlong and M. N. Rogers.

Union No. 1, Packers and Nailers, has elected these officers for the coming term: President, William Mitchell; vice president, J. M. Johnson; secretary, Arthur Ogg; financial secretary and treasurer, J. Burkholder; guide, G. H. Torgeson; sentinel, Henry Roy; executive board, B. R. Baker, G. H. Torgeson and J. Carroll; trustees, W. T. Arthur, J. Mullen and W. McNamara; delegates to the Trades assembly, J. M. Johnson, W. Hickey, B. R. Baker, E. E. Wagner and G. P. Darth.

Plumbers and Gasfitters elected the following: President, F. Stiller; vice president, J. O'Keefe; recording secretary, M. Buckley; financial secretary, F. W. Cloutier; treasurer, V. Turner; inside sentinel, M. E. Neary; outside sentry, D. Fallon; delegates to Building Trades Council, Messrs. O'Donnell, Neary, Fallon, Rogan and Monahan.

Officers were elected by the Garment Workers' union as follows: President, A. J. Schultz; vice president, Kate Brounce; recording secretary, Annie Gorman; financial secretary, John Julleen; treasurer, May Ohatto.

Metal Polishers' union, No. 16, has elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, H. H. Skeldon; vice president, Frank Fust; recording secretary, F. D. Burns; financial secretary, Fred Frederickson; treasurer, C. Johnson; guardian, James McDermott; trustees, E. Lundeen, P. Lundeen and H. Johnson.

The bindery girls' union elected the following officers: President, Kate Felix; vice president, Gertrude Gunn; recording secretary, Carrie Corbeson; secretary-treasurer, Madie Ryan; sergeant-at-arms, Annie Gray.

Monday evening the boot and shoe repairers' union elected officers for the year as follows: President, J. W. Schweiger; vice president, G. Wickstrom; recording secretary, A. F. Roepke; financial secretary, O. J. Skerjmo; treasurer, C. J. Wallin.

Electrical workers' union elected the following officers Tuesday evening: President, A. H. Sellers; vice president, B. B. Friel; corresponding secretary, Frank Flanagan; financial secretary, John Reynolds; treasurer, T. Webster; trustees, George Heilig, Charles Stark and G. N. Raymond.

New officers of the hardwood furniture polishers' union are as follows: President, Charles Johnson; vice president, John Aamott; conductor, George Jewett; warden, Gustavus Hager; financial secretary, John M. Johnson; recording secretary, Carl W. Darth.

Cigarmakers' union, No. 77, at the meeting Wednesday evening, elected the following officers; President, Otto Pahle; vice president, J. Gothberg; recording secretary, Charles Koenig; corresponding and financial secretary, E. G. Hall; treasurer, August Siebert; sergeant-at-arms, Charles Mayo; trustee for three years, A. Koppi; executive board, William Stacy, Andrew Frohlig, Henry Krienkamp, O. S. Nelson and E. A. Bury; financial committee, Peter Lang, A. M. McNaughton and Samuel Wright; delegates to Trades Assembly, John Durker, E. G. Hall, John Kirby, Max Conrad and Otto Pahle.

ST. PAUL TRADES ASSEMBLY

Brief Synopsis of Doings of Saint's Central Body.

Collis P. Lovely, vice president of the International Union of Boot and Shoe Workers, gave an address before the St. Paul Trades Assembly last Friday evening on behalf of the union label. Thomas Lucas requested the privilege of the floor to explain his attitude to organized labor, saying he had been misquoted by the press, but his request was denied. Delegate Templeman reported that T. D. O'Brien desired to address the assembly at some future date upon "Industrial Peace," and a motion that he be allowed the privilege was granted. Rev. D. D. Mitchell gave an interesting talk, in which he assured the assembly that the church was greatly interested in the welfare of the workingman.

C. J. Buell was granted the floor and announced that John Z. White, representing the Henry George association of Chicago, would be in St. Paul the week of Jan. 17, and would like to arrange for a meeting of workingmen under the auspices of the assembly.

Dec. 30 has been selected as the date of the next meeting.

THE "OPEN SHOP"

Building Contractors in Duluth May Try to Secure It.

The Duluth Labor World, in an editorial in last Saturday's issue, says the building trades' unions of that city are soon to be confronted with the "open shop" proposition in dealing with the contractors. While the Builders' Exchange has given out nothing as to its purpose next season, it is apparent that things are shaping themselves for a united effort among all the contractors to secure an "open shop" agreement with the unions. All of the building trades unions are satisfied with the present hours of labor and general working conditions in Duluth, and are said to be anxious for a renewal of the existing scale. Any attempt to enforce the "open shop" idea will result in trouble.

The Federation Council.

The Federation Council met at Alexander's hall Sunday afternoon, Messrs. Templeman, Strom, Bohan, Jordan and Vaillancourt being present. Resolutions of condolence were adopted upon the death of the son of W. E. McEwen, secretary of the State Federation, and a copy of the same was ordered sent to Mr. McEwen. The secretary was instructed to send greetings to the Missouri Federation of Labor, which will assemble in annual convention Jan. 12, with a request to take action on the boycott placed upon certain brands of Minneapolis flour. The next meeting of the council will be held in St. Paul.

Label League Entertainment.

The St. Paul Union Label league will give its third free public entertainment Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27, at the Grand opera-house. The preceding entertainments of the league were very enjoyable affairs and the one to be held next Sunday will be no exception. In addition to a high-class vaudeville program, there will be a number of speeches delivered by men prominent in the labor movement. The prime object is to advertise the union label and advance the cause of unionism in general. Carpenters' union, No. 87, will attend the entertainment in a body.

Election Postponed.

The Allied Printing Trades Council met Tuesday evening at Richmond hall: Election of officers was postponed until the second Tuesday in January, when the constitution and by-laws will be considered. A set of rules governing the use of the label and the conditions under which it may be used were submitted for adoption, but were rejected because unsatisfactory to the council. An effort will be made to induce the Typothetae to sign an amended contract. A committee was appointed to take steps to have the label appear upon all city and county printing.

Carpenters Meet To-night.

On account of the Christmas and New Year holidays coming on Friday, the regular meeting night of the Carpenters' union, it has been decided to hold the next two regular meetings this evening and the week following. The proposed amendments to the State Federation of Labor constitution will be considered and the vote taken.

Some Social Events.

The Dressmakers' union will hold an open meeting at Richmond hall on Monday evening, Jan. 4.

The Flour and Cereal Mill Employes will put on a play, "Jerry the Tramp," at Century hall, New Year's Eve, under the direction of S. E. Shannon. Dancing will be indulged in after the performance.

Local Machinists' unions will give a smoker at Union Temple Tuesday evening, Dec. 29.

Union No. 15, Plumbers and Gasfitters, will give a ball at Masonic Temple Monday evening, Jan. 11. Harper's orchestra will furnish the music.

LABOR NOTES.

Cook's Union, No. 168, has inaugurated a movement to organize the women cooks in Minneapolis and a meeting will be held in the near future to effect an organization.

Mrs. Eva Mcdonald Valesh, formerly an active member of Typographical Union No. 42, but now a resident of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with Minneapolis relatives.

The Bricklayers' Union held a special meeting Wednesday night to consider the question of affiliating with the National Building Trades Council, but definite action was postponed.

Machinists' Union No. 459, St. Paul, will hold an open installation on Friday evening, Jan. 1, 1904. A delegation of Minneapolis machinists will attend and all union machinists are invited.

The Mineral and Soda Water Bottlers' Union will hold its meetings hereafter on the third Friday of each month. Arrangements are being made for a dance, the late to be announced later.

A "smoker" will be given Monday evening, Dec. 28, at Union Temple, by Machinists' Unions 91 and 477, to which all machinists, union or nonunion, are invited. A fine program has been arranged.

The call has been issued for the fifteenth annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America, to be held in Tomlinson hall, Indianapolis, Ind., commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., Jan. 18, 1904.

The girls employed by the Swift Packing company at South St. Paul are organizing an auxiliary to Packing House Employes' Union No. 365, and will soon form a permanent organization and apply for a charter.

Charles Kiendl, general organizer for the United Brewery Workmen of America, has succeeded in effecting an amicable settlement of the difficulty between the Brewers and Maltsters' Union and the North Star Malting company.

Action taken at the convention of the International Association of Allied Metal Mechanics, at Toledo last week, may result in amalgamation with the International Association of Machinists. It has been arranged to put the proposition of amalgamation to a referendum vote of both unions, and it is practically certain the decision will be to consolidate.

Bricklayers' Union, No. 1, St. Paul, will take up the consideration of the wage scale for the coming year at the first meeting in January. The new officers of the union are: President, J. Ellit; vice president, A. Sletner; financial secretary, N. T. Rossen; recording secretary, Christ Froberg; treasurer, Oscar Berger; delegates to Trades and Labor Assembly, William Brown, H. Meyer and William Anderson. The next meeting will be held the first Thursday in January. William Anderson, O. Lofgren and H. Meyer were appointed as the arbitration committee for the coming year.

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HJALMAR EDGREN A MANY SIDED MAN

HE DIES AT STOCKHOLM, AGED 63 YEARS.

During the American Civil War He Served with the Union Army, and After Later Service in the Swedish Army Became a Professor at Yale.

Hjalmar Edgren, soldier, author, poet, linguist and philologist, a many-sided character, died recently in Stockholm at the age of 63. He was an officer in the northern army during the civil war, then served six years in the Swedish army, later receiving a doctor's degree at Yale university in 1874. He remained at Yale until 1880, latterly as Whitney professor in Sanscrit and comparative philology. Then he went to Sweden and taught Sanscrit for four years at Lund university. From 1884 to 1890 he was professor in Sanscrit and modern languages at Nebraska university. Receiving his second call to Sweden, he remained two years at the Gothenburg high school, but returned again to Nebraska university. Here Dr. Edgren remained until 1901, when he again went back to Sweden as a member of the Swedish academy's Nobel institute.

HJALMAR EDGREN.

As an author his work was almost phenomenal as to variety and amount. He translated much American literature, including Longfellow's poems, into Swedish, compiled Sanscrit, French, Spanish, German and Italian grammars, compiled, together with Professor Whitney, German-English and English-German lexicons, an English and French dictionary, translated two of Kalidasa's dramas and two northern sagas, wrote a number of scientific articles for American, Swedish, Spanish German and French periodicals, and a number of works on comparative philology, published two volumes of original and translated poems in Swedish.

With all his great learning he had the warmest of hearts, and young students found in him a true friend and a wise counselor.

DANISH SUFFRAGE LAW

That Proposed Will Be a Broad Measure.

The proposed suffrage law of Denmark is to be a very broad measure, and that country from being backward in extending the electoral franchise will become one of the most advanced in the world if the law is passed without any important amendments.

The minister proposes that the right of suffrage shall be granted to every man or woman who has citizenship and has reached the age of 25 years, and who has otherwise paid taxes during the fiscal year which precedes the election, and is also at the same time enjoying a fixed homestead within the same precinct. This privilege, however, is not to be extended to farm hands and other domestic employes who have no household of their own, to recipients of aid from the community and to those who are in bankruptcy. An important clause in the program is the one which stipulates that everyone who has the right to vote is eligible to office.

VICTOR E. NELSON HOME

Comes Back from Consulship at Bergen, Norway.

Victor E. Nelson, who has been United States consul at Bergen, Norway, for five years, has returned to America for another consular assignment. In Boston, where he landed, Consul Nelson was given column interviews in the newspapers. He spoke very highly of both Sweden and Norway.

Of late years many Americans have visited Sweden every summer, and the yachts of those who are able to maintain them have been found in the harbors of Stockholm, Gothenburg, Christiania and Bergen every summer. But among the many Americans who have visited these countries none has touched the heart of the people as have Charles E. Glidden and his wife, who made the record automobile trip north thru these countries. By their kind and courteous treatment they endeared themselves to all the people, especially those in the northern part of the country, and it is my pleasant privilege to bring the greetings of these people to Mr. and Mrs. Glidden.

As compared with Sweden, Norway presents a marked contrast. The chief products of Norway are mackerel, cod, cod liver oil and herring, and over $1,000,000 worth of these is sent annually to America. On the other hand, the exports from Sweden to America consist of steel, safety matches and wood pulp. The big spruce and pine forests of this country furnish ample supply, while the mountains of iron ore make a great industry for Sweden."

Regarding the minister from the United States to Sweden and Norway, W. W. Thomas, Jr., who has officiated for many years in this capacity, I wish to say that he is well liked in all parts of the country. His good judgment, his knowledge of affairs in general of both territories to which he is minister, has endeared him to the people, and has produced in official, as well as social, circles a feeling of friendliness which could not have been brought about had the United States sent a minister less tactful and able.

EAGER TO EXHIBIT

Stavanger Industries Interested in St. Louis Exposition.

The canning industries of Stavanger are anxious for a Norwegian exhibit at the St. Louis fair and have urged their representatives in the storthing to lend their influence and votes to a government appropriation for this purpose. The representatives have replied that after interviewing their colleagues they are convinced that there is no hope for a government appropriation.

Nykoping a Beneficiary.

Nykoping, Sweden, is a rich beneficiary in the will of the late Chr. Gustafsson, a wealthy manufacturer. There are specific bequests of 450,000 kronor to various charitable and educational institutions. Furthermore a fund of 1,000,000 kr. will be placed at the disposal of the municipality the interest on which is to be devoted to various purposes which do not ordinarily fall on the city.

Bjornson's Birthday.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson celebrated his birthday Dec. 8 in Stockholm. A deputation of Finnish exiles, including Senator Mechelin, Baron von Born, Attorney Castren and Rector Rosendal paid their respects and presented a floral design. A deputation of Finnish women also called. Among the visitors was the Swedish minister of foreign affairs, Count Lagerheim. Telegrams came thick and fast all day long.

Oppose Whipping Post.

Minister Alberti's proposition to reestablish the whipping post in Denmark has aroused the ire of several influential officials who declare that it is a return to the age of barbarism and wholly opposed to modern progress and culture.

Army Law Oppressive.

There is a growing discontent among the people of Sweden against the new Swedish army law. The military budget grows constantly and with rapid strides. In 1905 the army will cost the state 82,000,000 kr. exclusive of the expenses of the recruits, loss of wages, and the contributions of the communes, and the proposed increase has hardly begun. This militarism is viewed with great alarm by many people, as they fear that the burden will be all too heavy before long.

Baron Promoted.

Lieutenant General Baron A. E. Rappe, chief of the general staff, has been appointed general of the Swedish army, an appointment which is expected to meet with favor on all sides.

Blehr Is Revisor.

Former Premier Blehr has been appointed Norwegian revisor at the Nobel institute at Stockholm by the Norwegian Nobel committee. The position is a sinecure paying 1,000 kr. annually. Hitherto it has been held by the youngest member of the Norwegian division of the ministry at Stockholm.

Murderers Are Pardoned.

Pardon has been granted by King Oscar to three murderers who have been imprisoned for about thirty years. One was a woman who had coaxed a 15-year-old girl to put arsenic in pancakes which were given to her father-in-law.

Ironclad Launched.

Another Swedish ironclad was launched at Malmo this month. It was Manligheten, 260 feet long, a displacement of 3,650 tons, and an estimated speed of 16½ knots per hour. It will have an armament of fourteen guns of various sizes.

Death of "Wergeland's Gutten."

Anders Larsen Langbraaten, an old vagabond who in his boyhood was adopted by Henrik Wergeland, died at Christiania on Nov. 28 at the age of 87 years. Wergeland thought that the boy was a remarkable genius and predicted that he would become a great artist. He was a splendid speaker and a fine violin player even as a boy, but took to drink at an early age and soon became a drunken tramp. That he should have lived so long in his dissipations and constant exposure is a surprise to all. He was usually known as the Wergeland boy or "Vesle Anders."

Ibsen's Sad Affliction.

Henrik Ibsen is troubled with aphasia, his tongue playing him such tricks that he often says things that he does not intend to. Thus when inviting a friend to be seated he said, "Have a cigar." The venerable author has become so irritated and angry over his failing that the family has decided that no visitors shall be received for a time.

Bad Storm Along Norway.

An unusually violent storm harried the southern coast of Norway and Christiania fjord Dec. 3-4. Happily no great loss of either life or property ensued, altho the storm was the worst in many years.

MONEY REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The statement of averages of the clearing-house banks of this city for the five days of this week show: Loans $892,262,000, increase $13,522,600; deposits $892,262,800; increase $13,522,600; deposits $45,304,400, decrease $731,700; legal tender $67,902,500, decrease $807,000; specie $161,151,800, increase $3,264,800; reserve $229,054,300, increase $2,057,800; reserve required $216,479,675, increase, $4,408,675; surplus $12,514,625; decrease $1,450,875; ex-United States deposits $21,776,950, decrease $1,446,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Close: Prime mercantile paper nominally 5½@6 per cent; sterling exchange nominal, with bankers' bills at $4.80.90@4.81 for demand and at $4.83.95@4.84 for sixty-day bills; posted rates nominal at $4.81½@4.82 and $4.85@4.85½.

"Lake Superior Limited"

runs daily via the Northern Pacific's "Duluth Short Line" between Twin Cities and Head of the Lakes, leaving each terminal early in the afternoon and arriving at destination in early evening. Parlor and Observation-Cafe cars run. An ideal train. Try it!

PLANTS ARE CLOSED FOR STOCK TAKING

INVENTORY TIME BRINGS MUCH TEMPORARY IDLENESS.

Few Labor Disputes—Steel Producers Look for Much New Business Next Month—Cotton Still on the Boom and Fluctuating Violently—Railroad Traffic Not Seriously Impeded.

New York, Dec. 26.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade to-day says:

"Holiday conditions pervade the markets and most of the exchanges were closed yesterday. Manufacturing plants are stopping for inventories and repairs, in many cases the extent of idleness being considerably greater than for the corresponding season in recent preceding years. There has been a liberal volume of business in holiday goods, but reports are somewhat conflicting in comparison with 1902. An encouraging sign is the improvement in collections.

"Railway traffic is not seriously impeded by the recent storms, owing to better methods of operation. Earnings thus far reported for December exceed last year's by 6 per cent. Agreements are being made with little friction as to wage reductions, except in the case of coal mining, and several idle plants have fixed the date for resuming work.

"Few labor disputes are in progress and steel producers look for much new business early next month.

"Engagements of gold were checked by a sharp recovery in foreign exchanges, altho receipts have raised treasury gold holdings far above all previous records, and money is unusually easy for the season.

"Owing to the decrease in speculation, bank exchanges for the week were 15.7 per cent smaller than a year ago at New York, while at other leading cities there was a gain of .5 per cent.

"Leading interests in the iron and steel industry brought more stability to the situation by deciding against any further reductions in quotations, and there are numerous indications that prospective purchasers do not intend to delay placing contracts beyond the season of inventories and repairs.

"Expressions of opinion are heard in many prominent markets that orders will begin to appear at about the middle of January, and a liberal volume of business will be placed for work to be done early in 1904.

"The shops are receiving few new orders and there is little effort at present to increase activity. Eastern wholesalers are more cautious regarding additional contracts for spring lines, but western jobbers are seeking supplies liberally.

"Conservatism is still the leading characteristic in every department of the cotton goods market. Mills are steadily curtailing output and find it impossible to secure advances in finished product commensurate with those in raw material. Purchasers of cotton take only for urgent needs and refuse to pay the quotations asked for distant deliveries. No demand for China is seen, and the export division is doing nothing, prices being well beyond the views of foreign customers.

"Cotton has again risen beyond all records for a quarter of a century, and fluctuations of $2.50 a bale in a single session is no longer considered exceptional, while option trading of a million bales daily is not unusual. Few cash sales are reported, and the planters are now receiving $68 for their cotton, yet the mills that have no raw material on hand will be obliged to pay the prices or else stop work. Exports have continued on a liberal scale.

"Grain movement within narrow limits, no special news appearing other than a new record for wheat reduction in Australia. Prices are firm.

"Failures this week numbered 284 in the United States, against 200 last year, and 33 in Canada, compared with 21 a year ago."

SOUTH ST. PAUL LIVE STOCK

South St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 26.—Estimated receipts at the Union stockyards to-day: Cattle, 40; calves, 10; hogs, 500; sheep, 900; cars, 12.

The following table shows the receipts from Jan. 1, 1903, to date, as compared with the same period in 1902:

Year.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1903	...258,989	42,723	741,916	869,471	24,663
1902	...264,955	40,434	651,364	599,823	22,339
Inc	.....	2,289	90,552	269,648	2,324
Dec	... 5,966	.....	.....	.....	.....

The following table shows the receipts thus far in December as compared with the same period in 1902:

Year.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1903	9,333	1,362	95,639	57,174	1,882
1902	9,857	1,150	87,887	37,622	1,652
Inc	.....	212	5,752	19,552	230
Dec	 524	.....	.....	.....	.....

Official receipts for the past week are as follows:

Date.	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
Dec. 17	... 387	55	6,210	1,913	105
Dec. 18	... 285	40	7,731	2,062	115
Dec. 19	... 184	34	4,447	414	64
Dec. 21	... 581	31	4,788	7,625	122
Dec. 22	... 537	128	5,144	911	88
Dec. 23	... 380	28	4,179	266	70
Dec. 24	... 86	6	1,751	1,099	31

Railroads enterin the yards reported receipts for the day by loads as follows: Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 5; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, 1; Great Northern, 5; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 1. Total, 12.

Disposition of stock, Thursday, Dec. 24:

Firm—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co	52	1,678	741
W. E. McCormick	.....	.....	5
W. G. Bronson	1	.....	51
Leo Gottfried	8	.....	...
King Brothers	.....	.....	67
J. T. McMillan	.....	72	...
Other buyers	2	2	...
Country buyers	71	.....	...
Totals	134	1,752	864

HOGS—

Date.	Av. Wt.	Av. Cost.	Price Range.
Dec. 17	215	$4.26	$4.05@4.45
Dec. 18	214	4.16	3.90@4.37½
Dec. 19	212	4.15	4.00@4.35
Dec. 21	214	4.08	3.90@4.20
Dec. 22	214	4.13	4.00@4.30
Dec. 23	213	4.21	4.10@4.40
Dec. 24	199	4.23	4.15@4.40

Prices 5c higher. Receipts light. Quality fair. Price range, $4.20 to $4.45; bulk, $4.30 to $4.40; common mixed hogs are quotable from $4.20 to $4.30; fair mixed from $4.30 to $4.40, and choice lights, butchers and heavy hogs from $4.40 to $4.65.

Hogs—54, 235 lbs, $4.45; 88, 169 lbs, $4.25; 77, 203 lbs, $4.40; 78, 222 lbs, $4.35; 57, 219 lbs, $4.30; 97, 165 lbs, $4.20.

Pigs and Underweights—13, 133 lbs, $3.75; 7, 115 lbs, $3.65.

CATTLE—Receipts very light. There was but one load reported, and that had not arrived at a late hour. Trade quiet. No change in prices. No cattle sales of importance at a late hour.

SHEEP—Receipts moderate. Trade confined largely to hold-overs and feed lot stuff. No quotable change in prices. One lot of killing wethers out of feed lots sold at $3.50. Sales:

Killing Sheep—300 wethers, 138 lbs, $3.50.

Among the shippers on the market were: F. Beaulieu, Graceville; J. W. Malsed, Corona, S. D.; Malden Rock Live Stock company, Malden Rock, Wis.; M. K. Wolfe, Kellogg.

SIOUX CITY LIVE STOCK.

Sioux City Stockyards, Sioux City, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Receipts of cattle show a gain over last week of about 200 head, and a total of close to 4,000 have been marketed. Holiday week has had its effect on the trade and with fairly liberal receipts for the first three days the trade ruled slow and dragging. The dealers bought with the risk of having to carry cattle over until next week. Prices ruled 10@15c lower than the close of last week and the common and inferior grades were very slow at the extreme decline. A good share of the trade in the dealers' division was taken care of by orders on the market and the week closes with a pretty good clearance in the yards. The best of the 800@1,000-lb steers were bought up at $3@3.40, with the best of the yearling steers at $2.75@3.35. The fair to medium quality 600@800-lb steers changed hands at $2.40@2.75, and the common steers of all weights as low as $2.25. The heifer market was slow with sales ranging from $1.50 to $2.40, which was fully a dime lower than last week. Feeding bulls sold from $2 to $2.50 and fat bulls from $2.75 to $3.10.

In sympathy with the improvement shown at all markets, butcher stock has shown an advance here of 10@15c over last week and the packers have been eager buyers. The best cows and heifers sold from $2.60 to $3.25, with the fair to medium cows and heifers, which comprised the larger share of the receipts, at $2.20@2.50. Canners and cutters showed no change from last week and $1.50@2 about covered the supply on hand. Nothing choice in the steer line was received, and the supply was on the warmed-up order, selling from $3.25 to $3.65.

Hogs—The run of hogs has been liberal and with one day short a total of 24,000 hogs have been marketed, or 3,700 more than were on sale for the same week of last year. With the more moderate receipts at all points values have advanced and the week closes with hogs selling 10@15c higher than the close of last week. The quality of the hogs continues good at this market, but a larger percentage of light-weight and mixed hogs has been on sale. At the close of the week the good heavy hogs are selling from $4.40 to $4.55, with the light and mixed at $4.30@4.35. The packers want hogs and hope for liberal receipts the coming week. Sioux City has shown a big gain in supplies for the past two months, and it is a question of the coming week whether the record of last year will be equaled. Receipts up to date are short only 5,500 hogs with the corresponding period of last year. On Oct. 31 of this year receipts were showing a deficit of 20,800 hogs as compared with the first ten months of 1902.

SIOUX CITY LIVE STOCK, Dec. 26.—Receipts—Cattle, 100; hogs, 2,000.

Hogs—5@10c higher. Sales: 60, 210 lbs, $4.65; 62, 280 lbs, $4.50; 61, 290 lbs, $4.60.

Cattle—Unchanged. Sales: 8 beeves, 1,180 lbs, $4.25; 4 cows, 800 lbs, $2.50; 3 cows, 1,140 lbs, $3; 6 stockers, 780 lbs, $2.60; 9, 900 lbs, $3.25; 6 yearlings, 480 lbs, $2.25; 7 yearlings, 630 lbs, $2.75; 4 yearlings, 480 lbs, $3.20.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; market nominal; good to prime steers, $5@5.75; poor to medium, $3.25@6; stockers and feeders, $1.75@4; cows, $1.50@4; heifers, $2@4.75; canners, $1.50@2.40; bulls, $2@4.25; calves, $2@6.25.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 13,000; Monday, 45,000; 5c to 10c higher; mixed and butchers, $4.45@4.75; good to choice heavy, $4.55@4.75; rough heavy, $4.40@4.55; light, $4.15@4.35; bulk of sales, $4.45@4.60.

Sheep—Receipts 12,000; sheep steady; lambs steady; good to choice wethers, $3.50@4; fair to choice mixed, $2.75@3.50; western sheep, $3.10@4, native lambs, $4@5.75; western lambs, $4@5.55.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; native steers, $3.50@4.60; southern steers, $2.50@3.60; southern cows, $1.50@3.65; native cows and heifers, $2.25@3.85; stockers and feeders, $3@3.65.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,000; market 5@10c higher; heavy, $4.45@4.65; packers, $4.40@4.60; pigs and light, $4.30@4.55.

Sheep—Receipts none; market nominally steady; sheep, $2.65@4.15; lambs, $4.65@5.50.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; market unchanged; native steers, $3@5.15; cows and heifers, $2.50@3.65; western steers, $2.80@3.70; Texas steers, $2.50@3.50; range cows and heifers, $2.25@3.30; stockers and feeders, $2.50@3.80; calves, $3@5; bulls, stags, etc., $1.50@3.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,000; market 10c higher; heavy, $4.55@4.60; pigs, $3.50@4.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,800; market steady; sheep, $2@4.25; lambs, $4.75@5.60.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 400, including 200 Texans; market steady; beef steers, $3.75@5.40; stockers and feeders, $2.15@3.40; cows and heifers, $2.20@4.50; Texas steers, $2.40@4.10.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,000; 10c higher; pigs and lights, $4.40@4.55; packers, $4.40@4.70; butchers and best heavy, $4.45@4.80.

Sheep—Receipts none; market nominal.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Saturday, Dec. 26.—Butter, Steady. Eggs, firm. Poultry, quiet. Veal, weak.

BUTTER—Creameries, extra, lb, 22c; creameries, firsts, 20c; creameries, seconds, 16c; dairies, extra, 19c; dairies, firsts, 17c; seconds, 12½@13c; packing stock, 8@12½c; renovated extras, 15c; renovated firsts, 15c; roll and print, fancy, 17c; choice, 14@15c; fair to good, 12½@13c.

EGGS—New laid, case count, current receipts, cases included, 23c; candled, loss off, per doz, 28c; country held, cases included, 18c; dirties, $6.10 per case for candled; seconds and checks, per case, $5.10; April storage, car lots, charges paid $6.75.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, 11c; twins or flats, choice, 9½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 7½c; Young America, fancy, 13@13½c; brick, No. 1, 12c; brick, No. 2, 9c; brick, No. 3, 6@6½c; primost, No. 1, 8c; primost, No. 2, 6c; pultost, 9c; Swiss, No. 1 block, 15c; Swiss, No. 2 block, 12c; daisies, No. 1, 12½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, large, fat, 10½@11c; turkeys, thin, small, 7@8c; chickens, hens, large, 6c; chickens, roosters, 6c; springs, 7c; ducks, young, white, 9c; ducks, young, colored, 8½c; ducks, old, 7c; geese, fat, large, 8@8½c.

DRESSED POULTRY — Undrawn turkeys, fancy, 17@12½c; choice, 10@11c; old toms, 11c; culls, 6@7c; chickens, springs, fancy, 8c; springs, fair to good, 6@7c; hens, fancy, large, 7c; fair to good, and small, 6c; old roosters and culls, 4@5c; fancy, heads off, 10c; fair to good, 9c; geese, fancy, heads off, 10c; fair to good, 8@9c; frozen stock, 1@2c less.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, per lb, 5½c; fair to good, 4½c; small, overweight, 3c; mutton, fancy, 5@6c; lambs, yearlings, fancy, 6½@7c; milk lambs, pelts off, 7½@8c; hogs, light, 5½c; medium, 5c; heavy, 5c.

FISH—Crappies, medium to large, 8c; small, 6c; pickerel, 9c; bullheads, 6c; pike, 7c.

CABBAGE—Per 100 lbs, $2.50.

POTATOES—White, per bu, car lots, sacked, 60@62c; mixed, per bu, car lots, sacked, 50@55c; small lots, sacked, 70c.

ONIONS—Per bu, 40@50c.

RABBITS—Cottontail, doz, $1@1.25; jacks, doz, $3.25.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz, $1; dead, per doz, 75c.

DRIED PEAS—Fancy yellow, per bu, $1.50; medium, $1.25; green, fancy, $1.75; medium, $1.25; marrowfat, $2.25.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks: Fancy navy, per bu, $2.25; choice navy, $2; medium hand-picked, $2; medium fair, $1.25; medium mixed and dirty, 45@70c; brown, fancy, $2.50; brown, fair to good, $1.50@1.60; Lima, California, per lb, 6c.

APPLES—Jonathans, per brl, $6.50; Kings, per brl, $4.50; Northern Spys, brl, $3.25@3.50; Wagners, brl, $3.25@3.50; Greenings, brl, $3.25; Baldwins, brl, $3.25@3.50; Tallman Sweets, brl, $3@3.25; choice, cooking, brl, $2.75@3; Russets, brl, $3.50.

ORANGES—Floridas, all sizes, $3.25; California navels, 126s to 250s, $3.50; California navels, 96s to 112s, $3.25.

LEMONS—California fancy, as to size, $4.50; choice, $3.50@4.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Illinois, per brl, $3.50; Jerseys, per brl, $3.75.

CRANBERRIES—Late Howes, per brl, $9; Jerseys, per brl, $7@7.50; Jerseys, bu boxes, $2.75; Wisconsin Bell and Bugle, $9; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $7.50.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS—Pears, Winter Nellis, boxes, $3.75@4.

GRAPES—Catawbas, pony baskets, 20c; Malagas, per keg, $4.50@5.50.

HONEY—New fancy white, 1-lb sections, 14c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 12@13c; amber, 8c; goldenrod, 12c; extracted white