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COLD WEATHER ADDS FIRMNESS

BUTTER AND EGGS SHOW ADVANCES FOR WEEK.

Continued Dullness Rules on Fruit List—Shipping Dangerous Business at 25 Below—Poultry Rules Higher on Some Lines—Dressed Meats in Good Demand at Better Figures.

An air of dullness has pervaded commission row this week. A fair volume of business has been transacted in produce, but few buyers have been on the street. Most orders coming in by telephone. The retail fruit dealer has found only a limited outlet for goods in his line, and has therefore held his orders down to the lowest possible dimensions. Outside orders for perishable goods have also been scarce, but they could not have been filled except on special days, even refrigerator and heated car lines refusing goods destined for stations where there are no facilities for keeping goods until called for. Nevertheless the trade are not disheartened, and stand ready to take up all slack in business as soon as the weather clerk says "go."

All markets have taken on firmness on butter, and the list shows somewhat higher figures than a week ago, while the general tone of the market is much more favorable. The supply of fresh creamery makes is hardly up to the call, and dealers are securing full quotations today, whereas a week ago as much as a full cent was shaded in order to encourage the movement. Dairies are also in fine condition, and anything suitable for table use finds a ready market. Rolls and prints especially are wanted, and occasionally better figures are secured on good-sized straight lots of fancy. Renovators and ladlers also report a steady outlet for their makes, and undoubtedly at a profit, as paying prices for low grade butter have been forced up within the past few days.

Eggs show fully as favorable conditions as be naturally expected during such extreme weather, but consumers have had a taste of fresh eggs and the buying clientele is being added to day by day. The moderate holdings of cooler stock still in sight, while not selling as high as fresh, have advanced steadily, and holders are realizing a much better profit than seemed probable under the best of conditions around the middle of January. The shipping call is taking on some importance, and it looks very much as though a firm range of prices would rule for several weeks to come, as southern eggs are not likely to prove serious competition this spring. The groundhog has gone back for another six weeks, and hens will not work overtime in the northwest under such conditions. Prompt shipment will bring best results.

Cheese prices show no change outside of an advance on daisies. The general market is not any firmer, but this line was quoted too low compared with other makes of same quality.

A good call has existed for chickens, both old and young, and values are working up to their former high range. Receipts have been very fair, but clean up readily if fresh dressed and bright appearing. Rusty and ill-looking lots do not sell as readily, but arrivals of such lines are moderate. Turkeys continue to bring quotations, but the demand is limited, and anything like generous offerings would cause a break in prices very quickly. About the same conditions exist on ducks and geese.

Dressed meats are firm and fairly good sellers when of the top grade. An advance is reportable on veal and mutton. Rabbits are steady, but there are rather liberal offerings in sight.

There are liberal shipments in of beans and while quotations are on an unchanged basis there is a weak undertone to the market.

Much interest is being shown in the potato and onion situation. The Minneapolis correspondent of the Kansas City Packer, who is supposed to be well posted on the situation, published the following in the last issue of that paper:

"A sharp turn to colder weather has accentuated the dullness which has prevailed on onions. The best information at hand shows that there are about 100 cars in sight locally. Fully one-third of this amount is held by southern dealers who are seekink an outlet here. One dealer is here from St. Louis with thirty cars and it is reported that he has an offer of $1.25 per 100, but this report could not be verified.

The majority of handlers consider the market on a barely steady basis. The demand does not show strength from any quarter and the movement out so far, with the exception of a few full straight cars, has been to mixed cars and the comparatively small shipping and local buying from retailers. Local dealers quite generally laid in stock in the fall at from 75c to 90c per 100, and are therefore satisfied with present selling prices, but holdings have not been cut down over a third to a half.

"It is quite generally conceded that outsides farmers tributary to Minneapolis have considerable supplies yet on hand to market as the number inquiring as to the onion situation is larger than exped. Most of the local market gardeners are well sold out.

"The future of the market is more than likely to be ruled by the nerve of holders. If the scare can be kept out of the country matters will drift along and the old crop clea up without any slump in values. Should a selling disposition get the upper hand, the local trade would not be surprised to see values ease off to $1 or less per 100. At present, paying prices to farmers here run from $1.20 to $1.40 per 100 for red and $1.50 for yellow. More or less buying has been done to bolster up the situation and maintain selling prices.

"Minneapolis handlers are generally of the opinion that most parts of the country have a sufficient supply to answer their requirements. This deduction has been drawn from the fact that while inquiries for prices have been coming freely, no orders of consequence materialized, and it is believed the inquiries are put out more as feelers of the situation than from any desire to buy."

The potato situation is more unsatisfactory than that on onions. It is conceded that large offerings are still in the northwest, and there is no visible outlet of consequence. The call for seed stock from the south has taken about all the Triumphs in sight, and in some instances the paying price was forced as high as 90c for No. 1 stock of this variety. A fair amount of Ohios and Rose have found a market for seed purposes. While but few have been taken in by shippers this week, farmers are only getting about 18c to 20c per bu for average receipts. About the only shipping outlet is toward the extreme west, but Colorado growers are keeping those districts fairly wel lsupplied.

Price changes in fruits and vegetables are few. Weather conditions have been unfavorable for encouraging in receipts from the south of green stuffs, and stock moves out slowly. Supplies of Florida oranges are light and quotations have been withdrawn. Lemons and bananas are slightly lower.

GENERAL PRODUCE

Official quotations of the Minneapolis Produce Exchange, corrected up to 12 m., Saturday, Feb. 4.

BUTTER—Receipts yesterday, 23,450 pounds. Creameries extra, 20c; creameries, firsts, 27c; creameries, seconds, 23c; dairies, extras, 24c; dairies, firsts, 20c; dairies, seconds, 18½c; rolls and prints, fancy, 21c; rolls and prints, choice, 18½c; ladles, firsts, 22c; ladles, seconds, 18c; renovated, extras, 22½c; packing stock, fresh, sweet, 18½c.

EGGS—Receipts yesterday, 149 cases. Fresh laid, candled, doz, 25c; current receipts, No. 1, candled, doz, 23c; current receipts, No. 1, case count, per case, $3.75; current receipts, No. 2, held, candled, 16c; checks and seconds, case, $3.30; cold storage, No. 1, candled, doz, 21c; cold storage, case count, doz, 18c.

CHEESE—Twins or flats, fancy, 13@13½c; twins or flats, choice, 11@11½c; twins or flats, fair to good, 6@8c; old fancy, 10c; daisies, twins or flats, fancy, 13½c; daisies, twins or flats, choice, 9c; Young Americas, fancy in quality and regular in style, 12½c; Young Americas, choice, 10@11c; brick, No. 1, 14c; brick, No. 2, 12c; brick, No. 3, 6@9c; limburger, No. 1, 11½c; limburger, No. 2, 11@12c; primost, No. 1, 11½c; primost, No. 2, 5c; mysost, No. 1, 8c; pultost, No. 1, 9@9½c; Swiss, fancy loaf, 14½@15c; Swiss, choice, 12c; Swiss, fancy 1903 make, 16c; Swiss, fancy block, 14½@15c; Swiss, choice block, 11@12c.

LIVE POULTRY—Sells at 2¾3c uer lb under quotations on dressed.

DRESSED POULTRY—Undrawn — Turkeys, fancy, 17c; choice, 15c; old toms, 15c; thin and culls, 10@12½c; chickens, springs, fancy, 12c; fair to good, 8@9c; hens, fancy, 10@11c; hens, fair to good and small, 8@9c; old roosters and culls, 4@6c; ducks, fancy, heads off, 13c; ducks, fair to good, 9@10c; geese, fancy, heads off, 11c; geese, fair to good, 9@10c.

FISH—Pickerel, 5@5½c; bullheads, 6c; crappies, 6@7c; pike, 7c; perch, sunfish and small crappies, 4c; herring, frozen, 3½c.

RABBITS—Jacks, doz, $1.75@2.50; cottontails, doz, $1@1.25; white, doz, 75c@$1.

SQUIRRELS—Gray, doz, 60c.

PIGEONS—Tame, live, young or old, doz, $1; dead, doz, 60@75c; squabs, nesters, fancy selected, live or dead, doz, $1.50@2; small, poor and thin, unsalable.

DRESSED MEATS—Veal, fancy, lb, 7@7½c; veal, fair to good, 6c; small or overweight, 3@5c; mutton, fancy, 6@6½c; lambs, milk, fancy, 7@8c; lambs, milk, thin, 5@6c; hogs, 5@5½c.

POTATOES—Burbanks, carlots, sacked, bu, 35c; Rurals, carlots, sacked, 35c; red stock, carlots, sacked, 31c; small lots, 5c more; bulk, 5c less.

APPLES—Kings, brl, $8.50; Grimes Golden, $3.60; Northern Spies, $3.50; Greenings, $2.50; Ben Davis, $2.50; Baldwins, $3@3.25; Tallman Sweets, $3; Russets, $3; cooking, $2.50@2.75; Jonathans, bu, $2.25; Missouri Pippins, $1.75; Red Streaks, $1.75.

ORANGES—Navels, $2.25@2.75.

LEMONS—California, fancy, as to size, $3.50; choice, $3.25.

HONEY—Extra fancy white, 1-lb sections, 13c; fancy white, 1-lb sections, 12c; choice white, 1-lb sections, 10c; amber, 10c; golden rod, 10c; extracted white, in cans, 8c; extracted amber, in cans, 7c.

CABBAGE—New, large crates, $1.50; per ton, $10.

BEANS—Quotations include sacks: Fancy navy, bu, $2; choice navy, $1.65@1.75; medium navy, hand-picked, $2; medium navy, fair, $1.25; medium navy, mixed and dirty, 65@75c; brown, fancy, $2.85@3; brown, fair to good, $2.

DRIED PEAS—Yellow, fancy, bu, $1.40; yellow, medium, $1.50; marrowfat, $2.

PINEAPPLES—24s and 30s, crate, $4.50.

ONIONS—Dry, per 100 lbs, $1.75.

GRAPES—Malagas, fancy, keg, $6.

STRAWBERRIES, Floridas, qt, 65c.

SWEET POTATOES—Cobdens, $3@3.50.

BANANAS—Jumbo bunches, $2.50@2.75; large bunches, $2.25@2.50; medium bunches, $1.75@2.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per brl, $8; late Howes, $8; Jerseys, $7.75; Jerseys, bu crates, $2.75.

NEW VEGETABLES—Beans, string, bu, $4.50@5; beans, wax, $4.50@5; beets, bu, 50c; beets, new, doz bunches, 50@60c; carrots, bu, 50c; carrots, new, doz bunches, 50@60c; cauliflower, per doz, $1.75@2; celery, 25@40c; cucumbers, per doz, $2.50; egg plant, $1.25@1.75; garlic, 10@12c; lettuce, doz, 35c; lettuce, heads, doz, $1; mint, doz, 40c; onions, shallots, doz bunches, 50@60c; parsley, doz, 65c; parsnips, bu, 50c; peppers, green, six-basket crate, $4.50; radishes, round, doz bunches, 60c; spinach, bu, $1@1.50; squash, hubbard, ton, $8; turnips, bu, 85c; new turnips, doz bunches, 50@60c; California tomatoes, four-basket crates, $3.50; Florida, six-basket crates, $5@5.50; watercress, doz, 90c; rhubarb, per lb, 7c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Brl, $6@6.60; bales, ten 10-lb bags, $3.25.

CHICAGO PRODUCE, Feb. 4.—Butter, firmer; creameries, 19@29c; dairies, 19@25c. Eggs, firm; at mark, cases included, 23@29c. Cheese, steady; daisies, 11½@12c; twins, 11@11½c; Young Americas, 11½@12c. Poultry, alive, firm; turkeys, 14c; chickens, 12c; springs, 12c. Potatoes, steady; Burbanks, 33@34c; Rurals, 31@33c. Veal, firm; 50 to 60-lb weights, 5@5½c; 65 to 75-lb weights, 6@6½c; 80 to 125-lb weights, 7@7½c.

COLD HURTS TRADE

BUT LARGE BUSINESS UNDER WAY AND IN PROSPECT.

New York, Feb. 4.—Dun's weekly review of trade today says:

"Business progresses steadily, all speculative excesses having been avoided thus far, and the numerous negotiations now pending indicate that the maximum of activity is yet to come. Some irregularities in reports for the first month were undoubtedly due to exceptionally severe weather. The weakness of cotton also had a tendency to check operations at the south. Taken as a whole, however, results for January were very much better than in the same month last year, particularly as to failures. Distribution of merchandise is once more on a liberal scale, traffic blockades having disappeared, and in many cases large clearance sales having disposed of burdensome stocks. Collections are still somewhat irregular, but on the whole there is little cause for complaint.

"Few labor disputes are interrupting work, altho several new controversies are threatened. Manufacturing plants are making the best return. Iron furnaces and steel mills operate close to their full capacity, and the quarterly report of the leading concerns showed an enormous tonnage of business on the books at the end of the year, despite the fact that the closing months of 1904 made very good exhibits. Woolen mills maintain records of activity, but there is still much to be desired at cotton plants, and shoe factories have only a moderate amount of business in sight. Railway earnings for January were 1.1 per cent larger than a year ago, and foreign commerce at this port for the last week showed an increase of $079,089 in exports, and a gain of $528,067 in imports. Prices on hides weaken only in proportion to the deterioration in quality that is seasonable, and the tone is really firm, with a fair volume of business in progress. Leather is quiet, with no disposition to force sales.

"Commercial failures this week in the United States are 259, against 305 last week, 335 the preceding week and 246 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 30, against 48 last week, 24 the preceding week and 29 last year."

BOSTON MINING STOCKS, Feb. 4.—Closing prices, yesterday's market: Adventure, 6¾@7¼; Allouez, 20¼@21; Arcadian, 1½@2; Atlantic, 16¾@17; Bingham, 32½@33; Calumet & Hecla, 675@680; Centennial, 18@18¾; Consolidated Mercer, 37@38; Copper Range Consolidated, 60¼@60½; Daly West, 15@15½; Dominion Coal, 64@65; Elm River, 2½@3; Franklin, 10½@11; Granby, 5@5¼; Guanajuato, 3⅞@4; Greene Consolidated, 26¼@26½; Isle Royale, 25¾@26¼; Mass, 10½@10¾; Mayflower, 1¼@1⅝; Michigan, 13½@14; Mohawk, 52½@53; Old Colony, 1⅛@1½; Old Dominion, 27@27¼; Osceola, 94@94½; Parrot, 28@29; Phoenix, 2¾@3; Quincy, 110@114; Rhode Island, 2¼@2½; Shannon Copper Co., 7¾@8; Swift & Co., 110@110½; Tamarack, 133@135; Tecumseh, 2¼@2¾; Trinity, 11¼@11½; United States Mining, 23½@23¾; United States Oil, 9⅞@10¼; Utah, 42⅛@42⅝; Victoria, 4⅞@5; Winona, 12@12¼; Wolverine, 108@109; Wyandot, 1⅞@2; Santa Fe, 2¼@2⅝; M. C., 4¾@5.

QUALITY OF THE WHEAT

FORTY-FIVE PER CENT LESS OF NO. 1 NORTHERN THAN A YEAR AGO.

For the past three weeks the inspection reports have shown 6,606 cars of wheat received at Minneapolis and Duluth, against 6,683 cars for the corresponding time a year ago, says the Market Record. The comparison is interesting as showing the difference in the quality of wheat now and in 1904. The present season the grade of No. 4 was established to take care of the wheat that was below No. 3 and, the light, still had good milling qualities. Of this grade there has been received for the time stated 1,716 cars, with which no comparison can be made for any past season. Of rejected and no grade the inspection amounted to 1,149 cars, against 1,241 cars for 1904.

No. 1 northern showed 45 per cent more received a year ago than now, or 561 cars in 1904 and only 308 cars the present season.

No. 2 wheat was 31 per cent less than last year.

No. 3 did not vary so much, being but 10 per cent below the season of 1904. For the same three weeks last year the receipts of winter wheat here and at Duluth amounted to 1,316 cars, and this year but 257 cars have been received. More western wheat has come here this year, tho the past three weeks have shown but 162 cars. A year ago there were 3 cars of western wheat in for the same time. Earlier in the present season more wheat was coming here from the west than at present.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS, FEB. 3.

Received—Wheat, 209 cars; 108,550 bu; corn, 7,070 bu; oats, 29,820 bu; barley, 27820 bu; rye, 4,970 bu; flax, 6,720 bu; flour, 4,432 brls; millstuffs, 97 tons; hay, 81 tons; carlots, 812.

Shipped—Wheat, 60 cars; 58,200 bu; oats, 32,340 bu; barley, 13,320 bu; rye, 5,040 bu; flax, 2,120 bu; flour, 49,990 brls; millstuffs, 1,703 tons; linseed oil, 57,620 gals; oil cake, 190,630 lbs; carlots, 439.

WHEAT MOVEMENT BY ROADS, FEB. 3.

Received—Milwaukee, 27; Omaha, 13; St. Louis, 6; Great Northern, 100; Soo, 46.

Shipped—Milwaukee, 28; Omaha, 10; St. Louis, 10; Wisconsin Central, 1; Burlington, 5.

ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK, Feb. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; market, steady. Beef steers, $3.25@5.75; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.35.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,500; market, strong. Pigs and lights, $4@4.60; butchers and best heavy, $4.65@4.95.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market, steady. Natives, $4.50@5.50; lambs, $5@7.25.

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SO. ST. PAUL HAD BUT ONE BAD DAY

HOGS OFF ON MONDAY, BUT FIRM LATER ON.

Well Finished Beef and Butcher Cattle in Demand, and the Market in Satisfactory Condition—All Grades of Cow Stuff Steady—Killing Steers Run Largely to Low Grade Stuff and Prices Suffer in Consequence—Fat Sheep and Lambs in Sharp Demand.

South St. Paul, Feb. 4.—Receipts of live stock at the South St. Paul markets for the first five days this week total 3,814 cattle, 20,127 calves and 9,919 sheep, compared with 4,136 cattle, 23,169 hogs and 26,500 sheep last week, and 2,625 cattle, 20,066 hogs and 18,577 sheep the corresponding week last year.

Supplies of well finished beef and butcher cattle continue very light at all markets, while nothing of this class is being received here. The market is in a satisfactory condition on such grades and the desirable kinds that are coming here are selling fully steady with a week ago. The trade on warmed-up steers continues, somewhat depressed by liberal receipts east, and local prices on this class of stock are generally considered a little lower than a week ago. All grades of cow stuff have sold at about steady, and the demand has been active for the good kinds. Because of the poor quality of most of the killing steers coming, comparatively few are selling above $4.25, altho good to choice beef cattle are quotable from $4.50 to $5.25. Most of the good butcher cows are going from $2.75 to $3.25 and medium grades largely from $2.40 to $2.65 with canners and cutters from $1.50 to $2.25. Bulls are selling at last week's prices, veal calves sold stronger early in the week, but have lost their strength, and are now about steady with last week's closing.

With the assistance of a fair outside inquiry for stock and feeding cattle, during the fore part of the week, the market on the better grades took a stronger turn. Later in the week the country demand fell off, but values for the good kinds were fairly well maintained, and such are closing the week on a fully steady basis, with the close of the week previous. Common light stockers have been of a rather slow sale, but are not materially lower. Stockheifers and stock and feeding bulls are holding steady.

Hogs—The hog market has had but one bad day this week, and that was on Monday, when prices declined about 10c. The trade since has been a gradually advancing one and the decline of Monday has been a little more than regained. While no sharp advances are anticipated, it is generally thought that the present prices will be fully maintained, at least during the coming week. The bulk of the hogs here Friday sold from $4.45 to $4.50 and prices ranged from $4.30 to $4.70 for common light to choice heavies. Quality averaged rather poorer than last week and average weights are also running lighter.

Sheep—An urgent demand still features the trade on fat sheep, and lamb supplies of natives continue disappointing and buyers have been forced into the feed lots for a large share of their supplies. Prices are strong with last week's closing on lambs, and mutton grades display about a 10c advance. Choice fat lambs are quoted up to $7, and strictly choice ewes would probably land as high as $5, altho nothing good enough to bring this price has arrived this week. The spread in prices between sheep and lambs is considered too wide and most traders anticipate higher prices for sheep and for lambs to hold steady at least.

Estimated receipts at the Union stockyards today: Cattle, 150; calves, 15; hogs, 1,900; sheep, 25; cars, 30.

The following table shows the receipts from Jan. 1, 1905, to date, as compared with the same period in 1904:

Year—	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1905	17,161	1,957	120,157	127,203	2,701
1904	13,431	1,988	132,366	127,630	2,675
Increase	3,730	.....	.....	573	26
Decrease	.....	31	12,209	.....	.....

The following table shows the receipts thus far in February, as compared with the same period in 1904:

Year—	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
1905	1,876	186	10,586	1,809	213
1904	1,421	231	11,964	12,925	192
Increase	455	.....	.....	.....	21
Decrease	.....	45	1,396	11,116	.....

Official receipts for the past week are as follows:

Date—	Cattle.	Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Cars.
Jan. 27	475	60	5,122	4,955	103
Jan. 28	56	6	3,512	6,417	94
Jan. 30	668	43	4,260	7,980	117
Jan. 31	894	205	4,997	131	90
Feb. 1	908	91	4,153	78	86
Feb. 2	457	47	2,349	1,452	56
Feb. 3	512	48	4,066	279	71

Railroads entering the yards reported receipts for the day by loads as follows: Chicago Great Western, 2; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, 8; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 4; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, 7; Great Northern, 5; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 2; Soo, 1; Northern Pacific, 1; total, 30.

Disposition of stock for Feb. 3:

Buyer—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	213	2,112	172
W. E. McCormick	2	26	25
W. G. Bronson	39	..	549
Elliott & Co.	10	..	..
Slimmer & Thomas	36	..	..
P. Evans	32	..	..
J. B. Fitzgerald	6	..	..
Other buyers	..	5	..
Country buyers	117	..	111
Totals	455	4,143	857

HOGS—

Date.	Av.	Wt.	Av. Cost.	Price Range.
Jan. 27	210		$4.50	$4.30@4.70
Jan. 28	205		4.43	4.25@4.65
Jan. 31	198		4.42	4.25@4.60
Feb. 1	199		4.45	4.25@4.65
Feb. 2	205		4.46	4.35@4.65

Prices 5c higher. Receipts very light. Average quality about the same as on Friday. Price range $4.40 to $4.70; bulk, $4.50 to $4.55; light hogs quoted from $4.35 to $4.60; light and mixed and butchers from $4.40 to $4.70, and heavy from $4.45 to $4.75. Prices today are 5c higher than at the close of last week. Sales:

Hogs—51, 248 lbs, $4.70; 61, 260 lbs, $4.65; 57, 240 lbs, $4.65; 59, 220 lbs, $4.60; 46, 210 lbs, $4.55; 54, 196 lbs, $4.55; 81, 198 lbs, $4.52½; 65, 199 lbs, $4.50; 30, 204 lbs, $4.50; 85, 184 lbs, $4.45; 86, 183 lbs, $4.45; 29, 160 lbs, $4.40.

Underweights and Roughs—20, 144 lbs, $4.30; 54, 106 lbs, $4; 5, 120 lbs, $3.75; 2, 106 lbs, $3.75; 8, 118 lbs, $3.50; 1, 220 lbs, $3.

CATTLE—Receipts light. Market steady with Friday on all kinds and prices on most grades in about the same notch as a week ago. Half-fat steers are possibly a little lower, but anything of good quality is fully steady. Bulls and veals selling at last week's prices. Stockers and feeders of good quality have held fully steady, while common to fair kinds have moved rather slowly. Milch cows and springers show no quotable change for the week. Sales butcher steers: 4, 1,195 lbs, $4; 1, 1,210 lbs, $4.

Butcher Cows and Heifers—1, 1,110 lbs, $3.25; 1, 1,220 lbs, $3; 1, 1,130 lbs, $2.50; 1, 1,070 lbs, $2.50; 1, 960 lbs, $2.40; 1, 850 lbs, $2.40.

Cutters and Canners—1, 1,020 lbs, $2.25; 4, 940 lbs, $2.25; 1, 930 lbs, $2; 3, 1,083 lbs, $2; 1, 780 lbs, $1.60.

Butcher Bulls—1, 1,390 lbs, $2.60; 1, 1,400 lbs, $2.50; 1, 940 lbs, $2.25.

Veal Calves—1, 150 lbs, $4.75; 4, 105 lbs, $4.25; 1, 90 lbs, $4.25; 1, 210 lbs, $2.25.

Stock and Feeding Steers—3, 863 lbs, $3.25; 7, 941 lbs, $3.10; 2, 885 lbs, $3; 1, 600 lbs, $2.75; 5, 536 lbs, $2.45.

Stock Cows and Heifers—2, 715 lbs, $2.35.

Stock Feeding Bulls—1, 960 lbs, $2.25; 1, 950 lbs, $2.10; 1, 1,000 lbs, $2.10; 1, 950 lbs, $2.

SHEEP—Today's receipts unusually light. Several big bands of western sheep of local feeding were sold late yesterday and part of them weighed up today. They included choice wethers at $5.35 and some ewes at $4.75. The market has been very strong and active all week, with prices the best of the season. Sales:

Killing Sheep and Lambs—448 western wethers, 114 lbs, $5.85; 1,021 western ewes, 114 lbs, $4.75.

Among the shippers on the market were: Quass Brothers, Maple Plain; H. Graves, Prior Lake; G. Nold, Nelson, Wis.; B. G. Richards, Maiden Rock, Wis.; A. Nelson, Eagle Bend; G. Rolf, Mayor; F. Johnson, Cokato; A. J. Shilling, Delano; V. Imholte, Clear Lake.

NEW YORK OIL, Feb. 4.—Petroleum, quiet; refined, all ports, $7.20@7.25.

SIOUX CITY GETS A LIGHTER RUN

CATTLE MOVEMENT CHECKED BY THE COLD.

The Fat Cattle Show Lower Tendency, but Losses for the Week Were Not Heavy—Stock Heifers Held Steady—Hogs Run Light in Quantity and Prices Were Firmer—Packers Say Provisions Are Too Low for Present Prices of Hogs.

Sioux City Stockyards, Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 4.—Receipts at this point show a falling off as compared with last week in all branches of the business. Two-thirds of the cattle supply were stockers and it was on this class of cattle that the shortage of 2,000 cattle was on. The market was very like last week and while the good cattle sold steady with the best time, light steers and common cattle of all kinds were not any better than last week's closing quotations, and sold at a wide margin as compared with the strong weight feeders of good quality. As high as $3.50 to $3.75 was paid for 900 to 1,000-lb feeders, with the bulk of the pretty good 800 to 900-lb steers at $3@3.50. Good yearlings sold at $3@3.40. The little light yearlings and common stockers were hard sellers, especially at the close of the week at $2.25@2.75. No change was noticeable in stock heifers and anything not fleshy enough to go for killers sold at $2.25@2.70. The country demand this week has been for good steers to go into the feed lot and a good clearance has been effected on this class of cattle. The few cattle in the hands of the dealers unsold this week are mostly on the light order of common stuff cut out of loads. Shippers should go slow on buying this class of cattle in the country as values are sure to go lower if supplies are at all liberal the coming week.

The fat cattle market has shown a lower tendency. The fluctuation in the market was slight, but with a general weakness in the trade values close the week 10@20c lower than last week's closing quotations. In beeves $4.70 was paid for a load of 1,400-lb steers. The most of the fairly good cattle sold at $4@4.50, with the light short-fed steers at $3.35@3.85. Good cows and heifers sold at $3@3.50; and the bulk of the fair to good butcher stock at $2.50@2.85. Canners and cutters sold from $2 to $2.40.

Hogs—The severe weather this week has severely curtailed the receipts at this and other markets and the tendency of the market has been upward. On Monday the market ruled a dime lower, but since that time stronger values have been in order, owing to limited receipts and with hogs selling from $4.50 to $4.70, and the bulk of the sales around $4.60, the market is than the close of laks. et hrdlu cmfwypw than the close of last week. The packers claim that provisions are out of line with the present prices of hogs and there is every reason to believe that lower prices will prevail if the weather conditions are favorable, allowing a liberal marketing of hogs.

Receipts—Cattle, 100; hogs, 4,400.

Hogs—5c higher. Sales—63, 198 lbs, $4.50; 70, 287 lbs, $4.60; 50, 240 lbs, $4.75.

Cattle—Steady. Beeves—10, 1,180 lbs, $3.75; 41, 1,240 lbs, $4.25; 16, 1,380 lbs, $4.50. Cows and Heifers—8, 810 lbs, $2.30; 7, 940 lbs, $3.10; 4, 1,180 lbs, $3.45. Stockers and Feeders—2, 740 lbs, $3; 6, 890 lbs, $3.40; 5, 990 lbs, $3.65. Yearlings—4, 320 lbs, $2.50; 8, 640 lbs, $3.10; 7, 658 lbs, $3.40.

HIDES, PELTS, FURS, WOOL

REVIEW OF THE MARKET BY THE NORTHWESTERN HIDE & FUR COMPANY.

HIDES—Chicago and Boston telegrams say there is ¼c difference between the dealers and the tanners on hides—tanners wanting ¼c concession and dealers refusing, with few exceptions. The result is that not many transactions are recorded. The dealers in this market have not yet filled all their orders, but most of them will be filled the coming week; then, unless there is a change for the better which is unlikely, prices will have to be reduced.

FURS—London reports of the sale of furs are all in. As yet the dealers have made no change in their price lists. The declines and advances had previously been about correctly estimated, so they see no special reason at present for making changes, the average being about as before. It takes a little while to find out what the effect will be. The home consumptive demand has to be considered. Sometimes, when one article of fur declines in London materially, if the demand from the large American manufacturers is good, they may not decline here at all, and vice versa. Consequently the issuing of reports to the country buyer or trapper actually does no good. He cannot make the proper deductions, and, indeed, no one man can, no matter how well posted, as it takes time to prove it. One exporter or large manufacturer may have views entirely at variance with another. While receipts are reported small in other cities (Chicago and St. Louis), receipts in this market the last two weeks were never so large, lots being received from all over the northwest, including British America. This shows how this kind of business is growing in Minneapolis.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
G. S. cured steer hides, over 60 lbs	.10	9
G. S. heavy cow hides, over 60 lbs	9	8
G. S. light hides, under 60 lbs	9	8
G. S. bulls, stags, oxen and work steers	7½	6½
G. S. long-haired kip, 8 to 25 lbs	9½	8
Veal kip, 15 to 25 lbs	10¾	9¼
Veal calves, 8 to 15 lbs	13	11½
Deacons, under 8 lbs, each	60	50

Green or frozen, 1c less than G. S. cured.

Horse and mule hides, large, each	$3.35	2.35
Horse and mule hides, medium	2.50	1.75
Horse and mule hides, small, each	1.60	1.10
Dry horse and mule hides, each	1.50	1.00

Indian handled, over 18 lbs	17½
Montana butcher hides, short trim, heavy	16½
Montana butcher hides, short trim, light	15
Montana butcher hides, long trim, heavy	16½
Montana butcher hides, long trim, light	15
Indian stretched	13
Montana calf, under 5 lbs	19
Montana kip, 6 to 12 lbs	16
Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota and Wisconsin hides	11½
Dry bull hides	12
Dakota and Wisconsin calf, under 5 lbs	17
Kips, 6 to 12 lbs	14
Dry salted hides, all weights	12
	15
	12½

Wool—

Unwashed, fine	15 @17
Unwashed, fine, medium	17 @19
Unwashed, medium, ⅝ to ¾-blood	19 @21
Unwashed, coarse	18 @20
Unwashed, burry, seedy, chaffy, medium or coarse	16 @17
Unwashed, broken lots, medium and coarse	16 @17
Pelts, large, each	$1.00@1.30
Pelts, medium, each	.60@ .90
Pelts, small, each	.35@ .60
Short shearlings, each, green salted	.15@ .30
Dry territorial murrains	.12@ .13
Tallow, in cakes	4½ 3½
Tallow, solid	4¼ 3¼
Grease	3⅞ 3⅜
Ginseng, dry, good to choice, all sections, fall	$7.25@7.35
Seneca root, dry, good	@ .52
Seneca root, dry, poor	@ .48
Beeswax, yellow, No. 1, clean	@ .29
Beeswax, dark	.20@ .33
Bear, black, brown or grizzly	$7.75@ 18.00
Bear, yearling and cubs	2.00@ 11.00
Beaver	3.00@ 8.50
Beaver, kits	2.00@ 2.50
Cat, wild	.65@ 1.25
Fisher	2.50@ 7.00
Fox, black and silver gray	25.00@300.00
Fox, cross	8.00@ 12.00
Fox, red	2.00@ 4.25
Lynx	2.50@ 6.00
Marten, dark	7.50@ 18.00
Marten, brown and pale	2.50@ 8.50
Mink, dark	2.50@ 4.50
Mink, brown	2.00@ 3.50
Mink, dark	2.50@ 4.50
Muskrat, winter	.09@ .12
Muskrat, fall	.07@ .09
Otter	5.75@ 9.00
Raccoon	.85@ 2.00
Skunk, black and short stripe	.90@ 2.00
Skunk, narrow and long stripe	.70@ 1.15
Skunk, broad stripe and white	.45@ .70
Weasels	.20@ .65
Wolf, timber	2.00@ 5.00
Wolf, brush and prairie, cased	1.25@ 2.50

These prices are for prime or No. 1 skins. No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 in proportion.

KANSAS CITY LIVESTOCK, Feb. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; market unchanged; native steers, $3.50@5.65; native cows and heifers, $1.75@4.35; calves, $3@4.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; market strong; bulk of sales, $4.70@5; pigs and lights, $4.10@4.85.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; market unchanged; muttons, $4.25@5.65; lambs, $6.50@7.50.

OMAHA LIVESTOCK, Feb. 4.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; market unchanged; native steers, $3.50@5.50; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.25; calves, $2.50@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; market 5c higher; light, $4.60@4.70; pigs, $5.70@4.50; bulk of sales, $4.72½@4.77½.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,600; market steady. Wethers, $5@5.90; lambs, $6.50@7.40.

SAGE'S DAY GONE IN WALL STREET

UNCLE RUSSELL HAS GIVEN UP PUTS AND CALLS.

Old Daniel Drew Once Lost $1,000,000 to Vanderbilt on Calls—John W. Gates Occasionally Buys Them—The Present Speculative Situation Characterized by Uncertainty, with Much Gossip of Big Deals—Weekly Review from the Financial Center.

Special to The Journal.

New York, Feb. 4.—One hears very little of Russell Sage nowadays, and while he still loans big money to brokers at rates a trifle stiffer than others receive, he no longer figures much in the doings of the street. Since he ceased dealing in options there has been practically no market in privileges in Wall street. During his career Sage sold options on hundreds of thousands of shares and made a fortune out of puts and calls. Twenty years ago privileges figured prominently