FINANCIAL.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
—OF THE—
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TRUST COMPANY
At the Close of Business, Saturday, December 30th, 1899.

RESOURCES.

Demand Loans on Collateral	$6,288,081.65	
Time Loans on Collateral	236,084.68	
Loans on Real Estate	902,675.76	$ 9,328,845.09
United States and St. Louis City Bonds at par		574,000.00
Other Bonds and Stocks at not over par		2,391,702.14
Real Estate		317,565.00
Cash and Exchange		2,097,855.63
Securities		133.42
Individual Debits on General Books		24,042.35
Accrued Interest on Demand Loans		8,983.47
Safe Deposit Vaults		72,000.00
Unpaid Subscribed Capital Stock, subject to call		1,100,000.00
		$17,936,204.59

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock		$2,000,000.00
Surplus		750,000.00
Undivided profits		671,781.34
Paid on Subscription for Additional Capital and Surplus under Plan July 21st, 1899		2,742,600.00
Reserve for Re-insurance of Liability as Surety on Outstanding Bonds		20,852.68
Reserve for Interest on Savings Deposits, Payable June 30th, 1900		7,600.00
Reserve Account Subscription to Stock of St. Louis World's Fair Association		5,000.00
Dividends Unpaid		29,027.75
Reserve for Taxes		15,831.31
Time Deposits	$6,164,158.90	
Demand Deposits	4,494,538.79	10,659,697.58
		$17,936,204.59

DE LACY CHANDLER, Secretary. JULIUS S. WALSH, President.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
—OF THE—
ST. LOUIS TRUST COMPANY,
At the Close of Business, December 30, 1899.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash on hand and in Banks	$2,008,057.77	Capital Stock, full paid	$2,500,000.00
Loans	7,251,302.36	Surplus	500,000.00
Bonds and Stocks	2,185,337.27	Undivided Profits	250,533.22
Real Estate and Title Plant	317,565.00	Reserve for interest on deposits	7,500.00
		Dividends unpaid	49.50
		Reserve for dividend No. 14, payable January 2, 1900	37,500.00
		Deposits	8,466,679.68
	$11,762,262.40		$11,762,262.40

Dividends to the Amount of $150,000.00 Paid Out of the Earnings During the Year 1899

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FINANCIAL.

St. Louis, Dec. 23, 1899.

NOTICE.

Interest maturing January 1, 1900, on UNITED RAILWAYS CO. of St. Louis bond purchase certificates;

Coupons of bonds of the Compton Heights, Union Depot & Merchants' Terminal Railroad Co., due January 1, 1901.
Coupons of bonds of the Taylor Ave. Railway Co., due January 1, 1901.
Coupons of bonds of the Cass Ave. & Fair Grounds Railway Co., due January 1, 1901, and
Coupons of bonds of the Citizens' Railway Co., due January 1, 1901.
Will be paid on presentation at the office of the St. Louis Trust Co., on and after January 1, 1900.
ST. LOUIS TRANSIT COMPANY,
EDWARDS WHITAKER, President.

St. Louis, Dec. 23, 1899.

NOTICE

Is Hereby Given that Transfer Books Bond purchase certificates UNITED RAILWAYS COMPANY

Will be closed from 20th inst. until January 20th, 1900, and that six months' interest due 1st proximo on account of said bonds will be paid on presentation of certificates to undersigned January 2nd, 1900.
ST. LOUIS TRUST COMPANY,
Transfer Agent and Trustee.

Saturday's financial quotations, local and foreign, will be found in Sunday's paper.

BANK NOTE CIRCULATION.

Tendency Toward Increase Shown in Recent Report.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 31.—A slight tendency toward the increase of the national bank note circulation has appeared in the reports for the last few weeks. The regular circulation now outstanding is $246,918,842 and the bonds on deposit to secure circulation were $238,435,950. These figures showed an improvement in both circulation and bonds for a few weeks ago and each other month for a week ago. The increase should have been considerably greater than it was in the month of December because of special causes. One of these was the deposit of bonds by banks in the Globe National Bank of Boston, just before the failure for the withdrawal of the 50 per cent reserve, and the retirement of money they secured.

These special demands made the aggregate of circulation which were requested more than the legal limit of $3,000,000 per month fixed by the law, and it will be necessary to carry over some of the requests to the January account. The fact that an increase occurred in spite of these reductions indicates a considerable upward tendency. The circulation a week ago was $245,124,312, and the bonds on deposit to secure circulation were $237,962,679. The movement in the transfer of bonds shown by the amount of Treasurer Roberts involved the deposit last week of $2,185,000, and the withdrawal of $1,722,000.

The circulation is nearly $20,000,000 higher than at the beginning of July, when it touched its lowest point since the issue of the Spanish War loan. The amount of bonds at that time, however, and the bonds on deposit are nearly $100,000,000 less. The improvement was slow up to the beginning of October, when the circulation was $216,000,000, but the last three months show increased amounts of nearly $7,000,000. The bonds on deposit include $53,312,250 in the new issues, which rank next in amount to the old issue. The latter are on deposit to the amount of $37,690,500, but the new issues are credited to the amount of only $17,621,750, because of their high price in the open market.

Dry Goods.

New York, Dec. 30.—The dry goods market today was quite devoid of incident of importance. Business on the jobbing side was quiet, but the demand below the average. The tone in all directions was without change and there was no alteration in prices. Either cotton or woolen goods. Yarns continued strong, but the demand was quieter.

Sugar.

New York, Dec. 30.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3 11-16c, centrifugal, 96 test, 3 9-16c. Molasses sugar 3 5-16c, refined quiet but firm; crushed, 5.70c; powdered, 5.40c; fine granulated, 5.20c; fine granulated 5 1-16c, coarse granulated 5 3-16c, cubes 5 5-16c.

Coffee.

New York, Dec. 30.—The coffee market opened steady at unchanged prices and ruled very dull and uninteresting all day, the speculation being the absence of important news. Near midday there was a sudden rise of 20@25 points on a spurt of evening by room shorts. Otherwise the market was quite featureless. Large Brazilian receipts were offset by increased American warehouse deliveries. The market closed firm at a net gain of 5 to 10 points. Sales were 16,500 bags, including: Jan. 6.60c; March 6.70@6.75c; May 6.85@6.90c; July 6.95c; Aug. 7c; Sept. 6.95@7.05c. Spot coffee: Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7c; No. 7 jobbing 7½c. Mild steady; Cordova 9@12½c.

Turpentine and Rosin.

New York, Dec. 30.—Turpentine—Steady at 37½@38c. Rosin—Quiet. Strained common to good $1.80.

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HOLIDAY MARKETS— TONE GENERALLY FIRM BUT TRADE VERY DULL

THE SESSION WAS A VERY SHORT ONE, OWING TO THE HOLIDAYS —LITTLE BUSINESS DONE.

TONE GENERALLY WAS FIRM.

WAS NO TRADING IN CORN, AND THE MARKET DURING THE DAY WAS LARGELY NOMINAL.

OATS MARKET WAS DEAD DULL.

Office Republic,
Saturday, Dec. 30, 1899.

WHEAT—English markets gave 1@2 a sad, cold farewell. Liverpool closing 1/8 lower and London 1/4 off, with all markets, though each showing weakness. This trifle of weakness abroad did not trouble American markets to any extent, for none of them showed any material change. May opened here right where it closed yesterday, at 57½c, all the little trading during the first half hour being at that price. The receipts were small at all points and the weather cold, but not much attention given anything. Estimates on the world's shipments by Bradstreet and Broomhall were for 2,900,000 and 2,500,000 bu, respectively, which are larger than expected, and Broomhall predicted a moderate increase all at Australia also began wheat export. Our own shipments were very small, both of flour and wheat. Trade was quiet and uninteresting. It will be seen that these resolutions were heavily, but the domestic markets held firm. May sold here up to 57½c and June at 58¼c. After 11 a. m. there was no attempt to trade. Nearly all other markets closed at that time and a hand shaking on the floor, so there was not much use in trying to do anything. The close was nominally 57½c for May, 57½c for May and 58¼c for July, which marked Received 14 cars local, 36 cars to mill and 60 to shippers, and the market was an entirely nominal one. On trk. No. 2 red sold at 57½c; No. 3 red at 57c; No. 4 at 56c; No. 2 hard at 57c; No. 3 hard at 54@55c; No. 2 spring at 57½c; No. 3 spring at 55@56c; No. 4 at 54c.

CORN—There was no trading during the early hours, and naturally was the central given any attention in the pit. May was first offered 1/4c lower at 37½c, but soon turned up on a rally in Chicago. Western markets received fairly big, amount 49,000 bu, a year ago, and shipped 128,000 bu. Clearances were 264,000 bu. Liverpool was quiet and unchanged. There was no trading during the entire session. May was offered at 37½c without buyers, and for May 37¼@37½c bid without sellers. Cash market—Received 14 cars local and 4 cars through. Only one buyer in market, he paying 37½c for No. 2 and 36c for No. 4, either mixed, white or yellow, delivered E. side.

OATS—Western markets received 22,000 bu, against 68,000 bu a year ago, and shipped 28,000 bu. Clearances were 20,000 bu, from New Orleans. There was no trading and no change in prices. May sold at 27½c without buyers, and for May 27¼@27½c bid without sellers. Cash market—Received 24 cars local and 1 car through. Not much doing. No. 2 quotable at 27½c, No. 2 white 28@28½c, No. 3 white 27½c, selling to local trade. On trk. No. 2 quotable at 27½c, No. 2 white 28@28½c, No. 3 white 27½c. Receipts of Northern road at 16@20 car, whose nominality 27½ @28½c; No. 3 do sold at 25@27½c; No. 4 do at 24½ @26½c.

RYE—Market nominally firm at 56c for grade No. 2.

FLOUR—Practically nothing done on the floor and millers report little business of any kind. Quotations are soft winter wheat flours are as follows: Patents $3.40@3.60, extra fancy $3.10@3.20, clear $2.75@2.90, low grade $2.25@2.40. Hard winter patent $3.40@3.60, extra fancy $3.10@3.20, clear $2.75@2.90, low grade $2.25@2.40 in jute sacks.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $2.85 in sks, and $2.70 in bbls.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern jobbing at $3 per 100 lbs.

CORNMEAL—City meal, f. o. b., $1.70@1.75; pearl meal, grits and hominy $2.

MILLFEED—Steady for bran at 65c in large and 67c in small sks, and 62½c in bulk at 58c E. trk. At mill bran jobs at 62½@65c, and ships at 58c.

HAY—Received 245 tons local and 40 tons through; shipped 94 tons. Not much done, timothy firm, but quiet for medium and low grades. Prairie was steady, but never sold. Prices as follows: Timothy $11.50@12 for fancy, $10@11 for choice, $9@9.50 for No. 1, $8@8.50 for No. 2, $7@7.50 for No. 3, $5@6 for No. 4. Good to choice clover $10@11, inferior to ordinary $7@9.50, mixed $7@9.50.

STRAW—In trk. Wheat $4@4.50.

GRASS SEEDS—Offerings light, at steady prices. Quotations are as follows: Per sack, recleaned $3.50@3.75 in store, and $6 for choice to $7 for fancy, and German, millet, $1 for prime, Hungarian 65@75c, millet 60@65c, timothy $2@2.50, red top $3@3.50, clover $7@8.

PROVISIONS—Local market: Nominally $7.50@8 for prime to choice.

CANNED MEATS—Nominal at $7.25 per bbl for car lots prime on trk.

BROOMS—Dull. Latest sale at $3 per doz for fancy.

LEAD—Quiet. No sales have been made lately, but market is firmly held at 3.75c, here $4.85@4.90, and nominally quotable at 3.75@3.80c.

SPELTER—Dull at $4.40 sellers, and can probably be bought below that.

Prices on Change.

The following table shows the range of prices in futures and cash grain:

	Closed Friday.	Ranged To-day.	Closed To-day.
Wheat—Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	57½	[illegible]	[illegible]
July	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corn—Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats—Dec	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cash wheat, corn and oats transacted.			

	Last Year.	Friday.	To-day.
Wheat—No. 2 red	72	57½	57½
No. 3 red	71	57	57
No. 2 hard	62	60	60
No. 3 hard	60@62	57@58	57@58
Corn—No. 2	37@37¼	37½	37½
No. 3	37	37	37
No. 2 white	37½@37¾	38@38½	38@38½
No. 3 white	37½	38	38
Oats—No. 2	26½	27½	27½
No. 3	26	27	27
No. 2 white	28@28½	28½	28½
No. 3 white	27½	27½	27½
No. 4 white	26@26½	26@26½	26@26½
No. 2 Northern	28	28½	28½
No. 3 Northern	27½	27½	27½
No. 2 white	29	29½	29½
No. 3 white	28	28½	28½
No. 4 white	27@27½	27½	27½

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	16,500	49,000	28,000	128,000
Chicago	30,000	290,000	127,000	264,000
Toledo	2,000	1,000	1,000	4,000
Detroit	2,000	12,000	1,000	2,000
Kansas City	40,000	41,000	27,000	41,000
Milwaukee	1,000	4,000	1,000	1,000
Duluth	34,000	1,000	87,000	[illegible]
New York	42,000	16,000	[illegible]	2,000
Baltimore	12,000	10,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	9,000	12,000	2,000	11,000
Minneapolis	200,000	122,000	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Orleans	12,000	27,000	74,000	101,000
Boston	12,000	21,000	[illegible]	[illegible]

No report from Minneapolis.

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Today.	Yesterday.	Last Year.
Wheat	1,897,000	2,000,000	1,[illegible]
Corn	242,000	243,000	102,000
Oats	32,000	37,000	10,000
Rye	2,000	2,000	2,000
Barley	81,000	49,000	12,000
Contract grades—			
No. 2 red wheat	1,147,000	1,147,000	99,000
No. 2 hard	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 corn	276,000	271,000	176,000
No. 2 white corn	104,000	104,000	41,000
No. 2 oats	1,000	3,000	26,000
No. 2 white	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
No. 2 rye	2,000	2,000	2,000

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis 4,700 bbls; Chicago 21,300 bbls; Toledo 300 bbls; Milwaukee [illegible] bbls; Minneapolis [illegible]; New York 7,700 bbls; and 7,000 sks; Baltimore 8,000 bbls; Philadelphia 20 tons; New Orleans 332 bbls; and 18 sks.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

Local Market Quiet and Unchanged—Other Markets Closed.

St. Louis, Saturday, Dec. 30, 1899.

The cotton markets abroad and in this country were closed to-day, with the exception of the home market, which was quiet and without change of any kind. The closing quotations were as follows:

Local market:

Ordinary	6½
Low middling	7½
Middling	7 15/16
Good middling	8 1/16
Middling fair	8 5/16

Tinges and stains 1/16c below white.

Receipts, per yard 1½, lbs, 6c; 2 lbs, 6½c; 3 lbs, 6¾c. Iron cotton ties $1.50. Hemp twine 36 per lb.

WAREHOUSE STATEMENT TO-DAY

	This Year.	Last Year.
Net receipts today	54	1,041
Net receipts since Sept. 1	129,067	168,157
Gross receipts today	54	1,041
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	129,067	168,157
Gross shipments today	4,594	2,789
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	121,681	155,701
Stock on hand	39,114	76,991

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Dec. 31.—Flour—Receipts 21,131 bbls; exports, 5,382 bbls; sales, 2,000 bbls. Indiana and nominally unchanged. Minnesota patent, $3.90@4.05. Minnesota bakers', $3.60@3.80. Winter patents, $3.60@3.75; winter straights, $3.30@3.40; winter extras, $2.60@2.80; winter clears, $2.90@3.10. Rye flour steady, sales 150 bbls; fair to good, $3.10@3.25; choice to fancy, $3.35@3.40. Buckwheat flour quiet at $2.60@2.70. Corn meal steady, Western, $2.20@2.35. Rye quiet. No. 2 Western, 60c f. o. b. afloat; State rye, 56c f. o. b. New York carlots. Barley quiet; feeding, 47c c. i. f. New York; malting barley, 50@55c. Barley malt dull; Western, 65@75c. Wheat—Receipts, 37,500 bu; sales, 20,000 bu futures, 190,000 bu spot. Spot firm; No. 2 red, 70¼c f. o. b. afloat. No. 1 Northern Duluth, 75¼c f. o. b. afloat prompt; No. 2 red, 72½c elevator. Options opened steady and unchanged on reports of export business to Liverpool, offering the cheap Liverpool quotations. Speculation short of course, but fell off after. Although exceedingly cold weather prevailed over winter States, there was no apprehension over crop matters. World's shipments were expected to be a trifle larger than last week. Later the market improved on evening and closed firm at 1c net advance; sales included No. 2 red March, closing, closed 72½c; May, 72¾@72⅞c, closed 72⅞c; July, 73⅛c. Corn—Receipts, 49,875 bu; exports, 241 bu; sales, 80,000 bu futures, 110,000 bu spot. Spot steady; No. 2, 38¼c elevator and 38½c afloat. Options opened dull but steady with wheat, and on strikes in face of liberal receipts at Chicago, ruled slow and fractionally higher under lead of wheat. Later on, May closed 38⅞c. Oats—Receipts, 85,600 bu; exports, 26 bu. Spot dull; No. 2, 29½c; No. 2, 29½c; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 white, 30c; trk, mixed Western, 28@29c; trk, white, 29@32c. Options opened dull and lower with corn, but rallied and closed dull. Hay quiet; prime, $1.30@1.35. Hops dull. State, common to choice, 1899 crop, 6@12c; 1898 crop, 1@3c; 1897 crop, 1@2c; Pacific Coast, 1898 crop, 1@3c; 1897 crop, 1@2c. Hides steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs, 19c. Leather steady. Hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres light to heavy weights, 23@25c; acid, 23@26c.

Metal Market.

New York, Dec. 30.—The brokers' price of lead is $4.45, and of copper $16.50.

By Telegraph.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 100; market steady. Hogs—Receipts 5,134; market steady to 5c lower; averaged shade lower; light, $4.17@4.27; medium to heavy, $4.20@4.30; pigs 10c higher, $3.50@4.15; bulk, $4.20@4.25. Sheep—Receipts 275; market steady.

New York, Dec. 30.—Beeves—Receipts 1,119; no trading; feeling steady; cables steady; shipments 1,132 cattle and 1,936 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts 51; steady; good veals $7.50@8.75; barnyard calves $5.50. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 4,500; sheep dull; lambs steady to 10c lower; sheep $3@4.25; lambs $5.50@6.25; Canada lambs $6; culls $4@4.50. Hogs—Receipts 2,493; firm at $4.60@4.65.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 200; supply too light to make a market. The week's business was more or less unsettled by holiday conditions. Liberal supply Tuesday caused a break in prices; light runs later in the week strengthened values. Prices to-day [illegible] changed from last week; heavy native steers [illegible]; light weights [illegible]; stockers and feeders $3.60@[illegible]; cows $2.40@3.15; fed Western steers [illegible]; Western feeders $3.25@4.50; Texas [illegible]; calves [illegible]. Hogs—Receipts 3,400; trade fairly active, [illegible] higher than the week ended last Saturday, and [illegible] advance of about 5c; heavy, mixed [illegible]; light, $4.17@4.35; pigs, $3.50@4.60. Sheep—Receipts for week 9,000; offering all grades too light to supply demand and prices advanced about 25c; lambs $4.25@5.50; muttons, $4@4.85; feeding lambs $4.25@4.50; feeding sheep, $3.50@3.75; stockers, $2.75@3.50; culls, $1.50@[illegible].

East Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 600; market steady; native beef steers, $4.25@6.30; Western steers, $3@4.85; Texas steers, $3.25@4.30; cows and heifers, $2.25@4.50; canners, $2.50@3.10; stockers and feeders, $3.60@4.75; calves, $3.50@6.75; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@4.25. Hogs—Receipts 3,500; market shade lower; heavy, $4.10@4.17½; mixed, $4.12½@4.15; light, $4.10@4.17½; pigs, $4@4.10; bulk of sales, $4.12½@4.15. Sheep—Receipts 600; market steady; native muttons $4.25@4.60; Western muttons, $4@4.35; stock sheep, $3.25@4.; lambs, $4@5.50.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady, quotations unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 69@69½c; No. 3 spring, 67@69c; No. 2 red, 67½@68c. Corn—No. 2, 38½@38¾c; No. 2 yellow, 39@39½c. Oats—No. 2, 29½@29¾c; No. 3 white, 29½@29¾c; No. 3 white, 24@24½c. Rye—No. 2, 59c. Barley—Fair to choice malting, 42@50c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.02; Northwestern, $1.05. Prime timothy seed, $3.25@3.30. Provisions—Mess pork, per bbl, $7.90@8.15. Lard, per 100 lbs, $4.35@4.37½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.05@4.20; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4@4½c; short clear sides (boxed), 4.50@4.65c. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods (basis high wines), per gal, $1.23. Butter—Creamery, 19@26c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese firm, 12@12½c. Eggs firm, fresh 17@18c.

YEAR'S LEAD AND ZINC RECORD IN MISSOURI.

Unprecedented Prosperity in the Mining Industry of the State—Interesting Tables of Statistics.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 31.—Missouri's record in lead and zinc for the year 1899 shows a total valuation in output of $10,715,267, a gain of $3,585,940 over 1898.

The year's sales of 1899 foot up 255,128 short tons of zinc and 22,888 short tons of lead, which sold for $10,715,267. This is an increase over 1898 of a little more than 50 per cent in value, but the increase in tonnage is less than 10 per cent of zinc, while there is a decrease of 9 per cent in the lead tonnage. The marvelous increase in value was caused by the higher prices paid for ore, zinc selling at an average of $42.50, an increase of about 40 per cent, and lead at $32.44, an increase of 29 per cent.

In 1895 the average price of zinc was $22.21, and lead, $35.98; in 1896 zinc averaged $22.60 and lead $32.30; in 1897 zinc averaged $22.28 and lead $32.64; in 1898 zinc averaged $18.42 and lead $41.74.

The past year has been one of unprecedented prosperity in the lead and zinc district, showing even a greater gain over 1898 than that year marked over 1897.

During the first quarter of the year the sales were 63,877 tons of zinc, 5,774 tons of lead, selling for $2,537,692. The weekly average of sales was 4,914 tons of zinc, at an average top price of $40; 444 tons of lead at an average of $50.60 per ton. The average weekly value was $195,207.

During the second quarter of the year the sales were 69,350 tons of zinc and 6,[illegible] tons of lead, which sold at $3,242,105. The weekly average of sales was 5,350 tons zinc at an average top price of $48.77; 473 tons of lead at an average of $51.46 per ton. The average weekly value was $249,423.

During the third quarter the sales were 62,853 tons of zinc, and 5,940 tons of lead, which sold at $2,728,941. The average weekly sales were 4,833 tons of zinc ore at an average top price of $44.27; 457 tons of lead at an average of $54.15 per ton. The average weekly value was $209,226.

During the fourth quarter the sales were 58,643 tons of zinc and 6,020 tons of lead, which sold at $2,214,268. The average weekly sales were 4,511 tons of zinc, at an average top price of $37, and 463 tons of lead, at an average price of $54 per ton. The average weekly value was $170,328.

During the first six months the sales were 133,427 tons of zinc and 11,927 tons of lead, which sold for $5,780,197. The average weekly sales were 5,132 tons of zinc, at an average top price of $41.39, and 459 tons of lead, at an average of $51.18. The average weekly value was $222,315.

During the second six months the sales were 121,476 tons of zinc and 11,960 tons of lead, which sold for $4,935,139. The average weekly sales were 4,672 tons of zinc, at an average top price of $40.62, and 460 tons of lead, at an average price of $54.07. The average weekly value was $189,811.

The total sales of the year were 254,902 tons of zinc and 23,888 tons of lead, which sold for $10,715,267. The average weekly sales during the whole year were 4,902 tons of zinc, at an average top price of $42.50 per ton, 459 tons of lead, at an average price of $52.44 per ton. The average weekly value was $206,063.

Weekly and Quarterly Report for 1899.

The following table gives the pounds of zinc sold each week and the top price paid for the pounds of lead sold each week and the price paid per ton, and the value of the ores each week. The footings are drawn up by quarters, the average price paid for each ore during a quarter, and the total for the year 1899:

THE WEEK ENDING	ZINC Pounds Sold.	Price Per Ton.	LEAD Pounds Sold	Price per ton.	VALUE, both ores.
Jan. 7	10,183,250	$42.50	852,480	$46.50	$197,[illegible]
Jan. 14	10,594,050	42.00	874,810	48.00	170,[illegible]
Jan. 21	11,008,470	37.50	972,260	48.00	200,542
Jan. 28	11,202,580	38.50	1,016,590	50.00	204,128
Feby. 4	10,324,540	38.50	958,930	54.00	198,[illegible]
Feby. 11	9,945,190	40.00	901,520	52.00	93,[illegible]
Feby. 18	8,702,110	40.00	894,630	52.00	169,375
Feby. 25	8,429,930	42.00	798,850	52.00	171,259
March 4	8,577,440	41.00	1,024,590	50.00	216,652
March 11	10,066,500	41.00	1,043,070	51.00	201,874
March 18	11,756,000	41.00	968,970	52.00	234,[illegible]
March 25	11,885,840	41.00	1,034,320	52.00	238,802
April 1	12,838,860	43.00	996,370	51.00	255,130
April 8	10,653,180	40.00	1,026,930	50.00	212,[illegible]
April 15	11,159,180	41.00	1,008,240	49.00	231,150
April 22	10,226,860	39.00	937,440	51.00	203,136
April 29	11,097,270	39.00	1,008,100	51.00	220,314
May 6	10,223,170	38.00	958,420	52.00	206,599
May 13	10,947,660	39.00	819,160	52.00	226,326
May 20	10,323,490	39.00	990,240	52.00	214,573
May 27	10,642,140	40.50	1,014,010	52.00	222,621
June 3	11,246,440	40.50	918,410	52.00	236,022
June 10	10,548,670	42.00	985,120	52.00	241,867
June 17	9,742,050	44.00	1,088,930	52.00	213,269
June 24	10,610,870	42.50	991,960	52.00	214,809
June 30	10,086,440	43.00	1,028,000	52.00	216,944
July 1	9,148,930	43.00	936,920	52.00	192,113
July 8	9,951,430	44.00	919,430	54.00	206,596
July 15	8,942,850	44.50	798,860	55.00	190,378
July 22	11,322,080	45.00	836,820	55.00	244,216
July 29	12,061,390	45.00	967,120	55.00	259,465
August 5	11,669,470	45.00	1,067,110	55.00	254,610
August 12	11,786,950	45.00	1,066,160	54.00	253,456
August 19	10,467,030	45.00	988,410	54.00	230,141
August 26	8,947,290	45.00	913,740	54.00	195,417
September 2	8,442,950	44.00	883,110	54.00	187,078
September 9	7,732,310	43.00	1,002,710	54.00	175,954
September 16	8,792,930	42.00	967,290	54.00	189,432
September 23	8,501,150	42.00	1,002,690	54.00	182,706
September 30	8,[illegible]	42.00	749,040	54.00	187,409
October 7	8,371,560	42.00	855,510	54.00	184,201
October 14	8,584,710	42.00	854,720	54.00	185,225
October 21	7,596,240	42.00	772,000	53.00	159,298
October 28	8,221,810	42.00	1,074,370	53.00	183,179
November 4	9,[illegible]	42.00	1,001,210	54.00	212,402
November 11	9,570,140	42.00	1,071,820	54.00	204,567
November 18	9,549,470	42.00	913,900	54.00	199,548
November 25	12,132,240	42.00	1,094,960	54.00	252,778
December 2	12,049,840	42.00	1,112,140	54.00	251,931
December 9	9,674,930	42.00	847,950	55.00	176,659
December 16	10,742,710	42.00	1,271,050	55.00	209,473
December 23	7,153,960	42.00	939,860	55.00	139,331
First quarter	127,773,020	40.00	11,548,820	50.60	2,537,692
Second quarter	126,159,240	48.77	12,306,450	51.46	3,242,105
Third quarter	127,966,290	44.27	11,880,170	54.15	2,728,941
Fourth quarter	117,205,180	37.00	12,020,910	54.00	2,214,268
Total year	509,904,730	42.50	47,756,350	52.44	10,715,267

Total Tons and Weekly Averages for Six Years.

The following table gives the total tons of ores sold for each of six years, the weekly average sold, and the average weekly price for zinc and lead, the total price per ton, and the average value of the weekly sales during each year:

Year.	ZINC—Short Tons. Total Tons Sold.	Weekly Average.	Average Price.	LEAD—Short Tons. Total Tons Sold.	Weekly Average.	Average Price.	VALUE. Total Price Both Ores.	Weekly Average.
1894	147,[illegible]	2,834	$19.22	22,190	419	$34.64	$3,525,236	$67,504
1895	147,[illegible]	2,828	22.21	21,224	408	35.98	2,775,929	72,614
1896	153,[illegible]	2,944	22.60	27,221	523	32.30	3,477,353	74,183
1897	172,974	3,327	22.28	30,193	581	32.64	4,126,392	80,859
1898	234,471	4,509	18.42	28,667	551	41.74	7,129,467	136,921
1899	254,902	4,902	42.50	23,888	459	52.44	10,715,267	206,063

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