FINANCIAL.

Mississippi Valley Trust Company,

FOURTH AND PINE STS.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, $6,500,000.

Manages, Sells, Rents and Appraises City Property. Pays Taxes, Places Insurance.

A STRONGER TONE, BUT SPECULATION LIGHT.

NOTHING OF A STARTLING NATURE DEVELOPED.

Corn and Oats Were More or Less Neglected During the Day—Few Changes in Prices.

WHEAT—Prices showed a small range during the first half hour. May opened to better at 73⅞@73⅞c, sold up to 73⅞c, off to 73c, back to 73⅛c, to 73c again.

A decline equal to 1⅛c was reported in English country markets for the week, but none of the regular European markets duly heard from noted any particular change in their price. A St. Louis exporter reported a sale of hard winter to the United Kingdom at 1c advance. Clearances for the day were good, too, in flour, and wheat equal to 570,000 bu. Regarded bearishly were reported Danubian shipments of 1,000,000 bu. this week, as they were expected to be much less.

The market did not change any from the opening to the close, except the ⅛c of the early trading. May did not sell above 73⅛c or below 73c, but at close was offered at 73c and no buyers then.

Cash market—Received, 1,224 sks. and 65 cars local and 6 cars through. Dull and easy. Very little demand from any source and the small purchases by city millers and elevator people alone. By sample, switched—No. 2 red at 72c this and E. side, and choice worth 72½c E. side; No. 3 red at 70c to 71c and fancy 71½c; No. 4 at 68c to 68c; ordinary No. 2 hard offered at 68½c, bid 68c, though for choice 69c bid; No. 3 hard quotable at 66@67c.

CORN—There was nothing in the news or conditions to interest speculation particularly, and this market, consequently, attracted little attention. Weather was threatening, but no rains to speak of had fallen in the corn States. Arrivals at the Western centers were moderate, but their shipments rather small. Liverpool was unchanged to ½d higher. The only trading here during the early hours was in May at 55⅝c, same as asked at close of yesterday, after a bid of 55⅜@½c; Dec. was offered at 55c, and for Jan. 54½c bid.

Clearances for the day were 1,050,000 bu., but the markets did not hold their early advance, and May sold off to 55⅛c. Jan. sold at 54⅝c. May No. 2 white, 56½c bid.

Cash market—Received, 290 sks. and 84 cars local and 69 cars through. Steady. A small business, mainly with shippers. on trk.—No. 2 at 55½c this and 56c E. side; No. 3 at 55⅛@56c E. side; No. 2 yellow at 56½c; No. 2 white at 57c this and E. side; No. 3 do at 56½c.

OATS—The future market was easier, and May lost yesterday's gain of ⅛c, selling at 24⅝c, which bid at close. There were also bids of 23½c for Dec. and Jan.

Cash market—Received 19 cars local and 4 cars through. Very quiet, as demand small; mixed easier. By sample on trk. No. 2 at 23½@23¾c; No. 3 at 23c; No. 4 at 22½c; No. 2 Northern at 24c; No. 2 white at 24c; No. 3 do at 23½@23¾c; No. 4 do at 23½@23c.

RYE—Steady, a car No. 2 selling at 59c delivered E. side.

FLOUR—Steady and very quiet. A moderate domestic trade and only occasional sales made for shipments abroad. Export trade continues very unsatisfactory. Quotations on soft winter wheat flour are as follows: Patents, $3.55@3.65; straights, $3.35@3.45; extra fancy, $3.20@3.30; clear, $2.75@3; low and medium, $2.25@2.50. Hard winter in jute sks. $2.25@2.65 for clears, $2.90@3 for straights, and $3.25@3.50 for patents.

RYE FLOUR—Jobbing at $3 in sks. and $3.25 in bbls.

CORNMEAL—$2; pearl meal, grits and hominy, $2.30.

MILLFEED—A small shipping demand at unchanged prices and offerings about equal thereto. When sales made basis E. trk.bran brings 60@66c in large and 66@67c to 68c darter choice coarse; in small sks. and 62c in bulk. At mill bran jobs at 60@63c and ships at 72@75c.

HAY—Received 225 tons local and 140 tons through; shipped 214 tons. Not much done and no change in the market. Demand chiefly for the best grades and light for medium qualities.

Prices on trk. range: Timothy $14 for choice, $13@13.50 for No. 1, $11.50@12.50 for No. 2, $10@11 for No. 3; prairie, $11 for No. 1, $10@10.50 for No. 2; $8@9.50 for No. 3. Clover $9@12.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. $4.25; rye $6.

LEAD—Holders asking $4.37½@4.25, but no business reported. Desilverized held at $4.32½.

SPELTER—Offered at $4 and unsold.

GRASS SEEDS—Clover $19@25. Timothy $4@4.50; red top 50c for chaff to $3 for fancy; millet 75c@$1.25; Hungarian 60@70c.

CASTOR BEANS—Bid $1.30 per bu. for prime in car lots.

HEMP SEED—$2.60 per 100 lbs., pure basis.

FLAXSEED—No market made.

Prices on 'Change.

The following tables show the range of prices in futures and cash grain:

	Closed Friday.	Range Saturday.	Closed Saturday.
Wheat—Dec.	72⅞ n	....@....	70⅞ n
Jan.	73⅛ n	....@....	71⅛ n
May	73⅞@73 a	73⅞@73	73 a
Corn—Dec.	55 a	....@....	55 a
Jan.	54½ a	....@....	54¼
May	55⅝@¾ b	55⅝@55¼	55¼ b
Oats—Dec.	23½ b	23½@23	23½ b
May	24⅝	24@23½	24 b

Cash wheat, corn and oats ranged:

Last Year.	Friday.	Saturday.
Wheat—No. 2 red 70 @71	72 @73	72 @72½
No. 3 red..... 68½@69½	70½@71	70 @70½
No. 4 winter.. 62 @68	68 @69	68 @69
No. 2 hard..... 67 @68	68 @69	68 @69
No. 3 hard..... 66 @67	68 @68	68 @68
Corn—No. 2. 31½@32	56 @56¾	55½@56
No. 3..... 31 @31½	55 @55½	55 @55½
No. 2 white..... 31¾@32½	57 @57½	57 @57½
No. 3 white..... 30¾@31	56½@57	56½@57
Oats—No. 2. 24½@	24½@24¾	24½@24¾
No. 3..... 24 @24½	24 @24¼	23½@24
No. 2 Northern 24½@24¾	24 @24½	24 @24½
No. 3 white..... 26 @26½	25½@25¾	25 @25½
No. 8 white..... 25 @25½	25½@25¾	25 @25½
No. 4 white..... 24½@25	....@....	25½@25

Movement of Grain.

Cities.	Receipts. Wheat.	Corn.	Shipments. Wheat.	Corn.
St. Louis	59,333	123,025	63,100	24,014
Chicago	168,000	380,425	8,500	37,400
Toledo	7,100	68,700	31,000	59,600
Detroit	25,905	64,437	.....	15,300
Kansas City	73,000	29,750	68,800	12,750
Milwaukee	21,000	9,100	9,700	300
Minneapolis	231,000	12,200	42,150	.....
Duluth	50,794	13,851	.....	.....
New York	65,450	105,300	66,650	157,801
Baltimore	16,112	216,202	124,402	231,423
Philadelphia	16,000	19,000	9,700	108,250
Boston	8,842	17,185	72,000	12,750
New Orleans	66,000	80,000	.....	85,000
Galveston	2,000	.....	.....	.....

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	To-day.	Yesterday.	Last Yr.
Wheat	4,960,129	4,967,065	2,236,312
Corn	193,741	153,828	828,861
Oats	28,287	28,276	7,098
Rye	8,604	8,604	8,844
Barley	83,683	83,683	24,399
Contract Grades—			
No. 2 red	2,068,439	2,072,447	1,021,977
No. 3 hard	286,478	285,033	61,312
No. 2 corn	69,651	69,438	341,925
No. 2 white corn	14,000	14,000	122,700
No. 2 oats	15,797	15,797	2,000
No. 2 rye	4,525	4,525	6,850

Shipments of Flour.

St. Louis, 5,556 bbls.; Chicago, 17,717 bbls.; Detroit, 600 bbls.; Milwaukee, 4,800 bbls.; Minneapolis, 41,250 bbls. New York, 622 bbls. and 32,323 sks.; Baltimore, 20,561 bbls.; Philadelphia, 6,000 sks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Local Fruit, Vegetable, Poultry, Egg and Butter Quotations.

The produce markets were dull and slow Saturday, but prices were well-sustained. There was the usual Saturday lack of demand, but receipts were moderate, and stocks, as a rule, were not heavy. On account of the warm weather, however, receivers were anxious to dispose of their holdings, and the feeling was weak.

Potatoes were quiet and steady. Receipts of Northern stocks, although light were in excess of the demand, so local buyers were inclined to hold off, and shippers were out of the market. Choice eating and seed varieties were salable in a limited way, but common and inferior varieties were dull and weak. Offerings of home-grown were in excess of the demand.

Sweet potatoes were dull, but firmer at unchanged prices, as there was a better demand.

Radishes were dull and slow, with receipts and demand both light.

String beans were scarce and good stock was wanted, but stale stock was dull and slow.

Egg plant was plentiful and dull at unchanged prices. Demand light.

Cabbage was quiet and steady at unchanged prices. Offerings were moderate, but were fully equal to the demand.

Onions were steady and unchanged. There was a limited demand for fancy globes, but remainder of self stock was dull and slow.

Tomatoes were scarce, in good demand and firm at unchanged prices.

Cucumbers were scarce and firm at unchanged prices.

Gumbo was scarce, in good demand and firm.

Peppers were dull and plentiful, as there was very little demand.

Cauliflower was quiet and steady, and other vegetables were unchanged.

Apples were firm and in active demand. Fancy Eastern-packed fruit was wanted, but common bulk and No. 2 stock was dull and weak.

Grapes were weak and lower. Supplies were light and the demand was fair.

Pineapples were dull and slow at unchanged prices.

Oranges were in good demand, but offerings were liberal, and prices were steady and unchanged.

Lemons were quiet and steady.

Cranberries were firm and in good demand.

A crate of cantaloupes, which were grown near Los Angeles, Cal., an unusual novelty, and the first ever seen in St. Louis in December, were received by a Third street commission merchant. The melons were of the Osage variety and were very sweet and of good flavor. They were purchased for the Mercantile Club at $1 a crate, and more could have been sold at that price.

Strawberries—The first crate of strawberries for the season were received by the Gerber Fruit Company from Los Angeles, Cal., and sold at from 75c to 50c a pint box.

Other fruits were steady and unchanged.

Live poultry was dull and slow and prices were weak. Receipts of chickens were heavy and stocks are accumulating, as the demand was light. Receipts of turkeys were also heavy and the market was weak, as shippers were out of the market.

Ducks were quiet and steady, and geese were plentiful and weak.

Dressed poultry was also dull and weak, as receipts were liberal, and considerable held-over stock was offered.

Veals were dull and slow at unchanged prices.

Game was steady and unchanged. Receipts were moderate and there was a fair demand.

Wool was dull and slow, but quotations were unchanged. Bright medium was in limited demand, but other grades were dull and nominal.

Hides were quiet and unchanged.

Furs were in good demand and choice skins were firm. Receipts were liberal and generally of good quality.

Eggs.

The market was quiet but firm Saturday. Receipts were moderate and there were some shipments, but the local demand was only fair. Choice fresh stock sold at 19c, loss off, but held and cold storage stock sold for less.

Receipts at St. Louis to-day were 1,267 cases and shipments were 296 cases.

Dairy Products.

Butter—The market was dull and slow, and choice creamery was somewhat lower, as offerings were in excess of the demand. Other grades were weak. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 25c; firsts 21@22c, seconds 18@20c. Dairy—Extra 18@20c; firsts 15@18c; grease 12c. Country—Strictly choice packed 18@20c; good to prime 15@17c; packed—Extra 16c; firsts 12c. Roll, 12c for good to 14c for choice.

Cheese—Quote: Twins 12c; singles 12¼c. Y. A. 12c. New York 11½c. Limburger 11½@12c. Swiss 14@15c; brick 12@12½c.

Provisions.

Pork steady; lard stronger.

Pork—New standard jobbing, f. o. b., $13.

Lard—Choice steam 8c side loose.

Green Hams—On basis 8½c for 16 and 18 averages in car lots E. side; other averages in ratio. From the block, delivered: Hams 7¾c to 8¼c; bellies 7½@9½c, as in average. New York shoulders 6½c.

D. S. Meats—Bxd. lots jobbing: Extra shorts 6¾c; ribs and clear sides 6¾c and 7c; bellies 7½@8½c, as in average; plates 6c. Higher on small orders.

Bxd. bkd. s. c. meats jobbing: Breakfast bacon 10c for heavy to 12c for choice light; hams 9¾c to 10½c. California 6¾@7½c; New York shoulders 6½c. Plain smoked bxd. meats—Extra shoulders 6½c; clear sides 8¼c; bellies 8½@9½c, as in average; plates 6½c. Higher on small orders.

Country Lard—6¾@6½c, according to quality and place.

Oleo Stearine—At 6¾c.

Tallow—Country No. 1 4½c; No. 2 3½@4c. Packers' choice 5¼@5½c.

Grease—Small irregular lots country: Brown 3c, yellow 3½c, white 4c. Packers' stock: Brown 3¾@3½c, yellow 4@4½c, white 4¼@5c.

Beef—On orders: Bhld.—Plate $8.75; Fulton Market $11; dried at 12c to 15½c per lb.; tongues at 15½c per lb. or $8 per doz.

Hides.

Dry flint—Average receipts, round 14½c; choice Texas 15c. Dry-salted—Round 12c. Green-salted—Western round 7¾c; Southern 7½c. Dry flint—Selected, No. 1 15½c; selected No. 2 13½c. Dry-salted—No. 1 12½c; No. 2 11½c. Green-salted—No. 1 8½c; No. 2 7½c; bull 6½c. Uncured 1c per lb. less, part cured ½c per lb. less and glue stock half price.

Furs.

Raccoon—		Muskrat	5@10
No. 1 large	80	Opossum—	
No. 1 medium	60	No. 1 large	65
No. 1 small & No. 2	40	No. 1 medium	35
No. 3	15	No. 2	10
No. 4	1	Trash, worthless.	
Mink—		Wolf, Prairie	25@65
No. 1 large	$1.10	Timber	50@1.50
No. 1 medium	85	Red Fox—	
No. 1 small & No. 2	65	No. 1	75
No. 3	35	No. 2	60
No. 4	15	No. 3	25
Skunk—Prime, as to size	75	No. 4	10
Black, large	$1.00	Gray Fox—	
Black, medium	85	No. 1	50
Black, stripe	65	No. 2	35
Narrow do	35@40	No. 4	10
Broad do	15	Otter—	
Texas, round	35@50	No. 1 large	8.00
Indian Territory	40@70	No. 1 medium	6.50
Blue or not prime, less	20@30	No. 2	5.00
Wild cat	15@25	No. 3	3.00
Civit cat	15	No. 4	1.50
Badger	50@25	Bear	10@12
House cat	10	Beaver	100

Extreme Southern skins 15 per cent less, and Northern 15 to 25 per cent more.

Wool.

Missouri & Illinois—		Heavy fine	11 @12
Med. combing	29 @31	Tex., I. T. & Ok.—	
Med. clothing	19 @20	Medium	18 @19½
Braid and low	18 @18½	Coarse & low	13 @15
Burry & clear mixed	17 @18	Fine medium	14 @16
Slightly burry	15 @15½	Light fine	14 @15
Heavy burry	13 @15	Heavy fine	11 @12
Light line	16 @17	Bright med'm	18 @18½
Heavy line	13 @14	Dark medium	14 @16
Lambs	17 @18½	Fine medium	14 @16
Wisconsin & Iowa—		Light fine	14 @15
Med. combing	18½@19	Heavy fine	12 @14
Braid & clothing	18 @18½	Arkansas & South—	
Semibright	16 @17½	Med. (fleeced)	19 @19½
Dark	13 @15	Med. (loose)	18 @18½
Fine medium	15 @16	Burry	13 @14
Light fine	14 @15	Unwashed—	
Heavy fine	11 @13	No. 1	28
Kansas & Nebraska—		No. 2	24 @24
Bright medium	19	Burry	18 @20
Dark & sandy	14 @16	Angora goat hair—	
Fine medium	14 @15½	Clean & clear	28 @30
Light fine	13 @14	Burry & clotted	10 @11

Poultry, Game and Veals.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens—Straight young 5c; old roosters 3c; broilers 7c. Turkeys—Choice dressing stock 6½c; thin and poor less. Ducks 7c. Geese (top-feathered) 5½c. Old pigeons and squabs, dull at 60c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Quote scalded and undrawn, with heads and legs on: Turkeys at 7@8c per lb. Chickens 6@6½c. Ducks 7½@8c. Geese 6@5c.

GAME—We quote choice, select, sweet stock only: Quail—Undrawn $1.50; drawn $1. Prairie chickens—Dark 5c. Pheasant $6. Wild turkeys, per lb.—Toms 8c; hens 8c. Ducks, per doz.—Mallards $5; redheads $3; canvasback $5; blue-wing teal $2; green-wing teal $1.50; mixed $1.25. Jacksnipe $1.40. Plover $1.25. Woodcock—Large $2. Deer carcasses, per lb., 8@9c. Venison saddles, hides on, 16c. Rabbits, per doz. $1. Jack rabbits $1.50. Squirrels 50@60c. Possums, each, 60@75c.

VEALS—Choice fat at 10@11c per lb.; heavies, thin and rough at 5c. Sheep dull at 3@4c; thin ewes and bucks at 2@3c per lb. Spring lambs—Ewes at 4c to 4½c per lb. for choice; buck lambs at 2@2½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.

APPLES—Quote: Eastern, packed—Baldwin at from $1.60@1.70 for No. 2 to $2@2.50 for No. 1, greening at from $1.75@2 for No. 2 to $2.50@2.60 for No. 1, fancy king at $3; mixed at $2.25@2.50 for choice varieties. Jonathan—Western quotable at $1.75@2 and greening $1.75@2 per bbl, measure on trk. Western packed—Ben Davis and Genetting range from $1.85 to $2.50, winesap at $2.75@3, willowtwig at $2@2.25—top rates for fancy. Idaho bxd. apples at $1.75 per 20-lb. box for winesap and $1.40@1.50 for Newtown pippin and Roman beauty.

GRAPES—Catawbas in limited supply and firm at 33@16c per pony basket with fancy paper labels.

PEARS—Scarce. Last sales choice winter Nellis at $2@2.25 per bbl.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Quote winter Nellis and Easter Bueree at $2@2.25 per 40-lb. box.

ORANGES—We quote car lots on trk.: Florida at $3@3.50 per box for russets and bright. California navels at $2.50 for fancy and $2.65 for choice. Mediterranean sweets at $2.50 and La Barca at $2.75@2.80—jobbing from store 25c higher than above prices. Sale—1 car California navels at $2.60 on trk.

LEMONS—Quote: New Messina and California at $2.50@3 per box in car lots; jobbing 25c higher.

MALAGA GRAPES—Quote at $6 to $7.50 per bbl.

COCOANUTS—Quotable at $37.50 per 1,000—In a small way at $4 per 100.

PINEAPPLES—Florida at $3 to $3.50 per crate containing 24 to 36 pines.

BANANAS—Quote at $1.50@1.75 per bunch, on orders.

GRAPE FRUIT—Quote Jamaica at $5 to $6.50 per box; Florida at $6@6.50 and California at $3@4 per box.

CRANBERRIES—Sales in a jobbing way from store, fancy berries, per bbl.: Early black at $8.50; late Howes at $10; Jersey at $9.

POTATOES—We quote Northern on trk.: Minnesota and Wisconsin—Burbank or rural at 45@46c for fair to 48@49c for choice to fancy rose 60@70c, triumph 90c@$1. Michigan rural at 48@50c for sound, bright, smooth stock; bug-eaten, lots affected with dry rot and all inferior sell for less.

ONIONS—Red globe at 85c on trk. and 5c del. Last sales red weatherfield at 70c in sks. del.

CABBAGE—Quote domestic at $12 and Holland seed at $15 to $15 del. Dealers charge $1.50 per crate on small orders. Red Cabbage scarce—quotable at 20@25c per lb.

CELERY—We quote: Michigan small sized (Kalamazoo at 10@12½c; fancy large white plume at $3 to $3.50 per crate (containing 8 to 10 bchs.); and bulk dwarf at 20@25c per bunch; Chicago cases (containing 4 to 8 bchs.) at 75c to $1. Home-grown at 15c to 40c per bunch. Celery roots dull at 25c to 35c per doz. California quotable at 40c to 50c per doz., and at $3.50 per crate.

TOMATOES—Quote choice Florida at $3 per 4-basket crate—extra fancy worth more; small and poor nominally less; California at $1.25 to $1.75 per 4-basket crate.

SWEET POTATOES—Home-grown Bermuda 35@35c; yellow Nansemond, queen and red Nansemond at 50c per bu. loose, and at $1.50 per bbl. for Bermuda and $2 for Nansemond on orders.

CARROTS—Quote new Southern at 75c per doz. bunches; old Northern in bulk at 50c to 60c per 100 lbs. del. Sale 1 car bulk at $11 to $12 per ton del. On orders, dealers charge $1 per bbl.

RUTABAGAS—Last sale bulk at 35c per bu. del. On orders at $1.25 per bbl.

SAUERKRAUT—Quote bbls. at $5.25, half-bbls. at $3.25, small orders higher.

STRING BEANS—Quote choice Florida round green at $2.50 per 5-bu. bxd. field stock nominally less.

LETTUCE—Choice New Orleans head lettuce in fair demand at $2 to $2.50 per bbl.—hard, rusty and poor of less. Home-grown solls at 50@75c per bu. basket.

EGG PLANT—Quote Florida at $2 to $2.50 per 1½-bu. crate.

TURNIPS—Home-grown stock sell here at 60c per bu. Orders charged 75c per bbl. Consignments unsalable.

PEPPERS—Quote choice Florida at $1.25 to $1.50 per 6-basket crate.

CUCUMBERS—Quote Florida at $1.50 to $2 per bu. box.

GUMBO—Quote New Orleans at $1.50 to $2 per bu. box.

CAULIFLOWER—California slow and easier at $2.50 per crate, delivered.

SPINACH AND KALE—Home-grown dull at 50c per bu. box.

RADISHES—Choice New Orleans at 30@35c per doz. bunches; fair to fancy, 20@25c; Southern, slow sale at 35c per bu. box.

MUSHROOMS—Dull at 25@35c per lb.

HORSERADISH—Quote home-grown at $2.50@4 per bbl. on orders.

BEETS—New Orleans (bean) quiet at 50c to $1 per doz. bunches; 25@35c per bu. box.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS—Slow sale at 15c to 20c per quart.

PUMPKINS—Home-grown at 4c per 100 lbs.

SPANISH ONIONS—Quotable at $1.60 per crate.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—Steady. Prime live geese in small sks. 40c. Ordinary do, 30@35c. Prime well washed white Angora, XXX, 50@55c; XX, 40c; XXXX 55c. Chicken 25. Turkey, 35c. Prime white goose pinions, clean and tall, 45c; ordinary and tail and mixed, 25c, lady 35. Duck—White at 15c; dark at 10c.

DEERSKINS—17@17c. Prime deerskins 20c per lb., Texas at 25c; antelope 10c per lb.; goat 25c to the cash handed out.

HONEY—Glucose at from $7.50 for small to $1 for large. Sale slipper at 12c. Comes at 20c pure at 16c, golden and at 40c. Maple apple at 40c; make at 30c. Blue and amber 30c; wahoo bark, 7 not 10c. Sale of 1 car of white blood root honey at 40c. Quotable: Pure sassafras bark 40c; wild grape 40.

SHEEP PELTS—Full-wool pelts at 50c to 85c, according to amount of wool on them. Lamb at 25@35c. Shearlings, 25@35c. Shearlings, at 20@25c. Dog skins, 25@50c.

BEGAWAX—Quote at 25@27c for prime.

DRIED FRUIT—Quote apples Evaporated single at 7c to 8c, quarters at 5c to 6c. Sun-dried, single at 5c to 6c, chops and scallops neglected; no price quotable. Peaches—Fancy, evaporated unpeeled halves at 4c, unpeeled at 3½c to 3¾c.

DRIED GREEN PEAS—Sellers from store at $1.25@1.30. South $1.00@1.05, mill $1.40.

WHITE BEANS—Handpicked navy beans in a jobbing way from store at $2.05@2.10, machine-picked $1.90@1.95. Sale in country at $1.80@1.85, pinto beans at 65@65c per lb.

HONEY—Comb at 16c to 18c; fancy white clover, 16c; inferior, dark and broken lots. Extracted and strained in bbls. at 6@6½c and in cans at 7@8c.

MOSS—We quote: Gray and brown mixed 1½@2½c; gray and brown and black mixed 2c; black and brown do 2½c; black 3c; machine-picked—Gray 2½c; XX 3c; XXX at 4c; XXXX at 5½c; inferior picked less.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline $1; vinegar 60c; black oil 45c; linseed, light oil and varnish 50c; cider 40c; whiskey 40c; half bbls. 60c; whiskey $1; apple-brandy, white 45c; molasses 30c; hard oil 35c—20c off for each broken head or stave; 2c off for each hoop missing.

BROOM CORN—In light offerings; readily salable at $30 to $70 per ton.

BONES—Choice bleached at $16 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $15.

RAGS ETC.—Per 100 lbs.—Country rags at 60c. Old Rope—No. 1 and manila $1.50; No. 2 $2.50; Rubber $8.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.—Wrought iron and heavy cast 42½c; malleable 35c; steel 35c; breakings 27½c; stove plate 25c. Light brass $7.25; heavy brass $11.50. Copper $12.50. Zinc $5.50. Lead $3.50. Pewter $12.

COOPERAGE—Quote: Intd. tcd. at $1.45; pork bbls. $1.50; beef bbls. $1; slack work, rough-hoop flour bbls. 35c; fat hoop do. 32c; half-bbls. 24c; meal bbls. 28c; prunes or apple bbls. 28c.

HIGHWINES—Selling on a basis of $1.27.

LOCAL SPOT COTTON.

Local Spot Market Higher, in Sympathy With Advance in Futures.

Local Market—Steady and 1-16c higher. Sales, 48 bales.

Ordinary	8 5-16
Good ordinary	8 13-16
Low middling	9 3-16
Middling	9½
Middling fair	9¾
Good middling	10⅛

Tinges and stains, ⅛c to ¼c off white.

Basing—7⅝-lb. 6¾c; 8-lb. 7c; 8½-lb. 7⅛c. Tare 44c.

Warehouse statement:

	1900-1901.	1899-1900.
Net receipts to-day	1,543	866
Net receipts since Sept. 1	158,784	109,882
Gross receipts to-day	2,217	5,320
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	327,162	252,091
Gross shipments to-day	2,786	3,117
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	476,696	463,154
Stock on hand	63,729	104,222

By Telegraph.

New York, Dec. 15.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices 2@5 points lower in sympathy with an unexpected reaction in Liverpool, following a full response by that market to our advance of late yesterday. Sellers were scarce on the call and almost immediately following the start shorts nervously asked for a large line of Jan. and May. Wire houses took this as a cue that the market would advance should real support of investment develop and were soon actively leading up the list of general. Before the end of the first hour the market had not only regained the opening losses, but was several points above the close of last night and surprisingly firm in tone. The Jan. option was strong and relatively higher than the rest of the list. Heavy receipts at the ports failed to check the early buying movement. The Southern and foreign contingents were generous buyers after the course of the market became positively determined. Wall street was inclined to hold aloof for a time, but later became closely identified with the bull movement. Trading was slow around the opening, but quite active during the last half. Bullish cables had not materially hastened the upward trend of values, but caused a sharp reaction near the close. The market closed barely steady at 2@8 points net higher. Spot cotton closed quiet and ⅛c higher; middling uplands 9¾c; do gulf 9⅞c; sales, 500. Futures closed barely steady; Dec. 9.77c; Jan. 9.61c; Dec. 9.46c; March 9.42c; April 9.36c; May 9.32c; June 9.29c; July 9.27c; Aug. 9.26c; Sept. 9.42c; Oct. 9.66c.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—Cotton firm; sales 2,600; ordinary 7⅞c; good ordinary 8⅝c; low middling 9½c; middling 9⅝c; good middling 9⅞c; middling fair 9 13-16c; receipts 15,222, stock 322,723. Futures barely steady. Dec. 9.58@9.59c; Jan. 9.39@9.40c; Feb. 9.36@9.37c; March 9.34@9.35c; April 9.29@9.31c; May 9.21@9.22c; June 9.18@9.20c; July 9.17@9.19c.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton in limited demand and 1-32d higher. American middling fair 5.17c; do ordinary 4.37c; good middling 5.01c; low middling 4.72c; ordinary 4.12c. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 1,900 American. Receipts 4,000, including 1,200 American. Futures opened quiet but steady and closed barely steady; American middling l. m. c.: Dec. 5.18@5.19c; Dec.-Jan. 5.16@5.15c; Jan.-Feb. 5.12@5.11c; Feb.-March 5.10@5.11c; March-April 5.10@5.11c; April-May 5.11@5.12c; May-June 5.12@5.13c; June-July 5.13@5.14c; July-Aug. 4.62@4.63c; Aug.-Sept. 4.48@4.49c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Natives Quiet and Steady, Texans Unchanged—Hogs Active and Firm—Sheep Stronger, But Quiet.

CATTLE—None of Friday's receipts having been held over, and those of to-day being very light, the trade was extremely quiet, and no deals of noticeable importance transpired. While choice Christmas cattle held steady this week, the ordinary beef offerings suffered a decline of 30c to 40c and butcher cows and heifers 10c to 15c. Stock steers and feeders were in active demand, but prices were not quotably higher and the same can be said of calves. Bulls and milch cows, the latter probably showing a little better general tone.

Southern Cattle Trade—Cattle receipts on the quarantine side of the yards were 7 cars, 127 head, 2 cars of which, Texas and 2 from Arkansas. They were an inferior class of holdings, and although values were not materially changed, salesmen thought they were forced to make a little concession in prices. Arkansas yearlings sold at $2.25 to $3.50, cows at $2 to $3, bulls at $2.25, cows and heifers at $2.25 to $2.90, and stockers at $2.80 to $3, and Texas steers at $2.25@2.50, and steers, 901 and 982 lbs. average, at $2.35. Receipts diminished due to the fact that in course of the week, grass steers fell to 20c and cows 10c to 15c, while stockers held steady. Receipts for the week amount to 26 cars.

Representative sales:

No.	Dec.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Dec.	Av.	Pr.
4	yearlings	360	$2.25	1	cow	810	2.75
7	yearlings	298	2.85	7	heifers	634	2.90
1	calf	150	4.00	16	stockers	595	2.80
1	bull	1,010	2.25	18	stockers	599	2.80
12	mixed	539	2.50	1	stag	1,030	2.60
4	heifers	449	2.50	82	steers	968	2.35
5	cows	638	2.50	43	steers	992	2.35

HOGS—A good supply of hogs was on sale for Saturday, and while the quality was good, only a few good heavy hogs were available. The market opened with a fair demand, but buyers insisted on lower prices, which made trading slow. This condition, however, improved and soon the market was called full, steady and active. All interests were in the market, but the principal competition was between the packers and butchers. The pigs were slow sale, and did not show the improvement on the late market that the good medium and heavy hogs did. A speculator sold a choice load of heavy hogs at $5.

The Swift & Co. purchase consisted of 1,085 head, 222-lb. average, at $4.91; 260 pigs, 142 lbs., at $4.65, and 394 pigs, 87 lbs. average, that cost $4.62. The Nelson Morris & Co. hogs, 1,386 head, 222 lbs. average, cost $4.80.

The bulk of the hogs, the pigs and the strictly low-grade offerings not considered, sold at $4.90@4.92½, as against $4.85 to $4.92½ on Friday. Pigs and light lights, 60 to 140 lbs. average, at $4.50 to $4.70, according to quality; light hogs, 150 to 185 lbs., sold at $4.70 to $4.90, the bulk at $4.75 to $4.87½. Medium weights, 190 to 225 lbs., sold at $4.70 to $4.85, the bulk going at $4.85 to $4.92½. The heavy culls sold at $4.25 to $4.70, and fair to best heavy hogs at $4.85 to $4.90. Good mixed hogs at $4.80 to $4.90, and common to fair mixtures sold at $4.60 to $4.70.

Representative sales:

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
38	136	$4.70	36	181	$4.79	24	161	$4.79
42	172	4.79	19	419	4.80	21	196	4.80
77	174	4.85	12	242	4.85	21	194	4.85
58	207	4.87½	78	243	4.87½	98	221	4.87½
19	230	4.87½	99	191	4.87½	81	197	4.87½
69	194	4.87½	21	214	4.87½	122	202	4.87½
44	215	4.90	78	213	4.90	75	211	4.90
81	198	4.90	75	206	4.90	75	225	4.90
81	198	4.90	81	198	4.90	67	217	4.90
76	237	4.90	55	230	4.90	71	236	4.90
80	206	4.90	87	183	4.90	68	232	4.90
56	185	4.90	44	275	4.90	71	215	4.90
51	203	4.90	52	242	4.90	85	218	4.90
78	237	4.90	81	194	4.92½	64	225	4.92½
51	196	4.92½	60	236	4.92½	64	231	4.92½
51	195	4.92½	68	230	4.92½	67	231	4.92½
48	220	4.92½	58	234	4.92½	61	231	4.92½
61	202	4.95	75	216	4.95	75	209	4.95
49	229	4.95	85	207	4.95	81	194	4.95
62	204	4.95	61	221	4.95			

SHEEP—The sheep market for the week practically closed on Friday as there was nothing on sale today. For the week the receipts were only fair in numbers, but the quality was better than any week for several months. The arrivals included several loads of Mexicans and Western sheep. The market was strong and higher each day, the total advance amounting to 15@25c on good to choice lambs, 25c to 40c on fair kinds and 15c to 25c on fair to good mutton sheep. No doubt was the supply equal to the demand. Good to choice lambs are now quotable at $4.65 to $5, fair at $4.50 to $4.65, culls at $3.50 to $4.25, good mutton sheep at $4 to $4.25, common to fair $3