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SECRET SOCIETIES.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

AURORA LODGE, NO. 64, K. P.—Meets every Thursday at Delabarre Hall, Southwest corner Allen and Broadway. Members requested to be present. Work in the rank of Esquire, December 11. Visitors cordially invited. JAS. C. CANFIELD, C. C. Attest: J. J. Hund, K. R. S., 529 Hickory.

CASTLE HALL, ROBERT E. COWAN Lodge, No. 7, K. of P., West Hall, Century Building, Ninth and Olive streets.—On Monday, December 15, at 8 p. m. sharp. Work in rank of Knight. Visitors cordially invited. E. J. MANAHAN, C. C. Attest: Henry H. Liebert, K. of R. & S.

CASTLE HALL OF MONITOR LODGE, No. 63, Knights of Pythias, meets every Thursday evening at Century building, Ninth and Olive streets. All members requested to be present Tuesday evening, December 9. Work in rank of Esquire. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend; good time. THOS. CAMPION, C. C. J. F. Dempsey, K. of R. & S.

DAMON LODGE, NO. 28, K. OF P., meets every Wednesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ninth and Olive streets. Meeting called promptly at 8 o'clock. Visitors and members are cordially invited. Business meetings H. A. GALLANT, C. C. Attest: H. R. Bermel, K. of R. & S., No. 3742 Evans avenue.

FUTURE GREAT LODGE, NO. 279, K. of P., meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Howard's Hall, Tuesdale and Olive streets. Wednesday evening, December 10, work in second rank. Members expected. Visiting knights fraternally invited. WILLIAM L. EULER, C. C. W. A. Roberts, K. of R. & S.

GOLDEN CROWN LODGE, NO. 6, meets every Friday evening in Hall No. 2, tenth floor, of Century building, Ninth and Olive streets. Work in rank of Esquire Friday, December 12, and other important business; 7:45 p. m. All members expected. Visitors cordially invited. J. H. MILLER, C. C. Henry C. Scott, K. of R. & S.

MODOC LODGE, NO. 250, K. OF P., meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at Anchor Hall, southwest corner Jefferson and Park avenues. Take Compton Heights, Park or Jefferson avenue cars. Members are expected and visitors cordially invited to attend. HENRY L. DISCHER, C. C. Frank Morrissey, K. of R. & S.

PACIFIC LODGE, NO. 204, K. OF P., meets Wednesday evening, December 10, in Hall No. 1, tenth floor Century building, Ninth and Olive streets. Work in rank of Page. Members expected and visitors cordially invited to attend. STEPHEN C. ROGERS, C. C. H. S. Tuttle, K. of R. & S.

PARAGON LODGE, NO. 58, K. OF P.—All members are earnestly requested to meet at Odd Fellows' Hall Sunday, December 14, at 2 o'clock p. m. sharp, to attend funeral of our late brother, C. P. Cowan. By order of ROY V. DREYHUS, C. C. Frank Johnson, K. of R. & S.

PREMIER LODGE, NO. 240, K. OF P.—Regular meeting every Thursday evening at Hall No. 1, Odd Fellows' building. Next meeting Thursday, December 11. Members are requested to present. Work in First degree. Visitors cordially invited. JOHN A. BRUNER, C. C. J. P. Witte, K. of R. & S.

WALNUT LODGE, NO. 288, K. OF P., meets every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock sharp in G. A. R. Hall, No. 1708 Market street. Work in rank of Knight, amplified. Thursday evening, December 11. Members urged to be present. Visitors cordially invited to attend. W. J. H. PERKINS, C. C. F. A. Menard, K. of R. & S., No. 922 North Thirteenth street.

ZULEMA LODGE, NO. 321, K. OF P., meets Monday evening, December 15, in Hall No. 1, tenth floor Century building, 8 o'clock. Work in rank of Page. Members expected and visitors cordially invited to attend. DOCTOR L. E. LEHMBERG, C. C. Attest: O. M. Brooks, K. of R. & S.

ALL MEMBERS OF RED CROSS Lodge, K. of P., are requested to attend meetings every Wednesday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, Ninth and Olive streets, December 17, work second rank. Visitors always welcome. W. L. TRUCKENMILLER, C. C. H. W. Belding, K. of R. & S.

ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

BEACON LODGE, NO. 3, A. F. & A. M., Broadway and Benton St.—Stated communication this (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Election of officers for ensuing year. All members requested and visitors invited to attend. F. L. MAGOON, W. M. Joseph Brunner, Secretary.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE, NO. 9, A. F. & A. M.—Special communication will be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, December 16, at Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues, for work in the E. A. degree. Members earnestly requested and visitors are fraternally invited to attend. A. L. MARION, W. M. Henry Lilbon, Secretary.

MISSOURI LODGE, NO. 1, A. F. & A. M.—Called communication on Wednesday, December 10, at 7 p. m., Carondelet Hall, Grand Avenue Temple. M. M. degree. Members are requested and visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend. CHAS. McLEAN, W. M. John H. Deems, Secretary.

NAPHTALI LODGE, NO. 25, A. F. & A. M.—A regular meeting of this lodge will be held this (Thursday) evening, December 11, at 8 o'clock, in Temple Hall, Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues. Election of officers, payment of dues; work in E. A. degree. WM. RAMSEY, W. M. Geo. Favre, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS LODGE, NO. 30, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Thursday) evening, December 11, at 8 o'clock, Temple Hall, Masonic Temple. Election of officers. JOHN S. RASSIEUR, W. M. Thomas J. Britt, Secretary.

ST. LOUIS LODGE OF PERFECTION and St. Louis Chapter Rose Croix, A. & A. S. R., will meet at Scottish Rite Cathedral, corner Seventeenth and Locust streets, on Thursday, December 11, at 8 o'clock p. m. JOHN A. LAIRD, Ven. Master. J. H. FLUCKART, Wise Master. John R. Parson, Secretary.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.

ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 352, I. O. O. F., meets every Monday evening at Schuette's Hall, Nineteenth and Wright streets. Work in the degrees. Visiting brothers welcome. MAGNUS MONSON, N. G. David Petty, Secretary Pro. Tem.

LACLEDE LODGE, NO. 22, I. O. O. F., meets every Thursday night at 8 o'clock in hall No. 3, seventh floor, Odd Fellows' building, Ninth and Olive streets. Work always on hand. Visitors welcome. THOS. B. FUQUA, Noble Grand. Thos. A. Davidson, Secretary, 461 Sutton avenue, Maplewood, Mo.

WILDEY LODGE, NO. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Tuesday evening of each week at Hall No. 1, Odd Fellows' building, corner Ninth and Olive, at 8 o'clock. Visitors cordially invited. GORDON S. SERVANT, N. G. S. R. Servant, Secretary.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

IVANHOE COMMANDERY, NO. 8, K. T., will hold a special conclave at 7 o'clock this (Thursday) evening at Grand Avenue Masonic Temple, Grand and Finney avenues, at which time the Order of the Temple will be conferred on one worthy companion. Regular conclave at 8 p. m. for the transaction of routine business and election of officers for ensuing term. Visiting friaters courteously invited. JOHN HAMMING, E. C. Attest: H. F. Mardorf, Recorder.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES.

DEWEY TENT, NO. 84, Knights of the Maccabees of the World, meets second and fourth Tuesday of every month at South St. Louis Turner Hall, Tenth and Carroll streets. Next review Tuesday evening, December 9. Election of officers for the year 1903. Members are requested to be present. Visiting sir knights are cordially invited. RUD. HAUTH, Com. H. Mattson, Record Keeper, 1113 S. Tenth st.

MILLER TENT, NO. 238, meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Delabar's Hall, at Broadway and 11th streets. Visiting sir knights are welcome. J. C. MILLER, Commander, 2824 Olive st. A. Jester, R. K., 801 South Ninth st.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

KENRICK COUNCIL, NO. 656, Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Wednesday in Rose Hill Hall, No. 3907 Maple avenue. Visiting knights invited. JOHN PAUL CHEW, Grand Knight. Walter T. Cunningham, Recorder.

MARQUETTE COUNCIL, NO. 666, Knights of Columbus, meets every second and fourth Tuesday in the West Hall, century building, Ninth and Olive streets. Visiting knights cordially invited. W. L. MEE, Grand Knight. F. P. Leonard, Recorder.

RED MEN.

STANDING ELK TRIBE, NO. 36, Improved Order of Red Men, meets every Thursday night at Druids' Hall, Ninth and Market streets. First Thursday of each month, Adoption degree; second Thursday, Warrior's degree; third Thursday, Chief's degree; fourth Thursday, tribal business. Visiting chiefs invited to our councils. C. W. FRAZEE, Sachem. G. E. E. Townsend, C. of R.

ORDER OF COLUMBIAN KNIGHTS.

ST. LOUIS LODGE, NO. 55, ORDER of Columbian Knights, meets every second and fourth Monday at hall No. 2, Odd Fellows' building. Visiting members of the order are always welcome. Cigars and refreshments at all meetings. W. L. FERRIER, President. John F. Ryan, Secretary, Wells Fargo Express.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

ST. LOUIS AERIE, NO. 41, FRATERNAL Order of Eagles, will meet every Wednesday at 8 p. m. at Havlin's Hall, Sixth and Walnut streets. CONRAD KEMPF, W. P. Jno. A. Gernes, W. Secretary, 1907 Chestnut st.

ROYAL ARCANUM.

GRAND COUNCIL, MISSOURI, Royal Arcanum, 309-311 Holland Building.—A cordial welcome to visitors, friends, brethren and members from abroad. F. H. BACON, G. R. Jere Halldeman, Acting Grand Secy.

BENTON COUNCIL, NO. 182, R. A., meets on second and fourth Fridays of each month in hall No. 1, Odd Fellows' building, Ninth and Olive streets. Visitors always heartily welcome. E. F. WESCOTT, Regent, 22 North Sixth street. H. J. Braun, Secretary.

AMERICAN LEGION OF HONOR.

LAFAYETTE COUNCIL, NO. 392, A. L. of H., meets every second and fourth Thursday evening at Fraternal building, northwest corner Seventh and Franklin avenue. Companions from sister councils cordially invited. LOUIS SENDKE, Commander. W. H. Adams, Secretary.

TRIBE OF BEN-HUR.

EUREKA COURT, No. 36, T. B. H.—MEETS on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Fraternal building, Eleventh and Franklin avenue. All visitors cordially invited. By order, W. A. BLACKWELL, Chief. Attest: E. C. Lavin, Scribe, No. 3028 Cass ave.

St. Louis Cotton Market.

St. Louis spot market steady and unchanged.

Ordinary	6¾
Good ordinary	7¾
Low middling	7 11-16
Middling	8 1-16
Good middling	8 5-16
Middling fair	8 13-16

Tinges and stains ½@⅝c off white.

Galveston market closed firm; quote middling 8¼c; sales 2,000 bales.

New Orleans spot market firm; middling 8 1-16c; sales 2,000 bales.

Memphis spot market steady; middling 8¼c; sales 500 bales.

Receipts at principal points:

Galveston, 7,743 bales.	
New Orleans, 24,492 bales.	
Mobile, 664 bales.	
Savannah, 7,222 bales.	
Charleston, 1,000 bales.	
Norfolk, 2,141 bales.	
Houston, 12,005 bales.	
Memphis, 2,969 bales.	

Net receipts at all United States ports for five days were 155,889 bales, against 213,227 bales last week and 220,834 bales last year. Exports 135,575 bales, as against 165,379 bales in 1901. Stock 1,056,905 bales, against 954,672 bales a year ago.

St. Louis warehouse statement:

	This Year.	Last Year.
Stock on hand Sept. 1	11,715	24,378
Net receipts to-day	400	1,130
Net receipts since Sept. 1	22,741	109,905
Net shipments to-day	400	1,300
Net shipments since Sept. 1	18,259	92,323
Stock on hand to-day	26,186	32,010
Gross receipts to-day	5,323	4,494
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	270,248	366,776
Gross shipments to-day	6,482	4,727
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	274,724	241,718

By Telegraph.

New York, Dec. 10.—Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 8.50c; do. Gulf 8.75c; sales 500 bales. Futures closed steady, Dec. 8.32c; Jan. 8.30c; Feb. 8.30c; March 8.31c; April 8.32c; May 8.35c; June 8.36c; July 8.37c; Aug. 8.19c; Sept. 7.96c; Oct. 7.75c. The market opened steady, unchanged prices to an advance of 2 points; this proved to be the extreme of the season. Subsequent business was upon a steadier upward scale, with the advance fully a matter of 4@7 points and the close steady, at a net rise of 7@8 points. The demand improved as the day advanced. The higher ruling of prices started on better cables than was expected and was accelerated by the disclosure of continued small receipts and generally firm spot markets. Following the opening call there was a feverish demand from shorts on indications of very light receipts at Houston and small estimates from other points of accumulation. Wall street became a factor, giving preference to March and May, while the public demand in general was for these months and also for July and August. Considerable investment developed. Private cables from Liverpool indicated a growing uneasiness in consequence of the smallness of the movement. The opening call was from all classes of buyers. The market closed with an upward tendency. The total sales of futures estimated at 200,000 bales.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 10.—Cotton futures were steady. Dec. 7.94@7.95c; Jan. 8.07@8.08c; Feb. 8.12@8.13c; March 8.19@8.20c; April 8.21@8.22c; May 8.26@8.27c; June 8.28@8.29c; July 8.29@8.30c; Aug. 8.30@8.31c; Sept. 8.24@8.25c; Oct. 8.09c; sales 2,600, including 2,000 American. Spot cotton quiet; good ordinary 7½c; low middling 7 9-16c; middling 8 1-16c; good middling 8½c; middling fair 8 13-16c. Receipts 2,000; stock 301,485.

Liverpool, Dec. 10.—Cotton—Spot in improved demand; prices 2 points lower; American middling fair 5.06c; good middling 4.56c; middling 4.46c; low middling 4.36c; good ordinary 4.22c; ordinary 4.12c. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 10,000 American; receipts 3,000 bales, including 2,000 American. Futures opened easier and closed firm. American middling low ordinary clause: Jan. 4.42c; Jan.-Feb. 4.41@4.42c; March 4.41@4.42c; March-April 4.41@4.42c; April-May 4.42c; May-June 4.42@4.43c; June-July 4.42@4.43c; July-Aug. 4.42@4.43c.

Furs.

Raccoon—	
Extra prime, strong	1 00
No. 1 medium	75
No. 2 small & No. 2	45
No. 3	25
No. 4	15
Mink—	
No. 1 large	1.70
No. 1 medium	1.15
No. 2 small & No. 2	75
No. 3	35
No. 4	15
Skunk—	
Prime, as to stripe	80@1
Black, large	$1@1.10
Short stripe	50@
Black, medium	30@
Narrow stripe	10@60
Broad stripe	10@
Texas	30@35
Blue or pinaine	15@20
Wild cat	10@15
Civet cat	10@15
Badger	20@25
Otter cat	50@1
Muskrat	10@11
Bear	10@75
Beaver	$1@2

Opossum—	
No. 1 large	40
No. 1 medium	30
No. 1 small	15
No. 2	10
No. 3	5
Trashy worthless.	
Red Fox—	
No. 1 large	2.00
No. 1 medium	1.50
No. 2 and 3	1.00
No. 4	50
No. 5	15@25
Gray Fox—	
No. 1 large	80
No. 1 medium	50
No. 2	40
No. 3	20
No. 4	10
Open 10@20 pct. less.	
Otter—	
No. 1 large	10.00
No. 1 medium	8.00
No. 2	5.00
No. 3	3.00
No. 4	1.00
Wolf—	
Prairie	30@1
Timber	50@1

Extreme Southern skins 15 per cent less and Northern 10@25 per cent more.

Condition of Houston Banks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 10.—An abstract of reports made to the Comptroller of the Currency, showing the condition of the national banks in Houston, Tex., at the close of business on November 25, issued to-day, states that the loans and discounts amounted to $1,113,479; individual deposits, $6,538,696; total resources, $12,869,655. The average reserve held was 34.47 per cent.

New Postmaster at Berger, Mo.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Daniel Hald, Jr., was to-day appointed Postmaster at Berger, Franklin County, Mo. There were two candidates for the office, but Mr. Hald's papers proved the stronger, and the office, accordingly, was awarded to him.

SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

Dec. wheat was the only strong spot in the local grain market yesterday. Wheat started out with the brightest kind of bull prospects, but, after a heavy advance, there was a sharp reaction in the closing hour, and the net result of the day's trading was a fractional loss. At the opening foreign markets were strong and weather conditions seemed to favor the buying side. Many traders who had bought on the previous day added to their lines, in the belief that clearances would again be large and that European buyers would be forced to accept grain at the figures of American exporters. When it was found that only 26 loads had been taken for shipment abroad conditions were reversed and there was a general liquidation. The downward movement was aided by predictions that the Government crop report would be bearish.

Cleage supported his Dec. corn deal so well that he forced many of the shorts to cover. Buying was good in other markets and receipts were moderate. Prospects of damp weather was a factor in the advance. May held up well until near the close, when the early gain was wiped out.

May wheat opened ⅛c up and closed 1-16c off.
May corn opened ¼c up and closed ⅛c off.
May oats closed unchanged.
Receipts of produce were moderate and prices of fruits and vegetables were steady.
Local securities were in moderate demand. Most active issues closed slightly lower.
Yesterday's bank clearings were $7,469,164; balances, $979,424. Discount rates were steady between 5 and 6 per cent.
Spot cotton was quiet and unchanged in the local market.

DECEMBER CORN STRONG—OTHER OPTIONS DECLINE.

TRADERS TAKE PROFITS IN LAST HOUR.

Anticipation of Bearish Government Report and Light Foreign Demand the Features.

There was a big surprise for the wheat bulls in the last half hour of yesterday's session. After a season of what was, apparently, the best kind of local and outside buying, prices took a sudden downward turn and closed slightly below those of the previous day. Early news was decidedly bullish. Foreign markets were strong and receipts were moderate. Smaller clearances and predictions of a bearish Government crop report were the principal factors in the reaction. Only 26 loads were taken for export. Many traders who bought Tuesday attempted to take profits at the top. May wheat opened ⅛c up and sold at:

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Wet weather in many sections of the belt strengthened the hands of the corn bulls early, though later reports, indicating a drop in temperature, caused a sharp reaction. In line with other domestic markets, May eased off in the second hour. Near the close Cleage again came to the support of his Dec. deal. As the price advanced shorts rushed to cover, and the net result of the day's trading was an advance of 1⅜c for the option.

May corn opened ⅛c up and sold at:

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Receipts of wheat Wednesday 38,446 bu., of which 2,287 sks. and 25 cars local and 2 cars through, against 66,750 bu., of which 511 sks. and 43 cars local and 19 cars through, in 1901.

Receipts of wheat at primary points 1,067,670 bu., against 882,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments 188,262 bu., against 135,000 bu. The Northwest received 650 cars, against 680 cars in 1901. Chicago received 211,350 bu. and Kansas City 45,000 bu. Clearances 195,000 bu.

Receipts of corn Wednesday 157,705 bu., of which 1,582 sks. and 161 cars local and 9 cars through, against 71,300 bu., of which 53 cars local and 36 cars through, in 1901.

Receipts of corn at primary points 665,800 bu., against 456,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments 261,194 bu., against 217,000 bu. Chicago received 202,775 bu. and Kansas City 75,500 bu. Clearances 145,000 bu.

Receipts of oats Wednesday 36,450 bu., of which 21 cars local and 6 cars through, against 32,800 bu., of which 18 cars local and 9 cars through, in 1901.

Receipts of oats at primary points 518,650 bu., against 428,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments 200,655 bu., against 406,000 bu. Clearances 12,000 bu.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Receipts 2,287 sks. and 25 cars local and 2 cars through. By sample, del.—No. 2 red sold at 71½c W. and 72c E. side; No. 3 red at 70@70½c W. and 70½@71½c E. side; No. 4 at 69@69½c; rejected at 66@68c; No. 2 hard, in for No. 2 Nebraska and quotable at 69c; for ordinary to 72c for Turkey; No. 3 hard at 64@66c; No. 4 hard at 60@62c; No. 3 white spring at 71c.

CORN—Receipts 1,582 sks. and 161 cars local and 9 cars through. Higher. By sample, del.—No. 2 sold at 74½c f. o. b. E. and 75c W. side; No. 3 at 73c E. and 74c to arrive; No. 4 at 73c E. side; No. 3 white at 74@74½c W. side; no grade at 73c W. side; No. 2 white quotable at 76c.

OATS—Receipts 1,382 sks. and 161 cars local and 8 cars through. Buyers on orders and for local account paid 42½@43c for No. 3 white, 43c for No. 3 yellow, 46c for No. 2 yellow; No. 4 sold at 36@37c.

RYE—At 44@45c.

BARLEY—At about 48@61c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal at $1.11@1.20.

FLOUR—Soft winter flour—Patents $3.30@3.50; straights $3.15@3.25; extra fancy $3@3.10; clears $2.85@2.95; low grades $2.25@2.50. Hard winter flour—Patents $3.10@3.30; straights $2.90@3; clears $2.50@2.70. Spring wheat—Patents $3.05@3.75, trk. or at depot this side. Orders higher.

BRAN—Sacked trk. at 68c in large and 70c in small sks. and mixed feed at 72c and ships at 70@72½c in 100 lbs. Sales were made late east trk. of bran at 70c in large and 72c in small sks. At mill bran sells at 70@72c and ships at 65@66c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern at $3.50@3.65.

RYE FLOUR—At $2.90 in jute sks. and $3.20 in wood.

CORNMEAL—City meal, f. o. b., $2.30; pearl, grits and hominy $2.60.

HAY—Receipts 485 tons local and 60 through; shipped 175 tons. Quote: Timothy on E. side—Choice $15; No. 1 $14@14.50; No. 2 $12@13.50; lower grades at $9@11. Clover at $13 for choice, $12@12.50 for No. 1, $10@11 for No. 2; light clover mixed $10@11, and heavy $6@9. Prairie on W. side: No. 1 $11@11.50; No. 2 $10@11.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.22.

LEAD AND SPELTER—Lead 3c. Spelter at about 4.75c.

STRAW—Wheat on trk. $5; rye $6.50 for new and $7@8 for old.

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Yesterday.	Tuesday.	Last Yr.
Wheat	4,310,055	4,413,267	3,247,281
Corn	355,533	291,833	504,139
Oats	26,033	27,283	90,597
Rye	57,294	54,294	107,757
Barley			1,000
No. 2 red wheat	1,502,012	1,531,405	2,291,185
No. 2 hard wheat	22,454	22,454	102,492
No. 2 mixed corn	62,625	44,625	241,375
No. 2 white corn	56,021	36,734	34,857
No. 2 yellow corn	3,907	2,216	243,923
No. 2 mixed oats	4,661	4,661	32,193
No. 2 white oats			1,250
No. 2 rye	27,845	27,845	90,087

St. Louis Future Prices.

	Closed Tuesday.	Ranged Yesterday.	Closed Yesterday.
Wheat—Dec.	71	70	70½
May	76 a	75⅞@76⅝	75⅞@76
Corn—Dec.	46½	46 @46⅝	46⅝
May	40⅞ a	40⅝@41⅛	40⅞ a
Oats—Dec.	32½ b	32½@32¾	32½ b
May	35⅝	35⅝@35⅞	35⅝ a

Produce.

Butter firm. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 30c; firsts 25@28c; seconds 23@24c. Dairy—Extra 21@22c; firsts 18@19c; greasy 12@14c. Ladle-packed—Extra 18@20c; firsts 15@16c. Country—Choice fresh 16c; poor to fair 10@15c. Renovated—Good 21@22c.

Eggs—Current receipts 21@22c. Receipts 1,706 local and 182 through; shipped 2,253.

Cheese—Northern on orders: Twins 12½c; singles 12½c; Daisies 12½c; Y. A. 12½c; Long Horns 13c;