SUMMARY OF ST. LOUIS MARKETS.

There was too much sunshine in the grain pit yesterday. With generally clear weather throughout the South and Central West, there was little encouragement for the bulls in either wheat or corn. Foreigners responded promptly to local conditions. Liverpool and other European markets were not nearly so strong as they had been for several days. This was partly due to more favorable crop advices from the Argentine and partly to higher temperatures on the Continent. Local receipts were heavy and Minneapolis and Duluth were again on the selling side, though the stocks at those points did not increase greatly over night.

Weather was the sole factor in establishing the values of corn futures. Many traders believed that the lower temperature and dry atmosphere would not only improve the quality of the grain, but facilitate its movement to market. The Cleage crowd made no apparent effort to sustain prices. Though offerings were at no time free, the market readily responded to pressure and the Dec. option closed with a net loss of 2½c a bu. May held up fairly well.

May wheat opened ¼@⅜c off and closed ⅛c off.

May corn opened ⅛c off and closed ⅜@½c off.

May oats closed ⅛c off.

Produce receipts were again moderate and values for fruits and vegetables were generally steady.

Local securities had good support and the tone of the market was decidedly strong at the close.

Yesterday's bank clearings were $7,608,529, balances $812,480. Discount rates were steady between 5 and 6 per cent.

Spot cotton was 1-16c higher in the local market.

BULLISH WEATHER OUTLOOK DEPRESSES ALL GRAINS.

DECEMBER CORN HAS NO SUPPORT.

Foreign Markets Are Lower and Crop News From Argentine Is Bearish.

Generally clear and dry weather throughout the wheat and corn belts took a little bit off the top of speculative prices yesterday. Liverpool and other domestic markets were easy, and the range was downward on all domestic exchanges. Prospects were for a better movement to market and an increase in the stocks in store. Selling continued in the Northwest.

Bradstreet's report the available supply of wheat east of the Rockies for the past week increased 2,375,000 bu., but stocks in and afloat for Europe decreased 2,500,000 bu., making the world's visible supply decrease 125,000 bu., as compared with an increase of 1,926,000 bu. in 1901.

May wheat opened ⅜@¼c off and sold at: 70⅝c, 70⅜c, 70⅛c, 70¼c, 70⅛c, 70⅛c, 70⅜c, 70⅛c, 70⅜c.

There was no apparent effort to bolster the price of Dec. corn. Weather conditions all seemed to favor a decline and whatever his ultimate purpose may be Cleage was not active in bolstering the market yesterday. Offerings were mainly in small lots, but selling was free enough to shade the price of the option 2½c. Profit-taking caused a smaller decline in May.

Bradstreet's report the available supply of corn east of the Rockies for the past week at 1,182,000 bu. increase, as compared with a decrease of 92,000 bu. last year.

May corn opened ⅛c off and sold at: [illegible]

Receipts of wheat at St. Louis were 48,700 bu., of which 20 sks. and 34 cars were local and 2 cars through, against 15,904 bu., of which 344 sks. and 9 cars were through, in 1901.

Receipts of wheat at primary points were 849,934 bu., against 551,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments were 155,215 bu., against 269,000 bu. The Northwest received 559 cars, against 598 cars in 1901. Chicago received 88,960 bu. and Kansas City 19,200 bu. Clearances were 237,000 bu.

Receipts of corn at St. Louis were 146,256 bu., of which 1,388 sks. and 142 cars were local and 19 cars through, against 42,400 bu., of which 36 cars were local and 17 cars through, in 1901.

Receipts of corn at primary points were 714,895 bu., against 335,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments were 714,495 bu., against 320,000 bu. Chicago received 327,836 bu. and Kansas City 159,200 bu. Clearances were 289,000 bu.

Receipts of oats at St. Louis were 68,850 bu., of which 46 cars were local and 6 cars through, against 45,600 bu., of which 28 cars were local and 10 cars through, in 1901. Shipments were 22,350 bu.

Receipts of oats at primary points were 546,000 bu., against 398,000 bu. in 1901, and shipments were 329,456 bu., against 363,000 bu. Clearances were 35,000 bu.

Cash Grain, Flour, Etc.

WHEAT—Receipts 80 sks. and 34 cars local and 20 cars through. By sample, del.—No. 2 red at 73½c E. side and quotable at 72@72½c W. side; No. 3 red at 70½@71½c E. side; No. 4 at 68c to 69c; rejected at 65c to 67c; No. 2 hard at 67c for ordinary Nebraska to 72c for fancy turkey; No. 3 hard at 61½c for poor to 64@66c, latter siftings; No. 4 hard at 58@62c.

CORN—Receipts 1,388 sks. and 142 cars local and 19 cars through. No. 2 sold at 46c and No. 3 at 45c to 46c, switched to elevator, taking mixed yellow and white. Moderate sale; made destination weights at 42½c to 44½c for No. 3; No. 3 yellow on trk. sold at 42½c and No. 3 white, switched, at 44c; No. 4 at 38@39c, on the cob at 34c.

OATS—Receipts 45 cars local and 6 cars through. By sample, del.—No. 2 at 34@34½c; No. 3 at 32@32½c; No. 4 at 31@32c; No. 2 white at 35½@35¾c; No. 3 white at 34@34½c; No. 4 white at 31½ to 34c for poor to choice.

RYE—Entirely nominal, at 49@49½c for No. 2 and 46@48½c for No. 3, del. from trk. Yesterday afternoon, a car No. 3 sold del. to E. side at 46c, also part car No. 4 del. to E. side at 43c. To arrive, 10,000 bu. No. 2 at 49c bid.

BARLEY—Firm and in good demand. Sales: Wisconsin, 3 cars at 56½c; Minnesota—10,000 bu. at 56½c, 10,000 bu. (late yesterday) at 55½c, 10,000 bu. at 56c, 10 cars at 58c; also 1 car Iowa at 48c switched this side.

FLOUR—Soft winter flour—Patents $3.35@3.50 straights $2.70@3.05; extra fancy, $3.05@3.15; clears $2.80@4; low grades $2.25@2.50; hard winter flours —patents $3.15@3.25; straights $2.95@3.05; clear $2.60@2.70. Foregoing prices for lots from first hands, trk. or at depot, this side. Orders higher.

FLAXSEED—Nominally higher, with $1.14 per bu. bid spot and $1.13 to arrive prompt shipment.

BRAN—E. trk. basis, bran at 68c in bulk and 70c in large and 75c in small sks., mixed feed at 75@75c and mids at 78@90c in 100s. At mill bran sells at 70@75c and ships at 85@95c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Eastern at $3.50@3.

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

CORNMEAL—City meal, f. o. b., $2.80; pearl, grits and hominy $2.65.

HAY—Receipts 459 tons local and 760 through; shipped 395 tons. Quote: Timothy on E. side: Choice, $15@15.50; No. 1 $14@14.50; No. 2, $12@12.50; lower grades at $9@12. Clover at $12.50@13.50 for No. 1; $10@12 for No. 2; light clover mixed, $12.50@13.50 for hay; $10.50@11.50. Prairie on W. side: No. 1 $12@12.50; No. 2 $11.50@12.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.22.

LEAD AND SPELTER—Lead $4. Spelter at about $4.60.

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

St. Louis Curb Market.

May wheat 70⅛@70⅜c; puts 70@70⅛c asked; calls 70½c. May corn 39⅝c; puts 39⅜c bid; calls 39⅞@39⅝c to 39¾c bid.

St. Louis Future Prices.

	Closed Monday.	Ranged Yesterday.	Closed Yesterday.
Wheat—Dec.	71¼ b	70⅝@70⅞	70⅞
May	70⅝ a	70⅛@70⅜	70⅜ b
Corn—Dec.	45 b	46 @47	45½ a
May	39⅝ b	39⅝@39¾	39⅝@39¾ b
Oats—Dec.	33½ n	33 @33¼	33
May	32½	32¼@32¼	32¼

Stocks of Grain in Store.

	Yesterday.	Monday.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat	4,126,841	4,197,424	3,292,666
Corn	1,219,148	1,179,262	995,467
Oats	19,575	17,962	80,171
Rye	32,092	34,589	110,383
Barley			7,877
No. 2 red wheat	1,387,052	1,421,808	2,239,179
No. 2 hard wheat	20,466	20,466	642,719
No. 2 mixed corn	736,268	766,068	204,952
No. 2 white corn	76,911	7,162	39,875
No. 2 yellow corn	7,739	7,283	213,411
No. 2 mixed oats	15,262	1,779	24,041

Hides.

Hides steady. Dry flint—Texas heavy 15½c; Texas average 14½c; fallen 13½@14c; native and Arkansas 14c; No. 1 native 14½c; No. 2 native 13c; light and South 12c; bulls 9c; stags 8c; glue 7c; horse, each, 35c. Dry-salted—Round, heavy 12½c; round, light 10½c; No. 1 12½c; No. 2 10½c. Green-salted—Round 7½c; selected No. 1 8c; selected No. 2 7c; bull 5c. Calf—Green, per lb. than raw hides; part cured 4c per lb. less than cured; uncured 1c per lb. less than cured; culls 3½c; horse, No. 1 $2.75; horse, No. 2 $1.75; uncured less.

Produce.

Butter firm. Quotations: Creamery—Extra 30c; firsts 28@29c; seconds 23@24c. Dairy—Extra 24@25c; firsts 18@19c; grease 4@5c. Ladle-packed—Extra 18@20c; firsts 15@16c; seconds 12@13c. Country—Choice fresh 18c; poor to fair 10@15c. Renovated—Good 21@22c.

Eggs—Current receipts 21@22c. Receipts 285 local and 40 through; shipped 1,560.

Cheese—Northern on orders: Twins 12c; singles 13½c; Daisies 13½c; Y. A. 13½c; Long Horns 14c; Limburger 11½@12c; Swiss 14@15c; brick 12@12½c.

Provisions.

Pork—New standard $18.00 per 100 lbs., in a jobbing way.

Lard—Choice steam on E. side closed nominally 10.65c; kettle rendered at 10¾c; compound 7¾c.

Green Hams—Car lots held f. o. b. E. side thus: Hams—10-av. at 10½c, 12s at 10¼c, 14s at 9¾c, 16s at 9¾c, 18s at 9¾c, 20s at 9½c. Skinned hams—12s, 16@20s at 10c and 22@24s at 9¾@9⅞c; California 7½c; New York shoulders 7½c; picnics 7¼@7⅜c. From the block del.: Hams at 9¼@9⅝c, as in average; bellies at 8¼@9½c; Californias at 7¾@7⅞c; New York shoulders at 7½@7¾c.

D. S. Meats—Nothing quotable on c'ribs to arrive, loose or fully cured. Bxd. lots in a jobbing way ranged: Extra shorts at 9½c; c'ribs at 9c; short clear at 9½c; bellies at 10¼c; plates at 8½c; fat backs at 10½c; short clear backs at 10½c. Dealers charged higher on orders.

Bacon—Breakfast bacon at from 13c for heavy to 16c for light; hams at 12¼@13c. Californias at 9½c. Meat—Nothing quotable on c'ribs to arrive, loose or fully cured. Bxd. lots in a jobbing way ranged: Extra shorts at 9½c; c'ribs at 10½c; short clear at 11c; bellies at 11½c; plates at 9½c; fat backs at 10c; standard backs at 11c. Higher charged on orders.

Tallow—Country at 5@6¼c; strictly prime at 6¼c; No. 2 at 5c. Packing, choice at 4¾c.

Oleo Stearine—Steady at 12c.

Grease—Country: Brown 3½c, yellow 4½c and white 4¾c. Packers' stock—Brown at 4½@4½c, yellow at 4¾@4¾c, white at 5@5½c.

Frog Legs—Large $1.50, medium $1, small 50c.

Venison—Choice small at 6c per lb., choice heavy at 5½c, heavies at 4@4½c. Soup 30@35c per lb.; thin ewes at 2@2½c; lambs 6@8c.

Beef—On orders: Bbld.—Plate and Fulton Market and roll at $12.50; mess at $11.62½; dried sets at 12½c; tongues at 14½c per lb.; insides 14c; knuckles 14c; outsides 10@11½c.

Live Poultry—Choice turkeys at 10@11c, Mixed chickens, hens and young sc. Old roosters 4c. Ducks 7c. Geese 9c. Live pigeons and squabs, per doz., 75c.

Dressed Poultry—Scalded and undrawn, with heads and legs on: Chickens at 9c; roosters 5c; turkeys for chicks 12c; geese 10@11c.

Game—The Republic quotes selected sweet only: Quail, dry and undrawn, per doz. $2.50; do. drawn and wet $2.25, drawn $2. Prairie chickens, per doz. $10. Pheasants, per doz. $10. Wild turkeys, per lb. 12@15c. Doves, undrawn, per doz., mallards, $2.50, blue-wing teal $2.50, green-wing teal $2.25, mixed $1.50; canvas duck $4, redheads $4, drawn ducks $3@3.50 per doz.; box woodcock $1, jacksnipe $1.25, plover $1.50 per doz. Rabbits, per doz., 100@125c, Venison saddles, per lb. 20@22c. Rabbits $1.10@1.20 per doz. Squirrel, per doz. 75c. Jack rabbits $1.60. Opossum 75c.

Roasting pigs at $1.50@2 per head.

Fresh Fish—Black bass at 12½c, crappie at 4c for small to 7c for large, dressed cat at 10c, spoonbill cat at 5c, buffaloes—dressed at 3c and green at 4½c, buffalo salmon at 6c for large and 5c for small, German carp—dressed at 5c, small 4c, gross 2c; sunfish at 5c, white perch 5c.

Wool.

Missouri and Illinois—		Kas., Neb., Dak. and Western—	
Medium combing and delaine mixed	20@21	Burry	11@13
Clothing	17@20	Bright medium	17@18½
Low and braid	17@18	Dark	16@17
Burry and clear mixed	17@17½	Heavy fine	16@17
Burry	15@15½	Heavy unblk.	17@18
Hard burry	11@12	Tex., I. T. and Ok.	
Fair burry	13@14	Medium	17@18½
Heavy fine	13@15	Fair lamb	15@16
Light lamb	17@18	Coarse and low	13@15
Heavy and coarse	11@12	Light fine	16@17½
Lamb	15@16	Heavy sands	11@12
Ia., Wis. and Minn.—		Ark. and Southern—	
Bright medium	18@19	Med. (fleece)	18@19½
Dark	16@17	Med. (dose)	17@18
Light fine	16@17	Burry	13@15
Heavy fine	11@13	Burry lamb	13@15
		Unwashed—	
		No. 1	28@29
		No. 2	23@24
		Burry	15@18

Furs.

Raccoon—		Beaver	$19 7
No. 1 large	$1.10	Opossum—	
No. 1 medium	80	No. 1 large	40
No. 1 small	50	No. 1 medium	30
No. 2	25	No. 1 small	15
No. 3	10	Trashy worthless	
Mink—		Red Fox—	
No. 1 large	1.30	No. 1 large	1.50
No. 1 medium	1.10	No. 1 medium	1.20
No. 1 small	90	No. 2	80
No. 2	60	No. 3	40
No. 3	30	No. 4	15@25
No. 4	15	Gray Fox—	
Skunk—		No. 1 large	80
(Prime, as to size)		No. 1 medium	60
Black, large	1.15@1.40	No. 2	45
Black, medium	90@1.00	No. 3	30
Short stripe	60@70	No. 4	15@20
Narrow stripe	40@60	Cub—	
Broad stripe	15@20	(Green 10@20 pct. less.	
Badger—		Otter—	
Texas	15@20	No. 1 large	9.00
Blue or uncut	12@30	No. 1 medium	7.00
Wild cat	10@20	No. 2	5.00
Civet cat	10@15	No. 3	3.00
House cat	5@10	No. 4	1.00
Badger	50@75	Wolf—	
Muskrat	10@15	Prime	50@1.00
Bear	2@10	Timber	20@1.50

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

The Republic's quotations are for car lots in first hands, unless otherwise specified. Small lots on orders are charged higher.

APPLES—Per bbl. from cold storage: Ben Davis, $1.50; Jonathan $1.60; Gano $2.25; fancy up to $2.50; winesaps from $2.25 to $3; willowtwig $3@3.75, and Roman beauty $2.50@2.75, according to condition. Stock not in storage 25@50c less. Per box: Jonathan $1@1.25; Gano $1@1.25.

GRAPES—Catawba at 20c per pony basket for choice.

PEARS—Slow sale. Quote Kieffer at $2.25@2.50 per bbl. for choice.

LIMES—60@65c per 100.

PACIFIC COAST FRUITS—California pears—Duchess at $4@4.25; white dryenne at $2.75; Bosche pears at $3@3.25; Bartlett pears, per box, $1@1.25; Comice pears at $2@2.50; Winter Nelis at $1.50@1.65; seckel at $1.25@1.50 per box.

Grapes—Emperor at $2.50 per box.

ORANGES—Mexican, Sonora on trk. at $2.50.

PEARS—Per box: Bosc at $2.50@2.75; California navel at $2.50@3.50, and seedling at $2.40@2.75 on trk. On orders 25@50c per box higher.

LEMONS—California on trk. on basis of $3 for choice and $3.50@4 for fancy Verelli at $2.75@3.25 a box. On orders 25@50c per box higher.

PINEAPPLES—Havana at $1.25@1.75 per doz. Florida $3.50@4 per crate.

GRAPE FRUIT—Jamaica at $2.50@4.50 per box. Florida at $3.50 a box.

MALAGA GRAPES—$6@7.50 per bbl.

BANANAS—$1@2 a bunch on orders.

POMANUTS—$2@3 per 1,000 E. trk., and in jobbing way at $2.50@3.50 per 100.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey in jobbing way at $8.50@9 a bbl. Late varieties at $9.25@9.50.

POTATOES—Receipts of 4,700 sks. at 40@55c for common to fair to 59@65c for choice to fancy white stock; poor stock less; Nebraska and Iowa early Ohio 42@47c.

ONIONS—Northern yellow at 62@65c delivered in bulk and 65@70c sked.; yellow 58c; North Missouri at 55@45c, according to condition; white 75@80c.

CABBAGE—Holland at $10@12 per ton for choice sound delivered; domestic at $6@8. Red cabbage slow at $8@9 per ton.

SAUERKRAUT—$1.25 per ½-bbl. and $2.25 per bbl. On orders higher.

GUMBO—New Orleans at $1.25 a case.

CUCUMBERS—Eastern hothouse at $1.50@1.75 per doz. Florida $4@6 a crate.

SWEET POTATOES—Bermuda at 65@68c; Nansemond at 70@80c for yellow to 85@90c for red; queen at 60@65c per bu. box.

TOMATOES—Florida at $1.75@2 per 6-basket crate for choice to $1.50@3 for choice. California 4s at $1.25@1.50.

PARSNIPS—75@80c a bu. box.

CELERY—Michigan small 10@12c and choice large 25@30c per doz. bunches. California at $3@3.25 a crate. Home-grown at 20@35c per doz. bunches. Celery roots 50@60c per doz.

BEETS—Home-grown at $1 a bbl. or 50c per bu. box.

CARROTS—Northern at 50@55c per 100 lbs. Home-grown at 40c per bu. and $1.40 a bbl.

LETTUCE—New Orleans at $2.50@3 a bbl.

ENGLANT—Florida at $1.75 a crate and 30@50c up to $1 a doz., according to size.

SPINACH—Home-grown at 15@20c per bu. box; New Orleans 15c per doz. bunches.

TURNIPS—New home-grown at 15@25c per bu box and 50@75c a bbl.

HORSERADISH—At $2.50@3 per bbl. On orders higher.

KALE—Home-grown at 10@15c a bu. box.

GARLIC—New Orleans (new) at 50@60c per lb.

SQUASH—Hubbard at 50@60c per 100 lbs.

RADISHES—At 25@50c per doz. bunches, according to variety and size.

STRING BEANS—Florida at $1.75@2 a hamper; Texas 1-3-bu. at 30@35c and Louisiana at $1.50.

MUSTARD AND GREENS—At 15c per bu. box.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS—At 12½c per quart.

ESCHALOTS—New Orleans at 15@20c a doz.

ENDIVES—New Orleans at $1.75@2 per bbl.

Miscellaneous Markets.

FEATHERS—Sell readily as follows: Prime white live geese in small sacks 48c and in large sks. 46c; prime gray do. 35c in small and 32c in large sks., and white 30@40c; 28@34c; XX 26@28c; XXX 19@14c; XXXX 10c; tare 10 per cent on small sks. and 3 per cent on large; chickens 3c; duck—White 35c; dark 25c.

DEERSKINS, ETC.—Prime deerskins 28c per lb.; buck tail 25c; Texas at 22c; antelope 15c per lb.; goat 30c each; damaged out.

BEESWAX—Quiet at 28½c per lb. for prime.

SHEEP PELTS—Full-wool pelts nominally 35c @$1; shearlings at 10@25c; dry stock, fallen, etc., 8@10c per lb.

ROOTS—Quote, per lb.: Ginseng $3.25@3.75; lady slipper 8c; Seneca 48@50c; pink 14c; golden seal 45c; black cohosh 4c; May apple 2½c; snakeroot 30@35c; white snake worth 2½c; Angelica 5@6c; Wahoo—bark of root 8c; bark of tree 2½c; blood 3c; blueflag 2c. Sassafras—Bark of root 5c; wild ginger 5c.

SUNFLOWER SEED—Nominal at $1.10@1.15 per 10 lbs.

LINSEED OIL—Raw at 47c; boiled at 48c; in per. cal. less in car lots.

CASTOR BEANS—$1.35 per bu.

CASTOR OIL—Lots of 200 gals., 10½c per lb for No. 1 and 10c for No. 2; small quantities 1c per lb. more; 10½c for No. 2.

COTTON-SEED OIL—Winter white 43c; yellow 46c; summer white 38c, yellow 35c; salad 45c; cooking 40c.

HONEY—Quote: Comb—Dark at 10@11c; choice at 12@14c; choice Colorado white at 14@16c, or at $3.25@3.75 per case. Extracted and strained—Southern in bbls. at 5@6c; in cans 6½@6½c; California in cans at 7@7½c.

SAUERKRAUT—We quote in a jobbing way at $1.25 per ½-bbl. and at $2.25 per bbl.; on orders dealers charge $1.40 for ½-bbl and $2.6 for bbls.

HOPS—New—New York at 35@38c; Western at 30@32c; Bavarian at 45@47c.

SALT—E. side: Medium at 90c; granulated 85c per bbl., 50 per bbl. more this side.

BEANS AND PEAS—Quote, from store: White beans at $2.35@2.40 for hand-picked pea and $2.25@2.30 for machine-picked. Dried green peas at $2.15@2.25 for split peas at $2.15 per bu. and $7 per bbl.; blackeye at $2; California pink at 2½c per lb.; New York kidney 6c; Lima beans, 9½c; lentils 4½c; choice hand-picked pea offered at East St. Louis at $2.25.

EMPTY BARRELS—Coal oil, turpentine and gasoline 95c; vinegar 75c; black oil 50c; linseed light oil and varnish 55c; sugar 45c; whisky 65c; gin, half bbls. 65c; beer, sauerkraut and pickle 45c; salt 5c; flour 15c; molasses 30c; lard tcs. 25c; 15c off for each broken head. 2c for each bacon missing.

MOSS—Gray mixed 11½@14c; gray, brown and black mixed at 20½c; machine picked X at 30@35c; XX at 35@40c; XXX at 45@50c; XXXX at 50@55c; inferior picked less; extra black 6c.

BROOM CORN—Nominally firm; quote, per ton: Fair $50@60; common $40@50; choice at $60@65.

RAGS, ETC.—Per 100 lbs.: Country rags at 50c, old rope, No. 1 Manila $1.50; No. 2 at 50c; rubber at $5@6.

BONES—Choice bleached at $15 per ton; other kinds from $10 to $14.

SCRAP IRON AND METAL—Per 100 lbs.: Wrought iron 12½c; heavy cast, malleable steel and brakeage 27½c; stove 45c; burnt 25c; light brass 8c; heavy brass $9; copper $9; zinc $2.50; lead $2.50; pewter $12.50.

TOP CORN—Selling on cob at $1 to $1.10 per 100 lbs. for pearl; mixed at 60@75c.

PECANS—Average receipts about 5%@6c.

PEANUTS—We quote: Farmers' stock—Red at 4½@5c per lb.; white 2½@3½c.

WALNUTS—Selling at 8c per lb.; California at 13@16c for hardshell and 16½@18c for softshell.

CHESTNUTS—New West Virginia at 6c per lb.; Italian 9@10c.

CIDER—Sold at $3.50@7.50 per bbl.

HICKORY NUTS—We quote per bu. at $1 for large and $1.50@1.75 for shellbark.

SORGHUM CANE SEED—Best bid at 90c per 100 lbs.

SORGHUM—Prime at 29@32c per gal.; inferior and old less.

DRIED FRUIT—Evaporated rings at 4c to 5c; sun-dried quarters 4c to 5c; sun-dried peaches 2@3c.

MAPLE SUGAR AND SIRUP—New sugar at 8c per lb.; Canadian at 12c; maple sirup at 60@80c per gal.

GRASS SEED—Timothy at $2.50@3.40; clover at $7.50@9; new redtop at $1.75@6.

COOPERSTUFF—Quote: Cotton flour bbl. at $6.25@6.50; do. meal bbl. at $4.75; No. 2 at $3; ½-bbl. at $2.25; mill run fruit bbl. at $5.50; heavy at $12@16; hard fierce at $27; rosin bbl. at $18. Headings, per set—No. 1 flour bbl. 5c; mill run, 4½-inch stock for apple bbl. 45c; No. 2 do. 35c; hard fierce 35c; pork bbl. 12½c. Shaved hoops—Flour bbl. $64.50 for cooper, $2.50@3 for R-cooper; ½-bbl. $2.50; coiled elm $8; oak and fierce, cooper-shaved 80c; pork bbl. $.

COOPERAGE—Lard tcs. at $1.20 for wood and $1.25 for iron bound bbls.; pork bbls. at 87½@$1 for wood-bound, $1.05 for iron-bound; oleo tcs. 24c; slaughtered do. 31c; ½-bbls. 25c; meat 25c.

BAGGING, ETC.—Bagging, per yard, 4½-lb at 5½c; 5-lb. at 6c; 6-lb. at 6½c; 7-lb. at 7 1-16c. Iron ties at $1.60½. Hemp twine 8c.

ST. LOUIS COTTON MARKET.

Spot market steady, 1-16c higher. Sales, 50 bales.

Ordinary	6⅞
Good ordinary	7½
Low middling	7 13-16
Middlings	8¼
Good middling	8⅝
Middling fair	8¾

Stages and stains 1@1½c off white.

Receipts at principal points:

Galveston, 16,686 bales.

New Orleans, 14,634 bales.

Mobile, 1,242 bales.

Savannah, 8,009 bales.

Charleston, 251 bales.

Norfolk, 3,778 bales.

Tennessee, 1,000 bales.

Memphis, 2,650 bales.

Galveston—Market closed firm; quote middlings 8 5-16c; sales, 16,686 bales.

New Orleans—Market quiet; middlings 8 2-16c; sales, 14,634 bales.

Mobile—Spot market quiet; middlings 8½c; sales 1,650 bales.

Net receipts at all United States ports for four days were 193,148 bales against 123,772 a week ago and 216,227 a year ago. Exports 121,016 bales against 61,284 a year ago. Stocks, 1,059,347 bales, against 901,438 in 1901.

St. Louis warehouse statement:

	This Year.	Last Yr.
Stock on hand Sept. 1	11,705	24,373
Net receipts to-day	199	1,145
Net do. since Sept. 1	31,141	116,742
Net shipments to-day		41
Net do. since Sept. 1	26,903	92,487
Gross receipts to-day	2,332	3,610
Gross do. since Sept. 1	32,518	106,654
Gross shipments to-day	2,533	4,010
Gross do. since Sept. 1	59,421	199,141

By Telegraph.

New York, Dec. 16.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 5 points higher; middling uplands 8.30c; middling gulf 8.55c; sales 1,200 bales. Futures closed steady: Jan. 8.32c, Feb. 8.32c, March 8.37c, April 8.38c, May 8.40c, June 8.41c, July 8.43c, Aug. 8.32c, Sept. 7.93c. The market opened steady and unchanged prices to an advance of 2 points, and for time ruled decidedly strong and very active. At the best point prices showed an advance of 3 to 12 points. The gain was chiefly in Jan. and Jan. in connection with the Export sales, and the Jan. at one time advanced 12 points. It was claimed that certain deals had been put through by the principal long and short interests. After Jan. had sold as high as 8.50c, the position settled off a little but still ruled very firm, as high as 8.47c, the closing price was 8.36c with the spot markets of the country generally firm, 1-16c higher, and said to be supported by demand from Liverpool and Southern exporters, despite of speculative influences. The indications of larger receipts at New Orleans became the signal for selling the late positions, whereupon liquidation set in quite general. Weakness in the stocks marked had a tendency to depress the prices. The market was finally steady at net advance of 12 to a net loss of 1 point. The sales for the day in futures estimated at 250,000 bales.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 16.—Cotton—Steady; sales 2,000; ordinary 6⅞c; good ordinary 7⅞c; middling 8 11-16c; middling 8 3-16c; good middling 8 15-16c; middling fair 8 15-16c; receipts 16,686; stock 1,000; exports to Great Britain 10,000. Futures steady: Dec. 8.14@8.15c, Jan. 8.16@8.17c, Feb. 8.20@8.22c, March 8.26@8.27c, April 8.30@8.32c, May 8.37@8.39c, June 8.39@8.40c, July 8.42@8.43c, Aug. 8.2c bid.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Cotton—Spot is fair demand; prices 4 points higher. American middling fair 4.92d; good middling 4.72d; middling 4.56d; low middling 4.46d; good ordinary 4.34d; ordinary 4.24d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 8,000 American. Receipts 27,000 bales, including 25,000 American. Futures opened firm and closed steady at unchanged to 1 point advance: A.-F.-M. 4.37d, A.-M.-J. 4.37d, J.-A. 4.38d, J.-A. 4.39d, Jan.-Feb. 4.42d, Feb.-March 4.42d, March-April 4.42d, April-May 4.43d, May-June 4.43d, June-July 4.43d, July-Aug. 4.44d, Aug.-Sept. 4.45d.

Wool.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The wool market is fully as strong as a week ago and prices that were then rather the asking price than otherwise have now become firm, and the whole market is bare of sales made. The tendency is still upward and some grades of wool have been further advanced. Manufacturers are looking the market over, and it is reported as a fact that for years have the different houses been so well cleared up on odd and off lots of wool. For territory wools there is a good demand and for fine wools the demand is fair for fine wools, with the medium wools doing better. Prices are very firm, with the tendency upward. Fine staple territory 56@60c; strictly fine 59@62c; fine and medium 58@60c; medium 57@60c. Texas wools are rather quiet, but the tone of the market is fully as firm as previously noted. Fall-cleaned basis 55@58c; twelve months 48@50c; six to eight months, spring 55@58c. California wools are firmer, the demand is steady at former quotations. Northern counties, cleaned basis 52@56c; middle counties 48@50c; Southern 43@47c; fall free 46@48c. The market for fine fleece wools is very firm and values are firmly held at full quotations. Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above 31@32c; X 29@30c. Michigan X 29@30c. Delaine wools are really firmer and better prices are being obtained. Ohio and Pennsylvania washed Delaine 33@34c; Michigan 30@31c. No. 1 32@33c; coarse 28@29c. Australian wool is quiet, with prices very firm and nominally unchanged. Quotations, choice scoured basis 75@80c; good 73@76c; average 72@74c.

THE WEATHER.

Official Forecast Announced for To-Day and To-Morrow.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Forecast:

Eastern Texas—Fair Wednesday. Increasing cloudiness Thursday, with warmer in interior; probably rain; east winds, becoming fresh.

Western Texas—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Wednesday; rain or snow in the south Thursday.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Fair Wednesday, Thursday snow or rain, probably rain.

Arkansas—Fair Wednesday, Thursday increasing cloudiness, probable rain.

Illinois—Fair Wednesday; fresh to brisk west winds, Thursday fair in north, increasing cloudiness in south portion.

Kansas—Fair Wednesday; warmer in north and west portions, Thursday snow or rain.

Missouri—Fair Wednesday, Thursday increasing cloudiness, probably rain or snow in southwest portion.

Local Report.

St. Louis, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1902.

	6:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
Thermometer, degrees	27	32
Humidity	86	47
Direction of wind	SW	W
Velocity of wind	24	24

Weather at 6:30 a. m., cloudy; 6:30 p. m., clear. Maximum temperature, 34; minimum, 26. River, 5.7 feet.

R. J. HYATT,
Local Forecast Official.

Government Report.

Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.—Meteorological observations received at St. Louis December 16, 1902, at 6:30 p. m. local time and 8 p. m. seventy-fifth meridian time. Observations made at the same moment of time at all stations.

Stations.	Dir.	Tp.	Mx	Rain.	Weather.
Abilene	SE	42	54	....	Clear
Amarillo	SW	22	32	....	Clear
Atlanta	NW	34	38	.10	Clear
Bismarck	NW	18	34	....	Clear
Buffalo	W	32	44	.08	Snow
Charlotte	W	48	58	.06	Cloudy
Chattanooga	W	42	48	....	Clear
Cincinnati	W	34	48	*	Clear
Cleveland	SW	28	41	*	Cloudy
Chicago	W	26	36	*	Snow
Columbus	W	30	40	*	Snow
Cairo	SW	34	46	....	Clear
Calgary	W	20	28	....	Clear
Cheyenne	NW	16	40	....	Clear
Concordia	W	16	28	....	Clear
Duluth	SW	20	32	.01	Clear
Dubuque	W	24	38	.01	Clear
Davenport	W	24	38	*	Clear
Des Moines	W	22	36	....	Clear
Denver	W	24	54	....	Clear
Dodge City	W	12	34	....	Clear
El Paso	NE	44	52	....	Cloudy
Fort Smith	W	42	46	....	Clear
Galveston	W	54	64	....	Clear
Grand Haven	W	24	34	.01	Snow
Grand Junction	SE	18	24	....	Clear
Havre	S	18	30	....	Clear
Helena	N	16	28	....	Cloudy
Indianapolis	SW	28	42	*	Snow
Jacksonville	E	58	56	....	Cloudy
Kansas City	SW	26	40	....	Clear
Little Rock	SW	34	48	....	Clear
Louisville	SW	34	50	....	Cloudy
Lander	NW	14	24	....	Clear
Montgomery	NW	44	54	*	Clear
Memphis	SW	42	54	....	Clear
Marquette	NW	24	32	.02	Cloudy
Modena	NE	28	30	....	Fair
New York	NW	34	42	1.62	Rain
Norfolk	W	44	56	*	Clear
New Orleans	N	52	64	....	Clear
Nashville	W	40	54	....	Clear
North Platte	W	14	24	....	Clear
Omaha	SW	22	36	....	Clear
Oklahoma	W	28	42	....	Clear
Philadelphia	NW	48	56	.68	Rain
Pueblo	N	42	52	....	Clear
Pittsburg	SW	32	38	.04	Snow
Parkersburg	W	36	44	.20	Cloudy
Pueblo	NW	18	30	....	Clear
Raleigh	W	40	52	....	Clear
Rapid City	W	22	38	....	Clear
St. Paul	W	20	28	....	Clear
Shreveport	NW	50