FIGURES ON WHEAT YIELD CAUSE A WEAK MARKET.

CORN MAKES A FRACTIONAL ADVANCE.

Oats Recover From the Effect of Liquidation, and Provisions Weaken on Price of Hogs.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Official confirmation of a large yield of wheat in the South caused weakness in the wheat market. At the close wheat for May delivery was down ¾c. Corn was up ¼c. Oats were unchanged. Provisions were 2½c to 7½c higher.

WHEAT.

The wheat market was weak for the greater part of the day, and until late in the session there was little support in evidence. The chief factor in the situation was the Government report, which estimated the total yield of winter wheat at 325,463,000 bu. and spring wheat at 384,516,000 bu. These figures were somewhat larger than previously estimated by local houses.

During the last hour a cablegram was received from an English statistician predicting a marked decrease in wheat shipments from Argentina. This was the first encouragement of the day for the bulls and created a moderate amount of covering by shorts. The result was a recovery of part of the early loss. The close, however, was weak.

May opened ⅛@⅜c to ⅜@½c lower at 87½c to 87c, sold off to 87⅛@87⅜c and closed at 87⅜@87½c.

Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 245,000 bu. Primary receipts were 869,000 bu., compared with 927,000 bu. a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 664 cars, against 556 cars last week and 586 cars a year ago.

CORN.

Despite the weakness of wheat a firm tone existed in the corn market. Shorts were active buyers, the wet weather throughout the middle West arousing their fear of the possible "corner" in the Dec. option. The estimate of amount of local stock increased their anxiety. The market closed firm at prices at the highest point of the day. May opened unchanged to ⅛c higher at 44⅝c to 44⅞c, sold up to 44¾c and closed at the top. Local receipts were 308 cars, with 12 of contract grade.

OATS.

Government figures showing the oats crop to be larger by 14,000,000 bu. than was expected caused some liquidation early in the session, but the markets soon recovered. During the remainder of the day prices held steady. May opened unchanged to a shade lower at 31⅞c to 31⅞@32c, sold between 31⅞@32c and closed at 31⅞@32c. Local receipts were 152 cars.

RANGE OF FUTURES.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	83⅞	83⅞	82	82½@82⅝
May	87⅝@88	88	87⅛@87⅜	87⅜@87⅝
July	83⅝@83⅞	83⅞	82⅞	82⅞@83⅛
Corn—				
*Dec.	50	50	49	50
Dec.	42⅝	43⅝	44⅝	43⅞
May	44⅝@44⅞	44⅞	44⅛	44⅝
July	44⅝@44⅞	44⅞	44⅝	44⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛	30⅛
May	31⅞@32	32	31⅞	31⅞@32
July	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝
Pork—				
Jan.	12.12½	12.47½	12.12	12.47½
May	12.50	12.82½	12.50	12.62½
Lard—				
Dec.	7.40	7.45	7.40	7.45
Jan.	7.32	7.40	7.32½	7.40
May	7.32½	7.42½	7.32½	7.42½
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	7.60	7.65	6.97½	7.65
May	7.17½	7.25	7.15	7.25
July	7.30	7.35	7.30	7.35

*Old. †New.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

	Rec.	Ship.
Flour, bbls	29,000	20,000
Wheat, bu	83,000	18,000
Corn, bu	241,000	231,000
Oats, bu	207,000	178,000
Rye, bu	1,000	3,000
Barley, bu	39,000	45,000

PROVISIONS.

A decline of 10c in the price of live hogs weakened the provision market early in the day. Packers sold moderately at the opening, but outside buying was strongly in evidence later. At the close May pork was up 7½c at $13.62½. Lard was up 7½c at $7.42½. Ribs were 2½@5c higher at $7.22½@7.35.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow: Wheat 27 cars; corn 251 cars, oats 231 cars; hogs 30,000 head.

The Board of Trade will be closed Monday, Dec. 25.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Dec. 21.—Flour—Receipts 28,712; exports 8,619; dull but steady. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour dull. Cornmeal steady. Rye—New nominal; foreign dull. Wheat—Receipts 1,317,000; exports 50,364; spot easy. No. 2 red 91½c, elevator. No. 2 red 94½c f. o. b. afloat. No. 1 Northern Duluth 94½c f. o. b. afloat. No. 1 hard Manitoba f. o. b. afloat; options lower; wheat prices during the forenoon followed on weak cables; outside selling and the foreign Government report were followed by sharp afternoon rallies. This arose from a 10c reduction in estimate from Minneapolis and profits on a report of Argentine shipments. The close was up to the highest. May 91 11-16@92 3-16, closed 92½c. July opened 83½c, closed 83⅝c. Dec. opened 82½c. Corn—Receipts 17,000; exports 4,000; spot market was without transactions; dealing people thought it higher; Jan. closed 50½c. May closed 44⅝c. July closed 44⅝c. Dec. closed 49½c. Oats—Receipts 120,000; spot steady; mixed oats, 26@32 lbs., 31@32c; natural white, 30@32 lbs., 31@32c; clipped white, 32@40 lbs., 32@40c. Hay—Firm; prime steady. Hides firm. Leather firm. Wool steady; for mediums quiet. Lard easy. Western steamed 7.40, refined barely steady; continent 7.55. S. A. 7.60. Compound 5 7-16@5½c. Pork nominal. Tallow easy. Cotton—Spot closed 10 points higher; prime yellow 29½c. Petroleum steady.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cash quotations were as follows: No. 2 red wheat, 92c; spring wheat, No. 2 nominal; No. 3 nominal; No. 2 yellow corn, 50c; No. 3 yellow, 49½@50c; oats, No. 2 white, 31½@32c; No. 3 white, 31@31½c; No. 2 white, 32@32½c; No. 3 white, 31½@32c. Barley—Good to choice malting, 48@52c. Timothy seed, $3@3.25. Clover, $8@12.50. Pork, per barrel, $7.40@7.45. Lard, per 100 lbs., $7.32½@7.40. Short ribs, sides (loose), $6.90@7.40. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), 6@6½c. Short clear sides (boxed), $7.10@7.35. Whisky, basis of high wines, $1.27.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Wheat steady; Dec. 84c asked; May 87½c, July 85½c asked. No. 2 hard 82@83c; No. 3 hard 80@81c; No. 2 red weak, No. 3 red 90c; May 90½c, July 90½c asked. No. 2 mixed 43c, weak; No. 3 mixed 42c, weak. No. 2 white 46@46½c, steady; choice nominally 47c. Receipts—Wheat, 1,000 bu.; corn, 22,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu. Corn steady, choice 50c asked; May 44½c, July 44½c asked. Oats steady, choice 32c asked. Rye 75c. Hay steady, choice timothy $12@12.50; prairie $9@12.50. Butter, creamery, 21c; dairy, 18c. Eggs, 24c. Receipts—Wheat, 34,000 bu.; corn, 31,000 bu.; oats, 14,000 bu.

Toledo, Dec. 21.—Clover seed—Cash and Dec. $8.15; Jan. $8.20; Feb. $8.25; March $8.27. Timothy $3.50; alsike $8.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Spot wheat steady. No. 2 red Western winter 6s 7d. Futures dull. Dec. 6s 10½d; March 6s 7½d; May 6s 3½d. Spot corn quiet. American mixed new 4s 10½d. American mixed old 4s 9½d. Futures quiet; Jan. 4s 10½d; March 4s 10½d.

Peoria, Dec. 21.—Corn lower and dull. No. 3 yellow 49½c. No. 4 yellow 49c. No. 3 white 49½c. No. 4 white 49c. Oats steady. No. 3 white 31½@32c. Whisky on the basis of $1.30 for finished goods.

Milwaukee, Dec. 21.—Wheat lower. No. 1 Northern sold at 92c. No. 2 Northern at 90@91c. Rye steady. No. 1 rye, 78c. Barley dull. No. 3 at 44@46c, sample 29@50c. Corn higher. May 44½@44¾c asked.

Duluth, Dec. 21.—Wheat—To arrive, No. 1 Northern sold at 93c. No. 1 Northern, on trk., No. 1 Northern sold at 93c. No. 2 Northern sold, Dec. 90½c. May 92½c asked. To arrive and on trk., No. 1 Northern sold at 93c.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—Whisky quiet, $1.30.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Decline 5@7c. May 89@90c, July 90@90½c. No. 1 hard 92c. No. 1 Northern 91@92c. No. 2 Northern 88@91c. Flour—The mills are closing for the holidays; first patents $4.60@4.70, second patents $4.40@4.50, first clears $3.60@3.70, second clears $3.00@3.10.

COTTON MARKETE IS WEAK AND CLOSES AT A DECLINE.

Professionals Hammer Prices Hoping to Catch Stop-Loss Orders, and Quotations Decline.

New York, Dec. 21.—The cotton market was less active. Outside business was very light on the eve of the holidays and with local professionals hammering prices, in the hope of catching stop-loss orders, the market was generally weak and closed at a net decline of 14@17 points. Sales were estimated at 350,000 bales.

The opening was steady at a decline of 4@6 points, which was considerably better than due on the cables. Liverpool was 12 American points lower at the hour of the local opening, and private cables reported that a bearish construction was placed on the ginners' report of yesterday.

There was some support here from Wall street and Southern bulls on call, but there was no general demand, and local professionals became very aggressive sellers shortly after the opening, in an evident effort to shake out long interests before the holidays.

There was little indication of forced liquidation, as the market worked down, but neither did the decline attract much fresh buying, and in the afternoon prices showed a net loss of about 20@24 points for the active months, with March selling at 11.22.

In the late session hovering by early sellers caused some rally, but the market showed little snap, and the recovery was limited to a matter of 7 or 8 points from the lowest. The final tone was dull, but steady. The weather south was wet and receipts light.

Southern spot markets generally unchanged.

DECLINE AT NEW ORLEANS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 21.—The Times-Democrat, in its summary of the cotton situation, will say to-morrow:

"Though shorts failed to make much of a lasting impression on the Atlantic rings Wednesday, there things results were obtained at Liverpool yesterday, and in consequence disappointed longs. Cotton was brought out in the American markets, a net decline of about a dollar a bale recorded on this side at the close.

"There was little if any fresh information shedding new light on the magnitude of the remnant yet to pass through the gins, and further tangling of the ginners' figures failed to induce anybody holding well-defined views on the subject to change opinions. Hence, the cotton market was a dull and more or less stupid affair.

"President Harvie Jordan of the farmers' organization was quoted as having said that the greatest difficulty encountered in securing pledges to hold actual cotton for 15 cents was the scarcity of cotton remaining in the hands of producers.

"On the other hand, the cablegrams did not appear to reflect any immediate apprehension on the part of the foreign spinners. Whether or not this confidence abroad is well founded depends solely on the quantity of cotton unginned on December 14, though it is just possible a protracted period of rioting in Russia might contract the consumption to an extent sufficient to eventually swing the balance of supply slightly in favor of the shipper.

"Meanwhile, for the next ten days a holiday spirit may be looked for in the world's market, and with 'shorts' fully determined to disturb the confidence heretofore in evidence in the bull camp, active support may be necessary if a further decline is to be avoided."

St. Louis Cotton Market.

Spot market steady; ¼c lower.

Ordinary	10¼
Good ordinary	10¾
Low middling	11¾
Middling	11¾
Good middling	12⅛
Middling fair	12⅝

Tinges ⅛c to ¼c off from white.

Galveston—Spot market steady; middling 11 15-16c.

New Orleans—Spot market quiet; middling 12c. Sales, 1,000 bales.

Memphis—Spot market steady; middling 11⅞c. Receipts at principal points:

Galveston, 9,282 bales, against 8,961 bales last year.

New Orleans, 4,274 bales.

Mobile, —— bales.

Savannah, —— bales.

Charleston, 170 bales.

Norfolk, —— bales.

Houston, 6,964 bales.

Memphis, 2,946 bales.

Net receipts at all United States ports for six days were 390,329 bales, against 231,257 bales last week and 249,867 bales in 1904. Exports, 300,102 bales, against 199,523 in 1904. Stocks, 1,126,566 bales, against 1,040,696 in 1904.

Total receipts from Sept. 1, 1905, to date, 4,704,079 bales, against 5,068,722 bales for the corresponding period the year prior.

St. Louis warehouse statement:

	1905.	1904.
Stocks on hand Sept. 1	10,776	6,352
Net receipts yesterday	801	799
Net receipts since Sept. 1	49,939	47,622
Net shipments yesterday	22	143
Net shipments since Sept. 1	16,318	18,903
Stocks on hand yesterday	35,329	37,112
Gross receipts yesterday	3,008	4,021
Gross receipts since Sept. 1	192,235	259,818
Gross shipments yesterday	2,157	4,386
Gross shipments since Sept. 1	167,404	240,736

Cotton Quotations.

New York, Dec. 21.—Spot cotton closed steady at 20 points lower; middling uplands 12.10c; do. Gulf 12.35c; sales 700 bales. Futures closed dull but steady. Dec. 11.47c; Jan. 11.52c; Feb. 11.57c; March 11.64c; April 11.70c; May 11.76c; June 12.02c; July 12.08c; Aug. 11.81c; Oct. 10.97c.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Cotton—Spot quiet; prices 6 points lower. American middling fair 5.86d; good middling 5.52d; middling 5.36d; low middling 4.94d; good ordinary 4.56d; ordinary 4.34d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 4,600 American. Receipts 2,000 bales, including 1,800 American. Futures opened easy and closed barely steady. American middling, g. o. c., Dec. and Jan. 5.45d; Jan. and Feb. 5.42d; Feb. and March 5.42d; March and April 5.41d; April and May 5.40d; May and June 5.41d; June and July 5.42d; July and Aug. 5.43d; Aug. and Sept. 5.44d; Sept. and Oct. 5.40d; Oct. and Nov. 5.40d.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—Cotton—Futures: Jan. 11.88c; Feb. 11.89c; March 12.11c; April 12.17c; May 12.23c; June 12.35c; July 12.38c; Dec. 11.87c. Spot cotton: sales 1,100; ordinary 9 15-16c; good ordinary 10c; low middling 11¼c; middling 12c; good middling 12⅝c; middling fair 13 11-16c. Receipts 4,322; stock 254,631.

Miscellaneous Markets.

GRASS SEEDS—Quote, per 100 lbs.: Timothy at $2.50@3.50; clover at $11@12.50; red top at $5@5.75; millet at $1 from $1 for mixed and ordinary to $1.10@1.20 for good; Hungarian at 90@$1; foregoing figures are for clean, sound seed; all lots mixed with weedy, foul, dead or shelled will be cheaper, of course.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples and peaches are selling at 4½c to 5½c for the apples (choice worth more) and 6c for the peaches; quote choice evaporated rings, apples in sks. at 8½c; prime block at 8c; inferior lots. Other goods nominal.

KAFFIR CORN—Choice white offered at 77c to arrive per 100 lbs.

SUNFLOWER SEED—Quotable at $2.90@3 per 100 lbs.

STOCK PEAS—Whippoorwill $1 per bu.

BUCKWHEAT—Latest sale at $1.45 per 100 lbs.

ONION SETS—Latest sale tops at 64c per lb.

SORGHUM CANE SEED—Nominal at $1 per 100 lbs.

CASTOR BEANS—Salable at $1.35 per bu. for car lots and $1.35 for smaller quantities.

BEANS AND PEAS—Quote, on orders, from store, per bu.: White beans at $1.75 for choice, screened $1.60@1.70; Scotch peas $1.40; split peas at $2.25; blackeye peas $1.60@1.70; Lima beans for pickling 125@130; red kidney beans 2@3 c; white beans, country, $1@1.30.

HONEY—Quote: Comb—New No. 1 white clover at 13@14c; amber color at 11@12c; inferior, broken, dark, etc., at 8@10c; extracted or strained, choice, in bbls. at 6@7c; in cans 8@9c. California, in cans, at 6@8c.

MOSS—Quote, per lb.: Gray, mixed 15@18c; gray, brown and black mixed 14@15c; brown and black mixed for Mattresses—Machine picked—X 22@25c; XX 19@20c; XXX 16@18c; XXXX 9@10c; extra black or inferior less.

BINSEED oil—Quotable in lots of from 1 to 5 bbls. at 62c per gal. More raw and less for boiled.

SALT—Quote, per 280 lbs.: Granulated 95c per bbl; with 5c per bbl more this side.

CASTOR OIL—In lots of 5c gals. or over at 95c per gal. In lots of 1 gal. and up to No. 2 in size, 90c per gal. Quantities less than 1 gal. 10c per gal. more.

STOCKBRANDS—Quote: Orders for prompt delivery: Lard, $1.45 for wood and $1.40 for tin. Short clear sides, $1.40 for wood and $1.30 for tin. Dry salt meat, $1.30 for wood and $1.20 for tin. Smoked meat, $1.40 for wood and $1.30 for tin. Smoked sausage, $1.40 for wood. Kraut bbls. $4.50; half bbls. $2.75; kegs, 100 lbs., $1.25; half-barrels, 50 lbs., $1.00. Pickles—Per bbl. of 1,200 medium, $4.50; per half bbl. of 600 medium, $2.75. Hominy—Per bbl. of 200 lbs., $4.50; per half bbl. of 100 lbs., $2.75. Lime—Per bbl. of 180 lbs., $1.20; per half bbl. of 90 lbs., 75c. Cement—Per bbl. of 350 lbs., $2.50; per half bbl. of 175 lbs., $1.50. Calcined plaster—Per bbl. of 300 lbs., $2.50; per half bbl. of 150 lbs., $1.50. Sugar—Per lb.: Cubes, 6½c; powdered, 6c; fine granulated, 5½c; coarse granulated, 5½c. Rice—Per lb.: Prime, 5½@6c; choice, 5c; fancy, 4½c. Starch—Per lb.: Pearl, 4c; Jersey, 4c; Gloss, 4c. Coffee—Per lb.: Green Rio, 7c; roasted Rio, 9c; roasted Santos, 9c; roasted Mocha, 15c; roasted Java, 15c; roasted Arbuckle's, 12c. Tobacco—Per lb.: Plug, 25c; smoking, 25c. Soap—Per box: Laundry, 3c; toilet, 3c. Candles—Per lb.: Paraffine, 8c; wicking, 12c. Matches—Per gross: Diamond, 1c; Swan, 1c. Pickles—Per bbl. of 1,200 medium, $4.50; per half bbl. of 600 medium, $2.75. Shot—Per sack: Drop, $1.35; buckshot, $1.35. Powder—Per keg: Blasting, $2.50; rifle, $3.50; shotgun, $3.50. Ammunition—Per box: Rifle and shotgun, 50@75c. Cigars—Per box: Imported, $3@12; domestic, $35@100. Tobacco—Per lb.: Fine cut, 25c; medium, 20c; low, 15c. Snuff—Per lb.: Scotch, 35c; Maccaboy, 35c; French rappee, 35c. Nails—Per keg: Cut, $2.50; wire, $2.50. Coal oil—Per gal.: Water white, 10c; standard white, 8c; 150 test, 7c. Gasoline—Per gal.: 86 deg., 16c; 74 deg., 12c. Vinegar—Per gal.: Cider, 30c; white, 20c. Salt meat—Per lb.: Long clear, 7c; short clear, 7c; ribs, 7c; shoulders, 6½c. Lard—Per lb.: Compound, 5½c; pure, 7½c. Hay—Per ton: Prairie, $8@9; timothy, $12@13; alfalfa, $12@13. Flour—Per bbl.: Patents, $4.60@4.70; straights, $4.40@4.50; clears, $3.60@3.70. Corn meal—Per bbl.: $2.50@2.60. Corn—Per bu.: Shelled, 45@47c; ear, 45@47c. Oats—Per bu.: 30@32c. Potatoes—Per bu.: Irish, 50@60c; sweet, 50@60c. Onions—Per bu.: 50@60c. Cabbage—Per lb.: 2@3c. Apples—Per bbl.: $2@3.50. Poultry—Per lb.: Hens, 8c; spring chickens, 12c; turkeys, 8c; geese, 8c; ducks, 8c. Eggs—Per doz.: 24c. Butter—Per lb.: Creamery, 25c; dairy, 20@22c. Game—Per doz.: Quail, $1.75; rabbits, $1@1.25; squirrels, $1@1.25. Game—Per lb.: Venison, 8@10c. Game birds—Per doz.: Prairie chickens, $5@6; pheasants, $4@5; mallards, $4@5; teal, $1.50@2; snipe, 75@$1; plover, 75@$1. Game birds—Per pair: Rabbits, 35@40c; hares, 35@40c. Game birds—Per lb.: Squirrels, 8@10c. Fish—Per lb.: Buffalo, 5@6c; bass, 6@7c; pickerel, 7c; pike, 7c; perch, 5c; crappies, 8c; catfish, 5c; salmon, 15c; trout, 15c; mackerel, 15c; shad, 15c; herring, 5c; halibut, 15c; snapper, 10c; crabs, 35c; bluefish, 10c; catfish, 10c; frogs, 10c; oysters, 50c. Oysters—Per gal.: Standard, $1.50; extra, $1.75; select, $2.

LIVE-STOCK MARKET.

Moderate Receipts of Native Cattle—Market Steady—Hogs and Sheep Dull.

NATIVE CATTLE—Beef Steers—Moderate marketings at the six points to-day gave a small combined total, aggregating only 24,000 head, over 4,000 shy of last Thursday and 10,000 less than two weeks ago. For the week thus far the decrease is large, four days aggregating 108,000, against 107,000 last week and 200,000 two weeks ago. Compared with Thanksgiving week the total shows an increase of 30,000 head, but during that week but three days total was available.

Local receipts were estimated at 2,500 head, standing around 1,200 shy of this day the two previous weeks. For the week thus far receipts aggregate 17,000 head, against 19,000 last week and 21,200 two weeks ago.

Native offerings again predominated, fully 1,200 being from that source, against 1,000 last week and in the lightest Thursday by at least 300 head in the last several weeks. The week's total approximates 11,000, showing a decrease of 1,000 with last week and 4,000 compared with two weeks ago. During Thanksgiving week receipts numbered 16,000.

There was a fair to good demand for beef steers, but the medium to common grades, while a few sometimes brighten up, were dull and weak. Quotations were fully 10c lower, and the bulk of the offerings sold at $3@4.75, with a few at $4.80@5.10, and a few prime steers at $5.25@5.40. Stockers and feeders were in good request, and steady, at $2@3.75.

Cows and heifers were in good request, and steady, at $1.50@4.75, with a few at $5@5.25. Bulls were in good request, and steady, at $1.75@4.25.

Calves were in good request, and steady, at $3@7.50.

Texas and Indian steers were in good request, and steady, at $2.50@3.25.

Stockers and feeders were in good request, and steady, at $2@3.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,000 head; market 10@15c lower; mostly 5c lower; outside buyers and packers bought freely; top, $5.65; bulk of sales, $5@5.60; heavy, $5.50@5.65; packers, $5@5.65; pigs and lights, $4.60@5.60.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000; market steady; native lambs, $5@7.50; Western lambs, $5.25@7.50; ewes and yearlings, $4@5.60; Western fed yearlings, $5@5.25; Western fed sheep, $4.10@5.10; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.75.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,110; 10c lower; native $3.65@5.15; cows and heifers, $1.50@5; stockers and feeders, $2@4.75.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,000; steady; native steers, $3.25@5.50; cows and heifers, $1.50@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25; bulls, $2@4.25; calves, $2.50@6.50; Western steers, $3.25@5.25; Texas and Indian steers, $2@4.50; cows and heifers, $1.50@4.25; canners, $1@2.50; stockers and feeders, $2@4.75.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; 10@15c lower; good to prime steers, $5.25@6.25; poor to medium, $3@5.25; heifers, $2@5.25; cows, $1.50@4.75; bulls, $2@5; calves, $3@7.50; Texas fed steers, $4@5.25; Western steers, $4@5.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; market 5@10c lower; lambs, $5@7.50; yearlings, $5.50@6.50; wethers, $5@5.50; ewes, $4@5.25; Western sheep, $5@5.50; native lambs, $5@7.50; Western lambs, $5@7.50.

By Telegraph.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts 9,000; market dull, common to prime steers $3@6.75; cows $1.90@4; heifers $2@5; bulls $2@4.75; stockers and feeders $2.10@4.25; calves $3@8.50. Hogs—Receipts 22,000; market 5@10c lower; shipping and selected $5.50@5.65; mixed and butchers $5.30@5.65; light $4.90@5.45; pigs and roughs $3@5.35. Sheep—Receipts 18,000; market steady; sheep $4@5.75; yearlings $5@6.75; lambs $5@7.50.

New York, Dec. 21.—Beeves—Receipts 2,100; nothing doing; dressed beef slow at 7@7½c lb. for native sides. Calves—Receipts 60; nothing doing. Dressed calves weak at 8@9½c for city-dressed veals and 10@11c for country-dressed. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 1,600; sheep very dull and easier; lambs no lower, closing dull. Dressed mutton 7@7½c. Dressed lambs 8@9½c.

By Telegraph.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cairo, Ill., Dec. 21.—River gauge reads 20.8 rising, with two weeks ago. During Thanksgiving week people managed well.

Thanksgiving for over a dozen heads of beef steers looking in the auditorium recently, while a few southern heifers were divided. The fact of the matter was that there was hardly enough of a showing to form a market. The public was surprised to receive a lot of Texas of good weight, and fully fresh at 12.50, with some than-fed decent natives at $6.75@6.25, with some pretty good 1,100-lb. steers around $4.50@4.75, with several lots of plain heavy steers at $5@5.

The few on offer sold readily, and while there was no show of strength, trade had good color and sales were fully up to yesterday's best notch.

BEEF AND BUTCHER STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
17	1041	$5.10	7	1148	$4.75	10	1497	$5.10
5	776	4.25	3	1159	4.75	1	1340	4.25
11	1128	4.50	44	1080	4.30	8	1043	4.25
4	1066	4.00	5	1026	4.00	10	981	3.75
63	1050	3.90	62	1049	3.80	23	1022	3.60
1	1110	3.50	2	645	3.50	1	790	3.40
3	816	3.15	7	667	3.00	2	685	2.50
1	710	2.25						

Butcher Cattle—The heifer trade was of a very dull character in every sense of the word. A large portion of the receipts were of this class, and very slow selling was the result. The lack of an outlet was the main difficulty, and while there was not so much difference in values as compared with yesterday, current prices were at the low notch of the week, sending anywhere from 10@20c lower than Monday.

The cow market had good tone in every respect as far as the movement and activity were concerned, and, while the canning grades were steady, everything above them had strong tone, frequent sales being noted 10c higher.

HEIFERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
26	708	$4.00	6	955	$3.75	79	792	$3.75
23	617	3.50	4	800	3.50	1	820	3.40
21	671	3.35	2	920	3.25	1	840	3.25
20	857	3.25	2	620	3.10	1	770	3.10
1	750	3.00	1	820	3.00	9	638	2.90
6	845	2.75	3	600	2.60	1	370	2.60
3	673	2.75	15	668	2.60	2	675	2.60
1	630	2.50	2	845	2.00			

Cows and heifers:

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
16	899	2.00						

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1320	3.75	7	1180	3.25	6	1300	3.50
1	1250	3.25	1	1270	3.25	2	1045	3.25
1	1140	3.25	2	1070	3.00	1	1150	3.00
5	1016	2.90	2	1050	2.90	1	860	2.75
1	920	2.85	1	1000	2.75	1	910	2.75
6	1083	2.75	1	860	2.75	1	880	2.75
1	1100	2.75	6	1041	2.75	8	1025	2.75
1	820	2.50	1	1030	2.60	5	850	2.35
1	920	2.50	1	940	2.50	8	1020	2.35
1	930	2.35	1	740	2.25	2	620	2.25
6	980	2.25	11	900	2.25	1	920	2.25
11	877	2.25	9	794	2.20	2	843	2.15
1	660	2.20	1	850	2.00	3	633	2.00
2	765	2.00	4	797	1.75	1	750	1.75
1	560	1.75	1	600	1.50	1	520	1.25

VEAL CALVES.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	300	7.50	1	190	7.25	2	190	7.00
1	80	7.00	4	150	6.25	1	90	6.00
2	160	6.00	1	60	6.00	2	85	5.50
1	190	5.00	1	160	3.50	1	290	2.75
1	230	1.75	1	210	1.75			

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1220	3.00	1	1400	2.90	1	1440	2.90
1	1045	2.50	2	1110	3.50	1	1510	2.25
1	1400	2.25	1	1400	2.25	1	1450	2.25
1	1380	2.00	1	1030	2.25	2	870	2.25
1	770	2.25						

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
4	809	2.00	7	560	1.90			

MILKERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
7	32.50	19.00	1	31.00				
8	31.00							

STAGS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	1366	3.75	1	1230	3.00			

OXEN.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
15	836	2.50						

SOUTHERN CATTLE—It was a very poor assortment that buyers had to select from of this class, 645 head comprising the receipts, which consisted almost entirely of Arkansas grass, both quality and kind of which was poor, but few lots being of any flesh whatever. Trade, however, notwithstanding the inferior grade, was steady.

REVIEW OF WEEK'S TRADE.

The week's receipts total 4,200, against 1,919 last week and 2,000 two weeks ago. The proportion of Texas and Territory offerings, however, has been lighter than last week, not more than 1,700 head being received.

Monday and Tuesday found the only selection of Texas offerings, of which some well-bred Herefords, less than 1,100 lbs., sold at $4.20, with the balance of the sales ranging from $3.10@4.10 for fair to good grade, most of which have shown more or less feed. She stuff has been very lightly represented, and has consisted mostly of heifers of a fair to good fed sort at $3@3.25, with some fair cows at $2.05@2.40 and a pretty good grade at $2.50@2.75, with a few fed cows at $3.25.

The market has shown but little change, in fact, closes fully steady, if not strong, with just enough of canning cows, of which a good many were of Arkansas grade, found slow sale. Still, steady prices have been maintained throughout. The light canners were the hardest to move, and during earlier days some lots moved, but the lighter marketing later has caused enough reaction to offset the loss.

Calf receipts this week are 1,600 head, and five times as many as here in the last month. But few decent calves were here. These sold fully steady, with little fully ready. Bulk of receipts has been of a rough, common to fair grade, all of good weights, which have been neglected by buyers, generally at declines of $1.50@2.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
2	305	$2.40						

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1590	$2.25	2	1040	$2.10			

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
21	650	2.00						

CALVES
(Per head.)

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
91	228	6.50						

ARKANSAS CATTLE.

STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
6	971	3.00	4	877	2.15			

COWS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
3	616	2.00	3	540	1.50			

MIXED.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
19	664	2.50	31	599	2.25	31	685	2.25
65	691	2.00	18	550	2.00	2	515	2.00
9	622	2.00	11	678	2.00	2	575	2.00
32	650	2.00	36	538	1.75	25	525	1.75

BULLS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
1	1030	2.25	1	1390	1.75	1	790	2.00
1	1190	1.50	1	790	1.50			

HOGS—Just a good moderate supply of hogs arrived, the receipts amounting to around 7,000 head, which averaged only fair in quality, there being not as many good heavy hogs on s