FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

MONEY 8 PER CENT., NEW YORK EXCHANGE PAR.

Cotton Quiet—Middling, 9 Cents—Sales Yesterday, 1900 Bales.

Money is in pretty active demand at 8 per cent. Finances are easier, owing to the sales and movement of cotton. Local securities are strong. The cotton market is quiet; middling, 9c. Sales, 1900 bales. At New York spots were quiet; middling, 9⅛c. Futures firm and 6 to 10 points higher; December, 9.45@9.46c.

A leading New York cotton circular says of the speculative market: "Business was fairly active, with a recovery in tone and a gain of 5 to 7 points over last evening, at which the close was steady. The greater strength shown in the stock market and lower premium on many were the chief features."

At New Orleans spots were dull and easy; middling, 9⅛c. Futures steady and 4 to 6 points higher; December, 9.12@9.14c.

At Liverpool spots were quiet, fair inquiry; middling, 5¼d. Futures steady; December-January, 5 12-64d, sellers.

The general market presents a steady feeling.

IMPORTS.

Five hundred and thirteen brls apples, 315 brls beans and peas, 8 pkgs butter, 115 pkgs bacon, 843 pkgs boots and shoes, 612 bu corn, 102 pkgs cheese, 100 pkgs coffee, 11 cars cotton seed, 6734 sks cotton seed, 55 pkgs dry goods, 82 pkgs eggs, 983 brls flour, 360 bales hay, 75 hd cattle, 438 pkgs lard, 56,500 ft lumber, 110 pkgs liquors, 225 brls meal, 210 brls molasses, 8 cars pork store, 24 hhds sugar, 330 brls sugar, 171 pkgs tobacco.

ELEVATOR REPORTS.

The following shows the amount of grain received, withdrawn and in store by regular elevators, as reported to the Merchants' Exchange yesterday: Wheat in store, 2220 bu. Corn received, 2355 bu; withdrawn, 3969 bu. In store, 7093 bu. Oats received, 2082 bu; withdrawn, 1647 bu; in store, 228,786 bu.

Daily Quotations of Cotton Oil Trusts and New York Exchange Stocks are open to those interested, at my office.

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DEALER IN

STOCKS AND BONDS

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FINANCE.

Money in pretty active demand at 8 per cent. The Clearing House report is as follows:

CLEARINGS.

Thursday, Dec. 16, '86	$ 429,994 53
Thus far this week	2,291,811 50
Same time last week	1,987,963 06
Corresponding time in '85	1,256,481 64
Corresponding time in '84	1,582,523 59

BALANCES.

Thursday, Dec. 16, '86	$ 47,342 39
Thus far this week	379,098 95
Same time last week	193,769 75
Corresponding time in '85	238,579 40
Corresponding time in '84	272,742 29

EXCHANGE.

New York sight on all points, ¼ discount buying, par selling; New England demand, ¾ discount buying; New England sight, ½ discount; New Orleans, ¼ discount buying, par selling.

BANK STOCKS.

Bank of Commerce	155 bid, ... asked
First National	160 bid, 165 asked
German Bank	192 bid, 200 asked
State National	147 bid, 150 asked
Union and Planters	156 bid, ... asked
Mercantile Bank	135 b d, ... asked

INSURANCE STOCKS.

Bluff City	105 bid, ... asked
Hernando	103 bid, ... asked
Home	77 bid, 80 asked
Memphis City	107 bid, ... asked
Peoples	82 bid, 85 asked
Phœnix	100 bid, ... asked
Planters	110 bid, ... asked
Vanderbilt	25 bid, 30 asked
Arlington	35 bid, ... asked
Factors	30 bid, ... asked
Citizens	12½ bid, ... asked

MISCELLANEOUS.

Shelby County warrants	96 bid, 98 asked
M. & C. R. R. shares	45 bid, ... asked
M. & T. R. R. share	45 bid, 50 asked
M. & O. coupls 7s	124 bid, ... asked
M. & L. R. 1st m. 8s	105 bid, ... asked
Miss. & T. R. R cs A	113 bid, ... asked
Miss. & T. R. R cs B	102 bid, 105 asked
Tenn. wts. ser B to J	96 bid, 98½ asked
Tenn. wts. ser B to J	85 bid, 90 asked
Shelby County 6	108 bid, 110 asked
Taxing District 4.6	100 bid, 101 asked
Taxing District 6s	106 bid, 107 asked
Memphis Gas bonds	84 bid, ... asked
Memphis Water bonds	100 bid, ... asked
Am. Cot. Oil trs tfs	63 bid, 65 asked
Pioneer Cotton Mills	17½ bid, 32 asked
Memphis Stock Com. Co.	130½ bid, 132½ asked
Memphis Gas stock	77 bid, 80 asked
Masonic Temple bonds, 6s	103 bid
Cot. Ex. 1st ds, 6s	104 bid, 106 asked
Ala. & Tenn. I. & C	100 bid, 105 asked
Tenn. Valley I. & R. R	47½ bid, 50 asked

NEW YORK, December 16.—Money on call was stronger, ranging from 4 per cent. per annum to ⅞ per cent and interest per diem closing at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4@5. Sterling exchange dull and steady at 480 for sixty day bills and 483¼ for demand.

Bonds—Government bonds and State bonds were dull and heavy.

Stocks—There was a marked change in the appearance of the stock market from that of yesterday, the extreme ordinary activity disappearing and the wild desire to sell giving way to at least an appearance of renewed confidence, which increased as the day advanced. One factor in producing this result was the increasing ease of money, the high prices being looked upon as the result of manipulation, though the advance on the Bank of England of discounts is expected to check in a measure the flow of gold to this country. The disposition to sell was manifest in the early morning and a strong opening in sympathy with the higher London figures the improvement was lost, the dealings being feverish. The slight pressure to sell, however, soon gave way to more confident buying, in which the most substantial stocks were conspicuous. The Vanderbilts, coal stocks and Louisville and Nashville soon showed marked improvement. Later on, when the buying had become general, the shorts became alarmed at the situation and in the last hour heavy covering ran the day's total up to large figures and the best prices of the day were made in the last ten minutes. London bought Lake Shore and Erie as well as Reading, Boston houses were buyers of Union Pacific. The opening was quiet, but strong advances over last evening's final figures ranging up to 1½ per cent. Heavy selling, however, in the first ten minutes broke Lackawanna 2 per cent, and the early gains were generally lost. The trading continued feverish, though toward noon there was renewed decline which was finally checked toward 11:30 o'clock. The market thereafter gained strength steadily on an increased volume of business, the entire active list sharing in the advance. The last hour saw a marked increase in the business done as well as a more decided upward movement, and the market closed strong at the best figures reached. Sales, 540,360 shares. Reading furnished 96,565; Lackawanna, 53,480; St. Paul, 41,200; New England, 39,830; Western Union, 27,895; Erie, 29,500, and Louisville and Nashville, 25,650. There is not a single stock on the active list showing a decline this evening, while Tennessee Coal is up 5; Susquehanna and Western preferred, 3¾; Chesapeake, 3; Canada Southern, ⅞; New England, 2¾; Norfolk and Western preferred and Wabash preferred, 2¼ each. Railroad bonds showed much more strength than stocks, and show a decided improvement over yesterday's prices, although compared with sales made some time back they show the effects of the slump of the past three days. The business amounted to only $1,580,000, of which West Shore 4s sold $274,000; Atlantic and Pacific incomes, $146,000; Denver and Rio Grande 4s and Fort Worth and Denver firsts were also conspicuous in trading. New Orleans Pacific trust receipts rose 2 to 80; Texas Pacific income trust receipts, 2½ to 18½; Wabash seventh of 1879, 2¾; 87½; Atlantic and Pacific firsts lost 3¾ to 85; Louisville and Nashville consols, 3¼ to 115¾; Oregon Improvements firsts, 3 to 99½, and Ct. Joe and Grand Island incomes, 3 to 71.

The total sales of stocks today were 590,360 shares, including Canada Southern, 16,475; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 53,480; Delaware and Hudson, 3706; Erie, 29,500; Kansas and Texas, 12,665; Lake Shore, 17,886; Louisville and Nashville, 25,620; Michigan Central, 3523; Missouri Pacific, 7383; Northwestern, 13,868; Jersey Central, 17,640; New York Central, 9660; Ohio and Mississippi, 4050; Pacific Mail, 10,615; Reading, 96,565; St. Paul, 41,200; St. Paul and Omaha 8805; Texas Pacific, 14,840; Western Union, 27,895; Union Pacific, 2,715; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,670; Oregon Transcontinental 5530; Hocking Valley, 10,475. Closing quotations:

GOVERNMENTS.

U. S. 3s, 100¼	4s, coup, 128
4¾s, coup, 110	Pacific 6s of 1895, 123¼

BONDS.

La. stamps, 4s, 79¾	Missouri 6s, 100
Cent. Pac. 1sts, 111	Den & R. G. 1sts, 116
D & R. G. W. 1sts, 76	Erie 2ds, 99
M. K. & T. Gen. 6s, 90	North. Pac. 1sts, 11 5-8
North. Pac. 2ds, 103	N. Western con., 140
N. West. deb. 5s, 108	St. L. S. F. Gen. M., 113¼
St. Paul con, 129	St. P. C. & P. 1sts, 119
T. P. land grants, 61	T. P. R. G. ex cou, 75½
U. P. 1sts, 116⅝	West Shore, 102¾
Tenn. 6s, set'mt, 105	Tenn. 5s, set'mt, 100
Tenn. 3s, set'mt, 79¾	

STOCKS.

Adams Express, 136	Morris & E., off'd, 138
Allegheny Cent'l, —	Nashville & C., 75
Alton & T. H., 22½	N. J. Central, 53½
A. & T. H., pfd., 85	Nor. & W. pfd, 50½
American Ex., 106	Northern Pac., 37½
B. C. R. & N., 50	Northern Pac. pfd, 61½
Canada Pac., 67¾	C. & N. W., 112¾
Canada Sou., 62¾	C. & N. W. pfd., 139
Central Pacific, 44½	N. Y. Central, 112¾
Chesapeake & O., 9	N. Y. C. & St. L., 13¾
C. & O. 1st pfd, 17	N. Y. C. & St. L. pfd, 26¼
C. & O. 2d pfd, 10	Ohio Central, —
Chicago & A., 141	Ohio & Miss., 28¾
C. & A. pfd, 160	O. & Miss. pfd, 90½
C., B. & Q., 135¾	Ontario & West., 19¾
C., St. L. & N. O., —	Oregon Nav., 102
C., St. L. & P., 17¾	Oregon Trans., 32¾
C. St. L. & P. pfd, 37	Oregon Imp., 38½
C. S. & C., 42	Pacific Mail, 49
C. & C., 63¼	Panama, 98
C. & H. Valley, 34½	Peoria D. & E., 28¼
Del. & Had., 101	Pittsburg, 149
Del., L. & W., 135	Pullman P. C., 137
Den. & Rio G., 33¾	Reading, 37⅞
Erie, 34	Rock Island, 125¾
Erie pfd, 71	St. L. & S. F., 30
New East Tenn., 15	St. L. & S. F. pfd, 62¾
New E. Tenn. pfd, 74½	St. L. & S. F. 1st p, 111¼
Fort Wayne, 144	C. M. & St. P., 96¾
Hannibal & St. Jo., —	C. M. & St. P., p, 117¾
H. & St. Jo., pfd, —	St. P., M. & M., 115
Harlem, 216	St. Paul & Omaha, 46¾
Houston & T., 37	St. Paul & O. pfd, 110½
Illinois Central, 130	Tenn. Coal & Iron, 73
Ind., B. & W., 16¾	Texas Pacific, 21¾
Kansas & T., 32	Union Pacific, 63
Lake E. & W., 15	U. S. Express, 62
Lake Shore, 94¾	W., S. L. & P., 18¾
Lou. & Nash., 61¾	W., S. L. & P., p., 35¾
Lou. & N. A., 60	W. & F. Ex., 127
M. & C. 1st pfd, —	W. U. Tel., 71¾
M. & C. seconds, —	Colorado Coal, 35¾
Mem. & Char., 47	Home Stake, 14
Mich. Cen., 92	Iron Silver, 250
Min. & St. L., 19¾	Ontario, 22
Min. & St. L. pfd, 43¾	Quicksilver, 7
Missouri Pacific, 107¾	Quicksilver pfd, 20
Mobile & Ohio, 16	South Pacific, —
M. L. S. & W., 64	Sutro, 25
M. L. S. & W. pfd, 99¾	

LONDON, December 16.—Consols, 100 7-16 for money and 100¾ for the account. United States bonds, 4s, 131; 4½s, 113; Atlantic and Great Western firsts, 55; do. seconds, 14¾; Reading, 19¾; bar silver, 46½d per ounce. The Bank of England advanced its rate of discount from 4 per cent. to 5 per cent. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England today for shipment to America is £30,000. The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £157,000 during the past week. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week 45½ per cent., is now 13½ per cent.

PARIS, December 16.—Three per cent rentes, 82f 92½c, ex-interest, for the account. The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows a decrease of 13,200,000 francs gold and 275,000 francs silver.

BANK CLEARINGS.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 15.—Bank clearings today were $9,596,000.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 16.—Clearings of the banks, $1,455,453.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 16.—Bank clearings today, $2,866,691; balances, $462,999.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Bank clearings today were $175,046,277; balances, $6,417,747.

BOSTON, MASS., December 16.—Bank clearings today were $16,720,778; balances, $2,005,578.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 16.—Bank clearings today were $2,351,408; balances, $444,983.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 16.—Bank clearings today were $12,008,450; balances, $1,552,498.

COTTON MARKETS.

The local cotton market opened quiet and closed quiet; middling, 9c. Sales, 1900 bales, including 100 last evening, 50 to exporters and 1850 to spinners.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

	Yesterday. Nom.	Wednesday. Nom.
Ordinary	...	...
Good Ordinary	8⅝	8⅝
Low Middling	8¾	8¾
Middling	9	9
Good Middling	9¼	9¼
Middling Fair	9⅝	9⅝
Fair	Nom.	Nom.
Stains and tinges	8@8¾	8@8¾

COTTON STATEMENT

MEMPHIS, December 16, 1885.

Stock, Sept 1st, 1885	4 009
Received today	5,492
Received previously	428,687 — 433,188
Shipped today	2,071
Shipped previously	276,066
Home consumption to date	337 — 278,494
Stock, running account	151,694

Imports.

Thus far this week	26,449
Thus far last week	22,683
Since September 1st	426,179

M. & C. R. R.	747
M. & T. R. R.	1,005
L. & N. R. R.	550
M. & L. R. R.	1,215
C., O. & S. W. R. R.	259
L. N. J. & T. R. R.	184
K. C., S. & M. R. R.	377
M., S. & R. R.	213
Steamers	812
Wagons and other sources	200
Total	5,492

Exports.

Thus far this week	26,409
Thus far last week	22,115
Since September 1st	278,137

M. & C. R. R.	625
M. & T. R. R.	21
L. & N. R. R.	449
C., O. & S. W. R. R.	707
L., N. O. & T. R. R.	309
Total	2,071

New York spots opened steady and closed quiet; middling, 9⅛c. Sales, 268 bales. Quotations were as follows:

	Yesterday.	Wednesday.
Ordinary	6¾	6¾
Good ordinary	8¼	8⅛
Low middling	9	9
Middling	9⅛	9⅛
Good Middling	9¼	9¼
Middling fair	10⅛	10⅛
Fair	11	11

New York futures opened quiet and closed firm and 6 to 10 points higher than yesterday. Sales, 88,000 bales. The closing quotations were as follows:

	Yesterday.	Wednesday.
December	9.45@9.46	9.37@9.38
January	9.49@9.50	9.42@9.43
February	9.60@9.61	9.54@9.55
March	9.72@9.73	9.66@9.67
April	9.83@9.84	9.77@
May	9.93@9.94	9.87@9.88
June	10.03@10.04	9.97@9.98
July	10.14@10.12	10.05@10.06
August	10.18@	10.11@10.12

The New Orleans spot market opened quiet and closed dull and easy; middling, 9⅛c. Sales, 2000 bales. Quotations were as follows:

	Yesterday.	Wednesday.
Ordinary	7⅛	7⅛
Good Ordinary	8⅛	8⅛
Low Middling	8⅞	8⅞
Middling	9⅛	9⅛
Good Middling	9⅜	9⅜

The New Orleans future market opened steady and closed steady and 4 to 6 points higher. Sales, 41,000 bales. Quotations were as follows:

	Yesterday.	Wednesday.
December	9.12@9.14	9.07@9.08
January	9.19@9.20	9.15@9.16
February	9.28@9.29	9.24@9.25
March	9.40@9.41	9.36@9.37
April	9.52@9.53	9.48@9.49
May	9.64@9.65	9.60@9.61
June	9.75@9.76	9.71@9.72
July	9.87@	9.83@9.85
August	9.89@9.91	9.86@9.85

DAILY PORT AND INTERIOR MARKETS

	Tone.	Sales.	Prices.	Stock.
Galveston	Dull.	4,448	9	127,473
New Orleans	Quiet.	1,045	9⅛	358,015
Mobile	Quiet.	1,401	9	31,589
Savannah	Quiet.	4,776	9	19,369
Charleston	Quiet.	2,899	9⅛	78,249
Wilmington	Quiet.	1,538	9 1-16	22,818
Norfolk	Steady.	6,676	9⅛	57,279
Baltimore	Quiet.	1,901	9⅛	9,936
New York	Quiet.	411	9⅛	183,535
Boston	Quiet.	200	9⅛	...
Philadelphia	Firm.	65	9⅛	16,146
St. Louis	Quiet.	2,261	8	63,545
Augusta	Quiet.	1,297	8⅞	...

Receipts at ports, this day, 1886	34,976
Receipts at ports, this day, 1885	32,477

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

	1886.	1885.	1884.
Receipts U. States ports, 6 days	214,679	200,019	228,200
Export to Britain	89,617	61,53	60,976
Stock	1,009,703	1,001,402	1,011,300
Receipts Sept. 1st	3,145,522	3,13,670	3,25,173
Foreign exports	1,867,411	1,785,6	1,950,201
Increase in receipts this year			13,852

At noon: Liverpool spots quiet, fair inquiry; sales, 10,000 bales, of which American 8000 bales. Receipts, 19,000 bales, of which American 5100 bales.

Closing quotations were as follows: Ordinary, 4 7-16d; good ordinary, 6¼d; low middling, 5 1-16d; good middling, 5¾d; middling uplands, 5¾d; middling Orleans, 5¾d.

[The prices are given in pence and 64ths, thus: 4 63 means 4 63-64d; and 5 01 means 5 1 64d.]

At noon: Liverpool futures were irregular: December, 5 13@5 12d; December-January, 5 10@5 11d; January-February, 5 10@5 11d; February-March, 5 12@5 11d; March-April, 5 12@5 13d; April-May, 5 15@5 16d; May-June, 5 18@5 17d; June-July, 5 18@5 19d; July-August, 5 22@5 21d.

At 1 p.m.: Liverpool futures were dull: December, 5 12d, buyers; December-January, 5 11d, sellers; January-February, 5 11d, sellers; February-March, 5 12d, sellers; March-April, 5 13d, sellers; April-May, 5 15d, buyers; May-June, 5 17d, buyers; June-July, 5 19d, buyers; July-August, 5 22d, sellers.

At 5 p.m.: Liverpool futures were steady: December, 5 13d, buyers; December-January, 5 12d, sellers; January-February, 5 12d, sellers; February-March, 5 13d, sellers; March-April, 5 14d, sellers; April-May, 5 16d, buyers; May-June, 5 18d, sellers; June-July, 5 21d, sellers; July-August, 5 23d, buyers.

GENERAL TRADE.

BREADSTUFFS.

CORNMEAL—Standard, $2 20@2 25; pearl, $1 25@1 35; roller, $2 45, firm.

HAY—Choice, from store, 75c; car load from levee or depot, $13 50; prime, from store, 70c; car load from levee or depot, $12 50@13; prairie, from store, 65c; car load from levee or depot, $8 50.

CORN—From store, white, 50c; mixed, 48c, from levee or depot; white, in bulk, 44c; in sacks, 47c; mixed, in bulk, 42c; in sacks, 44½c.

OATS—From store, white, 38c; mixed, 35c; from levee or depot, white, in bulk, 33c; in sacks, 35c; mixed, in bulk, 31c; in sacks, 33c.

BRAN—From store, 90c; from levee or depot, $1 00.

FLOUR—From store, No. 3, $3@3 25; family, $3 50@3 75; choice, $4; fancy, $4 25; extra fancy, $4 50; patent, $5 25.

BEANS—Navy, $2; medium, $1 50@1 75; common, $2 25.

RICE—Louisiana, 4@4½c; Carolina, 5½@6½c.

CRACKERS—Soda, extra, 4c; soda, table extra, 4½c; extra, 7c; ginger snaps, 6½c; assorted jumbles, 10c.

OATMEAL—In half-barrels, $3@3 25, from store.

CRACKED WHEAT—In half-barrels, $4 25 from store.

HOMINY AND GRITS—From store, $3@3 25.

KANSAS CITY, MO., December 16.—Wheat stronger; No. 2 red, cash, 69c bid; January, 69⅛c bid; May, 76⅞c bid. Corn quiet; No. 2 cash, 30½c bid; January, 31c bid; May 36c bid. Oats, 29½c bid.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 16.—Flour steady; XXX, $2 50@2 60; family, $2 75@2 90; choice, $3 2 @3 30; fancy, $3 50@3 65; extra fancy, $3 80@4; patents, $4 15@4 55. Wheat active and higher; the improved condition of affairs in Wall street and improved cable advices induced a strong, firm feeling early in the session, and an advance of ⅝c was recorded; later the market eased off ¼@⅜c, but rallied sharply near the close, and finished ½@⅝c higher than yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 79⅞@80¼c; December, 80⅝c; January, 8 ⅝@81c, closing at 81c asked; February, 83⅝@83¾c bid, closing at 83¾c bid; May, 87⅛@87⅞c, closing at 87½c bid. Corn fairly active and firm, closing ⅛@¼c higher than yesterday; No. 2 mixed, cash, 35½c; January, 3 ⅝@36c; February, 36⅝@36⅞c, closing at 36½c bid; May, 39⅞@40c, closing at 40c. Oats very dull but firm and ⅛c higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 28⅞@29⅛c; January, 28½c bid; February, 29½c; May, 31⅝c. Rye easier at 53½c bid. Barley, no market. Hay quiet and easy at yesterday's decline. Flaxseed dull at 93c. Bran weak at 68c. Cornmeal steady at $1 95. Receipts—Flour, 1000 brls; wheat, 15,000 bu; corn, 41,000 bu; oats, 17,000 bu; rye, none; barley, 8000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 8000 bu; wheat, 1000 bu; corn, 7000 bu; oats, 2000 bu; rye, 1000 bu; barley, 1000.

Afternoon Board.—Wheat easy and ⅛c lower. Corn ⅛c lower. Oats easy but about unchanged.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 16.—There was a fair amount of trading in wheat, and the feeling developed was again unsettled. The opening was stronger, with prices ⅜c higher, May starting at 85¼c, and advancing quickly to 85⅝c on firm foreign advices and a strong feeling on the New York stock market. When the decline in stocks again began and the New York money market was reported as stringent the tone became heavier, and May dropped off to 84⅞c, rallied to 85⅛c, sold off to 84⅝c and closed for the day at 85⅛c. The feeling was steady at the close. The corn market ruled very quiet and steady, with very few features of interest being developed. The receipts were smaller than anticipated, and the shipping demand was fair for the lower grades. Oats displayed very little life, prices holding steady, and closing at about yesterday's latest figures. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour unchanged. No. 2, spring wheat, 77c; No. 3 spring wheat, 71c; No. 2 red wheat, 77¾c; No. 2 corn, 36½c; No. 2 oats, 26c; No. 2 rye, 53½c; No. 2 barley, 52½c; No. 1 flaxseed, 94c; prime timothy seed, $1 82@1 83. The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat, No. 2—December opened at 77¾c, highest 77¾c, lowest 76½c, closing at 77c. January opened at 77⅞c, highest 78c, lowest 77¾c, closing at 77⅞c. February opened at 79⅛c, highest 79⅛c, lowest 78¼c, closing at 78⅜c. May opened at 85⅛c, highest 85⅛c, lowest 84¼c, closing at 85⅛c. Corn, No. 2—December opened at 36¾c, highest 36¾c, lowest 36⅝c, closing at 36¾c; January opened at 37⅛c, highest 37⅛c, lowest 36⅞c, closing at 37c; February opened at 37½c, highest 37½c, lowest 37¼c, closing at 37⅜c; May opened at 39⅞c, highest 40c, lowest 39⅞c, closing at 39⅞c. Oats, No. 2—December opened at 25½c, highest 25½c, lowest 25¼c, closing at 25½c; January opened at 25⅝c, highest 25⅝c, lowest 25½c, closing at 25⅝c; May opened at 30⅜c, highest 30½c, lowest 30⅛c, closing at 30⅜c. Rye: No. 2—December, 55c bid; January, 56c bid. Receipts—Flour, 25,000 brls; wheat, 135,000 bu; corn, 199,000 bu; oats, 138,000 bu; rye, 3000 bu; barley, 60,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 18,000 brls; wheat, 21,000 bu; corn, 40,000 bu; oats, 62,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 30,000 bu.

PROVISIONS.

BUTTER—Butterine, 13@14c; creamery, 30@35c; dairy, 18@22c; country butter, 15@20c.

HOG PRODUCTS—Mess pork, $11@11 50; sugar cured hams, 10½@10¾c; breakfast bacon, 8@9½c; clear rib sides bacon, 7½c; bacon shoulders, —; bulk pork clear sides, 6¾c; clear rib sides, 6c; shoulders, 5¼@5½c; long clear, 6¾c.

LARD—In tierces, 6¾c; half-barrels and kegs, 6¾c; choice kettle, 7½c.

FRESH MEATS—Beef, forequarters, 4@5c; mutton, 4@6c; hind quarters of beef, 4@6c; hogs, 6@7c.

POULTRY—Chickens dull; spring, $1@2; old hens, $2. Turkeys, $8@11. Geese, $4@4. Ducks, $5 50@3; dressed chickens, $1 00@1 50 per dozen; dressed turkeys, 8@10c per pound.

GAME—Quails, per dozen, $3@3 25. Squirrels, $1. Rabbits, $1@$1 50 per dozen. Ducks, wild, $1 50@2 50. Venison, whole, 5c; saddles, 8@10c.

CHEESE—Prime flats, 8½@9c; New York factory, 7½@8c; full cream, 13½c; Young America, 9c.

PIGS FEET—Barrels, $8 25; half barrels, $4 25; kegs, $1 25.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 16.—Provisions fairly active and strong. Pork higher at $11 75. Lard firm at $6 10@6 15. Bulk meats strong; loose lots—long clear sides, $5 70; short ribs, $5 85; short clear, $5 95; boxed lots—long clear, $5 62½; short ribs, $5 80; short clear, $5 90@6. Bacon strong; long clear $6 75; short ribs, $6 87½; short clear, $6. Hams easy at 9½@11½c. Butter steady; creamery, 24@27c; dairy, 15@23c. Eggs firmer at 21c.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 16.—Provisions were again active, strong and higher. Mess pork opened 10@20c higher per barrel, rallied 12½@15c additional, receded 15@20 and closed steady. Lard advanced 7½@10c per 100 lbs. Short ribs advanced 5@7½c, but receded again and closed quiet. Cash quotations were as follows: Mess pork, per brl, $11 50; lard, per 100 lbs., $6 20@6 22½; short rib sides, loose, $5 70@5 75; dry salted shoulders, boxed, 5¾@5¾; short clear sides, boxed, $6 10@6 15. The leading futures ranged as follows: Mess pork—December opened at $11 50, highest $11 52½, lowest $11 37½, closing at $11 37½; January opened at $11 60, highest $11 60, lowest $11 45, closing at $11 50; February opened at $11 72½, highest $11 85, lowest $11 65, closing at $11 70; May opened at $12, highest $12 17½, lowest $12, closing at $12 05. Lard—December opened at $6 17½, highest $6 20, lowest $6 17½, closing at $6 17½; January opened at $6 25, highest $6 27½, lowest $6 25, closing at $6 25; February opened at $6 35, higest $6 37½, lowest $6 32½, closing at $6 35; May opened at $6 60, highest $6 65, lowest $6 60, closing at $6 60. Short ribs—January opened at $5 77½, highest $5 80, lowest $5 75, closing at $5 77; February opened at $5 87½, highest $5 90, lowest $5 80, closing at $5 85½; March opened at $5 97½, highest $5 97½, lowest $5 90, closing at $5 92½. On the Produce Exchange today the butter market ruled firm: creamery, 22@27c. Eggs—fresh, 23@24½c.

GROCERIES.

SUGAR—Pure white, 6c; off white, 5¾c; yellow clarified, 5¼c; seconds, 5@5¼c; refined A, 6@6⅛c; granulated, 6½c; plantation granulated, 6¾c; powdered, 7@7¼c; cut loaf, 7@7½c.

CANDIES—Stocks, all class, in boxes, pails and barrels, 7½@8½c.

COFFEE—Old common, 12½@14c; ordinary, 14½c; prime fair, 16@16½c; choice to fancy, 17c; old government, 24@25c.

SOAP—3@5½c per pound.

SALT—$1 20 per barrel; sacks, fine, $1 35@1 45; coarse, $1 10@1 15; packets, bleached, 2¼@2½c; car loads from levee or depot, 5c cheaper.

CANNED GOODS, ETC.—Prices per dozen: Pineapples, $1 25@1 50; peaches, 2-lb, standard, $1 15@1 25; reserve, $1@1 10; tomatoes, 2-lb, standard, 90c@$1; 3-lb, $1@1 15; strawberries, $1 10@1 25; raspberries, $1 10@1 25; blackberries, $1@1 10; green gages, $1 00@1 05; peas, $2@2 25; plums, $1 60@1 70; asparagus, $2 00@4; green corn, $1@1 35; green peas, $1 55@1 65; cove oysters, full weight, 1-lb, $1; cove oysters, full weight, 2-lb, $1 75; cove oysters, light weight, 1-lb, 60c; cove oysters, light weight, 2-lb, $1 10; condensed milk—Crown, $5 75@5 85; Eagle, $7 75; Swiss, $5 75.

MOLASSES—Louisiana, common to fair, 18@25c; prime to choice, new, 40@45c; syrup, 20@40c; common to fair, 20@25c; prime to choice, 28@30c; centrifugal, fancy, 30@35c.

HAVANA, December 16.—Sugar, firm. It is stated on good authority that the stock of sugar in first hands is less than 20,000 bags.

NEW ORLEANS, December 16.—Sugar—open kettle, steady and unchanged; centrifugal, easier; choice white, 5¾c; off white, 5¼@5½c; choice yellow clarified, 5⅝@5 3-16c; prime yellow clarified, 5 1-16@5 1-16c; seconds, 3½@4½c. Molasses—open kettle, strong and higher; choice, 40c; strictly prime, 42@43c; centrifugals, easier; good prime to strictly prime, 28@30c.

NEW YORK, December 16.—Coffee—fair Rio steady at 14½@14¾c; options active and higher; sales, 132,250 bags: December, 12.20c; January, 12.15@12.45c; February, 12.20@12.25c; March, 12.30@12.35c; April, 12.30@12.70c; May, 12.40@12.70c; June, 12.40@12.50c; July, 12.50@12.55c; September, 12.70@12.80c. Sugar dull and nominal; refined dull. Molasses steady. Rice steady.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES.

APPLES—Apples, $2@3; dried apples, 2½@3¾c per pound from store. Dried peaches, 4@5c from store.

VEGETABLES—Onions, $2 40@2 75 from store. Cabbage, $2 50; per head, 6@8c; $1 75 from levee or depot per crate. Kraut, brls, $4 75@5; half brls, $2 75. Garlic, 40@60c per 100. Turnips, 50c per bushel.

FRUIT—Oranges, per box, $3 50@4; Lemons, $4@4 50 per box. Bananas, $1 50@2 50 per bunch.

NUTS—Cocoanuts—$6 per 100. Peanuts—Virginia, 6c; Tennessee, farmers' stock, 3@4c; roasted, 2½c higher; shelled, 10c. Almonds, 30c. Walnuts—Smallish, 18c. Filberts, 12½c. Pecans—Texas, 10c; Brazil nuts, 12c.

RAISINS—London layers, $3; layers, $2 75; California, $2 15; imperial, —.

PICKLES—In bars, pints, 95c; quarts, $1 50; half gallons, $2 75; gallons, $3 75; loose, barrels, $6 50@7; half-barrels, $4 75@5; 4 25; mixed, barrels, $10 50; mixed, half barrels, $6.

FISH—Mackerel, half-barrels, No. 1, $6 50@6; No. 2, $5; No. 3, $4 50; 10-lb kit, No. 1, 90c; No. 2, 75c; 15-lb, No. 3, 65. Dry herrings, family, 20c per box.

GAME—Game fish, 50@60c.

EGGS—Weak, 24@25c.

POTATOES—Northern stock, $1 50@1 85.

CIDER—New York, $6 50@7 per barrel and $3 75@4 per half-barrel.

VINEGAR—10@15c per gallon.

COTTON SEED PRODUCTS.

COTTON SEED—In car load lots: Prime crude cotton seed oil, new, 27½@28c; off crude cotton seed oil, 23@26c; prime summer yellow cotton seed oil, 33@34c; off summer yellow cotton seed oil, 31@32c; miners' summer yellow cotton seed oil, 32@33c; prime summer white cotton seed oil, 35@36c; choice cooking yellow cotton seed oil, 35c; prime cotton seed meal, $15; less than car lots, $15 75. Cotton seed delivered at depot or levee, $9 per ton; from wagon at mills, $9 per ton.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—Dry flint No. 1, 16c; No 2, 12½c; dry salted, 10½@12½c; green salted, No 1, 7@8c; No 2, 7c; green, 5@6c. Sheep skins, 15c@$1. Beeswax, 20c. Tallow, 4c.

SKINS AND FURS.

SKINS AND FURS—Bear skins, 18c; bear, $1@7c; mink, 14@40c; coon, hunter handled, 15@60c; country handled, 1@50c; other, $1@6; beaver, 50@$7; wild cat, 15@25c; fox, 50@75c; muskrat, 1@5c; opossum, 10c; wolf, 50@$2; skunk 50@75c; panthers, 50@$1.

WOOL.

WOOL—Burry grease wool unwashed, 13@18c; clear grease wool, 23@26c; burry washed, 28@30c; tub washed, 33@35c.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 16.—Wool quiet and easy; medium, 21@25c; coarse braid, 16@20c; low sandy, 13@19c; fine light, 18@25c; heavy,