NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

BOGUS REVENUE OFFICER.

F. H. Belmont in the Hands of Uncle Sam's Officials.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Dec. 18.—"United States Revenue Inspector F. H. Belmont," a fakir of the first water, is in the hands of Uncle Sam, on a charge of impersonating a United States officer and securing money on this pretence.

Last Friday the chap left Susquehanna for Windsor. Arriving in the village, he visited several business places, and represented himself as being a government officer, would inspect the goods on the shelves. He would find alleged violations of the revenue laws, and offer to settle the matter on payment to him of amounts varying from $5 to $15. He secured $15 from W. Dusenbury, and about $45 from other parties. A part of this he spent at the hotel bars, where he smashed glass tumblers and swallowed fragments of glass. He had neither badge nor credentials.

After levying tribute upon all the people possible, "Belmont" drove to Susquehanna, where he was arrested by Chief of Police Mahan, on information received from the president of the village of Windsor. Deputy United States Marshal David, of Elmira, was summoned, and "Belmont" was taken from the lockup and "railroaded" to Binghamton, where he will have a hearing this evening before United States Commissioner Hall.

It is said that "Belmont" has been operating in the Lackawanna valley, and in Cohocton and other towns along the Delaware division of the Erie railroad. Some months since he appeared in Susquehanna, as the traveling representative of a Binghamton patent medicine firm. The offence with which he stands charged is punishable by a fine of several hundred dollars and six months' imprisonment.

D. & H. IMPROVEMENTS.

New Tracks on Canal Bed at Honesdale Completed.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, Dec. 18.—The remarkably fine weather has been favorable for the Delaware and Hudson improvements, and wonderful progress has been made. Yesterday a train load of workmen from Carbondale joined those in Honesdale in the work of connecting the new track at the first bridge out of Honesdale over the Lackawaxen. The trestling was taken down and the track was lowered to the abutments for the new bridge, and supported by a temporary trestle. The work was completed yesterday. This morning the first train left the station by the new track through the canal basin. The overhead bridge, by which passengers formerly took to the train, is being taken down today. The turn table foundation is completed. The foundation for the round house is nearly down. The brick work on this will be commenced tomorrow. The passenger station is about ready for the slate roof. Three tracks have been completed through the canal basin and the grading around the new station is nearly done.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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WYOMING COUNTY.

Teachers' Institute at Tunkhannock. Funeral of T. G. Walters.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Tunkhannock, Dec. 18.—The annual institute of the Wyoming county teachers opened here on Monday afternoon with a good attendance. The morning was spent in enrolling the teachers at the office of the county superintendent. At 1.45 p. m. the institute was formally opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. H. H. Wilbur, followed by C. O. Dershimer in an address of welcome, and the responses on the part of the teachers by Henry Sherwood and H. D. Flummerfelt. The work of the institute was opened by Dr. E. L. Kemp in a half-hour address, subject, "The Brain." He was followed by Dr. J. W. Redway and Dr. Byron W. King. The entertainment last evening was by the John Thomas Concert company, of Boston, and was well attended by the teachers and townspeople. The institute will continue until Friday afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Reynolds, of San Mateo, California, is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Graham.

C. W. Smith, representing the Horseheads Bridge company, was in town during last week.

Company M, Thirteenth regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, was inspected at the armory here on Saturday evening by Major B. Bush Field, of Easton. The company made a very creditable appearance, and the inspecting officer expressed himself as much pleased with their work.

The funeral of the late T. G. Walters was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Rev. H. H. Wilbur officiating, with interment in Sunnyside cemetery.

John B. Jennings of Mehoopany, a former resident of this place, was in town on Monday.

The foundations for the canning factory building on Third street are rapidly nearing completion, and the lumber is being placed on the ground for the building itself. The construction is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

Petitions are being circulated around Mehoopany and Laceyville, asking that both these bridges be purchased by the county, and are being numerously signed by the taxpayers in the two districts.

LACEYVILLE BRIDGE.

Not Much of a Success as a Toll-Gatherer.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Towanda, Dec. 18.—A rather peculiar state of affairs now exists at Laceyville, in regard to the new bridge lately built across the Susquehanna at that place. The bridge is owned by a stock company and was built after much agitation, and apparently to fill a long-felt and supposed necessary want. For a short time until the past week, no toll had been collected from pedestrians and, of course, it was well patronized by all.

The report now is that scarcely anyone uses the bridge and pays toll, there being hardly enough collected to pay the wages of the toll-gatherer, to say nothing about paying from $1,200 to $1,400 per year interest on the investment. A vigorous attempt has been made to have the commissioners of Wyoming county to declare the structure a free bridge, but they did not see the matter in that light. There has been talk of forming a company and erecting a bridge across the river at Skinner's Eddy, one mile below, which would be made free to all. This would have boomed the latter town to great detriment of Laceyville, but the idea is quashed. Now a few prominent farmers have secured the possession of the Rosengrant ferry at Skinner's Eddy, and are running it free of charge. The Laceyville bridge is now one of the past.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Susquehanna, Dec. 18.—The Erie shop men will probably be paid on Saturday for services in November.

Mrs. Polly A. Allpaugh, an old and esteemed resident, is critically ill at her home on Grand street.

William M. Port, esq., of Montrose, was professionally engaged in town on Saturday.

An Edison moving picture entertainment was given in the Baptist church this evening.

Rev. L. S. Sprague, D. D., president of Wyoming seminary, ably occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Henry Newing, on Sunday evening preached an able and eloquent sermon to Canawacta tribe of Red Men and Waseca council, Daughters of Pocohontas.

Rev. Walter S. Peterson, of Leads, South Dakota, occupied the pulpit of the Oakland Methodist church on Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. B. H. Abott, of Carbondale, ably officiated in Grace Episcopal church, in Oakland, on Sunday.

The board of trade has discovered that it cannot induce the railroads to lower their charges for transporting coal.

"Belmont," the fake United States marshal, claims Rochester, N. Y., as his place of residence. There is little reason to believe that his name is Belmont.

Sheriff-elect William J. Maxey, of Forest City, will spend the holidays in his new home at Montrose.

The county convention of the Christian Endeavor societies will be held in Montrose on Thursday and Friday next.

A teachers' local institute will be held at Auburn Four Corners, Jan. 13.

The travel on the Great Bend-Hallstead river bridge has increased threefold since it became free.

Burglars are operating in the small towns in this vicinity.

The Susquehanna band furnished music for the fair and festival of the Lanesboro fire department on Saturday evening.

The board of trade is advocating the subject of public sewerage.

Rev. George Confort, of Lanesboro, has gone to Washington. He will remain in the south during the winter.

The several Sunday schools of this place are preparing for Christmas exercises.

A number of Scranton hunters are in the woods in the vicinity of Starrucca. Farmers are paid $2 per day to help them hunt.

The Postal Telegraph company is arranging to open offices in Susquehanna and Montrose.

The pension of James Curry, of Montrose, has been increased from $12 to $17 per month.

During service in Christ Episcopal church last evening the electric lights were suddenly extinguished and the congregation was dismissed. The congregation has recently had two such experiences.

Register and Recorder-elect Buffum will retain the services of M. N. Barnes, esq., as deputy. Barnes is all right.

Dr. R. W. Genanz, a homeopathic physician, has located in Montrose.

FOREST CITY.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Forest City, Dec. 18.—Miss Virnnee Hyatt, of Starrucca, visited friends in town Saturday.

C. D. Leonard, of Afton, N. Y., formerly of this place, was a business visitor in town Friday and Saturday.

It has been decided to charge an admittance fee of ten cents for adults to the cantata, "King Winter," which will be rendered Christmas night at the Methodist church.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs Fayette Westgate, on Susquehanna street.

The Ladies' Bakery will be closed Saturday on account of Christmas.

Mrs. W. D. Bryant will visit Jermyn friends this week.

Henry Weed has just received a letter from Dr. W. R. Blakeslee, from Newport News, Va. The doctor says the climate there is delightful and that they like it very much. He contemplates building immediately.

Thomas McDermott, of Lake Como, spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. James Fox, on Depot alley.

Joseph White visited in Scranton the latter part of the week.

The Saint Agnes Cadets will hold a ball in the opera house New Year's night, for the purpose of raising money to buy instruments for a drum corps, which will be organized at once.

Frank Powderly, an old man living on North Main street, who becomes deranged at times, became so violent Saturday that it was necessary to place him in the lock-up. He will be taken to Danville the first of the week.

Harry Cliff, of Winwood, spent Sunday with the family of George Horton, on Delaware street.

Lester Bennett, of Pleasant Mount, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Crandall.

Used by British Soldiers in Africa.

Captain C. G. Dennison is well known all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel Galishe. Under date of November 4, 18997, from Vryburg, Bechunaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bought a quantity of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which I used myself when troubled with bowel complaint, and have given to my men, and in every case it proved most beneficial." For sale by all druggists. Matthew Bros., wholesale and retail agts.

HONESDALE.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, Dec. 18.—Rev. G. A. Place entertained his brother, Dr. James place, of Binghamton, over Sunday.

Miss Mame Crandall has been spending a few days in Scranton as the guest of Miss Emma Burns.

The Ariel Ladies' Concert company missed railroad connections and failed to appear in the opera house Friday evening.

Will Increase Cash in Banks.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The secretary of the treasury has decided to increase the deposit of cash in national bank depositories to the sum of $30,000,000 and possibly $40,000,000 on the banks depositing with the government United States bonds as security.

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BRADFORD COUNTY.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Towanda, Dec. 18.—W. W. Achenback, of Williamsport, has been admitted to practice specially in this county.

Colton E. Dickinson, of West Burlington, has received the appointment of mercantile appraiser for this county by the commissioners.

While A. Dieffenback, of Dushore, was splitting wood, his little child came up behind him and was struck in the face with the axe, cutting through the nose and just escaping the eye.

The New Albany Water company offers a reward of $50 for the arrest and conviction of parties who stole brass from their reservoir.

Leon O. Vanrov, of East Troy, while at work on his father's stock farm, became violently insane and was taken to Danville.

The Salvation Army is receiving contributions for a Christmas tree for the benefit of the poor children of Towanda, next Friday evening.

Rev. C. G. Dilworth will resign as pastor of the Baptist church at Athens on Dec. 31, and move his family south.

Clarence H. Jones, at one time a resident of Towanda, has just died at Corning.

Prothonotary-elect J. Andrew Wilt is secretary of the Eighteenth Volunteer cavalry, whose survivors will hold a special meeting in New York city on Dec. 28.

The Barclay Railroad company has filed thirty-three additional deeds or grants of right of way for the proposed Canton extension railroad. Of this number eighteen are in LeRoy township, three in Canton township, nine in Canton borough, and three in Monroe township.

Mrs. A. C. Fairchild, of this place, was a daughter of the late T. G. Walters, of Tunkhannock.

Judge Fanning has appointed three viewers to assess damages caused by opening a public highway in Rome township. The owner was awarded the sum of $5, but he sets his damage at $50.

Rev. F. D. Hodgson, a former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Troy, died at his home in Newark, N. Y., Dec. 12.

Henry McCurdy, of Athens, sailed last Wednesday for France, to resume his studies in art.

The family of A. C. Maurice, of Athens, have gone to Jekyl Island, Ga., to remain this winter.

The wedding of Charles Snyder and Miss Nellie Heilenran occurs tomorrow.

An attorney for Frank Devlin has brought a trespass suit against David, Joseph, Harry and M. Kaufman. Devlin sues for false and malicious imprisonment and fixes his damages at $5,000. Some time ago Devlin made purchases of the Kaufman's, and, it is alleged, at a recent pay day he assigned his wages for payment, and that he had no money coming. He was then arrested on a charge of false pretense and held in jail, but finally secured bail for his appearance at court. Before trial the case was settled and the prosecutors paid the attorneys' fees and other costs. Now Devlin seeks revenge by having the Kaufman's arrested. The result of the trial is watched with interest, as some business men make a practice of bringing criminal proceedings against people who owe small bills.

Lee Osborn, of Waverly, mistook a cup of washing fluid for cold tea, which resulted with terrible effects to his mouth and throat.

Dr. Emil Fischer, well known by the older Towanda and county residents, died at his home in Philadelphia last week. His family also visited in this place.

Rev. P. H. Brooks, of Wilkes-Barre, is holding a series of revival meetings in Wysox.

The ex-soldiers of East Troy, have formed an organization by electing as president, J. A. Ball; secretary, W. N. Verbeck.

Edward Bull, an employe of Hunt & Connell, Scranton, was visiting his parents in town the past week.

MUNROE COUNTY.

Special to The Scranton Tribune.

Stroudsburg, Dec. 18.—Farmers' institutes will be held in this county at sciota, Jan. 1 and 2, and Kresgeville, Jan. 3 and 4.

Allen Nash will erect a double house on Centre street.

Philip Brundage is home from Princeton college, for the holidays.

Harvey Huffman, esq., lectured in the Methodist church, tonight on "Andrew Jackson," before a very large audience.

The Lackawanna railroad has sent one of its largest snow ploughs to the local yard for use in emergency on the Pocono.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to "hold up" Milkman Charles Dennis while he was on his way home last night.

Interesting missionary services were held in Zion Reformed church, ladies having charge and participating solely.

Frank Transue and family will remove from Scranton to this town. He is one of the crew of the early morning passenger train to Scranton.

John B. Stout, employed on the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern railroad, was thrown off a car by his brake stick breaking, while the train was coming down Wagner's hill. Stout landed outside the track, injuring his left side and hip. Stout was removed to his home at Moosic.

Normal faculty is enjoying a rest this week, many of them spending the holidays at their homes as follows: Miss M. B. Doty, at Ilion, N. Y.; Mrs. W. S. Rice, at Homer, N. Y.; Miss Maud Moore, at Centre county, Pa.; Miss E. H. Bunnell, in Tunkhannock, Pa.; Prof. Kemp, attending an institute at Tunkhannock; Prof. Pierson, at Camden, N. J.; Prof. Bracefield, at Easton; Prof. Paul, Prof. Higley, Miss Clark and Miss Hochleitner will remain here. Prof. Bible is lecturing this week in Centre county, Pa.

ACTORS, SINGERS, TALKERS—Are are more or less subject to Bad Throat, Hoarseness, Tonsilitis and Catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder never disappoints. "I can but proclaim Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder a wonderful medicine for actors, singers, and public speakers. Myself and wife have tried everything, but have never found anything to equal this great remedy, for quick action; it certainly is a wonder worker."—Al. Emmett Postell, New York city. Sold by Matthews Bros. and W. T. Clark.—72.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Various Grievances Aired at Detroit Yesterday.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—The various grievances of the bodies connected with the American Federation of Labor were aired in executive session today. Before executive session the convention listened to an extended debate on the question of permitting membership in the federation to persons affiliated with the Knights of Labor. The matter came up through a report of the committee on laws, recommending reference to the executive council of a resolution offered by the National Union of Brewery Workmen, declaring that the convention pass a law according to which no member of any trades union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, directly or indirectly, shall be allowed to hold membership in the Knights of Labor.

Some of the New York delegates opposed drastic action on account of the harmonious relations between the local unions of both classes, especially in New York city. A few others wanted such relations left undisturbed, but most of those who spoke opposed the resolution.

Before taking a vote the convention went into executive session and began consideration of grievances.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review.

New York, Dec. 18.—The stock market yielded to panic today under the severest stringency of money and the distrust engendered concerning all classes of securities on the exchange. The industrials were the severest sufferers and were the real centers of the disturbance, but the efforts to protect holdings in them produced violent liquidation in other classes of securities. The intervening Sunday afforded some momentarily check to Saturday's liquidation, as was expected so that the opening declines in sympathy with London were in large part recovered and the market seemed comparatively quiet and without sensation. The announcement of the failure of a trust company and of a firm of brokers prominent on the exchange caused renewed weakness and there were calls for additional margins by commission houses. A decision by the clearing house banks to renew old loans at 6 per cent. and to avoid as far as possible excessive rates for the new loans quieted the market again and caused some recovery. In the afternoon severe stringency developed again in the money market.

Unofficial reports were made of loans at 18 per cent. The market quickly took on panic conditions and many were thrown over entirely without regard to progress. Metropolitan and Tobacco led with losses of over twenty points and a large number of Industrials followed with 5 to 15 points breaks. In the high grade railroad stocks declines at the extreme low level ranged from 5 to 9 points, including the Grangers, Trunk Lines, Internationals, Southerns and Transcontinentals. In the last half hour by concerted agreement of the clearing house banks $10,000,000 was offered on the exchange, which broke the rate for money to 6 per cent. and caused violent recoveries of from 1 to 10 points in the prices of stocks. All outside influences were swallowed up, in the acuteness of the local situation. Total sales 1,630,500 shares.

Semi-speculative bonds were off from 2 to 3 points. Dealings were not on an extraordinary scale. Total sales, par value, $3,350,000.

The following quotations are furnished The Tribune by M. S. Jordan & Co., rooms 705-06 Mears building. Telephone 5093:

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Am. S. & W.	36¾	37¾	32	34½
Am. Sugar	128½	132	120	125
Am. Tobacco	98	98½	78½	83
Atchison	19¼	19½	17½	18¼
Atchison, Pr.	60	60	55	56½
Brook. Traction	77¼	77½	65½	73½
Con. Tobacco	31	31¼	20	22½
Ches. & Ohio	29¼	29¼	25	26⅞
People's Gas	96½	96¼	86¾	91
C., B. & Q.	123¼	123¼	116¾	117¾
St. Paul	118	118¼	113¾	114½
Rock Island	108	108¼	100	101½
Del. & Hudson	115	115	114	114
D., L. & W.	174½	174½	174½	174½
Kan. & Tex., Pr.	32	32	30	30
Louis. & Nash.	78	78¼	73¼	74½
Man. Elevated	95¾	96½	87½	91
Met. Traction	165	167	153	156
Mesc. Pacific	41¼	41¼	35½	39
North. Pacific	52¼	52¼	47¼	49¾
North. Pac., Pr.	72¼	72¼	68	68½
New York Cent.	127¼	128¼	120	121
Ont. & West.	22¼	22¼	20¾	20¾
Pacific Mail	40¼	40¼	35	36
Phil. & Read	18	18	15½	15½
P. & Read., Pr.	51¾	51¾	46	49¾
Southern Ry., Pr.	55⅞	53⅞	49¾	50
Tenn. C. & I.	81	81	64	70
U. S. Leather, Pr.	71¾	71¾	64¾	66
Union Pacific	45¼	45¼	40¼	43
Union Pacific, Pr.	73¼	73	66¼	68¾
Wabash, Pr.	19¾	20¼	19¼	19¾
West. Union	87	87	85	85¼
Penna. R. R.	130½	131¼	127¼	127½
Fed. Steel	51	52	29¾	45
Fed. Steel, Pr.	74	74	70	71

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

	Opening.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
July	70½	71⅝	70½	71¼
May	70	71⅛	69⅞	71¼
CORN.				
May	33¼	33⅝	33¼	33¾
OATS.				
May	24¼	24¼	24¼	24¼
PORK.				
January	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
May	10.40	10.42	10.32	10.37
LARD.				
January	5.45	5.50	5.42	5.50
May	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

STOCKS.	Bid.	Asked.
First National Bank	800	...
Scranton Savings Bank	235	...
Scranton Packing Co.	...	95
Third National Bank	425	...
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	200	...
Economy Light, H. & P. Co.	...	47
Scranton Ill., H. & P. Co.	85	...
Lacka. Trust & Safe Dep. Co.	150	...
Scranton Paint Co.	...	80
Clark & Snover Co., Com.	400	...
Clark & Snover Co., Pr.	125	...
Ser. Iron Fence & Mfg. Co.	...	100
Scranton Axle Works	...	100
Lacka. Dairy Co., Pr	...	20
Co. Savings Bank & Trust Co	250	...
Standard Drilling Co	...	50
BONDS.		
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage, due 1920	115	...
People's Street Railway, first mortgage, due 1918	115	...
People's Street Railway, General mortgage, due 1921	115	...
Dickson Manufacturing Co.	...	100
Lacka. Township School 5%	...	102
City of Scranton St. Imp. 6%	...	102
Mt. Vernon Coal Co.	...	85
Scranton Axle Works	...	...
Scranton Traction 6% bonds	115	...

Scranton Wholesale Market

(Corrected by H. G. Dale, 27 Lackawanna Avenue.)

Butter—Creamery, 24a27c.; print, 25a 27c.; dairy, tubs, 26c.

Eggs—Select western, 16½c.; nearby state, 23c.

Cheese—Full cream, new, 13½c.

Beans—Per bu., choice marrow, $2.30; medium, $2; pea, $2.

Onions—Per bu., 45c.

Potatoes—Per bu., 50c.

Lemons—$3.50a3.75 per box.

Flour—$4.50.

Philadelphia Grain and Produce

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Firm and 1½c. higher; contract grade, Dec., 71½a72⅝c. Corn—Firm and ¼c. higher; No. 2 mixed, Dec., 37⅞a38c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white clipped, 31½a32c.; No. 3 do., 30½a31c.; No. 2 mixed do., 29½a29¾c. Potatoes—Firm; Penna. choice, per bu., 55a58c.; New York and western, 52a55c.; do. do. fair to good, 50a52c. Butter—Unchanged; fancy western creamery, 27c.; do. prints, 28c. Eggs—Firm; fresh nearby, 21c.; do. western, 21c.; do. southwestern, 19c.; do. southern, 18c. Refined sugars—Unchanged. Cotton—3-16c. lower; middling uplands, 7⅝c. Tallow—Steady, but quiet; city prime in hhds., 4⅞c.; country do. hhds., 5a5⅛c.; dark do., 4⅝c.; cakes, 5¼a5½c.; grease, 3a4⅛c. Live poultry—Quiet, but steady; fowls, 7a8c.; spring chickens, 7a7½c.; ducks, 8a9c.; geese, 8a9c.; turkeys, 8½a9. Dressed poultry—Firm, good demand; fowls, choice, 9½a10c.; fair to good, 8½a9c.; old roosters, 7c.; chickens, nearby, 9a12c.; western do. large, 9a11c.; exceptional lots higher; medium do., 9a9½c.; small do., 7a8c.; turkeys, choice to fancy, 11a12c.; do. fair to good, 9a10c.; inferior do., 7a8c. Receipts—Flour, 1,700 barrels and 13,000 sacks; wheat, 8,000 bushels; corn, 120,000 bushels; oats, 18,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 19,000 bushels; corn, 47,000 bushels; oats, 15,000 bushels.

New York Grain and Produce Market

New York, Dec. 18.—Flour—Firmer and held higher with wheat, buyers showing a readiness to meet old asking rates; closed firm. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 73c. f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, 80¾c. f. o. b. afloat, nominal; No. 1 hard Duluth, 82c. f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 73⅞c. elevator. Options opened strong at ⅝c. advance, after a midday reaction the market experienced a second sharp upturn and closed strong at 1⅝a1⅞c. net advance. March closed 76¼c.; May, 76⅛c.; July, 76½c.; Dec., 73⅝c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 40½c. f. o. b. afloat, higher on December and later on had a general advance. Closed firm and at unchanged prices to ¼c. advance. May closed 39⅝c.; Dec., 39⅝c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 29¼c.; No. 3, 28½c.; No. 2 white, 31½c.; No. 3 white, 30½c.; track mixed western, 29a30½c.; track white, 31a37c. Options quiet but firmer. Butter—Steady; western creamery, 23a27c.; do. factory, 15½a23c.; June creamery, 22a25½c.; imitation creamery, 17a22c.; state dairy, 18a25c.; do. creamery, 23a27c. Cheese—Steady; fall made, fancy small, 12¼a12¾c.; fall made, large fancy, 12¼a12¾c.; late made, small, 12a12½c.; large, late made, 11¾a12c. Eggs—Steady; state and Penna., 24a25c.; western ungraded at mark, 16a21½c.; western, 21a24c., loss off.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Indications that the war in South Africa has reached proportions sufficient to actuate a marked improvement in the foreign demand caused a sharp advance in wheat today. May closing 1¾c. over Saturday. Other grains were influenced by wheat, May corn closing ⅝c. and May oats ¼a⅜c. higher. Profit taking depressed the provision market, May pork closing 7½c.; May lard 5c. and May ribs 7½c. lower. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 63a67c.; No. 2 red, 68a69½c.; No. 2 corn, 31¼a31½c.; No. 2 oats, 23a23¼c.; No. 2 white, 25½a26c.; No. 3 white, 25a25¾c.; No. 2 rye, 51c.; No. 2 barley, 39a43c.; No. 1 flax seed and No. 1 northwest, $1.49a1.49½; timothy seed, $2.55; pork, $8.60a10.15; lard, $5.10a5.22½; ribs, $5.12a5.40; shoulders, 5¾a5½c.; ribs boxed, $5.50a5.60; whiskey, $1.23½; sugars, unchanged.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Good to choice, steady to 10c. higher. Others weak to shade lower; cow market and canners, 10a15c. lower; feeders unchanged. Good to choice, $5.30a7.30; poor to medium, $4.25a5.10; mixed stockers, $3a 5.60; selected feeders, $4.20a4.65; good to choice cows, $2.50a4.75; heifers, $3a5; canners, $2a3; bulls, $2.30a4.25; calves, $4a7; fed Texas beeves, $4.35a5.25. Hogs—5 to 10c. lower; trade active; closed firm. Fair clearance. Mixed and butchers, $3.95a4.20; good to choice heavy, $4.05a4.20; rough heavy, $3.90a4; light, $3.95a4.12½; bulk of sales, $4.05a4.15. Sheep—Market dull and 10 to 25c. lower, except for fancy grades. Native wethers, $4.90a5.15; lambs, $4a5.75; western wethers, $4a4.40; western lambs, $5a5.40. Receipts—Cattle, 16,000; hogs, 46,000; sheep, 28,000.

New York Live Stock.

New York, Dec. 18.—Beeves—Slow and 5a10c. lower; steers, $4.90a5.25; stockers, $3.60a4; oxen and stags, $3a5; bulls, $3a4; cows, $1.80a3.75. Calves—Slow but steady; all sold. Veals, $4.50a8.25; little calves, $4; barn yard calves, $2.50a3.50; southern $4; buttermilks, $3.25; western, $4. Sheep—Slow; lambs, steady to shade lower; closed firm; nearly all sold. Sheep, $2.50a4.70; tops, $5; lambs, $5.25a5.90; Canada lambs, $5.80; culls, $4a4.50. Hogs—Firm; at $4.50 a4.60.

East Liberty Cattle Market.

East Liberty, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Slow and lower; extra, $5.80a6.10; good, $5a5.30; common, $3a3.60. Hogs—Active and stronger, best assorted mediums and heavies, $4.30a4.35; best yorkers, $4.25a4.30; light yorkers and pigs, $4.25a4.35; roughs, $2.75a 3.75. Sheep—Active and higher; choice wethers, $4.25a4.50; common, $1.50a2.50; choice lambs, $5.75a5.90; veal calves, $7a 7.50.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

East Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Good to best smooth fat export cattle, $5.50a7; export bulls, $4a4.50; good to choice butcher steers, $4.40a5.20; good to best fat bulls, $4a4.50; feeder bulls, $3a3.40; good to best fat heifers, $4.25a4.50; fair to good heifers, $3.25a4; fat cows, good to best, $3.75 a4; medium fat cows, $3a3.50; fat cows, common to fair, $2a2.50; stockers, choice to extra quality, $3.60a4.25; common to good do., $2.75a3.50; stock bulls, $2.75a3.50; fancy yearlings, $3.25a3.50; calves, good color stock, $5.75a4.25; do. good to choice, $5.75a4; Jersey stockers, $2a2.50; stock heifers, $2.50a3; feeders, good to extra, $3.75a4.25; common to good, $3.25a3.75. Sheep and lambs—Choice to extra, $5.50a 5.60; good to choice, $5.25a5.50; common to fair, $4.25a5. Sheep—Choice to extra, $4.25a4.50; good to choice, $4a4.15; common to fair, $2.50a3.75. Hogs—Fairly active demand on the basis of $4.30a4.35 for medium, mixed heavy and yorkers; pigs, $4.30a4.35; roughs, $3.50a3.80; stags, $3.25 a3.50.

Oil Market.

Oil City, Dec. 18.—Credit balances, 166; certificates, no bid. Shipments, 141,655; average, 71,778. Runs, 125,141; average, 81,752.

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