RELIGIOUS SERVICES SUNDAY.

CHRISTIAN.

SEVENTH-STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH (corner of Seventh and Grace streets).—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor, Rev. Carey E. Morgan. Christmas sermon, with appropriate music. Seats free and a cordial welcome extended to all, especially strangers and those who have no church home. Sunday school meets at 9:30 A. M. Christian Endeavor Society meets in lecture-room at 7 15 P. M.

WEST-END CHRISTIAN CHURCH (on Morris street, between Main and Floyd avenue).—Preaching to-morrow by the pastor, Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins, at 11 A. M.—subject, "Birth of Christ," and at 8 P. M.—subject, "Soul-Hunger." Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock. Seats free. A cordial welcome awaits all.

MARSHALL - STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Marshall street, between Graham and Hancock).—Rev. F. W. Troy, pastor. Preaching services Sunday, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer-meeting services, Wednesday evening, 8 to 9. Sunday school, 9:30 A. M. Seats free. ts

LUTHERAN.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH (Seventh street between Broad and Grace)—Rev. C. A. Marks, Pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Services Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Luther League Friday evening at 8 o'clock. ts

PRESBYTERIAN.

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock A. M. and 5 P. M. ts

GRACE-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., Pastor.—Services morning and at night, 11 o'clock and 8 o'clock. The pastor will preach. Sunday-school service at 9:30 o'clock A. M. Wednesday-night service at 8 o'clock. ts

EPISCOPAL.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—REV. Robert Strange, D. D., Rector.—Divine service at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Strangers always welcome. tMh1

THE MONUMENTAL CHURCH (Broad street below Twelfth)—Rev. W. E. Evans, D. D., Rector.—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and afternoon at 4 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. ts

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (Services held in St. Andrew's Hall, Beverly street, between Laurel and Cherry, pending the building of new church)—Rev. Thomas Semmes, Rector.—Sunday services 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday school, 9:35 A. M. Tuesday night Bible class for congregation at 8 o'clock. ts

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Corner Main and Foushee streets, two squares from Jefferson Hotel)—Rev. Landon R. Mason, Rector.—Services every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., and every Wednesday at 8 P. M. Seats free and all worshippers cordially welcomed. ts

METHODIST.

PARK-PLACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHUCH (corner west Franklin and Pine streets)—Rev. John T. Bosman, Pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Epworth League Friday at 8 P. M. ts

CLAY-STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (corner Adams and Clay streets)—Rev. L. B. Betty, Pastor.—Preaching Sunday 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Subject morning, "Knowing God, the Source, Satisfaction, and End of Life"; subject at night, "Joseph's Recognition of the Constant Presence of God with Him, and its Helpful Results." Sunday school at 9:15 A. M. Junior Epworth League, 3 P. M. Monday, official meeting. Tuesday, class meeting. Wednesday, song and prayer service. Friday, Epworth League. All week services 8 P. M.

UNION-STATION METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—11 A. M., a Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. John Hannon. Owing to serious indisposition of very important voices, the choir will have nothing new. Some anthems, heretofore rendered, will be again sung. 8 P. M. pastor preaches—subject, "A Sane View of Hell." Sun-rise prayer meeting on Wednesday, the 25th.

ST. JAMES METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (Marshall and Twenty-ninth streets).—Rev. Joseph D. Langley, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "A Christmas Message." Subject at night, "Living and Dying Unto the Lord." Sabbath school, 9:30 A. M. Junior League, 3 P. M. Devotional services Senior League, 7 P. M. Midweek service, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH (corner Broad and Twentieth streets)—Rev. George H. Spooner, Pastor.—Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "Opening the Books; Squaring Accounts." Seats free and strangers especially welcome. Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.

CENTENARY CHURCH, DECEMBER 20.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Morning subject, "Will Christ Be at the Feast?" subject at night, "Things that Might Have Been." On Christmas-Day at 11 A. M. Broad-Street church will unite with Centenary in a union service at the latter place; preaching by Rev. W. B. Beauchamp. Special Christmas music. Seats free. Sunday school, 9:30.

BAPTIST.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—WORship at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. The pastor, Dr. Cooper, will preach at both services. Morning subject, "The Face of Jesus Christ"; evening subject, "Ears and No Ears for the Angels' Overture." Bible school at 9:30 A. M. All made cordially welcome.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.—SERvices as usual Sunday at 11 A. M. and at 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor, Dr. W. R. L. Smith. Bible school at 9:15 A. M. ts

GROVE-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. This church will have its Christmas service at 11 A. M. Sunday. A special programme of music has been arranged. At the morning service Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, pastor, will preach on "Christ; His Pre-Existence, Birth, and Mission." At the evening service his subject will be "Pitching Tents Towards Sodom."

GRACE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Grace and Foushee streets).—Rev. Charles S. Gardner, D. D., Pastor.—Sunday school at 9:15 A. M. Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. ts

LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Morning subject, "Crowded Out"; evening subject, "The Announcement of the Angels." Reading-room and circulating library open every evening in the week.

HAVE CHANGED THEIR PLACE OF WORSHIP.—The Millennial-Dawn Believers have changed their place of worship from Leader Hall, Manchester, to Marshall Hall, Twenty-fifth and Broad streets, Richmond, where they will hold services every Sunday at 3 P. M. Mr. Charles N. Friend and Elder Staples will preach alternately. Elder Staples will preach next Sunday. Interest is increasing, and enthusiasm is great over the glad tidings which these two able preachers are proclaiming. All are cordially invited. J. A. STAPLES, Secretary.

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Jefferson Hotel Contractors Record Such Intention—Court Notes.

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday, in the case of Eva E. Browder against E. C. Stern, a verdict of $204.50 was given the plaintiff and $45.50 to the defendant.

The National Mantel and Tile Company of Baltimore, builders of fire-proofing used at the Jefferson Hotel, has notified the Jefferson Hotel Company and Frank Brumbaugh, contractor and builder, that they intend to claim a mechanics' lien on the hotel and the land upon which it is located for the sum of $2,875. This claim is for fire-proofing, including material and labor. The work was completed on December 11, 1901, according to contract. The Baltimore company say they have made a demand for the money, which has not been paid, and their intention to claim the lien has been recorded in the Chancery Court through Richard Bernard & Sons, attorneys, of Baltimore.

The verdict of $1,000 in the Law and Equity Court in favor of W. D. Murray against the Imperial Union was set aside by Judge Minor yesterday morning.

Divorce was granted in the Law and Equity Court to William H. Nottage against Mary Nottage on the grounds of desertion.

The case of Willis's executors against the Commonwealth, on motion to correct an alleged erroneous assessment on the ground rent of the Chamber of Commerce building, has been argued before Judge Witt, who reserved his opinion. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

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STOCKS VERY QUIET.

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SOME FURTHER COPPER CONTORTIONS

But Solution of Part of the Mystery Which Has Hung Over the Security Lets Loose the Forces of Demand Which Have Lain Dormant for Several Days—Coalers Specially Strong—Sharp Gains in Industrials.

NEW YORK, December 20.—The stock market showed its immense relief from the disturbing effect of the recent eccentricity of Amalgamated Copper. There were some further contortions in that stock for a short time after the opening, but it settled down into a condition of quiet which has not been seen for many weeks. Between 66 and 67 it seemed to have arrived at a condition of stable equilibrium. The opening dip to 64 1-2 was apparently due to a drive from the bears, who sought an opportunity to cover their short contracts. The high level of the stock for the day was at 68, and the net gain was a point. The statement issued by the directors last night was accepted as a proclamation of a struggle for business with the important companies, and such cut in the price of the product as would be necessary. The solution of part of the mystery which has hung over this stock let loose the forces of demand which have lain dormant in the market for several days past. The buying was apparently based on the general consideration of the high degree of prosperity which is prevailing in all branches of trade.

SPECIAL STRENGTH OF COALERS.

The special strength of the Coalers, which led the advance, was due to the seasonable weather for trade, and to reports of a possible coming advance in the price of anthracite. The formation of the Arbitration Committee by the National Civic Federaton was a factor in the strength of this group, as the president of the miners' organization has a prominent place on the committee, and the fear of an outbreak of labor troubles among the miners during the coming year has been a persistent influence in discouraging speculation in the stocks. The advances ran from about a point up to 2 1-2 in Delaware and Hudson, and 3 in Hocking Valley. The strength of the Pacifics and Transcontinentals was apparently based on the favorable showing which it is said the Union Pacific will make. The bull campaign in the local traction stocks was renewed, under the leadership of Manhattan. Sharp gains in a number of Industrials were based on individual considerations. The rate for call loans stiffened late in the day to 9 per cent., but had very little effect on the stock market.

MONEY SENTIMENT OPTIMISTIC.

Although the banks have apparently lost nearly $2,000,000 in cash during the week, sentiment is for the moment optimistic over the money outlook. The payment to-day of the dividend on United States Steel amounted to over $5,000,000, and is expected to favorably affect the money market.

The bond market was moderately active, and irregular. Total sales, $2,390,000, par value. The United States 3's registered and the old and new 4's advanced 1-8, and the 3's coupon declined 1-4 per cent. on the last call.

Total sales of stocks to-day, 680,300 shares.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Close—Money on call strong at 5@9 per cent.; closing bid, 10 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 5@5 1-2 per cent.

Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86 5-8@$4.86 3-4 for demand, and at $4.83 1-4@$4.83 3-8 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84@$4.84 1-2 and $4.87 1-2; commercial bills, $4.82 1-2@$4.83.

Bar silver, 55 1-4. Mexican dollars, 43 5-8.

Government bonds irregular. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds dull.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Total bank clearings week ended December 20th, $2,374,918,952; increase, 6.6 per cent.; outside of New York, $790,310,428; increase, 5.8 per cent.

New York Stock Quotations.

	Closing Bid.
Atchison	78¾
Atchison, preferred	100¾
Baltimore and Ohio	101¾
Baltimore and Ohio, preferred	94½
Canadian Pacific	113⅜
Canada Southern	86
Chesapeake and Ohio	46½
Chicago and Alton	25¼
Chicago and Alton, pref (ex. div.)	75¾
Chicago, Ind. and Louis.	48½
Chicago, Ind. and Louis., pref	74½
Chicago and Eastern Illinois	134¾
Chicago and Great Western	21¼
Chicago and Great Western, A pref	86½
Chicago and Great Western, B pref	47⅝
Chicago and Northwestern	203
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	151¾
Chicago Terminal and Trans.	16½
Chicago Terminal and Trans., pref	30
C., C., C. and St. Louis	98¼
Colorado Southern	14¾
Colorado Southern, 1st preferred	58¾
Colorado Southern, 2d preferred	27
Delaware and Hudson	174½
Delaware, Lack. and Western	246½
Denver and Rio Grande	43
Denver and Rio Grande, pref	93¾
Erie	40⅛
Erie, 1st preferred	72½
Erie, 2d preferred	57½
Great Northern, preferred	184
Hocking Valley	66¼
Hocking Valley, preferred	82¾
Illinois Central	138½
Iowa Central	36
Iowa Central, preferred	71
Lake Erie and Western	67
Lake Erie and Western, preferred	129
Louisville and Nashville	106
Manhattan L.	134
Metropolitan Street Railway	161¾
Mexican Central	24¾
Mexican National	13¾
Minneapolis and St. Louis	106
Missouri Pacific	101½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	25¼
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pref	52¼
New Jersey Central	182
New York Central	166½
Norfolk and Western	56
Norfolk and Western, pref	91
Northern Pacific, preferred	99⅛
Ontario and Western	33⅞
Pennsylvania	147½
Reading	49½
Reading, 1st preferred	79⅞
Reading, 2d preferred	59½
St. Louis and San Francisco	50
St. Louis and San Fran., 1st pref	83
St. Louis and San Fran., 2d pref	73½
St Louis Southwestern	27¼
St. Louis Southwestern, preferred	59
St. Paul	163⅝
St. Paul, preferred	188
Southern Pacific	60¾
Southern Railway	33¼
Southern Railway, preferred	92½
Texas and Pacific	38⅞
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	19¼
Toledo, St. Louis and West., pref	31¾
Union Pacific	102½
Union Pacific, preferred	89⅛
Wabash	22¼
Wabash, preferred	47½
Wheeling and Lake Erie	18¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie, 2d pref	28
Wisconsin Central	21
Wisconsin Central, preferred	42
EXPRESS COMPANIES.	
Adams	190
American	200
United States	93
Wells Fargo	185
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Amalgamated Copper	66¾
American Car and Foundry	29⅞
American Car and Foundry, pref	85½
American Linseed Oil	15
American Linseed Oil, preferred	40
Amer. Smelting and Refining	43¾
Amer. Smelting and Refining, pref	96¾
Anaconda Mining Company	29⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	64
Colorado Fuel and Iron	90¼
Consolidated Gas	214¾
General Electric	279
Glucose Sugar	39
Hocking Coal	15
Intenational Paper	20⅛
International Paper, pref.	75½
International Power	88
Laclede Gas	92½
National Biscuit	43⅜
National Lead	16½
National Salt	32
National Salt, preferred	61
North American	93
Pacific Coast	74¾

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Pressed Steel Car, preferred	83¼	
Pullman Palace Car	212	
Republic Steel	16⅝	
Republic Steel, preferred	66¾	
Sugar	118⅝	
Tennessee Coal and Iron	63⅜	
Union Bag and Paper Company	14⅞	
Union Bag and Paper Co., pref	72	
United States Leather	11½	
United States Leather, preferred	80¼	
United States Rubber	13	
United States Rubber, pref.	48	
United States Steel	42⅝	
United States Steel, preferred	92	
Western Union (ex. divi.)	91⅝	
American Locomotive	31	
American Locomotive, preferred	88½	
Bonds.		
United States refunding 2's, reg	108¾	
United States refunding 2's, coupon	109¼	
United States 3's, registered	108½	
United States 3's, coupon	108½	
United States new 4's, registered	139½	
United States new 4's, coupon	139½	
United States old 4's, registered	111¾	
United States old 4's, coupon	112¾	
United States 5's, registered	107⅜	
United States 5's, coupon	108	
Atchison, general 4's	102⅞	
Atchison, adjustment 4's	94	
Baltimore and Ohio 4's	102¾	
Baltimore and Ohio 3½'s	93¾	
Baltimore and Ohio conv. 4's	104¾	
Canada Southern 2's	109⅛	
Central of Georgia 5's	105⅛	
Central of Georgia, 1st incomes	73½	
Central of Georgia, 2d incomes	32⅝	
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½'s	103⅝	
Chicago and Alton 3½'s	85	
Chicago, Bur. and Quincy new 4's	98¼	
Chi., M. and St. Paul general 4's	111	
Chicago and Northwestern con. 7's	139¼	
Chi., Rock Island and Pacific 4's	106⅝	
C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. 4's	103	
Chicago Terminal 4's	83¾	
Colorado and Southern 4's	89⅝	
Consolidated Tobacco 4's	64⅝	
Denver and Rio Grande 4's	103¼	
Erie prior lien 4's	100⅝	
Erie general 4's	89	
Fort Worth and Denver City 1sts	104½	
Hocking Valley 4½'s	108½	
Louisville and Nash. Unified 4's	102½	
Mexican Central 4's	83	
Mexican Central, 1st incomes	31¼	
Minn. and St. Louis 4's	103¼	
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4's	96½	
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 2's	81¼	
Mobile and Ohio 4's, tr	97	
New York Central 1sts	106⅛	
New York Central gen. 3½'s	110	
New Jersey Central general 5's	131½	
Northern Pacific 4's	104⅞	
Northern Pacific 3's	73	
Norfolk and Western consol 4's	102½	
Reading general 4's	99¼	
St. Louis and Iron Moun. con. 5's	117	
St. Louis and San Francisco 4's	97½	
St. Louis Southwestern 1sts	97⅞	
St. Louis Southwestern 2's	79	
San Antonio and Aransas Pass 4's	89	
Southern Pacific 4's	92⅝	
Southern Railway 5's	128¼	
Texas and Pacific 1sts	119½	
Toledo, St. L. and Western 4's	81	
Union Pacific 4's	106¼	
Union Pacific conv. 4's	103⅝	
Va.-Carolina Chemical Co.	62	
Wabash 1sts	118⅞	
Wabash 2's	112½	
Wabash Deb. B.	65⅛	
West Shore 4's	114	
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4's	91	
Wisconsin Central 4's	90⅞	

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 20, 1901.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4's	106	.....
North Carolina 6's	136	.....
Virginia 3's (new)	100	100½
Virginia Centuries	100¼	100½
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond city 5's	118	.....
Richmond city 4's	107½	.....
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Char., Col. and Aug. 2d 7's	112½	114
Georgia Pacific 1st 6's	123	.....
Ga., Southern and Florida	113	.....
Seaboard Air-Line con. 1st 4's	...	85½
Western N. C. 1st 6's	118	.....
RAILROAD STOCKS. Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte.....100	165	.....
Atlantic-Coast Line, pref...100	107½	108
Atlantic-Coast Line, com...100	87½	88¼
Atlantic-Coast L. of Conn..100	154	164
Southern Railway, pref....100	...	93¼
BANK & TR. CO. STOCKS.		
American National 100	112	.....
Broad-Street Bank 25	26	.....
City 25	32	.....
First National 100	175	.....
Metropolitan 25	22¼	23½
National Bank of Virginia.100	120	.....
Peters. Sav. and Ins. Co..20	60	.....
Planters' National 100	300	.....
Rich. Trust and S. D. Co..100	139	141
Savings Bank of Richmond.25	45	.....
Security 100	...	102½
State Bank of Virginia....100	160	.....
Southern Trust Company...100	110	.....
Union Bank of Richmond..50	165½	166½
Virginia Trust Company...100	128	.....
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine..25	37	39
Virginia State 25	27¾	28¾
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chem., pref. 8 p. c.100	121⅝	121½
Va.-Carolina Chem., com...100	61½	62

SALES BEFORE THE BOARD.

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SALES AT THE BOARD.

2,000 Virginia Centuries at 100⅜; 5 Union Bank at 166; 50 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, preferred, at 121½; 50 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, common, at 61½; 20 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, common, at 61½; 50 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, common, at 61½.

SALES AFTER THE BOARD.

50 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, preferred, at 121½; 36 Virginia-Carolina Chemical, common, at 63.

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., December 20, 1901.

Quotations: Wheat—Longberry, 83 to 84c.; mixed, 83 to 84c.; shortberry, 83 to 84c.; No. 2 red, 84c.; Virginia, bag lots, 70 to 83c. Corn—White Virginia, bag lots, old, 73c.; white Virginia, bag lots, new, 70 to 73c.; No. 2 white, old, 73c.; No. 3 white, old, 72 1-2c.; No. 2 mixed, old, 72c.; No. 3 mixed, 71 1-2c. Oats—No. 2 mixed, 51c.; No. 3 mixed, 50 1-2c.; No. 2 white, 53c.; winter-seed oats, 55 to 58c. Rye, 63 to 68c.

NORFOLK PEANUT MARKET.

NOROFOLK, VA., December 20.—Peanuts—Dull; fancy, 2¾c.; strictly prime, 2½c.; prime, 2@2½c.

New—Fancy, 3c.; strictly prime, 2⅝@2⅞c.; prime, 2⅝@2½c.; Spanish, 72½@75c.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Flour—Firm; rye flour firm.

Cornmeal—Firm.

Rye—Firmer; No. 2 western, 73¼c.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 86⅝c.; options generally firm and more active all day, on better cables, renewed export demand, foreign buying, crop-damage rumors, local covering, a good cash trade in the Northwest, and small spring wheat receipts. Close firm and ½@⅞c. net higher; March closed 86c.; May, 85¼c.; July 85⅛c.; December, 83⅝c.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 70⅞c.; option market sold up, in sympathy with wheat, and also felt the influence of small receipts, bullish cables, and local covering. Close firm at a ¼@⅝c. net advance; May, 70¾c.; December, 70¼c.

Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 51c.; options firmer and fairly active, with corn.

Beef—Steady.

Cut-Meats—Steady.

Lard—Steady; western steamed, $10; refined easy; Continent, $10.05; South American, $11.

Pork—Steady.

Tallow—Firm.

Rosin—Steady.

Turpentine—Firm.

Rice—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 9-32c.; centrifugal (96-degree test), 3¾c.; refined steady.

Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7, invoice, 6⅞c.; mild quiet; Cordova, 7½@11c. Coffee futures opened steady in tone, with prices 5 points higher, on covering and light foreign buying, the cause of which was unexpected rallies in European markets, both Havre and Hamburg recovering a good part of yesterday's loss. The market was finally steady, with quotations net 5 points higher to 5 points lower. Total sales, 10,750 bags.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 16@25c.; dairy, 15@23c.

Cheese—Firm; late-made best, large, 9¼c.; late-made best, small, 10@10¼c.

Eggs—Excited and higher; State and Pennsylvania, 23@25c.; southern, 25@26c.

Potatoes—Steady.

Peanuts—Steady.

Cabbage—Steady; Long Island, flat Dutch, per 100, $3@$4.

Cotton—By steam to Liverpool, 13½c.

Cottonseed-Oil—Steady; buyers holding off for further declines; prime crude, barrels, nominal; prime summer yellow, 39@39½c.; off summer yellow, 38@38½c.; prime white, 41@42c.; prime winter yellow, 42c.; prime meal, $25.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 20.—The firmness of foreign markets, the dropping off in domestic receipts, the scarcity of red winter wheat, and the general effect of the extreme cold weather, made grain traders forget all about the holiday depression to-day, and May wheat closed ⅞c. higher; May corn ½c. up, and May oats ¼@¼c. higher. Provisions closed unchanged to 12½@15c. higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—No. 2.				
Dec.	75¾	76⅝	75¾	76⅝
May	78⅝@¾	80¼@⅞	78⅝	80¼
July	79¾	80¼@⅞	79⅝	80½@⅞
Corn—No. 2.				
Dec.	63½	63¾	63½	63⅝
May	66½@¾	66⅞@67	66½	66⅞
July	66⅛@⅜	66½	66	66½
Oats—No. 2.				
Dec.	44¼	44¼	44	44¼
May	44⅞@45	45	44⅝@¾	44⅞@45
July	38¾	38⅞	38½	38¾
Mess Pork—Per Bbl.				
Jan.	$16.12½	$16.27½	$16.12½	$16.27½
May	$16.62½	$16.72½	$16.52½	$16.72½
Lard—Per 100 Lbs.				
Jan.	$9.62½	$9.67½	$9.62½	$9.67½
May	$9.65	$9.72½	$9.65	$9.72½
Short Ribs—Per 100 Lbs.				
Jan.	$8.30	$8.32½	$8.27½	$8.32½
May	$8.47½	$8.57½	$8.47½	$8.57½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 3, 72@76c.; No. 2 red, 81@83½c. No. 2 oats, 46@48½c.; No. 2 white, 48¾c.; No. 3 white, 47½@48⅞c. No. 2 rye, 65@65½c. Fair to choice malting barley, $5.90@$5.62. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.58; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.59. Prime timothy seed, $6.55. Mess pork, per barrel, $15.15@$15.25. Lard, per 100 pounds, $9.65@$9.67½. Short rib sides (loose), $8.25@$8.40; dry-salted shoulders (boxed), $7.37½@$7.50; short clear sides (boxed), $8.65@$8.75. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.32. Butter firm; creamery, 15@24c.; dairy, 14@20c. Cheese firm at 9¾@10¾c. Eggs firm; fresh, 28c.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, December 20.—Spot Cotton—Moderate business; prices steady; American middling, 4 9-32d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export, and included 7,500 bales American; receipts, 6,100 bales—all American.

Futures opened and closed firm; American middling, good-ordinary clause, December, 4 43-64d. December and January, 4 33-64d., sellers; January and February, 4 32-64@4 33-64d., sellers; February and March, 4 32-64d., sellers; March and April, 4 31-64@4 32-64d., buyers; April and May, 4 31-64@4 32-64d., buyers; May and June, 4 31-64@4 32-64d., sellers; June and July, 4 31-64d., buyers; July and August, 4 30-64@4 31-64d., buyers; August and September, 4 25-64@4 26-64d., buyers.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Cotton—Quiet; middling, 7½c.; net receipts, 233 bales; gross receipts, 2,634 bales; sales, 612 bales; stock, 103,778 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady; January, 8.09; February, 8.15; March, 8.17; April, 8.20; May, 8.20; June, 8.18; July, 8.19; August, 8.05; September, 7.90; October, 7.89.

Close steady; December, 8.12; January, 8.13; February, 8.16; March, 8.21; April, 8.22; May, 8.25; June, 8.25; July, 8.25; August, 8.11; September, 7.78.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 8¼c.; middling Gulf, 8¾c.; sales, 9,000 bales.

The cotton market opened quiet and 1 to 3 points higher, and for a time followed a very narrow rut. So far as the foreign news was concerned, there was nothing to stimulate either buying or selling. The movement of the crop was rather in excess of expectations, but as an offset to this unfavorable factor, there was a batch of very bad weather advices from the crop country. Public and private advices reported very low temperatures over pretty much all the belt. Southern spot markets were firm, at well-sustained prices, with demand brisk. Near midday the shorts were given a bad scare by a report that the insight figures would show a little over 380,000, whereas estimates have indicated 410,000. From 8.10 March stiffened to 8.22, while May rose to 8.28, before profit-taking set in, and caused a slight reaction. Wall Street and southern buying orders helped to advance the market, though covering was the chief feature. The local exchange later reported the insight to be 395,000 bales, as compared with 382,000 by Hester. All the afternoon the market was steady, with prices holding well up to the top, on demand from shorts and light southern buying. Commission-houses sold from time to time, chiefly to secure profits, and withdrew from the market over the holiday period. The close was steady, with prices net 3 to 7 points higher.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 20.—Cotton futures very steady; December, 8.03@8.05; January, 8.02@8.03; February, 8.05@8.07; March, 8.10@8.11; April, 8.11@8.13; May, 8.14@8.15; June, 8.15@8.17; July, 8.17@8.18.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, December 20.—Flour—Strong.

Wheat—Strong; the month, 81¼@81½c.; January, 81¾@82c.; February, 82¾@83c.; May, 83¾@84c.; southern, by sample, 72@82c.

Corn—Dull; spot and the month, new, 66@66½c.; year, 66@66½c.; January, 66¼@66½c.; May, 68¾c. asked; southern white corn, 59¾@66½c.

Oats—Dull and easy; No. 2 white, 52@52½c.

Rye—Quiet; No. 2, near-by, 67c. bid.

Butter—Firm and unchanged.

Eggs—Firm and unchanged.

Cheese—Firm and unchanged.

Sugar—Firm and strong.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, December 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 13,000 head; slow and mostly a dime lower; good to prime, $6.25@$7.45; poor to medium, $6.25@$7.45; poor to medium, $3.75@$5.90; stockers and feeders, $2@$4.25; cows, $1@$4.65; heifers, $1.50@$5.25; canners, $1@$2; bulls, $1.75@$4.65; calves, $2.50@$5.75; Texas-fed steers, $4.30@$5.25.

Hogs—Receipts to-day, 43,000 head; tomorrow, 34,000; left over, 14,000; opened steady to 10c. lower; closed 15 to 20c. lower; mixed and butchers, $5.80