SOME SHRINKAGE IN STOCK MARKET

Proposed Absorptions and Combinations of Railway Systems Feature of Day.

NEW YORK, December 22.—There was some shrinkage of activity in the stock market to-day in connection with the recovery, but the closing was very active and the tone buoyant at the top prices. The feature of the market was the circulation of rumors of proposed absorptions and combinations of railroad systems.

Recent reports of the illness of E. H. Harriman had caused a sharp break in some lines, but his resumption of activity apparently was largely responsible for the reaction the day showed. There were numerous reports of merger projects that his busy mind had under consideration.

Bonds were strong. Total sales, par value, were $10,964,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks to-day were 1,246,900 shares.

NEW YORK, December 22.—Money on call steady; 3@3 1-2 per cent.; ruling rate, 3 1-2; closing bid, 3 1-4; offered at 3 1-2. Time loans dull and rather easier; sixty days and ninety days, 3 1-2 per cent.; six months, 3 3-4 to 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bill at $4.8505@4.8515 for sixty-day bills and at $4.8705 for demand; commercial bills, $4.84 3-4@4.84 7-8. Bar silver, 48 1-2. Mexican dollars, 45.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 22, 1908.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4s, C, 1910	99	...
North Carolina 6s, C, 1919	117	...
Va. 3s, Old, C. and R., 1932	93¾	...
Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	94	94½
CITY SECURITIES.		
Richmond City 4s, C, and R., 1902	...	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. C. L R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c.	96	...
A. C. L. R. R. Ctfs. of Ind. 4s.	80	...
Char. Col. and Aug. Ex. 5s, C.	106	...
Char. Col. and Aug. 2d 7s, C.	104	...
C. & O. R. & A. Gen'l M. 4½.	108	...
Col. and Green. 1st 6s, C, 1916.	110	...
Georgia Pac. 1st 6s, C, 1922.	117	...
Georgia, Sou. and Fla., 1945.	105	...
Ga. and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945.	104	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4s, 1996.	99	...
Nor. and West. Poca. 4s, 1944.	90	...
Pet. Class A 5s, R. C., 1926.	110	...
Pet. Class B 6s, R. C., 1926.	120	...
Rich. and Dan. Gold 6s C.	111	...
Rich. and Meck. 1st 4s, 1948.	107½	...
Southern Railway 1st 5s, 1994.	107	...
Western N. C. 1st 6s, C, 1914.	108	...
Seaboard Air Line 4s, 1950.	62	...
RAILROAD STOCKS. Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte. 100	170	...
Atlantic Coast Line pfd. 100	105	...
Atlantic Coast Line com. 100	105	...
Ches. and Ohio. Nov. 100	56	...
Norfolk and Western com. 100	84	...
R., F. and P. com. 100	235	245
R., F. and P. Div. Oblig. 100	230	245
R., F. and P. 7 p. ct. guar. 100	...	290
Southern Railway pfd. 100	58	...
Southern Railway com. 100	24	...
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
American National. 100	138	...
Broad Street Bank. 25	32½	...
Bank of Richmond. 100	123	...
City. 25	34	...
First National. 100	238	...
Merchants National. 100	517	...
National Bank of Virginia. 100	161	...
National State Bank. 100	150	...
Planters National. 100	475	...
Savings Bank of Richmond. 25	50	...
Union Bank of Richmond. 50	200	...
Virginia Trust Company. 100	81	...
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine.	56	...
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Amer. Tob. pfd. 6 p. ct. 100	91	...
American Loco. pfd.	108	...
American Loco. com.	34	...
Amer. Tob. 4 p. ct. bonds.	78	...
Amer. Tob. 6 p. ct. bonds. 100	108	...
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 5 p. ct. 100	113½	115
Va.-Car. Chem. com. 100	42	...
Va.-Car. C. 1st Mort. 5s, 1923.	94	...

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 22.—The cotton market had quite a sharp rally to-day, closing very steady at a net advance of 5@14 points. Sales were estimated at 150,00 bales. The market opened steady at an advance of 2 points to a decline of 1 point, which was about in line with the cables, and began to improve right after the call on covering and scattering support, promoted by steadier late cables, reports of a bullish Egyptian crop estimate, the light estimate for to-morrow's receipts at Houston and talk of a better export demand in the South. Business did not become general, but the market was moderately active in a professional way during the noon hour, and prices reached a net advance of 11@14 points. There was some irregularity during the last hour, but the close was within a point or two of the top. New Orleans wires reported spots very quiet, but Texas claimed that there was a better demand from Europe. Cables received from Vienna stated that Austrian and Bohemian spinners will reduce their running time 15 per cent. after the first of January.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 76,522 bales against 101,959 last week and 94,356 last year. For the week 360,000 bales against 408,415 last week and 356,611 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 27,741 bales against 32,919 last year, and at Houston 20,142 bales against 28,283 last year.

Cotton futures opened steady and closed very steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	8.86	8.97	8.86	8.96
January	8.50	8.62	8.50	8.62
February	8.54	...	...	8.67
March	8.62	8.76	8.61	8.75
April	...	...	...	8.77
May	8.70	8.82	8.69	8.81
June	...	...	...	8.79
July	8.67	8.80	8.66	8.79
August	8.56	8.69	8.69	8.69

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points advance; middling uplands, 9.25; middling gulf, 9.50; sales, 1,700 bales.

Cotton, steady; middling, 9.25; gross receipts, 864 bales; sales, 1,700 bales; stock, 176,250 bales.

Total to-day at all ports—Net receipts, 76,522 bales; export to Great Britain, 55,802 bales; to France, 500 bales; to the Continent, 846 bales; stock, 1,108,488 bales.

Consolidated at all ports—Net receipts, 130,921 bales; export to Great Britain, 125,721 bales; to France, 20,742 bales; to the Continent, 54,491 bales.

Total since September 1st at all ports—Net receipts, 5,871,442 bales; export to Great Britain, 170,265 bales; to France, 691,579 bales; to the Continent, 1,793,503 bales; to Japan, 54,638 bales; to Mexico, 1,953 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., December 22.—COTTON—Spot cotton steady; middling, 8 1-16c.; sales on the spot 1,525 bales and 1,225 bales to arrive. Futures opened quiet at a decline of 1 point under other unfavorable cables, but prices immediately afterwards advanced on a pronounced falling off in the movement. This shrinkage of receipts was made much of in market comment during the day, and coupled with heavy exports caused some nervousness among shorts. The ring was unable to supply the demand, which resulted, and the active months gradually rose until they stood 10@12 points higher than yesterday's last quotations. The close was steady with prices showing a net advance of 8@11 points. Closing bids: December ,870; January, 8.73; February, 8.74; March, 8.78; April, 8.83; May, 8.86; June, 8.90 nominal; July, 8.96.

OFFICIAL RANGE AND SALE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

By THOMAS BRANCH & CO., Bankers and Brokers.

SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Bid. Closing.	Asked.
200 Allis-Chalmers	15⅛	15⅝	15½	15⅝	16
400 Allis-Chalmers, pfd.	49¼	49¼	49⅛	49½	49½
44,300 Amalgamated Copper	77¼	79⅝	77	79	79⅛
100 American Can	8¾	8¾	8¾	8½	8¾
1,000 American Can, pfd.	73	73½	73	73½	73¾
5,400 Amer. Car and Foundry	45⅞	47½	45½	47⅝	47½
Am. Car and Foun., pfd.	...	...	...	108	108¼
200 American Cotton Oil	40½	40⅝	40½	41½	42
2,200 American Locomotive	54½	56	54½	55¾	56
100 Amer. Locomotive, pfd.	110¼	110¼	110¼	110	111
101,200 American Smelting	80¾	81½	78	81⅜	81½
1,500 Amer. Smelting, pfd.	100¾	102	100½	100¾	101¼
400 American Sugar	127	129	127	128¾	129
2,200 Amer. Tel. and Tel. Co.	127	128	126¾	127⅞	128¼
American Tobacco, com.	...	...	...	335	345
American Tobacco, pfd.	...	...	...	92	93
3,400 Anaconda Copper	46⅝	48	46⅞	47¾	48
8,600 Atchison	95¾	97¾	95¾	97½	97⅝
100 Atchison, pfd.	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝	101⅝	102
500 Atlantic Coast Line	105	106	105	106¼	107
10,700 Baltimore and Ohio	107½	109¼	107½	109¼	109⅝
52,200 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	59⅝	63¾	59½	63⅜	63½
2,850 Canadian Pacific	174½	175½	174½	175⅝	175¾
38,400 Chesapeake and Ohio	56½	59⅝	55¾	58½	58¾
500 Chicago Great Western	11¼	11½	11	11¼	11½
21,600 Chi., Mil. and St. Paul	145	147¾	144⅝	147¾	147½
150 Chi., M. and St. Paul, pfd	162	162	162	161½	162½
2,500 Chicago and Northwest	175	179½	175	179¼	179½
200 Clev., Cin., Chi. and St. L	66	66½	66	66	66½
5,500 Colorado Fuel and Iron	37⅞	38¼	37¼	38¼	38⅜
5,670 Colorado and Southern	68	68	57¼	67⅛	67½
3,300 Col. and South., 1st pfd.	76	79	76	77	77½
6,000 Col. and South., 2d pfd.	73⅛	75	73⅛	74½	75
9,400 Consolidated Gas	159	162	159	161¾	162
500 Delaware and Hudson	177	178	177	178¼	179
1,300 Distillers' Sec. Cor.	35⅞	36⅞	35⅞	36⅞	37
12,800 Erie	32¾	33¾	32¾	33⅜	33¾
600 Erie, 1st pfd.	47¾	48¼	47¾	48¼	48½
100 Erie, 2d pfd.	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝	39¼
800 General Electric	156	158¾	156¾	158½	159
17,100 Great Northern, pfd.	142½	144⅝	142½	145¼	146
1,700 Great Northern Ore ctfs	70⅛	72¼	70⅛	72	72⅛
600 Illinois Central	144	145½	144	144¼	144⅝
20,400 Int. Metropolitan	18⅞	19¼	18⅞	19	19¼
10,700 Int. Metropolitan, pfd.	44¼	47	44¼	46⅝	46¾
200 Int. Mer. Marine, pfd.	21¾	21¾	21⅜	21⅜	21⅞
International Paper	...	...	...	...	11½
300 Int. Paper, pfd.	66½	67	66½	66	68
2,600 Louisville and Nashville	120⅛	121¾	120½	121¼	121⅞
1,800 Manhattan	150¼	152	150¼	151½	152
200 Metro. Street Railway	35	35	35	34	37
28,900 Mexican Central ctfs.	21½	23½	21½	23⅜	23½
86,500 Mo., Kan. and Texas	38½	42½	38½	42	42¼
6,250 Mo., Kan. and Tex., pfd.	71½	76	71½	74½	76
7,600 Missouri Pacific	62¼	64½	62¼	64⅜	64½
Nash., Chat. and St. L.	...	...	...	118	120
1,300 National Lead	76	77¼	76	77¾	78
19,800 New York Central	118¼	119½	116¼	119	119¼
2,900 N. Y., Ont. and Western	44	44⅝	44	45⅝	45¾
1,200 Norfolk and Western	84⅛	84⅝	84	84¾	84⅞
11,900 Northern Pacific	138⅛	140¾	138	140	140¼
200 Pacific Mail	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	35
6,500 Pennsylvania	128½	129¾	128½	129¾	129⅞
7,300 People's Gas	100¼	101	100⅛	101¾	101⅞
1,800 Pressed Steel Car	40	42¼	40	42	42½
1,500 Pressed Steel Car, pfd.	99⅞	99⅞	99⅞	99⅞	100
93,000 Reading	137⅛	139	136⅞	138⅝	138⅞
2,800 Republic Iron and Steel	24¼	24½	24¼	24¾	25¼
700 Republic I. and S., pfd.	86¼	86½	86¼	86½	88¾
1,800 Rock Island	22½	23	22½	23	23¼
9,700 Rock Island, pfd.	57	59½	56¾	59¾	59¾
600 Sloss-Sheffield	77½	79	77½	79	79¼
59,500 Southern Pacific	116⅞	119	116⅝	118¾	119
6,300 Southern Railway	24¼	25½	24¼	25⅝	25½
1,100 Southern Railway, pfd.	58¼	59½	58¼	59¼	59½
19 Standard Oil	680	685	680	680	690
600 Tennessee Copper	44½	44⅝	44	44	44½
12,200 Texas Pacific	32	33⅞	31⅞	33½	33¾
138,300 Union Pacific	176½	179⅞	176¼	179⅝	179¾
410 United States Rubber	32	32	31¾	32	33
109,900 United States Steel	52	53¾	51¾	53¼	53⅜
2,140 United States Steel, pfd	111¼	112⅛	111¼	111⅞	112
500 Va.-Car. Chemical	42½	42⅞	42½	43	43¼
Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd.	...	...	...	113	114
18,500 Wabash	19⅝	20⅝	19⅝	20	20⅛
69,500 Wabash, pfd.	49½	52¾	49¼	50¾	51
3,000 Western Union	65⅝	67	65⅝	66¾	67½

Total sales, 1,210,100 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	103
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	104
U. S. 3s, registered	100¾
U. S. 3s, coupon	100¾
U. S. 4s, registered	120¼
U. S. 4s, coupon	121
American Tobacco 4s	73
American Tobacco 6s	108½
Atchison general 4s	100⅞
Atchison adjustment 4s (asked)	93
Atchison conv. 4s	102⅛
Atchison conv. 5s	105¾
Amer. Tel. and Tel. Co. conv. 4s	94⅛
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95
Baltimore and Ohio 4s	100½
Baltimore and Ohio 3½s (bid)	94¾
Brooklyn Rapid Transit conv. 4s	83⅞
Central of Georgia 5s	103¼
Central of Georgia 1st Inc. (asked)	81
Central of Georgia 2nd Inc.	61½
Central of Georgia 3d Inc. (bid)	50
Chesapeake and Ohio 4½s	103½
Chicago and Alton 3½s (bid)	76
Chicago, B. and Quincy new 4s	99¾
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific R. R. 4s	79⅞
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 5s	82¾
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry. rfdg. 4s	9[illegible]
C., C., C. and St. Louis gen. 4s	98⅛
Colorado Industrial 5s	74⅞
Colorado Midland 4s	59
Colorado and Southern 4s	98¾
Colorado and Southern 4½s	97
Delaware and Hudson conv. 4s	101½
Denver and Rio Grande 4s	95¾
Erie prior lien 4s	90
Erie General 4s	75½
Hocking Valley 4½s	107⅛
Interborough Metro. 4½s	81¾
Japan 4s (bid)	82
Japan 4½s	92
Japan 4½s, 2nd series	91½
Louis. and Nash. Unified 4s (bid)	101¼
Manhattan consol gold 4s (bid)	97½
Mexican Central 4s	87¼
Mexican Central 1st Inc.	24
Minn. and St. Louis 4s	65¾
Missouri, Kansas and Texas 4s	8[illegible]
Missouri Kansas and Texas 2nds	89
Nat'l R. R. of Mexico, con. 4s (asked)	81¼
New York Central gen. 3½s	95¼
New Jersey Central gen. 5s (bid)	129¾
Northern Pacific 4s	104
Northern Pacific 3s	73¼
Norfolk and Western con. 4s	99
Norfolk and Western cv. 4s (bid)	92
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	91⅞
Pennsylvania conv. 3½s, 1915	94¾
Pennsylvania consol 4s	104¼
Reading General 4s	101¾
Republic of Cuba 5s (bid)	102¾
St. L. and Iron Moun. con. 5s (bid)	111¾
St. Louis and San Francisco fg. 4s	85⅞
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	76
Seaboard Air Line 4s (bid)	62
Southern Pacific 4s	91¼
Southern Pacific 1st 4s	97⅛
Southern Railway 5s	109⅛
Southern Railway g. m. 4s	71⅛
Texas and Pacific 1sts	116½
Toledo, St. L. and W. 4s (asked)	84
Union Pacific 4s	103⅞
Union Pacific conv. 4s	106⅛
United States Steel 2nd 5s	107⅝
Va.-Car. Chem. 1st 5s	94⅛
Wabash 1sts	112½
Wabash new 4s	77¼
Western Md. 4s	84⅛
Wheeling and Lake Erie 4s (bid)	83
Wisconsin Central 4s	89¼

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 22.—FLOUR—Dull and about steady. Rye Flour—Slow. Buckwheat Flour and Buckwheat—Dull. Cornmeal—Firm. Rye—Dull. Barley—Steady. Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, $1.07½@1.08⅝ elevator. Options ⅝@⅞c. net higher. December, $1.09 7-16; May, $1.10⅝; July, $1.01⅛. Corn—Firm; No. 2, 64½c. to arrive, elevator. Options closed net unchanged. December, 65c.; May, 67⅝c.; July, 67⅝c.; September, 67⅞c. Oats—Quiet; mixed, 54@54½c.

Beef—Quiet. Cut Meats and Lard—Easy. Pork and Tallow—Steady. Rosin—Steady. Turpentine and Rice—Quiet. Molasses—Firm. Sugar—Raw, nominal; fair refining, $2.20@2.23. Coffee—Quiet; Rio, No. 7, 6⅝c.; Santos, No. 4, 7⅞@8⅛c.; mild, dull Cordova, 9½@12½c. Futures closed barely steady at 5 points net decline. Butter—Steady and unchanged. Cheese—Firm and unchanged. Eggs—Firm. Peanuts and Freights—Quiet and unchanged. Potatoes—Barely steady and unchanged. Cabbages—Unchanged. Cottonseed Oil—Firm on light offerings and speculative bull support. Trade quiet. Prime crude, 29½c.; prime summer yellow, 38@38¼c.; off summer yellow, 37@38c.; good off summer yellow, 37@38¼c.; prime white, 39@41½c.; prime winter yellow, 44@47c.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

FLOUR—Steady at unchanged quotations. Receipts light. WHEAT—Steady. CORN—Continues quiet. OATS—Dull. RYE—Steady. HAY—In sympathy with Eastern and Western markets our market is higher, especially for the best grades.

POTATOES—Receipts continue light; market quiet and unsettled.

APPLES—Market in good shape at present quotations. Receipts light.

EGGS—Receipts much heavier and market lower, but about steady at prices quoted.

BUTTER—Continues in light receipt and active demand.

POULTRY—Live: Receipts liberal and demand light. Dressed: Receipts moderate and market very dull.

GAME—Receipts fair and market steady.

HIDES—Continue active.

VIRGINIA BACON—Receipts continue light and market active.

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK—Wheat, 28,448 bushels; corn, 22,952 bushels; oats, 8,356 bushels; rye, 1,728 bushels; flour, 3,043 barrels; hay, 589 tons; millfeed, 204 tons.

STOCK IN ELEVATOR—Wheat, 985 bushels; corn, 2,870 bushels; oats, 23,207 bushels.

POULTRY—LIVE.	Per pound.		
Turkeys, large and fat	13		
Turkeys, small and thin	11	@	12
String chickens, large	12		
String chickens, medium	13		
String chickens, small	13		
Ducks, large, young	10	@	11
Ducks, small, young	10		
Hens	10		
Roosters, piece, live	25	@	30
Guineas, piece, live	25		
Geese, piece, live	50	@	75
DRESSED POULTRY—UNDRAWN. (Head and Feet Off.)			
Turkeys, choice	14		
Turkeys, fair to good	13		
Ducks, choice	15		
Ducks, fair to good	13	@	14
Chickens, large	12	@	13
Chickens, mixed sizes	13		
Hens	11	@	12
Geese	10		

Drawn poultry from 1 to 2c. more than undrawn—undrawn preferred.

GAME.			
Wild turkeys	14	@	15
Rabbits, fancy, large	15	@	16
Rabbits, choice, large	12	@	14
Rabbits, ragged or small	6	@	8
Squirrels	5		
BUTTER.			
Choice family packed	21	@	22
Choice dairy packed	24	@	25
Choice store packed	20	@	21
Medium store packed	18		
Packing	17		
Choice yellow rolls	21	@	22
Mixed rolls	20	@	21
EGGS.			
Crates, nearby, fresh laid	28		
Crates, other sections	28		
Barrels and boxes	26	@	27
HIDES.			
Dry flint, per lb.	15		
Dry salted, per lb.	13		
Green, salted, per lb.	10		
Green, per lb.	9		
Dry flint, calfskins, lb.	13		
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.			
APPLES—			
No. 1, large varieties	3.50	@	4.00
No. 2, large varieties	2.50	@	3.00
No. 1, small varieties	2.50	@	3.00
No. 2, small varieties	1.75	@	2.25
ORANGES—Fla. fancy	1.50	@	1.75
GRAPEFRUIT	2.00	@	3.00
LEMONS—Messina	3.00	@	3.75
PINEAPPLES—			
Fancy, per crate	2.00	@	3.00
BLACK PEAS	1.40	@	1.50
BLACKEYE PEAS—			
No. 1, per bus.	1.75	@	1.85
No. 2, per bus.	1.60	@	1.65
CLAY PEAS	1.35	@	1.45
MIXED PEAS	1.25	@	1.35
BEANS—			
Navy, No. 1 white	2.00	@	2.25
Common to choice	1.75	@	2.00
Mixed, per bus.	1.65	@	1.75
Colored	1.65	@	1.75
POTATOES—			
Choice to fancy, bus.	78	@	80
Yellow, per bus.	55	@	60
Red, per bus.	55	@	60
CABBAGE—Domestic, ton	25.00	@	30.00
CELERY—Fancy, large	60		
Choice	25	@	35
HAY.			
No. 1 Timothy	15.00		
No. 2 Timothy	14.00		
No. 3 Timothy	11.00		
Light Clover, mixed	13.50	@	14.00
No. 1 Clover, mixed	13.00		
No. 2 Clover, mixed	12.00		
No. 1 Clover	11.50	@	12.00
No. 2 Clover	10.00	@	10.50
SHUCKS—			
Baled, compressed	Nominal		
Baled, large bales	Nominal		
STRAW—Compressed	8.00		
Loose-pressed, large bls.	9.00		

Lour your cars so that hay at doors represents contents and thus avoid rejections. This market grades hay in accordance with the rules of the National Hay Association.

FLOUR.			
Winter super	3.25	@	3.50
Winter extra	3.75	@	4.00
Winter clear	4.40	@	4.65
Winter straight	4.65	@	4.85
Winter patent	5.10	@	5.30
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Lb.	2½	@	3
CORNMEAL—			
City, sacked	75	@	76
Country, bolted, sacked	72	@	73
MILLFEED—			
Shipstuff, sacked, winter	25.50		
Bran, winter	23.50		
Shipstuff, spring	24.00		
Bran	22.00		
WHEAT.	Car lots.		
No. 2 red, Western	1.11		
No. 2 re, Virginia	1.10		
No. 3 red	108		
Steamer	1.08		
Virginia (bag lots)	95	@	1.05
CORN.	Car lots.		
No. 2 white	67		
No. 3 white	66		
No. 2 mixed	66		
No. 3 mixed	65		
Virginia (bag lots)	65	@	66
OATS.	Car lots.		
No. 2 mixed	55		
No. 3 mixed	53	@	54
No. 2 white	54		
No. 3 white	54		
Winter seed	60	@	65
RYE.			
No. 2 (car lots)	85		
No. 3 (car lots)	82	@	83
Virginia, bag lots	75	@	83

COUNTRY PRODUCE—WHOLESALE.

FEATHERS—			
Live geese, per lb.	50		
Mixed, per lb.	40		
SEEDS—			
Clover, wholesale, bus.	4.75	@	5.50
Timothy, wholesale	1.80	@	2.00
Orchard grass, whole's.	1.65	@	1.90
Buckwheat, bus.	Nominal		
German millet, bus.	Nominal		
BEESWAX—Lb.	26		
DRIED APPLES—			
Sliced, lb.	4		
Quartered	3@		3½
Dark	2½@		3
DRIED PEACHES—			
Peeled, per lb.	12		
Peeled, dark, lb.	9	@	10
Unpeeled, per lb.	4		
CHERRIES—			
Pitted (new) dry order.	12		
RASPBERRIES—Lb.	17		
BLACKBERRIES	5		
WHORTLEBERRIES	8	@	9
WOOL—			
Tubwashed, free of burrs	22	@	23
Unwashed, free of burrs.	20		
Merino, unwashed	12	@	16
Burry, 2 to 8c. per lb. less.			
ROOTS—			
Ginseng, per lb.	5.50	@	5.75
Seneca per lb.	40	@	45
Virginia snake, per lb.	20	@	25
May Appel, per lb.	8	@	3½
True Pink, per lb.	20	@	25
Wild ginger free of fibre.	8	@	11
Wild ginger, natural	5	@	7
Virginia Star grass	16	@	18
PEANUTS—Farmers, lb.	3½	@	4
BACON—			
Hams, small, new	17	@	18
Hams, large, new	14	@	15
Sides, smoked	12	@	13
Shoulders, smoked	11	@	12
DRESSED HOGS—			
Small, per lb.	7		
Large, per lb.	6	@	6½
Old sows and boars	4	@	5
LARD—Country, prime	11	@	12
FLAXSEED—Per bus.	1.20	@	1.40
TALLOW—Per lb.	4½		
WALNUT—Per bus.	50	@	60
WALNUT KERNELS—Lb.	14	@	15
CHICKENS COOPS	85	@	90
TURKEY COOPS	1.15	@	1.25
EGG CRATES	45	@	50
BUTTER BUCKETS, doz.	2.75	@	3.00
CATTLE MARKET.			
Beef cattle, good to prime	5	@	5¾
Beef cattle, com. to fair	3¼	@	4½
Bulls	2¾	@	3½
Cows	2	@	4
Calves	6	@	7
Calves, large runners	4	@	5
Sheep	3	@	4
Spring lambs	5	@	6
Hogs	4½	@	5½

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, December 22.—Small receipts in the Northwest caused strength in the wheat market here to-day, final quotations showing net gains of ⅝c. Corn and oats also closed firm and provisions steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.	1.00⅞	1.01⅝	1.00⅞	1.01⅝
May	1.01⅝	1.03⅝	1.05¾	1.03⅝
July	97¾	98¼	97¾	98
CORN—				
Dec.	56¾	57⅝	56⅛	57⅛
May	60¾	60¾	60¾	60⅝
July	60¾	60¾	60⅝	60⅝
OATS—				
Dec.	49⅛	49⅛	49⅛	49⅛
May	51¼	51⅜	51⅛	51⅜
July	46⅛	46⅜	46	46⅛
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
Jan.	15.97	16.07	15.95	15.95
May	16.32	16.37	16.25	16.25
LARD—PER 100 LBS.				
Jan.	9.32	9.35	9.30	9.30
May	9.45	9.57	9.52	9.52
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	8.27	8.27	8.25	8.27
May	8.60	8.65	8.57	8.57

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Quiet and steady. No. 2 spring wheat, $1.05@1.07; No. 3, 98c.@$1; No. 2 red, $1.01@1.02⅝. No. 2 corn and No. 2 yellow, 57@57¼c. Oats—No. 2 white, 50½c.; No. 3 white, 48½@50c. No. 2 rye, 74@74½c. Good feeding barley, 58c.; fair to choice malting, 59@63c. Flaxseed—No. 1 northwestern, $1.48; prime timothy seed, $3.80. Clover, contract grades, $9.15; short ribs, sides (loose), $7.75@8.25; mess pork, per barrel, $14.62@16.75; lard, per 100 pounds, $9.35; short clear sides (boxed), $8.37@8.62. Receipts—Wheat, 28,000 bushels; corn, 104,200 bushels; oats, 463,500 bushels. Butter—Market firm; creameries, 22@31c.; dairies, 21½@25c. Eggs—Firm; at mark, cases included, 26@29c.; firsts, 30c.; prime firsts, 31c. Cheese—Strong at 14@15¼c.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 22—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged. Wheat—Dull; spot, contract, $1.02@1.02¼; do., No. 2 red, western, $1.04@1.04¼; southern on grade, 99c.@$1.02. Corn—Steady; new, spot, contract, 63½@63¾c.; new southern white, 58¾@63¾c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 54@54½c. Butter—Firm and unchanged; fancy imitation, 24@25c.; do., creamery, 32@33c.; do., ladle, 20@21c.; store packed, 18@19c. Eggs—Firm and unchanged at 28c. Cheese—Firm and unchanged; new, large, and new, flats, 14¾c.; do., small, 15c. Sugar—Unchanged; coarse granulated and fine, $4.90.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 22, 1908.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON 'CHANGE.

WHEAT—Car lots.			
No. 2 red, Western		@	$1.11
No. 2 red, Virginia		@	1.10
No. 3 red		@	1.08
Steamer		@	1