FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Hugh McElroy's Estimate of the Cotton Crop—Spot Cotton Remains Unchanged, But Spots are Better on Small Receipts—Other Markets.

New York, December 5.—Yesterday's efforts to depress the stock market were renewed today. It began by London selling about 10,000 shares of Atchison in the first hour and at the same time reports came from London that there was some company about the payment of the January interest. There was no one at the office of the fiscal agents of the company to make any denial of the reports. A note from the president was received, however, stating that the reports were false. Traders sold the stock to the extreme point of the day and it rallied after the publication of the denial on covering by them. Sales of fractional lots of stock at concessions in price were a feature of today's trading. It was believed, however, by those who watched the market that this was merely a trick of the operators to create an appearance of speculation.

The trading in whisky was regarded as speculation to facilitate liquidation by insiders. The trust purports to have $8,000,000 worth of its own product on hand and has recently established an independent distributing agency with a view to cutting rates in order to make it a number of brokers for bear interests and professional bear traders made a combined attack on general election. St. Paul, Burlington, Chicago gas and Western Union in the last hour and a sharp break in those stocks before the close was due wholly to this selling.

Tight money repeats the same story. It has been current for some time. The supply comes freely and increasingly into the market from various sources. Collateral of average solidity is readily accepted. The demand does not show any increase in activity. Rates for rest for thirty days 3½ for sixty to four months; 3½@4 for five to six months.

Commercial paper comes into the market slowly. Choice names and those well but with smaller capital form only material that is considered. This is to prove that purchasers are wisely avoiding the desire to make interest where they can do so with the utmost safety as an outcome of the salutary lessons taught by such times as last summer. Rates 5@6 per cent for indorsed bills and for first-class single names; 5@5½ for others.

Dalziel's New Orleans Circular.

New Orleans, La., December 5.—Atwood Violett & Co. say: Liverpool, after opening fairly lower, recovered the entire loss and closed partially 1-64d above yesterday's prices. The market shows rather more resistance than of late and the impression is gaining ground that the probable elements of depression may have spent their force and that a reaction is in order. It is quite noticeable that the bears of long cotton seem inspired with a degree of confidence that the bears are often feeling and it is equally noticeable that the persistent claims on the part of the cotton grower that the yield is small one, are attracting attention. To accomplish any improvement, however, permanency the receipts must first come to indicate that the claims of a short crop are well founded and therefore receipts both on this side and abroad command unusual attention and any appearance of a continued and material falling off will occasion not only a covering, but a buying demand, which would give revised prices, both to spots and contracts. The bulls to speculate polled of the cotton spinner would be decidedly altered in movement which would disabuse his mind of the big crop ideas which are being subsequently cabled him. We invite a dispassionate both as to the yield of cotton and the current prices for the crop and last year and would be pleased to have our readers give us such information by early mail.

Receipts today are 31,616 bales, 2,384 last week, and 32,564 last year. The total for the week 106,704, against 68,256 last week, and 142,886 last year. The stocks at all United States ports are 1,115,141, against 1,056,505 last year.

The estimated receipts for this port to-morrow are 14,000, against 17,832 last year. The semi-weekly movement to be published tomorrow will show to what extent the port receipts have been swollen at the expense of interior stocks.

Today's market closes quiet at unchanged prices with sales of 3400 bales, and sales to arrive of 3200 bales.

Belfray & Co.'s Circular.

New Orleans, La., December 5.—McElroy & Co. say:

Future—The steadiness of Liverpool today was as much of a surprise as was the decline yesterday. Deliveries, after being 1-64 lower than last night, promptly recovered the loss and closed steady at 1-64 to this day of 1-64. Spots were in good demand, with sales of 10,000 at 1-32d decline. Cables attribute this to a feeling primarily to better continental demand and also indicate a change of sentiment in favor of cotton at current prices. Our market opened 5 to 4 points lower than yesterday, and these prices seemed to be the lowest of the day, as the market improved gradually until the close, which was steady, 9 points above yesterday's prices.

Spots here were quiet, although all interests were quickly absorbed, as shown by sales of 3200 bales to arrive. Other sales were 3400 at full prices. Receipts today fell short of expectations by only 31,000, against 52,000 last year. Stock in New Orleans tomorrow are estimated at 14,000, against 13,000 one day a year ago. Our exchange closed this afternoon a statement of the net weight of bales from each State in the cotton belt, a recapitulation of which shows an average loss of three bales per bale from last year's crop. In round figures taking as a basis Hunter's estimate of 1,250,000 for this year's crop, this would mean in pounds 50,000 bales reduced. The noticeable feature in this report is that the average of Texas shows pounds less per bale.

Commercial Tips.

Reported over private wires by Atwood Violett & Co.:

Chicago, December 5.—Wheat opened 1@1½ lower this morning, but almost immediately became quite firm, selling up to 59¾@¾.

The word of confidence noted the past week seemed to have completely disappeared today. Early cables were of a character to discourage the most sanguine bull and the early bearish items received later were such as to need to bring numerous sellers on the market for liquidation. A great deal of this was wheat bought on speculation in the advance. The weather over the West and Northwest and Baltic shipments aggravated the situation.

Increase in country elevators in the Northwest amounted to 65,000, bringing the stocks up to 2,172,000 bushels.

Liverpool contract stocks increased 56,000; Liverpool flat and a later cable from there reported that market had lower. Paris opened lifeless.

Notwithstanding the large corn exports, amounting to 40,000 bushels, the market closed near or at its tracks, in fact there was not enough trading to move it. Corn appeared a good resting place. Prices were weaker on lower prices for hogs.

Some speculation was noted in this place as in grain. Yours truly,

Lamson Bros. & Co.

Post's Commercial Article.

New York, December 5.—The Post says: After a week of exceedingly languid market conditions there was that operators in other lines were experimenting again with the speculation. The operations, however, were of a fitful character, lacking sustaining and aggressive backing. They suggested on the contrary a serious feeling of the way. If there were to be willfully obstructive and delayed the consequent feeling of discouragement would of itself control the market. Fortunately the belief seems to be extending here and in Washington that the tariff in some form will pass into law with a reasonable speed. This probability and investment pressure from the expanding of the money reserve are factors in the situation which encourage caution on the part of speculative sellers. Today's decline in prices, the most of which happened during the first half hour, began in London and took shape most effectively in Atchison stock. The story of impending bankruptcy, which was carefully distributed throughout Wall street this morning seemed to have been revived today, chiefly because the Atchison officers were as it happened, absent from their usual place of business. Therefore it was not easy to get trustworthy denials till late in the afternoon.

November Business at the Board.

The transactions at the New York stock exchange for November compared as follows with the corresponding month in 1892:

	1893.	Changes.
Stocks, shares....	$5,449,997	Dec. $416,148
Governments	217,700	Dec. 65,300
State & R.R. bonds.	30,856,300	Inc. 2,749,750
Pipe line cert, bbl	.....	Dec. 15,094
Silver certs, oz....	5,000	Dec. 504,000

Dry Goods Imports.

The imports of dry goods at the port of New York for the week were $1,120,002, and the amount marketed $1,276,027.

Cotton.

Office of The Post,
Tuesday, December 5, 1893.

The spot markets were all unchanged today. Houston closed steady, Galveston and New Orleans quiet, while New York closed dull. Liverpool reports moderate demand for spots, freely met and prices easy.

Stock in New York, 189,004; in New Orleans, 314,088.

Liverpool futures opened steady 1 to 2 points lower, ruled dull but steady at about the same figures and closed steady, generally a point higher than yesterday.

New Orleans futures opened steady 3 points higher, ruled steady 2 to 7 points still higher and closed quiet and steady 8 to 9 points higher than yesterday.

New York futures opened steady 1 to 2 points higher, ruled steady 1 to 3 points higher still and closed firm 9 points higher than yesterday.

HOUSTON DAILY STATEMENT.

Gross receipts	17,055	
Gross shipments	15,743	
Stock	48,5[illegible]	

HOUSTON SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'st'd'y.
Low Ordinary	6	6
Ordinary	6¼	6¼
Good Ordinary	6⅝	6⅝
Low Middling	7 5-16	7 5-16
Middling	7¾	7¾
Good Middling	7¾	7¾
Middling Fair	8	8
Sales	158	1,422

GALVESTON SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'st'd'y.
Low Ordinary	6	6
Ordinary	6⅛	6⅛
Good Ordinary	6⅝	6⅝
Low Middling	7 9-16	7 9-16
Middling	7¾	7¾
Good Middling	7¾	7¾
Middling Fair	8	8
Sales	636	531

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'st'd'y.
Low Ordinary	5⅛	5⅛
Ordinary	6⅛	6⅛
Good Ordinary	6⅝	6⅝
Low Middling	7¾	7¾
Middling	7¾	7¾
Good Middling	7 15-16	7 15-16
Middling Fair	8 5-16	8 5-16
Sales	6,600	3,350

NEW YORK SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'st'd'y.
Ordinary	6⅝	7⅛
Good Ordinary	7⅛	6⅞
Low Middling	7 9-16	7 9-16
Middling	8	8
Good Middling	8 5-16	8 5-16
Middling Fair	8⅝	8⅝
Sales	1,012	3,730

LIVERPOOL SPOTS.

	Today.	Y'st'd'y.
Ordinary	4	4
Good Ordinary	4¾	4⅞
Low Middling	4⅞	4⅞
Middling Uplands	4⅝	4⅝
Good Middling Uplands	4⅝	4⅝
Sales	10,000	10,000
American	9,800	9,800
Speculation and Export	500	1,000
Imports	31,000	27,000
American	20,700	22,100

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

	Today.	Ye'st'd'y.
December	4.17-18	4.17
December-January	4.17-18	4.16-17
January-February	4.17-18	4.17
February-March	4.19	4.18
March-April	4.20	4.19
April-May	4.21-22	4.20-21
May-June	4.22-23	4.22-23
June-July	4.25	4.24
July-August	4.26-27	4.25-26
August-September	4.27-28	4.27

Note—† buyer, 1 seller, * value, a asked.

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES.

	Today	Yesterday
December	7.42@7.44	7.39@7.40
January	7.53@7.55	7.48@7.49
February	7.67@7.68	7.59@7.60
March	7.76@7.77	7.66@7.68
April	7.83@7.84	7.76@7.78
May	7.91@7.92	7.86
June	7.98@7.99	7.89@7.91
July	8.05@8.07	.....
Sales	41,000	16,000

Note—* bid, a asked, n nominal.

NEW YORK FUTURES.

	Today.	Yesterday.
December	7.92@7.93	7.[illegible]@7.[illegible]
January	7.97@7.98	7.8[illegible]@7.8[illegible]
February	7.98@8.00	7.9[illegible]@7.9[illegible]
March	8.05@8.07	7.97@7.98
April	8.13@8.14	8.0[illegible]@8.[illegible]
May	8.20@8.21	8.1[illegible]@8.1[illegible]
June	8.25@8.28	8.1[illegible]@8.1[illegible]
July	8.33@8.35	8.2[illegible]@8.[illegible]
Sales	46,200	16,[illegible]

U. S. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT.

Receipts this far this week	106,704
Receipts same time last week	173,602
Receipts same time last year	142,886
Receipts this day	31,616
Receipts this day last year	52,564
5 days last season	3,110,[illegible]
4 days last season	2,[illegible]
Excess of receipts this season	[illegible]
Exports to Great Britain	61,[illegible]
Exports to France	17,[illegible]
Exports to Continent	30,[illegible]
Exports to Channel	[illegible]
Stock this day	1,115,141
Stock this day last week	1,[illegible]
Stock this day last year	1,[illegible]
Excess of stock this season	[illegible]

RECEIPTS AT ALL UNITED STATES PORTS

STATIONS.	This Day	Total This Year
Galveston	7,557	7,[illegible]
New Orleans	14,[illegible]	[illegible]
Mobile	3,[illegible]	[illegible]
Savannah	6,[illegible]	[illegible]
Charleston	4,[illegible]	[illegible]
Wilmington	1,[illegible]	[illegible]
Norfolk	3,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Baltimore	[illegible]	[illegible]
New York	1,[illegible]	3,[illegible]
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]
West Point	3,[illegible]	2,[illegible]
Velasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Various	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]

GALVESTON RECEIPTS AND EXPORTS.

Receipts	This day.	This week.	This season.	Last season.
Net	7,557	31,[illegible]	63,[illegible]	[illegible]
Other ports	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gross	7,557	31,[illegible]	63,[illegible]	[illegible]
Exports—				
Great Britain	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
France	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Continent	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Galveston Cotton Movement.

Galveston, Texas, December 5.

Receipts this day: By Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe 2241; International and Great Northern 3423; Missouri, Kansas and Texas 613; barges Alice 526, Boots 503; schooners Josephine D. 46, Columbus 36 and Susie 26. Total, 7357.

St. Louis Cotton.

St. Louis, Mo., December 5.—Cotton was steady; middling 7 9-16; sales 800 bales; receipts 4700; shipments 6100; stock 46,700 bales.

Wool Movement.

Galveston, Texas, December 5.

Receipts this day 71,202; this week 112,202; this season 2,466,071; shipments this day —; this week —; this season 1,908,944; same time last season 2,232,960; sales this day —; this week —; this season 751,239; same time last season 14,661; stock this day 2,490,208; same time last season 422,778.

Galveston Wool Market.

Galveston, Texas, December 5.

Spring—	This Day.	Yes'y.
12 Months Clip—Fine..	11@12	11@12
Medium	12@13	12@13
Fall—		
6 to 8 months—fine....	10½@12	10½@12
Medium	11½@12	11½@12
Mexican, improved ...	10@11	10@11
Mexican, carpet	9@10	9@10

Market quiet.

Sandy and burry 2@6c below quotations.

FINANCIAL.

Stocks.

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	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Closing Yes-ter day.
Am. Cot. Oil.	30	30¼	28¾	29¾	30¼
Atchison	20¼	20¼	19	19¼	21¼
C., B. and Q.	79¾	80¼	79¼	79¾	80¼
Chicago Gas.	68¾	68¾	67½	67½	69¾
D., L. and W.	..	..	..	..	103¾
Erie	..	..	..	..	14¾
Gen Electric.	34	35	33	33¼	35¼
Lead	21½	..	..	21½	21¾
L. and N....	51¼	51¼	51¼	51¼	51¼
M. E.	20¼	20¾	20	20¼	20¾
M. P.	30½	30½	30¼	30¼	31¼
N. P. Pf....	29¾	..	..	29¾	29¾
N. W.	105¾	..	..	104¾	106
Reading	21¼	..	..	21¼	21¾
R. I.	70	70¼	69¾	69¾	70¼
St. P.	65¼	65¼	64¾	64¾	66¾
T. C. I.	16¾	16¾	16¼	16¼	16¾
U. P.	22¾	22¾	21¾	21¾	23¾
Whisky	26¾	27	26¾	26¾	26¾
W. U.	89¼	90	89	89	89¼

Houston Stocks and Bonds.

(Corrected Weekly by Atwood Violett & Co.)

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Commercial National	130	140
First National	550	[illegible]
Houston National	100	114
Planters and Mech. Nat....	88	90
South Texas National	100	106
Houston L. and Trust Co....	85	..
Houston City Railway Co...	..	12
Union Com. and Wareh. Co..	..	95
Tex. S. and R. E. I. Ass'n..	95	100½
Bonds—		
Houston City 6s, 1918	*102	*105
Houston City 6s, 1922	..	*100
Houston City R'y 7s, 1899	..	105
Houston City R'y 6s 1903....	..	85
Galveston City 5s, 1921	..	*95
Galveston City 5s, 1897	..	*95
Galveston City 5s, 1931	..	*100
Texas 5s, 1925	*105	..
Texas 5s, 1900	*105	*109

(a) None offered.
* And interest.

New York Stock Market.

New York, December 5.—The feature of the speculation on the stock exchange today was the attack made on Atchison, the weapon being used was the rumor that the company had failed in its negotiations in London for a loan of $4,000,000 and that there would be a default on January interest.

President Reinhart is in London and was called. He answered that there was no truth in the rumor, but it had had its effect. Shares, however, were fairly well held during the afternoon, but the closing sale was 1½ off from last night.

The general market was very quiet and there were evidences that the bears were getting in line for another attack. Everything was done possible to depress the entire list, and at times the pressure to sell was quite pronounced.

The alleged uncertainty as to the shape in which the tariff bill will pass congress was made to do service.

After midday speculation became steadier and a gradual improvement was begun, which continued until delivery hour, at which time an advance of from 1 to 3 points was established. Another selling movement then set in assisted by some realizing sales, and the general market at the close was weak.

New York Money.

New York, December 5.—Money on call easy at 1@1½ per cent; closed at 1½ per cent; prime paper 3@5½ per cent; sterling exchange strong, 4.86@4.86¼ for demand; 4.84½@4.84¾ for 60 days.

New York Bonds.

New York, December 5.—Government bonds strong.

State bonds a shade better.

BONDS.

United States 4's, registered	112
United States 4's, coupon	114
United States 4's, reg. (new)	[illegible]
United States 5's, reg. (new)	[illegible]
Central Pacific 1's	114
Denver and Rio Grande 4's	90
Missouri Pacific consol. 6's	100
Tennessee, Kansas and Texas generals 4's	47
St. Louis and Iron Mountain general 5's	82½
St. Louis and San Francisco gen. mortgage	69¾
Texas Pacific land grants	7
Texas Pacific Rio Grande's	21
Union Pacific 1's	104

STOCKS.

American Cotton Oil	28
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe	[illegible]
Central Pacific	18
Chicago and Alton	157
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	78¾
Denver, Texas and Fort Worth	[illegible]
Illinois and Tennessee	105
Denver and Rio Grande	10
Denver and Rio Grande pref	72
Erie, common	13¾
Fort Worth and Denver	[illegible]
Houston and Tex. Central	3
Illinois Central	87
Kansas and Texas	[illegible]
Lakeshore	128
Louisville and Nashville	81
Missouri Pac. Co.	[illegible]
Northern Pacific	6¾
Northern Pacific, pref	16¾
New York, Central	102
Ontario and Western	15
Reading	21
Rock Island	70¾
St. Louis and San Francisco	[illegible]
St. Louis and San Francisco, preferred	[illegible]
St. Paul, common	65
St. Paul, preferred	118
Texas and Pacific	5¾
Union Pacific	16¾
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific, certificates	7
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific, preferred..	16
Wells-Fargo Express	110
Western Union Telegraph	80¾
Distillers' Cattle Feeders' Company	[illegible]

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Sterling, commercial, 60 days (¼)	[illegible]
Sterling, sight	[illegible]
Commercial, 60 days	4.84
Commercial, sight	4.87
Francs, 60 days	5.18¾
Francs, sight	5.17½

SILVER CERTIFICATES—NEW YORK.

Today	Yesterday
[illegible]	[illegible]

RATES ON SILVER—LONDON.

Today	Yesterday
34 1-16	34 1-16

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago.

Chicago, December 5.—Cattle in light demand, prices weak, unevenly lower, 15@20c; most of the sales ranged downward from $5; very decent steers sold at $5.70@4.10; it took something good to bring more than $4.25.

Heavy hogs forced back to $5@5.40; closing quotations for light and medium weights 5-10@5.60; average of prices 5@10c lower than Monday; bulk of sales below 5.40; large part at 5.10@5.30.

Sheep ruled lower; good wethers sold around 3; quotations ranged 1@2.50; poor to medium, and 2.75@3.40 good to choice; Christmas stock not taken into consideration in above quotations; lambs quoted at 2.75@4.65; sales principally at 3.50@4.25.

Receipts—Cattle 7000; hogs 24,000; sheep 12,000.

St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., December 5.—Cattle—Receipts 5600; shipments 600; market generally a shade off; a bunch of native steers averaging 1334 pounds brought 5.15; another lot weighing 1790 pounds sold at 5; fair to good native steers ranging from 900 to 1300 pounds 3@4.60; cows and heifers sold 2@2.25; fed Texas steers 2.90@3.35; cows 1.80@2.15.

Hogs—Receipts 6600; shipments 900; market lower; heavy packing 5.20@5.35; mixed 4.80@5.25; light 5@5.30.

Sheep—Receipts 1200; market steady; natives 3@5.25; mixed lots 2.50@3.10.

Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., December 5.—Cattle—Receipts 7000; shipments 3500; market weak; Texas steers 2.30@3.50; shipping steers 4@5.65; Texas and native cows 1.40@3.25; butcher stock 2.00@4.15; stockers and feeders 2@3.30.

Hogs—Receipts 7700; market weak; bulk 5.10@5.25; heavy packing and mixed 5@5.30; light, Yorkers and pigs 4.25@5.35.

Sheep—Receipts 1900; shipments 100; market slow.

New York.

New York, December 5.—Beeves—Receipts 1101; no trading.

Calves—Receipts 200; market firm, unchanged.

Sheep—Receipts 1327 head; market firm.

Houston Cattle Market.

Houston, December 5.

Prices.	Cents.
Choice beeves	3¼
Fair to common beeves	1½@1¾
Choice cows	2
Common to fair cows	1¼@1½
Choice two-year-olds	2
Common to fair two-year-olds....	1¾
Choice fat yearlings	2
Choice calves	2½@3½
Common to fair, per head	2½
Choice corn'd hogs	5½@6
Choice mast'd hogs	5
Choice mutton	3½

The market is well supplied with all classes of cattle, hogs and sheep.

New Orleans.

Reported for The Houston Post daily, except Thursdays and Sundays, by Albert Montgomery, Live Stock Commission Merchant.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 5.

PRICES.	
Good fat beeves	2½@3½c
Common to fair	2@2½
Common to fair cows	9.00@14.00
Good fat cows	2½@3½c
Calves	5.00@8.00
Yearlings	7.00@12.00
HOGS.	
Good cornfed hogs	6@6½c
Common to fair hogs	5@5½c
SHEEP.	
Good fat sheep	$2.[illegible]@2.50
Common to fair, each	1.[illegible]@[illegible]

RECEIPTS—TEXAS AND WESTERN CATTLE

Beef cattle	320
Calves and yearlings	261
Hogs	168
Sheep	[illegible]
SALES.	
Beef cattle	306
Calves and yearlings	166
Hogs	0
Sheep	[illegible]
CO HASD.	
Beef cattle	622
Calves and yearlings	280
Hogs	[illegible]
Sheep	571

Good beeves, good fat cows, good calves and yearlings firm; poor stock dull and weak.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Grain—Chicago.

Corrected daily by Atwood Violett & Co.

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.	Closing Yes-ter day.
Wheat—Dec.	59¾	59¾	58¾	59¾	59¾
May	60¾	60¾	59¾	60¾	62¾
Corn—Dec.	35¾	..	..	35¾	35¾
May	40	40¼	39¾	40¼	40
Oats—Dec.	25¾	..	..	25¾	25¾
May	31¾	31¾	31¼	31¾	31¾
Pork—Jan.	12.55	12.65	12.47	12.65	12.60
May	12.55	..	..	12.65	12.80
Lard—Jan.	7.70	7.80	7.72	7.77	7.85
May	7.62	7.62	7.60	7.62	7.65
S.S.Ribs—Jan.	6.37	6.60	6.37	6.57	6.62
May	6.85	6.65	6.60	6.65	6.67

Chicago Market.

Chicago, December 5.—With depressing effect of increase in visible supply and influenced by influence, which was the notable feature of today's board of trade business, wheat lost 1@¾c.

Corn unchanged.

Oats virtually so also.

Provisions 12½c off on pork, 7½ lower for lard and 5@7½c lower for ribs.

The leading futures closed:

Wheat—December 62¾; May 68¾@69.

Corn—December 35¾; January 35¾; May 40@40¼.

Oats—December 28¼; January 28¾; May 31¼@31¾.

Mess Pork—January 12.47½; May 12.65.

Lard—January 7.[illegible].

Short Ribs—January 6.57½; May 6.65.

Cash prices:

No. 2 spring wheat 62¾; No. red 62¾.

No. 2 corn 35¾.

No. 2 oats 26¾.

Mess pork, 12.62½@12.75.

Lard, 7.80@7.82½.

Short Ribs—Sides (loose) 6.75@7; dry salted shoulders (boxed) 6.25@6.50; short clear sides (boxed) 7.50@7.75.

New York.

New York, December 5.—Wheat—Spot market dull; No. 2 red elevator 68; options opened strong, being later not disclosed; No. 2 red May 73⅝; December 67½.

Corn—spot firm; No. 2 45¾ elevator; options opened steady and firm at ¼@¼c net advance; January 44¼; May 46¼; December 45¼.

Hides firm.

Wool firm.

Rice steady; domestic fair to extra 3¾@5¼; Japan 4¼@4¾.

Molasses firm.

Coffee—Options opened 5 points lower, closed dull, generally 5@10 points higher; December at 15.55; March 15.04@15.75; May 15.20@15.35; spot No. 7 steady; No. 7 Rio, 19¼; mild 20@24¼.

Sugar—Raw about steady; sales none; refined, market quiet.

New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., December 5.—Sugar—Open kettle steady; fully fair to prime 2⅝@2 9-16; good common to fair 2¼; common 2@2 1-16; centrifugal very strong; plantation granulated 4¾@4 1-16; choice white 3 11-16@3 15-16; off white 3 9-16@3¾; gray white 3¼@3½; choice yellow clarified 3@3 7-16, prime do. 2¾@3 5-16; fair do. 2½@2¾; common do. 2@2¼.

Molasses quiet; open kettle choice 32; good prime to strictly prime 28@30; fair to good fair 24@26; common to good common 22@24; centrifugal good prime to strictly prime 12@14; fair to prime 10@12; good common to fair to inferior 5@7.

Syrup 27@32.

Other markets unchanged.

St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., December 5.—Flour unchanged.

Wheat was very dull and prices went off 1c; later there was a slight rally, but the close was 5@¾c under yesterday; cash 59¾; December 60¼; January 60¾; May 62¾@62⅞.

Corn about steady; cash and December 37¾; May 41.

Corn meal quiet, 1.75.

Whisky steady, 1.15.

Bagging and cotton ties unchanged.

Provisions quiet and weak, but quotations can not be changed, only a job trade done.

Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., December 5.—Wheat slow; No. 2 hard 58; No. 2 red 59½.

Corn—No. 2 mixed 35@35¼c.

LOCAL PRICES CURRENT.

The following are the ruling prices for groceries, etc., in the market today:

NEW ORLEANS—Diamond house, Golden Syrup per dozen boxes; castor oil Texas, Boston cooked oil, per case, pints, $4.50; per case, quarts, $8.50.

AMMUNITION—Powder, per keg, $4.25@4.75; sporting powder $3.25 per keg; shot's prices short, drop, per sack, $1.60; buck, $1.85@1.90.

BAGGING AND TIES—Bagging, 1¾ pound, number 2 pound, 6@6½c; 2¼ pound, 6½c; Delta flag, $1.55 per bundle; standard Arrow ties, $1.10@1.15 per bundle; 45 pound steel Arrow ties, $1.05 per bundle.

BEESWAX—22c for good yellow; 19c for mixed lots.

BACON—Wholesale grocers charge—clear, nine; short clear, 9¼@10c; breakfast 10½c.

CANDY—Plain candy 7@7½c; wrapped 8@9½c; Arm and Hammer 12.25; fancy mixed in pails 8@10c; fancy, in cases, assortment, 9@11½c.

CANNED FRUITS—Standard canned goods, per dozen: Strawberries $1.35@1.40; pineapples, standard, $1.40@1.65; seconds, $1.25@1.30; pears, standard, $1.60@1.65; peaches, standard 2 pound, $1.50@1.60; seconds, 2 pound, $1.25@1.35; standard 3 pound, $2.30@2.40; 3 pound seconds, $2.10@2.20; blackberries, $1.10@1.20; marrowfat peas, $1.25@1.40; Lima beans, $1.25@1.45; string beans, 90c@$1.00; corn, $1.10@1.70; tomatoes, 2 pound, $1.15; 3 pound, $1.50; oysters 1 pound, n. w. 60@75c per pound; pound, c. w., 90@$1.00; 2 pound, c. w., $1.80@2.00; salmon, 1 pound cans, $1.25@1.40 per dozen; roast beef, $1.25@1.40; chipped beef, ¼ pound, $1.20; 1 pound, $2.25.

CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS—Wholesale grocers fill orders at the following quotations per dozen for 2⅝ pound cans: Peaches, $2.40@2.50; egg plums, $1.90@2.10; whippoorwill peas, 90 per pound, playback peas, [illegible] per pound.

CANDLES—Quoted as follows: Star, 10½@12½c; 16 ounce paraffine, set, 11½@12½c.

COFFEE—Peaberry, 22¾c; Cordova, 21¾c; fancy Rio, 22½c; choice Rio, 21½c; fair Rio, 20¾c; good Rio, 19¾c; common Rio, 19¾c; parching Rio, 18¾.

FERTILIZERS—Acid phosphate, $25 per ton from warehouse.

FLOUR—Tidal Wave, Kaiser Aussuma, $4.00; Sea Fairy, second roller patent, $3.70; Sea Nymph, extra roller fancy $3.50; Sea Jewel, extra roller choice, $3.30; Sea Pearl, roller, family, $2.90; Pumpernickel, $3.40; Gluten, new, $3.60; above for car lots; less than car lots, 25c per barrel higher; special rates for interior shipments.

GRAIN AND HAY—Car lots: Dealers charge from store 5@10c more per 100 pounds on bran, 2236 per bushel on oats and corn; bran, 85c per 100 pounds; oats, 45@50c per bushel; corn, 90@95c per bushel; chopped corn, 95c per 100 pounds; cotton seed meal, $23 per ton; timothy hay, $15.50@16.50 per ton; millet hay, $14 with per ton; seed hulls, $6 per ton.

FRUITS—Prices range in value as follows: Dry fruit, selected, 6½c; dry fruit, as they run, 5½c.

HAMS—10@10½c.

LARD—Refined tierces, 7@7½c; leaf, 8@8½c.

MOLASSES—Centrifugal, fair, 17@20c; prime 22@30c; choice, 32@35c; open kettle, fair, 18@20c; prime, 25c.

ONIONS—California, Mexican, per bushel, $1.75@2.00; California, per crate, $2.00@2.50; quart boxes, 65@75c; as to brand and quality.

RICE—Head, 6c; choice, 5¾c; prime, 4¾c; fair, 4¼c; good, 3¾c.

SALT—Twenty-cloth in full supply, demand fair; coarse, 80c; fine, $1.15 per sack in car load lots; Louisiana coarse, 70c; Louisiana fine, 80c; f. o. b., shipped direct from mines at New Iberia.

SUGAR—Standard granulated 4¾c; confectioners' A, 4¾c; cubes, 5c; powdered, 5c; fancy yellow—clarified, 4¾c; choice yellow clarified, 4⅜c; plantation whites, 4¾c.

COTTON SEED—Delivered at mill, $14 per ton.

Produce.

EGGS—Per dozen 24@25c.

BUTTER—Western, 20@25c; fresh Texas, country, 10@12c; Kansas, 24c; fancy creamery, 30c.

CHEESE—Quotations are as follows: Cream, 14@15c; Swiss, 20c; imitation Swiss, 18@20c; Young America, 14c.

ONIONS—California, $1.25 per bushel.

POTATOES—California, per bushel, 90c.

POULTRY—Chickens, per dozen, young, $2.50@3.00; old, $3.00@3.50.

VEGETABLES—Black eyed peas, 4¼c; lady peas, 5c; white beans, 3¾c per pound.

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