KOCH'S DISCOVERY.

The *tubercle bacilli* was discovered by Prof. Koch, to be constantly present in all cases of consumption. Where the blood is impoverished or impure, there results that constitutional condition known as scrofula, which is characterized by the liability of certain tissues to become the seat of chronic inflammations and enlargements. Virchow says "their vulnerability is excessive." Consequently, exciting causes which would have only passing effect upon a healthy subject, would produce inflammation and disease in the scrofulous.

These troubles may start as catarrh in the nasal passages, throat or lungs, and as the membranes become weakened, the tubercle bacilli enter, and multiply, and we have, as a result, that dread disease—Consumption.

Find a perfect remedy for scrofula, in all its forms—something that *purifies* the blood, as well as *claims* to. That, if it's taken in time, will cure Consumption. It has been found, in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. As a strength-restorer, blood-cleanser, and flesh-builder, nothing like it is known to medical science. For Scrofula, Bronchial, Throat, and Lung affections, Weak Lungs, severe Coughs, and kindred ailments, it's the only remedy so sure that it can be *guaranteed*. If it doesn't benefit or cure, your money is refunded.

SOO HOLDS THE KEY.

A Meeting to Equalize Rates to Detroit, With a Coign of Vantage.

Effort to Interest St. Paul Capital in the New Bee Line Road.

The Alton Boycott Bobs Up Again to Disturb the Quiet.

Committee Named to Consider Its Status--Railroad Round-Up.

The meeting of the general passenger agents of the Duluth, Eastern Minnesota, Wisconsin Central and Omaha, who were to meet Mr. Hibbard, of the "Soo," at his office in Minneapolis yesterday afternoon, has been postponed until today, when they will meet in General Passenger Agent Teasdale's office, of the Omaha.

The case in question is one which involves the making of a new rate to Detroit, Mich., via the Chicago lines, and the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic (Soo) via Mackinaw, from Duluth. The latter road has considerable advantage over the other roads in this business, and their object is to humor the Soo to such an extent that it will raise the Detroit figure over its line so as to equalize the rate via Chicago. The Soo has been appealed to before on this business. It holds the latchkey. The present rate from Duluth to Detroit by this line is $16, while the Chicago lines quote $21.35, a difference of $5.35. It is understood that the Chicago roads will ask that the Soo advance the rate to something near their own figure. It is said the Soo intends to put on a sleeper between the points in question and hold her own. If this is the case, the Duluth lines via Chicago will probably cut by making the rate to Detroit $13.55, which will compel the Soo to come to terms.

THE ALTON BOYCOTT.

Prospect of Raising It Displeases the Road.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—The joint committee of the Trunk Line and Central Traffic associations has, according to private advices from New York today, referred the matter of the Alton boycott to a committee of general passenger agents. This committee is instructed to make a full report of the present status of the boycott and commission question, and recommend action.

Meantime the Western roads have lost no time in adopting the pace set by the Burlington. The majority of them have notified the Western ticket agents that they will resume the payment of commissions in what has been known as the forbidden territory.

It is not the intention of any of these roads, however, to pay vouchers for ticket sales that were made longer ago than Dec. 1.

The Alton officials seem rather displeased than otherwise at the prospect of the boycott being lifted. It is a great advertisement for their road, and they have so arranged their business that it runs smoothly in spite of the hostility of connecting lines, and without any apparent falling off in revenue. Of all the roads east and west of Chicago there is probably none so indifferent as the Alton as to what disposition shall be made of the boycott.

TO INTEREST ST. PAUL

In the Construction of the New Bee Line Road.

Charles D. Smith, a prominent attorney of Fon du Lac, Wis., is in the city in the interest of the Bee Line railway, a road projected between Milwaukee and Superior. The right-of-way has been secured and branch lines have been surveyed. This road, if constructed, will be seventy miles shorter than any line now connecting the two places. Mr. Smith was seen at the Windsor last evening, and talked quite freely concerning the project. He hopes to be able to interest St. Paul capitalists, and will present the thing in a very favorable light.

"The right-of-way," he said, "for a good part of the distance has been secured free of cost, and for the remainder at a cost of not more than $25 per acre. This road will be a good paying one, and will open up a large section of country."

Rumbles.

F. H. Anson, general Northwestern agent of the Wisconsin Central at Minneapolis, has resigned his position, to take effect Jan. 1. His duties will thereafter be assumed by C. E. Stone, of this city, the assistant general passenger agent. Mr. Stone now represents the Northern Pacific, the Wisconsin Central and the Duluth roads.

The Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City train leaving here at 7:40 a. m. will, beginning today, leave one hour later, and the train leaving at 7:33 p. m. will leave at 8:30 p. m. The "milk train" leaving at 4:50 p. m. will leave hereafter at 5 p. m.

S. H. Kneass, formerly of the passenger department at Minneapolis of the Soo line, who was appointed chief clerk of the Cairo Short line at St. Louis a month ago, is in the city for the purpose of moving his family to the Mound City.

C. E. Stone, of the Wisconsin Central, will take the "dazzler" company by special train from Minneapolis tonight. He will return with the "Texas Steer" company.

The Kansas City road intends to run a through Pullman from St. Paul to Jacksonville, Fla., but the date and route is not decided upon as yet.

F. M. Luce, assistant passenger agent of the Pennsylvania road, is in the city. He will work the delegation to Washington this time.

Winter Excursions.

"The Burlington" has now on sale excursion tickets, at greatly reduced rates, to all the principal health and pleasure resorts of Florida, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Mexico, California, and to Hot Springs, Ark.; Las Vegas, New Mexico; Eureka Springs, Ark.; Prescott and Phœnix, Ariz. Tickets to all these points will be good from three to six months from date of sale, and with liberal stop-over privileges in most cases. The fast time, sure connections, luxurious accommodations and unrivaled service of "The Burlington" are well known, and make it the favorite route for tourists. For tickets, rates, sleeping car accommodations, and any further information, call at city ticket office, No. 164 East Third street.

St. Louis Bandits Safe.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—But little has developed in regard to the robbery of the 'Frisco express train at Glendale Monday night. The men undoubtedly had saddle horses awaiting them, and it is more than likely that they mounted, separated and hastened to St. Louis, arriving before the jubilee torchlight parade was over. Once in the city they could easily cover all traces of themselves and leave one by one over any of the railroads without attracting the least suspicion.

Expenses Were Too High.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 4.—John T. Stapler, a cracker manufacturer and prominent local business man, has shot himself and is dead. Mr. Stapler had recently purchased an elegant mansion, and had fitted it up in grand style. Previously he had lived very plainly, and it is believed that his new responsibilities and increased cost of living affected his mind. He had an estate worth $150,000, but thought that he was becoming impoverished.

STILLWATER NEWS.

A Young Man Who Has Forged a Number of Checks.

Frank Wineshenk, a young man who has been employed as bookkeeper for Burns & Gorham since the 17th of last month, was discovered to be a forger yesterday morning. An investigation showed that there were five checks taken from the check book, and but little difficulty was found in locating them, as they were mostly presented to the banks on deposit yesterday. As soon as presented they were pronounced forgeries of a very clumsy character. They consisted of four for $10 each, and were passed upon J. E. Garnelius & Co., Joseph Bass & Co., L. Albenberg and Fazendin & Co., and one for $5, which was held by E. T. Anderson. Wineshenk was arrested and locked up last evening. Yesterday morning before the forgery was known Mr. Gorham went into the office just as he was putting the check book back into the safe. This he thought rather singular, but Wineshenk went out immediately, and very soon thereafter the forged checks commenced to come in. Young Wineshenk is about twenty-five years of age and lives with his mother, who is a widow, at 128 South Holcombe. Instead of going home Thursday night he passed the night out at a resort.

Rev. Mr. Morey, of the First Presbyterian church, will preach on the subject of "Sectarian Schools" to-morrow evening at 7:30. He will discuss the proposition whether it is less consistent to read the Bibles in the schools than to employ Sisters of Charity as teachers.

The board of prison managers met yesterday, and besides transacting routine business, appointed Messrs. Dunn, O'Brien and Norrish as a committee to purchase the new binding twine plant.

Four hundred dollars in subscriptions were attached to the capital stock of the Stillwater Manufacturing company yesterday, making the total $19,150.

The snow storm of yesterday resulted in the sending up of a large number of men by the loggers.

Thomas Donahue was received at the prison yesterday from Duluth, sentenced to three years and six months' service for grand larceny in the second degree.

The prison population is now 323.

THE OXFORD GOWN.

When Worn by Girls It Is a Delightful Costume.

New York Times.

The Princess of Wales never looked more charming than when she appeared in the graceful Oxford gown with the corresponding mortar board cap. The long lines of the gown as it falls about one make it a source of delight to the lover of the picturesque. At Toronto university, at Bryn Mawr and at the University of Nebraska it has been adopted as the college or class costume. In many American colleges where a strong class spirit exists some article of apparel of unique design is adopted as a class distinction. The sombrero was chosen by one class in a Western college, and, although picturesque, it was hardly appropriate for the student. The young men looked as they had forgotten their bowie knives and rawhides, and even the young women looked rather formidable with their faces shaded by the heavy brims. I wonder that the Oxford gown is not more generally worn by college students in this country. It is easy to doff and don, is suitable for so many occasions, and is adapted to all seasons. A chamois jacket worn under the gown gives the necessary warmth, except for a very cold, blustering day. One pretty senior girl, who clung persistently to the gown the whole year round, was asked one winter day if she suffered from the cold.

"Oh, no," was the reply, as she folded it about her; "see how long and warm it is."

And in response to the question if she was not uncomfortably warm one sweltering day in June, answered, as she raised her arms, showing the loose, flowing sleeves: "See how light and cool it is."

The young man looks scholastic and severe in the costume, and every one knows how effective the cap must be when perched upon the pretty head of a co-ed. Even the homliest girls look charming, while the pretty girls are absolutely Tennysonian.

To Old Mexico.

"The Burlington" has now on sale excursion tickets to principal points in Mexico at greatly reduced rates. No more interesting country can be selected for a winter journey. The unrivaled service and accommodations of "The Burlington," with two trains each day to St. Louis, makes it the favorite line. Tickets will be good for six months from date of sale, and may be obtained at the ticket office, No. 164 East Third street, where any further information will be cheerfully furnished.

A SUSPICION LIFTED.

A Ku-Klux Mystery Cleared by a Deathbed Confession.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 4.—May 21, 1870, during the height of the ku klux reign in this state, Senator John W. Stephen, of Caswell county, was found dead in the tower of the court house at Yancyville. There were numerous stabs in his body, and a rope around his neck. Court was in session at the time, and a tremendous sensation was created. Gov. Holden caused a large number of arrests on suspicion, among them several prominent Democratic politicians and an ex-judge of the superior court. No clue was found, and the matter has ever since remained a mystery. Yesterday a prominent citizen of Caswell county, Dr. Felix Roan, on his deathbed confessed the murder, and named as his accomplices Dr. Stephen Richmond and the sheriff of the county. All the parties are now dead, but the confession lifts the suspicion which has attached to several prominent men still living.

ARTIFICIAL PLUMAGE

Artistically Laid on an Unfaithful Physician.

JOHNSON, Neb., Dec. 4.—This little village was the scene of much excitement last night. Two years ago Dr. P. H. Welfley, a handsome young physician, located here, and by his politeness and steady manner soon built up a fine practice and won the confidence and esteem of the community. But the physician betrayed that confidence.

For some time the gossips have been whispering of his intimacy with several married women. Lately this immorality has become more open, and it was decided to punish him. Last night a body of men called at the doctor's office, blindfolded and gagged him, took him to a forest and liberally laid on a coat of tar and feathers and gave him twenty-four hours to leave town. He left this afternoon.

Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely avoided by the Cal. Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

It Was Deadly.

Detroit Free Press.

The police judge of one of the interior Ohio cities had been on a "bat" in Toledo, and there was no telling what he hadn't been through if one were to judge from his appearance, said the drummer at the Cadillac. When he was able to take the bench again there was a lot of cases for disposal, the first one being a concealed weapon charge.

"So," said his honor to the prisoner, "you were carrying a concealed deadly weapon, were you?"

"No, your honor," denied the prisoner.

"The officer says different. Didn't you have anything on your person?"

"Nothing, your honor, except a bottle of whisky, and there's nothing deadly about that, your honor."

"Where did you get it?" inquired the judge.

"Toledo, your honor."

The judge rubbed his head as if it were sore clean through.

"Fifty dollars and costs," he said slowly. "I guess you don't know what a deadly weapon is."

CATHOLIC CONGRESS.

Subjects to Be Considered—Educational Exhibit.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—The committee having in charge the proposed work of the Catholic congress of 1893, have held important meetings during the week. Their work has been submitted to the cardinal and archbishops, who have approved the suggestions of the committee. The report provides that the congress shall consist of ten general delegates from every diocese, and additional delegates in the proportion of five to every 25,000 of the Catholic population, these delegates to be chosen and appointed by the bishop of the diocese. Each Catholic university, college and seminary is entitled to delegates, and the committee has the right to invite to the congress distinguished laymen of any country, creed or profession. It was determined that the main feature of the congress should be the social and economic questions embraced in the recent encyclical of Pope Leo XIII. The questions to be considered are:

First—The rights of labor and the duties of capital.

Second—Pauperism and the remedy.

Third—Public and private charity—how to make these more effective and beneficial.

Fourth—Beneficial workingmen's societies and societies for young men.

Fifth—Life insurance and pension funds for workingmen.

Sixth—Trade combinations and strikes.

Seventh—Colonization

Eighth—The evils of drink and the importance of minimizing the plague.

The preparatory work has been left to a committee on organization, of which Archbishop Feehan, of Chicago, is chairman, and William J. Onahan, secretary. They will look after the preliminary details, and in a few months call a meeting of the committee to fix the exact time for holding the congress.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 4.—Two important conferences have been held by the Catholic clergy this week relative to Catholic education and a display at the World's Columbian exhibition. Rt. Rev. John L. Spalding, bishop of Peoria, president of the educational board, stated that he could not perform the active duties required to forward the display and asked to be relieved. A successor was elected, but the name of the gentleman is withheld until he receives the approval of his religious superiors. The selection of the executive officer completed as far as the hierarchy is concerned, the entire conduct of affairs will rest in his hands. The exhibit will have for its aim the display of the methods and kind of education in Catholic schools. The committee has received assurance from the world's fair commission of as much space as they will require. Active work will begin at once.

NO BACKWARD STEP.

Ex-President Cleveland Wants Tariff Reform Pushed.

CANTON, O., Dec. 4.—The Young Men's Democratic Club of Canton celebrated with a banquet last night the fourth anniversary of the issuance of Grover Cleveland's tariff reform message. Letters of regret were read from ex-President Cleveland, Govs. Campbell, of Ohio; Boies, of Iowa, and Russell, of Massachusetts. Mr. Cleveland, in his letter, said, in part: "I regret that I am unable to attend the meeting. The value and significance of this occasion, it seems to me, are found in the evidence it furnishes of a determination to push the issue of tariff reform in a practical and effective manner. It is the duty of the Democratic party to do this, and expediency as well as duty forbids any backward step or faltering. No party can succeed which deliberately relinquishes a principle on the eve of its vindication, and no party ought to succeed which, having led men to an honest examination of a question vital to their interest and welfare, abandons their guidance and leaves them in doubt and perplexity. The confidence born of partial success and the assertion of the claims of any individual to party leadership ought not to divert us from the duty we owe to the people. Our obligation to them will not be discharged until in every hamlet and neighborhood in the land our cause is so presented to our countrymen that they can no longer be deceived through blunders, nor corrupted through differences."

SKELETONS WITH TAILS.

Prehistoric Forms With Caudal Appendages in Mexico.

Philadelphia Times.

A discovery which will prove of immense interest to ethnologists has been made at the little hamlet of Sinaloa, Mexico, within the past few days while breaking ground for a large coffee plantation, which is being established by an English syndicate. The find consists of thousands of skeletons either of large apes or of prehistoric human beings of a very low order. If the remains are of apes, they were of a gigantic size and of a variety no longer extant, while if they are of men the men were provided with distinct caudal appendages, very thick and short, and curled up like a squirrel's. That they are the skeletons of apes can hardly be doubted, judging from the arms, which reach nearly half a foot below the knee, and the thumbs, which are also abnormally large and curved, with exceedingly sharp and powerful nails.

The feet, too, show that they were intended for climbing, rather than walking, and are also provided with claws and prehensile toes of unusual length. It is probable that the large number of skeletons found is due to a battle between two bands of the animals having taken place at this spot, which is further proven by the number of broken skulls and other bones among them and the fact that several of the skeletons were found clenched in a deadly embrace. No weapons, however, were discovered, but as these were probably of wood they have perished in the course of time.

DO YOU FEEL LIKE THIS?

Ordinary Symptoms That Indicate the Beginning of a Serious Trouble.

"The public ought to be warned of the insidious and generally unappreciated beginnings of chronic disease," said a physician to a GLOBE reporter.

"Restlessness,
"Feverish feeling,
"Sleeplessness,
"Periodic headaches,
"Dizzy ness,
"Dimness of vision,
"Ringing in the ears,
"Difficulty in thinking,
"Trouble in remembering names and faces even of friends.

"All these may seem trifling symptoms. But they indicate a serious condition, and, if proper treatment is not instituted, chronic disease of the nerves or brain will follow, or sudden death will result, without warning.

"Nothing can be more injurious at this time than stimulants. The system needs soothing, toning and building up. Prof. Phelps, of Dartmouth, realized this when he began his investigations which resulted in the discovery of Paine's celery compound. This compound checks and cures disease, even after it has secured a foothold in the system. Taken on the approach of the symptoms I have named, it will positively prevent their increase and restore the usual health and strength."

WHEAT CLOSED WEAK

At the Opening on Chicago 'Change Sentiment Was Bullish,

But Toward the Close Firmness Vanished, and Figures Were Low.

Hog Products Make the Only Gain Recorded During the Day.

Wall Street Trading Lacking in Feature and Dull in the Extreme.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—At the start this morning the sentiment in the wheat pit seemed to be decidedly bullish; prices were not advanced much, but more confidence was expressed, the buying more generous and short sellers more cautious. Part of this strength was carried over from yesterday, when the market closed firm. The feeling was aided by stronger cables, Liverpool being quoted ½d higher, and Berlin better in the public cable, though private advices were less encouraging. The smaller receipts in the Northwest, the fear of cold weather following the recent rains, and the general firmness in domestic markets were also strengthening factors.

For a time there was a general disposition to cover short wheat, with selling both restricted and cautious. There was a rumor that Pardridge was short a big line, estimated all the way from 3,000,000 bu to 5,000,000 bu, and for a time the feeling seemed to be that an attempt was being made to run him in. Pardridge denied that he was short any considerable amount, but served notice on the crowd that he was a bear at present prices, and proceeded to show his sincerity by selling freely. So the attempt to run him in, if it was contemplated, was soon abandoned, and the market turned weak. This encouraged other bears to sell short, and, private cable advices being weak, the downward movement was continued.

An attempt was made to start a panic when the news of the bomb-throwing in Russell Sage's office in New York became known, but it did not succeed. In the last hour there was an advance, but the market grew weak again near the close of the session, and closed weak at the bottom figure. Beam bought considerable wheat early in the session, but it was presumably to cover shorts. May, which is the most active future, opened at 97⅝c, sold up to 98⅛c, receded gradually to 97⅜c, firmed up to 97½c, broke to 97⅛c, rallied to 97½c, went off to and closed at 96⅞c, a loss of ¾c compared with yesterday's closing price.

December corn opened decidedly strong and higher, but the advance was all lost with something besides before the close. There were several reasons for the early strength: the price at Liverpool was a penny higher; the inspection into stores showed only 35 cars of contract grade out of a total of 467; stocks of contract corn are very light, and the big engagements made during the last few days indicate that it is going out faster than it comes in. Hence, shorts deemed it prudent to cover; the early firmness in wheat and pork was also a strengthening factor in corn. But the advance led to pretty free selling, led by Bartlett-Frazier and other bulls.

Decemoer opened at 48⅝c, against 47⅞c at the close yesterday, sold up to 48¾c, broke to 47¾c, fluctuated narrowly for a time, broke again near the close to 47⅝c, and closed at that figure. The fluctuations in the more distant futures were less marked. May sold early at 43⅜c, and closed at 42⅞c, which were the extreme prices in that month.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 2 Wheat—				
December	90⅞	91⅛	90½	90½
January	92⅛	92⅜	91⅝	91⅝
May	97⅞	98⅛	97	97
No. 2 Corn—				
December	48⅜	48¾	47⅝	47⅝
January	42⅞	42⅞	42½	42½
May	43⅜	43⅜	42⅞	42⅞
No. 2 Oats—				
December	32⅛	32¼	32	32
January	31⅜	31⅜	31½	31½
May	32⅞	33	32¾	32¾
Mess Pork—				
December	8 30	8 35	8 30	8 35
January	11 17½	11 25	11 15	11 22½
May	11 62½	11 70	11 57½	11 67½
Lard—				
December	5 95	6 00	5 95	6 00
January	6 12½	6 20	6 12½	6 17½
May	6 47½	6 55	6 47½	6 52½
Short Ribs—				
December	5 47½	5 50	5 47½	5 50
January	5 50	5 55½	5 50	5 55
May	5 87½	5 95	5 85	5 92½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, quiet and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 93½c; No. 3 spring, 83c; No. 2 red, 96½c. Corn—No. 2, 47⅝c. Oats—No. 2, 32c; No. 2 white, 33½@34c; No. 3 white, 31½@33c. Rye—No. 2, 88½@89c. Barley—No. 2, 59@59c; No. 3 f. o. b., 45@56c; No. 4, f. o. b., 44@45c. Flaxseed—No. 1, 97½@97½c. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.22@1.23. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $8.25@8.37½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $6.02½@6.05. Short Ribs Sides—Loose, $5.4@5.65. Dry Salted Shoulders—Boxed, $4.12½@4.25. Short Clear Sides—Boxed, $5.75@5.85. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.18. Sugars unchanged. Receipts—Flour, 23,000 bbls; wheat, 106,000 bu; corn, 176,000 bu; oats, 100,000 bu; rye, 30,000 bu; barley, 62,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 12,000 bbls; wheat, 33,000 bu; corn, 88,000 bu; oats, 162,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 58,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was firmer; fancy creamery, 27@28c; fine Western, 25@26c; ordinary, 21@24c; selected dairies, 25@26c; ordinary, 18@23c. Eggs, 24@25c.

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Duluth Wheat.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Dec. 4.—There was a stronger market this morning at the opening, but it ruled dull till noon, with decidedly downward tendencies. May and December opened at ¼c up. This advance was soon lost, however, and the decline was very rapid. Heavy storms and blizzards reported from the Northwest helped to strengthen prices at the opening. There has been a great falling off of wheat receipts here during the week, because the railroad companies are busy supplying the West with coal. No trading was done here after the noon hour, and the close was very dull at a decline from yesterday of ¼c for December, ⅝c for May and unchanged for cash, as follows: No. 1 hard, cash, 88c; December, 88c; May, 93⅝c. No. 1 Northern, cash, 87c; December, 86c; May, 94⅝c. No. 2 northern, cash, 81c.

Cars inspected in—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 43; No. 1 northern, 79; No. 2 northern, 27; No. 3 spring, 6; rejected, 2; no grade, 74; total, 231. Flax—4. Receipts—Wheat, 158,955 bu; flax, 3,434 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 135,191 bu. Cars on Track—Northern Pacific, 141; Great Northern, 93; C., St. P., M. & O., 5; St. Paul & Duluth, 7; total, 260. Corresponding date last year, 55.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Dec 4—Flour quiet. Wheat firm; May, 94c; No. 2 spring, 88c; No. 1 northern, 91c. Corn steady; No. 3, 43½@44c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3 white, 33½@33c. Barley quiet; sample on track, 38@61½c. Rye steady; No. 1, 89c. Provisions quiet. Pork—January, $11.25. Lard—January, $6.12½. Receipts—Flour, 15,500 bbls; wheat, 66,700 bu; barley, 73,700 bu. Shipments—Flour, 41,100 bbls; wheat, 3,600 bu; barley, 22,900 bu.

St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Flour dull, but firm. Wheat opened firm, but eased off and became weak, closing ⅛@⅜c lower than yesterday; No. 2 red, cash, 93⅝@93½c; December, 93½@94c, closing at 93⅜c. Corn nominal; January closed at 35½c; May, 97⅝@98⅛c, closing at 97⅝@98c. Corn firm at the opening, but sold off and closed ¼@⅜c below; No. 2 cash, 41@42c; year, 40⅝@41⅛c, closing at 40⅜c; January, 39½@39¾c, closing at 39⅝c asked; May, 40⅝@41⅛c, closing at 40⅝c. Oats very quiet; No. 2, cash, 32c; December, 32c, nominal; May, 33⅝c bid. Rye neglected. Barley steady; Minnesota, 62c; Iowa, 54c; Nebraska, 57c. Hay steady, unchanged. Bran firm, higher; sacked, East track, 81@83c. Flaxseed lower, 97c.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Wheat—Receipts, 230,700 bu; exports, 189,000; spot lower; red, $1.06¾ store and elevator, $1.05¾@1.06 afloat, $1.05¾@1.07⅜ f. o. b.; options opened strong, closed dull and lower; No. 2 red, December closing at $1.04. Corn—Receipts, 79,000 bu; exports, 1,500 bu; spot lower; 66@67c in elevator, 67@67½c afloat; options closed lower; December, closing at 67¾c. Oats—Receipts, 7,125 bu; exports, 30,358 bu; sales, 240,000 bu futures, 191,000 bu spot; spot market active, higher, firm; options moderately active, firmer; December, 40½@40⅝c, closing at 40⅝c; January, 3.¾c, closing 39¾c; May, 39½c; No. 2 white, 41@42c; mixed western, 39@42c; white western, 41@45c; No. 2 Chicago, 41¾@42¼c. Coffee—Options opened steady, 5 points down to 5 up; closed steady, 15@25 points up; sales, 26,000 bags; spot firm; No. 7, 13¾c. Sugar—Raw firm; sales, 2,200 bags. Molasses quiet. Cottonseed oil quiet, firm. Turpentine dull, weak; 33½@34c. Eggs quiet and steady. Pork—Moderate demand, steady. Middles dull. Lard firmer, more active; Western steam, $5.45; sales, 550 tcs at $6.42½@6.45; options, sales, 3,500 tcs; December, $6.41; January, $5.42@6.48, closing at $6.51 bid; February, $6.60 bid; March, $6.66@6.70, closing at $6.70 bid; May, $6.86. Butter quiet, easy. Cheese quiet. Pig iron quiet, fair demand. Copper—Lake, $11.10. Tin dull, steady; straits, $19 95. Lead dull

Oats were quiet and firm; closed slightly higher. The removal of prohibition on American pork by the Austrian government had no effect on the prices of hog products, as it was argued that many months would elapse before it would result in any trade with that country. The official count of the hogs received yesterday showed a decided reduction, as did yesterday's estimates of today's receipts, in the aggregate about 25,000. This caused higher prices for products at the opening. The advance in the price of corn was also a bull factor. The early advance was taken advantage of by some tired longs to unload, and their offerings broke the market. Later on estimated small receipts for tomorrow there was a reaction, and the close was near the top and at a fair advance over yesterday's last prices.

Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—Wheat steady; No. 2 cash, 78c; December, nothing doing. Corn active and higher; No. 2 cash, 37c bid, 38c asked; December, 36c bid. Oats steady and higher; No. 2 cash, 30c; December, 30c bid, 31c asked. Eggs steady at 22c. Receipts—Wheat, 101,850 bu; corn, 57,651 bu; oats, 1,399 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 71,400 bu; corn, 28,300 bu.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Dec. 4.—Wheat dull, steady; cash and December, 94½c; January, 96½c; May, $1.01½. Corn dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 46c; January, 44½c. Oats quiet; cash, 33½c. Rye dull; cash, 93½c. Cloverseed active, steady; prime: cash, $5.10; December, $5.15; January, $5.17½; March, $5.3.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4.—Wheat steady; demand poor; red winter, 8s 5½@8s 6d; No. 2 red winter, 8s 5½@8s 6d. Receipts—Wheat past three days, 145,000 centals, including 103,000 American. Corn quiet; mixed western, 6s 8½d per central; receipts American past three days, 49,000 centals. Peas—Canadian, 6s 7d per central.

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FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The stock market lost little or none of its listlessness and lack of fluctuations today and dullness was still the most prominent characteristic of the trading, while in the great majority of stocks only slight changes were recorded from opening to close. In a few stocks, however, the bears were still active and aggressive, but the demonstration made against these shares was believed to be for the most part to cover the buying of other stocks for the short account. The Gould stocks, and especially Missouri Pacific, was chosen to bear the brunt of the attack during the forenoon and it fell away 1⅜ per cent, while the other Gould stocks, including Union Pacific, yielded fractions only, and the general list scarcely felt the force of the demonstration. Northern Pacific preferred, however, showed considerable heaviness accompanied by a moderate degree of activity. The general market showed no disposition to yield further, and before the close of the first hour of business there was a full and complete rally in everything but Missouri Pacific, while many of the leading shares, among which the grangers under the new buying for Western account, were conspicuous for the advance established. The market, however, still continued under the influence of possible adverse developments on the other side of the water, and the leading operators are indisposed to take any steps looking to any new ventures until things are more to their liking, both at home and abroad.

There has of late, however, grown up a disposition among the local traders to give full weight to the very flattering and encouraging condition of affairs in the railroad world at home, and dullness no longer of a necessity brings a decline. To-day the dullness was marked by a slow but steady upward movement, and only when artificial pressure was applied was there any weakness in the list. The attempt to kill Mr. Sage intensified the dullness during the afternoon, and it was not until the last hour that the bears again became aggressive, and this time they coupled Lackawanna with Missouri Pacific and forced both off to the lowest prices seen for the day. The others, as usual, yielded only slightly, but the pressure was not relieved, and the final dealings were given a heavy tone, though evidences of covering were not wanting in the last few minutes of business. The close was heavy and quiet at or near the lowest prices of the day for most stocks.

Total Sales of Stocks

today were 170,741 shares, including:

Atchison	18,165	Northwestern	4,565
Chicago Gas	7,770	N. Y. Central	3,138
Del. & Western	13,300	Northern P. pref	10,101
Erie	8,300	Reading	4,310
Louisville & N.	8,040	Rich. & W. Point	3,045
Missouri Pacific	79,615	St. Paul	20,440

Stocks—Closing.

Atchison	42¾	U. P., D. & G	17¼
Adams Express	144	Northwestern	118½
Alton & Terre H.	29	do pfd	133½
do pfd	128	N. Y. Central	115⅝
Am. Express	117	N. Y., C. & St L.	19½
B., C. R. & N.	95	do pfd	78
Canadian Pacific	88	Ohio & Miss.	21
Can. Southern	65¼	do pfd	85
Central Pacific	31½	Ontario & West'n	15⅝
Ches. & Ohio	23¾	Oregon Improv't.	21½
do 1st pfd	55½	Oregon Nav.	75
do 2d pfd	35¾	North American	16½
Chicago & Alton	135	Pacific Mail	37¼
Chi., B. & Q.	103¼	P., D. & E.	70
Rio Grande West.	41½	Pittsburg	146
do pfd	72½	Pullman P. Car	177
C., C., C. & St. L.	70½	Reading	37⅞
Del. & Hudson	121½	Rock Island	84¼
D., L. & W.	136⅜	St. L. & S. F. 1st pfd	76
D. & R. G. pfd	45	St. Paul	76⅜
East Tennessee	5½	do pfd	120
do 1st pfd	85	St. P., M. & M.	112½
do 2d pfd	10½	St. P. & Omaha	56
Erie	25⅝	do pfd	99
do pfd	69	Tenn. C. & I.	30¼
Fort Wayne	152	Texas Pacific	11¼
Chicago & E. Ill.	64	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	80
Hocking Valley	27⅞	Union Pacific	46¾
Houston & Tex.	2¾	U. S. Express	43
Illinois Central	103	Wab., St. L. & P.	13
St. Paul & Duluth	41	do pfd	27
Kansas & Texas	16¼	Wells-Fargo Ex.	74
Lake Erie & W.	19¾	Western Union	81½
do pfd	66¼	Am. Cotton Oil	28½
Lake Shore	121¼	Colorado Coal	34
Louisville & N.	78¾	Homestake	11½
Louis. & N. A.	23	Iron Silver	135
Memphis & Chas.	26	Ontario	33
Mich. Central	107⅛	Quicksilver	4
M., L. S. & W.	81½	do pfd	23½
do pfd	112½	Sutro	5
Mpls. & St. Louis	8	Bulwer	40
do pfd	19¼	R. & W. P. Ter.	8¾
Mo. Pacific	57⅜	Wis. Central	17½
Mobile & Ohio	40	Gt. Northern pfd	114
Nash. & Chatt.	85	*Chicago Gas	67½
N. J. Central	112½	Lead Trust	167⅞
N. & W. pfd	51	Sugar Trust	86¾
Northern Pacific	24¾	Southern Pacific	35½
do pfd	66¾	O. S. L. & U. N.	22

* Ex. div.

U. S. 4s reg.	116¼	Mutual Union 6s	104
do 4s coup.	118¼	N. J. C. Int. Cer.	109½
do 2s reg.	100	N. Pacific Ists	117⅛
Pacific 6s of 95	108½	do 2ds	111¼
Louis'na st'pd 4s	87	N. W. Consols	137½
Tenn. new set, 6s	104	do deb. 5s	103¾
do 5s	97½	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	85
do 3s	79	St. L. & S. F. G. M. 6s