ODD PIECES OF NEWS FROM VARIOUS EXCHANGES

PREDICAMENT OF A BRIDE.

A Friend Comes to the Rescue of the Blushing Creature.

New York World.

But for the gallantry of a tugboat sailor, probably ignorant of the famous feminine catastrophe which coined the motto, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," a sacrifice would have proved in vain, and a bride-elect have sailed away from her native shores last Saturday minus an essential part of her wearing apparel.

The Atlantic transport Minneapolis was almost ready to leave her moorings late in the afternoon when an excited party reached her deck. The central figure was Miss Nellie Harben Wright, the pretty daughter of Mrs. Ray Wright, of No. 148 West Sixty-fourth street, who was sailing for England, en route to India, where in January she will become the bride of Maj. Carthew-Yorstoun.

Miss Wright was not only attended by a delegation of relatives, but by a group of friends. Among the last to leave was Miss Nellie's chum, a beautiful Southern blonde, whose charming face, all marred with tears, was intensely watched by a number of sympathetic male passengers. Suddenly Miss Wright clutched the weeping beauty with a grasp born of dread, not grief. A whispered colloquy took place. The blushing bride-to-be had evidently conveyed her perturbation to the other.

"I have it!" the Southern girl cried exultingly to the agitated Miss Wright. "You may have mine. I have them on!"

But at that moment the cry of "All ashore!" tore the friends from each other's arms.

"Never mind, dear! I'll throw them!" called the blonde as she sped after her retreating chaperone to the dock.

Miss Wright stepped to the railing. The blonde had receded to a distant corner of the dock, and there, screened by a portly matron, went through some mysterious movements, which might give points to a "lightning change" artist. She emerged just as the gang plank was drawn up. Down the pier she ran, waving aloft a black object in her hand.

"Catch!" she called to Miss Wright, but the black ball which she threw fell with a splash into the water.

The big vessel was moving out into the stream. The black object bobbed about, but rescue was at hand. Quick as thought a sailor on a passing tug sprung overboard. With a stroke or two he reached the sinking ball, was dragged aboard again and tossed his prize on the near-by deck of the Minneapolis. The black ball, heavy with water, had unrolled, and the now thoroughly embarrassed Miss Wright vanished with a long pair of black inexpressibles clasped in her reluctant fingers.

She had forgotten her leggins.

PUZZLE HABIT

Is a Morbid Taste, Leading to Insanity, Says a Specialist.

Philadelphia Press.

The suicide of the man with the puzzle brain, as told in the Press yesterday, aroused a great deal of interest. There are hundreds of busy and responsible persons in Philadelphia who spend almost all their leisure time in the pursuit of puzzles. When the passion for this pastime becomes abnormal and leads men and women to absolutely waste time that should be devoted to business the puzzle brain begins to develop. Under various names it already has a place in the category of alienists. A celebrated mind specialist in this city said to a reporter for the Press yesterday:

"In the pursuit of puzzles the cranks lead and the sane follow. It is a morbid taste. The mind of the person who is fond of puzzles is the cyclical mind, or a mind that is continually working in circles inside of circles. It is a curious type we commonly meet with in the profession. The healthy mind works out a problem to its normal conclusion and then stops. When the laborer's day's work is done and he sits smoking his pipe and staring into the fire you might think his mind is working, but it is not. His thoughts are absolutely vacant.

"When a man's mind is in this passive state if he chooses to amuse himself with puzzles no harm is done. He is not wasting time that is of value for something that is of no value at all. But if a mental screw gets loose and his mind loses its residual balance, then the passion for puzzles is apt to become abnormal. Some men would rather work out puzzles than read the newspapers or go to the theater.

"So with children. Many of them prefer a puzzle to any other kind of toy. They acquire the puzzle habit, and it is largely a matter of the amount of leisure they have whether or not they develop the puzzle brain. I should not say that puzzles are dangerous to children, if they have a liking for them, and that liking is kept within bounds. But I should prefer to see my child show a fondness for something else."

In the neighborhood of the hotel where the man with the puzzle brain took his life street fakirs were selling all sorts of puzzles to passers-by—chain puzzles, block puzzles, comic puzzles and puzzles that not even the inventor could solve.

NELLIE NEUSTRETTER

Gives a Decided "Nay" to the Report of Her Marriage.

New York Journal.

On Monday afternoon the Duke of Manchester, during the course of a visit to his former newspaper associates at the Journal office, happened to mention in the course of conversation that he had heard before leaving London that Carie Johnstone had married Nellie Neustretter. He added that Johnstone, who had been his companion on the occasion of his previous visit to this country, and his rival for the hand of Miss Zimmerman, had recently become heir to a fortune of $100,000, the reversion to which he had sold for $40,000 cash, which he had used for the purpose of paving his way into the good graces of Miss Neustretter. The duke wound up by declaring that the $40,000 having been quickly spent, Carie Johnstone had sailed for Cape Nome with Miss Neustretter in search of more gold, the annuity of $10,000 settled upon her some years ago by a very wealthy American admirer being altogether inadequate to satisfy her requirements in the way of expenditure.

Inasmuch as the duke related this story as a mere piece of gossip current in London, the Journal, with its predilection for accuracy, cabled to Paris instructing its correspondent in that city to find out if Miss Neustretter had sailed for Cape Nome, and to ascertain if any marriage had taken place between herself and Carie Johnstone, who three weeks ago figured as corespondent in the divorce suit brought by Sir George Bowyer against his American wife.

The Journal correspondent found Miss Neustretter established in her new home in Paris and not dreaming of going to Cape Nome or to any other cape other than that of Monte Carlo. She vehemently denied the story of her marriage to Carie Johnstone, and exclaimed in the course of an interview yesterday:

"I am not married to Carie Johnstone, and I am not going to be. If ever I marry again it will not be to him. It is true that I have met Carie Johnstone, but—viola tout."

Miss Neustretter then went on to express herself in the most enthusiastic manner about the former American admirer to whom, according to the Duke of Manchester, she was indebted for an annuity of $10,000. She denied having received any such annuity for at least four years past, but declared that he was a most "charming man," and that he had invited her to New York.

"But," she said, "I declined. I prefer Paris, where a gallant woman (femme gallante) is respected."

No trace of Johnstone could be found in Paris by the Journal correspondent.

It is evident, therefore, that the story published by a contemporary announcing a marriage between Miss Neustretter and Carie Johnstone is incorrect.

TO EDUCATE PARROTS.

New Use Has Been Found for the Phonograph.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"The phonograph has been put to a lot of strange uses since its invention," said a bird fancier of this city, "but to nothing queerer, I believe, than teaching parrots to talk. That is being done at present by a dealer in Philadelphia, and as soon as I can get hold of the apparatus I am going to try it myself. A young fellow who formerly worked in his shop described the scheme to me in detail. It seems that he secured what is called a 'switch-back' phonograph, which was constructed as an experiment for a school of languages. It had a simple attachment that pushed back the cylinder at the end and started it over again automatically, the idea being to fix certain foreign phrases in the memory of the scholars by constant repetition. The dealer now prepared a record containing some sentence or expression which he desires to teach his birds, groups several cages about the mouth of the horn and sets the thing going. It as an electric motor, and keeps on grinding out that one phrase all day long. He uses a small vacant room for the purpose, so there is nothing to distract the parrots' attention, and merely locks the door and goes about his business, leaving the machine to do the rest. The young man told me that the plan proved a perfect success, and the birds learned their lesson in about one-tenth of the time that is usually required to drill anything into their heads. Moreover, they would pick up phrases twice the ordinary length, and the monotonous reiteration seemed to fix the words thoroughly in their memory. He said that several parrots that had never before been able to talk soon learned by the new method, and that there was not a single case in which it failed. I have the address of the man who made the 'switch-back' machine, and I am going to try to get him to build one for me. From the description, it cannot be very expensive. When I secure it I propose to turn out some educated parrots that will astonish the city."

BOY TRIPLETS

Born on the Run in an Ambulance Going to the Hospital.

Mrs. Catherine Lonagan, of No. 343 East Fifty-first street, gave birth to three baby boys in a Fowler hospital ambulance as it was speeding to the hospital last night, and the sturdy triplets are down on the records of the institution as the Fifty-third street Lonagan, the Fifty-sixth street Lonagan and the Sixtieth street Lonagan, until their mother gets well enough to decide on different names.

Dr. Phillips is the godfather and Policeman Godley, of the East Fifty-first street station, the sponsor. Godley was called to the Lonagan flat by neighbors who said Mrs. Lonagan was ill. He found her alone and called an ambulance from the hospital.

When Dr. Phillips arrived they carried her into the ambulance, and the surgeon told the driver to whip up his horses. They started on a run, but it was useless and all the Lonagans arrived before the hospital was reached.

Godley called out the territory on which each of the young Lonagans arrived. "I am sure about Mr. Fifty-third Street, because I put him on my left arm there," he said, "but I couldn't swear which is which between Mr. Fifty-sixth Street and Mr. Sixtieth Street."

The father returned home late and found his flat empty. He had been searching for work all day, but had not found it. His neighbors told him of the increase in his family and surrendered to him his twins, who had been born some years previous and whom the neighbors had cared for when the mother was taken away.

MUSKRAT FEAST.

Baltimore Clubmen Pronounce It as Palatable as Terrapin.

Baltimore Sun.

A "muskrat supper" is the latest gastronomic innovation at the University club, famed for such wrinkles.

Periodically an informal supper is held at the club, at which some one or more culinary curiosities form the chief articles of diet, and last night the muskrat occupied the place of honor at such a supper.

The lowly muskrat, as an article of diet, was suggested by Prof. Powhatan Clarke, but it was noted that some urgent business prevented his attendance at the banquet. Nevertheless, under the skillful manipulation of the club steward, John A. Biddle, the muskrat was declared by those present to be a most toothsome delicacy, almost, if not quite, equal to Maryland's famous bird, the diamond-backed terrapin, and much superior to the swifter, not to say more beautiful, rabbit.

The festive board at last night's repast was ornamented with whole muskrats, enveloped in hard aspic jelly, with tail rampant, with fish in mouth and with tusk and whiskers in plain view. As a spur to the appetite they were declared a success.

Stewart Biddle had the famous animal prepared in three styles: The Maryland, or Eastern Shore, style, in which he is stewed in his own gravy; the Virginia style, split and broiled whole, like a chicken, and the New Jersey style, in which he is roasted whole.

FUNERAL NOTICES

Made a Specialty by a Newspaper Edited by a Doctor.

Woodstock (N. Y.) Spe. New York World.

A unique thing in newspapers is the New Woodstock Gazette. It is published once a month, and Dr. A. D. Smith is its editor.

The specialty of the paper is death notices. Whether the doctor, who edits them, naturally specializes in that direction or whether the obituary department in journalism is the only one not already over-developed, is not explained. Here are some of the mortuary records from the last number of the Gazette:

Mrs. Polly Conkling Marshall took her medicine like a lady and without a murmur took the "'bus" and alighted at the station where each one will find his or her place.

We were pained to hear that John Sherman a few days ago fell in his silo and fractured his skull, the result of which was his funeral this afternoon. He leaves a wife and two children, which need a provider and an adviser. They have ample to meet the things of the world. Will they know how?

I notice that our genial undertaker looks quite pleasant most of the time as the weeks and months go by. Quite a large number of our citizens in the past year have succumbed to the powers that never offer any explanations. The late Mrs. Wentworth, I am informed, was a lady of sweet disposition and loving ways, and friends looked upon her as a heavenly guest, visiting the people of earth, and when she was released from earth it was only to join a more congenial band.

Stafford Warner, "Staff," as everybody has called him for more than fifty years, and possibly seventy-five, has laid down his armor, which was an ax and a hoe, and made a plunge. Whether he has stayed under or come to surface of the dark river no one has dared to inquire. "Staff" was a man of many streaks, and many of them were good. One thing is certain, his head lies no lower than a Lincoln or a Gladstone.

"Garry" Harris was a man of promise, but cut down in early manhood. The human system is so constituted that every nerve fiber will break when strained beyond endurance. "Garry," as everybody called him, was naturally vivacious and quick to see and hear. It seemed too bad to break him away, more especially from his aged parents. Oh, how they did enjoy to have him come home Sundays and have a good meal around the family board, and then when the rest of the family got there, and all so genial and harmonious. These were the oases in the desert of life, and not much of a desert, either, enough of everything. Well, good-by, "Garry;" we hope you are happier than on earth, if so, heaven is a sweeter clime.

Dr. Smith's talent in the writing of these notices is claimed by his friends to be beyond question.

THOUGHTLESS BIG CLAM

Closed Its Shell Upon the Head of an Inquisitive Rat.

New York Journal.

A new style rat trap has been discovered by Frank Ducasse Jr., better known as "Young Sinbad," of Atlantic City, N. J., a clam and oyster dealer. "Sinbad," as he is familiarly known, leases a cellar at the foot of Gardiner's canal, where he keeps his stock. The cellar is so situated that it fills with water, which keeps his stock alive, and is subject to the rise and fall of the tide.

For some days past his stock has consisted largely of sea clams, which were immense in size. Yesterday afternoon he had occasion to go after some of his stock. In the middle of the cellar he was surprised to find a drowned rat. He picked up the rodent and was more surprised when he found that the head of the rat was inclosed in the shell of a clam.

It is evident that when the tide was low the rat started to explore. A soft clam, as a rule, sleeps with its shell wide open, and the rat, thinking it was a nice morsel to eat, touched it, and in an instant it closed its big shell, holding the rat's head fast.

Sinbad intends having the freak of nature photographed, and is showing with pride how well he has his clams trained.

Vanity of Men.

Philadelphia Record.

"Woman's vanity is proverbial," said a hair dresser the other day, "but the vain man is almost beyond belief. In my business I am frequently called upon by amateur dramatic societies to make up those who are to take part, and I also give lessons in the art of make-up. Among my pupils have been a great many men who are employed as floor walkers in large stores. A few lessons usually suffice for their needs, and after that they are able to make themselves up. Of course, it isn't a heavy make-up, such as you see on the stage, and you probably wouldn't notice it unless you looked very closely. The effect is that of a beautiful pink-and-white complexion, a slight penciling of the eyebrows, a bit of rouge on the cheeks and a dab of carmine to lips, nostrils and the lobe of the ear. I know a number of men who bleach their hair, too. I could point out a dozen on Chestnut street any day."

FORTUNATE.

Hamlet—We'll have a full house tonight.
Alkali Ike—I'm glad, pard, fer your sake.. Yer see, ther fellers can't shoot straight when they're full.

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No. 134—6-hole Range, oven 20x20, high closet 23.75
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No. 143—6-hole Range, reservoir, high shelf... 27.75
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WAS NO CHANGE IN WHEAT

BOARD OF TRADE SESSION YESTERDAY WAS EXTREMELY DULL

OTHER FUTURES WERE LOWER

Raid on Corn at the Close of the Session Took a Quarter of a Cent Off the Price.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	74⅛	74
May wheat, Chicago	73¼	73¼
May wheat, Duluth	75¼	75¼
May wheat, St. Louis	73	72⅞
May wheat, New York	78⅞	78⅞

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Grain and provision markets were notably only for their dullness today. Wheat closed unchanged, corn ¼c lower, oats a shade down and provisions a shade to 2½c depressed.

Wheat was stagnant, May opened unchanged at 73¼c, sold between 73⅛c and 73⅜c, and closed unchanged at 73¼c. The news received and the statistics posted were of little interest. Cables and receipts were influential neither one way nor the other. In the absence of important information, the traders preferred to play even until the passing of the holiday season. There is a fairly strong undertone to the market was made evident to many by the failure of the market to respond to the foreign decline. New York reported 24 lotsize taken for export. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour are equal to 70,000 bu. Primary receipts were 668,000 bu, compared with 554,000 bu last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 412 cars, against 526 cars last week and 365 cars a year ago. Local receipts were 115 cars, 23 of contract grade.

Corn was no more inclined to activity than was its neighbors. The market ruled dull until the last fifteen minutes, when what looked like an organized raid was made, and the market turned weak. May sold between 36⅛c and 35⅝c, closing ¼c lower at 35¾c. Receipts were 416 cars, none of contract grade. Country offerings were moderate. Seaboard clearances were 1,350,000 bu.

The oats market maintained its reputation for dullness, trade being flat from start to finish. Receipts were 166 cars. May sold between 23¾c and 23⅝c, and closed a shade lower at 23⅝c.

Provisions were dull and steady, but innocent features in a speculative way. Prices held mainly because there was no pressure on the market. January pork sold between $12.30 and $12.25, and closed 2½c lower at $12.25; January lard between $6.90 and $6.87½, closing 2½c down at $6.87½, and January ribs between $6.27½ and $6.25, with the close a shade depressed at $6.25.

Estimated receipts for Monday are: Wheat, 80 cars; corn, 415 cars; oats, 170 cars; hogs, 43,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Wheat—				
December	70	70⅛	69⅞	70⅛
January	70½	70¾	70⅜	70⅜
May	73¼	73⅜	73⅛	73¼
Corn—				
December	37	37¼	37⅛	37⅛
January	35⅞	35⅞-¾	35¼	35¼
May	36	36⅛	35⅝	35¾
Oats—				
December	21½	21½	21½	21½
May	23⅝-¾	23¾	23⅝	23⅝
Pork—				
January	12 25	12 30	12 25	12 25
May	12 17½	12 17½	12 12½	12 12½
Lard—				
December	7 20	7 20	7 15	7 17½
January	6 90	6 90	6 87½	6 87½
May	6 98	6 95	6 92½	6 92½
Ribs—				
January	6 25	6 27½	6 25	6 25
May	6 35	6 37½	6 32½	6 35

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Dull; winter patent, $3.65@3.80; straight, $3.10@3.60; clears, $2.50@3.30; spring specials, $4.30; patent, $3.30@3.85; straight, $3@3.40; bakers, $2.20@2.75. Wheat—No. 3, 66@71c; No. 2 red, 72⅞@74½c. Corn—No. 2, 37c; No. 2 yellow, 37¼c. Oats—No. 2, 22½@23¼c; No. 2 white, 25¼@25½c; No. 3 white, 24¾@26c. Rye—No. 2, 49@50c. Malting—Fair to choice, 50@60c. Flax Seed—No. 1, $1.63@1.64; No. 1 northwestern, $1.66½. Timothy Seed—Prime, $4.40. Mess Pork—Per bbl, $11.10@11.15. Lard—Per 100 lbs., $7.12½@7.15. Short Ribs Sides, (loose), $6.25@6.50. Shoulders—Dry salted, (boxed), 5⅞@6⅛c. Sides—Clear short (boxed), $6.65@6.75. Whiskey, basis of high wines, $1.27. Sugar—Clover contract grade, $10.00@10.25. Receipts—Flour, 28,000 bbls; wheat, 108,000 bu; corn, 380,000 bu; oats, 205,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 60,000 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 28,000 bbls; wheat, 9,000 bu; corn, 37,000 bu; oats, 198,000 bu; rye, 6,000 bu; barley, 6,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was dull, creamery, 15@24c; dairies, 13@20c; cheese quiet, 10¼@11¾c; eggs quiet, fresh, 23½c.

PRODUCE AND FRUIT.

Eggs—Scarce and high; fresh, 26@28c; storage, 22@24c.

Potatoes—Car lots, 42@45c.

Apples—Fancy eating, $3.50@4; fancy cooking, $2.50@3.

Poultry—In good demand. Dry picked turkeys, 9@9½c; springs, 8½c; hens, 7½c; ducks, 8c; geese, 7½c.

Potatoes, 40@45c per bu; beets, 40@50c per bu; lettuce, 75c box; parsley, 15c doz; spinach, $1 per bu; turnips, 40@50c per bu; carrots, 40@50c per bu; cabbage, $20@22 per ton; $2.50 per crate; onions, red globe, $1 bu.

Lemons—$3.50@3.75.

Oranges—California Navels, $3.50@3.75; Floridas, $3.50@3.75; Midicans, $3@3.25.

Nuts—Hickory, large, $2.25@2.50; walnuts, black, $1.25@1.50; walnuts, California, soft, 13c; walnuts, California, hard, 12½c; almonds, Terragona, 16c; almonds, California, 14c; Brazils, 13c; pecans, polished, 12c; filberts, 13c; chestnuts, 12@15c; peanuts, roast, 7c; peanuts, raw, 5½c.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Dec. 15.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards today (estimated) were: Cattle, 45; calves, 5; hogs, 2,400; sheep, 4,100; cars, 51.

Official receipts Friday: Cattle, 291; calves, 43; hogs, 2,964; sheep, 43; cars, 45.

Receipts thus far in December, compared with the same period in December, 1899, are as follows:

	Dec. 1900.	Dec. 1899.	Gain.
Cattle	5,123	6,236	*1,113
Calves	670	2,074	*1,404
Hogs	31,258	17,725	13,533
Sheep	10,082	8,554	1,528
Horses	50	134	*84
Cars	623	524	99

Receipts thus far in 1900, compared with the same period in 1899, are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	Gain.
Cattle	171,794	165,884	5,910
Calves	43,555	50,433	*6,878
Hogs	472,220	350,764	121,456
Sheep	433,741	338,537	95,204
Horses	26,614	4,727	21,387
Cars	16,654	13,668	2,986

*Loss.

The following table shows the roads over which Friday's receipts came in and the number of loads hauled by each:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Mixed.
C. G. W.	2	7	..	1
Gt. Nor.	3	3	..	3
Nor. Pac.	1	..	..	..
C.St.P.M.& O.	3	4	..	..
C. M. & St. P.	1	5	..	2
C. B. & Q.	..	2	..	1
M. & St. L.	..	4	..	..
Soo Line	..	1	..	2
Totals	10	26	..	9

HOGS.

Comparative receipts:
Total for today (estimated) 2,400
A week ago 1,784
A year ago 937

Quotations: Good to choice light, $4.60@4.80; mixed and butchers, $4.60@4.75; good to prime heavy, $4.60@4.70; common to fair, $4.55@4.60; rough packers, $4.50@4.55; boars, $1.75@2.50; pigs and skips, $3@3.75.

Market opened 2½@5c lower and closed steady at the drop. Receipts were heavy, with a good demand at lower prices. Bulk sold at $4.75@4.80, with a few fancy hogs at $4.82½. Heavy sold $4.60@4.70. Rough packers, $4.50@4.55.

Representative sales:

Light, Mixed and Butchers—

No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price	No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price
24	226	...	$4 75	63	200	40	$2 82½
57	212	...	4 82½	57	166	...	4 77½
90	133	...	4 72½	46	156	...	4 75
72	222	40	4 75	72	170	...	4 77½
67	162	...	4 77½	37	238	80	4 75
78	204	...	4 80	98	158	...	4 75
71	218	...	4 80	57	252	120	4 75
97	176	120	4 77½				

Common to Prime Heavy—

3	537	80	$4 65	12	293	120	$4 60
4	357	160	4 60	13	328	80	4 65
4	347	...	4 65	5	408	...	4 70
4	330	...	4 60	10	310	40	4 50
23	297	160	4 70				

Heavy, Packing and Rough—

4	390	...	$4 55	2	405	...	$4 55
2	400	...	4 50	2	396	40	4 50

CATTLE.

Comparative receipts:
Total for today (estimated) 50
A week ago 59
A year ago 39

Quotations: Good to choice butcher steers, $4.50@5.25; fair to good, $4.25@4.4; good to choice fat wethers, $3.60@4; fair to good, $3.25@3.50; fat ewes, $3.25@3.75; good to choice stock and feeding lambs, $4@4.50; fair to good, $3.25@3.75; feeding wethers, $3.25@3.75; stock and feeding ewes, $2.75@3.10; thin sheep, $2@2.50; buck lambs, $2.75@3.10; killing bucks, $2@2.75.

Receipts heavy but largely consigned to feeders. Fat lambs strong and active. Other kinds steady.

Representative sales:

No.	Kind.	Weight.	Price.
104	fat lambs	55	$5 25
3	stockers	53	3 00
12	fat ewes	111	5 00
1	buck	140	2 50
18	stock ewes	109	3 25
5	culls	80	2 00

Among the shippers on the market were: M. Uhlman, Roberts; Cox & Miller, J. Olson, Kirkhoven; L. M. Weston, Bell & Meahan, Claremont; Carver Bros. & Co., Faribault; D. Brown, Madison Lake; W. Jentz, East Henderson; A. Pettis, St. Peter; A. D. Sackett, Janesville; The Cosgrove Co., Le Sueur; Taylor & Emerson, Elmore; J. J. Hughes, Lake Crystal; Trickey & Genash, Knapp; Miller & Revere, Northfield; J. Golle, Sacred Heart; M. H. Gilbert, Mantorville; John Wacek, New Prague; George Schnobrick, New Ulm; H. H. Dahl, Revere; Miller & Co., Conley; J. J. Sturgeon, Marshall; Bauer & Berg, Montgomery; J. B. Long, Benton; Commercial Bank, Dawson.

E. L. Ogilvie.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET—Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul: Barrett & Zimmerman report that while receipts of horses the past week aggregated the largest in the season, the outlet was lighter than the previous week. The holiday season reduced the average attendance of buyers and sales were not so frequently consummated. Heavy, prime drafters held firm in competition and prices, the more common kinds of the same class weakened in demand and prices. Farm mares and delivery horses moved comparatively slow and sold below all previous quotations. Values being as follows:

Drafters, extra	$150@197 50
Drafters, choice	120@145 00
Drafters, common to good	100@120 00
Farm mares, choice	90@105 00
Farm mares, common to good	45@ 75 00

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DAY IN WALL STREET.

Stocks in Demand, With Prices Generally Advanced.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	64	64⅛
Call money, New York	Nominal	4-5

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A conviction gained ground over night that a speculative outburst, involving, as it did, high grade railroad stocks, had more significance than the apparent imminent relief to the money market on the forthcoming enormous disbursements by the government and corporate interests. The street having in mind the successful deal in the anthracite coal industry was inclined to regard with some credence the various rumors afloat as to the absorption or representation in government boards of railroads having favorable grographical locations. This policy for a community of interest is expected to bring about more stable economic conditions and reduce to a minimum the possibility of rate wars.

At the opening pronounced advances were made on various stocks, but depression was noted in others, and it was not till after the publication of the bank statement that the advance assumed any violence. The statement showed an increase in surplus reserved of $24,250, owing to reduction in deposit liabilities of $18,376,600 and a smaller decrease in cash than had been loked for, say $3,969,900. A decrease in loans of $13,682,500 was somewhat inexplicable, but may have been due in part to calling of loans early in the week. This showing was regarded with favor, and the market became very animated and broad. Substantial gains were made in the Pacific, St. Paul, Sugar, Atchisons and Brooklyn Transit. Union Pacific and Northern Pacific ruled at about parity until just before the close, when excited buying of the latter rushed it up to 76⅛, compared with 72⅞, yesterday's close. The earlier heaviness of the steel stocks was dispelled and they closed with small gains. Speculation left off with buying very confident and the tendency upward.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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	S's	High	Low	Closing. 15	Closing. 13
Am. Hoop	1100	31½	30¾	31¼	30⅞
Am. S. & W.	12400	45½	44⅜	45⅛	44¾
do pfd	300	88⅞	88	88⅞	87¾
Anaconda, M. Co.	700	47¾	47	47	47
Am. Tobacco	12900	110	108⅞	109⅞	108½
Am. Tin Plate N.	8000	50	49½	49⅞	49¼
A., T. & S. F.	51400	42⅝	41⅜	42½	41
do pfd	43800	86¾	85⅞	86⅜	85¾
B. & O.	3500	82½	81⅜	82¼	81⅜
do pfd	2600	86¾	85¾	86⅛	85½
Brook. R. T.	21400	75⅝	73⅞	75¼	74
C., B. & Q.	11000	139	138⅞	138¾	138¾
Can. Southern	1300	59½	59⅛	59⅛	58¾
C., C., C. & St. L.	800	68⅜	68	67⅞	67½
Ches. & Ohio	5500	38⅝	38⅛	38½	38¼
Chicago & Alton	2800	40½	40	40½	40⅜
do pfd	2000	77½	76¾	77½	76⅞
C. G. W.	6700	16½	16¼	16⅜	16
do deb 4 per ct.	2700	93½	92	93	91½
do pfd A	300	80⅞	80⅛	81	79¾
do pfd B	1100	42¾	40	42	39⅞
Con. Gas	1400	191½	189½	190⅞	189
Del. & Hudson	4600	122	120½	122	120⅛
Del., L. & W.	1300	189½	188	189½	187
Den. & R. G.	2800	26	25⅛	26	25⅝
do pfd	3500	81⅞	81	81¼	80¾
D., S. S. & A.	100	6	6	5¾	6
do pfd	100	16½	16½	16¼	16½
Erie	12000	20¾	19¾	19¾	19⅞
do 1st pfd	8800	51⅞	50¾	50⅞	50¾
do 2d pfd	800	32¾	31½	32⅜	31¾
Federal Steel	9100	53½	52¾	53	52½
do pfd	1700	78⅛	77½	78	77⅞
Gen. Elec. Co.	1100	172	170½	171¾	170¾
Gt. Nor. pfd	1200	187	183	186½	181¾
Mock. Val. Ry.	4600	42⅛	40	42	39½
do pfd	1000	74⅞	73¼	74¼	72¾
Ill. Central	2800	127	126	126¾	125¾
Louis. & Nash.	7900	85	84¼	84⅜	84⅛
Leather	700	13¾	13½	13½	12⅞
do pfd	600	75	74¼	74¾	74½
Manhattan Con.	13400	111	109¾	110¾	109¾
M., St. P. & S. St. M.	300	20¼	20¼	20¼	20
do pfd	300	55	53	54½	50½
Met. Traction	3800	168¾	167¾	168½	167
Minn. & St. L.	600	67¾	67½	67½	67
do pfd	300	102¾	101½	102½	100
M., K. & T. pfd.	2600	40½	40	40⅝	39⅞
Missouri