CONDITION OF OMAHA'S TRADE

Local Jobbers Report a Quiet Business in Most Lines.

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS CONTINUE SLOW

Holiday Dullness Prevails in All Regular Lines—Stock-Taking Season at Hand and Merchants Figuring Profit and Loss.

The last full week of the year has come to a close and, as usual, it has failed to bring forth any feature of importance in general trade circles. The retail merchants of the country have been too busy looking after the Christmas business to spend any time ordering new goods, and the majority of the traveling men representing local houses have been at their homes enjoying a vacation. In consequence, the jobbers have very little to report in the way of business, but still every one will say that trade during the past week has been fully as good as it was a year ago, and all that could be asked for at this time.

As usual, during the last week of the year, a great many jobbers have taken advantage of the lull in trade to "take stock," and the books of the different houses will soon show the gains and losses of the year 1895. The taking of stock in the large jobbing houses is no easy matter, and every one from the senior partner down to the office boy is always glad when it is over and the new year fairly entered upon.

Country collections are slow and there does not appear to be any very good reason for expecting any immediate improvement. During the past two months the farmers have rushed to market a good many thousand hogs, which have brought considerable money into the country, but those who are best informed say that the bulk has been marketed and that from now on the hogs will not come forward so rapidly. At the same time it is said that there are not many cattle in this state to be marketed, and even if there were they are bringing such low prices that the farmer would not get much out of them. Under such circumstances it is hardly to be expected that money can be very plentiful in the country.

HARDWARE BUSINESS LIGHT.

With practically no country buyers in the market and with mail orders extremely small, the volume of business doing in the hardware line has been very light during the past week. It is the season when very little business is expected and no one is disappointed at the results of the past week. Local houses are taking stock and getting everything in shape to start out the new year.

DRY GOODS TRADE QUIET.

A very light business is reported by the dry goods jobbers, though no lighter than usual at this season. Business in the dry goods line has been rather dull for some time past. Aside from a week or two early in the season, the weather all this fall and winter has been very unfavorable for the dry goods business. This is especially the case with heavy flannels and clothing, and in fact, with all the various lines of heavy winter wear.

The market for staple cottons has shown no material change for the past week.

The manufacturers of blankets are commencing to talk higher prices. The present comparatively small stock of both woolen and cotton blankets which are to be found throughout the country, the very satisfactory business which was accomplished last season on most lines of medium and low goods and the advance in labor and cost of raw material, all tend to stimulate manufacturers and agents to try for an advance.

BOOTS AND SHOES SLOW.

The boot and shoe jobbers have had more than their share of grief the past week. Not only has trade in their line suffered from the mild-holiday quiet, but in addition the weather has been decidedly against them. In all sections of tributary territory the uniformly pleasant weather has kept the consuming demand down to the lowest point and served to discourage buying on the part of the retail trade.

Omaha jobbers, however, are not the only ones who complain that business is quiet. Reports from all sections of the country come the same kind of reports. The shoe trade of the country would seem to be still in the dumps, and the manufacturers and jobbers of the large eastern cities are complaining bitterly.

GROCERY TRADE MODERATE.

The grocery jobbers have done as much business as usual during a holiday week. The market has been quiet, and there have been few fluctuations or changes of any importance in values.

Sugars have shown some little strength. Reports from Cuba indicate that the remnant of the old crop on hand is being firmly held, while the prospect for there being a new crop is daily growing less. European operators are inclined to hold at firmer prices.

The sale in New York of large quantities of pepper that was claimed to have been damaged in a warehouse fire has resulted in demoralizing, to some extent, the market.

The supply of mackerel is said to be the smallest that it has been in years. There is every reason for believing that the present strong tone of the market will continue for the balance of the season, or until new stock is available.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Firmer, with increasing demand from abroad, owing to trouble between this country and England over the Venezuelan question; local trade quiet, patents, $3.30@3.40; extra fancy, $3.10@3.20; fancy, $2.85@3.00; choice, $2.60@2.75.

WHEAT—Opened higher on general bull news and good buying, which kept the market up all day, and closed at 1⅛@1⅛c above yesterday: No. 2 red, cash, 65c; No. 2 hard, 54c; December, 54½c; May, 58⅝@58⅞c.

CORN—Improved on advances elsewhere and higher prices for wheat, but later declined, closing ½c lower for December, ⅝c lower for January and ⅛c higher for May, compared with yesterday: spot, lower; No. 2, cash and December, 23½@23⅝c; January, 23⅞c; May, 25¼c.

OATS—Trading was strongest in spot, firm; No. 2, cash and December, 16½c; May, 19½c.

RYE—Quiet, 32c.

CORN MEAL—$1.20@1.35.

BRAN—Dull; 45c bid for sacked, east track.

TIMOTHY SEED—Unchanged, $2.30@4.00.

HAY—Steady; prairie, $7.00@8.50; timothy, $9.00@14.00, this side.

BUTTER—Quiet; separator creamery, 23@24c; fancy Elgins, 26@27c.

EGGS—Lower; 17c.

WHISKY—$1.22.

LEAD—Quiet, firm, $2.90@2.92½.

SPELTER—Firm, $3.30 bid.

POULTRY—Better; turkeys, 8½c; chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 8c; geese, 6c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, $9; old, $8.12½. Lard, quiet; prime steam, $5.12½; choice, $5.20. Bacon, firm; clear rib and shoulders, $5.25; longs, $5.12½; shorts, $5.35. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.37½; longs, $4.50; ribs, $4.62½; shorts, $4.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 28,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 29,000 bu.; corn, 32,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The closing day of the week showed a very quiet business, and business for 1895 practically ended. There were no buyers present and the order demand was very light. Printing cloth market dull and nominal at 3c for 64 squares.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 28.—There has been very little business in print cloths during the week, and the market is now dull. Only odds were sold and not many of them. A majority were spots. The futures are for free delivery in small lots through three months. The dullness will continue well into January in any case, for business is always slow about New Years. It is probable that present prices will hold until the character of the January business is determined. If there is no material improvement by February prices are sure to go off, though manufacturers will work a stubborn fight against dropping under 2 cents. The market is quoted as dull at that price now. The demand for Christmas kept down the production and prevented the increase in stock from being large. The stock will pick up largely in the next few days unless there comes some active demand for spots now undistributed.

The annual print cloth statement for the year 1895 was made public today. It is as follows: Total production for 1895, 11,690,000 pieces; stock on hand at the close of the year, 287,000 pieces. This is the largest stock on hand at the close of any year since 1890. Total sales of 1895, 9,871,000 pieces; odds, 6,576,000 pieces; 64-64s, 3,295,000 pieces. The highest price paid during the year was 3 1-16c. The lowest was 2 7-16c; average, 2⅞c. This average is .01c higher than that of the Boston market. It is slightly above last year's average, but below that of the four previous years. Sold for delivery at close of the year, 1,135,000 pieces; same time last year, 1,230,500 pieces. The stock in the country at the close of the year will be 461,000 pieces. This is the highest amount since 1890.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—WHEAT—Dull; No. 2 hard, nominally 54c; No. 2 red, 60c; No. 2 spring, 58½@63½c; No. 3 spring, 50c; rejected, 35@44c.

CORN—Slightly higher, slow; No. 2 mixed, 21½@22½c; No. 2 white, 23½@23½c.

OATS—Slightly higher; No. 2 mixed, 15@16c; No. 2 white, 17c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 30@30½c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $10.00@12.50; prairie, $6.00@7.00.

BUTTER—Weak; creamery, 18½@22½c; dairy, firm, 14@15c.

EGGS—Weak; 17c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Futures closed very steady; sales, 65,300 bales; January, $7.81; February, $7.90; March, $7.96; April, $8; May, $8.05; June, $8.10; July, $8.12; August, $8.14; September, $7.94; October, $7.76; November, $7.78; December, $7.80; spot closed steady, middling uplands, 8½c; middling gulf, 8¾c; sales, 812 bales; middling, 8½c; net receipts, none; gross, 934 bales; exports to Great Britain, 5,002 bales; to France, 400 bales; to the continent, 1,801 bales; forwarded, 597 bales; sales, 113 bales; all spinners; stock, 191,276 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 7⅞c; low middling, 7¼c; good ordinary, 7 3-16c; net receipts, 12,839 bales; gross, 13,119 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,600 bales; continent, 7,099 bales; coastwise, 1,064 bales; sales, 2,400 bales; stock, 420,964 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7⅞c; sales, 50 bales; receipts, 783 bales; shipments, 208 bales; stock, 70,192 bales.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 17½@18c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12@12½c; fair to good country, 13@14c; choice to fancy country, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club House, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young American, 11½c; Swiss, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 5@6c; ducks, choice, 8@9c; turkeys, choice, 8@10c; geese, 6@7c.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—New crop, delivered on track in country, choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2¼c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, undrawn, per doz., $6.00@6.50; drawn, $5.00@5.50; quail, $1.50@1.75; jack snipe, 75c@$1.00; grouse, $5.50@6.00; snipe, 60@75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.75@2.00; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; mallard ducks, $3.00@3.50; redheads, $3.75@4.00; canvasback ducks, $5.00@8.00; teal, blue wing, $2.00@2.25; teal, green wing, $1.75@2.00; mixed ducks, $1.75@2.25; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $3.50; deer saddles, 15@16c; deer carcasses, 10@13c; elk saddles, 11@13c; elk carcasses, 9@10c; antelope saddles, 15@16c; antelope carcasses, 10@11c; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

VEGETABLES.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz. heads, $2.00.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, heads small and hard, per lb., 1½c; California stock, per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per 1½-lb. box, 65@75c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 30@35c; Colorado stock, 50@55c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 25@35c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., 90c@$1.00; Colorado, 55@60c; Kalamazoo, 30@35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

WAX BEANS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.50@1.75.

SCOTCH PEAS—In sacks, per bu., $1.00.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—None.

APPLES—Fancy New York, $3.25@3.50; choice stock, $2.50@2.75; Utah apples, per box, $1.50.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—None.

OREGON PEARS—None.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75; Cape Cod, $10; McFarlin's, $10.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $6; per 65 to 70 lbs., gross, $7.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, regular sizes, $3.75; 96 to 126 sizes, $3.50@3.75; navels, $4.

LEMONS—California, per box, $3.75@4.50; Messinas, $4.00@4.50.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 19c; extra selects, 24c; Branch & Co. selects, 29c; New York counts, 29c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $4.75.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl., $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 20-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

DATES—New Persian, 60-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-lb. 10-oz. boxes, per lb., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; large, 12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Light western steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5¼@6c; good cows and heifers, 4¼@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3½@3¾c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6@6½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4½c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 10c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; special cuts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6½c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5½c; racks, 8½c; legs, 9c; saddles, 7c; stews, 2½c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; tenderloins, 12c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lgc.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	$20@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Montana cubs	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tips	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	15 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	10@ 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty)	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to bea'y)	50 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion, perfect, head and feet)	10@ 2				
Otter	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Otter Dark	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black (as to beauty)	50@ 2				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased	1 25	75	50	50	25
Black, stripped	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf, Mountain	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf, Prairie	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin	5@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2	1	3		

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES— No. 1 green hides, 4½c; No. 2 green hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 6c; No. 2 green salted hides, 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 49 lbs., 6c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 49 lbs., 5c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 7c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 4@5c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, blanched, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and musty, per ton, $5.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@16c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 6c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28.—PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet but steady; demand poor. Cumberland cut, Buenos Ayres, 28 to 30 lbs., 26s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 26s; long clear, light, 28 to 45 lbs., 26c; long clear, heavy, 35 lbs., 25s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 28s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 24s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 35s. Tallow, fine North American, 22s. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 57s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 56s; prime mess, medium, 45s. Lard, quiet; prime western, 27s 6d; refined, 29s. Cheese, 48s 6d.

CHEESE—Quiet but steady; demand poor; finest American white, 44s; finest American, colored 45s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 78s; good, 60s.

OILS—Turpentine, spirits, 29s 6d. Rosin, common, 4s 7½d. Cotton seed oil, Liverpool refined, 17s. Linseed oil, 23s. Petroleum, refined, 5½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¾d; hindquarters, 6¼d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b. Liverpool, 6/.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), 42 5s.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—Millers raised their bids for cash wheat today to 1c under the May price, and one of the large milling firms bought 50,000 bu. to arrive of one of the elevator companies at the May price, the first sale at that level. Predictions are that within two weeks cash wheat will be at a premium over May; May, 53⅞c; on track, No. 1 hard, 53c; No. 1 northern, 51¾c; No. 2 northern, 50¾c; receipts, 215 cars.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; refined, quiet; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅝c; cut loaf, 5¾c; granulated, 4⅝c.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Cane, rather firmer; centrifugal Java, 12s 3d. Muscovado, fair refining, 10s; sort best, firmer; December, 10s 3d; January, 10s 10½d.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Was Active and Strong During the Session.

TRADERS INCLINED TOWARD THE LONGS

Strength Was Started by the More Liberal Exports for the Week and Smaller Northwestern Receipts.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Wheat was active and strong today, covering a range of 1c and closing about at the top, from 1c to 1½c higher than yesterday, the former for May, the latter for December. The news was more encouraging to holders, and local traders were inclined to favor the long side for a turn.

The strength was started by the more liberal exports for the week, the total clearings of wheat and flour being 3,457,000 bu., against 2,056,000 bu. last week, and 1,811,000 bu. for the same period last year. Northwestern receipts, too, were more moderate and considerably under those of a week back, and local arrivals also showed some reduction. The market was strengthened later by the prediction of a cold wave, following the late mild temperatures. Argentine reports were less favorable than late mail advices have indicated, one cable stating that rains had delayed harvesting and a farm implement concern had reports that the crop would be of inferior quality. Domestic markets higher. New York wired that foreigners had taken 2,200,000 bu. within a week, and that houses doing a large cash business there had purchased 500,000 bu. today for March delivery. California advices were also bullish in tone, stating that the weather was very dry and that large engagements had been made for Australia with a cargo for the Cape, with millers bidding 6¾c over May for milling wheat. Foreigners bought in New York and Minneapolis and St. Louis purchased here. The market was helped by Washington advices, which stated that Russian official reports placed the world's wheat yield at 150,467,000 bu. smaller than last year, and that the rye crop was 128,971,000 bu. short. Berlin was ¼ mark higher. Paris flour was 10 centimes lower, and wheat 5 centimes higher. Antwerp was higher. New York reported 40 loads taken for export yesterday, instead of 21 as previously stated.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec	54⅞	55⅛	54⅞	55⅛
Jan	54⅞	55⅛	54⅞	55⅛
May	57⅞	58⅝	57⅞	58⅝
Corn, No 2				
Dec	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Jan	25⅝	26	25⅝	26
May	27⅞	28@28⅛	27⅞	28
July	28⅝	28⅞	28⅝	28⅞
Oats, No. 2				
Dec	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞
May	18⅞	18⅞	18⅝@⅞	18⅞
Pork, per bbl				
Dec				7 62½
Jan	8 45	8 52½	8 45	8 52½
May	8 82½	8 87½	8 80	8 87½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Dec				5 17½
Jan	5 25	5 25	5 22½	5 25
May	5 47½	5 47½	5 45	5 47½
Short Ribs—				
Dec				4 25
Jan	4 20	4 27½	4 20	4 27½
May	4 45	4 52½	4 45	4 52½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firmer; spring patents, $3.10@3.25; spring straights, $2.40@2.75; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; winter straights, $3.20@3.35; export bakers, $2.00@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 55½@56½c; No. 3 spring, 54@55½c; No. 2 red, 60¾@60⅞c.

CORN—No. 2, 25½c; No. 2 yellow, 25½c.

OATS—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19@19½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17@19½c.

RYE—No. 2, 32½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 21@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 20@24c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 94½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.40@3.45.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.62½@7.75; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.25; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.22½@4.27½; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.37½@4.62½; short clear sides (boxed), $4.37½@4.50.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.50; granulated, $4.87; standard "A," $4.75.

EGGS—Steady, slightly lower; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 6@7½c; ducks, 10@11c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	10,000
Wheat, bu	79,000	28,000
Corn, bu	260,000	118,000
Oats, bu	305,000	183,000
Rye bu	4,000	4,000
Barley, bu	48,000	18,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 12@20c. Eggs, easier; fresh, 19@20c. Cheese, steady; 8½@9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,900 bbls.; exports, 29,200 bbls.; somewhat firmer on the advance in wheat, with a better inquiry for spring patents; Minnesota patents, $3.25@3.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.00; city mill patents, $4.00@4.25; winter patents, $3.45@3.65; winter straights, $3.30@3.45; winter extras, $2.65@2.85; winter low grades, $2.10@2.60; shipping low grades, $1.90@2.00. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.75@3.00. Buckwheat flour, dull, $1.90@1.95.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, coarse, 70c; Brandywine, $2.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Weak; spot, 38c.

RYE—Nominal; western, 42@45c.

BARLEY—Dull; western, 39@46c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 49@56c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 138,800 bu.; exports, 25,000 bu. Spot, strong; No. 2 red, 68⅝c; No. 1 hard, 67⅝@68⅝c. Options opened stronger and advanced all the morning on heavy weekly exports, unfavorable Argentine crop news, Wall street and foreign buying, a strong cash situation and steady cables; closed ⅝@⅞c higher; May, 65¼@65⅝c; closed 65⅝c; December, closed 66½c.

CORN—Receipts, 113,000 bu.; exports, 91,300 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 34½c; steamer mixed, 33½c. Options quiet, but advanced in sympathy with wheat and on decreased receipts, closing unchanged to ⅛c higher; May, 34 7-16@34½c, closed 34⅝c; December, closed 34½c.

OATS—Receipts, 122,400 bu.; exports, 300 bu. Spot market, firm; No. 2, 22½c. Options dull and nominal, without a trade, closing ⅛c higher; May, closing 23⅝c; December, closed 22½c.

HAY—Easy; shipping, $7.00@7.50; good to choice, $8.00@9.00.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@5c; 1895 crop, 4@12c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 3@5c; 1895 crop, 4@10c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 12c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 18c; Texas, dry, 16c; California, 15c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@28c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@12.00; beef hams, $15.50@16.00. Cut meats steady; lard, steady; western steam closed at $5.50; December, closed at $5.50. Pork, prime mess, $8.50@9.25; short clear, $10.50@12.00; family, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,323 pkgs.; western dairy, 11@19c; western creamery, 17@23c; elgins, 24c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,504 pkgs.; quiet; large, 7½@10c; small, 7½@10½c; part skims, 3½@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,568 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 20@22c; western, 20@21c; southern, 19½@20c.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 3⅞@4c; country, 4@4½c.

PETROLEUM—Firmer; United closed at $1.41 bid; refined, New York, $7.75; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7.70; Philadelphia and Baltimore in bulk, $5.50.

ROSIN—Steady; strained, common to good, $1.70@1.75.

TURPENTINE—Firm; 30½@31c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¾@6c; Japan, 3¾@4c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@36c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $12.00@14.00; northern, $12.00@14.00. Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $10.37½; exchange price, $10.25@10.37½. Lead, dull; brokers' price, $3.05; exchange price, $3.15@3.17½. Tin, quiet; straits, $13.70; plates, weak. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.42@3.50.

COTTON SEED OIL—Slow and weak; prime crude, 24@24½c; butter grades, 26c; prime summer yellow, 28@29c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—COFFEE—Options opened irregular, with prices unchanged to 15 points higher, ruled generally firm and fairly active on reports via Havre indicating damage to Santos coffee crop; closed steady at a net decline of 5 points to a net advance of 20 points; December, $13.75. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, $14.50. Mild, dull; Cordova, $17.50@18.25. Warehouse deliveries yesterday, 5,000 bags; New York stock today, 220,756 bags; United States stock, 224,258 bags; afloat for the United States, 250,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 574,258 bags, against 519,662 bags last year.

SANTOS, Dec. 28.—Market quiet; good average Santos, $15.10; receipts, 10,000 bags; stock, 446,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 28.—Market irregular at ¼ pfg. advance; sales, 6,000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 28.—Market opened steady and unchanged to ⅛f decline; at noon, closed unchanged to ⅛f advance; sales, 12,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 28.—Market weak; No. 7 coffee, 9 milreis at the May price, the first sale at that level. Predictions are that within two weeks cash wheat will be at a premium over May; May, 53⅞c; on track, No. 1 hard, 53c; No. 1 northern, 51¾c; No. 2 northern, 50¾c; receipts, 215 cars.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅝c; refined, quiet; standard A, 4⅝c; confectioners' A, 4⅝c; cut loaf, 5¾c; granulated, 4⅝c.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—SUGAR—Cane, rather firmer; centrifugal Java, 12s 3d. Muscovado, fair refining, 10s; sort best, firmer; December, 10s 3d; January, 10s 10½d.

Vienna, 103. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today was £387,000.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Trading in Securities Was Restricted to Some Extent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Trading upon the stock market today was restricted, owing to an indisposition to make ventures pending the receipt of definite news from Washington regarding the expected bond issue and the vote of the house on the bill before it providing for financial relief. In the earlier dealings prices recovered on lower quotations for American securities cabled from London and on selling for that account in this market. The declines were important in only one or two instances, and a firmer tone soon developed on buying for both accounts, causing sharp improvements, especially in leaders preferred. Sugar and Manhattan. The closing was strong at the top figures and with general substantial net gains. The sharp panic from which we are, happily, rapidly recovering carries with it a lesson which should not be overlooked, as it recalls the cardinal fact that the American people are more heavily indebted than any other nation to foreign investors for capital used in the development of their resources. This foreign indebtedness is always a source of danger, as not only the interest upon it is drawn from us at intervals, but the principal can be instantly realized by sales of securities on the New York Stock exchange.

On the other hand, retrospection also establishes the strength of the United States. After the close of our civil war this country was in poor financial circle abroad, as the leading foreign capitalists believed that it would require an interval of at least a generation or two before the country could recover from the effects of the struggle. To their profound surprise recuperation began immediately, for with the exception of the cotton and sugar interests, the industries of the country had been stimulated rather than depressed during the four years of strife. By 1870 the steady reduction of our national debt had so far progressed that it could be refunded at steadily declining rates of interest, and, on January 1, 1879, specie payments were resumed. The contrast between 1864, when 6 per cent gold bonds of the United States sold on the continent of Europe at 35½, and 1879, when its 4 per cent bonds commanded a premium, convinced the financiers of Europe that the United States was a country of infinite resources, admirably utilized. For home consideration it may be pertinent at this time also to note that between 1879 and 1881 we imported over $290,000,000 in gold through the operation of a favorable exchange, although we then had outstanding exactly the same amount of greenbacks as at the present time.

The gloomy temper of speculation, which had characterized the close of the preceding week, was reflected to a marked degree by the prompt decision of the New York clearing house committee, called to Europe, that loan certificates would be at once issued if necessary to prevent further financial disaster. Foreign investors forcibly expressed their appreciation of this timely action by heavy purchases of American securities in their own markets and by calling to New York heavy purchasing orders. In other words, the panic was at an end. The local market quickly responded and substantial recoveries in the prices of securities were made in short order. The rally was greatly stimulated by small cash investment orders to an aggregate of a large amount. The more cheerful sentiments continued all of this week except in so far as both local and foreign speculation turned to a normal discrimination respecting securities affected by special influences and to the discussion of the broad consideration of our financial condition. The action of the clearing house committee was reflected in a decline in call money rates from 75 per cent on Monday to below the legal figure, and the wide discrepancy between the actual gold shipments and the previous extraordinary estimates was also credited in part to their businesslike attitude.

The dominating topic of interest has been and still is the question of financial relief to the treasury by an issue of government bonds. The problem is still open. While it is understood by well informed financiers that practically every preparation for an issue of bonds has been made by the administration, the passage of the bond bill in the house is expected to induce the president to defer action until the senate has definitely spoken on the financial question.