$7.75; State, Ohio, and Indiana, $7.50@8.25. Wheat dull and lower at $1.60@1.62; amber, $1.73@1.78; white, $1.63@1.64. Rye in fair demand at 95c. Corn quiet; new yellow, 78@82c; white, 90c; new mixed Western, 81c. Oats dull; white, 57@62.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 10½c; refined, 14c.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.01.

BALTIMORE.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat steady; prime red, $1.70@1.80. Corn—Mixed Western quiet at 83c. Oats dull and drooping; Western, 55@58c. Rye in good demand at 98c@$1.00.

PROVISIONS—Strong and buoyant; mess pork, $16.50@16.75. Bulk shoulders, 7@7½c; clear rib, 8½@8¾c; Bacon—Shoulders, 8c; clear rib, 9½c. Lard, 9c.

BUTTER—Unchanged.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.01@1.02.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26.—BREADSTUFFS—Flour dull; XX, $6.50; XXX, $6.75@7.25. Corn quiet; white at 77c; yellow, 80c. Oats easier.

BRAN—Dull at $1.10.

HAY—Dull; ordinary, $16.00@18.00; choice, $24.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull at $16.25. Dry salted meats quiet; shoulders, 6½c; clear rib, 8½c. Bacon scarce and higher, at 8½@8¾@9½@10c. Hams dull at 11½c. Lard scarce and in good demand; tierce, 9½c; keg, 10c.

SUGAR—Dull; inferior, 4¾@5¾c; common, 5¾@6½c; fair to fully fair, 6⅝@7½c; prime to choice, 8@8¾c.

MOLASSES—Good demand; fair, 52@57c; strictly prime, 65c.

WHISKY—Quiet; Louisiana, 99c; Cincinnati, $1.03.

COFFEE—Quiet at 24½@29c.

CORNMEAL—Dull at $3.20.

COTTON—In good demand; sales 9,000; prices declined ⅛@⅜c. Good ordinary to strict good ordinary, 13@13⅞c; low middling to strict low middling 14½@15½c; middling 15½@16½c; good middling 15⅞c. Receipts since Saturday, 17,100. Exports to the continent 14,155; bales to Great Britain 2,419. Stock 280,658; unsold 170,000.

MONETARY—Gold, 111¼. Sterling, $5.34½@5.35½.

THE PLOW QUESTION.

A "Middleman's" Views.

KEWANEE, Ill., Jan. 22, 1874.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: As the farmers and their advocates have had numerous hearings through your columns, and you have also given publicity to Mr. Deere's views, I beg your indulgence while a middleman tells his side of the story. Your Jacksonville correspondent makes some good points, but utterly fails on others. He says there are too many dealers in a place. This difficulty is rapidly adjusting itself, according to the law of supply and demand, which, we (middlemen) claim, is the only law applicable to the business. If "G" will take the trouble to inquire into the subject, he will find dealers in implements are going out of the business wherever it is overdone, competition cutting their profits down so that they cannot live. It would seem wisdom on the part of farmers to maintain as far as possible this competition, as it can be demonstrated that at least one-half the machinery sold the past three years has paid the dealer no profit whatever.

Again: "G" says the dealers are compelled to take only one kind of plows, not being allowed to sell from more than one manufactory. Any person conversant with the trade knows this is true in about one case in twenty. Live dealers are not generally caught by such arrangements. Again: dealers are not so easily overloaded with goods as our friend would make apparent. As a rule, they will not buy more than one-half the quantity they sold the previous year, and not that quantity if prospects for sale of the implement in question are not exceedingly good. The scale of discounts will not bear comparison with those of the actual trade. Let "G." inform us what first-class plows and reapers we can get 40 per cent commission on.

Let us suppose for a moment the annihilation of middlemen could be accomplished (of which we have no fear). A farmer, or if you please, a dozen farmers, want a particular kind of reaper (the writer has never had the good fortune to see together at once so many who were unanimous in choosing the same implement, or, rather, choosing the same manufacturer's implement; we concede that, however). They order their reapers (of course they send the cash with the order, as the manufacturer does not know about their responsibility, and has no agent present to look after his interest). The farmers agree to meet on a certain day and take their reapers from the station. They travel, say, an average of 10 miles to reach the station, and find, on arrival, their machines have not arrived, and they cannot find out certainly when they will arrive. Suppose, however, they get their machines, and probably they will have some difficulty in distributing to each other the proper packages and pieces for each machine, especially if part of them are self-rake reapers, part droppers, part mowers, etc. Suppose, however, they get their machines all right, get them home and set up ready for harvest. Wheat ripe and ready to cut, and weather just right, &c. The farmer starts into the field, cuts half a day, and breaks down his reaper, very likely from his own negligence or ignorance in putting up the machine. Well, the first thing is to see what is broken. After finding it, instead of going back to the station, and finding in the hands of the local agent a supply of extra castings from which he can supply the broken part, he undertakes to telegraph the manufacturer (perhaps 500 miles away), but describes the part so indefinitely that it is impossible to know what he wants. Who can estimate the damage done the crop before he can get his machine repaired? Some will say, Hire a machine to finish his crop; but those who try will find that a hard business in harvest. This is not an impossible picture.

As it is, the middleman stands midway between manufacturer and farmer, and many will bear me out in the statement that we have, in the majority of cases, given the farmer the preference in the way of allowing claims for breakages, &c.

Again: the manufacturer goes to the dealer six months before the implement is needed, and says, "Give me your order now, so I can lay in material, and run my factory, and keep my employes at work during the dull season. By so doing I can make my implements cheaper than if compelled to crowd six months' work into two, and can, therefore, sell cheaper. Of course, farmers can do as the dealers do in this matter; but who will say one farmer in ten *will* do it? The writer knows farmers who have told him they were going to buy reapers of him the coming season; but a discount of $20 would hardly induce one of them to give him an order now.

After middlemen in the implement business are disposed of, our Granger friends will no doubt (sighing for more worlds to conquer), seek to do away with them in every other line; so our friends, "the butcher, the baker, and candlestick-maker," must prepare their necks for the block.

One word in regard to "English vs. American plows." When our English cousins are buying nearly every other kind of agricultural implements of American manufacture, I can hardly credit the statement that English plows are so far superior to ours. The statement of "I. S.," that the work of the American plow at the English trial was like shoveling the earth up in heaps, and that the draft was twice as heavy as that of the English plow, is so very extraordinary that I can scarcely credit it. Certainly the plows made by Mr. Deere, and which took the prize at Vienna, do something beside "shoveling the earth up in heaps." Let "I. S." try again. Apologizing, Mr. Editor, for trespassing on your space, I am a persecuted

MIDDLEMAN.

The Murdered Monk.

A crime was lately committed in Italy which might serve as a basis for a romance of the style in which Monk Lewis or Mrs. Radcliffe and their readers delighted.

One Gaetano Plebani, of Amandola, near Ascoli, took on him at quite an early age the vows of a monk of the barefooted Carmelite order. Among those who came to confess to him was a young woman by the name of Amalia Menghini. She appears to have been a shrewd, unscrupulous woman, and as the father confessor was not a Saint Anthony, the result was unfortunate for both parties. For seven years Amalia lived as the mistress of Gaetano, who, by a life of cheating and duplicity had amassed a goodly fortune.

By and by she fell in love with another man, a gay, handsome young fellow, Favorio Nobili by name, whom she wished to marry. The monk was old and rich, and the amiable Amalia, backed up by a villainous brother, threatened to expose his misdeeds to the world unless he would provide her with money. The monk was frightened. He gave her some cash and more promises, in the meantime secretly preparing to go to America.

The last scene occurs in the town of Alessandria, in Piedmont. The Menghinis have bothered the guilty priest for money, and he has declined. "Let him go to bed," said Amalia to her brother, "and I will tell you when he is asleep." She does so, and the brother creeping into the bedroom in the most approved dramatic style tries to brain the sleeping man with a lifepreserver, and after a struggle succeeds. Amalia takes the monk's money, which amounted to 102,000 francs, and goes to Rome; and there she is detected with the money and clothes of the murdered man in her possession.

The trial took place at Alessandria, Amalia making a full confession of the above facts. The sentence of the court is not yet announced.

IN WINTER QUARTERS.

A Visit to Montgomery Queen's Circus.

How the Inmates of the Rink Behave Themselves.

What They Are Fed, and when They Get It.

The Peculiarities of the Female Elephant.

A reporter dropped into the winter quarters of Montgomery Queen's circus yesterday afternoon to obtain a glimpse of a traveling show on deshabille, and to inspect the winter arrangements made for the comfort of the caged beasts. The West Side Rink, as everybody knows, is the building thus temporarily occupied as a beastly boarding-house. These mansions are not exclusively situated on the West Side, it must be remembered, nor are they only connected with circuses. Here, however, the beasts are caged beyond possibility of doing injury to anybody, while in other such places they are not altogether innocuous.

The eastern end of the rink has been boarded off, forming a separate compartment the width of the rink, and about forty feet in length. Here, ranged in a double row, are the butts at which small boys throw the inflammatory lucifer seductively concealed in the appetizing candy; here are our insidious cousins who prefer spectacles to anything else as a plaything, and, always return them minus the pebbles. Here are the sentimental tiger, and the maniac hyena; the loquacious parrot, and the playful leopard; the perfumed goat and the tender lion cubs; the nervous wolf and the hay-punishing elephant, the cross-grained camel and the insinuating coon. They are artistically arranged, the parrots being neighbors of cockatoos and camel; adjoining them the Colorado grey eagle screams defiance at the Spanish macaws, while the restless condor from South America keeps up a perpetual dance to the growl of a splendid Bengal tiger, whose mission in life seems be a walking match against time.

The three young lions were evidently treated to grin stupidly, and jump over one another whenever their keeper whips them. Otherwise they look in the blankest sort of astonishment at the glimpses of nature afforded them. The leopard is a sulky beast, and glowers like a half-starved cat. His neighbor, the cheetah or Cingalese leopard, is as playful as a kitten, rolling over and over, allowing the keeper to put his hand into the cage and pat him, scratch his head, or pull his tail. The goats enliven the scene with more odor than is altogether agreeable. The ostrich, or emu, rather, paces up and down his cell, meditating deeply, and in pitiable despair. One cannot help thinking of Mr. Dorritt as this emu finishes his five hundredth round, and wondering what knotty problem, corresponding to a heavy cash deficit, agitates his tiny brain. The black bear is a mournful fellow, full of unexpressed grief. His shoulders are shrugged up to his neck, his hair has not been brushed for a week, and his eyes are moist and sad; his manner the essence of dejection. Poor fellow. Perhaps he has been slighted in love; perhaps he is hungry.

"Certainly," says the young man who shows the reporter round, "he has not had anything to eat since Saturday. He'll be fed to-day."

The black Russian wolf expressed his appetite by a very ungentlemanly display of bad temper. He is one of those fellows who, if he doesn't get his steak cooked exactly as he wants it, will tell the waiter he is a fool, and throw his plate through a sheet of French plate-glass 8 feet square, and walk off disgusted.

There is another stupid beast, the lion. He is a shabby-looking fellow,—would have been a tailor in human life; a miserable dwarfed specimen, with a crabbed air about him, caught from his neighbor the wolf. He has not the spirit to growl, but merely looks stupid and ugly. The reindeer, Indian buffalo, llama, apes, and white California deer are uninteresting. The kangaroo calls up Artemus Ward, especially when he happens to claw hold of anything. Then he is the most "amoosin little cuss"—that is, if his attentions are directed to somebody else. Otherwise he is as bad as an operatic agent; he gets his claws in and you cannot buy him off. Then again he is as bad as an amateur. You cannot tell which way he will jump, but with that tail of his you may be sure he can overreach you.

Standing before one of the stoves talking about matters and things with Mr. W. H. Smith, the lion-tamer, the reporter patted a handsome English coach dog which was snuffing around. "Don't be too familiar with that dog," said Mr. Smith, "he's pretty ugly. The elephant's afraid of him, and she's a pretty ugly sort of beast herself, for an elephant. I'll show you," he added, "what control this dog has over the elephant."

Approaching her ladyship, and pointing out some of her peculiarities, Mr. Smith asked her if she'd like a piece of bread. The elephant replied with a grunt. Mr. Smith threw her a loaf, and, as she was about to reach for it with her trunk, Mr. Smith told the dog to "stop her." The dog deliberately walked up to the bread, and, putting a paw upon it, told the great mass of flesh above it, in the most unmistakable way, that she couldn't have it. "I wouldn't let a dog beat me out of my supper," said Mr. Smith, and "the girl" made another reach for it. "No, you don't," growled the dog, and the great elephant slunk away like a whipped cur. It was a ludicrous sight.

"It appears to me," said the reporter, who had been watching the elephant all the afternoon with some curiosity, "that the beast is eating all the time."

"All the time," said Mr. Smith. "You couldn't guess how much hay she gets through in a day. She eats 300 pounds a day, and four bushels of oats. She's 16 years old now, and in prime condition, as you see. She's as ugly as a great many of her sex, and eats about half as much in proportion."

"How does she show her ugliness of disposition?" asked the reporter.

"By flooring anybody she don't like. She don't like men,—at least she makes out so. She's a hard case; if you are kind to her, she takes advantage of you, and abuses you; the only way is to give her blow for blow."

Reporter—I see the parallel. But certain physiological considerations apart, what use is she?

Mr. Smith—She's got a pile of brute strength about her, and you can make her do some pretty hard work. If any of our traps get stuck in the mud, I just bring her to it, and she'll push them out. She's almighty strong.

Reporter—She'll be getting saucy and independent some day; write letters to THE TRIBUNE, and say she was made for something higher than mere work; that if you want anything done you ought to do it yourself, but give her food and lodging for nothing. Fortunately, like many others of her sex, she can't read, and won't find out how useful she is.

Mr. Smith—Well, I wouldn't risk her not reading. I guess I will not show her the paper.

Mr. Thompson, the young man mentioned above, was warming meat by the stove.

"I'm thawing it out," he explained, "it would kill them to eat it cold. They'll do it quick enough, though; they've not been fed since Saturday," and so, indeed, their growls and roaring told.

"Why not?" said the reporter.

"It would kill them to keep them well fed all the time, in confinement. So we have to keep them without food Sundays."

"How much meat is that?"

"Ninety pounds,"

"And how is it divided?"

"The tiger gets 8 pounds, the three lions about 6 pounds each; the hyena about 4; the leopard 6; the cheetah 5; the puma 5; the big lion 8; the Russian wolf 2; the condor, eagles, Florida wolf, a pound each, and the Asiatic bear 5 pounds, and so on."

Reporter—When do you cease your hibernation?

Mr. Smith—In the spring. We are to have another tiger, a fine giraffe, a horned horse, and the boss lion in the country.

The whole circus is under the charge of A. J. Forepaugh, brother of the successful showman.

The Orange Groves of California.

Los Angeles Correspondence of the Alta California.

The orange groves are a magnificent sight to behold just now, laden as they are with their golden burdens—golden in seeming and golden in reality. The harvest is just commencing, and large quantities are daily arriving at the depot to be shipped to San Francisco and elsewhere. One dealer of San Gabriel sold his orange crop for $20 per thousand. His orange grove covers five acres, and contains 500 trees. Estimating these at 1,000 each, the crop is worth $15,000. Three thousand dollars an acre is a pretty good return for their cultivation, and nearly all clear profit, for the crop was sold on the trees. One acre in Southern California can be made to yield as great a clear profit by semi-tropical nut and fruit culture as twenty to fifty acres in the Eastern States devoted to ordinary kinds of farming. When one looks at the loads of this luscious fruit daily coming into town, and thinks of the immense profit they must yield to their owners, he cannot help but wish he had come here some twelve or fourteen years sooner, and gone into the orange business. All kinds of vegetables can be cultivated between the rows of orange-trees,—peanuts, potatoes, melons, pumpkins, beans, squashes, and peppers, and many other things. Ramie, too, could be cultivated with success, and mulberries. Some planters sow the intervening space with barley, and when this crop is harvested they put in a second one of corn.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Drug Business Finally Settled.

A Committee to Look After the New Fee Bill.

The County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, Commissioner Ashton in the chair.

OUTSIDE JUDGES.

A certificate was received from Judges Gary, Jameson, and Moore, of the Superior Court, as to the time Judge Sibley had served as Assistant.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to draw a warrant at the rate of $10 per day. The same disposition was made of the bill of Judge Tipton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The physician of the Insane Asylum presented a communication asking for various repairs and improvements. It was referred.

A communication was received from F. Franklin, to the effect that "the bearer likes to get a license to peddle dry-goods and cheap jewelry to pass through the hard times." It was referred.

COUNTY COURT MATTERS.

By invitation, Judge Wallace, of the County Court, appeared before the Board and gave some information concerning the amount of labor and quality of ability required of the record writer of his Court. He said the position ought to command at least $2,400 per annum. On motion of Commissioner Bogue, this salary was voted.

The Judge was asked whether, in case an incompetent man were appointed, he would have the power to remove him. He replied that, in such a case, he would exercise that power, whether he had it or not.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the communication of the Judges of the various courts respecting the payment of Assistant Judges, reported recommending that all such bills should be presented and audited before the full Board. The report was concurred in.

In regard to the letter of ex-Mayor Medill as to the sale of county bonds, the Finance Committee recommended that it be placed on file. Concurred in.

TRANSFERS.

Commissioner Harrison presented a resolution instructing the County Treasurer to transfer $50,000 from the public building fund to the general fund; also, a resolution directing the Coroner to make a statement as to the amount of money received by him.

The Chair stated that he had been informed that the Coroner was now engaged in preparing a report.

The resolutions were adopted.

DRUGS.

The Joint Committee on Hospital and Public Charities reported recommending that the contract for drugs and medical supplies be awarded to T. J. Bluthardt.

Upon request of Commissioner Clough, the Clerk read the report of the Special Committee, which was referred to the Joint Committee, and which sets forth that the bids of both M. E. Huyck and Hurlbut & Edsall were lower than that of Bluthardt. Mr. Huyck bid on the Insane Asylum alone, the amount being $1,943.08, against $2,017.84 by Bluthardt.

Commissioner Clough moved to amend the report by awarding the contract for the Poor-House and Insane Asylum to M. E. Huyck, and that for the Hospital to Hurlbut & Edsall, both these being the lowest bidders.

Commissioner Crawford said the Joint Committee had been unable to find out which was the lowest bid. The Commissioner had much difficulty in explaining the reason why, under these circumstances, the Committee finally decided in favor of Bluthardt.

Commissioner Bogue said that the Special Committee was able to find out rather more than had been intimated.

Commissioner Clough inquired how it was, amid such profound ignorance, that the Committee could bring itself to make any recommendation at all.

Commissioner Clough's motion to amend was lost by a vote of 4 yeas and 9 nays. Those voting in the affirmative were Commissioners Bogue, Burdick, Clough, and Lonergan.

Commissioner Clough moved that the matter be referred to a new special committee. This motion was lost. The report was then concurred in by a vote of 10 to 4, Commissioners Bogue, Clough, Lonergan, and Singer voting in the negative.

THAT FEE BILL.

Commissioner Johnson introduced a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee of three to proceed to Springfield and urge the passage of the Cook County Fee bill.

The Chair appointed Commissioners Johnson and Crawford, but both declined. Commissioners Bogue and Harrison accepted.

The Board adjourned until Monday at 2 p. m.

The Siamese Twins.

The Salem (Mass.) *Gazette* recalls the fact that the Siamese Twins were arrested at Lynnfield, Mass., in August, 1831, for a breach of the peace. While staying for a few days at the hotel, enjoying themselves fishing on the pond and shooting in the woods, with a young Englishman as an attendant, they were much annoyed by the eager curiosity of visitors, who disturbed their intended seclusion. Col. Elbridge Gerry and a Mr. Prescott, of Stoneham, went towards them in a field, but were warned to keep away. Irritating words followed, and the twins, after firing a blank cartridge, struck the Colonel with the but of a gun. They were put under $200 bonds.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN A LARGE STOCK R. ranch in Colorado, for sale. 18 miles of splendid grazing land, with 3,000 head of cattle. Business already thoroughly established and remunerative. Address GEORGE WHEELER, Elliott House, Washington, D. C., for five days.

A QUARTER OR THIRD INTEREST IN STEAM sawmill and lumber-yard on Lake Superior for sale. Profitable investment. Practical man preferred. Address LUMBER, Lock Box 325, Dubuque, Ia.

A SALOON AND RESTAURANT THAT TAKES $30 over the bar per day for sale at a bargain. Address at once L 64, Tribune office.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY, ACCIDENTAL, IS OFfered to a practical printer, or first-class businessman, in an established and profitable publishing business. $2,000 capital required. Address, this week, with references, G, Box 63, Matteson House.

BOARDING-HOUSE FOR SALE, SALOON AND 13 restaurant attached, at Wells-st. Depot. M. O'BRIEN, 98 East Kinzie.

DRUG STOCK AND FIXTURES FOR SALE, IN one of the liveliest towns in Iowa; trade of a large farming district; junction of three railroads; no competition. Splendid chance for a physician. Best of reasons for selling. Address DRUGS, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—FOR CHICAGO City property, a first-class steam grain elevator and warehouse on the C., B. & Q. R. R., at Geneseo, Henry County, Ill. Machinery in fine running order. For particulars and terms apply to GEO. M. GRIFFIN, on the premises, or to WM. T. BAKER, No. 88 LaSalle-st.

SALOON FOR SALE—WELL LOCATED, DOING good business, with or without barber-shop. 299 South Clark-st.

THE ONLY SHOE-STORE IN A CITY OF 2,000 1 population for sale. Everything complete, with custom shop attached, and doing a first-class business; will invoice about $7,000. Come and see the business before you invest. Proprietor must change for out-door employment. Address BOSTON SHOE-STORE, Marshall, Ill.

THE WHOLE OR ONE-HALF INTEREST IN ONE 1 of the best-paying manufacturing establishments in Chicago for sale. An unlimited amount of business can be done. Patents secured on the article manufactured. A rare chance for investment. For particulars address H 27, Tribune office.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—FINE SINGLE SLEIGHS AT DISTRIbuting prices below regular price. M. C. WILBUR, 167 Michigan-av.

TROTTERS! TROTTERS! TROTTERS! FROM 1 Michigan, for sale at M. C. WILBUR'S stables, 167 and 168 Michigan-av.: Pair cherry bay goldings, 7 and 8 years old, 15½ hands high, full tails and manes; can trot to pole, mile in 3:50 or better, either to single harness in 2:45; have had little work and will improve by handling. Any person wanting a coming team should examine them; also, cherry bay horse, 16 hands high, has beaten Billy Barr, now Whitney's Angelina, now Western Girl, Kirkwood, Byron, and many others. Also one blind horse, best styled trotter in the West. Also one Kentucky colt with good trotting action, and can pace in 2:40. Parties in want of good trotters should not fail to examine the above stock, as they will be sold at prices corresponding with the times. For sale at WILBUR'S stables, 167 and 168 Michigan-av.

WANTED—MARKET-WAGON AT 237 SOUTH Desplaines-st. Must be cheap for cash.

WANTED—TO BUY SEVERAL GOOD HORSES for driving and work, and pay with good Chicago lots. Address B 45, Tribune office.

FINANCIAL.

FOR SALE—FINE CORNERS FOR BUILDING PURposes:

Wabash-av., south-west corner Thirty-third-st., 100x164½.

Michigan-av., northeast corner Thirty-third-st., 100x141.

Vernon-av., northeast corner Thirty-first-st., 100x180.

Stanton-av., northeast corner Thirty-seventh-st., 200x207.

Rush-st., northeast corner Ohio, 118x150.

Indiana-st., northeast corner Cass, 75x150.

PUTNAM & NEWELL, 94 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—25 OR 50x125 FEET ON MOHAWK-ST., near Sophia; price, $50 per foot. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—WARREN-AV.—2-STORY FRAME house, 12 rooms, modern improvements, lot 30x125, on Warren-av., near Union Park. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—196x175 FEET, SOUTHWEST CORNER of Cottage Grove-av. and Forty-fifth-st.; price, $75 per foot; terms to suit. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—ON THE AVENUES—

An elegant house on Prairie-av., near Twentieth-st.

First-class marble front on Wabash-av. near Fortieth-st.

Marble front on Michigan-av., north of Eighteenth-st., hardwood finish, offered cheap.

Marble front on Michigan-av., No. 623.

Marble front two-story and French roof on Prairie-av., near Twenty-second-st., and barn, $17,000.

Also, on the West Side, an elegant double house, with large lot, on West Washington-st., offered at a bargain.

A. J. AVERILL,

Real Estate Office, 180 Dearborn-st., Honore Block.

FOR SALE—800 LOTS IN THE DISTRICT BOUNded by State, Halsted, Twenty-sixth, and Thirty-eighth-sts. Five years' time, 6 per cent. Apply to the owner, ALBERT CHANE, 116 Monroe-st.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—LOTS ON WESTern-av., Lexington, Polk, Taylor, and Campbell-av. Parties wishing to build—no money required down. Inquire at 155 South Clark-st., in bank.

FOR SALE—10 LOTS ON STEWART-AV. AND Hanover-st., corner Fifty-third-st., near station and near boulevard; price low and terms easy. SNYDER & LEE, Room 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—FOUR LOTS ON WALLACE-ST., NEAR Thirty-fourth-, 27½x125; price, $800; terms easy. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—FOR ABOUT HALF ITS VALUE, ON three years, for near half the purchase-money, finest residence lots, near lake-shore drive, south of Lincoln Park. L 26, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—CENTRAL PROPERTY—A FIRSTclass business block on South Side, between Madison and Randolph, well rented. Parties desiring a strictly first-class investment are requested to examine this property. A. J. AVERILL, Real Estate Office, No. 180 Dearborn-st., Honore Block.

FOR SALE—A GREAT BARGAIN—A LOT ON North LaSalle-st., one block north of Chicago-av., southwest corner of Chestnut-st., 40x113 feet, more or less, to an alley; only a few days in the market. Apply to WM. H. BRUNS, 102 Milwaukee-av.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AT WELLS-ST. DEPOT CONtaining nine rooms, good store and brick basement, newly plastered and painted; 4½ years' lease. M. O'BYRNE, 98 Kinzie-st.

FOR SALE—TWO LARGE AND ELEGANT houses, with large lots, east fronts, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-ninth-sts., on Michigan-av. THOS. A. HILL, 123 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON MADISON, MONROE, AND Wilcox-sts., at low prices, one block from Western-av.; also, several choice farms, very cheap. WHIPPLE & CLARKSON, 133 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—100 FEET, EAST FRONT, ON MICHIgan-av., and 150 feet, east front, on Wabash-av., near fifty-sixth-st., on 5 years' time, cheap. THOS. A. HILL, 123 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—I HAVE IMPROVED BUSINESS PROperty; also, dock property, cheap, on long time. S. D. PIERCE, 179 East Madison-st., Room 8.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, BY THE OWNER, SIX GOOD houses on South Side, $5,000 to $6,000; 3 lots near Archer-av. and Halsted-st.; 20 acres on the bluff at Washington Heights, adjoining Morgan Park, very cheap. A. J. SAWYER, 154 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—40 LOTS ON UNION, SHERMAN, AND Wallace-sts., near the Union Stock-Yards. Will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Inquire of A. SCHIFER, at the Stock-Yards Exchange, or of SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—FORREST-AV.—2 LOTS ON FORREST-av., near Thirty-fourth-st. Price low and easy terms. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—747 WASHINGTON-ST., BETWEEN Royne and Leavitt, 3-story frame, brick foundation. CANFIELD & MATTESON, 60 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—SOUTH PARK-AV., 50 FEET BEtween Thirty-second and Thirty-third-sts.; 50 feet on Dupont-av., near Twenty-fourth-st. CANFIELD & MATTESON, 60 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES ON RUSH, DEARborn, Indiana, Ontario, Orchard, and Sophia-sts. CANFIELD & MATTESON, 60 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN, FINE TWO-STORY and basement brick house, with stone trimmings, on Langley-av., just South of Ellis Park. House is nearly new, has all modern improvements. For particulars call on or address the OWNER, No. 2 North Wells-st.

FOR SALE—BRICK HOUSE AND LOT NEAR Union Park, clear, or will exchange for property north of Englewood on avenues. GEO. V. BYRD, 155 LaSalle-st., Room 11.

FOR SALE—WEST VAN BUREN-ST., 25x125, NEAR Lincoln; very cheap, $1,100 cash, balance long time. GEO. V. BYRD, 155 LaSalle-st., Room 11.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON FRANKLIN-ST., BEtween Washington and Randolph; also, on Fifth-av., near Randolph-st. PHILIP MYERS & CO., Room 18, Major Block.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—TWO-STORY AND basement brick house and lot, on Washington-st., near Union Park; finished in walnut and butternut. Will exchange for desirable suburban place. L. J. BARTLETT, 175 and 177 East Madison-st.

FOR SALE—$13,250—PRAIRIE-AV.—TWO-STORY and basement brick house on Prairie-av., a little south of Stewart-st. House has 13 rooms, besides closets, bath-room, etc.; furnace and gas-fixtures go with house. Terms easy. Possession May 1. Title perfect. Beyond doubt the best bargain in residence property on the South Side. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—STATE-ST.—NINETY-NINE YEARS' lease of 22x44 feet, east front, 52 feet north of Randolph-st. Terms of lease only $1,200 per year for three years, and $1,800 per year thereafter during balance of term. No reappraisals. This extraordinary lease is offered for a few days at the merely nominal bonus of $6,500. At this rate it will pay 25 per cent to improve the property, and is the best thing of this kind ever offered in this market. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—CHEAP, A HOUSE of 10 rooms; modern improvements; rented for $800; centrally located; 25-foot lot; monthly payments taken, if desired. Address D 41, Tribune office.

FOR SALE—NEW COTTAGE BASEMENT HOUSE 4 and lot 25 feet, fronting east on Evans-av., near Forty-first-st. Price, $3,600. Easy terms. H. J. GOODRICH, 125 Dearborn-st.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—SOUTH EVANSTON—A LARGE, FINEly finished house, 14 rooms, on lot to suit in size, on monthly payments, by owners, TILLOTSON BROS., 272 and 274 State-st.

FOR SALE—ENGLEWOOD—TWO LARGE 2-STORY Mansard-class finish; one cottage, 6 rooms, one block from depots; sixty trains daily; on monthly payments—by owners. TILLOTSON BROS., 272 and 274 State-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS AT SOUTH CHICAGO, THE great business suburb. T. A. HILL, 123 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS, BLOCKS, AND ACRES NEAR C. O. & N. W. Car Shops and Central Park; choice property at low prices and on easy terms. West Chicago Land Co., 73 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—CHOICE PACKING-HOUSE PROPerty at Union Stock-Yards. We are sole agents for Packers' Additions. JAS. B. GOODMAN & CO., 73 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—LOTS AT MAPLEWOOD, ONLY FOUR miles from Court-House; accessible by steam-cars; commutation fare, 6¼ cents. Shade trees have been set out over the entire property; sidewalks have also been laid; artesian well on the property flowing at rate of 250 gallons of pure water per minute. These lots are rapidly increasing in value by the city improvements which will soon reach this property. Price of lots from $400 to $600, on easy payments. WING & FARLIN, 85 East Washington-st., Room 4.

FOR SALE—BARGAINS IN LOTS, BLOCKS, AND 2 acres, cheap lots just west of city limits near car shops and Central Park; abstracts given and monthly payments taken. JAS. B. GOODMAN & CO., 73 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—10 ACRES, CORNER TRACY-AV. and Halsted-st., Washington Heights, suitable for subdivision. Call and see map. ISAAC R. HITT & SON, 79 Major Block, Corner Madison and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—ACRE-PROPERTY IN EVANSTON and North Evanston; choice property offered on long time. JOHN CULVER, 144 LaSalle-st., basement.

FOR SALE—50 LOTS IN BECK'S (FIRST) SUBDIvision at Normal School; $400 each; one-fourth cash, balance in 1, 2, and 3 years. HULBURD & CO., 208 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—ENGLEWOOD—$2,800 BUYS NEW 2-story house, brick basement, large lot; very central to schools and depots. Lake water by July next. HULBURD & CO., 208 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—ENGLEWOOD, BUSINESS PROPERty on State-st.; splendid location for grocery, hardware, or flour and feed business. Lots on Wabash and Michigan-avs., 3 blocks from station, 4 blocks from South Park. Lake water by July next adds greatly to the advantages of this property. HULBURD & CO., 208 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—SOUTH ENGLEWOOD—READ MATson Hill's advertisement in to-day's Times, then come to me for cheaper lots between his and the depot. THOMAS KANE, 136 State-st.

FOR SALE—I WILL SELL ACRE TRACTS AT Hinsdale and Clarendon Hills at terms and prices that will pay at retail from 100 to 200 per cent, and then will be the cheapest lots, as well as the highest and best ground, of any suburb of Chicago. O. J. STOUGH, 72 and 74 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—80 ACRES ORIGINAL WASHINGTON Heights. JAS. B. GOODMAN & CO., 73 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—$2,500 WILL BUY GOOD HOUSE, barn, 1 acre land, choice fruit trees, well located in pleasant village, near depot, 60 minutes' ride from Chicago. WHIPPLE & CLARKSON, 133 South Clark-st.

FOR SALE—HINSDALE—18 ACRES AT HINSdale, three blocks from the station, with house costing $3,500; a first-class investment; 14 passenger trains daily each way. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, northeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—ENGLEWOOD—CHOICE LOTS GENerally located, also houses on terms to suit purchasers. CANFIELD & MATTESON, 60 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, NEAR SOUTH CHICAGO, 160 acres, with water front, at a special bargain; best investment in that vicinity at the price. Also, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 80, 160, and 400 acre tracts, well located, part beautiful land, with good front on river and lake. Choice bargains for time investment, or immediate subdivision. JAS. H. BIGGS (late Hart & Biggs), 100 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—SOUTH ENGLEWOOD—LOTS RETailed at wholesale prices; will sell every alternate lot, 25x125 feet, for $100 each; the other lots $250 each. MATSON HILL, 108 and 110 Dearborn-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—700 ACRES OF IMproved choice land in DeWitt County, Iowa. Will sell any part of it. THOS. A. HILL, 123 Dearborn-st.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—WE HAVE A CUSTOMER FOR A house and lot on North Side, worth $6,000 to $8,000. Liberal cash payment. CANFIELD & MATTESON, 60 LaSalle-st.

WANTED—SUBURBAN RESIDENCE OF ABOUT 8 rooms, on some railroad outlying at Galena or Union Depot. Will pay for it in monthly installments of $50 or $75. Address M 97, Tribune office.

ANY PERSON (NO AGENT) HAVING $200 IN hand to loan on real estate for short time, at 10 per cent per month, can address A 91, Tribune office.

BALDWIN, WALKER & CO. HAVE FUNDS IN hand for the purchase of notes having short time to run, secured by inside real estate. No. 7 Hawley Building, corner Dearborn and Madison-sts.

I HAVE FROM $500 TO $2,000 THAT I DESIRE TO invest in some good paying legitimate business. No clap-trap. Address with particulars, G 29, Tribune office.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DIAMONDS, WATCHES, and other valuable securities; loans negotiated; a few ladies' and gents' watches for sale cheap. C. TUNNICLIFF, 125 Clark-st., Room 2, up-stairs.

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TO LOAN—IN SUMS TO SUIT, $25 TO $500, OR more,