

## THE BUSINESS BAROMETER.

An Index to the Condition of Trade Generally.

## LARGE SALES OF HOG PRODUCTS.

Several Car Loads Shipped From Houston Daily-A Coffee Trust Seems Probable-Trade Notes.

**Office of The Post,**  
Houston, Thursday, January 14.  
Local jokers state that business is moving along in the usual channels, without incident of importance. Trade is fairly active on the routine order now, though business in many lines is very good, indeed. Wholesale grocers have filled numerous orders this week, many of them being of large size. Traveling representatives with that country merchants have small stocks as a rule, and have bought quite freely this month. They are making no reckless purchases, however, but are exercising due caution in all transactions. Their trade is above the average at this time, as farmers are compelled to purchase large supplies. The shipment of hog products alone from Houston now averages several carloads daily. This is due mainly to the small corn crop last year, and the failure of farmers to raise many hogs in consequence of the scarcity of feed. Corn is pouring into this State from Kansas and Nebraska, as Texas planters have practically no home supply. This heavy expenditure for grain and meat will prove quite a handicap, and is causing many farmers to renew their credit accounts. Fortunately, however, prices on these articles are very low, and planters who sold their estates at a fair price will not feel the extra tax very much.

## American Peanut Oil.

The first peanut oil factory in the United States will be established at Norfolk, Va. The oil is highly valued in Europe, and it is stated that forty \$600,000 worth of peanuts are brought into Marseilles, France, annually for the manufacture of oil, which is used in soap, soap and for other purposes. The demand for oil is quite extensively used in Europe and made into bread, cakes, biscuits, etc. It is one of the favorite articles of food, according to current reports in newspapers in Germany.

The capital stock of the present company is \$100,000, of which \$50,000 is paid up, \$50,000 is unearned, \$10,000 is in account of stockholders, and \$10,000 is in account of Mr. McCloskey, who is a partner in the business. The net assets of the company are \$100,000, and the net value of the property is \$100,000.

**HAMS.** Standard Hams—Hams ham.

**JOLNEY.** In 50 lbs cases, extracted, 45¢ per lb.; 12 lbs cases, extracted, 45¢ per lb.

**LADIES' BEEF.** Sirloin, compound, 16 lbs per head, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs higher than 16 lbs each, 16 lbs higher than 16 lbs each.

**MULANSE.** Standard, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each.

**PEPPERS.** Extra fancy, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each.

**SALT.** Lardons, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each.

**SPARCS.** Standard glands, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each.

**STEAKS.** Sirloin, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each.

**STEVES.** Extra fancy, 16 lbs each, 16 lbs each.

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