FINANCE AND TRADE.

Bank Clearings Large, but Discount Business Light.

Currency in Light Demand---Heavy Country Orders for Exchange.

The Produce Markets Irregular---Provisions Active and Easier.

Wheat Again Very Weak---Other Grain Steadier.

FINANCIAL.

The clearings were comparatively large, but did not signify anything more than the accumulated business of two days. The local loan market is unusually dull. The total amount of discounts made was very slight yesterday. On account of the independent condition of the mercantile interests of the city, the singular stagnation in the grain and provisions market, and the backwardness of the packing season, there is less than usual good paper offered the banks. Their position is one of great ease and strength; their resources are hardly subjected to the natural demand for the season, and they would be very glad to see the loan market more active.

Under these circumstances rates of discount cannot be expected to keep very stiff. To regular customers the banks charge 8@10 per cent, and would make still better terms to good outside borrowers if that class of applicants would only appear.

On the street rates are 6@18 per cent, with great quiet in all directions.

New York exchange was in active request on country account. Transactions between banks were not numerous, but sales were made at par.

The orders from the country for currency did little more than offset the receipts from that source.

The clearings were $5,000,000.

RAILROAD ACCOUNTS.

The *Railroad Gazette* of last week refers to the plan of Mr. Charles F. Adams, Jr., for regulating the railroads by making them keep their accounts open and intelligible to the public. It likes its simplicity, and thinks it efficacious and in harmony with the principles of our Government. Legislation will be needed, of course, to carry out this reform. While this is under way, a good deal could be done to check the peculiar mismanagement of the railroads if the New York Stock Exchange would take advantage for the benefit of its members and the public of the agreement with the corporations on its list which permits it to call for any information that the Governing Board think necessary for the protection of the buyers and sellers of stock. The agreement is as follows:

Know all men by these presents: That for and in consideration of the New York Stock Exchange having placed our stocks on the list of securities dealt in at the said Exchange, now, therefore, we hereby agree to furnish without further notice to the Secretary of said Exchange a statement of the earnings and expenses of this company at least once in each month; and also on notice from said Exchange to furnish such other information as the Governing Committee of said Exchange may deem desirable to protect the interest of parties who buy and sell the securities dealt in at said Exchange.

THAT BRIDGE.

The popular disposition, clearly, is to expect too much from great bridges as simply commercial highways. It requires a long while to reimburse the vast outlay involved, and in the interval it is fortunate if they do not disappoint the expectations of their projectors as to the benefits of which they are to be productive. We do not say this with particular reference to our East River enterprise, for which New York and Brooklyn are paying out a good many millions, and which may realize all that its projectors have predicted, but to the mammoth $10,000,000 structure that spans the Mississippi at St. Louis. Vast results in the way of increasing the business of that city were anticipated from that work, but according to statements we are now having those are not likely to be visible, at least during this generation. It has worked no perceptible change in local trade as yet; grave complaints are continually making as to its mismanagement, and they do say it would be hard to sell the stock at any figure, though taxes are confidently looking for annual 15 per cent dividends. Besides all this, we are assured that, on good evidence that authority, the bridge could have been built for half the money which was expended on it, some going to the excess of eight on quarter of the amount would have sufficed.—*New York Tribune.*

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
United States 6s of '81	107½	107¾
United States 5-20s of '65, coupons	117¾	118
5-20s of '65—January and July	119½	119¾
5-20s of '67—January and July	119¾	120
5-20s of '68—January and July	120¼	120½
10-40s	115	115½
United States 6s of '81, new	117	117½
United States currency 6s	121½	.....

GOLD.

Gold was 114¾@114¾.

GREENBACKS.

Greenbacks were 87¾@87¾ cents on the dollar.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Sterling exchange	.....	487¾
Cable transfers—Paris	5.13¾	.....
London	4.83	.....
Paris, francs	5.17½	5.12½
Antwerp, francs	5.17½	5.12½
Switzerland, francs	5.17½	5.13¾
Germany, reichsmarks	95¾	95½
Holland, guilders	40¾	41
Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, kroner	.....	27¾
Austria, paper florins	.....	44

CITY AND COUNTY BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Chicago City 7 per cents, bonds	104	& int.
Chicago City 7 per cents, sewerage	104	& int.
Chicago City 7 per cents, water loan	104	& int.
Cook County 7 per cents, bonds	104½	& int.
West Park 7 per cents, bonds	.....	95 & int.
North Chicago 7 per cents, bonds (Lincoln Park)	.....	95 & int.

MISCELLANEOUS.

	Bid.	Asked.
City Railway, South Side, ex-div	136¾	137½
City Railway, West Side, ex-div	131	132½
Traders' Insurance Company	125	.....
Chamber of Commerce	75	77
Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company	.....	130
Chicago & Northwestern gold bonds, 6s	84	85
Exposition stock	30	95

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Gold opened at 114¾, fell off to 114¾, advanced to 114¾, and closed at 114¾. The rates for carrying were 1¾, 1, and 2 per cent. Loans were also made flat.

Governments were firm.

Railroad bonds were in good demand.

State securities were quiet.

Stocks opened ¼@1¼ lower than Saturday's closing, and declined ¾@3¾ more, led by Union Pacific. Subsequently there was more than a full recovery, except in Union Pacific. In the last hour the market was decidedly strong and higher. The greatest advance was in Union Pacific, which rose from 76½ to 78¾, with no stock offering at the close under 80. The principal activity was in Lake Shore and Pacific Mail, the former advancing to 69½, and the latter to 41¾, with closing sales at the highest prices reached. Northwestern common advanced to 39½, preferred to 58¾ on more active dealings. Michigan Central advanced to 84¾, St. Paul to 35¾, preferred to 66½, Ohio to 17¾, Rock Island to 105¾, and Pittsburg to 104¾. Panama sold at 121. Atlantic & Pacific reacted to 20. Transactions at the Stock Exchange aggregated 110,000 shares, of which 32,500 were Pacific Mail, 11,000 Western Union, 3,000 Northwestern common, 2,740 preferred, 11,000 Lake Shore, 2,500 Union Pacific, and 3,500 Michigan Central.

Money, 4@5; prime mercantile paper, 6@8; custom receipts, $420,000.

The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $533,000.

Clearings, $47,000,000.

Sterling exchange firm at 487@487¼.

GOVERNMENTS.

Coupons, '81	121¾	Nos 5s	117½
Coupons, '65	115¾	10-40s	117½
New	121¾	Coupons	117¾
Coupons, '67	122¼	Currency 6s	121½
Coupons, '68	122		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	41½	Virginia, new	39
Tennessee, new	43½	Missouri	102½
Virginia, old	31		

STOCKS.

Western Union Tel	76¾	N. J. Central	104¾
Pacific Mail	41¾	Rock Island	104½
Adams Express	102½	St. Paul	36¼
Wells, Fargo	84	St. Paul pfd	66¾
American	60	Wabash	4½
U. S. Express	64	Wabash pfd	9½
New York Central	125½	Fort Wayne	99½
Erie	19¾	Terre Haute	5
Erie pfd	25	Terre Haute pfd	24½
Harlem	133	Chicago & Alton	95
Harlem pfd	132	Chicago & Alton pfd	101
Michigan Central	84½	Ohio & Mississippi	17½
U. P. stock	78½	Indiana Central	14½
Lake Shore	69¾	Chi., Bur. & Quincy	114½
Illinois Central	93¾	Hannibal & St. Joe	21¾
Clev. & Pittsburg	90	Del., Lack & West	120
Northwestern	39½	Atlantic & Pac. Tel	19¾
Northwestern pfd	83¾	Central Pacific bonds	101¾
C., C., C. & I	8½	U. P. bonds	106½

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record Monday, Dec. 6:

CITY PROPERTY.

Owasco st, 314 ft w of Western av, n f, 21x100 ft, with other property, dated Aug. 20	$ 7,050
North May st, 96½ ft s of Ohio st, e f, 24x116 ft, dated Dec. 1	2,200
Calumet av, 171 ft n of Thirty-third st, w f, 30 ft 5½ in, with building, dated Oct. 23	9,000
Bradley st, 125 ft s of Noble st, e f, 25x125 ft, dated July 20	1,000
Cass st, s e cor of Erie st, w f, 100x150 ft, dated Dec. 4	22,500
Francisco st, 166 ft n of West Van Buren st, e f, 25x166 ft, dated Nov. 27	750
Sedgwick st, 2 ft n of Menominee st, w f, 24 x125 ft, dated Dec. 4	2,500
Sedgwick st, 251 ft n of Menominee st, w f, 24 x125 ft, dated Dec. 4	2,500
Hine (late st, 125 ft w of North Market st, s f, 25x100 ft, dated Dec. 4	1,800
Milwaukee av, 50 ft s e of Colfax av, n e f, 25 x129 ft, dated Dec. 4	9,000
Cornell st, 64 ft w of Noble st, n f, 41x100 ft, with buildings, dated Sept. 3	6,000
Ashland av, 165 ft s of Wabansia av, w f, 32x 129 ft, with improvements, dated Oct. 21	1,600
Milwaukee av, 155 ft s e of Division st, n w f, 25 ft, running to Division st, with 50 ft front, with buildings, dated Dec. 3	16,500
Keeler av, n e and s e cor of Sixteenth st, and 1 lot fifteen 4 and 5, dated Nov. 22	20,000
West Chicago av, 272 ft w of Holt st, s f, 24x 128 ft, with buildings, dated Nov. 30	3,200
West Madison st, 215 ft w of Homan av, n f, 55x124 ft, dated March 10, 1874	3,250

NORTH OF CITY LIMITS WITHIN A RADIUS OF 4 MILES OF COURT-HOUSE.

Ashland av, 61 ft n of Bertram st, e f, 100x165 ft, dated Dec. 8	$ 3,000
Ravenswood road, 95 ft s of Jefferson Road, w f, 50x165 ft, dated Nov. 20	900

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS WITHIN A RADIUS OF 7 MILES OF COURT-HOUSE.

Wright st, 192 ft s of Fifty-ninth st, s f, 21x 124 ft, dated Dec. 4	$ 700
Blue Island av, 170 ft s of Thirty-ninth st, e f, 21x124 ft, dated Nov. 20	600
Sheridan av, 48 ft s of Forty-fifth st, w f, 24x 124 ft, dated Aug. 5	200
Langley av, 203 ft n of Union av, w f, 22x125 ft, dated Dec. 4	3,200
Forty-sixth st, 245 ft w of Hiscell st, s f, 25 x125 ft, dated May 23, 1874	420

COMMERCIAL.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in this city during the forty-eight hours ending at 7 o'clock on Monday morning, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1875.	1874.	1875.	1874.
Flour, brls	11,761	14,741	11,060	10,523
Wheat, bu	91,140	81,340	51,122	5,860
Corn, bu	37,700	65,242	23,110	14,907
Oats, bu	26,170	27,260	16,400	6,917
Rye, bu	3,440	8,884	400	1,046
Barley, bu	16,290	10,650	7,588	9,606
Grass seed, lbs	79,857	26,030	84,444	97,523
Flax seed, lbs	421,07.	87,200	500,041	.....
Broom-corn, lbs	93,900	.....	60,000	57,500
Card meats, lbs	178,400	202,950	3,117,228	2,238,748
Beef, brls	294	143	243	561
Pork, brls	325	2	1,995	480
Lard, lbs	70,000	147,870	594,586	1,092,452
Tallow, lbs	28,254	6,894	47,035	.....
Butter, lbs	65,963	101,405	13,270	87,640
Dressed hogs,	141	602	31	1,892
Cattle, No	10,726	15,564	3,698	6,117
Sheep, No	65	518	764	421
Live hogs, No	10,722	15,564	2,683	5,117
Cattle, No	59	4 3	1,821	1,224
Sheep, No	6.5	518	764	421
Live hogs, No	130,320	35,008	223,63	115,926
Potatoes, bu	15	10,937	.....	.....
Lumber, No. ft	1,701,000	5,145,500	1,473,000	1,172,500
Shingles, No	1,620,000	3,170,000	381,0 0	4,90 0
Lath, No	.....	.....	.....	3,500
Salt, brls	4,464	4,136	1,910	3,128
Poultry, lbs	4,524	27,314	16,716	8,250
Poultry, coops	28	214	.....	.....
Game, pkgs	156	105	.....	.....
Eggs, pkgs	620	631	141	209
Hides, No	1,115	227	1,115	405
Dried fruits, lbs	48,140	47,643	2,114	.....
G. apples, brls	15	4,562	.....	459
Hay, tons	130	111	10	41

The following were the quantities of grain withdrawn from store for city consumption on Saturday last, and for the week ending with Friday:

	Saturday.	*Week.*
Wheat, bu	5,0 0	22,211
Corn, bu	5,4 1	16,241
Oats, bu	3,613	5,241
Rye, bu	4,293	5,164
Barley, bu	15,923	13,2 0

The shipments from this city last week, reported in our issue of yesterday, were all by rail, except 4,000 brls flour, 23,0 0 bu wheat, 81,000 bu corn, by sail to Buffalo; 14,984 bu corn and 12,310 bu oats to other United States ports, and 26,312 bu corn to Collingwood.

The following grain was inspected into store in this city on Monday morning: 16 cars No. 1 spring, 177 cars No. 2 do, 87 cars No. 3 do, 48 cars rejected do (328 wheat); 18 cars No. 2 corn, 16 cars rejected do, 22 cars no grade do (56 corn); 4 cars white oats, 13 cars No. 2 do, 10 cars rejected do (27 oats); 13 cars No. 2 rye; 3 cars No. 2 barley, 4 cars No. 3 do. Total, 431 cars, or 153,600 bu. Inspected out: 17,442 bu wheat, 21,584 bu corn, 5,2 0 bu oats, 1,931 bu rye, 14,604 bu barley.

The Packers' Association, which recently convened at St. Louis, has arranged with the Hon. E. Young, of the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, to receive monthly for publication the statement of exports of provisions from thirteen ports of the United States. The figures for November will be given on the 15th prox.

The New York telegram of yesterday reported "York not opened." That will be good news to buyers for consumption, who have hitherto found that every barrel was opened, and the overplus taken out, before being placed on the market. We note that the report of stocks in New York on the 1st of the month as published by us on the 2d was correct, and did not, therefore, need the official "correction" sent on the next day.

The statistician of the New York Exchange is understood to have footed up a total visible supply of wheat and flour in the world, equal to 75,000,000 bu wheat. This is a big aggregate, but it should be remembered that stocks are now watched more closely than a few years ago, so that a greater percentage of the whole is "in sight" of the commercial world than it used to be.

The leading produce markets were more active yesterday, and very irregular, provisions being easier, wheat weak, and other grain steadier. The feeling was far from being strong in any department, but the excitement in wheat took off the attention of operators from other markets to some extent. The shipping movement was slow, and the general aspect of things rather sombre, the recent general decline having been so severe as to cause great loss to the owners of produce.

Dry goods were quiet, with values showing no important variation from previous quotations. The grocery market was only moderately active in any department. Prices were firm and unchanged. Butter was in good demand, and commanded about former prices. Cheese remains quiet at 11@13c for fair to fancy. No notable changes were apparent in the fish, canned goods, and dried fruit markets. Coal and wood were firm. Bagging, leather, tobacco, paints, and oils, remain as before.

Lumber was in moderate interior demand and steady. The receipts were small, and no cargoes were offered at the docks. Building materials were reported in fair demand for the season and steady, common brick being firm at $7.00 per m. The stock is believed to be smaller than last fall. The seed market was rather quiet, but all seasonable varieties were firm owing to light offerings. Green fruits were unchanged. Hops, wool, and hides were quiet, the latter being weak, in sympathy with the Eastern and foreign markets. The choice grades of hay were salable, but low grades were dull and weak, the local trade being amply supplied with those qualities by the neighboring farmers. Poultry, eggs, and most kinds of game, were weak, the demand as usual on the first day of the week being small, while the weather was unfavorable for carrying the stock.

EXPORTS FROM THE SEABOARD.

The following were the exports from the four leading cities of the Atlantic seaboard for the dates named:

	Week ending Dec. 4, 1875.	*Week ending Nov.* 27, 1875.	*Week ending Dec.* 5, 1874.
Flour, brls	73,500	40,074	76,936
Wheat, bu	563,611	396,139	446,509
Corn, bu	226,514	226,193	537,002
Pork, brls	6,619	3,414	4,064
Lard, lbs	4,576,491	2,143,883	2,192,985
Bacon, lbs	10,32 ,990	6,275,952	2,262,217

THE OUTLOOK FOR WHEAT.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

The stock of wheat in sight is about 18,500,000 bu, of which over two-thirds is No. 3, and rejected. Last year No. 3 was sound wheat, but dirty and below the standard of No. 2 in weight. This year it is noted in inspection books as "damaged," which means musty. There is no demand on this side the ocean for flour from musty or sprouted wheat, except from the negroes in Southern States, and West Indies, and French Canadians. All this class of wheat—and it is about one-half the whole crop, both spring and winter —must be exported. The American consumer will not use unsound flour at any price. Ohio, for this reason, is sending to the seaboard the bulk of her crop and replacing with the sound No. 1 and No. 2 wheat of the Northwest. I am informed that our city mills are selling their entire product to Pittsburg and points in Ohio. With a crop deficient nearly 100,000,000 bu, and probable foreign demand as great as in the crop year 1874-'5, I think nothing surer than that our No. 3 wheat must largely advance. The lower grades will seek a price that exporters will pay. Our supply of No. 2 wheat is far less than last year. Minnesota furnishes nearly all. In 1874, milling wheat sold at 5@8c above the grade corresponding to present standard of No. 3. In fact, some No. 2 red winter wheat now brings $1.50, while inferior sells at 90c to $1.00. Here the price of No. 1 and No. 2 have been unduly depressed by the huge stock of inferior grades; but home demand alone will soon advance the price. With consumption for food in the United States of 60,0 0,0 0 bu wheat per day our stock of 4,000,-000 or 5,000,0 0 of sound No. 2 wheat is a mere bagatelle.

ZENO.

ITS PRESENT VALUE.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

CHICAGO, Dec. 6, 1875.—1 notice spring wheat is worth 7 4d to 10s in Liverpool. As our exports have been almost wholly No. 3 and rejected, it is fair to quote sound No. 2 wheat 9s 9d, which is $1.42 per bu. Freight from here to Liverpool by rail to Philadelphia or Baltimore is 62½c per 100 lbs, or 37½c per bu, leaving in Chicago $1.04½ gold, or $1.19 currency, less expenses in Liverpool. Feb. 1st, in the forepart of December—always the dullest period of the year in the English market. B. B.

PROVISIONS.

HOG PRODUCTS—Were easier all round, in sympathy with a further decline in hogs at the Stock-Yards, though the aggregate of trading was fair. The weather was not favorable for packing, so that operators held off, but there was plenty of product on sale, —chiefly for future delivery.

MESS PORK—Was more active, but 10@15c per brl lower, being rather weak the near the end of the session, under free offerings, with a fair demand. Sales were reported of old 1ils cash at $10.00; 3,750 brls seller the month at $10.85@10.90; 7,0 0 brls seller January at $12.00; 5,500 brls seller February at $10.10@ 10.25; 2,0 0 brls seller March at $10.40; and 250 brls seller April at $10.50. Total, 13,810 brls. The market closed steady at $10.00 cash, $10.85 seller the year, $10.00 seller January, $10.17½@10.22½ seller February, and at $10.30@10.35 for March.

Prime mess pork was quoted at $12.50, and extra prime do at $11.00@11.25.

LARD—Was quiet, except for February delivery, and fell off 5@10c per 100 lbs, but closed firm at the outside prices of the session, in sympathy with an advance of 2½d per 112 lbs in Liverpool, and a stronger feeling in New York. Sales were reported of 675 tes cash at $12.10@12.15; 7,0 0 tes seller the month at $12.12½; 250 tes seller January at $12.15; 2,250 tes seller February at $12.25@12.30; and 250 tes seller March at $12.40. Total, 3,1.5. The market closed firm at $12.12½@12.15 cash; $12.12½@12.15 seller the year; $12.17½@12.20 for January; $12.30 for February; and at $12.40@12.45 for March.

MEATS—Were dull, and about ½c per lb lower all round, green meats being the weakest, as the weather was unfavorable to handling them. There was a moderate inquiry for Eastern account for immediate shipment, the weather being too warm to make it safe to move out fresh lots, and there were few offered, the stocks being very light, while lots in salt five to ten days were in good supply, and rather heavy. The shipments were again very large on Saturday, being reported at 1,117,220 lbs. Part sales were quoted as follows: Shoulders, to boxed; do seller January, 6½c; long clears, 9½c boxed; do seller January, 9½c; short ribs, boxed, 9½ @10c; do seller January, 9½c; short clears, boxed, 10½c; do seller January, 10c; long and short clears, bxed, seller December, 9½@10c; do seller January, 10c; Cumberlands, boxed, 10½c cash and 10c for January; sweet-pickled hams, 10½@11c; do seller January, 10½c asked. For March delivery, shoulders were quoted at 7½c, short ribs 10½c, and short clears 10½c, all loose. Green meats quoted at 6½c for shoulders, 9¼c for long clears, 9½c for short ribs, 9½c for short clears, and 9½c for hams. Bacon meats steady at 9c for shoulders, 12½c for short ribs, 11c for short clears, and 13½@14c for hams. Sales were reported of 20,0 0 lbs shoulders at 6¼c, 2.0 boxes do at 7@7.4c; 2,0 0 lbs short ribs at 9½c; 2.0 boxes do at 9¾c; 2,0 0 lbs short clears at 9¾c; 2.0 boxes do seller April at 10½c; 2.0 boxes long and short clears at 9¾c; 100,0 0 lbs green hams at 10c; 50 tes sweet pickled hams (15½ lbs) at 10½c; 25 brls backs at $6.50; and 50 brls pigs' tongues at $2.75.

GREASE—Was nominal at 7@8c.

BEEF PRODUCTS—Were steady and quiet at $9.75 @10.00 for mess, $10.75@11.00 for extra mess, and $20.00@21.00 for hams.

TALLOW—Was quoted at 8½c.

BREADSTUFFS.

FLOUR—Was very dull, and nominally easier, in sympathy with wheat. The stocks are large, and flours are now reported to be selling on the seaboard at prices which do not permit of shipments from this city at our quotations. Hence no demand for exports. Sales were limited to 250 brls winters on private terms; 300 brls spring extras, partly at $5.50; 85 brls buckwheat flour at $5.75; and 150 brls rye flour, partly at $4.25. Total, 786 brls. The market closed nominally at the following range of prices: Choice winter extras, $7.00@7.75; common to good do, $5.25@6.00; spring extras, $4.25@4.50; good do, $4.75@5.00; choice do, $5.25@5.50; patents do, $5.50@7.25; Minnesota, $5.2 @6.25; spring superfines, $2.75@3.75; rye flour, $4.25@4.40; and buckwheat do, $5.50@5.75.

BRAN—Was quiet and steady. Sales were 20 tons at $13.00@13.50 on track.

CORN-MEAL—Was nominal at $17.50 for coarse on track.

WHEAT—Was active and very weak through the greater part of the session, declining 2½c from the closing figure of Saturday, with a partial reaction afterwards. Liverpool was nominally unchanged, and New York simply inactive, but our receipts were larger, aggregating 322 car-loads, of which about 50 per cent inspected into the better grades. Added to this was the fact that the severe decline of Saturday had exhausted the margins on a good deal of wheat that was being carried for outside parties, and on the first rebuff of further weakness the holders hastened to sell. Some large lots were thrown out in this way, but taken rather freely by the short interest. This was very little long buying, even at the depreciation, as purchasers did not feel sure that the market had touched bottom. They looked (mentally) at the huge volume of wheat and flour in sight, and then canvassed the situation on the seaboard, where wheat is not offered simply because there is no market for it, and flour is selling fully as low as in Chicago, without allowing anything for the cost of transportation. This, with the fact that we are only now on the ragged edge of winter, with five months in which to stock up before water transportation recommences, made intended investors hold off till the prospect be brighter. It lacks a whole month yet of the time when capitalists begin to take hold of wheat in earnest in ordinary seasons, and they may hold back this winter longer than usual. The low grades were in moderate demand, but No. 3 was fully 3c per bu lower. No other entry reported at 99¼c, receded to 97½c, advanced to 98¾c, fell off to 97½c, and rose to 99c, declining to 98¾c at the close. Seller the month sold at 99½@98¾, closing, with cash No. 2 spring, at 97½c asked. Seller February sold at 98¾c @$1.00½; and seller May at $1.0 @1.01, closing at $1.00. No 3 spring closed 98c, and rejected do at 70c. Cash sales were reported of 1,800 bu No. 1 spring at $1.01; 14,880 bu No. 2 do at 99¼@98c; 22,0 0 bu No. 3 do at 80½@81c; 14,0 0 bu rejected do at 69@70c; 4.00 bu by sample at 80@81c; and 400 bu do at $1.11. Total, 142,000 bu.

MINNESOTA WHEAT—Was quiet and easier, declining 2¾@3c on No. 1, and 1¾@2c on No. 2, with a very dull feeling till towards the close. Sales were reported of 1,400 bu No. 1 at $1.08½, and 11,600 bu No. 2 at 98¾@99c.

CORN—Was quiet and averaged a little higher than at the close on Saturday, though New York was quoted dull. Receipts were in fair volume, but rather light, but contained a larger proportion of new No. 2 than heretofore. Cash lots were very dull, there being scarcely any demand for them, but the rather sharp decline of last week induced several of the shorts to fill in, chiefly for this month. The shortage on "seller the year" keeps up the premium to about 2c above the price for February, and the cost of carrying widens the difference to about 3c, so that there is no inducement to buy cash corn to carry into future months, while there is not much disposition to invest in that future, the fear being that wheat will push corn down further before it. Seller the month, or year, opened at 45¾c, advanced to 46¾c, and declined to 46c, closing at 46¼c. Seller January and seller February sold at 47¾@44½c; and seller May at 46¾@46¼c, closing at the inside. Cash corn closed at 46¾c for either old or new No. 2, or high mixed. Cash sales were reported of 21,293 bu old No. 2 at 46¾@47½c; 8,250 bu new do at 46¾@47½c; 400 bu rejected at 44c; 2,000 bu new do at 45½@46c; 1,200 bu kiln-dried do at 46c; 800 bu no grade at 45c; 800 bu new corn at 44c; 400 bu do at 42c delivered; 400 bu new yellow at 43c; 8,000 bu by sample at 46@46¾c on track; and 400 bu do at 42c free on board. Total, 42,400 bu.

OATS—Were rather quiet, averaging ½c lower. The market was weak early, but closed stronger in sympathy with corn and New York. The receipts were moderate, and there was little demand for cash except to fill contracts. The trading in options was chiefly in settlements and changing into next month. Seller December sold at 21¾@20¾c, and seller January at 22¾@23c, both closing at the outside. May sold at 33¾@34¼. Cash sales were reported of 44,0 0 bu No. 2 at 20@20¼c; 1,0 0 bu rejected at 25@20½c; 7,000 bu by sample at 20@23c on track. Total, 52,0 0 bu.

RYE—Was in moderate request, and easier under increased offerings, and in sympathy with other grain. No. 2 sold at 67½c asked, and rejected was nominal at 63c. Seller January was nominal at 68¾c. Cash sales include 28,0 0 bu No. 2, at 67½@68c.

BARLEY—Was more active, and ½@¾c higher, closing firm. The receipts were small, and No. 2 was quoted firm, little being offered, while there was some inquiry from the shorts. Options were fairly active and rising all the advance. Seller February opened at 84¾@85c, and sold to 84½c, closing at 84c. Seller December sold at 84¾@85½c, and closed at 85c. February brought 81c. The lower grades and samples were quiet and unchanged. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2, at 81½c; 1,200 bu No. 3, at 53 @54c; 4,4.0 bu by sample at 45@81½c. Total, 6,000 bu.

LATEST.

In the afternoon provisions were quiet and easy, though lard was a shade firmer under a fair inquiry. Sales: 250 brls mess pork seller February at $10.15; 1,500 tes lard seller February at $12.35@12.37½; 250 boxes long and short clear on private terms.

Wheat was active and firmer, selling at 97½@97½c for the month, and closing at 97½@97¾c. Seller January sold at 99½@99¾c, and closed at 98¾c. Seller May sold at $1.00¾.

Corn was quiet and steady at 46¾@46¾c for December, and 44¾c for January.

Oats were quiet and firm, closing at 30¼@30¾c for January, and 36c for December.

Barley advanced ¾c, closing at 85¾c for December, and selling at 83c for January.

CALL BOARD.

Mess pork was quiet and easier, closing at $10.87½@ 10.90 cash or the year, $10.87½@10.90 for January, $10.15@10.17½ for February, and $10.37½@10.40 for March. Sales: 750 brls at $10.15 seller February, $10.92½ seller January, and $10.0 seller April.

Lard was quiet and firm, closing at $12.15 cash or seller the year, $12.32½@12.35 seller January, $12.32½ @12.35 seller February, and $12.42½@12.45 seller March.

GENERAL MARKETS.

ALCOHOL—Was steady at $2.22.

BROOM-CORN—The demand continues good, but the market is weak, owing to the fact that a good deal of corn is consigned and forced on the market, the sellers being anxious to realize as soon as possible. Prices for inferior are reduced ½c. Quotations: Hurl, 7@10c; choice medium, 6@7c; good medium brush, 5@6c; fair inside and covers, 4½@5c; inferior, 3½@4c; crooked, 3@3c.

BUTTER—There was a quiet movement at nominally steady rates. The supply of choice table butter is not in excess of the wants of the home trade, but of the low and medium grades there is a surplus. The over-supply however, is not so oppressive as to cause any great anxiety among holders and no further depreciation is looked for. We quote: Choice to fancy yellow, 25@32c; medium to good grades, 18@24c; inferior to common, 13@17c; common to choice roll, 13@21c.

BAGGING—Business is very quiet and prices remain steady as follows: Stark A, 27c; Lewiston 25½c; Montour, 25½c; Ontario, 25c; American A, 24c; Amoskeag, 24½c; burlap-bags, 4 bu, 14.15c; do, 2 bu, 15@16c; gunnies, single, 15½@16c; do, double, 23@25c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—The demand is very good, notwithstanding the lateness of the season, and common brick are firm at $7.00. Following are the quotations: Common brick, $7.00 per m; pressed do, $12.0 @15.00 per m; lime in bulk, 70c per brl; do in brls, $1.00; Louisville, Utica, Buffalo, Hydraulic, and Akron cement, $1.75; Portland cement, $5.50@6.00; stucco, $1.75@2.50; New York do, $2.50.

CHEESE—None of the features of the cheese market were materially different from those heretofore noted. A steady moderate call from the local and country trade is reported, and values rule steady at 11 @13c for Fair to fancy factory.

COAL—Dealers reported a quiet business at unchanged prices. Both hard and soft varieties are firm at the quotations: Lehigh, $10.50; Lackawanna, range and nut, $10.00; do egg, $ .00; cannel, $7.00@ 8.0 ; Hocking Valley, $6.50; Indiana block, $6.00; Baltimore & Ohio, $ .50; Illinois, $4.50@6.00.

COMPERAGE—Was in moderate demand and steady. Sales: 2,000 pork brls at $1.20; 1 car small lard tierces at $1.30.

DRESSED HOGS—The receipts continue small. There was some inquiry for shipment, and a car-load of choice sold at $4.12½. Quotations range from $4.00 @4.12½. The weather was soft, and live product lower, and the market closed easy at $7.9 @8.12½. Sales: 80 averaging 25 lbs at $4.12½; 14 at $8.00.

EGGS—Were in moderate local request and easier at 24@25c, the outside being an extreme price. Owing to the mild weather the supply continue liberal for the time of the year.

FISH—Lake fish have an advancing tendency. Stocks are moderate and well concentrated, and with anything like an active demand there is no doubt prices would advance. Mackerel, cod, etc., remain steady and quiet. No. 1 whitefish, $7 brl, $1.80; No. 2 do, $5.25; No. 1 trout, $4.50; No. 2 do, $3.75; shore mackerel, new, ⅛ brl, $12.50@13.00; No. 1 bay, $ .00@9.25; No. 2 mackerel, ⅛ brl, $7.7 @8.00; family mackerel, ⅛ brl, $4.75@6.00; No. 1 shore kits, $2.00; No. 1 bay kits, $1.60; large family kits, $1.10@1.15; bank cod-fish, $5.75@6.00; George's cod-fish, $6.0 @7.25; new Labrador herring, split, brls, $8.50@8.75; do ⅛ brl, $4.5 @4.75; Labrador herring, round, brls, $6.25@ 6.50; do ⅛ brl, $3.50@3.75; scaled herring, per box, 41@45c; Columbia River Salmon, ⅛ brl, $8.25@8.50.

FRUITS AND NUTS—Foreign fruits were ordered freely. Domestic varieties were dull. Prices ruled as at the close of last week, where they are firmly held. There is an increasing demand for nuts: Foreign—Dates, 8@9½c; figs, layers, 16@17c; figs, drums, new, 14@15c; Turkish prunes, new, 8@9½c; French prunes, kegs and boxes, 10@16c; raisins, layers, new, $3.25@3.75; loose Muscatel, new, $2.50@3.00; Valencia, 10½@11½c; Zante currants, 7½@8½c; citron, 20@22c; lemon-peel, 20@22c; orange-peel, 20 @22c. Domestic—Alden apples, 1 @2c; Michigan apples, 1½@1½c; Indiana and Illinois, 0½@0¾c; peaches, halves, 12½@13½c; do, mixed, 10½@11c; do, parol, 9½@10c; blackberries, 12@13½c; raspberries, 26@ 27c; pitted cherries, 27½@28c. Nuts—Filberts, 11½@ 12c; almonds, Terragona, 21@21½c; Naples walnuts, 17@14c; Grenoble walnuts, 12@13c; Brazils, 8½@9c; pecans, Texas, 14@15c; Wilmington peanuts, 9½ @9½c; Tennessee peanuts, 6½@8c; African peanuts, 6@6½c.

GREEN FRUITS—Were steady under a moderate local inquiry: Louisiana oranges, $9.00@10.00 per brl; lemons, $4.0 @7.50; new Messina do, $7.50 per box; apples, $3.00@5.00 per brl for common to fair apples, $ .00@3.50 per brl from store; cranberries, $5.50@10.50 per brl; Cape Cod do, $11.00; California pears, $4.50@4.00 per box; Malaga grapes, $5.50 per keg or $10.00 per brl.

GROCERIES—Prices of all staple articles were firm, —coffees and sugars especially so. The market was quiet at the subjoined quotations:

RICE—Rangoon, 7c; Carolina, 7¾@9c; Louisiana, 7@7½c.

COFFEES—O. G. Java, 33½@34½c; Java No. 2, 30@ 32c; choice to fancy do, 28½@29½c; good to prime Rio, 24½@25c; common to fair, 21½@24½c; roasting, 22½@23½c; Singapore Java, 26@37½c; Costa Rica, 24@25c; Maracaibo, 25@26c.

SUGARS—Patent cut loaf, 11½@11¾c; crushed and powdered, 11¼@11½c; granulated, 11c; A, standard, 10¼@10½c; do No. 2, 10¼@10 c; do No. 3, 10c; extra C, 9¾@9 c; do No. 2, 9½c; yellow, 9¼@9½c; coarse brown, 9@9¼c; fair to prime do, 8¾@9¼c; common do, 7¾@8¼c; choice molasses sugar, 9@