

WITH THE FARMERS

THE LOCAL MARKET. The attendance at the city market during the past week has been the largest since the summer months. All kinds of produce has been offering in abundance and there has been a very large supply of hay. Prices have been practically unchanged since last week, though there has been a small increase in some articles on account of the Christmas demand. Following are the ruling prices:

FARMERS' MARKETS. Grain and Feed. Wheat at elevators, 50 to 52c per bus. Wheat to millers, 82 to 85c per bus. New Oats, 25c to 26c per bushel. Oats at Elevators, 24c to 25c per bus. Feed wheat, 60c to 65c per bus. Bran, per cwt., \$1.15

Dairy Products. Dairy Butter, 20c to 25c per lb. Creamery Butter, 25 to 30c per lb. Eggs, 25c to 40c per dozen. Cheese, local, 12 to 15c per lb. Good Calves, 200 to 300 lbs., 3 to 3 1/2c. Middlem, 120 to 150 lbs., \$1.35. Upland Hay, \$8 to \$10. Green feed, \$7 to \$9 per ton. Green feed, \$8 per ton.

Live Stock. Choice hogs, 150 to 250 lbs., 7 1/2c. Roughs and heavies, 50 to 60c. Good fat steers, 1,200 lbs., 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Good fat steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Good fat steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. Extra good fat heifers, 1,050 lbs. and up, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. Medium quality fat heifers, 800 to 1,050 lbs., 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. Extra good fat cows, 1,000 lbs. and up, 2 1/2 to 2 3/4c. Medium quality fat cows, 800 lbs. and up, 2 to 2 1/2c. Bulls and Stags, 2c. Light weight, poor and thin cattle not wanted. Shorts per cwt., \$1.20. Choice Killing Lambs, 5 1/2 to 6c. Choice Killing Sheep, 5 to 5 1/2c.

FLURRY IN COTTON.

London, Dec. 26.—An unusual scene was the result of a report issued by the Department of Agriculture, which has swept the pit of the New York Cotton Exchange with a hurricane of excitement when its estimates placed the probable cotton crop at 20,000,000 bales below the expectations of the most sanguine of the bull element. For the first time in its history the Liverpool Cotton Exchange on Saturday had an eight hour session, at which its members practically all called in evening dress. There was a storm of hostilities, while women attired in the height of fashion looked down on the throng from the galleries and applauded the market contending as the shifting price of the commodity shot up and down the scale under the racket of trading. The reception of the report from the United States was the signal for great disorder. The pit was packed almost to suffocation and many a tattered broker emerged from the fray, which lasted almost an hour, with dinner dress looking like the prize attire of a professional "Weary Waggle." The night performance of the business drama seen prices up ten points and the bulls were satisfied. So were the tailors next day.

Put Four Bullets in His Head.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—With four bullets in his head and leaving a trail of blood behind him a young man named William Wellington, dragged himself a quarter of a mile along the Lachine Road to the Thornhill restaurant tonight and is now lying at the point of death in a city hospital. Wellington, it is thought, attempted to end his life as a result of a love affair. He parted with a young woman on the outgoing Boston train before he put the bullets into his head. In his hands was a photograph of a young woman on the back of which was written "Maudie Torry, Hanover, Mass., Good bye."

Bonus for Employees.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Steel Trust, following its custom started seven years ago, will distribute to its employees as a Christmas present \$2,000,000 as a bonus. An announcement to this effect was made by Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board, in his apartments at the Waldorf Astoria. Tonight Judge Gary declined to give the details of the distribution of this remarkably large bonus. "It is an old custom of the Corporation," he said, "We have been doing it for six or seven years. The two million we are distributing this year will go pro rata and according to merit to a great host of employees."

St. Petersburg Flooded.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A hurricane caused the water in the Neva and in the canals to rise about nine feet last night, bursting the thick ice on the streams and carrying flow into the streets. The lower part of the city was flooded, some people were drowned while many others were rescued with difficulty from basements. Great damage was done also throughout Finland and the Baltic provinces.

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ATLANTIC STATES ARE STORM SWEEP

Heaviest Gale in Years Visits East—Steam-Railway Traffic Tied Up Tight.

New York, Dec. 26.—The eastern states are in the grip of the storm and from all points comes stories of flood and snow blockades. In New York, the heaviest snowfall blocked the street cars and elevated trains, tied up nearly all suburban steam and electric trains and rendered transportation the most serious problem since 1902. Up state the havoc is still more serious and it is estimated the damage will run into millions. It is difficult to clear more than the main arteries of traffic besides the streets remaining checked with snow. The storm reached its height shortly after midnight on Saturday night and the unfortunate Bronx received the full force of the blow. Street cars were abandoned, the passengers stepping down into the teeth of a gale which whirled them away. Automobile drivers were forced to desert their cars and run for shelter and at daylight dozens of big drifts in the roadway marked the presence of the machines. One three story frame house in course of construction was blown to pieces. Plate glass windows were blown in, window displays were ruined, and signs were blown down. It was the same terrific gale which swept along Long Island Sound, piling up the highest tides ever seen and doing considerable damage to shipping. At the battery the tide rose to within a foot of the top of the battery wall and several galleys along South street were flooded. Scarcely a train entered the Grand Central station on time. The New York Central flyers, bucking the worst of the storm, were from three to seven hours late, while the New York, New Haven and Hartford trains were from one to two hours behind their schedule time. One train, the St. Louis and Chicago Limited, brought only five passengers to New York. In Brooklyn all the trolley cars were tied up for twenty-four hours or more and it will take another twenty-four to clear the lines again.

At one o'clock this morning not a wheel was turning on any one of the lines owned by the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, and hundreds of cars were drifted in at midnight, most of them filled with families coming from their Christmas calling. The passengers suffered severely and were afraid to remain in the cars all night. One electric train was tied up all night at Coney Island. Many in the city were without sufficient food, and it was not until 10:30 this morning that a wrecking train arrived bringing one milk can filled with coffee. This train left Brooklyn bridge at 9:45 Saturday night.

All over Brooklyn plate glass windows were smashed by the wind and damage done amounts to six figures. On the bay the revenue cutter passed a wild night. Captain James Bradley of the revenue cutter Hudson reports a rough experience at midnight. Liverpool Cotton Exchange on Saturday had an eight hour session, at which its members practically all called in evening dress. There was a storm of hostilities, while women attired in the height of fashion looked down on the throng from the galleries and applauded the market contending as the shifting price of the commodity shot up and down the scale under the racket of trading. The reception of the report from the United States was the signal for great disorder. The pit was packed almost to suffocation and many a tattered broker emerged from the fray, which lasted almost an hour, with dinner dress looking like the prize attire of a professional "Weary Waggle." The night performance of the business drama seen prices up ten points and the bulls were satisfied. So were the tailors next day.

Traffic Blocked.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—The storm in Western Pennsylvania is one of the worst that has been known in years. Not since 7 a.m. has there been any communication by railroads with the east, although tonight it was said trains would be brought through the coming daybreak. It is one of the worst blockades the Pennsylvania railroad has ever known and this afternoon more than 1,000 men were hurrying into the mountains from here to assist in getting the tracks clear.

Advices from the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains and beyond are that the storm is much worse there and that it is traveling west and that the west side of the mountains may expect heavy snows and be blocked by tomorrow.

This was the first Sunday in many years that Pittsburg did not get any Sunday paper. The newspaper trains usually report Pittsburg behind. Travel by trolley to towns near Pittsburg was almost impossible to-day. It snowed and rained all night and there was no travel on the interurban lines after midnight until daybreak at which time many of the lines were found to be blocked completely. On some of the lines drifts 30 feet deep were found piled on the tracks for miles and several of the roads were unable to resume traffic at all today nor will they resume about Pittsburg, too, were handicapped on the local travel proposition as their cuts, 30 and 40 feet deep, were found to have drifted full.

Thousands Storm Bound.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Philadelphia lies partly hidden under the snow. Scores of thousands of people have been stranded in the city in years. Not a trolley car turned a wheel in the city until the middle of the afternoon, while the train service was hopelessly crippled. Three men are dying as a result of the storm. Five thousand people spent the night in Broad street station waiting for trains that in many instances had not yet left the train shed. Similar crowds thronged the Reading terminal. Thousands more storm bound spent the night in the street car barns and police stations. Scores of board local trains reported from all over the city, but although live wires litter scores of street corners, not one death has been reported to the coroner's office.

Several thousands of persons are believed to be stalled helplessly in gigantic drifts on board local trains bound to and from this city, without food and suffering intensely from cold. Railroad officials are unable to learn the whereabouts of some trains because of wire trouble.

Baltimore Isolated.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—Following what is probably the worst storm which has ever visited this vicinity

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in the past five years, this city was completely snowbound up to noon to-day and up to a late hour tonight only a portion of railroad communication had been restored. The snow blockade affected the north and south bound trains much more seriously than the east and west, and as a consequence, no one railroad train reached the city from New York to-day. The only southbound train to arrive here was one which had been made up at Philadelphia and has arrived ten hours behind schedule time.

Steamer Wrecked.

Atlantic City, Dec. 26.—After a night of anxious watching through the gale and snow, hardy life-savers at Toas river, 25 miles above this city, today saved the lives of 27 men from the wreck of the tramp steamer Thurston after the big vessel had been dashed on the sands. Captain Penny M. Ware, of the Roosevelt's crew, at first attempted to launch the lifeboat and then resorted to the

birches buoy to bring the imperiled men ashore more dead than alive. So far as can be learned, the rescued men have recovered at the lonely government station, but their vessel will probably be pounded to pieces by the big waves that have already smashed her upper works and filled her with water. The rescued men have risked their vessel and lives in an attempt to discover and save their policemen, who launched a flotilla of barges, which had broken away in the gale. So far as can be learned, however, the helpless bark has disappeared with probably the loss of the three men on board.

Tidal Wave.

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 26.—Two thousand people were driven from their homes, two persons were drowned with eight reported missing and property damaged to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars by a tidal flood which swept the west end of this city at ten o'clock this morning. Carrying with a rush the old dyke which for 65 years has confined the east end of the river, the immense

volume of water surged over without warning through the thickly populated section in the west end, covering to a depth of from four to 12 feet an area of half a mile square. Panic stricken, hundreds of people leaped from windows and doors of their houses half clad, into the swirling icy waters and were rescued by policemen, who launched a flotilla of row boats to release the imprisoned families, and pick up the victims.

MAURETANIA'S CAPT. RETIRES.

New York, Dec. 22.—Many globe trotters will be interested in knowing that when the Mauretania, of the Cunard line, starts for Liverpool tomorrow, Captain Pritchard, who has been thirty-five years in the service of the company, will begin his last voyage as a skipper. He was commanded off yesterday when several of the passengers who crossed with him on the last voyage to the port appeared on board the ship and without formality presented him with a water pitcher on which was inscribed, "To Captain John Pritchard, R. M. S. Mauretania from the passengers on his last westward voyage."

the bonceast of the fire which wiped out the major portion of this city a little over a year ago, this second disaster proved a severe blow. About 275 houses in the densely populated tenements section were swamped. Joy Turned to Grief. Nelson, B.C., Dec. 24.—A sudden death changed a scene of rejoicing into mourning here. Nellie Kirkland of Calgary and Dr. Martin of Revelstoke were to have been married here yesterday when the news came of the death by heart failure at Revelstoke of the bride's brother, John Shaw Kirkland, son of the late protest of Glasgow. The body will be shipped to Mrs. Shaw, mother of Harry Shaw, aunt of the deceased, by whom it will be forwarded to Scotland. Deceased had Scotch firm of Kirkland Brothers, employing two hundred men and was travelling in Canada with his brother-in-law, Mr. Todd Osborne, and Haze Kirkland of MacLeod, a sister, the bride, and other relatives were assembled here for the wedding.

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