bag 40c to \$1.50. Celery 60c to 50c a dec bag 40c to 50c. Carrots, bag 50c to 50. THE CHICAGO MARKET. The following table shows the fluc the Chicago market to-day:

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to work for the church and "what destroys body and soul."

A BOOM IN PARROTS.

Pretty Birds That Bon't Swear Bring High Prices. From The Philadelphia Record. The chattering genius of the bird tribe vul-garly known as the poll-parrot is creating something of a financial sensation among but who are timid about holding their prizes at such prices as now prevail, for fear that a West India or South American fleet may at any moment overstock the market. "Sure I is prohibited to enter the club with receased books. 2. Tradesmen are not allowed. enough, there's a boom in parrots," said a reased boots. 2. Tradesmen are not allowed to enter the burb in their working clothes, prices for the birds on hand, especially for Brazilian pets that can talk. The other day

we sold a bird for \$150, and we hold this one in the cage here (pointing to a fine specimen on a perch near by) at \$125."

"These are unusual figures, then?"

"Oh, yea. We sold the \$150 parrot partly on its merit and partly because it bore a strong resemblance to the recently deceased pet of an old lady of Spring Garden-street, who was as fond of her bird as though it had been her daughter. But it was a bright parrot, could whistle like a flute, and knew half a dozen such tunes as 'Comin' Thro' the Rye,' 'Yankee Doodle.' Over the Fence is Out, and 'The Old Man's Drunk Again.' The latter tune it learned from its last mistress, along with sundry profane expressions, which cut down its value at least \$50. A parrot that would spit valu

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"Is the parrot market cornered?"

"Oh, no. That was tried once, and a New York firm bought up all the taiking parrots n the country quietly, at fair prices, and wited for a big rise. Just as the corner was about to succeed two vessels sailed into New York Harbor with several hundred birds on board, and the pool was broken, the syndidicate losing over \$100,000 on the deal.

"But that was not so queer as the bad luck of a captain who bought over a hundred or more parrots in 1884. He left Rio about two months before the presidential election, and thought that he would make a 'spec' by teaching the birds to say 'Hurrah for Blaine.' The sailors were busy during the entire voyage instructing the birds in this single sentence. When the vessel arrived Cleveland had been elected, and the parrots were a dead loss. The captain didn't get enough for them to pay the first cost, ""What are the prevailing prices now?"

"Well, Cuban parrots sell for \$5 to \$15 and Brazilian parrots from \$20 to \$125. These are double the prices which have been prevailing. The result is due to a limited supply and a brisk demand. Parrots are great pets, and an old lady the other day bought an old parrot from us for \$10 which we had about made up our minds to give away, just because the bird looked like one which she had about made up our minds to give away, just because the bird looked like one which she had about made up our minds to give away, just because t

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"The Man That Looks Like Me."

"I guess I will have to kill a man here," announced a red-headed man who stood on the corner of Myrtle-avenue and Adams-stree the other day. "He looks so much like me that I will have to kill him. There is no other way out of it." "What's the matter?" inquired a man with

"Well, he gets me into an awful lot of trou-ble. He gets full and they arrest me. My

wife sees him go into a gambling house and she goes for me for it.

"That is pretty hard,"

"You would blink so if it was you. Things like that happen every day. Thut isn't half of it. The trouble is ha gets all my money. They come to me with all his bills and make

diate friends of the two girls are di they can to quiet the languable affair. New York Excarsion.

H. W. Van Every will run one of his cheap and popular excursions to New York for Christmas and New Years, leaving Toronto Saturday, Dec. 24:at 12:20, arriving in New York enty next morning. Tickets are good to return on any teain inside of fifteen days. Mr. VanEvery's office is now at 38 Toronto-street.

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On and after Nov. 20 that yan is according to the result of the result o The Value of a Whale.

From The San Franctico Examiner.

The owners of the bark Stamboul have brought suit in the United States District Court against the Pacific Steam Whaling Company, owner of the bark Wanderer, to re-sover \$7000 for the loss of a whale. Plaintiffs

claim that they had harpooned the whale, which thereupon swam under a field of ice and came to the surface a mile away, and that the crew of the Wanderer then captured the same animal, and, in order to give a shadow of claim, substituted their own harpoon for that of defendant. It is claimed that for forty years it has been the recognized custom that when a crew had once harpooned a whale it was entitled to the full ownership of the animal.

The Owl. At the edge of a wood deserted
I came to a hollow tree.
In the sad winds sadly monning

I peered in the inky darkness, And there in his feathery cowl, With eyes like big gold buttons; Was perched an ashen owl.

Oh, never a feather fluttered,
And never a foot he stirred,
But sat there softly breeding,
A happy, contented bird.

"Teewho, teewho," I murmured, Right hite his home of gloom; To which he deigned to answer: "Pray, pardon me, sir, to whom!" "Tuwhit, tuwhit!" I shouted, He said: "Til be explicit; Tm a Boston owl, and never Say 'to wit, but 'videlicit'!"

W held if I looked so that THE STOCK MARKETS DULL LOCAL STOCKS FIRMER WHILE IS NEW YORK THEY ARE DEPRESSED.

London Spancial quotations to day were:
Morning—Consols 101 11-16 for money, 104 12-16
for accounts, U. S. 4's 128; U. S. 4's 1101; Erfe
coup. 99; Erie 2nd 1001; C. P. R. 504;
Ill. Cent. 1193. Afternoon—Consols 101
11-16 for money, 101 for account; C. P.R. 504.
Following is the bank statement published
to-day:

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Grain and Produce.

The grain market was dull to-day and pro-The grain market was dull to-day and produce showed little activity, the unseasonable weather no doubt being the cause.

In Chicago the market was fractionally stronger all reund at the opening, but closed lower. Wheat i corn 11 and oats i, with pork, lard and ribs unchanged.

The report of estimated receipts of hogs from the Chicago stock yards to-day is 19,000; prospects a shade higher.

The ear lots received at Chicago to-day were! Winter wheat 12, spring wheat 93, corn 307, and oats 96.

LOCAL STREET MARKET. The local market was rather dull to-day, prices remaining steady. About 300 hushels of wheat offered and sold, at 83c to 83c for spring, 78c to 82c for fall, and 74c to 75c for goose. Barloy steady, with sales of 500 hushels at 600 to 77c. Oats firm, 200 hushels at 60c to 60c. Peas are quoted; at 65c. Hay in limited supply and prices steady at 89 to \$12 for clover, and \$12 to \$15 for timothy. Straw unchanged at \$15.00, to \$18.35 a ton. Dressed hogs quoted at \$6.50. Beef \$3 to \$5 for forequarters, and \$5 to 7 for hindquarters. Mutton \$6 to \$6.50; lamb at \$6.50 to \$7.50; yeal \$6.50 to \$8.

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ST. LAWRENCE MARKETA The retail market, owing to the rainy weather, did not manifest its usual Saturday briskness. Prices were firm as follows: Beef 120 to 18c; sirioh steak at 130 to 14c; roundsteak 6c to 11c. Mutton legsandehops, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 8c to 10c. Lamb 7c to 9e for front, and 11c to 12c for hindquarters, Veal, best joints 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 6c to 8c. Park, chops and rousts 19c. Venison, tarcase \$4 to 85; haunches \$3 to \$10. Butset, 15. rolls 22c to 25, large rolls 20c to 25; inferior 16c to 18c. Lard, tubs 9c to 10c. Seese, 11c to 16. Bacon 10c to 12c. Eggs 20c to 22c. Turkeys sic to 7c per 15. Chickens, per pair 20c to 25c. Clease 40c to 60c best lots 5c to 8c per 15. Jucks 5c to 6c per 15. Jucks 5c to 6c. Partridges 55c to 60c. Potatoos, per bag 50c to 51. Apples, per barrel \$8 to \$2.25.

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