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A FLAGRANT APPOINTMENT.

It is understood that Mr. Robt. Reid, recently employed by the Grit Government to value lands at Kaministiquia, in winding the Nocking Hotel, has been appointed as Collector of Customs for the Port of London, *vice* Mr. J. B. Straiby, resigned. The fact that Mr. Robt. Reid has at no time been a member of the Civil Service corps makes his appointment one of an exceptional character. With regard to Mr. Reid's fitness for a position requiring urbanity and exactness we would rather be silent. But it is open to remark upon the grounds that such an appointment made to the disadvantage of gentlemen who have long and faithfully served the country in the Customs Department is not one that the public had a right to expect at the hands of those who have been loud in their professions that merit and not favoritism would be the ground upon which the Civil Service would be administered. It is now seen that this, like other promises, has been flagrantly broken. Not long ago, Mr. Peter McClary was supersannuated upon the plea of age, but Mr. Reid, who is but little his junior, has been taken out of the ranks of untutored civilianship (in a departmental sense), and elevated above the heads of those who have spent many years in the public service. It is not necessary to dwell upon this proceeding. It is sufficient to state the fact, leaving such conclusions to be drawn as our readers, with the facts before them, will be able promptly to arrive at.

COMMENDABLE.—Messrs. Noble & Hargreaves generously gave each of their employés a turkey as a Christmas box.

POCKET-PICKING.—Whilst out shopping, on Saturday night, Mrs. Stutt, a Peterboro lady, who was on a visit to her relatives here, had her pocket picked of a purse containing $2.50.

APPOINTMENT.—*The Ontario Gazette* announces that Dr. Geo. Frederick Hollmuth, of Ogoode Hall, Barrister-at-Law, has been appointed a Notary Public in the Province of Ontario.

THE INSURANCE CASE.—Yesterday, Judge Davis gave decision in the suit—Standard Life Insurance Co. vs. Williams. Judgment was given for the plaintiff, $9.50. For plaintiffs, Macmahon, Gibbons & McNab; for defendant, Street.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The time of leaving of the Grand Trunk Railway afternoon train from this city has not been changed from this date. The train which hitherto left here at 4 o'clock is now timed to leave at 3:45 p. m., and the evening express, which left at 6 o'clock, will in future leave at a quarter past five. Travellers will do well to cut this out for future reference.

"PINK DOMINOS."—This is the title of the play to be given at the Mechanics' Hall this evening by Mrs. Morrison's company. The play has been a great success in Toronto, Buffalo, and other towns where it has been presented, and, as it is reported to be one of the best plays Little Evans, a three-year-old child, was missing from his home on Hanson street.

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ODDS AND ENDS.

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THE MERRIEST DAY OF 1877.

An inner sense of coming enjoyment finds expression in the following little melody, woven by a cunning verse-weaver, on "Christmas":—

Hail unto the season
Once again come round
When, with mirth and reason,
Festive sports abound.
Through the merry dances
Who with roguish glances
Greets the Christenastide.

Hark! the church-bells ringing
Through the frosty air;
Hark! the sweet voices singing
Carols quaint and rare—
Singing of the gladness
Of the olden times,
Bidding care and sadness
Vanish with the chimes.

Though we miss some faces
That, one year ago
Filled the vacant places—
Saw last winter's snow—
Silent till the glasses
To the lovers of old.
May each year that passes
Find us less cold.

Join the sweet hymns telling
Of the Saviour's birth,
Of His humble dwelling
While upon this earth;
Send the old, old story!
Louder; never cease!
In the highest, Glory!
And on earth, sweet Peace!

"His sister's gone, that good old coat—
He ne'er will see it more;
A vamp clipped in and finished the same
From the rack behind the door!"

Merrie Krismas to you all!

Truly, this is remarkable December weather.

"Pink Dominos" at the Holman Opera House this evening.

A "lock-out" is where a husband has to climb into the pantry window.

"Pink Dominos" at the Mechanics' Hall this evening. Secure your seat to-day.

A plug of a man is of little account in this world; a plug of a hat is always sought after.

Classed jewelry is that recovered from a thief who has been run down by the detectives.

New regulations are issued by the Postmaster-General respecting post-office money orders.

Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education, is spending Christmas with the Bishop of Huron.

Straws show which way the wind blows. You can get the same information from a pan of ashes.

Watch any jewelery store in town you will and you'll soon conclude that there's a "ring" in it.

These lovely evenings furnish splendid opportunities for splitting up the old chunks in the back yard.

Last Christmas Day you went sleighriding, didn't you? Can't you wish you could do the same to-day?

Our winter seems to have failed to alight on the planet in the usual place, and has settled right down in Bulgaria.

The attendance at the different Sunday Schools on Sabbath last was alarmingly large. Krismas cards, you see!

Rev. Canon Innes, M. A., of this city, will preach a sermon to the Caledonian fraternity of Hamilton on Sunday next.

Up to a late hour last night only one fresh fall reached the Central Station, whence no drunk ever leaves till sober.

Hamilton *Spectator*:—"Are we losing ours?" inquires the London *Advertiser*. "We hope not; better part with a section of your cars."

The average lawsuit will receive his "Christmas present" this morning, and he will be presented with the bill for the same some time next week.

Ladies are hiring palms, tree ferns and handsome foliage of all kinds with which to decorate their corridors and drawing-rooms on New Year's Day.

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Canada and the Paris Exposition.

Dr. May, Secretary of the Paris Exposition, is in town, interviewing exhibitors for the Paris Exposition. Several new entries have been made, and there is no doubt Canada will make a creditable show at the exhibition of all nations.

The fact that the Parisian Commissioner has received the plan of our trophy with admiration is a proof that Canadians are not behindhand in skill or designs of construction. This will give Canada greatly increased space.

The trophy is 120 feet high, 30 feet base, with 3 galleries. The base will be surrounded with glass cases, showing natural products. Immediately in front of the trophy will be a monument of the enterprise of one of our deserving citizens, Messrs. Waterman Bros. An immense British Lion, cast in paraffine, weighing one ton weight, will be exhibited. In another part of the building petroleum products will occupy a prominent space. We are glad to say that several of our citizens who neglected to get their exhibits ready are now awake to the importance of showing their goods at Paris. A large number of orders having been recently received from Australia is a proof that Canada is now taking its true place as a manufacturing nation, and we trust that London will reap many advantages from the approaching exhibit.

In consequence of the increased space, exhibitors have the time for sundry goods lengthened to 15 January, 1878. Any new exhibitor can obtain information from Dr. May by addressing him at Toronto.

City Police Notes.

Monday—L. Lawrason, Esq., P. M., Presiding.

A. T. Sheppard, otherwise known as "Doc," was charged with threatening to annihilate a man named James Judge, who had had him arrested for stealing short fifty pounds of honey in Fifty Inch. "Doc" had a brick in his pocket when the constable arrested him, but he could not think how it came there. He was sent to jail, in default of procuring bonds for his good behavior.

Francis Kane, who said he came from Hamilton on Saturday, was arrested twice during twenty-four hours, the first time. He was sent to the Central Prison for four months as a vagrant.

Matilda Grafton was up on remand for being drunk. The P. M. stated that she came up before him about one hundred times each year for the offence named, and if she persisted in following that course he would eventually send her to the Central Prison. She was discharged on this occasion.

Walter Smyth, a youth who was arrested for assaulting Catharine Cavanagh, appeared on remand, but owing to the illness of a witness the examination was enlarged for a week.

Mr. Philip Cook having complied with the requirements of the city by-law regarding obstructions on the sidewalk, the charge against him was allowed to be withdrawn, without costs.

Patrick Mulligan, who was said to have been fined $2 for being a vagrant, did not have the option granted him when sent down for two months. It was Leonard Brooks who was fined, and paid the amount with Stacey and Gordrich, the stocking thieves, were up for examination on the charge of stealing a dozen pairs of stockings from the store of Priddis Brothers on Saturday night last. Both prisoners were convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Central Prison at Toronto.

Wholesale Lottery Swindling.

St. Thomas the Scene of Operations—Upwards of 30,000 Circulars Seized by the P. O. Authorities—The Scoundrels Checkmated.

If any of our readers receive letters or circulars respecting "A Grand Royal Canadian lottery, prizes innumerable, grand drawing, etc., they will do us and their best interest by paying no attention to them whatever. Replies to these letters and circulars are requested to be addressed to "J. L. McCarthy & Co., St. Thomas, Ontario." The affair is a swindle, so do not be deceived. It appears that since the parties have been in St. Thomas a month or two—they have sent out many thousands of circulars to people all over the Dominion and the United States, and have succeeded in swindling a large number of persons. No sooner, however, did Mr. Griffin, P. O. Inspector, of this city, get notice of the swindle than he and Mr. Hall, Post Office Inspector, of London, and with the last few weeks the authorities at Ottawa, and with Mr. L. B. Burwell, Head Letter Office upwards of 30,000 of these circulars. By this means, it is believed, the swindlers will be unable to find that Canadian soil is not suited to the growth of such institutions. The United States authorities, having also been communicated with, the Postmaster at Detroit and other cities in Michigan and other Western States, are doing all in their power to defeat the scheme. It is not expected to reach the Detroit post office hereafter addressed to "McCarty & Co." will be returned to the office at Washington without delay. The swindlers originally came from the States.

Christmas.

The city was very quiet last night, notwithstanding the universal holiday-making. The streets were crowded during the early part of the evening, and the rage for gift-making supplied merchants with an abundance of business. There was not, however, so much business done as on the day prior to Christmas, 1876. But then a great deal of shopping was done on Saturday this year. During the evening, at intervals, St. Paul's chimes rang merrily out, along with an address, testifying to their affection and esteem for her.

To-day will be observed as a holiday, the majority of the stores will be shut, and no business will be done by the banks, manufacturing or wholesale houses. There will be the usual services in the Episcopal and R. C. churches. St. Paul's Church has been very neatly decorated for the occasion. At Pall Mall Methodist Church, there will be service, commencing at 11 a. m. There will also be service in several other churches, although no public announcement has been given of the fact.

THE POOR REMEMBERED.—Many a heart was cheered yesterday, on the occasion of the St. George's and Irish Benevolent Society distributing their Christmas cheer to the poor of the city. The goods given out consisted of tea, sugar, biscuits, bread, potatoes and beef; and a very large number of citizens who would have had to go without any extra dainty will thus have a bountiful meal. For the St. George's Society, Messrs. Bannan, Dynon, Pannell, Lee, Cave, Cox and others superintended the good work; while the Irish Society was represented by Dr. Sippi, Messrs. John Smith, B. Cronyn, J. Keary, H. D. Long, Adl. Egan, and others. St. George's Society gave away about $225 worth; the Irish Society upwards of $300. The St. Andrew's Society will make a similar distribution next Monday.

LOCAL NOTICES.

OFFICE! OFFICE! OFFICE! — Lunch! Lunch! Lunch! Lunch for the Million on Christmas Day. Tramps! Tramps! Tramps! Vags! Vags! Vags! Come yourself, but no dogs allowed! Floating Island Tom and Jerry, finest of the season. Washington style, by F. Campbell.. f.

NOW OPEN.—W. H. Pote & Co.'s great clearing sale of ready-made clothing, and will continue until every article, from a paper collar to an overcoat, is sold. Great bargains in overcoats for men and youth's. Tweed pants at fabulously low prices.

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Two doors south of Dundas.

TO PARTIES in want of furniture of any kind the Oshawa Cabinet Company offer the best inducements. Their stock in the warerooms, No. 97 Yonge street, Toronto, is now more complete than ever. Five extensive flats are filled with new and stylish furniture of their own manufacture. To strangers visiting the city their assortment of parlor suites in fancy upholstering, and bed-room sets, ready for immediate shipment, are specially attractive. 31tawlm

..The best European connoisseurs are now agreed that the various Government academies and private societies for the promotion of art are largely responsible for its having dwindled to a mere trade.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Business Session Last Night

Lease of the Market and Basement

MINOR MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber last night. There were in attendance His Worship the Mayor in the chair, and Aldermen Gray, Murray, Fitzgerald, Skinner, Jones, Ross, Browne, Rapley, Christie, Partridge, Partridge, jun., Sutherland, McNab, Campbell, Minhinnick, Williams, Boyd, Hiscot, Regan, Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the following

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED:—

From Thomas Carswell, law-book seller, soliciting orders for Consolidated Statutes.

From Isaac Thompson, applying for the appointment of chimney sweep. Fire, Water and Gas.

From D. G. McKenzie, enclosing copies of resolutions regarding the repairs of the Court House and Jail, maintenance of prisoners, etc. Finance.

From Kinnipie & Morris, of London, England, regarding the construction of waterworks and the acceptance of city debentures therefor. Fyfed.

From Becher, Street & Becher, relative to the sale of St. James' Park, according to the Act proposed to be procured at the next session of the Ontario Legislature. Referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act with Mr. L. B. Burwell in getting an Act for the sale of the property and its division.

From the City Solicitor, regarding the submission of certain by-laws and the course to be pursued in relation to the Water-works by-law, the voting upon which cannot take place until the 16th of January. Fyfed.

From A. J. B. Macdonald, on behalf of Mrs. John Stevens, for compensation for a waggon burned on the 14th inst., on the Market Square. Finance.

From H. J. Briddy, asking the free use of the City Hall for a dance on the 8th prx., owing to the loss sustained by the club, of which he is manager, through the holding of a Water-works meeting in the Hall. Fyfed.

From Cornelius Greeg, asking to be exempted from statute-labor tax. Finance.

From E. Adams & Co., and a number of others, asking that goods be allowed to remain on the side-walk while the same await removal by the Assessor. Police Commissioners.

From Rev. O. G. Collamore, asking for exemption from taxes. Finance.

From Ann Loveless and Jane Harris, asking for remission of taxes. Finance and Assessment Committee.

From the Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, asking that the license fee be remitted upon the hall. Half a year's license was granted for $40.

From Jane Darch, asking permission to allow a sign-post to remain in front of her store, on Talbot street. Police Commissioners.

Accounts were received from Plummer & Son, wood, $2.25; Henry Winder, quarterly rent for the southern portion of Lot T. Peel, police clothing, $166.80; R. Beltz, cap, $6.50; M. D. Dawson & Co., advertising, $815.97; R. Berry, damages to property, $10.75—and referred to appropriate committees.

The returns of the election held upon the passage of the Water-works by-law were read and fyled.

MARKET.

Adl. Jones, chairman, submitted the following report of the Market Committee:—

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Having advertised for tenders in the usual way for the lease of the market and basement recommend the following as being highest tenders:

Market, William Magee, jr., $5,260.

Basement, William Smiley, $450.

Adl. Jones explained that the amounts named were about $600 over the sum the market was let for last year.

Adopted without discussion.

FINANCE.

Adl. Campbell, chairman, presented the following report of this Committee:—

Your Finance Committee beg to report in the matter of the maintenance of prisoners in jail, that after having several interviews with a deputation from the County Council and considering the matter fully and carefully, your Committee would respectfully recommend that the corporation pay fifty-five per cent. of the cost of the maintenance of said prisoners, forty-five per cent to be paid by the county.

Your Committee would further report that the deputation from the county submitted a plan prepared by the Council and City Engineer of improvements and additions to be made in the Court House.

Your Committee would recommend that the plan be accepted by this corporation, and that we pay fifty per cent. of the cost, the other fifty per cent. to be paid by the county, our Engineer to act with the County Engineer in the matter.

Received and adopted.

THE MARKET BY-LAW.

As amended by adding the words "No preference whatever shall be given any person by the Market Clerk," was read three times and passed.

THE BY-LAW

for the appointment of returning officers and naming the places for holding the municipal elections was read three times and passed. The officers are the same as officiated during the recent election.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

Adl. Hiscox moved, seconded by Adl. Regan, that the Railway Committee confer with the G. W. R. authorities relative to constructing bridges or tunnels at the street crossings, which are now hourly obstructed by the Company's trains. Carried.

The Board then adjourned until Wednesday evening, the 26th.

County Magistrates' Court.

Vicious Dog—Assault Cases—Dismissal of a Serious Charge.

Before Squire Peters.

At the County Magistrates' Court, yesterday, Joseph Andrews, of Peterville, was charged by Fred. Hazlegrove, an employé of the G. W. R., with keeping a vicious dog, which flew out and severely bit the complainant on the leg as he was going home at night. A fine of $1 and costs was imposed, to be paid forthwith; also the dog to be killed or secured by a chain.

James Ardell was charged by Scott White with assault. The affair arose between school children, the complainant being cut in the face with a stone or other hard substance thrown, as alleged, by defendant. The magistrate advised the parties to settle the matter among themselves, which they agreed to do by Ardell's paying costs of court.

George Wilson, aged 26, of Nisscuri, was charged by Jane Lyons, a married woman aged 36, with indecent assault, committed on the 16th November. Complainant stated that she went to Wilson's to get some of them to row her and her sister across the river, to enable them to see their brother, who was very ill. The defendant drove them across in his buggy, and they all remained till near midnight, when the young man returned with Mrs. Lyons alone. She states that he drove the horse into a by-way and made indecent proposals which she rejected, when he sought to accomplish his objects by force, but failed. The evidence was strangely at variance, the veracity of the prosecutrix being impugned, and certain inconsistencies shown in other respects. The case was therefore dismissed.

Militia Notes.

37th Lambton Battalion of Infantry, No. 1 Company. The headquarters of this company are hereby changed from Oil-springs to Petrolia.

Confirmation of Rank—Cornet Charles G. Fox, V.C.B., No. 4 Troop, 1st Regiment of Cavalry; from 15th November, 1877.

Brevet—To be Lieut.-Colonel. Major Alexander B. Baxter, V.B., 24th Battalion; from 29th November, 1877.

Certificate granted, Province of Ontario, second-class Cavalry—Cornet Charles G. Fox, 1st Regiment of Cavalry.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A CHILD.—On Saturday afternoon a little girl, daughter of Sergeant Crawford, while crossing Waterloo street, was knocked down by a team of horses, the driver of which never thought it worth his while to stop and ascertain if the child was injured. The dumb animals, strange to say, stepped over the little thing without injuring her in the slightest. Mr. Thos. Carling picked her up and conveyed her to her home. It would not be telling that farmer if the Sergeant got his family a new him.

LONDON EAST.

Misses Campbell and Cameron, lately teachers in the Rectory Street School, London East, have left for their respective homes in Nissouri. During their stay here they made many friends. They are engaged for schools in their native township (Nissouri) at an advance on the salary paid them in London East.

THE Council meets on Thursday evening next, to finish up the work of the year.

On dit, that a School Trustee, who has proved himself an entire failure, will run as Councillor. In fact, it is hinted that he is to be run by "Reformers," on political grounds. The introduction of politics into municipal matters is to be deprecated.

The names of Messrs. Keys, Jones and Burrows are mentioned as likely to contest the vacancies in the School Board occasioned by the retirement of Messrs. Giles and Gould.

Some villagers seem to have been laying in Christmas cheer, at a rather cheap rate, judging from reports of petty thefts lately committed. Mr. Gould, butcher, had a turkey and several chickens stolen from him the other night; Mr. Fox had several geese taken away; and a Westminster Township farmer, just over Vauxhall Bridge, had a flock of turkeys carried off.

A Murderer Burnt Alive.

Mobile Register.

Fannie Burnett and her daughter, Kansas Burnet, were murdered near Choctaw Bluff, Clark County, Ala., on Nov. 29th, by a negro named Mark Woodard, who cut the throat of Mrs. Burnett and brained Miss Burnett with a lightwood knot. He also killed William Burnett, aged 10 years. Until the bodies of the women were found, on Dec. 8th, it was generally supposed that Mrs. Burnett and her children had gone to Mississippi. While the inquest was being held on the bodies of the two women, the negro offered to take the constable to where the body of the boy was. The boy's throat had been cut from ear to ear. The citizens seized the murderer and burned him alive. Woodard was an ordained minister of the gospel.

The North West.

Letters have been received from Battleford as late as the 20th November, which states that the autumn has been very fine. Down to that date there had been scarcely any snow, and what fell had disappeared. The frost had been scarcely severe enough to make the ice sufficiently strong to carry teams.

..."Owen Meredith," Lord Lytton, Viceroy of India, has excellent powers of conversation, and tells a story beautifully, and no one ever heard him tell the same story twice. He has been a diplomat in many capitals—was, in fact, a veritable Ulysses by the time he was forty. One gift he lacks, that of making himself agreeable to every one. At a reception he will sometimes devote the whole evening to one or two persons, and allow the rest to go unnoticed. Lady Lytton goes far to atone for his deficiencies in this respect.

..On the 17th of November, a new opera entitled "Lina" was brought out at the Dal Verme Theatre in Milan, and had an overwhelming triumph. The composer was called before the curtain forty-one times, which is simply a way the natives have of expressing "a success of encouragement."

..Henry IV., at the surrender of Chartres, received a deputation at the gates. The spokesman said:—"Sire, the city submits to your Majesty, as much by divine as by Roman law." His Majesty:—"You may as well add, by canon law, too."

BUSINESS NOTICES

Dr. Giles, I have been exceedingly successful in using your Liniment in my practice; particularly in cases of paralysis it has worked wonders. I have seen those who have not been able to walk for years, recover the use of their limbs and one gentlemen in particular, who had lost the sight of one eye, has had it restored. Europe and the hot springs in Arkansas without benefit, after having your Liniment applied, was restored and able to resume his usual avocations. You have a great field before you, and may you go on and prosper, for you certainly have benefited mankind by your valuable discovery.

TOMES, J. L. ALLAN.

Electric and Magnetic Manipulator,
419½ *Ontario Avenue, N. Y.*

For sale by all druggists.

Christmas toys, cakes, oysters 20c. per can, orange 25c. per dozen. Open on Christmas day. H. H. Gore, 241 Richmond street, opposite R. C. Church.

The goods and prices at the "China Bazaar" are suitable to the times. 196 north side of Dundas street.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GOODS.—J. J. Gibbons has just received a large stock of goods in Berlin wools, fancy goods, etc., suitable for the season, which will be sold cheap. A call respectfully solicited.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Bohemian toilet sets, vases, jewel boxes, perfume cases, smelling bottles, a large stock very cheap, at Harness & Co's. corner Dundas and Wellington streets, and Harkness and Smith, Lilley's block, London East.

CALL at the new china and crockery store, 196 north side of Dundas street, for Xmas presents.

XMAS GOODS.—Millinery, dress caps, wool shawls, scarfs, clouds, silk fringe, worsted fringe and fur trimming, cheap, at Mrs. J. J. Skeffington's, 193 Dundas street.

THE extra winter set of Miss. Demorest's patterns, also quarterly journal, just received at Mrs. Gallena's new fancy goods store, 148 Dundas street.

CHESTER'S CURE for asthma, Bronchitis and catarrh, is effecting marvellous cures in this city, and the west. In a few days testimonials will be published from parties cured in London, who have been under medical treatment for years. For sale at all druggists and at R. M. Chester's, London East.

James Ardell was charged by Scott White with assault. The affair arose between school children, the complainant being cut in the face with a stone or other hard substance thrown, as alleged, by defendant. The magistrate advised the parties to settle the matter among themselves, which they agreed to do by Ardell's paying costs of court.

George Wilson, aged 26, of Nisscuri, was charged by Jane Lyons, a married woman aged 36, with indecent assault, committed on the 16th November. Complainant stated that she went to Wilson's to get some of them to row her and her sister across the river, to enable them to see their brother, who was very ill. The defendant drove them across in his buggy, and they all remained till near midnight, when the young man returned with Mrs. Lyons alone. She states that he drove the horse into a by-way and made indecent proposals which she rejected, when he sought to accomplish his objects by force, but failed. The evidence was strangely at variance, the veracity of the prosecutrix being impugned, and certain inconsistencies shown in other respects. The case was therefore dismissed.

Financial and Commercial.

New York Stocks and Money.

New York, Dec. 24.

GOLD	103	Toledo pfd	36
Wabash	4½	D. & M.	59
do. 1st	36	N. Y. C.	107
" preferred	72	P. Mail	
American Ex.		Adams Ex.	
U. S.	91	Ill. C.	
M. C.	57½	Erie	8
St. Jos.		C. & A.	
" preferred		Lake Shore	60
N. W.	26	P. C.	100
" preferred	69	C. P.	
		C. C. C. & I.	

European Finance.

London, Dec. 24, 8.30 a. m.

4½s	105
6s	105½
10-40's	106
Fives	106

Liverpool.

Liverpool, Dec. 24, 11.30 a.m.

Flour	26s 6d	to	32s 0d
Wheat, spring	10s 4d	to	10s 6d
Red Winter	11s 6d	to	11s 8d
White	10s 7d	to	11s 11d
Club	12s 10d	to	12s 3d
Corn	29s 3d	to	30s 0d
Oats	0s 0d	to	0s 0d
Peas	0s 0d	to	0s 0d
Barley	0s 0d	to	0s 0d
Pork	0s 0d	to	0s 0d
Lard	52s 0d	to	0s 0d
Bacon	00s 0d	to	00s 0d
Cheese	00s 0d	to	00s 0d
Tallow	00s 0d	to	00s 0d
Beef	00s 0d	to	00s 0d

The following are the highest Liverpool quotations for each day of the past week:—

	Dec. 18	19	20	21	22	24
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Flour	32 0	31 6	31 6	31 6	31 6	32 0
Wheat, spr.	10 4	10 4	10 4	10 5	10 5	10 6
Red Winter	11 6	11 6	11 6	11 7	11 7	11 8
White	11 7	11 7	11 7	11 8	11 8	11 9
Club	12 1	12 1	12 1	12 2	12 2	12 3
Corn	29 6	29 6	29 6	29 6	29 6	29 6
Oats	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Peas	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Barley	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Pork	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Lard	52 6	52 6	52 6	52 6	52 6	52 6
Bacon	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0
Cheese	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0
Tallow	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0
Beef	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0	00 0

Petroleum

New York, Dec. 24.—Petroleum—Crude 7½c; refined 19½.

New York.

New York, Dec. 24.

COTTON exchange closed.

FLOUR—Receipts quiet; receipts 20,000 barrels; sales 10,000 barrels, a, $4.90 to $5.20 for superfine state and western; $5.35 to $6.85 for common to choice extra state; $5.35 to $6 for common to choice extra western.

RYE FLOUR dull; at $4.25 to $4.85.

WHEAT—Receipts heavy; sales 120,000 bushels; receipts 110,000 bushels; sales 15,000 bushels No. 1 amber.

CITY TRADE—Dull; 7c to 7½c for state.

CORN—Receipts 182,000 bushels; sales 40,000 bushels; 50c to 65½c.

BARLEY quiet.

OATS dull; receipts 22,000 bush.; sales 15,000 bushels at 35c to 40c for western; 37c to 44c for white.

PORK dull; $12.25 nicely.

LARD—Steam offered at 8½c.

BUTTER—12c to 36c.

CHEESE—Quiet.

New York Dry Goods Market.

New York, Dec. 24.—Business was quiet in all leaders of trade.

Cotton goods are steady and unchanged.

Prints are quiet.

Men's wear woollens are inactive, but agents are making large deliveries of spring consignments and wanted orders back orders.

The *Daily Bulletin* says business will be generally suspended on Monday as well as Christmas day.

Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Dec. 24, 9.30 a. m.

WHEAT: Inactive; $1.06, Jan.

Milwaukee, Dec. 22.

FLOUR—Inactive, and prices are nominal.

GRAIN—Wheat—Opened very firm, higher, and closed quiet but steady. No. 1 Milwaukee club at $1.06; No. 2 Milwaukee club at $1.06; No. 3 Milwaukee club at $1.06; No. 2 Milwaukee club at $1.06 cash; $1.06½ January at $1.06; February at $1.10; May closing nominal at $1.16½. Corn—No. 2 is quoted at 45½c. Oats—Dull and weak; No. 2 quoted at 26c. Rye—Quiet; No 1 is quoted at 56c. Barley—Dull; No. 2 spring is quoted at 64c.

PROVISIONS—Quiet and unchanged. Mess Pork is dull, quoted at $12.75. Lard—Prime steam rendered is quoted at $7.70; kettle rendered at $8.25.

DRESSED HOGS—Steady, quoted at $4.90.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,500 barrels; Wheat, 73,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS — Flour, 12,000 barrels; wheat, 19,000 bushels.

Boston.

Boston, Dec. 24.

FLOUR in moderate demand; Western superfine quoted at $4.25 to $4.75; Minnesota brands do at $4.50 to $5.50; Wisconsin extras at $5.50 to $6; Minnesota extras at $6 to $7; winter wheat, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan at $6.50 to $7; Illinois at $6.50 to $7.50; St. Louis at $6.50 to $8.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 24.

HOGS—Market quiet but steady. $4.05 to $4.10 for light grades; $4 to $4.35 for heavy packing grades; $4.35 to $4.50 for heavy shipping.

CATTLE—Chicago, Dec. 22.

The Drovers' Journal this afternoon reports as follows:—

CATTLE—The receipts to-day have been 325 head; shipments, 1,300 head. The market for shipping catt