MARKET REPORTS

oning of today's stock market but mand for rails were soon gesumed average gains of one to two ways. New York, Dec. 28 .- Few notewordemand for rails were soon sesumed at average gains of one to two points in the first half hour for grangers, coalers, New York Central and some of the pacifics. Chicago and Alton featured the low priced rails at an advance of 54 points. Equipments and coppers also rose one to two points with a few specialties such as oints with a few specialties such as its and sugars. U. S. Steel increased ts early fractional gain to a point and lated stocks were firm to strong. berty Bonds were steady.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

thicago, Dec. 28 —Corn prices had soon as it reassembles downward tendency today, influenced more or less by a notice that guaranteeing:

"First—That the railroad properties will be maintained during the period will be maintained during the period will be maintained for the repair as when the directors of the exchange had proposed further trading in the December option. Opening prices which of federal control in as good repair ing at the same time as threats and and as complete equipment as when warnings of tremendous German ef-

market as a whole. Lower quotations on hogs gave a downward swing to provisions. Support was lacking.

YESTERDAY'S LATE

American Can 35
American Car & Foundry 66
American Locomotive 52
American Smelting & Refining 2
American Sugar Refining 95 naconda Copper Baldwin Locomotive Baltimore & Ohio Bethlehem Steel "B" Canadian Pacific Central Leather Chesapeake & Ohio Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ey Chino Cooper Colorado Fuel and Iron Columbia Gas and Electric Corn Products Crucible Steel Cuba Sugar Cane Erte General Motors Great Northern Pfd Great Northern Ctfs. Inspiration Copper Int. Mer. Marine pfd As Kennecott Copper
Louisville & Nashville
Maxwell Motor Co.

Mexican Petroleum Miami Copper ... Midvale Steel ... Missouri Pacific . Nevada Copper New York Central Norfolk and Western Northern Pacific Pittsburgh Coa

Ray Consolidated Copper . Sinclair Oil . Southern Pacific . Southern Railway Studebaker Co. . Tennessee Copper Tobacco Products Union Pacific .

United Cigar Stores U. S. Industrial Alcohol U. S. Rubber

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Westinghouse Electric
Po Willys-Overland
Eg Illinois Central
Fl. Atlantic Coast Line Gulf States Steel United Fruit

Virginia-Caro, Chem. General Electric CHICAGO PRODUCE

Chicago, Dec. 27.-Butter-Un-Eggs-Higher; receipts, 3,855 cases, Firsts, 50@52; ordinary firsts, 44@47; at mark cases included, 44@50; re-

Poultry—Alive, higher. Fowls, 19@ 23%; springs, 22%.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. tive steers. 7.35@14.25; stockers and feeders, 5.60@10.20; cows and heifers, 5.20@13.30; caives, 8.50@15.75.
Sheep—Receipts, 18.000; steady.
Wethers, 2.00@13.10; lambs, 12.60@

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS Chicago, Dec. 27. Open Close Open 1.26 ½ 1.24 ½ 1.24% January 45.95 . . . 24.65 January May 24.77 24. 2

NEW YORK SPOT COTTON New York, Dec. 27.—Spot cotton quiet; middling 31.75.

CASH GRAIN PRICES. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Corn No. 2 yel-low, nominal; No. 3 yellow, 1.85@ 2.00; No. 4 yellow, 1.85@1.70, Oats No. 3 white, 79@81; standard, 79 @ 51 %. Rys No. 2, 1.82; barley, 1.40 @ 1.58; timothy, 5.00 @ 7.50; clover, 20.00 @

rk, nominal; lard, 24.15; ribs,

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton closed
208 Patton avenue, where a fire caused rely steady.

Open Close small damage.

GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER ALL RAILWAY SYSTEMS AT NOON

ably will use the existing agencies of the Interstate Commerce commission to a large extent. The name of John Skelton Williams, new comptreller of the currency and one of Mr. McAdoo's personal lieutenants in the treasury, is being mentioned today as chief executive director under Mr. McAdoo. He formerly was a railroad financier.

Hood's Pills, the superlative family larger for billousness, constipation: pleasant, easy effective.

What are your troubles? If such as to need all three medicines, why not have perfect, well-rounded relief by getting the combination?

If you need only one medicine, get it and take it—but do it now.

formerly was a railroad financier. To Guarantee Profits. In a statement issued with the for-mal proclamation President Wilson Chicago, Dec. 28.—Corn prices had declared he would ask congress downward tendency today, influsion as it reassembled for legislatic

Secretary Baker under authority of the army appropriations act of August 1918, came as a surprise at this proposals can be grasped at as a basis time as it is believed he would await of immediate negotiations—their defines are self-evident.

"If the allies are appealed to by the Russians for their views they should await of immediate negotiations—their decision that body.

The president's statement made clear that the reason for the plan of government operation was to permit complete unification of all rail systems, impossible through private operation by statutes prohibiting pool-

continue to perform their function under the new plan except that they will be subject to order of the raliroad director.

Although the pian of control is not outlined in detail it was the opinion that the British system would be fol-lowed closely except in the matter of paying for government freight. In England government freight is han-aled free and the guaranteed earnings require an enormous amount of money from government funds. In the United States the government will pay its freight and will stand increases if they are found necessary.

Railroad experts estimate that the government plan to guarantee earning equivalent to average net operating income of the last three years will cost the government about \$100,000,000 next year, which can be raised by increase in freight rates.

To Handle Wage Question
In addition to this cost the recent
lemand of the railroad brotherhood demand of the railroad brothernood for a 40 per cent. advance in wages calls for answer from the railroads on or before December 31, and it is expected that the railroads will leave pected that the railroads will leave decision in this matter to the governoon.

with the railroad brotherhood chiefs today and the heads of the four organ-izations indicated that further details as far as effects pending wage contro-

ATTORNEYS ASKED TO

Pointry—Alive, higher. Fourier in the present and property in the present and pres

To Commandeer Army Uniforms, Chicago, Dec. 23.—Representatives of the quartermaster's department of Chicago, Dec. 27.—Hogs—Receipts.
52,000; slow. Bulk. 16.75@17.05; the United States army today began taking an inventory of all army unitaking an inventory of all army unitaking an inventory of all army unitaking an inventory to commandeering 18.50@16.65; pigs. 12.00@15.90.
Cattle—Receipts. 21.000; weak. Nasure 19.00 army use. Officials announced a reasonable price will be announced a reasonable price will be paid for all goods.

Set Date For Hearing.

Boston, Dec. 28.—Federal Commissioner Hayes has set January 80 as the date for a resumption of the hear-

Wooden Shipbuilding Failure. Washington, Dec. 28.—The wooden shipbuilding program was pictured as an almost complete failure yesterday by Rear Admiral F. A. Bowles, assist-ant general manager of the Emer-gency Fleet corporation, testifying at

LOCAL BRIEFS

he senate committee investigating the

shipbuilding program.

last night at 9:33 o'clock to the residence of Mrs. George W. Reed at No. Close small damage.

29.43
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LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tab29.00 lets taken in time will Prevent Grip.
27.83 E. G. GROVE'S signature on box, 300.

COMBINATION COUNTY REGISTRANTS THE NEW TRIPLE

Treatment for the blood, nerves and liver — purifying, strengthening, cleansing, winning its way wonderfully just now—bs:

Hood's Sarsaparlila, the superla-

TWO VIEWS OF TEUTONS' REPLY

(Continued from Page 1)

warner, with January 1.26 to 1, and May 1.24 to 2, were followed by a moderate general setback.

Liquidating sales by holders of December contracts weakened the cass

Ing of traffic and earnings.

The Interstate Commerce commission and other government agencies there is, in form at least, a common which have to do with railroads will

change of mind," it says, "Germany has thrown over her annexations and pronounced for a status quo ante-peace. If this is so, it means a definite abandonment of ambitions in Belgium and the western provinces of Russia."

The Times and the Daily Mail are exponents of the view that the proposals constitute a trap for the allies and if accepted would leave the central powers victors. The Times says that Count Czernin's statement fully bears out President Wilson's judgment of last summer that the purpose of the German peace intrigue is the de

of their delegates, and intend to make use of this to strengthen the defeatists in the allied countries and to break the home front of Germany's enemies
"In every instance where a concesthe scheme of government control sion to a democratic principle appar ently is made, it is nullified immediately by some craftily drawn qualifica-

tion or reserve." It is Germany's manifest policy, according to the Times, to secure while there is yet time a peace which will preserve under her control her vassals in central and southeastern Europe, enabling her to boast truly that militarism has vindicated splendidly its claims.

Order numbers between 1309 and 1433 are on the list the city exemption board will send questionnaires to today. These registrants must fill printed by The Daily Express. It says properly and refers these greaters that we taken to high British political to the properly and refers these greaters. today These registrants must fill properly and return these question-naires within seven days after they are mailed.

It is necessary, according to members of the board, that members of the board, that members of the Asheville Bur association respond rromptly when asked to assist at the board's hendquarters in helping the registrants fill out the questionnaires, it seems that two things are known here: first, that two things are known here: fi

not sufficient to lead us to lay down our arms. We must be watchful. It is up to Germany to show that she is

BRINGS SUIT FOR \$3,000 AS DAMAGES FOR INJURIES

of John H. Cathey, clerk of Superior court today by Marion G. Solesbee against the Carolina Wood Products Soldier-Vote Close.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A Melbourne, Australia. dispatch to the Ottawa agency of Routers limited, giving the latest figures on the recent conscription.

Soldier-Vote Shows 28,000 for and 32,000 against it. The Australian states that on October 21, last, while soldier-vote shows 28,000 for and 32,000 against conscription. driving a team of mules for the com-pany, under the supervision of Fore-man Dobson, he was kicked and se-

ing in the case of John Johnson, a negro wanted at Charleston, W. Va., on an indictment charging violation of the Mann act. Government witnesses were heard last week. **Treatment** For Rheumatism

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New oil treatment for Rheumatism almost proves a revelation. Over two million bottles sold under absolute guarantee to give satisfaction or money refunded, and less than dosen bottles has been returned. This great guarantee to Pain Killer and Antiseptic combined Pain Killer and Antiseptic combined.
Miller's Antiseptic Oil (known as
I Snake Oil) that has brought relief to
so many thousands of sufferers is said
to be without an equal for Rheumatism. Neuralgia. Lumbago, Stiff and
Aching Joints, any kind of ache or
pain, Cut, Burn or Bruises, Corns, Sore
Throat. Don't delay; take a bottle into your home today and get instant relief. On sale 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at T.
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Peptiren, the superlative pepsinnux-iron-celery nerve, blood and dispositive tonic.

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The county exemption board mailed questionnaires yesterday to the following registrants:

Grady A. Morgan, Jan. Warner Metcalf, Carl Patton, John Jones, Henry Singleton, Cordell McMahan, John Henry Kelley, Edward Glovich, Loyd Doalson, Gay Webster, Zeb Hañey, Claud Coxe, Bebley McC. Hipp, Lon-Richmond Thompson, Charence Justice, John Burgin Davis, Fred Calloway, Jack Butler Mathews, Jesse Nathaniel Giles, Luther Whitt, David Erwin Sulder, Fred McAfee, Elliott Reed, Joseph Mark Williams, David Young Snelson, Richard Waycaster, Clyde Raymon Moss, Fred C. Penland, Horace Edwin Bryant, Benj. Horace Presley, Artus second, that the roads shall receive a net operating income equal in each case to the average income of the three years preceding June 30.

1917.

Government backing also will be given new issues of railroad securities so that a market may be readily found.

Railroad officials will maintain direct management of the roads and a railroad war board composed of five railroad heads, will continue actual operation under Director McAdoo's supervision.

President's Action Surprise.

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The president's action, taken through the army appropriations act of Aug.

The doubt merely the foreronner of proposals more formal in character."

The Daily News, which warmly endorsed the tree of the Marquis of Search letter of the Marquis of Carson, Jet Grant, Marvin Icenhower, Frank Williams, Coy Erwin King, Adolphus F. Studer, Williams, Coy Erwin King, Oscar Ben Wright, James Wm. Colo, John L. Collina, James L. Steele, Adolphus F. Studer, William McLain, Oscar Ben Wright, James Wm. Capps, Wm. Knox Sharp, Elmer Ingle, Andiphus found of the German offer by the president's Action Surprise.

The president's Action Surprise at this of the German offer by the president's Action Surprise.

The president's Glenn, Hardy Clyde Tomberlin, Luther Plunk Oates, Austin O'Kelley, Carl Halcombe, William Garfield Penley, Gregg Sawyers, Marcus Alexander Creasman, Frazier Haney, Wm. Marco Rutherford, Lee Miller, James Nathan Arthur, Cleveland Tengue Kirkpatrick, Wm. Henry Creasman, Luther Fur-man Jenkins, Robert Clarence Hunter, Sannul Besti, Austin Berlin, Sannul Besti, Sannu Samuel Robinson, Lucius Paul Sales, Walter Glenn Hughey, Alex Burtis Yow, Ernest Grant Mick, Bradus Burnside, Ewart Van Wilson, Richard there is, in form at least, a common ground between the German professions and the declared principles of the allies."

A highly interesting situation, the Daily Telegraph thinks, has been created by the reply of the central powers, but it does not see in it the prospect of any secure settlement of the world's peace, "With what looks like change of the control of the control of the change of the control of the control of the change of the control of the change of the control of the control of the control of the change of the control of th

Constant Backache and Rheumatism

Foley Kidney Pills fixed up Texas brake

Foley Kidney Pills fixed up Texas brakeman so he's good as ever.

Almost down and out with kidney trouble. Rheumatism so bad he could scarcely get up when he sat down, Back ached all the time.

No wonder Mr. F. A. Wooley, brakeman on the road from Dallas to Jackson, Texas, "was tired of living."

"I saw Foley Kidney Pills advertised," he said, "I took some and after a short time I was thoroughly cured and am having no more trouble.

Your kidney ills will disappear—

Your kidney ills will disappear—and with them the backache and rheumatism, by the use of Foley's Kidney Pills. Once your kidneys become strong and active, aches and pains will disappear like magic. There's nothing to equal the genu-te. Will help any case of kidney or bladder on the not beyond the reach of medicines ontain to harmful drugs. Try them.

SMITH'S DRUG STORE.

Ballard, Wm. Alexander Peebles, Will Staffon, Emery Bradehaw Brigman, Will Pack, Louis H. Koppleman, Jas. H. Chatham, Emery Hampton Morris, Roy Morris, Blain Stepp, Ulyses Zacharia Warren, Jas. Robert Wheelon, Marcus LaFayette Borrells, Ralph Reagan Hayes, Columbus King, Lacius Rumbough, Benj, Harrison Dotsom, Geo. Marsten Wallis, Geo. Preston Fitchett, Arvel A. Hutchison, Everett Carl Lankford, Theron Augustus Halcombe, Loyd Osty King, Burgin Camby Butler, Frank R. Carter, Oron Weaver Penland, Hubert Bascombe Sams, Solomon Cleveland Spivy, Ragga E. Penland, Gordon Bennett Warren, Lewis Harper Whitt, William Fleetwood Greenlee.

ASHBVILLE Augusta Birmingham Charleston Charlotte lahoma ore.

Weather Forecast Weather Forecast,
(Till 8 p. m. Sat.)
For Asheville and vicinity: Partly
cloudy tonight and Saturday, colder

with a cold wave Saturday.

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, colder with a cold wave in west portion Saturday.

moderate west to northwest winds.

Weather Conditions.

Normal temperature, 36 degrees.

Normal precipitation, 14 inch.

River stage at 8 a. m., —0.2 foot.

The disturbance that was over the upper Mississippi valley Thursday morning has increased slightly in intensity and has moved to the St. Lawrence valley. The disturbance on the rence valley. The disturbance on the Pacific coast has caused rains in the north Pacific states. The predominatnorth Pacific states. The predominating feature on this morning's weather map is the area of high pressure which covers the greater portion of the country. The crest is over Montana and North Dakota where the barometer is almost 31 inches. This is causing snowstorms and much colder weather throughout the north. The zero line has reached southern Kan-sas and the lowest temperature re-ported is 36 degrees below zero at Duluth, Minn. Partly cloudy and coldr weather is indicated for this vicini-

with a cold wave Saturday.

T. R. TAYLOR,
Official in charge. Cost \$700,000 To Settle Strike Washington, Dec. 28.—Settlement of strike of 15,000 cigar makers in

Porto Rico, which has cost the gov-ernment \$700,000 in revenue during four months cessation of work, has been announced by the department of labor. A mediator effected a settle-ment of wage questions which caused the strike.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c.

tion of affairs now causing and likely to cause great suffering and sickness among the inhabitants of said City:

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners are endeavoring to ald by co-operating with the Fuel Administra-tion and by the establishing of a "Mu-nicipal Woodyard," in supplying fuel at reasonable rates to said inhabitants;

WHEREAS the Board of Commis-sioners of the City of Asheville in such endeavor have been greatly handicap-ped and crippled, and the citizens and inhabitants of said City have been imposed upon and unreasonably charged for draying and hauling of fuel by occusin firms, persons and corporations doing a public drayage and freight carriage business in said

City; and WHEREAS said Board of Commissloners mindful of the very serious situation new confronting the people of said City and desirous to protect them against extortion and to aid and assist the poor in their midst to get

a supply of fuel necessary for their comfort and necessities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF

ASHEVILLE: First. That the charge or charges for drayage, freight, hauling or mov-ing by wagons, drays or other vehicles of any and all manner of fuel in said City shall not exceed the following

(a) For moving, hauling or carrying wood and like commodities as follows: Wood in one quarter cord lots or Where the point of delivery is

situate within a distance of one-half mile or less from the point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding thirty-five cents (35c.).
2. Where the point of delivery is

situate within a distance of not more than one mile nor less than one-half mile from point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding fifty cents (50c.)

3. Where the point of delivery is

situate more than one mile from point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding sevthe charge shall be not exceeding seventy-five cents (75c).

Wood in one-half cord lots or less:

1. Where the point of delivery is situate within a distance of one-half mile or less from the point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding fifty cents (55c).

(50c).

2. Where the point of delivery is situate with a distance of not more than one mile nor less than one-helf mile from point of receipt by air line

measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding seventy-five cents (75c). 3. Where the point of delivery is situate more than one mile from point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding one dollar (\$1.00).

(b) For moving, hauling or carrying coal, coke and like commodities as follows Coal in five Hundred pound lots or

 Where the point of delivery is situate within a distance of one-half mile or less from the point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge

AN ORDINANCE
PRESCRIBING AND REGULATING
THE CHARGES FOR DRAYAGE
AND THE CARRIAGE OF
FREIGHT BY WAGONS, DRAYAS
OR OTHER VEHICLES IN THE
CITY OF ASHEVILLE.
WHEREAS there yow exists a serious shortage and inadequate supply of coal, wood and other fuel in the City of Asheville, said situation and condition of affairs now causing and likely situate within a distance of one-half

1. Where the point of delivery is situate within a distance of one-half mile or less from the point of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding fifty cents

(50c).

2. Where the point of delivery is a until the within a distance of not more than one mile nor less than one-haif mile from point of receipt by air line. measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding sevenly-five cents (75c).

3. Where the point of delivery is situate more than one mile from point

of receipt by air line measurement, the charge shall be not exceeding one

dollar (\$1.00). Second. That it shall be unlawful for any firm, person or corporation to take or receipt any greater rate or charge for hauling, moving, carrying and delivering any of the commodities herein described and set forth in the First Section hereof.

Third. That any person, firm or corporation charging, taking or receiving any greater rate or charge than those set forth in the First Section hereof shall be subject to a penalty of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars,

Fifty (\$50.00) Dellars.
Fourth. That in addition to the foregoing penalty any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit and surrender his or its privilege or license to do a drayage freight hauling or other carriers business in said City.

or other carriers business in said City.
Fifth. That any such person, firm
or corporation being licensed to do a or corporation being licensed to do a drayage or freight hauling business in said City, refusing or failing on demand, without good reason, to receive and haul any such commodities and at the rates and charges herein fixed and prescribed, shall be subject to a penalty of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, and further forfeit his or its license to do such business in said City.

Sixth. That this ordinance being necessary for the immediate preserve-

necessary for the immediate preserva-tion of the public peace, health and safety, is hereby declared an emergency ordinance and shall take effect on its passage by the Board of Com

I propose the adoption of the foregoing ordinance.
D. HIDEN RAMSEY.

APPROVED:

MARCUS ERWIN,

Corporation Counsel.

I, F. L. Conder, Secretary-Treasurer
of the City of Asheville, certify that
the above ordinance was passed on its
third and final reading by an unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on
the 27th day of December, 1917.

F. L. CONDER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Secretary-Treasurer. (2399-1251-12-28-11)

TWO GAMES TOMORROW IN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Two games will be played in Class B basketball league at the Young Men's Christian association tomorrow morning at 9:15 o'clock. Wolfe will play Green and Sarefield will play

(35c).

2. Where the point of delivery is situate within a distance of not more than one mile nor less than one-half

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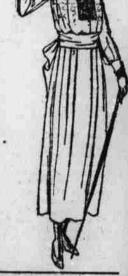
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DRESSES \$12.50 Dresses \$6.25 \$15.00 Dresses

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\$15.00



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