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Salisbury Christmas Cattle Market was held on Tuesday, and was very fully attended. The supply of beasts, however, was less than at the corresponding period of 1865; but in point of quality, there was nothing left to be desired. The demand was brisk, and prices were somewhat higher, as country butchers did not make any purchases at the Metropolitan Cattle Market on Monday, the removal of cattle out of London for slaughtering being prohibited, a carcass being unlikely to keep well during the close, damp weather that then prevailed. Prices varied according to quality, but the best oxen realised 5s. 4d. to 5s. 6d.; cows, 4s. 8d. to 5s. per stone. Sheep were well supplied, and some were of large size and excellent quality. There was a beautiful lot of Oxford Downs, 22 months old, belonging to Mr. Fatcher, Fovant, one of which weighed 309 lb.; Mr. Canning of Elston, exhibited a pen of pure Hampshire Downs, 21 months old, which were remarkable for size, symmetry, and quality of wool. The price asked for was reported at £7 a head. Mutton ranged from 7d to 8d per lb. at the start. **Hampshire Chronicle, Southampton and Isle of Wight Courier, 21 December 1867**