COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

The weather yesterday was not very favorable for trade, and business on Front street was hardly up to the usual Saturday proportions. In spite of the pouring rain, a large number of potato-growers came in with teams, and there were enough of the spuds on the street to keep buyers busy. The market is still steady at quotations, with a good shipping demand. Eggs continue to pile up, and the market is very much depressed. In single-case lots yesterday best Oregon stock was offering at 19c, but for round lots 18c was about the best price offered, and dealers were advising their country correspondents to buy on a 17½c basis. The wheat market is dull at unchanged quotations.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$235,980	$ 34,476
Seattle	317,096	100,518
Tacoma	140,433	14,223
Spokane	182,616	5,738

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The local wheat market was in its usual dormant condition yesterday, with an occasional sale reported at something above quotations for heavy stock. The movement is very light, however, and dealers who are not in need of wheat are not paying anything above export values, without they have a special place to put the wheat. Walla Walla can be worked at 52@53c for No. 1, and as high as 54c has been paid for heavy stock. Valley is nominally 52c for No. 1, with bluestem easy at 54c.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 52@53c; Valley, 53@55c; bluestem, 53@54c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 65@3 per barrel; graham, $2 50; superfine, $2 15.

Oats—White, 34@35c; gray, 33@34c; stained, 29@30c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $15@16; brewing, $18@18 50 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 per ton; middlings, $22; shorts, $18; chop, $16.

Hay—Steady; timothy, $9 50@11; clover, $7@8; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 42½@45c; dairy, 30@37½c; store, 22½@27½c per roll.

Eggs—Weak; 18@19c per dozen for Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2 50@4; hens, $4@4 50; ducks, $5@6; geese, $7@8 50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12½c; dressed, 15@17c per pound.

Game—Mallard ducks, $3; widgeon, $1 50@2; teal, $1@1 25 per dozen.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12½@13c; Young America, 14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, $1; carrots, $1; turnips, 90c; onions, $1@1 10 per central; cabbage, 1½c per pound; potatoes, 55@85c per central; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Fruit—Lemons, $3@3 50; oranges, $2 75@3 per box for navels, $2 for seedlings; tangerines, 90c@$1; Japanese oranges, 60c@$1 25 per box; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 5½@6c per pound; apples, $1@1 50; pears, 75c@$1 25 per box; cranberries, $6 50@7 per barrel for Howes, $7 75@9 for Eastern.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@5c; pears, sun and evaporated, 5@6c; plums, pitless, 4@5½c; prunes, Italian, 3½@5½c; silver, extra choice, 5@6c; figs, Smyrna, 22½c; California black, 5@6c; do white, 10c per pound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 25c; Java, fancy, 28@29c; good, 22@25c; Costa Rica, fancy, 15c; good, 15@17c; Salvador, fancy, 16@18c; good, 13@16c per pound. Roasted—Columbia, $12 25; Arbuckle's, $12 25; Lion, $11 75 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $5 60; crushed, $5 60; powdered, $5 72½; dry granulated, $5 10; extra C, $4 60; golden C, $4 47½ net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia river, 1-pound talls, $1@1 50; 2-pound talls, $2@2 50; fancy, 1-pound flats, $1 65@1 75; ½-pound fancy flats, 85@95c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $7@7 10 per 100.

Beans—Small white, 3½c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c per pound.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 10c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 12½@13½c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Coal oil—Cases, 21½c per gallon; barrels, 17½c; tanks, 15½c.

Rice—Island, 6½c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 4½@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 6½c; dressed mutton, 6½@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5; light, $4 50; dressed, 5@6c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3 50@4; cows, $3@3 50; dressed beef, 6½@7½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6½@7½c; small, 8@8½c per pound.

Provisions—Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 12½c per pound; picnic hams, 8½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½c; bacon, 8½c; backs, 8½c; dry salt sides, 7½c; dried beef, 20c; smoked sides, 8½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 8½c; 10s, 8½c; 50s, 7½c; tierces, 7½c per pound. Eastern pack—Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8½@9½c; bacon sides, 9@10c; backs, 9½c; butts, 8c; lard, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 10c; 10s, 10½c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—7@10c; 1898 crop, 5@6c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12@13c for coarse, 15@18c for best; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@30c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; long-wool, 60c@$1 each.

Pelts—Bear skins, each, as to size, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@40c; housecat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, 40@60c; do red, $1 25@1 75; do cross, $2 50@6; lynx, $1 50@2 50; mink, 30c@$1 25; marten, dark Northern, $4@8; do pale, pine, $1 25@3; muskrat, 5@12c; skunk, 25@40c; otter (land), $4@6; panther, with head and claws perfect, $10@15; raccoon, 25@50c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; wolverine, $2 50@3; beaver, per skin, large, $6@7; do medium, per skin, $4@5; do small, per skin, $1@2; do kits, per skin, 50c@$1.

Tallow—3@3½c; No. 2 and grease, 3½@4c per pound.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 15@15½c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15@16c; dry salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 8½@9c; do 50 to 60 pounds, 8@8½c; do under 50 pounds and cows, 7½@8c; kip, 15 to 30 pounds, 7½@8c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7½c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7½c; green (unsalted), 2c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Sugar Regained Its Strength, and Was the Feature of the Day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The opening sales of Sugar afford convincing evidence that its friends had rallied to its support and were prepared to contest the progress which the bears have made in cutting down its price. Very heavy blocks were thrown upon the market at the opening, but the quotation was lifted from 113 to 114 on running sales in the first transactions of the day. The opening price was the lowest. After the stock got above last night's level the bears renewed their pressure again, but without success. The resistance shown by the stock caused uneasiness in the ranks of the unwieldy support, and they started to cover. They carried the stock up to 118, near where it closed.

There were no further signs of the acute weakness which was shown yesterday by the local traction stocks and Tobacco, which was said to be due to the closing out of an embarrassed account. These stocks were under pressure during the morning, but they responded to the recovery in Sugar and late general strength in the market, and rose vigorously above last night's level.

The pressure on Sugar played no small part in the general strength of the market. Railroads advanced at the opening, in sympathy with the strength abroad, but they were not embarrassed by the demoralization in the specialties, and so gained strength as the day progressed. All the principal stocks rose from 1 to 2 points over last night's level, and closed strong at the top. Some very heavy blocks of Baltimore & Ohio were taken on in the late dealings, by the circulating rumors of approaching dividend declarations. The market broadened notably in the late dealings on the improvement sentiment in foreign financial circles and in expectation of a strong bank statement. The Bank of Germany followed the other European government banks today by reducing its minimum discount rate from 7 to 6 per cent, and the rapid downward course of private discount rates in London gave confidence in still further reductions in bank rates.

London also took a sanguine view of the advantages of General Buller's new position on the Tugela river. The buying for London account was sufficient to cause a sharp break in sterling exchange rates all around. Money was in abundant supply, and rates for time loans were shaded to 5 per cent on railroad collateral. Call loans fell to 3 per cent. Subtreasury operations had yielded to the banks $3,443,000 up to Thursday night. The net gain of the banks on the regular export movement with the interior is estimated at about the same amount. This does not take account of receipts by registered mail, which are reported to have been on a large scale. From these amounts must be deducted last Saturday's gold exports, as well as $1,000,000 in gold which went to South America today. The net gain by banks on all accounts is figured at about $4,000,000.

The bond market continued dull, but was strong. Total sales, $2,195,000. United States 3s, registered, declined ⅛ per cent, but the 5s advanced ¼ in the bid price.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg	102½	Gen. Electric 5s*	117
do 3s, reg	109¼	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	109
do 3s, coupon	110	North. Pacific 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg	133¾	do 3s	65½
do new 4s, coup	133¾	do 4s	103¼
do old 4s, reg	113¾	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do old 4s, coup	113¾	do 4s	101½
do 5s, reg	112¾	Oregon S. L. 6s	128¾
do 5s, coupon	112½	do con. 5s	110
Dist. of Col. 3-65s	119	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	85
Atchison adj. 4s	73½	St. Paul consols	199
C. & N. W. con. 7s	139	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118¼
do S. F. deb. 5s	118¾	do 5s	118¼
D. & R. G. 1sts	102½	Union Pacific 4s	102½
do 4s	97	Wis. Central 1sts	89

*Offered.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 491,500 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	19½	Union Pacific	46½
do pref	50½	do pref	74½
Balt. & Ohio	59¾	Wabash	7½
Can. Pacific	31¾	do pref	20½
Can. Southern	48½	Wheeling & L. E.	9½
Ches. & Ohio	29½	do 2d pref	26½
Chi. Gr. Western	12	Wisconsin Central	18
C., B. & Q.	126½	P. C. C. & St. L.	78
Chi., Ind. & L.	14	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	47	Adams	112
Chi. & East. Ill.	85	American	143
Chicago & N. W.	169	United States	45
C., R. I. & Pac.	105½	Wells-Fargo	120
C., C., C. & St. L.	61¼	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	5¾	Amer. Cotton Oil	33½
do 1st pref	41	do pref	92
do 2d pref	14½	Amer. Malting	6¼
Del. & Hudson	113¾	do pref	25
Del., Lack. & W.	174	Amer. Smelt. & R.	36½
Denver & Rio Gr.	17½	do pref	87½
do pref	68¾	Amer. Spirits	2
Erie	11¾	do pref	11
do 1st pref	32½	Amer. Steel Hoop	41½
Great North. pref	108	do pref	81
Hocking Coal	15½	Amer. Steel & W.	48
Hocking Valley	31	do pref	89¾
Illinois Central	111¼	Amer. Tin Plate	30
Iowa Central	11¾	do pref	81
do pref	48½	Amer. Tobacco	95¾
Kan. C., P. & G.	9	do pref	135
Lake Erie & W.	23	Anaconda Min. Co.	38½
do pref	83	Brooklyn R. T.	68¾
Lake Shore	197	Colo. Fuel & Iron	42¾
Louis. & Nash.	80	Cont. Tobacco	32½
Manhattan El	94¾	do pref	84½
Met. St. Ry.	167	Federal Steel	56¾
Mexican Central	11½	do pref	70¾
Minn. & St. Louis	58½	Gen. Electric	123
do pref	99	Glucose Sugar	50¾
Missouri Pacific	40¾	do pref	97
Mobile & Ohio	39½	Int. Paper	22¾
M., K. & T.	10	do pref	66½
do pref	32¾	La Clede Gas	79
New Jersey Cent.	117½	National Biscuit	36½
New York Cent.	134½	do pref	89
Norfolk & West.	24½	National Lead	26¾
do pref	69	do pref	105¼
Northern Pacific	53¾	National Steel	41½
do pref	73½	do pref	92
Ontario & West.	21¾	N. Y. Air Brake	130
O. R. & N.	42	North American	14¾
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	48½
Pennsylvania	129¾	do 1st pref	82
Reading	17½	do 2d pref	60
do 1st pref	51	Pacific Mail	43½
do 2d pref	26½	People's Gas	103¾
Rio Gr. Western	36¾	Pressed Steel Car	57
do pref	80	do pref	85
St. Louis & S. Fr.	9¾	Pullman Pal. Car	187
do 1st pref	68	Stand. Rope & Tw.	9¼
do 2d pref	32½	Sugar	117¾
St. Louis & S. W.	10	do pref	111
do pref	29	Tenn. Coal & Iron	83¾
St. Paul	117½	U. S. Leather	10½
do pref	170	do pref	75½
St. Paul & Omaha	112	U. S. Rubber	41¾
Southern Pacific	37½	do pref	103
Southern Ry	11¾	Western Union	85¾
do pref	55¾	Republic Iron & S.	20¾
Texas & Pacific	14¾	do pref	65½

FOREIGN FINANCIAL NEWS.

Markets Were Quiet, but a Cheerful Tone Apparent.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were exceedingly quiet today. There was no pronounced buying anywhere, but a cheerful tone pervaded all quarters, induced by the reduction of the German bank rate from 7 to 6 per cent and the official announcement that General Buller had seized Potgieter's drift, on the Tugela. A rise in consols of ½ point was sympathetic of the general feeling. Americans were assisted further by a report that a large Dutch operator who had been an active buyer in mines and Americans had closed his commitments for the decline and turned bull, presumably on information from British sources.

New York sales somewhat spoiled the effect of this, but Baltimore & Ohio securities and Louisville & Nashville stock remained in demand. Berlin bought a few Americans and Canadian Pacific. The Paris market was firm in tone. The bank bought £65,000 in German coin, and £100,000 was "ear-marked" for the Indian currency. The Indian council again raised the rate in telegraphic transfers, but there is no demand yet in India for bullion. Money remained easy at yesterday's rates, but bills were hard. Foreign exchange rates are quoted as follows: Paris, 25.22; Berlin, 24.49½.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 84½; do sight, $4 88½.

Mexican dollars—48@48½c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; do telegraphic, 15c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Money—On call: Steady at 3@4½ per cent; last loans, 4.

Prime mercantile paper—5½@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86¾@4 87 for demand and at $4 83@4 83¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 84@4 84½ and $4 87½@4 88; commercial bills, $4 82½@4 83.

Silver certificates—58½@60½c.

Bar silver—58¾c.

Mexican dollars—47½c.

Bonds—Government, irregular; state, inactive; railroad, strong.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Consols—99⅝.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Canadian Pacific, 94½; Union Pacific preferred, 76; Northern Pacific preferred, 75¼; Atchison, 20¼; Grand Trunk, 6⅞; Anaconda, 8⅝.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Wheat, weak, both on and off call. Barley, steady; spot barley, quiet. Oats were moderately active and steady.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, 96¼c; choice, 97½c; milling, 97½c@$1.

Barley—Feed, 67½@72½c; brewing, 80@85c.

Oats—Gray, Oregon, $1 07½@1 12½; milling, $1 15@1 17½; red, $1 12½@1 20.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Weak; May, $1 01⅝; cash, 97½c.

Barley—Steady; May, 70¼c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1@1 10.

Chicago Grain, Produce, Etc.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The provision market was strong all day. Receipts at the yards were under the estimate, and prices were up. At the advanced figures the demand was excellent from all sources. At no time was there any pressure to sell. Offerings were nearly all from profit-takers. May pork closed 10c over yesterday, at $11 05; May lard, 2½@5c up; May ribs, 5c improved over yesterday's final prices, at $5 85.

The liberal Argentine shipments and crop conditions in that country were the main factors in depressing wheat, that market barely holding its own, though it had strong corn and provisions markets for near neighbors. The decline at Liverpool, in the face of the advance here yesterday, was a disappointment to the bulls and encouraged selling. At one time a little buying by shorts was caused by stories of a somewhat better cash demand and an improved inquiry for export flour. But this did not last. The volume of business was small, and the session was not active.

Corn was firm. The main consideration on the buying side was the small country offerings and the poor weather for movement, with the strength of provisions a contributory factor. The volume of trade was not large. May closed a shade over yesterday, at 33⅝c.

The oat market was firm. Cash bids were sharp, relatively ½c better than last week. May closed unchanged from yesterday, at 24c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
January	$0 64½	$0 64½	$0 64	$0 64
May	67⅝	67⅞	67½	67⅝
July	68½	68½	68⅛	68⅛
CORN.				
January	30⅞	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞
May	33¼	33½	33¼	33⅜
July	34	34¼	33¾	34⅛
OATS.				
January	.....	.....	.....	22½
May	24	24½	24	24
MESS PORK.				
January	.....	.....	.....	10.72½
May	11 00	11 12½	11 00	11 02½
LARD.				
January	5 95	5 95	5 92½	5 92½
May	.....	.....	.....	6 07½
SHORT RIBS.				
January	.....	.....	.....	5 75
May	5 85	5 90	5 82½	5 85

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 62⅝@64½c; No. 2 red, 67@67½c.

Corn—No. 2, 31½c.

Oats—No. 2, 23c; No. 2 white, 25½@26⅞c; No. 3 white, 24⅝@25½c.

Rye—No. 2, 53c.

Barley—No. 2, 38@45c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 50.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 55.

Mess pork—$9 40@10 75 per bbl.

Lard—$5 80@5 97½ per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $5 65@5 90.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, $5 50@5 75.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $5 65@5 90.

Butter—Easy; creamery, 22@28c; dairy, 17@25c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@12¾c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 17c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	34,000	31,000
Wheat, bushels	58,000	58,000
Corn, bushels	394,000	185,000
Oats, bushels	319,000	199,000
Rye, bushels	9,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	78,000	4,000

New York Grain, Produce, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Flour—Receipts, 11,642 barrels; exports, 4584. Market slow of sale but steady at old prices.

Wheat—Receipts, 18,000 bushels; exports, 161,162. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 75¼c f. o. b. afloat prompt. Options opened weak at ⅛c decline owing to heavy Argentine shipments and disappointing Liverpool cables; later rallied on improved cash demand and sympathy with corn and provisions; closed about steady at ⅛c net decline; March closed at 75⅛c; May closed at 73⅝c; July closed at 73¼c.

Wool—Dull.

Hops—Quiet.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Wheat—Cargoes off coast, quiet and steady; cargoes on passage, nominal, unchanged; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 12.—Wheat in Paris, quiet; flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, quiet and easy; weather in England, cloudy. Spot wheat, No. 1 Northern spring, dull at 6s. Futures closed quiet; March and May, 5s 9d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady at 3s 5¾d; old, steady at 3s 6d. Futures—January, quiet, 3s 5¾d; February, steady, 3s 5¾d; March, steady, 3s 5¾d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Oregon, valley, 20@22c. Fall—Northern mountain, 10@12c; mountain, 8@10c; plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@16c.

Hops—1899 crop, 11@12c per pound.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $16@19; bran, $13@14 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $6 50@9 50 per ton; wheat and oat, $6 50@9; barley, $5@7; alfalfa, $6@7 50; clover, $7@8 per ton; straw, 30@45c per bale.

Potatoes—Early Rose, 85@90c; river Burbanks, 60@90c; Salinas Burbanks, $1@1 25; Oregon Burbanks, 90c@$1 30 per sack; sweets, $1 50@1 60 per central.

Onions—Yellow, 75@85c per sack.

Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, $4@5; common California lemons, 75c@$1 50; choice, $1 75@2. Tropical fruit—Bananas, $1 50@2 50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal.

Apples—$1@1 25.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25@26c; do seconds, 22@24c; fancy dairy, 21@22c; do seconds, 18@20c; pickled, 22@24c; firkin, 21@22c per pound.

Cheese—New, 11@12c; Eastern, 16½@17c per pound; Young America, 12@13c; Western, 13@14c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 20@24c; Eastern, cold storage, 16@20c; ranch, 28@29c per dozen.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 1828; do Washington, 4048; wheat, centals, 53,340; do Washington, 2520; barley, centals, 1040; oats, centals, 950; beans, sacks, 432; potatoes, sacks, 5370; hay, tons, 512; wool, bales, 143; hides, 629.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Good to choice native steers strong to higher, inferior to medium dull. Texans active and steady, butchers' stock and canners steady, feeders firm; good to choice, $5 40@6 40; poor to medium, $4@5; mixed stockers, $3 25@3 85; selected feeders, $4 25@5; good to choice cows, $3 60@4 95; heifers, $3 50@4; canners, $2 25@3; bulls, $2 60@4 50; calves, $4 50@7 50; fed Texas beeves, $4 25@5 25.

Hogs—Market active and stronger, mostly 10c higher; good clearance; mixed and butchers', $4 45@5 75; good to choice heavy, $4 60@4 75; rough heavy, $4 45@4 55; light, $4 40@4 60; bulk of sales, $4 40@4 67½.

Sheep—Good sheep steady, others slow, lambs weak to 10c lower; native wethers, $4 40@4 90; lambs, $4 50@6 25; Western wethers, $4 30@4 75; Western lambs, $5 40@6 05.

Receipts—Cattle, 3000; hogs, 25,000; sheep, 9000.

OMAHA, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 800. Market 5@10c higher; native beef steers, $4 25@6 25; Western steers, $4@4 90; Texas steers, $3 80@4 40; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 35; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $3 60@4 90; calves, $3 50@7; bulls and stags, $2 75@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 7800. Market 5@10c higher; heavy, $4 47½@4 57½; mixed, $4 47½@4 50; light, $4 45@4 52½; bulk of sales, $4 47½@4 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 1300. Market strong; fair to choice natives, $4 40@4 90; fair to choice Westerns, $4 25@4 60; common and choice sheep, $3 80@4 30; lambs, $4 50@6.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market strong; Texas steers, $3 85@4 85; Texas cows, $3@3 50; native steers, $4@6 10; native cows and heifers, $2 25@4 75; stockers and feeders, $3@5; bulls, $2 50@4 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market active, excited, 5@10c higher; bulk of sales, $4 55@4 62½; heavy, $4 50@4 67½; packers, $4 50@4 65; mixed, $4 45@4 60; light, $4 35@4 60; Yorkers, $4 55@4 60; pigs, $4 20@4 57½.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market strong; lambs, $4 65@6; muttons, $3 65@5.

Advance in Coffee.

Owing to the tremendous consumption of coffee occasioned by the very low prices at which this staple has been selling, it was predicted by a number of the largest importers and dealers that the market would shortly show a strong advance. Since that time the bubonic plague broke out in Santos and delayed the shipment of a great deal of coffee, and there have been very unfavorable reports concrning the flowering of the present crop, and this has been taken advantage of by the bulls, and an advance of over 2c per pound all along the line has been brought about in the last six weeks. Today's telegraphic reports from New York state that the latest news from Rio de Janeiro is that the plague has also broken out there, and this has given the market another strong upward move. It is hard to predict what the result will be, but it seems almost certain that there are likely to be further advances in all grades of coffee, as the Brazilian crop will not be harvested for two or three months, and it will be July or August before definite knowledge of the situation of the crop will be known. Notwithstanding that fact that there has been a big coffee war between the largest coffee and sugar men, they have all advanced their prices 2c per pound, and, with the present news, further advances are liable to occur. Whether or not the advance in prices will hold good for any length of time it would be difficult to say until definite news concerning the present crop comes from Brazil. One thing is certain, and that is that coffee has been extremely low, and even at today's prices a great many outsiders have bought up large stocks of coffee, and it would seem that it will prove a very good speculation.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—The Commercial Bulletin tomorrow will say of the wool market:

The market is flat and uninteresting. Not a sale of washed Ohio wool or Australian wool has been made this week. Cablegrams from Melbourne note a slight decline in cross-bred wools there. The goods trade is booming. Some overcoating mills are sold to September. Utah cor-

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The sales for the week were 2,117,000 pounds domestic and 130,000 foreign, a total of 2,247,000 for this week, against a total of 2,473,000 last week and a total of 3,110,000 for the corresponding week last year. The receipts to date show an increase of 6898 pounds domestic and a decrease of 2417 pounds foreign, against last year.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Again today exhibited in the metal market was pronounced strength in tin. Buyers were prompted to purchase freely by strong London cables and firm news from primary points here. Sellers were extremely arbitrary, and held supplies considerably above the views of most buyers. The other departments were relatively featureless. Pig-iron warrants quiet at $17, nominal; lake copper, unchanged, at $16 50; tin, firm, $27 25@28; spelter, quiet, $4 45@4 55; lead, steady, $4 70@4 75. The firm that fixes the selling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $4 45 at the close. Bar silver, 58⅝c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Bar silver, 58⅝c.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Bar silver, 27d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Coffee—Options fell at the close under heavy realizing, and finally closed barely steady and 5@15 points net lower; sales, 70,500 bags, including March at $6 85@7; May, $7@7 20; June, $7 05@7 30. Spot, Rio, irregular.

Sugar—Raw and refined, firm.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT DELAY

Not Even Preliminary Circular for New Battle-ships Yet Ready.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The delay of the navy department in preparing the plans for the three battle-ships which were authorized by the last congress has caused a great deal of widespread complaint, and much unfavorable comment has been passed upon the lax methods of the department which permit of such a delay. Within a few days after the adjournment of congress Secretary Long instructed the board of construction to prepare a circular, which was intended to inform intending bidders of the general characteristics of the battle-ships, giving the length, draft, displacement, number of guns in the battery, and other facts which, while not very definite, would give a general idea