COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Fine weather yesterday, bearing a touch of winter with it, brought plenty of traders to the city, and there were also enough orders from the country to keep most of the wholesalers busy. In produce receipts, potatoes, as usual, took the lead, and they are coming in rapidly enough to give the next steamer sailing a cargo fully equal to that taken away by the last steamer. Veal and pork are scarce, and as high as 9½c was paid for the former yesterday. Ordinary stock, however, will not bring such good prices. Chickens are bringing good prices, but the demand for ducks and geese is easier. Eggs are weak, and Eastern are offering as low as 14c, with Oregon plentiful at 16½c in round lots, and 17c in single cases.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$261,063	$73,969
Seattle	290,798	76,342
Spokane	107,408	32,448
Tacoma	129,560	16,457

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The local wheat market is practically unchanged. Buyers and sellers alike are not very plentiful, and the only transactions are for occasional lots of heavy wheat, which will command a premium over the ordinary run of offerings. Walla Walla is quoted at 51@52c, Valley at 50c and bluestem at 52@53c. The freight situation remains practically unchanged. A 2000-ton vessel for March loading is reported taken at 37s 6d.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 51 @ 52c; Valley, 50c; bluestem, 52@53c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 50@2 90 per barrel; graham, $2 25; superfine, $2 15.

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

Barley—Feed, $15@16; brewing, $17 50@18 50 per ton.

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

Hay—Steady; timothy, $10@12; clover, $7@7 50; 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—16½@17½c per dozen for Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2 50@4; hens, $4@5; ducks, $6@8; geese, $7@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12½c; dressed, 15@18c 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 15@1 50 per central; cabbage, 1½c per pound; potatoes, 55@55c 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, 85c@$1 25 per box; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50 @3 per bunch; cPrsian dates, 7½@8c per pound; apples, $1 @ 1 50; pears, 75c@$1 25 per box; cranberries, $6 50@7 per barrel for Howard, $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, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; do good, 16@18c; do ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, $12 25 per case; Arbuckle's, $13 25; Lion, $12 25.

Sugar—Cube, $5 72½; crushed, $5 72½; powdered, $5 72½; dry granulated, cant $5 22½, beet $5 12½; extra C, $4 72½; golden C, $4 60 net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Salmon — Columbia river, 1-pound tails, $1@1 50; 2-pound talls, $2@2 50; fancy, 1-pound flats, $1 60@1 75; ½-pound fancy flats, 85@95c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@130; 1-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $7@7 10 per 100.

Beans—Small white, 3¾c; 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, 3½c; 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 per pound; small, 6@8c.

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, 7¾c; dried beef, 20c; smoked sides, 8½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 8½c; 10s, 8⅜c; 50s, 7¾c; tierces, 7¾c per pound. Eastern pack—(Hammond's): Hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic hams, 9¼c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 12¾c; dry salt sides, 8¼@9¼c, bacon sides, 9@10c; backs, 9¾c; 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@16c 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@5; badger, each, 10@14c; 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, 8 @ 12c; skunk, 25@40c; otter (land), $4@6; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@50c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; wolverine, $2 50@5; 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—5@5½c; 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), 1c per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather-beaten or grubby), one-third less.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Show of Strength at the Opening Was Soon Dissipated.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Prices on the stock exchange at the opening today reflected in a degree an improvement in London on the news that General Warren had captured the Boer position at Spionkop. There was a brief period of active buying by professionals in expectation that the spell on the market would be broken and an outside demand for stocks attracted, but the traders quickly detected that there was no competition outside their own ranks in the demand for stocks, and they turned to the short side almost immediately. The sagging of prices below the London parity made operations profitable for the foreign arbitrage houses, since prices in London were well sustained at the higher level. Buying for foreign account in the international stocks was estimated at from 25,000 to 40,000 shares, and even this demand was largely met by sales for short accounts.

The industrial specialties showed gains, in sympathy with the internationals, but they were not well sustained in the absence of a foreign demand. The absolute inertness of the buying demand prompted more selling pressure by the bears against the industrials in the last hour, but prices seemed as unwilling to move downwards as upwards, and the shorts covered before the close, which was firm at slightly below the opening level in most cases.

The weekly returns of the Bank of England and the Bank of France disclosed a continuance of the notable reflux into the cash reserves of these institutions, accompanied by continued liquidation of loan obligations to them. Open market discount rates abroad continue soft, in spite of the continued increase of reserves of the government institutions, and in London are still nearly 1 per cent below the bank rate, even after today's reduction to 4 per cent.

The demand for money in New York also continues very sluggish, although the rate of interest to the banks of cash continues to decrease, owing to the large revenue receipts by the government. Mercantile paper is coming into increased demand, and tenders of money make additional concessions in the placing of time loans. All this had not the slightest apparent effect in attracting any operations in the stock market, which went through the whole day after the opening spurt very near the level of stagnation.

A feature in the outside market was a demand for Standard Oil, which sold at 512, a record price.

The bond market was rather broader than that for stocks, but showed a falling off from the recent active business. Prices were well sustained throughout. Total sales, $2,545,000. United States new 4s, coupon, and 5s, registered, advanced ¼ per cent.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg	102½	Gen. Electric 5s	119
do 3s, reg	109¼	N. Y. Central 1sts	109
do 3s, coupon	110	North. Pacific 1sts	110
do new 4s, reg	132⅝	do 3s	66¾
do new 4s, coup	133⅝	do 4s	103⅝
do old 4s, reg	114	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do old 4s, coup	114	do 4s	101¾
do 5s, reg	112	Oregon S. L. 6s	129⅝
do 5s, coupon	113	do con. 5s	112¼
Dist. of Col. 3-65s	119	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	96
Atchison adj. 4s	81½	St. Paul consols	167½
C. & N. W. con. 7s	142½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118½
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	do 5s	119
D. & R. G. 1sts	102⅝	Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
do 4s	98⅝	Wis. Central 1sts	80½

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 229,300 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	19⅝	Union Pacific	47½
do pref	61	do pref	75½
Balt. & Ohio	67½	Wabash	7¼
Can. Pacific	94¾	do pref	20⅝
Can. Southern	48	Wheeling & L. E.	9½
Ches. & Ohio	19⅞	do 2d pref	20⅝
Chi. Great West	13½	Wisconsin Central	18½
C., B. & Q.	122½	P. C., C. & St. L.	76¼
Chi., Ind. & L.	15¼	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	45	Adams	113
Chi. & East. Ill.	87½	American	145
Chicago & N. W.	161	United States	47
C., R. I. & Pac.	106⅝	Wells-Fargo	123
C., C., C. & St. L.	61	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	5¼	Amer. Cotton Oil	13½
do 1st pref	43¾	do pref	93
do 2d pref	15	Amer. Malting	5¾
Del. & Hudson	115¼	do pref	27
Del., Lack. & W.	175½	Amer. Smelt. & R.	28⅝
Denver & Rio Gr.	18⅝	do pref	88
do pref	45¾	Amer. Spirits	2⅛
Erie	11⅞	do pref	17
do 1st pref	38⅝	Amer. Steel Hoop	42¼
Great North. pref	166½	do pref	80
Hocking Coal	16¼	Amer. Steel & W.	19
Hocking Valley	22¼	do pref	104¼
Illinois Central	114¼	Amer. Tin Plate	18
Iowa Central	12⅝	do pref	80
do pref	32½	Amer. Tobacco	136½
Kan. C., P. & G.	6¼	do pref	135
Lake Erie & West.	22½	Anaconda Min. Co.	40¼
do pref	84	Brooklyn R. T.	71⅝
Lake Shore	194	Colo. Fuel & Iron	42⅛
Louis. & Nash.	81¼	Cont. Tobacco	82
Manhattan El	93⅝	do pref	84
Met. St. Ry.	168⅝	Federal Steel	41½
Mexican Central	12	do pref	73½
Minn. & St. Louis	19	General Electric	123
do pref	90½	Glucose Sugar	53⅝
Missouri Pacific	43¼	do pref	99
Mobile & Ohio	40	Int. Paper	26
M., K. & T.	10	do pref	67⅝
do pref	32	La Clede Gas	79
New Jersey Cent.	116⅝	National Biscuit	36⅝
New York Cent.	133⅝	do pref	129½
Norfolk & West.	25⅝	National Lead	28
do pref	70¼	do pref	104½
Northern Pacific	51⅝	National Steel	40¼
do pref	74⅝	do pref	92½
Ontario & West.	21⅝	N. Y. Air Brake	130
O. R. & N.	42	North American	14⅝
do pref	75	Pacific Coast	51⅝
Pennsylvania	129⅝	do 1st pref	83
Reading	17½	do 2d pref	64
do 1st pref	36⅝	Pacific Mail	43¼
do 2d pref	27⅝	People's Gas	104¼
Rio Gr. Western	19	Pressed Steel Car	35½
do pref	42	do pref	77⅝
St. Louis & S. Fr.	9½	Pullman Pal. Car	188
do 1st pref	69	Stand. R. & Tw.	8¼
do 2d pref	33½	Sugar	116⅝
St. Louis & S. W.	12	do pref	112½
do pref	27½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	75⅝
St. Paul	118⅝	U. S. Leather	16¼
do pref	170	do pref	76
St. Paul & O.	120	U. S. Rubber	39½
Southern Pacific	26¼	do pref	101¼
Southern Ry	14⅝	Western Union	86¼
do pref	94⅝	Republic Iron & S.	27
Texas & Pacific	15⅝	do pref	63

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets opened flying today on the news of the capture of Spionkop by General Warren, and remained buoyant for nearly an hour. The public, however, failed to come in, and the highest prices were recorded at 11 o'clock. After that hour dealings slackened, the second thought being that the victory was inconclusive. The reduction of the English bank rate to 4 per cent and of the German bank rate to 3½ helped the early enthusiasm, although the action in both cases was a foregone conclusion. Consols sprinted to 102, but closed unchanged, at 101⅝. Americans opened buoyant, and rose on a misinterpreted Reuter dispatch regarding the extent of the British losses at Spionkop, but the interest in the market was small, and dwindled to the close, which was dull on profit-taking sales for New York. The bank received £60,000 gold from Portugal. It came out only today that the governors had reduced the buying price of eagles by 1d last Tuesday.

Kaffirs were buoyant on the stock exchange today, notably in the case of Rands and De Beers.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Sterling en London—60 days, $4 85; do sight, $4 88.

Mexican dollars—48@48½c.

Drafts—Sight, 15c; do telegraphic, 17½c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. — Money — On call: Steady at 2½@3 per cent; last loans, 3.

Prime mercantile paper—4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87 for demand and at $4 84½ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85 and $4 88; commercial bills, $4 83@4 83½.

Silver certificates—59½@60½c.

Mexican dollars—47½c.

Bonds—Government, firm; state, weak; railroad, firm.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Consols—101 13-16.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Jan. 25. — Canadian Pacific, 97; Union Pacific preferred, 77¾; Northern Pacific preferred, 76½; Atchison, 20½; Grand Trunk, 7½; Anaconda, 8⅝.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in American and European Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Wheat, inactive. Barley, dull. Oats, fairly steady.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, 96½c; choice, 97½c; milling, $1@1 02½.

Barley—Feed, 70@77½c; brewing, 82½@87½c.

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

Call board sales:

Wheat—Inactive; May, $1 00⅝; December, $1 04½; cash, 97½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1@1 10.

Chicago Grain, Produce, Etc.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Quiet prevailed in the wheat pit during today's session. The rumored presence of the plague in Rosario was the chief support, giving the market a tone of firmness. The cold weather West and the steadiness of cables were contributory influences. The Liverpool advance early was largely a factor in the initial gain here. May opened ¼c over yesterday. The entire range was narrow, May selling between 67¼c and 67⅝c, closing a shade up, at 67c.

The corn market was dull, and save for a momentary dip, firm. May closed a shade up, at 33⅛c.

Oats were dull and firm, without much feature. May closed a shade improved at 23⅝c.

The provision market, after a considerable period of dullness and depression, turned fairly active, and firmed up. May pork closed 12½c up, May lard 5@7½c better, and May ribs, 7½c over yesterday.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
January	$0 64⅝	$0 64⅝	$0 61¼	$0 64⅝
May	67⅛	67¼	66⅝	67
July	68⅛	68¼	67⅛	68
CORN.				
January	30⅝	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛
May	33⅛	33¼	33	33⅛
July	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝
OATS.				
January	22½	....	....	22½
May	23⅝	23⅝	23⅛	23⅝
MESS PORK.				
January	.....	.....	.....	10 07½
May	10 67½	10 77½	10 60	10 75
July	10 75	10 82½	10 75	10 82½
LARD.				
January	.....	.....	.....	5 85
May	5 92½	6 00	5 90	6 00
July	6 00	6 05	5 97½	6 05
SHORT RIBS.				
January	.....	.....	.....	5 70
May	5 70	5 77½	5 67½	5 77½
July	.....	.....	.....	5 85

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 62¼@62½c; No. 2 red, 67¼@68c.

Corn—No. 2, 31½c.

Oats—No. 2, 22½@23c; No. 3 white, 24¾@25½c.

Rye—No. 2, 52@54c.

Barley—No. 2, 38@40c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 10.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 50@2 60.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $9 20@10 60.

Lard—Per cwt., $5 75@5 87½.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $5 50@5 90.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 5½@5¾c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $5 10@6.

Butter—Steady; creamery, 19@24c; dairy 18@22c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Steady; fresh, 15c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	48,000	41,000
Wheat, bushels	86,000	52,000
Corn, bushels	223,000	91,000
Oats, bushels	344,000	239,000
Rye, bushels	11,000	5,000
Barley, bushels	73,000	16,000

New York Grain, Flour, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Flour—Receipts, 18,892 barrels; exports, 2016 barrels. Market quiet.

Wheat—Receipts, 28,000 bushels; exports, 24,084 bushels. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 75⅝c f. o. b. afloat. Options opened and closed firm, ⅛@½c net advance. March closed at 74⅝c; May closed at 73⅝c; July closed at 73⅝c.

Wool—Steady.

Hops—Quiet.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Wheat—Cargoes off coast, nothing; cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; No. 1 California, 29s; English country markets, steady.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 25.—Wheat—Firm; wheat and flour in Paris, steady; French country markets firm. Futures closed quiet; March, 5s 9½d; May, 5s 8½d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, firm, 3s 5⅝d; old, firm, 3s 5¼d. Futures steady; January, 3s 5⅝d; February, 3s 5¼d; March, 3s 6d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—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@17c.

Hops—1899 crop, 11@12c per pound.

Millstuffs — Middlings, $18@21; bran, $14@15 per ton.

Hay—Wheat, $7 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@85c; Salinas Burbanks, $1 @ 1 25; Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1 15 per sack; sweets, $1 50@ 1 60 per cental.

Onions—$1 25@1 70 per cental.

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, 25c; do seconds, 22@ 24c; fancy dairy, 21@22c; do seconds, 18@20c; pickled, 22@24c; firkin, 21@22c per pound.

Cheese—New, 10@11c; Eastern, 16½@17c per pound; Young America, 16½@11½c; Western, 13@14c per pound.

Eggs—Store, 18 @ 19c; Eastern, cold storage, 15@18c; ranch, 22½c per dozen.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 16,043; do Oregon, 12,586; wheat, centals, 51,656; barley, centals, 2259; oats, centals, 550; do Oregon, 450; potatoes, sacks, 15,606; bran, sacks, 10,175; middlings, sacks, 110; hay, tons, 569; wool, bales, 30; hides, 179.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Cattle—Good to choice native steers, strong, active; medium and inferior kinds, about steady; Texans, strong, active; butchers' stock and canners, firm; feeders, about steady. Good to choice, $5 25@6 60; poor to medium, $4@4 90; mixed stockers, $3 25 @3 95; selected feeders, $4 20@4 90; good to choice cows, $3 45@4 60; heifers, $3 25@4 75; canners, $2 10@2 80; bulls, $2 50@4 45; calves, $4 50@7 75; fed Texan beeves, $4@5.

Hogs—Averaged about 5c lower; mixed and butchers', $4 40@4 70; good to choice heavy, $4 60@4 72½; rough heavy, $4 50@4 55; light, $4 35@4 57½; bulk of sales, $4 50@4 65.

Receipts—Cattle, 10,000; hogs, 32,000; sheep, 15,000.

OMAHA, Jan. 25. — Cattle — Receipts, 3000. Market steady; native beef steers, $4 20@5; Western steers, $4@4 90; Texas steers, $3 10@ 4 50; cows and heifers, $3 20@4 25; canners, $2 @3; stockers and feeders, $3 60@4 90; calves, $3 50@7; bulls and stags, $2 75@4 15.

Hogs—Receipts, 6500. Market 5@10c lower; heavy, $4 47½@4 55; mixed, $4 45@4 47½; light, $4 40@4 47½; bulk of sales, $4 45@4 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 2500. Market 10c higher; fair to choice Westerns, $4 20@4 70; common and stock sheep, $3 80@4 30; lambs, $4 75@5 10.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 25.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000. Market steady; Texas steers, $3@4 15; Texas cows, $2 85@3 50; native steers, $4@5 75; native cows and heifers, $2@4 50; stockers and feeders, $3 30@5 25; bulls, $3@3 85.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000. Market about steady; bulk of sales, $4 50@4 97½; heavy, $4 50@ 4 62½; packers, $4 50@4 60; mixed, $4 47½@ 4 57½; lights, $4 15@4 52½; Yorkers, $4 40@ 4 52½; pigs, $3 60@4 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market firm; lambs, $5@6; muttons, $3 25@5.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Buyers and sellers did not come together in a large-lot way in the metal market today, and the situation in its entirety was not changed. The Western market news about harmonized with local ideas. Pig-iron warrants, dull; lake copper, unchanged, $16 50; tin, quiet, $27 50; spelter, firm, $4 70@ 4 80; 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, 59½c per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Bar silver, 59⅝c.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Bar silver, 26⅝d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Coffee—Options closed 5 points higher to 5 points lower; sales, 22,000 bags, including January at $6 95; March, $6 95; May, $7 05. Spot, Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, 8¼c; No. 7, jobbing, 8⅝c; mild, steady; Cordova, 8¾@12¾c.

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M'BRIDE'S PENSION BILLS.

Three Have Been Favorably Reported—What They Are.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Three of Senator McBride's pension bills have already been favorably reported to the senate by Senator Turner, of Washington. They are the bills pensioning Vincent de Frietas, of Portland, at $12 a month; James H. Coventon, of The Dalles, at $30 a month, and Mary J. Freeman, of Portland, at $30 a month.

De Frietas enlisted on the Pennsylvania in 1853 and served four months. The following year he was assigned to the Savannah, and served over two years, later serving on the North Carolina and Vincennes. During his second period of service he was sick with the yellow fever, and had a second attack of the disease before his last term expired. When he appeared before an examining board, his disabilities were attributed to the effect of yellow fever. The claim was rejected on the ground of no record evidence that claimant's disabilities originated in the service, and the claimant's declaration of his inability to furnish such evidence as would establish their service origin. A letter from the surgeon-general of the United States navy quotes the journal of the Savannah, showing that claimant was admitted to the hospital April 13, 1856, with dengue fever, origin in line of duty incident to climatic influences, and was discharged April 19, 1856, to duty. C. A. Fuhr, of Portland, Or., testified that he has been acquainted with claimant since 1871; that from that time until the date of affidavit he has known that claimant has suffered from asthma, neuralgia and rheumatism, and from general debility; that he is totally incapacited from earning subsistence by manual labor. George E. Underwood, W. T. Newbury, Isaac Thompson, J. Senofsky, and S. H. Rogers, all of Portland, Or., testify substantially to the claimant's physical condition and inability to perform manuaf labor or any labor.

The bill with regard to Coventon, of The Dalles, provides for an increase of pension from $12 to $30 a month. He served in the Twelfth infantry, in 1847 and 1848, and saw 60 days' service in Mexico during the war with that country. He is now 81 years old, and unable to support himself, being dependent upon his pension almost entirely. His case is especially meritorious, and has a show of passing both houses at this congress.

Mary J. Freeman, widow of David Freeman, is now drawing a pension of $8 a month; but Senator McBride's bill aims to increase that to $30. Freeman served in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio infantry. During the war he was injured in building a fort, and as a result of that injury later contracted a disease of the lungs; that resulted in his death. This claim has several times been rejected by the pension office, on the ground that the evidence failed to show that the disease was contracted while in the service. The senator hopes, with these early reports, to push all of these measures through at an early date.

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New York Press.

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This is the drain into British pockets only. That of Continental Europe, whence come most of the "servant and laboring class," is probably thrice as much—including the exodus of the Italians, who carry their American