COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Heavy receipts of produce were again in evidence yesterday, and there was a weakness apparent in certain directions. At the same time prices are pretty well maintained. The local wheat market remains firm, in spite of a weaker tendency in the East. Oats are steady, but hay is quite weak. The egg market is still holding steady around 14½@15c for strictly first-class stock. Poultry is weaker, under heavy receipts, turkeys moving very slow, and good dressed stock selling as low as 13c. The California steamer arrived last evening, and there will be considerable fruit and garden truck on the street this morning.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$293,885	$ 94,289
Seattle	324,975	100,981
Tacoma	122,171	8,475

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

European and Eastern markets were lower yesterday, but there seems to be enough of a demand in the Portland market to keep the price steady at figures which do not exactly dovetail into 40s ships, these being the only kind of carriers offering yesterday, Walla Walla is 59@54c, and Valley, 52@55c, and No. 1 bluestem is nominally 55c. Freights are very firm, with high prices asked.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59@54c; Valley, 52@53c; bluestem, 55@56c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, $2 70@3; graham, $2 30; superfine, $2 10 per barrel.

Oats—White, 35@36c; gray, 33@34c; stained, 29@30c per bushel.

Barley—Feed, $14@15; brewing, $17@18 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19@18 per ton; middlings, $19@18; shorts, $16@18; chop, $14.

Hay—Steady; timothy, $10@11; 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, 25@27½c per roll.

Eggs—14½@15c per dozen for Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3@4; hens, $4@4 50; ducks, $5@6; geese, $7@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12½@14c 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, 80c; onions, $1 50@2 per central; cabbage, 1½c per pound; potatoes, 55@60c per central; sweet potatoes, 2@2½c per pound.

Fruit—Lemons, $3 50@6; oranges, $2 75@3 per box for navels, $2 for seedlings; tangerines, $1 75; Japanese oranges, 65c@$1 25 per box; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7½@8c per pound; apples, $1 @ 1 50; pears, 75c@$1 25 per box; cranberries, $8 50@7 per barrel for Howes, $1 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, 20@22c; 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, $12 75.

Sugar—Cube, $5 85; crushed, $5 85; powdered, $5 85; dry granulated, cane, $5 85; beet, $5 25; extra C, $4 85; golden C, $4 75½ net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple sugar, 15@16c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 3½c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c 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@90c; Alaska, 1-pound talls, $1 20@1 30; 2-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $7@7 10 per 100.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 10c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 10c; 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@6½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, $4@4 25; dressed mutton, 7@7½c per pound.

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

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

Veal—Large, 7@8c per pound; small, 8½@9½c.

Provisions—Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13½c per pound; picnic hams, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½c; bacon, 9½c; backs, 9½c; dry salt sides, 8½c; dried beef, 17½c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10-pound pails, 9½c; 50s, 9½c; tierces, 9½c 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; 1899 crop, 5@6c per pound.

Wool—Valley, 12@15c for coarse, 15@20c for best; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@30c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; short-wool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 50@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@60c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; wolverine, $2 50@6; 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, 8 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 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.

Complete Withdrawal of General Interest and Very Light Business.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—There seemed to be a complete withdrawal today of the general interest in the stock market, which was so conspicuous a factor in the active trading of the early days of the week. Two days' reaction in prices served to discourage the outside demand, and orders to commission houses fell to practically nothing. There was a continual dribbling of realizing sales all day, and the bears industriously pecked at the market here and there, wherever they detected evidences of realizing or long stock offered for sale. The most notable price movements were the speculative industrials and specialties. Late in the day, on the report of a new British reverse at Ladysmith, the bears made a determined raid on Sugar and Third Avenue, forcing them off an extreme 3¾ and 6¼ respectively.

The general list failed to respond in any marked degree, and support was accorded to the stocks attacked, forcing the bears to cover. They made a final attempt against St. Paul, but the market closed generally firm and at rallies in the stocks which had been attacked of from 2 to 3¾. The tone in the general list was listless and heavy for the greater part of the day, and it was not greatly affected either by the attack of the bears or the final rally.

Lessee reached a point in only a few stocks. American Tobacco was a conspicuous exception to the general weakness during the day, and after an early decline rallied strongly 3¾, closing at about the best. There was good demand for Erie first preferred, which carried it up at one time 1¾, most of the gain being lost. Much doubt exists as to the probable effect on this market of further British reverses in the South African war, and the confusion of the morning was clearly reflected in the movements.

The forthcoming bank statement had too much to do with the distribution to extend speculative commitments. The recent movement of funds from the subtreasury to the banks has been reversed, and the latter institutions have lost on that account $685,000. The shipments of money to the interior have increased over last week, and the receipts have diminished, so that the net gain on that account has been cut down to a little over $1,000,000. Allowing for the subtreasury absorptions, the week's gain in cash will therefore be insignificant. The liquidation of speculative profits in the stock exchange during the week may have relieved somewhat the pressure on the banks for credits. The call money market has not shown any increased pressure for funds, but the rates for time money were distinctly firmer in tone.

Loans on exceptional collateral were made early in the week at 3½ per cent for short periods, but the minimum rate today was advanced to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange also hardened in sympathy with the discount rates in London.

The rather violent break in the prices of cotton on speculative liquidation probably had some sympathetic effect in the stock market.

Business in the bond market fell off considerably, and price changes were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,805,000. United States bonds were unchanged in bid quotations.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg	102½	Gen. Electric 5s*	117
do 2s, reg	102½	N. Y. Central 1sts	110
do 2s, coupon	102½	North. Pacific 3s	65¾
do new 4s, reg	134	do 4s	104¾
do new 4s, coup	134	Oregon Nav. 1sts	110
do old 4s, reg	114½	do 4s	102½
do old 4s, coup	114½	Oregon S. L. 6s	127½
do 5s, reg	112½	do con. 5s	114
do 5s, coupon	112½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	95
Dist. of Col. 3-65s	117	St. Paul consols	167¾
Atchison adj. 4s	83½	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119½
C. & N. W. con. 7s	140½	do 5s	126½
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	Union Pacific 4s	104¾
D. & R. G. 1sts	02¾	Wis. Central 1sts	91¾
do 4s*	90½		

*Offered.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 402,100 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	20¾	Union Pacific	49¾
do pref	62½	do pref	76½
Balt. & Ohio	61¾	Wabash	7¼
Can. Pacific	96½	do pref	20¾
Can. Southern	49	Wheeling & L. E.	10¾
Ches. & Ohio	29¾	do 2d pref	27¾
Chi. Gr. Western	14	Wisconsin Central	19
C., B. & Q.	124¾	P. C. C. & St. L.	66
Chi., Ind. & L.	16	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
do pref	47	Adams	116
Chi. & East. Ill.	92	American	147
Chicago & N. W.	161	United States	47
C., R. I. & Pac.	106¾	Wells-Fargo	123
C., C., C. & St. L.	60¾	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	5½	Amer. Cotton Oil	34½
do 1st pref	45	do pref	93
do 2d pref	15	Amer. Malting	6
Del. & Hudson	114	do pref	27
Del., Lack. & W.	177	Amer. Smelt. & R.	41¾
Denver & Rio Gr.	16¾	do pref	90¾
do pref	71	Amer. Spirits	2
Erie	12¾	do pref	17
do 1st pref	36¾	Amer. Steel Hoop	47¼
Great North. pref.	156½	do pref	84¼
Hocking Coal	15	Amer. Steel & W.	57¾
Hocking Valley	34	do pref	98¾
Illinois Central	112½	Amer. Tin Plate	34
Iowa Central	12	do pref	93½
do pref	54½	Amer. Tobacco	108¾
Kan. C., P. & G.	8½	do pref	135
Lake Erie & W.	20¾	Anaconda Min. Co.	44¾
do pref	81	Brooklyn R. T.	73½
Lake Shore	194	Colo. Fuel & Iron	45¾
Louis. & Nash.	80¾	Cont. Tobacco	54¾
Manhattan El	97½	do pref	85¾
Met. St. Ry.	117¾	Federal Steel	65¾
Mexican Central	12	do pref	75
Minn. & St. Louis	68½	General Electric	129
do pref	93	Glucose Sugar	55¾
Missouri Pacific	46½	do pref	98¾
Mobile & Ohio	44½	Int. Paper	24
M., K. & T.	19¾	do pref	96
do pref	53½	La Clede Gas	76
New Jersey Cent.	117	National Biscuit	38
New York Cent.	134¾	do pref	94½
Norfolk & West.	28¾	National Lead	26¾
do pref	72	do pref	105½
Northern Pacific	53¾	National Steel	40¾
do pref	74½	do pref	94
Ontario & West.	23¾	N. Y. Air Brake	150
O. R. & N.	42	North American	14¾
do pref	76	Pacific Coast	51
Pennsylvania	132½	do 1st pref	83
Reading	24¾	do 2d pref	63½
do 1st pref	56	Pacific Mail	41
do 2d pref	28½	People's Gas	107½
Rio Gr. Western	42	Pressed Steel Car	55½
do pref	84	do pref	87½
St. Louis & S. Fr.	10½	Pullman Pal. Car	198
do 1st pref	68½	Stand. Rope & Tw.	8¾
do 2d pref	30½	Sugar	110½
St. Louis & S. W.	11	do pref	111
do pref	27	Tenn. Coal & Iron	96
St. Paul	122¾	U. S. Leather	16¾
do pref	172	do pref	76
St. Paul & O.	118	U. S. Rubber	27½
Southern Pacific	38¾	do pref	101½
Southern Ry	12¾	Western Union	89¾
do pref	66½	Republic Iron & S.	24¾
Texas & Pacific	16¾	do pref	68½

FOREIGN FINANCIAL NEWS.

Day of Adverse War Rumors Restricted Business.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

This was a day of adverse war rumors in the market here, and falling prince restricted business. Console were 101⅝, but closed at 101⅜ on the news of General MacDonald's retirement, it being apprehended that his reinforcements had been intercepted. Paris was disturbed by the report, from Boer sources, that General Buller had again been driven across the Tugela. The continued talk of mutiny of the Egyptian forces also caused an uneasy feeling, and wild hints were current today that the Eighth army division had been sent to Egypt instead of Africa. Not one of these rumors was confirmed.

Americans were steady until afternoon, when London sold freely in the midst of the general unrest. New York took Erie first preferred, leaving the rest of the list lower. Grand Trunks were the exception, being boomed on the surprising dividend. The bank bought £31,000 gold, in bars. Money was scarcer than it has been, but for bills there was only small application. Silver closed at 27⅛d, on Eastern buying.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Sterling on London—60 days, $4 85¼; do sight, $4 88¼.

Mexican dollars—48@48½c.

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

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Money—On call: Steady at 2@2½ per cent; last loans, 2½.

Prime mercantile paper—4@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¾ for demand and at $4 84¼ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85@4 88½; commercial bills, $4 83½@4 84.

Silver certificates—59½@61c.

Mexican dollars—47¾c.

Bonds—Government, steady; state, steady; railroad, irregular.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Console—101⅝.

Money—2 per cent.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Canadian Pacific, 90¾; Union Pacific preferred, 78½; Northern Pacific preferred, ex dividend, 77; Atchison, 21; Grand Trunk, 8; Anaconds, 9⅝.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in Europena and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Wheat and barley, inactive; spot barley, firm. Oats, quiet.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—No. 1 shipping, $1; choice, $1 01¼; milling, $1 02½@1 05⅝.

Barley—Feed, 70@75c; brewing, 77½@80c.

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

Call board sales:

Wheat—No sales; cash, $1 01¼.

Barley—Inactive; December, 72½c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1@1 05.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Flour—Receipts, 15,618 barrels; exports, 19,728. Market inactive and not quotably lower; rye flour, weak.

Wheat—Receipts, 24,800 bushels; exports, 30,918. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, 77½c f. o. b. afloat prompt. Options opened firm on unfavorable crop news from the West, but developed weakness, under liberal Argentine shipments, together with lower Paris markets, unloading of local accounts and prospects for warmer weather West. The heaviness continued throughout the afternoon. Closed weak at ⅛c decline. March closed at 76¼c; May closed at 74⅝c; July closed at 74⅛c.

Wool—Steady.

Chicago Grain, Produce, Etc.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—The trade in wheat was dull. Paris was lower and Liverpool also depressed, and although May wheat opened a shade up, at 68⅛@68⅜c, a reaction quickly followed. Added to these bearish influences was the fact that the cold wave was less severe than had been expected, and snow was reported in various portions of the wheat belt. Receipts were larger than a year ago. May sold down to 68⅛c, reacted to 68½c, declined to 68⅛c, recovered to 68⅜@⅝c, slumped to 68c and closed ⅛@⅜c under, at 68@68⅛c.

The corn market was colorless, there being no pressure either way. May closed a shade under yesterday, at 35⅝c.

The oats market was quiet and depressed somewhat by weakness of wheat. May closed ⅛@¼c down, at 29⅝@29½c.

The provision market opened firm, but profit-taking turned the scale. At the decline the close was steady. May lard closed 2½@5c down, and May ribs 5c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
February	$0 68⅛	$0 68⅛	$0 68⅛	$0 68⅛
May	68½	68⅝	68	68⅛
July	69⅛	69¼	68⅝	69⅛
CORN.				
February	.....	.....	.....	31⅝
May	35⅝	35¾	35⅝	35¾
July	34⅝	34⅞	34¼	34⅝
OATS.				
May	29⅝	29⅝	29⅜	29½
July	22½	22½	22⅜	22⅜
MESS PORK.				
May	11 20	11 30	11 07½	11 10
July	11 15	11 20	11 15	11 15
LARD.				
May	6 17½	6 20	6 10	6 12½
July	6 25	6 27½	6 20	6 20
SHORT RIBS.				
May	6 10	6 12½	6 02½	6 05
July	6 10	6 10	6 05	6 07½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 spring, 63½c; No. 2 red, 70¼c.

Corn—No. 2, 32⅝@32¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 23¼@23½c; No. 2 white, 26½c; No. 3 white, 25@25¾c.

Rye—No. 2, 55c.

Barley—No. 2, 38@43c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 60.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 52½.

Mess pork—$10@11 10 per bbl.

Lard—$5 90@6 05 per cwt.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $5 90@6 10.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, $5 75@6.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $6 15@6 25.

Butter—Firm; creamery, 19@24½c; dairy, 19@20c.

Cheese—Firm, 12@13c.

Eggs—Weak; fresh, 13@13½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	32,000	62,000
Wheat, bushels	20,000	29,000
Corn, bushels	514,000	325,000
Oats, bushels	292,000	253,000
Rye, bushels	4,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	50,000	41,000

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Wheat—Cargoes off coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, rather firm, 3@6d higher; No. 1 standard California, 30s; English country markets, part 6d dearer.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 9.—Wheat—Firm; No. 1 standard California, 6s 4½d; wheat and flour in Paris, weak; French country markets, steady.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern spring, firm, 6s 1d; No. 2 red Western winter, stocks exhausted. Futures, steady; March, 5s 10⅝d; May, 5s 10½d; July, 5s 10⅝d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 3s 7¾d; do old, steady, 3s 6¼d. Futures, quiet; February, 3s 7¾d; March, 3s 7¾d; May, 3s 7¾d.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 15c; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; do valley, 19@22c. Fall—Northern, mountain, 10@12c; mountain, 8@10c; plains, 8@10c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@17c per pound.

Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c for choice.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17@20; 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, 90c@$1; river Burbanks, 50@75c; Salinas Burbanks, 80c@$1 10; Oregon Burbanks, 75c@$1 10 per sack; sweets, $1 75@1 85 per central.

Onions—$1 75@2 25 per central.

Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, $4@5; common California lemons, 75c@$1 50; choice, $1 75@3.

Tropical fruit—Bananas, $1 50 @ 2 50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal.

Apples—$1@1 25.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 26@26½c; do seconds, 25@25½c; fancy dairy, 22@24c; do seconds, 18@21c; 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, 15@16c; Eastern, cold storage, nominal; ranch, 15c per dozen.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 22,795; do Oregon, 5190; wheat, centals, 290,925; barley, centals, 2500; oats, centals, 1285; do Oregon, 370; beans, sacks, 878; corn, centals, 20; potatoes, sacks, 4187; onions, sacks, Oregon, 760; bran, sacks, 1150; do Oregon, 540; middlings, sacks, 125; do Oregon, 205; hay, tons, 429; wool, bales, 31; hides, 204.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Cattle—Active and strong, including Texans, butchers' stock and canners and feeders steady; good to choice, $5 25@6 10; poor to medium, $4@4 40; mixed stockers, $3 25@3 80; selected feeders, $4 25@4 90; good to choice cows, $3 25@4 50; heifers, $3 50@4 75; canners, $2 25@2 95; bulls, $2 75@4 50; calves, $4 50@8; fed Texas beeves, $4@5.

Hogs—Market active, 10c higher; closed with the advance mostly lost; good clearances. Mixed and butchers, $4 80@5 10; good to choice heavy, $4 95@5 10; rough heavy, $4 80@4 90; light, $4 75@5; bulk of sales, $4 95@5 02½.

Sheep—Market active, 10@15c higher; native wethers, $4 50@5 75; lambs, $5@7; Western wethers, $4 50@5 40; Western lambs, $6@7.

Receipts—Cattle, 2000; hogs, 23,000; sheep, 7000.

OMAHA, Feb. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Market strong to 10c higher; native beef steers, $4@5 60; Western steers, $3 90@4 90; Texas do, $3 60@4 25; cows and heifers, $3 25@4 25; canners, $2 25@3; stockers and feeders, $3 50@5 25; calves, $3 50@7; bulls and stags, $2 50@4 10.

Hogs—Receipts, 3000. Market 10c higher; heavy, $4 82½@4 90; mixed, $4 82½ @ 4 85; light, $4 80@4 87½; bulk of sales, $4 82½@4 87½ per cwt.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000. Market strong to 10c higher; fair to choice Westerns, $4 60@5 30; common and stock sheep, $2@4 50; lambs, $5 50@7 per cwt.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 3000. Market steady to strong; Texas steers, $3 50@4 65; Texas cows, $2 75@3 80; native steers, $3 35@5 55; native cows and heifers, $2@4 50; stockers and feeders, $3 50 @ 4 70; bulls, $3@3 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000. Market 5@10c higher; bulk of sales, $4 70@4 85; heavy, $4 70@4 02½; packers, $4 70@4 85; mixed $4 70@4 80; lights, $4 45@4 80; Yorkers, $4 70@4 80; pigs, $3 90@4 65 per cwt.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market strong; lambs, $4 75@6 60; muttons, $3@5 65.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Weakness developed shortly after the opening in tin, and continued pretty much to the close. The easier feeling was largely the result of unfavorable London market news and a withdrawal of buyers from the market here. The other departments were featureless and very quiet. Pig-iron warrants, very dull at the close; lake copper, quiet at $16 25; tin, irregular and unsettled, $29 75; spelter, unchanged, $4 70@4 80; lead, unchanged, $4 70@4 75. The firm that fixes the ceiling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $4 45 at the close. Bar silver, 59¼c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—Bar silver, 59¼c.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Bar silver, 27 7-16d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Coffee—Options closed steady, with prices 10@15 points net lower; sales, 43,750 bags, including March at $7 20@7 30; May, $7 45@7 50; July, $7 60. Spot coffee—Rio, steady; No. 7, invoice, 8¾c; No. 7, jobbing, 9¼c; mild, firm; Cordova, 12@18½c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 4@4 1-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4¼c; refined, firm but quiet.

Specie for Europe.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The steamship Locania, sailing tomorrow, will take out 384,000 ounces of silver.

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Appeal to Reason.

A child is born; the doctor in attendance gets $10, the editor gets 0.

It is christened; the minister gets $5 and the editor gets 00.

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THE GREAT NAPOLEON.

His Indignation at Being Spied Upon While at St. Helena.

One of the "Talks with Napoleon" quoted from the heretofore unpublished parts of Dr. O'Meara's diary in the February Century records Napoleon's indignation at being, as he considered it, spied upon, while living at St. Helena.

"I understand," said he, "that an officer is placed here to report about me, and to see me two or three times in the 24 hours, and that they were talking of making him go into my chamber to see me if I did not come out. Any person," said he then, with considerable agitation, "who endeavors to force his way into my apartments will be a corpse the moment he enters it. If he ever eats bread or meat afterward I am not Napoleon. This I am determined on. I know that I will be killed afterward, as what can one do against a camp? But what of that? I have faced death many times. Besides I am convinced that this governor, this chief of jailers, has been sent out on purpose to poison me, or put me to death some way or another, or under some pretext, by Lord Castlereagh. I have seen," continued he, "Russians, Prussians, Arabs, Cossacks, Tartars, Spaniards, Persians, Turks" (here he enumerated a great many more), "and never in my life before did I behold so ill-favored and forbidding a countenance or so down and horrid a look. He carries crime imprinted on his countenance. (Il porte le crime empreint sur son visage.) He is a man, to judge from his physiognomy, that one would select for the committal of any atrocious crime, and as such has been selected out by your ministers, I suppose on purpose to make away with me."

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