COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was a good trade in nearly all lines yesterday, and in the produce markets there is a better feeling. Receipts were heavy, but a good clean-up was made, except in the case of poor-quality chickens, which continue to pour in again as though the supply was inexhaustible. Butter is very firm, and an advance in price is daily expected. Eggs continue to move well at the top quotations, although receipts are increasing. Turkeys are not coming in very freely, considering that but four business days remain before Thanksgiving. Prices are firm, and will increase, unless receipts are much heavier within the next 48 hours. In the grocery market the principal feature of interest is a renewal of the strife between the sugar and coffee magnates, and as a result package coffees declined 1 cent yesterday. Receipts of dried apples are heavier and prices are lower.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$424,636	$58,278
Tacoma	215,667	27,854
Seattle	272,817	79,060
Spokane	151,042	30,558

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The wheat market was off in all directions yesterday. Europe, the East and San Francisco all showing up with lower quotations. In the local market there was hardly enough business doing to warrant a change in quotations. Some of the exporters refused to bid over 53c for Walla Walla, but others are still paying 54c. No new tonnage engagements have been reported.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 53@54c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 56c per bushel.

Flour—Best, grades $2 90@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 60.

Oats—White, 43@45c per bushel; gray, 41@42c.

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

Millstuffs—Bran, $15 50 per ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $17; chop, $16.

Hay—Timothy, $12@12 50; clover, $7@9 50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 45@50c; store, 25@30c per roll.

Eggs—Eastern, 22½@27½c; Oregon ranch, firm at 27½@35c per dozen.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2 75@3 50; hens, $3 50@4; ducks, $3 50@5; geese, $6@8 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12c; dressed, 13@14c per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 11@12½c; Young America, 12½@13c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, 85c; turnips, 75c; carrots, 75c per sack; onions, $1@1 30; cabbage, $1 25@1 50 per central; potatoes, 50@65c per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 40@1 50 per central; celery, 60@65c per dozen.

Fruit—Lemons, $2 75@4; oranges, $4 per box; pineapples, $4 50@6 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 7c per pound; pears, 75c@$1 per box; apples, 50c@$1 per box; grapes, Muscat, 90c@$1; Tokay, $1; Concords, 25@30c per basket.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 5@6c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 3@4c; pears, 8@9c; prunes, Italian, 5@7c; silver, extra choice, 5@7c; figs, California black, 5c; figs, California white, 5@7c; plums, pitless, white, 7@8c per pound.

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, $3 50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound; Spring lambs, 8½c per pound gross; dressed, 7@7½c.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5 60@5 75; light, $5; dressed, 5½@6½c per pound.

Veal—Large, 6½@7c per pound; small, 8@8½c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $3 50@4; cows, $3@3 50; dressed beef, 6@7c per pound.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 11½c per pound; picnic hams, 8½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½@15c; bacon, 10½@11½c; backs, 10½c; dry-salted sides, 9½@10c; dried beef, 15c; lard, five-pound pails, 10½c; 10-pound pails, 10½c; 50s, 10½c; tierces, 10c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 11½c; medium, 11½c; small, 12c; picnic hams, 8½c; shoulders, 8c; breakfast bacon, 13½@15½c; dry-salted sides, 9½@10½c; bacon, sides, 10½@11½c; backs, 10½c; butts, 12c; lard, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 10½c; 10s, 10½c; dried beef, 15c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@28c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $12 12; Arbuckle's, $12 12; Lion, $12 12 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $6 25; crushed, $6 00; powdered, $5 95; dry granulated, $5 75; extra C, $5 25; golden C, $5 15 net; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; maple, 15@18c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound talls, $1 50@2; two-pound talls, $2 25@2 50; fancy one-pound flats, $2@2 25; ¼-pound fancy flats, $1 10@1 20; Alaska, one-pound talls, $1 40@1 60; two-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 8c for roasted; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen; walnuts, 10@11c per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, 15c; Brazil, 11c; filberts, 12c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 4¾c; large white, 4¾@4c; bayou, 3¾c; Lima, 6c per pound.

Grain bags—Calcutta, 26@6 12½ per 100 for spot.

Coal oil—Cases, 18½c per gallon; barrels, 14½c; tanks, 13c.

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

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—New crop, 12@14c per pound; 1899 crop, 6@7c.

Wool—Valley, 13@14c; Eastern Oregon, 10@12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

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

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

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and upward, 14@15c; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 18@16c; dry-salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 7@8c; do 50 to 60 pounds, 7½c; do under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; kip, 12 to 35 pounds, 7@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.

Pelts—Bearskins, each, as to size, $2@15; cubs, each, $1@5; badger, each, 50c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, 15@25c; fox, common gray, 40c@$1; do red, $1 75@2 50; do cross, $2 50@5; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@$1 75; marten, dark Northern, $5@15; do pale pine, $2@4; muskrat, 8@12c; skunk, 50@80c; otter (land), $4@8; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@50c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $2 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, $1@3.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Further Break in the Steel and Wire Stocks.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The slump in Steel & Wire of 4¼ points just at the close of trading last evening was universally regarded as a danger signal. The speculative public came down to Wall street this morning in a mood receptive to suggestions of depression and reaction. The first suggestion came in the form of a further break of 3 points in Steel & Wire. Apparently no more effective point could have been selected at which to attack the market. This was known from previous experiences with this particular stock. The iron and steel trades are supposed to have had most to hope, and, in fact, actually to have enjoyed most of benefit of the revival of business and industry. The sudden weakness of Steel & Wire did not raise any doubts of the reports heretofore accepted of the prosperous conditions in that trade and the excellent prospects for the future, but it did arouse serious apprehensions of a determination upon the part of some of the steel magnates to enter upon a course of clashing competition and to unsettle the trade, as they have already proved themselves abundantly able to do. The wide effect of such an attack of hostilities in the steel trade may be measured by the degree of apprehension exhibited by holders of long stock today.

Th steel stocks themselves were most immediately affected, but heavy declines are shown in almost every department of the stock list. The sharp effect produced was due in part, of course, to the extended speculative discounts held all through the market. The purpose of the bear maneuver was palpably to dislodge these holdings. They succeeded very well in doing this. As the decline in prices extended the offerings increased. Those stocks in which the recent speculation had advanced most active were naturally the most affected. The local tractions, the grangers, the Pacifics and Baltimore & Ohio were prominent in the downward movement.

Sugar was freely sold on the cut in the price of refined sugar and coffee, which seemed to threaten a renewal of the trade war. But the stock was feverish at all times. Practically the only effective resistance to the decline was in the early dealings. New York Central and Chesapeake & Ohio showed strength at that time. New York Central rose 1⅝ over last night. An effort was also made to boom Amalgamated Copper on the occasion of its first being dealt in in the unlisted department of the exchange, but the first price, which was 99½, was the highest. The price subsequently fell back to 97⅝, compared with 98⅛ in the curb market last night. The frequent rallies during the day, when shorts were taking quick profits, showed professional bear character of the attack on the market. But the buying demand seemed not to extend beyond the short interest, and the market quickly lost animation on the rallies. The closing was wavering and uncertain, but at considerably above the lowest for many stocks.

There was nothing in the money market to cause apprehension, rates ruling at 3½ per cent, or lower, practically all day. The good receipts of gold from the Pacific Coast insure a good increase in cash reserves for tomorrow's bank statement, although the net receipts from the interior on the export movement show a considerable falling off from last week.

There were firm spots in the bond market, but railroad bonds, as a whole, were affected by sympathy with the reactionary movement in stocks. Total sales, par value, $2,455,000. United States 2s registered advanced ¾ and do coupon and the 5s ½; the old 4s, ⅛, new 4s ¼, and refunding 2s, when issued, ⅛ per cent on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	105	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	109½
do coupon	106	Northern Pac. 3s	71
do 5s, reg	110½	do 4s	104½
do coupon	110	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg	137⅞	do 4s	104½
do coupon	137⅞	Oregon S. L. 6s	127½
do old 4s, reg	115⅞	do con. 5s	114½
do coupon	115⅞	Rio Gr. W. 1sts	99½
do 5s, reg	113⅞	St. Paul consols	135
do coupon	113⅞	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118⅞
Dist. Col. 3-65s	124½	do 5s	120½
Atchison adj. 4s	100⅞	Union Pacific 4s	104½
C. & N.W. con. Ts	140	Wis. Cent. 1sts	87½
do S. F. deb. 5s	119	Southern Pac. 4s	82½
D. & R. G. 4s	99½	West Shore 4s	114
Gen. Electric 5s	142½		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,077,600 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	38⅞	Union Pac. pref	81¼
do pref	82½	Wabash	7½
Balt. & Ohio	80¼	do pref	26⅞
Can. Pacific	86½	Wheel. & L. E.	10½
Can. Southern	57⅞	do 2d pref	28⅞
Ches. & Ohio	37⅞	Wis. Central	10
Chi. Gr. Western	14⅞	P. C. C. & St. L.	55
C., B. & Q.	136	Third Avenue	112
C., C., Ind., & L.	23	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	56½	Adams	147
Chi. & East. Ill.	98⅞	American	100
Chicago & N. W.	167½	United States	48½
C., R. I. & Pac.	115½	Wells-Fargo	130
C., C., C. & St. L.	69⅞	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	9⅞	Amer. Cotton Oil	31¼
do 1st pref	41½	do pref	89
do 2d pref	17⅞	Amer. Malting	5
Del. & Hudson	116½	do pref	23
Del., Lack. & W.	180	Amer. Smelt. & R.	50½
Denver & Rio Gr.	22⅞	do pref	95⅞
do pref	76⅞	Amer. Spirits	1⅛
Erie	34⅞	do pref	11
do 1st pref	59⅞	Amer. Steel Hoop	29⅞
Gr. North. pref	170½	do pref	75½
Hocking Coal	16	Amer. Steel & W.	45
Hocking Valley	38	do pref	87⅞
Illinois Central	124⅞	Amer. Tin Plate	42½
Iowa Central	20⅞	do pref	93½
do pref	46⅞	Amer. Tobacco	109½
Lake Erie & W.	36⅞	do pref	138
do pref	106	Anaconda M. Co.	49⅞
Lake Shore	210½	Brooklyn R. T.	74⅞
Louis. & Nash.	81⅞	Colo. Fuel & Iron	52
Manhattan El	111½	Cont. Tobacco	36
Met. St. Ry.	172⅞	do pref	95½
Mex. Central	13	Federal Steel	49½
Minn. & St. Louis	64	do pref	75½
do pref	99	Gen. Electric	167
Missouri Pacific	59½	Glucose Sugar	55
Mobile & Ohio	39½	do pref	102
M., K. & T.	11⅞	Int. Paper	21⅞
do pref	36½	do pref	71
New Jersey Cent.	142	La Clede Gas	71⅞
New York Cent.	141½	National Biscuit	38⅞
Norfolk & West.	42⅞	do pref	92½
do pref	80	National Lead	19⅞
Northern Pacific	69⅞	do pref	92⅞
do pref	71⅞	National Steel	37⅞
Ontario & West.	24⅞	do pref	92½
O. R. & N.	42	N. Y. Air Brake	125
do pref	76	North American	18½
Pennsylvania	142⅞	Pacific Coast	58
Reading	18⅞	do 1st pref	69
do 1st pref	41⅞	do 2d pref	37
do 2d pref	30½	Pacific Mail	44
Rio Gr. Western	65	People's Gas	98⅞
do pref	93	Pressed Steel Car	57⅞
St. Louis & S. F.	17⅞	do pref	93
do 1st pref	72	Pullman Pal. Car	195
do 2d pref	47½	Stand. Rope & T.	5
St. Louis S. W.	13½	Sugar	133⅞
do pref	33⅞	do pref	116
St. Paul	127⅞	Tenn. Coal & Iron	72½
do pref	170	U. S. Leather	14⅞
St. Paul & O.	139	do pref	75⅞
Southern Pacific	40½	U. S. Rubber	30½
Southern Ry	14⅞	do pref	87½
do pref	67½	Western Union	94
Texas & Pacific	18⅞	Republic Iron & S.	16
Union Pacific	71	do pref	64

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 85¾; sterling on London, sight, $4 87; drafts, sight, 7½; telegraph, 10; Mexican dollars, 50½@51.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Money on call, 2¼@4 per cent; last loans, 3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85@4 85¼ on demand and at $4 81½@4 82 for 60 days. Posted rates, $4 82 and $4 86. Commercial bills, $4 80½@4 80¾. Silver certificates, 64@65. Mexican dollars, 50. Government bonds, strong; state bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Money, 3½ per cent. Consols, 98 9-16.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were moderately active today and the tone was satisfactory till the afternoon, when the French rumor that the Czar's condition was serious, though not credited, affected the speculative markets adversely.

Americans were much less interesting than they have been recently, and business was reduced. There was general profit-taking by London and the Continent, but fair support was forthcoming. The result was a zigzag movement in view of the settlement on Tuesday. Chesapeake & Ohio and St. Paul were in exceptional demand.

Stocks in London.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Atchison, 40⅝; Canadian Pacific, 90⅝; Union Pacific preferred, 84; Northern Pacific preferred, 85; Grand Trunk, 6⅝; Anaconda, 10⅝.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Wheat futures steady, spot wheat dull; barley quiet; oats firm. Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, 27½c; choice, 27½c; milling, $1 00@1 03½.

Barley—Feed, 72½@73¾c; brewing, 80@81¼c.

Oats—Black, for seed, $1 22½@1 30; red, $1 20@1 40.

Call-board sales:

Wheat—Steady; December, 27⅞c; May, $1 03⅞.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 20@1 22½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—It was a quiet day in the wheat pit. The news had in it nothing which could be twisted by bulls into a ray of hope, and liquidation continued with scarcely any interruption until near the end of the session. Liverpool closed ⅛@½d lower, in the face of steadiness here yesterday, and Argentine shipments, according to Board of Trade figures, were 736,000 bushels, compared with 264,000 bushels the week previous, and 560,000 bushels the corresponding week a year ago. December opened ⅛@⅜c to ⅝@¾c lower at 70⅞@70⅝c, and declined during the forenoon to 70@70⅛c. The market steadied, and later, under moderate cash demand and a prediction that the visible would show a decrease Monday, the market reacted and closed steady, ⅜c under yesterday, at 70⅝@70¾c.

Corn was quiet and easy, the legitimate factors being good weather and a prospect of increased country offerings. It was chiefly a scalping market. December closed ⅛c lower at 35⅞c.

George H. Phillips, who controls the November corn option, was doing nothing today, and in consequence deals in the cornered option were few and far between. Corn for delivery this month opened ⅛c up at 46c, and sold down to 43c. The close was 1c under yesterday at 44½c. The grain-inspection office refused to pass corn which had been doctored in an attempt to make it into contract grade to deliver to Mr. Phillips on the day of reckoning.

Oats were even duller than usual, closing a shade lower at 21⅝c.

Provisions were rather easy early, influenced by heavy hog receipts, but turned firm later on buying by an influential local operator, whose deals formed a hint for shorts to come in and cover. January pork closed 22½c higher, lard 5c higher, and ribs 2½@5c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
November	$0 70⅞	$0 70⅞	$0 70⅞	$0 70⅞
December	70⅞	70⅞	70	70⅞
January	71⅞	71⅞	70⅞	71½

CORN.

November	46	46	43	44½
December	36⅞	36⅞	35⅞	35⅞
May	36⅞	36½	36⅛	36⅞

OATS.

November	21⅞	21⅞	21½	21½
December	21⅞	22	21⅞	21⅞
May	24	24⅛	24	24⅛

MESS PORK.

November	10 75	11 00	10 75	11 00
January	11 70	12 00	11 70	12 00
May	11 70	11 90	11 70	11 90

LARD.

November	7 15	7 25	7 15	7 25
December	6 96	7 07½	6 92½	7 05
January	6 82½	6 90	6 82½	6 90

SHORT RIBS.

November	.....	.....	.....	7 75
January	6 27½	6 35	6 27½	6 35
May	6 30	6 37½	6 30	6 37½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull and unchanged.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, 65½@71c; No. 2 red, 71½@73½c.

Corn—No. 2, 43@44c; No. 2 yellow, 44c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 20½@21c; No. 3 white, 24½@25c.

Rye—No. 2, 45c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 56@60c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 69½@1 71; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 71.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4 10@4 20.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $10 87½@11 00.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $7 20@7 22½.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 75@7 75.

Shoulders—Dry-salted, boxed, $5 87½@6 12½.

Sides—Short, clear, boxed, $6 85@6 95.

Clover—Contract grade, $10.

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was dull; creameries, 15@25c; dairy, 12½@22c.

Cheese—Active, 10@11¼c.

Eggs—Quiet; fresh, 21c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	19,000	17,000
Wheat, bushels	830,000	338,000
Corn, bushels	202,000	32,000
Oats, bushels	131,000	235,000
Rye, bushels	8,000	5,000
Barley, bushels	7,300	12,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Flour—Receipts, 18,351 barrels; exports, 31,307 barrels.

Wheat—Receipts, 109,700 bushels; exports, 7908 bushels. Spot easy; No. 2 red, 78¼c f. o. b.; 78⅝c elevator.

Options opened at a sharp loss today. The decline started with disappointing cables and bearish Argentine news, but developed later into liquidation. Market closed easy at ⅝@⅞c net decline. March closed 80⅝c; May, 79⅝c; November, 76⅝c; December, 77¼c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Quiet.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Wheat—Cargoes on passage quiet and steady; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 3d; English country markets dull.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 23.—Wheat and flour in Paris weak; French country markets quiet.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3¼d; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s. Futures dull; December, 5s 11d; March, 6s 1¼d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, new, 4s 3d. Futures dull; November, 4s 1¼d; December, 4s 4¾d; November, 3s 10¾d.

PHILLIPS' CORNER IN CORN.

He Will Give His Victims Until Next Saturday to Deliver.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—George H. Phillips, who has successfully cornered November corn, rested on his oars today and declared he would do nothing more this week. In consequence of Mr. Phillips' attitude, the corn pit was quiet. November opened at 46 cents, sold on a few trades to 43 cents per bushel, and closed 1 cent lower than yesterday, at 44½.

"I do not care whether prices go up or down for the present," said Mr. Phillips. "If November will work back to 40 cents it will please me. When the last day of the month comes, I shall be ready for all the corn delivered, and those who have sold it and cannot deliver will have to settle."

DECLINE IN COFFEE.

Big Fight Between the Sugar and Coffee Trusts.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Woolson Spice Company has made a reduction of 1 cent per pound in roasted coffee. This was followed by a reduction by the Arbuckles of 15 points in refined sugar. The National Sugar Refining Company followed the Arbuckle cut. The American Sugar Refining Company has not yet acted, but is expected to make a reduction of 15 points.

Arbuckle Bros. have reduced the price of coffee 1 cent a pound.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Wool—Spring, Nevada, 11@13c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c; Valley Oregon, 15@17c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin plains, 6@8c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@13c.

Hops—1900 crop, 13½@17c.

Hay—Wheat, $9@13 50; wheat and oats, $9@12 50; best barley, $9 50; alfalfa, $10@9 00; compressed wheat, $@12 per ton; straw, 35@47½c per bale.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $15 50@19 00; bran, $13@13 50 per ton.

Potatoes — River Burbanks, 40@75c; Salinas Burbanks, 80@$1 15; Oregon Burbanks, 65@71.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24@25c; seconds, 22@23c; fancy dairy, 21@22c; do seconds, 18@20c.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 33@35c; store, 25@28c; Eastern, 25@27½c.

Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, $4@4 50; common California lemons, $1 00@1 75; choice, $2 00@2 25; navel oranges, $3 00@4 50 per box; pineapples, $2@3 per dozen.

Cheese—California flats, 10½@11c per pound; Young America, 11@12c; Eastern, 14@15c.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 13@14c; do hens, 13@14c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $3 50@4, small broilers, $2@3 50; large do, $3@3 50; fryers, $3@3 50; hens, $3 50@5 per dozen; old ducks, $3@4; geese, $1 25@1 50 per pair.

Green fruit—Apples, choice, $1 25 per box; common, 35c per box.

Bananas—$1@2 50 per bunch.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 14,580; do Oregon, 1870; wheat, centals, 8080; barley, centals, 4390; oats, centals, 630; beans, sacks, 770; corn, centals, 165; potatoes, sacks, 1270; bran, sacks, 925; middlings, sacks, 550; hay, tons, 410; hides, 338.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4500; weeks' receipts largest since 1894. Market steady to slow. Good butchers' stock, dull; good to prime steers, $5 25@5 75; poor to medium, $4 20@5 15; selected feeders, $3 75@4 40; mixed stockers, $2 25@3 75; cows, $2 70@4 25; heifers, $2 75@4 60; Texas fed steers, $4@4 85; grassers, $3 25@4 15; bulls, $2 50@3 25.

Hogs—Receipts today, 35,000; tomorrow (estimated), 35,000; left over, 4000. Generally steady, active, closing strong; top, $4 95; mixed and butchers', $4 60@4 95; good to choice heavy, $4 70@4 92½; rough heavy, $4 55@4 65; light, $4 45@4 22½; bulk of sales, $4 80@4 85.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000. Sheep and lambs, choice steady, others slow; good to choice wethers, $4@4 30; fair to choice mixed, $3 75@4; Western sheep, $4@4 25; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 60; native lambs, $4 40@5 30; Western lambs, $4 75@5 25.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market, steady to weak; Texas steers, $2 25@4 50; Texas cows, $2 25@3 50; native steers, $4 00@5 30; native cows and heifers, $1 00@4 25; stockers and feeders, $3 00@4 35; bulls, $2 25@3 55.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market, steady to stronger; bulk of sales, $4 85@4 90; heavy, $4 82@4 97; packers, $4 85@4 95; mixed, $4 82@4 92; lights, $4 75@4 95; Yorkers, $4 90@4 95; pigs, $4 00@4 50.

Sheep—Receipts, 1000; market, strong; lambs, $2 25@5 20; muttons, $3 00@4 00.

OMAHA, Nov. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2800 head. Market, best, steady; others, lower; native beef steers $4 25@5 40; Western steers, $4 00@4 60; Texas steers, $3 25@3 75; cows and heifers, $3 00@3 75; canners, $1 50@2 90; stockers and feeders, $3 00@4 60; calves, $3 00@6 00; bulls and stags, $2 00@4 10.

Hogs—Receipts, 3100 head. Market, steady; heavy, $4 77@4 90; mixed, $4 77@4 80; light, $4 70@4 77; bulk of sales, $4 77@4 80.

Sheep—Receipts, 600. Market, steady; fair to choice natives, $3 85@4 10; fair to choice Westerns, $3 75@4 00; common and choice sheep, $3 40@4 00; lambs, $4 25@5 10.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Tin was a shade off from yesterday's closing figure, owing to the somewhat unfavorable advices from abroad and in the absence of buyers, and closed easy at $28 65@28 85. The rest of the list continues quiet and nominally unchanged. Pig iron warrants were quiet at $9 50@10 50; Lake copper, $16 75@17, and quiet; lead and spelter quiet, $4 37½ and $4 30@4 35 respectively. The brokers' price for lead was $4 and for copper $17.

Bar silver, 63¾c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Bar silver, 63¾c.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Bar silver, 29½d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Coffee options closed steady, with prices 15@20 points lower. Sales, 41,000 bags, including: December, $6 10; January, $6 15; March, $6 30@6 35; May, $6 35@6 60; spot Rio, weak; No. 7 invoice, 7¼c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9½@13½c.

Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅝; refined, weak; granulated, $5 00; cut loaf, $6.

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices showing an advance to 3@8 points. The opening figures proved about the lowest of the season. The bulls were reinforced by small receipts at the ports and by an estimate by Neill of 9,500,000 to 9,750,000 bales. The Liverpool market advanced upon receipt of this estimate. The local market showed a special degree of strength in the afternoon, when the week-end figures made their appearance. The close was steady, with prices higher.

CONSUL FLAGG'S DISMISSAL

He Tells the Story Why He Was Superseded in Office.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to your recent editorial paragraph, the cause of Dr. Eben Flagg's removal from his office as Vice-Consul at Asuncion, Paraguay, was much more serious than mere treason. He was accused of calling a colored gentleman a "nigger." True, he denies the charge, but the denial appears to have had no weight as opposed to the statement of the aforesaid colored gentleman and his friends, who probably were present at the last Republican National Convention.

You will see by the letter I enclose that if any charge of sympathy with Spain as against the United States had been made, my brother was unaware of it, and I think you will be quick to recognize that a man who so clearly sees the path of National honor in financial matters is not likely to be a traitor to his country. Eben comes of good American Revolutionary stock, and I think a brother may be pardoned for saying that he has done it no descredit.

E. H. FLAGG.

ASUNCION, March 12.—Dear Brother: Have just received a letter from Georgine, telling me that you have been elected to the Oregon Legislature on the Republican ticket. That you should have been elected I can quite understand, but on the Republican ticket is something I did not expect. Well, I wish you joy. Probably you thought, with me, that it was better to see the defeat of our party than to have it succeed by a scheme of repudiation, and that a consistent protectionist who had the courage of his delusions was preferable to a man who denounced protectionism on the one hand, while on the other he proposed a kind of protectionism far more dishonest than that which the Democratic party, by the help of the people, had twice defeated.

Now, after serving seven years as Vice-Consul, I am so no longer. The colored gentleman whom Mr. McKinley appointed to represent the people of the United States as Consul to Asuncion succeeded in getting me superseded—said that I had referred to him as a "nigger." He was misinformed. I never have referred to him as a "nigger."

EBEN.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD.

Charge Against Yerkes in a Chicago Street Railway Case.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Allegations of the wrongful use of a large amount of the funds of the Chicago Union Traction Company by Charles T. Yerkes and other ex-officers of the North and West Chicago Street Railroad Companies are contained in an intervening petition filed today in the original suit brought by the Sutro Brothers against the Consolidation Traction Company and the Chicago Union Traction Company. The petition is filed in the name of Edward M. Post and David Christie, shareholders in the Union Traction Company. The validity is questioned of the agreement made in April, 1899, by which the Chicago Consolidated Traction Company secured the right to use the down-town lines controlled by the Union Traction Company in exchange for $8,750,000 of its bonds, which were to be placed with the Equitable Trust Company, to be given in exchange for shares of the capital stock of the Consolidated Company. The bonds were to be guaranteed by the Union Traction Company. The agreement is alleged to be the result of a secret understanding. The intervendra charge that the "actual financial result of said secret understanding and scheme was that Yerkes and his associates in the Consolidated Company fraudulently, illegally and without any real consideration obtained a gratuitous use of valuable property rights of the Union Traction Company, over $400,000 of its cash and several millions of dollars of its personal interest-bearing obligations."

AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND.

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Geo W Clarke, N Y
Clarence Kimm, N Y
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James Dudley & wife, New Orleans
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F P Hogan, Spokane
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Mrs G Bronaugh, do
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Mrs D H Welch, do
Miss Nancy Welch, do
James Pinlayson, do
Jas Lindsley, Pendleton
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A P Simpson, San Fr
J A Campbell, Wash
C F Good, do
Mrs A M Brumbach, McMinnville
Miss Brumbach, do
Miss Melissa King, do
H S McGowan, Astoria
C F Ainsworth, St Paul
W McCassidy, Kalama
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