COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Wheat was a little stronger yesterday in the Portland market, but there was little dealing to report. Exporters are looking anxiously for over-due ships, in the hope that their dispatch will bring more life into the local wheat situation. The poultry market is yet very weak and butter fell off a little yesterday.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$258,113	$ 31,900
Tacoma	297,227	114,981
Seattle	388,394	135,297
Spokane	158,626	27,000

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 56@56½c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 58@58½c per bushel.

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

Oats—White, 41@42c per bushel; gray, 40@41c.

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

Millstuffs—Bran, $15 50 per ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $18; 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, Oregon, 50c; do California, 40@45c; store, 25@32½c per roll.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 24@25c per dozen.

Poultry — Chickens, mixed, $2 75; hens, $3 75; ducks, $5@6; geese, $6@7 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c; dressed, 12@14c per pound.

Honey—Comb, 12@15c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 12@12½c; Young America, 12½@14c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Vegetables—Parsnips, 85c; turnips, 75c; carrots, 75c sack; onions, $2@2 25; cabbage, $1 65@1 75 per cental; potatoes, 50@60c per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 65 per 100 pounds; celery, 80@90c per dozen; California tomatoes, $2 50 per box.

Fruit—Lemons, choice, $2; fancy, $2 50@3 75; oranges, $1 75@2 50 for navel; $1 50@1 75 for seedlings, per box; pineapples, $4@4 50 per dozen; bananas, $2 50@3 per bunch; Persian dates, 6@6½c per pound; apples, 50c@$1 25 per box.

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.

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; short-wool, 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, 5 to 16 pounds, 15c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 14@15c; dry-salted, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, 7@8c; do, 50 to 60 pounds, 7c; do, under 50 pounds and cows, 6c; kip, 15 to 30 pounds, 6½@7c; do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; do calf, under 10 pounds, 7@8c; 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, $5@15; cubs, each, $1@3; badger, each, 25c; wildcat, 25@75c; housecat, $5@25c; fox, common gray, 40c@$1; do, red, $1 75@3 50; do, cross, $2@3; lynx, $2@4 50; mink, 40c@$1 75; marten, dark Northern, $5@10; do, pale pine, $2@3; muskrat, 5@12c; skunk, 25@60c; otter (land), $4@8; panther, with head and claws perfect, $1@3; raccoon, 25@30c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, $3 50@5; Prairie wolf or coyote, 60@75c; 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.

Meat and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers, $4 75; ewes, $4@4 50; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5@5 25; light, $4 75@5; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Veal—Large, 7@7½c per pound; small, 8½@9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, top steers, $4 50@4 75; cows, $4@4 50; dressed beef, 7@8c per pound.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand) hams, smoked, are quoted at 12½c per pound; picnic hams, 9c per pound; breakfast bacon, 14½@15½c; bacon, 16½@11½c; backs, 10½c; dry-salted sides, 9½@10c; dried beef, 15c; lard, five-pound pails, 11c; 10-pound pails, 10½c; 50s, 10½c; tierces, 10c per pound. Eastern pack (Hammond's): Hams, large, 12½c; medium, 12½c; small, 13c; picnic hams, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 13½@15½c; dry-salted sides, 9½@10½c; bacon, sides 10½@11½c; backs, 11½c; butts, 10½c; lard, pure leaf, kettle-rendered, 5s, 11½c; 10s, 11c; dry-salted, bellies, 10½@11½c; bacon bellies, 11½@12½c; dried beef, 15½c.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 28@35c; 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 75; Arbuckle's, $11 75; Lion, $11 25 per case.

Sugar—Cube, $5 45; crushed, $5 70; powdered, $5 05; dry granulated, $5 85; extra C, $5 35; golden C, $5 25 net, half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; maple, 15@16c 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, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15@17½c per pound.

Beans—Small white, 6¼c; large white, 5c; bayou, 5½; Lima, 6½c per pound.

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

Coal oil—Cases, 19½c per gallon; barrels, 15½c; tanks, 13½c.

Rice—Island, 6c; Japan, 5½c; New Orleans, 4½@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

Stock salt—50s, $11 50 per ton; 100s, $11.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Flour—Receipts, 20,663 barrels; exports, 18,247 barrels; market active and steadier. Minnesota patent, $4@4 25; Winter straights, $3 45@3 55.

Wheat—Receipts, 249,200 bushels; exports, 35,894 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 87½c f. o. b. afloat.

Options opened steady and followed it up with increasing strength on better advices than expected, good cash demand West and a fair demand from shorts. Closed firm, ½@⅝c net advance. March closed 86⅝c; May, 81½c; July, 80⅞c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Quiet.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

St. Paul Dominated, But Others Also Showed Considerable Activity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The stock market again was dominated by St. Paul today, with some incidental disturbance from the erratic fluctuations of Steel and Wire. These two stocks really made the market, and prices moved somewhat narrowly on a small volume of transactions in sympathy with them throughout the day. Southern Pacific was a notable exception to the general tendency of the market. It was bought largely all day and in the late dealings rose an extreme 1⅞ to 47, carrying some other stocks, notably among the grangers and Pacifics with it. But renewed weakness in the two leaders, carried prices, except for Southern Pacific, down again, leaving only a few insignificant net gains among the large list of losses. There was no news to account for the movement in Southern Pacific beyond the argument of the speculators in the stock that an advance in its price was long overdue. Mobile & Ohio made a very notable rise of 6⅞c, accompanied by rumors of absorption or control by the Illinois Central. New York Central gained 2 points on very light transactions and Manhattan and Leather showed signs of strength. American Express gained 4½ without any explanatory news.

The opening break in St. Paul was violent, the stock dropping 4⅝, under the pressure of heavy blocks to sell, to 150. Later in the day it got up as high as 153 twice and wavered uncertainly between that and 151, closing with a net loss of 2⅝. The emphatic disclaimer by all the St. Paul authorities that arrangements had been completed for the transfer of control to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific made it clear that, whatever plans were in operation to bring about that result, there were decided objections among St. Paul stockholders to it. That a very large portion of the heavy dealings in the stock are purely speculative, is manifest from the fact that yesterday's transactions alone aggregated more than half the number of the total share capital of the company. This could only be the result of large professional traders, being in and out of the stock on a heavy scale perhaps many times in the course of a single day.

In steel and wire the low point was made at 39, soon after the opening, and the stock then rebounded to above 41 before the announcement was made that the promised statement would be withheld until 3 P. M., instead of being published at 11 o'clock. During the afternoon the stock got as high as 41⅝, but closed at a net loss of ⅝. The prevailing state of mind of speculators in the stock was evidently one of entire uncertainty as to the effect the statement would have on holders, and the uncertainty is likely to continue, as no action has been taken on the actual question of the dividend. The congested and uneven character of the trading is indicated by the fact that not a single share of such a usually active stock as sugar was sold until well into the second hour of trading, and the first sale of Tennessee Coal was recorded after 1 o'clock.

A considerable export of gold on Thursday is assured, and already $1,500,000 has been spoken in a tentative manner at the assay office. The continued advance here of Sterling Exchange strengthened the supposition that the outward movement of gold from New York will shortly be diverted from Paris to London.

The bond market continued moderately active, with an irregular movement of prices. Total sales par value, $2,855,000. United States 3s and 5s advanced ¼ per cent on the last call.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	105⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	106⅝
do coupon	105⅝	Northern Pac. 3s	71½
do 3s, reg	110	do 4s	106¼
do coupon	110⅝	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg	137	do 4s	103⅝
do coupon	138	Oregon S. L. 6s	129¼
do old 4s, reg	113½	do con. 5s	116½
do coupon	113½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99⅞
do 5s, reg	110½	St. Paul consols	188
do coupon	111⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	116½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	125	do 5s	120½
Atchison adj. 4s	91	Union Pacific 4s	106½
C. & N.W. con. 7s	139½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	87⅝
do S. F. deb. 5s	129	West Shore 4s*	115
D. & R. G. 4s	101	Southern Pac. 4s	85¼
Gen. Electric 5s	159¼		

*Bid.

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,006,700 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	45⅞	Wabash	15½
do pref	85	do pref	27⅞
Balt. & Ohio	88	Wheel. & L. E.	11½
do pref	85	do 2d pref	28½
Can. Pacific	98	Wis. Central	15½
Can. Southern	57⅞	P. C. C. & St. L.	55
Ches. & Ohio	38⅝	Third Avenue	120
Chi. Gr. Western	17⅞	National Tube	59
C., B. & Q.	143⅝	do pref	98½
Chi., Ind. & L.	25	EXPRESS CO'S.	
do pref	50	Adams	159
Chi. & East. Ill.	92	American	175
Chicago & N. W.	171	United States	53
C., R. I. & Pac.	122⅝	Wells-Fargo	134
C., C., C. & St. L.	75½	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	14½	Amer. Cotton Oil	31
do 1st pref	41⅝	do pref	80
do 2d pref	16¼	Amer. Malting	4½
Del. & Hudson	153	do pref	25
Del., Lack. & W.	195	Amer. Smelt. & R.	55⅝
Denver & Rio Gr.	31½	do pref	97½
do pref	82½	Amer. Spirits	2
Erie	27⅞	do pref	17
do 1st pref	62⅞	Amer. Steel Hoop	26⅝
Gr. North. pref	194⅝	do pref	70
Hocking Coal	14½	Amer. Steel & W.	40¼
Hocking Valley	42½	do pref	85¼
Illinois Central	129½	Amer. Tin Plate	56⅝
Iowa Central	24⅝	do pref	87
do pref	49	Amer. Tobacco	114⅝
Lake Erie & W.	40⅝	do pref	140
do pref	160¼	Anaconda M. Co.	42½
Lake Shore	210½	Brooklyn R. T.	76⅝
Louis. & Nash.	98⅞	Colo. Fuel & Iron	44⅞
Manhattan El	117	Cont. Tobacco	44⅝
Met. St. Ry.	161¼	do pref	94
Minn. Central	121½	Federal Steel	42½
Minn. & St. Louis	69	do pref	70
do pref	100	Gen. Electric	161¼
Missouri Pacific	56	Glucose Sugar	49
Mobile & Ohio	54½	do pref	90
M., K. & T.	18	Int. Paper	21½
do pref	54⅝	do pref	69⅝
New Jersey Cent.	148¼	La Clede Gas	72
New York Cent.	142⅝	National Biscuit	38⅝
Norfolk & West.	44⅝	do pref	92
do pref	83	National Lead	16⅞
Northern Pacific	82¼	do pref	85
do pref	86½	National Steel	36¼
Ontario & West.	31⅝	do pref	90
O. R. & N.	42	N. Y. Air Brake	150
do pref	76	North American	19⅞
Pennsylvania	146⅞	Pacific Coast	53
Reading	31¼	do 1st pref	87
do 1st pref	71	do 2d pref	63
do 2d pref	41⅞	Pacific Mail	46⅝
Rio Gr. Western	65	People's Gas	99
do pref	92	Pressed Steel Car	37⅞
St. Louis & S. F.	28⅝	do pref	78
do pref	79⅝	Pullman Pal. Car	190
do 2d pref	57⅞	Stand. Rope & T.	3¼
St. Louis S. W.	22⅝	Sugar	133⅝
do pref	51	do pref	119
St. Paul	151⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	57
do pref	193	U. S. Leather	14
St. Paul & O.	136	do pref	75¼
Southern Pacific	46⅞	U. S. Rubber	19¼
Southern Ry	20⅝	do pref	60
do pref	71	Western Union	83¼
Texas & Pacific	27⅞	Amal. Copper	80
Union Pacific	83½	Republic Iron & S.	13⅝
do pref	83⅝	do pref	58

For continuous quotations on stocks, bonds, Chicago grain and provisions, call on R. W. McKinnon & Co., 8 and 9 Chamber of Commerce, who are members of the Chicago Board of Trade. Telephones, Oregon, Main 513; Columbia, 725.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram:

The stock market here was idle today and steady. The American Department began dull and weakened on early sales by cable from New York. Then, on New York bidding after the opening in Wall Street, there was a rally which closed the market here fairly well. St. Paul moved erratically, but for the most part was flat upon the receipt of fresh contradictions of the Hill deal.

Money is stiffening on demands for the end of the month and for the settlement.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Money on call, 1¾@2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent; sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bill at $4 87⅝ for demand, and at $4 81½ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 81½@4 85, and $4 88½; commercial bills, $4 83¼@4 83⅝.

Silver certificates—63½@65c.

Bar silver—61¼c.

Mexican dollars—46c.

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 84⅝; do sight, $4 88½.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Consols, 96⅝. Money, 4 per cent.

London Stock Exchange.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Atchison, 46⅝; Canadian Pacific, 90½; Northern Pacific, preferred, 89; Union Pacific preferred, 85¾; Grand Trunk, 7½; Anaconda, 8½.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Wheat and barley futures, inactive; spot wheat quiet; spot barley, steady. Oats quiet, but steady.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat—Shipping, No. 1, 95⅝c; choice, 96⅝c; milling, $1 00½@1 05.

Barley—Feed, 71¼@73⅝c; brewing, 80@82½c.

Oats—Gray, nominal; black for seed, $1 22½@1 30; red, $1 25@1 45.

Call board sales:

Wheat—No sales; cash, 96⅝c.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 12½@1 15.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—The wheat market was kept alive for the most part by scalpers, and although the volume of trade was rather small, the tone was firmer under the influence of smaller receipts, steady cables in the face of the decline here yesterday, and reports of a stronger cash situation. May opened ⅛c higher at 76⅝c to 76¾c and sold early at 76¼c. Moderate commission house buying, some of covering by shorts resulted in a gradual recovery to 76⅞c. The close was firm, May ⅝@¾c higher at 76⅞c. Moderate primary receipts and a report of two loads sold here for export helped the market during the latter half session, but shorts gave the market support throughout, having sold freely yesterday.

Corn was rather heavy. The excellent weather for the movement, togethr with a less urgent cash demand, led to selling by longs and others. The market recovered a bit in sympathy with the wheat firmness, but the closing tone was without independent strength, May closing ⅛@¼c lower.

Oats were fairly active within a narrow range, May closing ¼c lower.

Provisions were firm because hog receipts were 8000 head, the estimate. May pork closed unchanged; May lard a shade up and May ribs 2½@5c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
January	$0 73⅝	$0 74¼	$0 73⅝	$0 74¼
February	73⅞	74⅞	73⅞	74⅞
May	76¼	76⅞	76¼	76⅞
CORN.				
January	.....	.....	.....	37
February	37¼	37¼	37	37¼
May	39⅛	39¼	38⅞	39⅛
OATS.				
January	23⅝	23⅞	23⅝	23⅞
May	25¼	25⅝	25⅛	25¼
MESS PORK.				
January	13 97½	14 00	13 90	13 90
May	14 15	14 22½	14 10	14 10
LARD.				
January	7 42½	7 42½	7 42½	7 42½
March	.....	.....	.....	7 45
May	7 55	7 55	7 52½	7 52½
SHORT RIBS.				
January	7 00	7 00	6 97½	6 97½
May	7 12½	7 15	7 07½	7 10

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull and easy.

Wheat—Spring No. 3, 68@71⅝c; red No. 2, 75½@76½c.

Corn—No. 2, 37¼c; yellow No. 2, 37¼c.

Oats—No. 2, 24¾c; white, No. 3, 26⅝@27½c.

Rye—No. 2, 51@52c.

Fair to choice malting—49@50c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 72½@1 74; Northwestern, No. 1, $1 74.

Timothy Seed—Prime, $4 65.

Pork—Mess., per barrel, $13 86@14.

Lard—Per 100 pounds; $7 45@7 57½.

Short Ribs Sides—Loose, $7@7 20.

Shoulders—Dry salted, boxed, 6¼@6½c.

Short Clear Sides—Boxed, $7 25@7 35.

Sugars—Cut, loaf, $6 29; granulated, $5 65; confectioners' "A," $5 59; off "A," $5 44.

Clover—Contract grade, $11@11 25.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	23,000	24,000
Wheat, bushels	68,000	98,000
Corn, bushels	515,000	198,000
Oats, bushels	431,000	251,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	76,000	2,000

On the produce exchange today, the butter market was dull. Creamery, 14@20c; dairy, 11¼@18c. Cheese quiet, 10¼@11⅝c. Eggs dull, fresh, 18c.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 30s 3d; cargoes Walla Walla, 29s 6d; English country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 29.—Wheat—No. 1 standard California, 6s 4d; wheat and flour in Paris, weak; French country markets, quiet and steady; weather in England, fine, but cold. Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 1 California, 6s 4d; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3½d. Futures steady; March, 6s 1¾d; May, 6s 1¾d.

Corn—Spot, American mixed, new, steady, 3s 1¼d; American mixed, old, quiet, 4s. Futures, quiet; January 3s 11d; March 3s 10¾d; May, 3s 9½d.

Chicago Grain Gossip.

F. G. Logan's grain letter to R. W. McKinnon & Co. yesterday said:

Wheat—Liverpool opened ¼c lower, and regained it at the close. This market is quiet and steadier from lack of selling pressure. Very little in the way of cash business has developed so far, and the general tone of the market is steady. This year, instead of being an increase through February, we rather look for the movement in that quarter to considerably decrease. In the ordinary course, domestic milling demand should increase through same period. With these conditions, we think the position on this country will be favorable to higher prices. The movement from Argentine is quite likely to be bullish in comparison with the movement last year or the year before. We feel, therefore, like buying on breaks. Primary receipts, 391,000, against 356,000. Shipments, 340,000, against 170,000 last year. Estimated cars for tomorrow, 35.

Corn—The market is fairly steady today, although the tone is somewhat easier. The liberal increase in visible supply, and comparatively large receipts has occasioned some local selling, but the market still has very good local speculative support. Shipping demand on the whole remains good, but is handicapped somewhat by lack of cars. Primary receipts, 1,027,000, against 600,000 last year. Shipments 448,000 against 374,000 last year. Cars tomorrow, 250.

Oats—Tone of market slightly easier, but without anything especially new in conditions of trade. Cars tomorrow, 160.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Wool—Spring—Nevada, 11@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c; Valley Oregon, 15@17c. Fall—Mountain lambs, 9@10c; San Joaquin plains, 6@8c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12c.

Hops—Crop of 1900, 15@17½c.

Bran—$15@16 per ton; middlings, $17 50@20 50.

Hay—Wheat, $9@13 50; wheat and oats, $9@12 50; best barley, $7@9 50; alfalfa, $7@10; compressed wheat, $9@13 per ton; straw, 35@47½c per bale.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 35@60c; Salinas Burbanks, 75c@$1 05; Oregon Burbanks, 65c@$1; Early Rose, 60@75c; sweets, 50c@$1 05.

Onions—$1 70@2.

Vegetables—Green peas, 5@6c; string beans, 8@12½c per pound; asparagus, 25@30c.

Bananas—50c@$1 75 per bunch.

Citrus fruit—Mexican limes, $4 50@5; common California lemons, 50c; choice, $2; navel oranges, 75c@$2 per box; pineapples, $2 50@3 per dozen.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 10@11c; do hens, 11@12c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 per dozen; young roosters, $4 50@5; fryers, $4@5; hens, $3 50@4 50 per dozen; small broilers, $3@3 50; large do, $4@4 50; old ducks, $4@5; geese, $1 75@2 per pair.

Green fruit—Apples, choice, $1 25 per box; common, 30c per box.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 30c; seconds, 17c; fancy dairy, 17c; do seconds, 14c.

Cheese—California, full cream, 11½c; Young America, 12c; Eastern, 15@16½.

Eggs—Selected, 24c; ranch, 17c; Eastern, 20c.

Receipts—Flour, quarter sacks, 1508; wheat, centals, 7170; barley, centals, 975; oats, Eastern, centals, 4000; beans, sacks, 60; corn, centals, 460; potatoes, sacks, 6401; bran, sacks, 500; hay, tons, 537; wool, bales, 3; hides, 381.

Eastern Livestock.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 5500, including 1000 Texans. Steady to strong. Good to prime steers, $5 10@6 10; poor to medium, $4 40@5 00; stockers and feeders strong, active, $2 85@4 60; cows, $2 65@4 10; heifers, $2 70@4 40; canners, $1 90@2 60; bulls steady, $2 60@4 35; calves strong, $4 00@5 75; Texas-fed steers, $4 00@4 30; Texas grass steers, $3 30@4 00; do bulls, $2 50@3 75.

Hogs—Receipts today 16,000; tomorrow 32,000; left over, 20,000. Strong, average 5c higher; top, $5 40. Mixed and butchers, $5 10@5 40; good to choice heavy, $5 20@5 40; rough heavy, $5 15@5 25; light, $5 15@5 35; bulk, $5 30@5 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000. Sheep weak to 10c lower. Lambs 10@15c lower. Good to choice wethers, $3 65@4 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 45@4 75; Western sheep, $3 75@4 40; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 50; native lambs, $4 25@5 40; Western lambs, $5 00@5 35.

OMAHA, Jan. 29.—Cattle—Receipts 2700; market slow but steady; native beef steers, $4@5 40; Western steers, $3 75@4 50; Texas steers, $3@3 75; cows and heifers, $3@4; canners, $1 75@2 85; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 60; calves, $4@6 50; bulls and stags, $2 50@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts 7000; market 5c higher; heavy $5 27@5 35; mixed $5 25@5 27; light $5 22@5 30; bulk of sales, $5 25@5 30.

Sheep—Receipts 4000; market steady; yearlings, $4 50@4 80; common and choice sheep, $3 65@3 85; lambs, $4 50@5 25.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 29.—Cattle—Receipts 9000; market steady; Texas steers, $3 90@4 85; Texas cows, $2 85@3 35; native steers, $4@4 45; native cows and heifers, $2 50@4 25; stockers and feeders, $3@4 75; bulls, $2 25@4.

Hogs—Receipts 15,000; market steady; bulk of sales, $5 27@5 32; heavy, $5 20@5 40; packers, $5 22@5 35; mixed, $5 05@5 25; lights, $4 50@5 20; Yorkers, $5@5 25; pigs, $4 40@4 90.

Sheep—Receipts 3000; market steady; lambs, $4@5 25; muttons, $2 50@4 85.

The Wool Markets.

BOSTON, Jan. 29.—The wool market here continues quiet, with prices practically unchanged. The sales have been to manufacturers, who require the wool for immediate use, and only to fill present demands. There seem to be no prospects at present for a higher market. Territory wools continue to head the list in sales. Territory wool, scoured basis, Montana and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scoured, 46@47c; staple, 48@50c. Utah fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scoured, 46@47c; staple, 48@50c. Idaho fine medium and fine, 14½@15c; scoured, 46@47c; staple, 48@50c. Australian wools, scoured basis, spot prices, combing superfine, 73@75c; good, 67@70c; average, 64@67c.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today were 13,700 bales. New South Wales new clip, greasy, was in good demand for the home trade, the Continent and America. The bulk of the crossbreds offered went to the home trade. Most of the Cape of Good Hope and Natal stock put forward was withdrawn.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Cotton on the first call was steady, with the general list unchanged to 2 points higher, while January, after opening ar an advance of 20 points, scored an additional bulge of 40 points on the initial call. Soon afterward a jump of 11.75 occurred, but later there was a reduction to $11 50, under profit-taking by local longs. By noon another spurt of covering had advanced that option to $11 95, around which it clung until the last hour. The late months were listless and closed about unchanged. At the close the local market was barely steady, with prices net 80 points higher on January, and 2 points higher to 7 points lower on other months.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—While not exhibiting particular activity the local market for tin ruled weak all day, as the result of disappointing advices from London, where prices were £1 lower, at £122. The close here was weak, and 37½ points lower, at $26 62½. In the absence of demand, the local copper market on the whole was a nominal one, being unchanged at $17 for Lake, and $16⅝ for casting. Lead was slow, but steady at $4 37½. Spelter weak at $4@4 10. Pig-iron warrants, quiet, steady, unchanged. Bar silver, 61¼c.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Bar silver, 29¼d per ounce.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Coffee options closed quiet; prices net unchanged to 5 points lower. Sales, 11,250 bags, including March, $5 40; May, $5 50; July, $5 60; August, $5 60; spot, Rio, firm.

Sugar—Raw, steady; refined, quiet.

To Close for Queen's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The governors of the New York Stock Exchange, at a special meeting today, decided to suspend business on Saturday, February 2, the day of the funeral of Queen Victoria.

THOSE OREGON REGIMENTS

The First Oregon Infantry and First Oregon Cavalry.

HUBBARD, Or., Jan. 29.—(To the Editor.)—In publishing my communication of January 25, pleading for justice and recognition for my dead comrades of the First Oregon Cavalry and First Oregon Infantry, you head the article as "A Strange Kind of Letter," and ask "What bloody fields did these heroes fall on?"

Now, let me say that the two regiments mentioned were recruited and organized by direction of the Secretary of War, and were as much a part of the "grand army" as any regiments in the Army of the Potomac. A very good history of the enlistment and muster of the First Oregon Cavalry was given in The Sunday Oregonian about three months ago by a person writing from Albany. He stated the fact that the regiment was raised by request of Senator Baker, and for service in the Army of the Potomac, but his death, early in the Spring of 1862, caused a change of programme, and sent us to do garrison duty and fight Indians on this Coast. There is now in Secretary of State Dunbar's office one copy of Adjutant-General Reed's report for 1865-66. Any one can see the book, but he allows none to take it from his office. Colonel Charles B. Montague, who was First Sergeant of Company B, First Oregon Cavalry, now Representative from Linn County, and member of the committee on military affairs, has a copy that I sent him a few days ago. This report contains the muster-out rolls of all the companies of both regiments, and if The Oregonian reporter at Salem will call on Colonel Montague, he can have official proof of the existence of these two regiments. Then if he will take time to look over the reports of some of the officers who commanded in the many campaigns and expeditions, covering 120 pages of the report, he will find that these regiments, by companies and detachments, had many battles with the Indians, and he will find out, too, that when battles were fought those days they got so close together that somebody got killed. Quite a number in these regiments also died from hardship and exposure, incident to Winter campaigning without shelter tents. These were buried at some established camp, but those who fell in battle, in most cases, were hastily buried on the fields where they fell. You ask what fields did they fall on? Well, we had no newspaper war correspondents with us, consequently the battles got so big, high-sounding names. We spoke of those battles, as, for instance, when Lieutenant Stephen Watson and Privates Kennedy and Harkinson were killed and six others wounded, as "the fight where Watson was killed"; of the fight where W. B. Phillips was killed and several others wounded, as the "fight where Phillips was killed." The same way as to Sergeant Garber, Private Mackey and others that I could mention.

The country where these fights took place was mountainous, or desert plains, and we named them only as above stated. But that bloody little battles were fought, and many brave Oregon boys lost their lives, is certain. They did their full duty, and are just as much entitled to have their names inscribed on the Oregon soldiers' monument as though they had died of malarial fever on the Island of Luzon. And now that a wave of true patriotism has warmed the hearts of the good people of Oregon, let us do them full justice, while some of their old comrades remain to plead their cause. J. B. DIMICK.

With the history of the First Oregon Infantry and the First Oregon Cavalry The Oregonian is entirely familiar. The regiments did the duty assigned them—most of it garrison duty, with now and then a little brush of some of the companies with the Indians, but on the whole it was not arduous—nothing like so arduous as that of the volunteers in the Indian hostilities of 1855-56, and preceding wars. The letter printed last Sunday seemed an unnecessary and exaggerated glorification of the deeds of these two regiments. Most who participated in the early Indian wars in Oregon and Washington saw more fighting and suffered greater hardships and losses than these did, and it is grotesque to attempt to put the service on a level with that of the actors in the great armies of the Civil War, or even with that of the Second Oregon in the Philippines.

Fire at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 29.—Fire which broke out early this morning in Frankel Bros.' department store, corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, destroyed over $500,000 worth of property.

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