COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

A dull month of January closes with trade in fair condition. There were a number of sales of wheat yesterday at 55½ to 56 cents for Walla Walla, 56 cents being the topmost price warranted by the Liverpool quotations for heavy wheat. Barley remained dormant, as it has been for most of the month. There is considerable demand for charters, though exporters are slo wto bid the figure that ships are now held at—4s 3d. Beautiful weather has contributed to the encouragement of general trade. The movement of hops and potatoes, the former to the East, and the latter to Southern markets, has been quite active, and the lumber shipments have picked up considerably in the past week. In certain lines purchases have been light for the past day or two because of the desire of many dealers to clean up stocks with the month. These dealers buy more heavily at the beginning of the month.

Wheat prospects are excellent, so far as the growing crop is concerned. The Winter has been propitious, not only in the Northwest, but also throughout the Eastern wheat districts, and nothing has yet appeared to pull down the estimates of large yields. The acreage in the Willamette Valley is fully up to the average sown there, and the same is true of the wheat country east of the mountains. Fruit prospects are also good. The weather has been cool enough to keep the trees from unseasonable growth, thus preventing the danger that sometimes threatens at this time of the year—of injury by frost because of previous growth in mild weather. The prune market is not satisfactory, and some of the growers express fears that it will not recover before the coming crop shall be ready to sell. A large part of last year's prunes is still in the hands of the growers, who are, however, able to hold them, if necessary. No important sales have been reported lately.

A year ago wool was bringing as high as 20 cents and buying was quite brisk. Thousands of pounds were sold before it was sheared. The dealers lost money. With that experience to guide them, buyers are this year taking wool only as fast as actually needed by the mills. Growers hold for more than the market warrants paying, and the result is that almost no sales are made. The new shearing season is approaching, and the growers are facing the problem of finding storage facilities for the new crop. The warehouses at The Dalles, Heppner Pendleton, Ontario and other wool centers are full of last season's wool, and if they are to be free for the new crop the market must take on more life soon.

The price of Oregon butter fell off 5 cents a roll early in the week, and even at that price the market is not strong. The competition of California new grass butter is what is driving the market down. Eggs are steady, and the market cleans up well every day. The glut of the poultry market continues, and the only solution seems to be to get the prices down to a figure that will make the people eat chickens in preference to other meat. There is no demand at all for turkeys. Ducks and geese sell slowly. And there is yet no end to the supply in sight. One farmer up the valley is waiting to get 1000 chickens on the market when there shall be reasonable chance that it will absorb them.

All hides received now are grubby and bring little money. There is little doing in hides or furs.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$257,049	$ 25,551
Tacoma	235,078	131,128
Seattle	270,623	74,519
Spokane	152,479	30,225

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 55½@56c; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 58@59c 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@22½c per roll.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, 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, 13@15c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 13½@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, 45@50c per sack; sweet potatoes, $1 65 per 100 pounds; celery, 50@75c per dozen; California tomatoes, $2 50 per box.

Fruit—Lemons, choice, $2; fancy, $2 50@2 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, 75c@$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, 8@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@11c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearlings, 15@20c; shortwool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 30@50c; longwool, 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, 12 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; lynx, 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, $3@3; muskrat, 8@12c; skunk, 35@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@2.

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.

Provisions — Portland pack (Shield brand) hams, smoked, are quoted at 12¼c per pound; picnic hams, 9c per pound; breakfast bacon, 14½@15½c; bacon, 10½@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.

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

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 25@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; 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 55; extra C, $5 35; golden C, $5 25 net, half barrels, ¼c 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; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 10@1 30; Alaska, one-pound talls, $1 40@1 60; two-pound talls, $1 90@2 25.

Nuts—Peanuts, 5½@7c per pound for raw, 9c 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, 5¼c; large white, 5c; bayou, 3½; 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, 4¼@5½c; fancy head, $7@7 50 per sack.

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

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

The Day's Operations Centered in Movement of Specials.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Today's market was made up of movements in special stocks, evidently under the operations of speculative cliques who brought manipulation freely to bear to aid the movements. Another overwhelming proportion of the business was concentrated in less than a dozen stocks, St. Paul, Steel and Wire and Southern Pacific continuing very prominent, but were supplemented by large dealings in Rock Island and some of the Southern stocks. The first five minutes of trading were sufficient to demonstrate that very powerful support was in the market. The heavy offerings of St. Paul were freely bought and its decline was checked at 150. The same was true in Northern Pacific and in the steel stocks. The official color given to denials this morning of the so-called St. Paul and the explicit assertions that it was off, brought a large speculative selling of the stock and the statement on behalf of the steel and wire directors given out after the close of the market yesterday was a weakening influence in the steel group. When the determined and effective support at these threatening points was observed, the tone of the speculation was strengthened and the prompt advance in Rock Island and of various other stocks in the latter part of the day served to sustain prices in the general list. Selling to realize was going on actively under cover of the strength in active stocks and the market was highly irregular the whole day.

Under the influence of the first upward spurt in Rock Island, which rose an extreme 2¾, there were general recoveries. St. Paul and other leading stocks rose above last night. The fact that the buying in Rock Island was by brokers identified by the support in Steel & Wire aroused some distrust of the movement and subsequent advances in special stocks were not notably responded to in the general list. St. Paul sold off later to 149½ and closed with a net loss of a point. Southern Pacific suffered from heavy realizing on the statement of December and the net earning showing the extraordinary increase of $832,125 over December of last year. Mobile & Ohio continued to advance, rising 6¼ on top of yesterday's gain of 5½. No authentic information could be secured during trading hours as to the source of this buying, but it was made the occasion by speculators for advancing the stocks of various railroads which might be benefited by gaining its control, including Southern Railway, Louisville, Chicago & Alton and Kansas City Southern. The control of the road is at present vested in the bondholders through a voting trust, and it is said that no controlling interest in the stock is held by any one party.

Late in the day the steel stocks were marked up vigorously after resisting the decline all day. The rise in Steel & Wire of the lowest reached 3¾; in the preferred 2½, and in Federal Steel 2¾. There were gains of 1 to 1½ by some other members of the group.

The engagements of gold for export by tomorrow's steamer make a total of $2,250,000, which is considerably less than the preliminary estimate. But sterling exchange here advanced further today than it did in Paris, and it is evident that a gold movement from here to London is imminent. Borrowers in London resorted to the Bank of England today, showing that the efforts of that institution to control the open market are meeting with success. With a prospect of gold being thus drawn from New York, it seems hardly probable that the bank rate will be reduced tomorrow.

Prices of bonds were well sustained today on a good absorption. Total sales par value, $3,955,000.

United States bonds were all unchanged.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	105⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	107
do coupon	105⅝	Northern Pac. 3s	71¼
do 3s, reg.	110	do 4s	105¼
do coupon	110⅝	Oregon Nav. 1sts	109
do new 4s, reg.	137	do 4s	103½
do coupon	138	Oregon S. L. 6s	129½
do old 4s, reg.	113½	do con. 5s	116½
do coupon	113½	Rio Gr. West. 1sts	99¾
do 5s, reg.	110⅝	St. Paul consols	188
do coupon	111⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	118½
Dist. Col. 3-65s	125	do 5s	119⅝
Atchison adj. 4s	91⅝	Union Pacific 4s	106⅝
C. & N.W. con. 7s	140½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	88
do S. F. deb. 5s	124	Southern Pac. 4s	85¼
D. & R. G. 4s	101½	West Shore 4s	115
Gen. Electric 5s	159⅝		

STOCKS.

The total sales of stocks today were 1,000,100 shares. The closing quotations were:

Atchison	47	Wabash	13
do pref	86	do pref	27¾
Balt. & Ohio	88¾	Wheel. & L. E.	11¾
do pref	95	do 2d pref	28½
Can. Southern	57	Wis. Central	16¼
Can. Pacific	80	P. C., C. & St. L.	57
Ches. & Ohio	38½	Third Avenue	120
Chi. Gr. Western	18¼	National Tube	58½
C., B. & Q.	143¾	do pref	99
Chi., Ind. & L.	24	EXPRESS CO.'S.	
do pref	60	Adams	155
Chi. & East. Ill.	92	American	179
Chicago & N. W.	172	United States	51
C., R. I. & Pac.	135⅝	Wells-Fargo	110
C., C., C. & St. L.	85½	MISCELLANEOUS.	
Colo. Southern	7¾	Amer. Cotton Oil	30⅝
do 1st pref	41⅝	do pref	80
do 2d pref	16⅝	Amer. Malting	4½
Del. & Hudson	134½	do pref	20
Del., Lack. & W.	195	Amer. Smelt. & R.	36⅝
Denver & Rio Gr.	31¾	do pref	91½
do pref	82¼	Amer. Spirits	2
Erie	21⅝	do pref	17
do 1st pref	42⅝	Amer. Steel Hoop.	20⅝
Gr. North. pref	192	do pref	70
Hocking Coal	14½	Amer. Steel & W.	42⅝
Hocking Valley	43	do pref	86⅝
Illinois Central	129⅝	Amer. Tin Plate	50¼
Iowa Central	24¾	do pref	88
do pref	49⅝	Amer. Tobacco	115⅝
Lake Erie & W.	40	do pref	136
do pref	110	Anaconda M. Co.	41⅝
Lake Shore	210¼	Brooklyn R. T.	70⅝
Louis. & Nash.	87½	Colo. Fuel & Iron	45⅝
Manhattan El	110⅝	Cont. Tobacco	48
Met. St. Ry.	161⅝	do pref	95¼
Mex. Central	15¼	Federal Steel	43⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	69	do pref	76⅝
do pref	106	Gen. Electric	189½
Missouri Pacific	87	Glucose Sugar	49
Mobile & Ohio	61	do pref	90
M., K. & T.	19¼	Int. Paper	21
do pref	55	do pref	60½
New Jersey Cent.	140½	La Clede Gas	72
New York Cent.	142⅝	National Biscuit	38¼
Norfolk & West.	44¼	do pref	92
do pref	83	National Lead	19⅝
Northern Pacific	81¾	do pref	97⅝
do pref	86½	National Steel	40⅝
Ontario & West.	30⅝	do pref	90
O. R. & N.	42	N. Y. Air Brake	150
do pref	76	North American	19⅝
Pennsylvania	140¾	Pacific Coast	53
Reading	31¼	do 1st pref	87
do 1st pref	70¼	do 2d pref	68
do 2d pref	41¼	Pacific Mail	45
Rio Gr. Western	65¾	People's Gas	99⅝
do pref	92	Pressed Steel Car	38⅝
St. Louis & S. F.	20⅝	do pref	80
do 1st pref	70¼	Pullman Pal. Car	200
do 2d pref	58½	Stand. Rope & T.	3⅝
St. Louis S. W.	22½	Sugar	134
do pref	51¼	do pref	110
St. Paul	150⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	58¼
do pref	192	U. S. Leather	13½
St. Paul & O.	133	do pref	75
Southern Pacific	46⅝	U. S. Rubber	20
Southern Ry	21¼	do pref	60
do pref	71⅝	Western Union	83¼
Texas & Pacific	27⅝	Amal. Copper	88¾
Union Pacific	83⅝	Republic Iron & S.	13½
do pref	85¼	do pref	58⅝

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 313; Columbea, 723.

Shifted From the St. Paul.

Sharp & Bryan's letter to R. W. McKinnon & Co., yesterday, said:

New York—The street was very generally surprised by the day's market, as the talk was bearish before the opening. The purchase of Chicago Terminal by the Harriman syndicate infused new life into things, however, which led to heavy buying, and a decided advance in Rock Island and the Alton stocks. The market seems to have cut away from the talked-to-death St. Paul deal, as it is pretty generally believed it is indefinitely postponed, if not actually abandoned. The stock, after an early break, however, was notably strong for an ex-deal stock. Southern Pacific rose slightly, subsequently reacting on profit-taking. The market closed at nearly the best of the day.

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Business was brisker on the stock market here today. The American department was active once more. London was buying quietly of American shares at the New York opening, but cabled selling orders caused a setback. After that the department was dull up to the close. The chief demand for American stocks was in Southern Railway. This buying was stimulated by the report that the Mobile & Ohio and Southern Pacific securities were being sought in a fight for control. Money was a little stiffer today. Silver was flat on the cessation of Eastern demand.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Money on call, steady; prime mercantile paper, 3½@4½ per cent; sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¾@4 87¾ for demand, and at $4 84½@4 84¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85 and $4 88½; commercial bills, $4 83½@4 83¾. Silver certificates, 63½@64c. Mexican dollars, 47c. Government bonds, steady; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, firm.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4 84¾; sterling on London, sight, $4 88½.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Consols, 96 11-16. Money, 4@5 per cent.

Respect for the Queen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The Produce Exchange will be closed next Saturday, the day of the Queen's funeral.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices of Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30. — Wheat, steady on call and weak in the spot market. Barley futures inactive; spot barley, weaker. Oats, quiet and steady.

Spot quotations were:

Wheat, shipping No. 1, 56¾c; choice, 58¾c; milling, $1 02½@1 05.

Barley, feed, 71¼@73¾c; brewing, 80@82½c.

Oats, gray, dull; black for seed, $1 22½@1 30; red, $1 25@1 45.

Call board sales:

Wheat, steady; May, $1 00¾; December, $1 07½; cash, 96¾c.

Barley, no sales.

Corn, large yellow, $1 12½@1 15.

European Grain Markets.

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

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 30.—Wheat and flour in Paris steady; French country markets, weak.

Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 1 California, 6s 4d; No. 2 red Western Winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 Northern Spring, 6s 3½d. Futures, quiet; March, 6s 1½d; May, 6s 1¾d.

Corn, spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 3s 11d; American mixed, old, 4s. Futures, quiet; March, 3s 9½d; May, 3s 9½d.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—The wheat market was a professional one throughout the session and the trade was of a scalping order, content with small deals and corresponding profits or losses. May opened ¼@½c lower, at 76⅝c to 76½c under the influence of indifferent Liverpool cables, the deep fall of snow and the delayed announcement of Australian shipments aggregating 544,000 bushels, last week. The market declined early to 75⅝c, where it held steady for a time, while a few small buying orders were filled. The liberal receipts and the small world's shipments later caused further selling pressure, and May dropped to 75⅝c. Shorts covered on the decline and the market reacted to 76½c and closed ¼@⅜c down, at 76@76¼c. The feature in the corn trade was the almost total absence of outside business. The opening was easier on cables, a liberal country movement and the excellent weather. The wheat weakness also told against the price. There was scarcely any of the usual bull support while commission houses had selling orders from the start. May closed ¼c lower.

Oats were fairly active, within a narrow range. May closed a shade lower, at 25½c.

Provisions were dull. The large hog receipts and the lower prices at the yards caused large selling at the opening; later covering by shorts caused a partial recovery and the close was fairly steady. May pork closed 7½c lower; May lard closed 7½c down, and May ribs 5@7½c depressed.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
WHEAT.				
January	$0 73⅝	$0 73⅝	$0 73¼	$0 73½
February	73⅝	73⅝	73¼	73⅝
May	76⅝	76⅝	75⅝	76⅝
CORN.				
January	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝
February	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝	36⅝
May	38⅝	39	38⅝	39
OATS.				
January	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
May	25	25⅛	25	25⅛
MESS PORK.				
January	.....	.....	.....	13 82½
May	14 07½	14 07½	13 90	14 02½
LARD.				
January	7 37½	7 37½	7 37½	7 37½
March	.....	.....	.....	7 37½
May	7 47½	7 47½	7 42½	7 45
SHORT RIBS.				
January	6 92½	6 92½	6 92½	6 92½
May	7 05	7 07½	6 97½	7 02½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Barely steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 65@73c; No. 2 red, 75½c.

Corn—No. 2, 37¼c; No. 2 yellow, 37½c.

Oats—No. 2, 24¾c; No. 3 white, 26¾@27¾c.

Rye—No. 2, 51@52c.

Barley—Good feeding, 40@47c; fair to choice malting, 50@60c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 75; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 75@1 76.

Timothy seed—Prime, $4 60.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $13 87½@13 62½.

Lard—Per cwt., $7 32½@7 35.

Short ribs—Sides, loose, $6 80@7 10.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, 6¼@6½c.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7 25@7 37½.

Clover—Contract grade, $11@11 25.

Butter—Active; creamery, 20c; dairy, 11½@15c.

Cheese—Dull, 10¼@11¾c.

Eggs—Quiet; fresh, 17c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	60,000	30,000
Wheat, bushels	75,000	68,000
Corn, bushels	904,000	913,000
Oats, bushels	394,000	263,000
Rye, bushels	6,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	68,000	6,000

Note.—There will be no session of the Board of Trade February 2, on account of Queen Victoria's funeral.

Visible Wheat Supply.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies since last account:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 550,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 100,000 bushels. Total supply, decrease, 650,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 3,511,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 270,000 bushels.

The combined stock of wheat at Portland, Or., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., decreased 965,000 bushels last week.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Flour—Receipts, 20,285 bbls.; exports, 16,000 bbls. Market, less active, but held at old figures.

Wheat—Receipts, 186,000 bushels; exports, 64,000 bushels. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 81½c f. o. b. afloat.

Options opened easy and were weak all day. Closed easy ⅝@¾c net decline. March closed 80½c; May, 80⅝c; July, 80½c.

Wool—Quiet.

Hops—Quiet.

Chicago Grain Gossip.

The firm of F. G. Logan's Chicago grain letter to R. W. McKinnon & Co. says:

Wheat—Liverpool ¼ lower on the cables. In absence of cash business, there was further liquidation of local holdings of wheat, which carried the price off about 1 cent, from which it has only partially reacted. As on previous breaks of late, it is easy to see and locate considerable selling, but impossible to discover any particular character of buying. There is a probable decrease in stocks. Primary receipts, 443,000 bushels, against 354,000 last year. Shipments, 277,000 bushels, against 131,000 last year. Estimated cars for tomorrow, 45.

Corn—The weather in the West is favorable for movement and grading. The tone of the market is rather easy. Shipping the past two days has been rather light. Primary receipts, 861,000 tons, against 857,000 last year. Shipments, 426,000 bushels, against 293,000 last year. Estimated cars for tomorrow, 320.

Oats—The market is quiet and steady in a speculative way, but has the support of a very good cash demand. Estimated cars for tomorrow, 130.

THE WOOL MARKETS.

Improvement in Boston, but Movement Still Slow.

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow:

The wool market has been more active the past week, and a somewhat improved feeling is noted in the trade. Quite a number of mills have been represented in the market, and some fair-sized lines of wool have been taken. The amount of business done considerably exceeds that of the previous week, and we should estimate the volume of sales at about 3,500,000 pounds. These consist largely of territories, scoured, medium fleeces and delaine wools. Some manufacturers express themselves as satisfied with the orders which they have taken on overcoatings. Others are still running on duplicate lightweights. While prices are, upon the whole, in favor of the buyer, there has not been sufficient recession as yet to justify a general lowering of quotations. In fact, in some lines a pretty firm feeling prevails. This is especially noticeable in quarter-blood fleeces and delaine wools, as well as on scoured wools, and some sales have been made at full quotations.

Sales for the week in Boston amounted to 3,176,000 pounds domestic and 280,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 3,456,000 pounds, against a total of 1,285,000 pounds for the previous week and a total of 4,544,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year. The sales since January 1 amount to 9,615,000 pounds, against 17,169,600 pounds for the corresponding time last year.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The wool auction sales were continued today. During the series 177,074 bales were offered, of which 15,500 were withdrawn. The offerings today numbered 10,631 bales. Merinos were in fair demand. American buyers paid full prices for suitable parcels of certain grades, of which a larger supply was offered. Superior Victoria greasy was in good demand; a few were taken for America.

EASTERN LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 7500, including 1000 Texans. Choice steers steady, others slow to 10c lower; butchers' steady to slow; Texans 10@15c lower; good to prime steers, $5@6; poor to medium, $3 40@4 90; stockers and feeders, strong, $3@4 60; cows, $2 60@4 15; heifers, $2 85@4 25; canners, $1 90@2 55; bulls, $2 50@4 25; calves, steady, $4@5 75; Texas-fed steers, $4@4 75; do grass steers, $3 30@3 95; do bulls, $2 50@3 65.

Hogs—Receipts today, 26,000; tomorrow, 35,000; left over, 30,000; average 5c lower; top, $5 40; mixed and butchers, $5 15@5 40; good to choice butchers, $5 15@5 20; good to choice heavy, $5 25@5 40; rough heavy, $5 10@5 20; light, $5 15@5 35; bulk of sales, $5 25@5 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 45,000. Sheep steady; lambs steady to strong; yearlings up to $5; good to choice wethers, $3 70@4 55; fair to choice mixed, $3 45@3 75; Western sheep, $3 75@4 50; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 50; native lambs, $4 25@5 40; Western lambs, $5@5 35.

OMAHA, Jan. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market, steady; native beef steers, $4 00@5 40; Western steers, $3 70@4 60; Texas steers, $3 00@3 80; cows and heifers, $3 00@4 10; canners, $1 75@2 85; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 00; calves, $4 00@7 00; bulls and stags, $2 50@4 25.

Hogs—Market shade lower; heavy, $5 22@5 35; mixed, $5 22½@5 25; light, $5 20@5 27½; bulk of sales, $5 22½@5 27½.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market, slow; fair to choice yearlings, $4 40@4 75; fair to choice Westerns, $4 00@4 50; common and choice sheep, $3 65@3 85; lambs, $4 50@5 30.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 30.—Cattle—Receipts, 7000; market steady; Texas steers, $3 35@4 50; Texas cows, $2 50@3 25; native steers, $4@5 35; native cows and heifers, $2 25@4 75; stockers and feeders, $3 25@4 55; bulls, $2@3 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 14,000; market weak; bulk of sales, $5 25@5 32½; heavy, $5 25@5 40; packers, $5 25@5 35; mixed, $5 15@5 32½; lights, $5 05@5 30; Yorkers, $5 20@5 30; pigs, $4 40@5 15.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market steady; lambs, $4@5 30; muttons, $3 50@4 85.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—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—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, 10@15c 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@6; 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, 20c per box.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 20c; seconds, 17c; fancy dairy, 17c; do seconds, 14c.

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

Eggs—Selected, 24c; ranch, 27c; Eastern, 20c.

Receipts—Flour, 29,524 quarter sacks; do Oregon, 15,250 quarter sacks; wheat, 128,685 centals; barley, 6670 centals; oats, 1930 centals; beans, 1207 sacks; potatoes, 7484 sacks; do Oregon, 5892 sacks; bran, 1775 sacks; do Oregon, 3000 sacks; middlings, 2775 sacks; hay, 392 tons; wool, 53 bales; hides, 152.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The local market for metals ruled generally weak today. Tin opened weak at 37½ points decline, and ruled weak all day, closing at $26 25.

Copper was very quiet. Lake, $17; casting, $16 62½.

Lead, dull, nominal, $4 37½.

Spelter, weak, at $4@4 05.

Pig iron warrants, inactive, unchanged.

Bar silver, 60¼c.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Bar silver, quiet, 27¾d per ounce.

The Coal Trade.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Discussing the general coal trade situation, the Coal Trade Journal, in its issue of today, will say, among other things:

"The month of January, this year, will surely pass into history as that of a record-breaker as to the amount of anthracite coal mined and shipped. There is no doubt that the tonnage will reach the 5,000,000-ton mark. This is so far in excess of any other January that it is phenomenal."

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—On the opening call, the cotton market was barely steady, with January 5 points higher and other months unchanged to 3 points lower. Selling for short account soon set in. For a long time the March option had the support of several prominent operators, but before the close even that month gave way. The market closed easy, with January, nominal and other months 14@18 points lower.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Coffee options closed steady, with prices 15 points lower. Sales, 29,250 bags, including May, $5 25; June, $5 40; July, $5 45. Spot Rio, easy; No. 7 invoice, 7c; mild, dull; Cordova, 8@12½c.

Sugar, raw, firm; refined, dull.

Gold Shipments.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. have arranged for $1,250,000 in gold for shipment to Paris tomorrow.

The National City Bank will ship to Paris tomorrow gold to the amount of $500,000.

Trouble Over Epworth League.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—A meeting of the advisory committee of the Western railroad presidents will probably be held some time this week. It is probable that the trouble which has arisen among the Western roads over Epworth League tickets will be considered.

The lines of the Transcontinental Passenger Association recently agreed to give no free transportation to any one for the purpose of influencing travel to the Epworth League convention, which is to be held in San Francisco next July. It is now reported that some of the lines have made offers to influential members of the league of one free ticket for every 10 secured for the respective lines, and a general scramble for the business is feared unless something is done to prevent it.

Among the prominent railroad men now in the city are: President Burt, of the Union Pacific; President Mellen, of the Northern Pacific, and President Jeffrey, of the Denver & Rio Grande.

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TO FIGHT EACH OTHER.

The Canners and Fishermen Have Formed Unions.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 30.—A series of meetings is being held by the salmon canners of the Frases and Northern British Columbia Rivers to perfect a combine for the coming season, and also to provide protection for the canners from the labor agitators who succeeded in keeping the fishermen from working while the big run of fish was on last year.

Every canner on the Fraser is going into the pool. The fishermen are also active, and have formed five unions on the different rivers, including in their membership Indians as well as white fishermen. A central authority is to be appointed to act as the representative of the unions in dealing with the combine. An effort is being made to keep the Japanese who broke up last year's strike off the river.

Sentence of Fourteen Years.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 30.—Elisha Francis, a young colored man who recently shot and killed Lois Jones, also colored, at Franklin, Wash., today pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to 14 years in the penitentiary. The