COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Business yesterday was brisk in all jobbing departments. Although the full tide of Christmas trade keeps up to the usual high mark, merchants report a slacker demand in a few lines, due to the near approach of the holidays. Wheat, in striking contrast with last week, shows little trading activity. Groceries rule steady. Cornmeal is very firm. Rice is unchanged, but is regarded weak. Raisins are higher. The poultry market shows much activity. All fowls sell promptly, especially turkeys and chickens. A carload of Missouri turkeys will arrive next week. Dealers in butter have decided to let prices rest for the present, although the product is strong. Cheese has a steady market. Dressed meats, conspicuously pork and veal, are strong. Fresh Oregon eggs are scarce, and the Eastern product is sold in large quantities. Cranberries are higher. Dullness oppresses potatoes and onions. Receipts are light, and the market is very apathetic. Prunes may be a little improved, but the fruit is still extremely dull.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$570,095	$32,494
Tacoma	198,222	40,277
Seattle	509,527	91,474
Spokane	289,254	78,153

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

Wheat prices just about held their own yesterday. In the East, the cereal scored a small advance, but distance absorbed the gain before it reached the Northwest. Quotations were largely nominal, owing to the estrangement between buyers and sellers. Many growers are disposed to hold for an even 50c in the country, a figure which exporters are at present loth to approach. The top price yesterday in the Portland market was quoted at 60c for Walla Walla, and some dealers got under that figure. Exporters seem content to wait a while. They have plenty of the cereal for immediate purposes, and desire their tardy ships to come to port rather than to buy more grain. Freights are not so peremptory as they were a few days ago. The spot ship Fulwood is reported to be easing away from its first demands and to be offering under 39s. The two ships which arrived yesterday were very welcome. Oats and barley remain steady, the latter strong. Shipments of grain Eastward are made in large quantities. Receipts of wheat continue heavy.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 60c; bluestem, 61c; Valley, 60c.

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

Oats—No. 1 white, $1@1 05; gray, 95c@$1 per cental.

Flour—Best grades, $2 70@3 30 per barrel; graham, $2 50.

Millstuffs—Bran, $17 50 per ton; middlings, $20; shorts, $18; chop, $17.

Hay—Timothy, $11@12; clover, $7@7 50; Oregon wild hay, $5@6 per ton.

Potatoes and Onions.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 85@90c per cental; ordinary, 65@75c per cental, growers' prices.

Onions—$1 50@1 75 per cental, growers' prices.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Creamery, 22½@25c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12½@15c.

Eggs—20@22½c for cold storage; 22@25c for Eastern, 30c for fresh Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2 50@3 50; hens, $4@4 75, 10c per pound; Springs, 10@11c per pound, $2 50@3 50 per dozen; ducks, $5@3 50 for young; geese, $6 50@7 50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12@13c; 12½@15c dressed per pound.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 13@13½c; Young America, 14@15c; factory prices, 1@1½c less.

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Lambs, 3½@3½c, gross; dressed, 6½c per pound; sheep, wethers, 3½@3½c, gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound; ewes, 3½@3½c, gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5½c; dressed, 6@6½c per pound.

Veal—8@9c per pound.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3½c; steers, 3½@4c; dressed, 6@7c per pound.

Hams, bacon, etc.—Portland pack (Shield brand) hams, 12½@13½c; picnic, 9½c per pound; breakfast bacon, 13½@16½c per pound; bacon 14c per pound; backs 12c per pound; dry-salted sides, 11c per pound; dried beef, sets, 16c; knuckles, 18c per pound; Eastern pack, hams, large, 12½c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 9½c; shoulders, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 14@15½c; dry-salted sides, 11½c; bacon, sides, 12½c; backs, unsmoked, 11½c; smoked, 12½c; butts, 9½@10½c per pound; dried beef, 15½@17½c per pound; dry-salted bellies, 11½@12½c; bacon bellies, 12½@13½c per pound.

Lard—Portland (Shield brand), 5s, 13c; 10s, 12½c; 50s, 12½c; tierces, 12½c; Eastern, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 12½c; 10s, 12½c; 50s, 12½c.

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, $11 50; Arbuckle's, $12 63 list; Lion, $12 13 list; Cordova, $12 63 list.

Rice—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, 5@7c.

Sugar—Cube, $5 50; crushed, $5 50; powdered, $5 10; dry granulated, $5 25; extra C, $5 25; golden C, $4 65 net per sack; beet sugar, $5 15 per sack; half barrels, ¼c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Honey, 12½@15c per pound.

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound talls, $1 85; two-pound talls, $3; fancy one-pound flats, $2; one-half pound fancy flats, $1 25; Alaska talls, 95c; two-pound talls, $2.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $8 25 per 100 for spot.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted, cocoanuts, $5@6c per dozen; walnuts, 11@11½c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, $4 50@3 per drum; Brazil nuts, 7c; filberts, 14@14½c; fancy pecans, 14@14½c; almonds, 15@16c per pound.

Coal oil—Cases, 20½c per gallon; barrels, 16c; tanks, 14c.

Stock salt—50s $19 75; 100s, $19 25; granulated, 50s, $28; Liverpool, 50s, $28; 100s, $27 50; 200s, $27.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Tomatoes, $1@1 25; turnips, 65@75c; carrots, 65@75c; beets, 80@90c per sack; pumpkins, $1@1 25; squashes, $1@1 25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75@85c per cental; green peppers, 5c per pound; celery, 75c per dozen; sweet potatoes, $1 50 per cental.

Green fruit—Lemons, $2 50@3 50; oranges, $3@3 25 per box; bananas, $2 25@3; pineapples, $5 per dozen; grapes, $1 50@1 60 per crate; apples, 50c@$1 20; cranberries, 10c per pound.

Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 7@8c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 4@5c; apricots, 11½@12c; peaches, 8@11c; pears, 6@8c; prunes, Italian, 3@4c; silver, extra choice, 5@6c; French, 1½@3½c; figs, silfornia blacks, 3½@4c; do white, 5c; plums, pitless, white, 6c

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

Hops—8@10c per pound.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 11@14c; Eastern, Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 21@31c per pound.

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

Tallow—Prime, per pound, 4@4½c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 15c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 16c; dry-salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@9c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7½@8c; under 50 pounds, and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15@30 pounds, 7c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each $1 50@2; dry, each, $1@1 50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.

Pelts—Bear skins, as to size, No. 1, each, $5@20; cubs, $2@5; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@30c; house cat, 5@10c; fox, common gray, each, 30@50c; do red, each, $1 50@2; do cross, each, $5@15; do silver and black, each, $100@200; fishers, each, $5@6; lynx, each, $2@3; mink, strictly No. 1, each, 30c@$1 25; marten, dark Northern, $6@12; marten, pale, pine, according to size and color, $1 50@3; muskrats, large, each, 5@10c; skunk, each 25@35c; civet or pole cat, each, 5@10c; otter, for large prime skins, each, $5@7; panther, with head and claws perfect, each, $2@5; raccoon, for large prime, each, 30@35c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, each, $3 50@5; wolf, prairie (coyote), with head perfect, each, 40@60c; wolf, prairie (coyote), without head, each, 30@50c; wolverine, each, $4@7; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; do medium, $3@4; do small, $1@1 50; do kits, 50@75c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Easier Call Money Rate Gave Impetus to Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Stocks scored quite a notable recovery in today's market. The market was very irregular during the early part of the day, and distinctly weak in spots. This was due to the uneasiness coming over from yesterday's events, and the fear that money stringency would develop during the day, incident to the carrying over of loans until Monday.

Borrowers on call paid as high as 8½ per cent early in the day, but they had no difficulty in obtaining accommodations at the prevailing rates. There was no further calling of loans by the banks or forcing of liquidation in consequence, as was the case yesterday. The call loan rate yielded as the larger demands were satisfied, and fell below 6 per cent at the close. Perceiving the course things were taking, the bears began to buy to cover their short contracts, which had been considerably extended in yesterday's decline. There was some buying also by inside interests in the various stocks, especially during the morning, for the purpose of support.

Under these influences prices began to recover, and touched the high level of the day during the afternoon. This level was not fully maintained, but the closing was steady and dull, and only a fraction below the top level. Yesterday's anxiety over the rumors circulated of the embarrassment of a large international mercantile house was relieved by assurances that the trouble was tided over. This was a factor in the recovery, except for the rubber goods stocks and United States Rubber, which lost from 1@4 points.

The preliminary figures of the week's movements of cash promised a loss of upward of $6,000,000 for the banks, but the easier tone of the money market helped to a more hopeful sentiment over the future. In the late strength of the market, gains of 1@2 points were established among the local tractions, trunk lines, coalers, both hard and soft, Southwesterns and a number of specialties. General Electric rose 7 points. Amalgamated Copper fluctuated favorably on the announcement of the open out in the price of raw copper. The stock rose to 68½ at one time, and was near that point several times. The low price was 66¼, and it closed only ¼c higher, at a net advance of 1%.

Bonds were irregular and only moderately active. Total sales, par value, $2,935,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

RAILROADS.	Sales.	High'st.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
Atchison	25,700	76¼	75	76⅛
do pfd	9,400	98½	97	98⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	2,900	101½	100	101⅛
do pfd	100	94	94	94½
Canadian Pacific	2,400	112	111⅝	112⅛
Canada Southern	1,700	85⅝	85	85⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	1,100	45⅝	45	45½
Chicago & Alton	1,700	33	32	33⅛
do pfd	400	77½	77	77½
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	300	46	45½	46⅛
do pfd				73½
Chicago & Eastern Ill.				134½
Chi. & Grt. W. (ex div.)	5,500	24	22½	23½
do A pfd	600	85⅝	85½	85½
do B pfd	600	44⅝	43	44
Chicago & N. W.	1,500	200½	197½	198½
C., R. I. & P.	1,800	147½	146⅝	146½
Chi. Term. & Transfer.	700	15⅝	15⅛	15⅛
do pfd	300	30	29½	29½
C., C., C. & St. Louis	300	97	96⅝	96⅝
Colorado Southern	900	13⅝	13½	13⅝
do 1st pfd	2,500	56	55½	56
do 2d pfd	1,200	24⅝	24½	25
Delaware & Hudson	4,200	172½	170	171½
Del., Lack. & Western	2,900	247	243	246½
Denver & Rio Grande	500	42⅝	42⅝	42½
do pfd	1,000	93	92	92½
Erie	17,600	39½	38⅝	39
do 1st pfd	800	71⅛	70⅝	71⅛
do 2d pfd	2,400	55	53⅝	54⅝
Great Northern pfd	1,800	182½	181	181½
Hocking Valley	500	62⅝	62½	62
do pfd	400	81⅛	81	80⅝
Illinois Central	1,200	137½	136⅝	136⅝
Iowa Central	1,100	35½	34½	35
do pfd	100	70	70	70½
Lake Erie & Western	400	65½	64½	65⅝
do pfd				120
Louisville & Nashville	7,100	104½	103½	104⅛
Manhattan El. (ex div.)	24,500	133⅝	131½	132½
Met. Street Railway	7,100	159	156⅝	158⅝
Mexican Central	400	22⅝	22	22⅛
Mexican National	600	13⅝	13½	13⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	100	108⅝	108⅝	107½
Missouri Pacific	15,000	102⅝	101	102⅝
Mo., Kansas & Texas	200	24½	24½	25
do pfd	300	50⅛	50	50
New Jersey Central				178
New York Central	16,600	163½	160½	162½
Norfolk & Western	7,000	54⅝	53⅝	54⅛
do pfd	100	91⅝	91⅝	91⅝
Northern Pacific pfd	200	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛
Ontario & Western	5,700	33⅝	32⅝	33
Pennsylvania	23,800	146⅝	145	146⅝
Reading	29,700	47½	45½	46⅝
do 1st pfd	2,400	79½	78½	78⅝
do 2d pfd	16,300	57	55½	56⅝
St. Louis & San Fran.	1,100	51½	51	51½
do 1st pfd (ex div.)				79
do 2d pfd	800	70	69	69½
St. Louis S. W.	400	27⅝	27	27
do pfd	1,000	57	56½	56½
St. Paul	36,600	156½	151½	156⅝
do pfd	600	187	185½	186½
Southern Pacific	22,600	58⅝	56½	58
Southern Railway	9,800	32½	31½	32½
do pfd	2,500	91⅝	90⅝	91⅝
Texas & Pacific	1,500	38½	37½	38
Toledo, St. L. & W.	500	19⅝	19½	18½
do pfd	300	32	32	31½
Union Pacific	61,000	66½	97½	66½
do pfd	4,600	87½	87½	87⅝
Wabash	900	22½	21½	22
do pfd	11,200	42	40⅝	41⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie	200	18	17⅝	17⅝
do 2d pfd				28
Wisconsin Central	900	20½	19⅝	20
do pfd	600	41½	40	40⅝
Express Companies—				
Adams				190
American				195
United States				88
Wells-Fargo				180
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	98,600	68½	66½	66½
Amer. Car & Foundry	2,400	30	29½	29⅝
do pfd	600	85½	85½	85⅝
American Linseed Oil				16
do pfd				46
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	2,900	44½	43½	44½
do pfd				96½
Anaconda Mining Co.	2,300	30⅝	29½	29⅝
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	8,800	62⅝	61	62⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	1,700	79⅛	77	79⅛
Consolidated Gas	800	215	213	214½
General Electric	900	281	274	281
Glucose Sugar	200	39⅝	39	39
Hocking Coal	400	15½	15	14½
Int. Paper (ex div.)	1,100	19½	19	19½
do pfd	100	75½	75½	75
International Power				88⅝
Laclede Gas				90
National Biscuit				43
National Lead				16½
National Salt	100	30½	30½	30½
do pfd				61
North American	900	94	93	93½
Pacific Coast				74
Pacific Mail	500	43⅝	43½	43½
People's Gas	2,400	99	98	98½
Pressed Steel Car	400	38⅝	38⅝	39½
do pfd	500	82½	82½	82½
Pullman Palace Car				211
Republic Steel	400	15½	14⅝	14⅝
do pfd	1,200	68½	67⅝	68½
Sugar	8,200	121	119	120½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	3,000	60½	59⅝	60
Union Bag & Paper Co.	200	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
do pfd				71
United States Leather	1,000	11½	11½	11½
do pfd	200	81⅝	81⅝	81⅝
United States Rubber	400	14½	14	13⅝
do pfd				49
United States Steel	32,700	40⅝	39⅝	40⅝
do pfd	13,600	91	89⅝	90⅝
Western Union	800	91½	91	91½
American Locomotive	4,500	30⅝	30	30⅛
do pfd	100	87⅝	87	87⅛

Total sales for the day, 625,300 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	108½	Atchison adj. 4s	93⅝
do coupon	109	C. & N.W. con. 7s	138⅝
do 3s, reg.	108⅝	D. & R. G. 4s	103½
do coupon	108⅝	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	106½
do new 4s, reg.	139⅝	Northern Pac. 3s	72½
do coupon	139⅝	do 4s	105½
do old 4s, reg.	111½	Southern Pac. 4s	92½
do coupon	112⅝	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
do 5s, reg.	107½	West Shore 4s	114
do coupon	107½	Wis. Central 4s	90

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Money on call, firm, at 3@8 per cent; closed 3 per cent bid, 4 per cent asked; prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange—Steadier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 86½@4 86¾ for demand, and at $4 82⅝@4 82⅞ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 83½@4 84 and $4 87@4 87½; commercial bills, $4 82@4 82½.

Government bonds steady; state bonds inactive; railroad bonds irregular.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4 84; sight, $4 87.

Mexican dollars—47@47½c.

Drafts—Sight, par; telegraph, 2½c.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Money, 3½@4 per cent. Consols, 92⅞.

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Anaconda, 6¼; Atchison, 75⅝; Atchison preferred, 100; Canadian Pacific, 115¼; Northern Pacific preferred, 102; Southern Pacific, 59; Union Pacific, 101; do preferred, 90⅝.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Today's Treasury statement shows:

Available cash balances	$168,624,316
Gold	114,471,249

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

There was a thin attendance at the stock exchange today, and business was interrupted by the gale which isolated London from the provinces. The New York cables were also delayed. The tone of the market was cheerful on Boer surrenders. American issues hung back early, with a slight rally on the New York opening.

Copper touched £51¼ per ton, and Rio Tintos, after declining to 40⅝, closed at 41¼. London is puzzled by the absence in New York cable dispatches of announcement of a dividend on Amalgamated Copper. Three-quarters of 1 per cent was intimated here at 4 o'clock yesterday.

Gold to the amount of £20,000 has gone out to Roumania.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices for Cereals in European and American Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Wheat and barley steady. Oats firm.

Wheat — Shipping, $1 02½@1 03⅝; milling, $1 05@1 06¼.

Barley—Feed, 75@76½c; brewing, 82½@85c.

Oats—Red, $1 10@1 30; white, $1 12½@1 32½; black, $1 10@1 20.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady; May, $1 07¼; cash, $1 03⅝.

Barley—Steady; May, 80¼c.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 25@1 30.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Wheat crept back slowly into the 80s today. The absence of Liverpool cables and the heavy fall of snow and rain throughout the country kept the talent guessing. London was rather weak, and, though the Winter wheat belt got a good soaking, the approach of blizzards was much feared. Other conditions early were bearish. The cash demand was slow, receipts were liberal, and clearances small. St. Louis reported a good Continental inquiry, but in general the early trade was of the selling kind. May opened unchanged to ⅛c up, at 79½@79⅝c, but soon sold down to 79c. At this price shorts covered freely, and some of the professionals began to acquire lines of long wheat again. The weather report frightened present holders, and trade toward the close became brisk. Prices rallied well, and May advanced to 80½c, closing strong, ⅝c higher, at 80⅝c.

Corn was fairly active, making good gains and holding them well. The close was strong, May ⅛@⅞c up, at 67@67⅛c.

Oats followed wheat and corn. May closed strong, ⅝c up, at 45⅝@45⅞c.

Provisions were fairly active, but only steady. Fluctuations were narrow. May pork closed 2½c lower, lard a shade lower, and ribs a shade higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
December	$0 75½	$0 76¼	$0 75¼	$0 76¼
May	79⅝	80½	79	80⅝
July	79⅝	80½	79	80⅝

CORN.

December	63⅝	64⅝	63⅝	64¼
May	66½	67⅝	66½	67⅛
July	66⅝	67	66⅛	66⅝

OATS.

December	44⅝	45¼	44⅛	45¼
May	45⅝	45⅞	45	45⅞
July	39⅝	40¼	39⅝	40

MESS PORK.

January	16 37½	16 37½	16 32½	16 32½
May	16 80	16 85	16 67½	16 77½

LARD.

January	9 85	9 87½	9 80	9 82½
May	9 82½	9 85	9 75	9 75

SHORT RIBS.

January	8 40	8 40	8 37½	8 40
May	8 55	8 57½	8 50	8 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 72@76c; No. 2 red, 80@83c.

Oats—No. 2, 46½c; No. 2 white, 48½@48⅝c; No. 3 white, 47⅝@47⅞c.

Rye—No. 2, 63c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 59@62c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 46; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 47.

Timothy seed—Prime, $6 55.

Mess pork—$15 30@15 40 per bbl.

Lard—$9 82½@9 85 per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $9 82½@9 85.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $7 37½@7 50.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 80@8 90.

Butter—Market steady; creameries, 15@24½c; dairies, 13@20½c.

Cheese—Steady, 9¼@10¼c.

Eggs—Firm; fresh, 24@25c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	51,000	37,000
Wheat, bushels	115,000	52,000
Corn, bushels	161,000	55,000
Oats, bushels	215,000	187,000
Rye, bushels	11,000	5,000
Barley, bushels	134,000	3,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Flour—Receipts, 4500 barrels; exports, 14,600 barrels. Market fairly steady, but dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 64,000 bushels; exports, 23,900 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 86½c f. o. b. afloat; 83½c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 85½c.

Options had a steady opening on short demand. After a slight reaction they again advanced, and ruled firm all day, with shorts principal buyers. Closed strong, ¼@1c net advance. March closed 86⅝; May, 85½c; July, 85½c; December, 83½c.

Hops—Steady.

Hides—Steady.

Wool—Dull.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Wheat cargoes on passage, quiet and steady; Walla Walla, 28s 3d. English country markets steady, at advance of 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.—Wheat quiet. Wheat and flour at Paris, quiet. French country markets quiet but steady. Weather in England stormy.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Wool—Spring—Humboldt and Mendocino, 15@16c; Nevada, 10@12c; Eastern Oregon, 10@13c; Valley Oregon, 13@15c. Fall—Humboldt and Mendocino, 10@12½c; mountain, 8@9c; south plains and San Joaquin, 6@8c; lambs, 6@8c.

Hops—New crop, 10@13c.

Hay—Wheat, $9@12; wheat and oats, $8 50@11; best barley, $6@7 50; alfalfa, $8@10; clover, $6@7 per ton; straw, 35@47½c per bale.

Vegetables—Green peas, 5@7c per pound; string beans, 8@10c per pound; tomatoes, 25c@$1; cucumbers, 30@60c per box; Chile green peppers, 25@50c; garlic, 2@2½c; egg plant, 75c@$1 25.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $17 50@18 50; bran, $15 50@16 50 per ton.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 80c@$1 05; Salinas Burbanks, $1 25@1 60; Oregon Burbanks, $1 10@1 50; sweet, 50@90c per cental.

Onions—Yellow, $1 60@3 25.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 12½@14c; do hens, 13@15c per pound; old roosters, $3 50@4 50 per dozen; young roosters, $4 50@5; small broilers, $3@4; large broilers, $4@5; fryers, $4@5; hens, $4@4 50; old ducks, $3 50@4 per dozen; young ducks, $4@5.

Pineapples—$3@4.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 31c per dozen; store, 28c; Eastern, 25c.

Apples—Choice, $1 25; common, 30c per box.

Bananas—$1@2 75 per bunch.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, 75c; choice, $2 50; Mexican limes, $3 50@4; oranges, navel, $1@2 25.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 24c; do seconds, 18c; fancy dairy, 20c per pound; do seconds, 16c; new, 12c; old, 11c.

Cheese—Young America, 12½c; Eastern, 13@15c per pound.

Receipts—Flour, 25,234 quarter sacks; do Oregon, 5702; wheat, 13,420 centals; barley, 2790 centals; oats, 1300 centals; do Oregon, 3050 centals; beans, 2987 sacks; corn, 900 centals; potatoes, 5433 sacks; do Oregon, 7820 sacks; bran, 2935 sacks; do Oregon, 34,640 sacks; middlings, 1201 sacks; hay, 215 tons; wool, 72 bales; do Oregon, 11 bales; hides, 453.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 8500. Market very dull and steady. Good to prime, $6@7 50; poor to medium, $3 75@5 90; stockers and feeders, $2@4 25; cows, $1@4 15; heifers, $1 75@5; canners, $1@2; bulls, $1 75@4 50; calves, $2@5 25; Texas fed steers, $4 50@5 80; Western steers, $3 50@4 75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 35,000; tomorrow, 28,000; left over, 10,000. Market for heavy steady; light, lower. Mixed and butchers, $5 80@6 35; good to choice heavy, $6 20@6 60; rough heavy, $5 75@6; light, $4 75@5 70; bulk of sales, unfed and heavy, $5 80@6 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Market for sheep dull and lower; lambs strong to 10c higher. Good to choice wethers, $3 50@4; fair to choice mixed, $2 75@3 40; Western sheep, $3@4; native lambs, $2 50@5 40; Western lambs, $2 50@4.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000. Market steady. Texas steers, $3 50@4 70; Texas cows, $2 40@3 75; native steers, $4 75@6 50; native cows and heifers, $2 70@4; stockers and feeders, $3@4 50; bulls, $2 25@4 25.

Hogs—Receipts, 2000. Market, 5@10c lower; bulk of sales, $5 80@6 50; heavy, $6 50@6 65; packers, $6 35@6 50; mixed, $6 25@6 50; lights, $5 55@6 40; Yorkers, $5 25@6 25; pigs, $4 50@5 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000. Market steady. Lambs, $4@4 85; muttons, $3@3 80.

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 2800 head. Market for good, strong; others, easier. Native beef steers, $4@6 75; Western steers, $3 80@5 60; Texas steers, $3 50@4 40; cows and heifers, $2 80@4 50; canners, $1 50@2 60; stockers and feeders, $2 80@4 40; calves, $3 50@6; bulls and stags, $1 80@4 10.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000. Market, best, 5@10c higher; others steady. Heavy, $6 40@6 60; mixed, $6 10@6 30; light, $5 60@6 10; bulk of sales, $6@6 40.

Sheep—Receipts, 300. Market, unchanged. Wethers, $3 80@3 50; ewes, $2 75@3 15; common and stock sheep, $2 65@3 10; lambs, $4 25@5.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The local copper market is demoralized. Prices were reduced 1@1¼c today. The street looks for a further reduction. It is said that the Metals Selling Company has been making contracts for a great deal of copper at prices even lower than covered by today's reduction. Everybody seems to be at sea regarding the future of the market. Reports current that the reduction was made as a move in the copper stock war were denied by men on the inside. The decline was evidently made to try to get prices down to a free-selling level, or, in other words, to a commercial basis. The local prices are now as follows: Lake, 15¾@15⅞c; electrolytic, 15@15⅛c; casting, 15c. The London copper market fell off 10s today, thus making a new low record for recent years. Spot and futures were quoted at £62.

The London market for pig tin was unchanged, but the local market was about ⅛c higher, closing at $24 85@25 12½. London tin closed with spot at £100 10s, and futures at £102 15s.

Lead was steady, but unchanged here. The London market was as last quoted at £10 10s. At New York, the price was $4 45. Spelter was unchanged here, at 4⅝c. London was 5s better, closing at £16 10s.

Iron was a little lower abroad. Glasgow closed at 50s, and Middlesboro at 43s 1½d. Pig iron warrants, $10 50@11 50; No. 1 Northern foundry, $15 50@16; No. 2 foundry Southern, $14 50@15 50; No. 1 foundry Southern, $15 50@16 50; No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $15@17.

Bar silver 55c per ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Bar silver, 55¼c per ounce.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Bar silver, 25 7-16d per ounce.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice, 6½c; mild steady; Cordova, 7@11½c.

Futures—Closed firm, at a net advance of 10@15 points; total sales, 21,750 bags, including: January, $6 70; March, $6 90; July, $7 25@7 30.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 9-32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅜c; molasses sugar, 3 1-32c. Refined steady.

London Wool Auctions.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 8761 bales. There was strong competition for some superior new scoureds.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Cotton closed steady, 1 point higher to 2 points lower.

High School of Commerce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—From the Chamber of Commerce, J. Edward Simmons, Cornelius C. Cuyler, Francis R. Appleton, James H. Hyde and Samuel P. Avery have been appointed to act with the committee from the Board of Education, of which John G. O'Keefe is chairman, taking charge of the ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner-stone of the new High School of Commerce building, this city, Saturday afternoon. Andrew Carnegie has accepted an invitation to speak, and Abram Hewitt will speak if he is able to leave his home, to which he is now confined by rheumatism.

The idea of the High School of Commerce is to fit boys graduated from it for positions above mere clerkships and give them practical information in regard to commercial affairs. The study of modern languages, Spanish especially, will have an important place in the curriculum.

AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND.

Matt Grau, N Y
S Soule, San Fran
W H Butterfield & w, Norfolk, Va
W H Pegram, B C
H G Ashley, B C
J W Boyden, Victoria
R A Swinerton, do
Chas Gauld, city
I Nathan, N Y
Frank Seufert, Dalles
Geo H Lee, Omaha
F J Kelsel, Ontario, Or
S Saunels, Cincinnati
H C Hexter, Pendleton
R G Whitlock, Louisville, Ky
D Corimer, St Joseph
Harry F Taylor, Tacoma
T H Pudy, Chicago
Geo A Johnston, do
Lewis Hall, Weiser
T H Curtis, Astoria
Henry Heyneman, S F
Julius Siegel, S F
G F Wentworth, Tacoma
A K Selby, S F
Geo T Williams, S F
J S Rosenfeld, Chicago
J W Bird, Louisville
Geo H Lee, Omaha
Jennie Roberts, Fargo
H Abraham, N Y
D B Hanson, Seattle
A H Wethey & w, St L
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