COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was the usual rustle and bustle attendant on preparation for Christmas yesterday, and the wholesale stores enjoyed an enormous trade. Among the commission houses, poultry was the center of attraction, and the business on the whole was satisfactory to buyers and sellers alike. There was no such scarcity of turkeys as was in evidence at Thanksgiving, and prices were accordingly 3c or 4c lower than they were at that time. The best stock sold generally at 14c, with something very fancy occasionally bringing a fraction more, and culls going at 10c and 12½c. For live birds the ruling figure was 12c and 12½c for best. Some of the Eastern turkeys which were brought here in expectation of a shortage of Oregon stock, sold as low as 13c, and were not wanted at that figure. Chickens were very much depressed, 8½c being a full figure for dressed, while some cleaned up at 8c per pound. Live were almost unsalable, except at very low figures. Live geese sold at $6 and $7 per dozen, and dressed at 10c per pound. Live ducks, $5 50 and $6 50 per dozen. The demand for fruit was heavy, but the supply was in keeping, and there was no strengthening in prices. Butter, eggs, pork and veal all found buyers, and were quite firm. Groceries showed no change, and there was a big demand in all lines.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$455,922	$ 27,712
Seattle	639,808	229,576
Tacoma	250,228	78,392
Spokane	238,962	33,900

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The Monday statistics were more bullish than usual yesterday, and the wheat market took another turn upward in this country. The Englishmen were apparently too much interested in anticipating Christmas festivities to pay much attention to the markets, and they made a rather sluggish response to Saturday's strength in this country. Locally, exporters were bidding 60c, and in some cases "springing" this figure a little, but are not securing any wheat at these figures. Some of them are following the example of the foreigners by in a measure retiring from an active crusade until after the holidays. Two more ships arrived in yesterday, adding to the already ample supply of tonnage in port, and obviating the necessity of paying fancy figures for ships. The owners of the Fulwood have already lost over $3000 by holding their ship too high.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 59½@60c; bluestem, 61c; Valley, 59½@60c.

Barley—Feed, $17@17 50; brewing, $17 50@18 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1@1 10; gray, 55c@$1.

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

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

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

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Lambs, 3¼@3½c, gross; dressed, 6½c per pound; sheep, wethers, 3¼@3½c, gross; dressed, 6@6½c per pound; ewes, 3¼@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, 3@7c per pound.

Hams, bacon, etc.—Portland pack (Shield brand) hams, 12¾@13½c; picnic, 9¾c per pound; breakfast bacon, 15½@16½c per pound; bacon, 14c per pound; backs, 12c per pound; dry-salted sides, 11c per pound; dried beef, setts, 16c; knuckles, 18c per pound; dried beef, setts, 16c; knuckles, 18c per pound; Eastern pack, hams, large, 12¾c; medium, 13c; small, 13½c; picnic, 9¾c; shoulders, 9¾c; breakfast bacon, 14@15½c; dry-salted sides, 11¾c; bacon, sides, 12¼c; backs, unsmoked, 11½c; smoked, 12¾c; butts, 9¾@10¾c per pound; dried beef, 15¼@17¼c per pound; dry-salted bellies, 11¼@12¼c; bacon bellies, 12¼@13¼c per pound.

Lard—Portland (Shield brand), 5s, 13c; 10s, 12¾c; 50s, 12¾c; tierces, 12¼c; Eastern, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 12¾c; 10s, 12¾c; 50s, 12¼c.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Creamery, 25@27½c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 12½@15c.

Eggs—20@22½c for, cold storage; 22@25c for Eastern, 28@30c for fresh Oregon.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $2 50@3; hens, $3@3 50; S@S½c per pound; Spring, S@9c per pound, $2 25@2 50 per dozen; ducks, $5 50@6 50 for young; geese, $6 50@7 50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11@12½c; 12@14c dressed per pound.

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

Potatoes and Onions.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 85c@$1 10 per cental; ordinary, 70@80c per cental, growers' prices.

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

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 22@25c; 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 25 list; Cordova, $12 65 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; best 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, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 11@11½c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, $4 50@5 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, $25; 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 40 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 50; cranberries, $10@11 per barrel.

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, 6@6c; French, 1½@3½c; figs, California blacks, 3½@4c; do white, 5c; plums, pitless, white, 6c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—8@10c per pound.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 11@14c; Eastern Oregon, 8@12½c; mohair, 21@21½c per pound.

Sheepskins—Shearings, 15@20c; short wool, 25@35c; medium-wool, 50@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, 50@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, 30@$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.

Holiday Dullness, With a Very Small Volume of Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Today's stock market took on the tone of holiday dullness, and the volume of dealings fell away to over 500,000 shares, of which a large proportion was in Sugar. The fluctuations in the general market were not of great importance outside of Sugar. There was a disposition to advance railroad stocks in the early dealings, especially the coalers, but the steady liquidation in Sugar had an unsettling influence, as the stiffness of the call loan market discouraged speculation. The banks marked up their standing call loans to 8 per cent, and the greater part of the day's loans were made at that rate. The incentive to business in a call loan rate below 6 per cent, while brokers charge their customers 6 per cent to carry stocks was, therefore, lacking, and commission-houses showed a languid interest in the market.

The deep cut of 25 points made by the American Sugar Refining Company in the price of sugar, thus underbidding their principal competitors, caused discussion of the probability of a resumption of a war in the trade, but much attention was also given assertions of the threat of competition growing out of the great increase in the production of beet sugar, and the low price at which that sugar is selling. Only twice during the day did Sugar rally as much as a point to interrupt its persistent downward course. The final price was the lowest, and 6% below Saturday's closing. The previous low record for this year was broken at 112⅝. Today's final price was 109¼. Amalgamated Copper maintained its more stable tone, fluctuating over less than a point, but always below Saturday's level. The stock's net loss is ⅝. There was some continued disorder in the metal market in London, which was reflected in a 3-point decline in National Lead preferred here, the common stock also losing a point. The firmness in the coalers was due to the urgent character of the demand for coal, which is reported to amount to a famine at some points, thus maintaining the prosperity of the years of largest production and greatest profits in the coal trade.

New York Air Brake broke 15 points on the report of a judicial decision against one of the company's patents, but recovered a large part of the loss. The probability that money rates will not relax until some time after January 1 repressed speculation. The unprecedented holiday trade is making large local demand for cash, and it is reported that the trust companies are drawing down their deposits with the banks somewhat for their year-end requirements. There was deposited at the Subtreasury 350,000 today for transfer to New Orleans. Many predictions continue to circulate of a January rise in prices after money becomes easier.

Bonds were but moderately active today and irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,709,000. United States 3s, registered, and the new 4s declined ¼ per cent on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

RAILROADS.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing bid.
Atchison	11,800	78⅝	77⅛	78
do pfd	4,000	101	100⅝	100⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	5,600	102	100½	100⅝
do pfd	200	94⅝	94⅝	94
Canadian Pacific	500	113⅝	113	112⅝
Canada Southern	1,200	86⅝	86⅝	85⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	600	46⅝	46⅛	46½
Chicago & Alton	700	35⅝	35	34⅝
do pfd	100	76	76	75⅝
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	200	45⅝	45⅝	45½
do pfd	300	74⅝	74½	74
Chicago & East. Ill.				134½
Chicago & Gr. Western	9,000	24½	23⅞	23⅝
do A pfd	200	87½	87⅛	87⅛
do B pfd	200	47⅝	46⅝	45½
Chicago & N. W.				201
Chi., R. I. & Pac.	700	152	150⅛	150½
Chicago Term. & Tran.				16½
do pfd	200	31⅛	31	30⅝
C., C., C. & St. Louis				97⅝
Colorado Southern	900	14⅝	14½	14½
do 1st pfd	200	58⅛	58⅛	58½
do 2d pfd	100	27⅛	27⅛	26⅝
Delaware & Hudson	1,300	175½	174⅝	175
Del., Lack. & Western				242
Denver & Rio Grande				43½
do pfd	300	94½	94½	94
Erie	11,600	41⅞	40⅝	40⅝
do 1st pfd	5,600	72½	72⅝	72⅛
do 2d pfd	1,100	58⅛	58	58
Great Northern pfd	1,000	184⅛	183⅝	183⅝
Hocking Valley	6,000	70½	68½	70
do pfd	1,400	85	84	84⅝
Illinois Central	400	138⅝	138	137½
Iowa Central				36⅝
do pfd				71
Lake Erie & Western				66
do pfd				120
Louisville & Nashville	3,300	103½	103	103
Manhattan Elevated	7,200	134½	133⅝	133⅝
Metropolitan Street Ry.	3,700	163⅝	161	
Mexican Central	700	25⅛	24⅝	24½
Mexican National				13⅝
Minn. & St. Louis	200	107⅛	107	106
Missouri Pacific	8,100	104⅛	102⅝	102⅝
Mo., Kansas & Texas				25
do pfd	100	52½	52½	52
New Jersey Central	1,400	186	184	184
New York Central	2,900	167⅛	166	166
Norfolk & Western	600	56⅛	56	55⅝
do pfd	300	93½	91⅛	91
Northern Pacific pfd				99⅛
Ontario & Western	7,300	34½	34	34⅛
Pennsylvania	10,800	148⅛	147⅝	147⅝
Reading	57,200	51⅛	50	50⅝
do 1st pfd	8,900	80½	80	80⅝
do 2d pfd	19,100	60⅝	59⅝	59⅝
St. Louis & San Fran.	800			
do 1st pfd	100	83½	83½	81
do 2d pfd	1,100	73⅝	73½	73½
St. Louis S. W.				27
do pfd				58½
St. Paul	14,900	164½	163⅛	163⅝
do pfd	400	189	188	188
Southern Pacific	16,000	69⅝	69⅛	69⅛
Southern Railway	4,300	33⅝	32⅝	32⅝
do pfd	2,100	93½	93	93
Texas & Pacific	100	38⅝	38⅝	38⅝
Toledo, St. L. & W.	100	19	19	18½
do pfd				33½
Union Pacific	18,600	102⅝	101⅝	101⅝
do pfd	700	89½	88⅝	88⅝
Wabash	3,000	22⅝	22	22⅝
do pfd	2,600	42½	42	42
Wheeling & Lake Erie				18⅝
do 2d pfd				28½
Wisconsin Central	700	20⅝	20⅝	20½
do pfd	100	41½	41½	40½
Express Companies—				
American				202
United States	100	95	95	93
Wells-Fargo				190
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	27,800	66⅝	65½	66⅛
Amer. Car & Foundry	1,400	30⅝	29⅝	30
do pfd	200	86⅝	86½	86½
American Linseed Oil				15
do pfd				41
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	900	43⅝	43½	43⅝
do pfd	300	97	96½	96½
Anaconda Mining Co.	2,000	29	28½	28½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	11,300	65⅝	64⅝	64⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	1,400	90½	89½	89½
Consolidated Gas				215
General Electric	400	283	281	279½
Glucose Sugar				38½
Hocking Coal				15½
International Paper	700	20⅝	20	20
do pfd	100	75⅝	75⅝	75
International Power				88
Lachelle Gas				90
National Biscuit				43½
National Lead	1,100	16⅛	15⅛	15½
National Salt				22
do pfd				61
North American				93
Pacific Coast	100	75	75	74½
Pacific Mail	200	45⅛	45	44
People's Gas	1,200	102	100⅝	100½
Pressed Steel Car	1,500	41	40⅛	40
do pfd	1,500	84	83	83
Pullman Palace Car				214
Republic Steel				15
do pfd	400	66⅝	66⅛	66⅝
Sugar	160,900	115⅝	109⅛	109⅝
Tennessee Coal & Iron	1,500	62⅝	62½	62½
Union Bag & Paper Co.	100	14⅝	14⅝	14
do pfd	400	74	74	73
United States Leather	1,200	11⅝	11½	11
do pfd	100	80½	80½	80½
United States Rubber				13½
do pfd				48½
United States Steel	21,800	43	42⅝	42⅝
do pfd	9,100	93	92⅝	92½
Western Union	300	91½	91	91
American Locomotive	2,400	31⅝	31⅛	31½
do pfd	600	89⅝	89½	89½

Total sales for the day, 510,200 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, ref. reg.	108⅝	Atchison adj. 4s	94⅝
do coupon	109½	C. & N.W. con. 7s	140½
do 3s, reg.	108⅝	D. & R. G. 4s	105½
do coupon	108½	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	106⅛
do new 4s, reg.	139⅝	Northern Pac. 3s	73
do coupon	139⅝	do 4s	105½
do old 4s, reg.	111⅝	Southern Pac. 4s	93
do coupon	112⅝	Union Pacific 4s	103½
do 5s, reg.	107½	West Shore 4s	114½
do coupon	108	Wis. Central 4s	93⅝

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4 84½; sight, $4 87½.

Mexican dollars—47@47½c.

Drafts—Sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Money on call, firm, at 4@8½ per cent; closing, asked, 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87⅝ for demand, and at $4 83⅝@4 83⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 84@4 84½; commercial bills, $4 87.

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

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Consols, 94 3-16. Money, 3½@4 per cent.

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Anaconda, 5⅝; Atchison, 80⅝; do preferred, 103⅝; Canadian Pacific, 116⅝; Denver & Rio Grande, 45⅝; do preferred, 96½; Northern Pacific, 102; Southern Pacific, 62; Union Pacific, 105; do preferred, 91½.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—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@15c.

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

Vegetables—Green peas, 9@12½c per pound; string beans, 12½@20c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@$2; cucumbers, 30@60c per box; Chile green peppers, 25@50c; garlic, 2@2½c; egg plant, 12½@15c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $18 50@20; bran, $16 50@17 per ton.

Potatoes—River Burbanks, 85c@$1 10; Salinas Burbanks, $1 25@1 60; Oregon Burbanks, $1 20@1 60; sweet, 90c@$1 per cental.

Onions—Yellow, $1 60@3 25.

Pineapples—$3@4.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 13@14c; do hens, 14@15c per pound; old roosters, $4@4 50 per dozen; young roosters, $4 50@5 50; small broilers, $3 50@5; large broilers, $4 50@5; fryers, $4 50@5; hens, $4@5; old ducks, $4@4 50 per dozen; young ducks, $5@6 50.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 34c per dozen; store, 28c; Eastern, 25c.

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

Bananas—$1@3 per bunch.

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

Butter—Fancy creamery, 25c; do seconds, 19c; fancy dairy, 21c per pound; do seconds, 16c.

Cheese—Young America, 12½c; Eastern, 13@15c per pound; new, 12c; old, 11c.

Receipts—Flour, 35,526 quarter sacks; wheat, 19,166 centals; barley, 89,618 centals; oats, 880 centals; do Washington, 9100; beans, 450 sacks; corn, 880 centals; do Washington, 9100 centals; potatoes, 9568 sacks; bran, 1400 sacks; middlings, 548 sacks; hay, 531 tons; wool, 46 bales; hides, 270.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Prices of Cereals at American and European Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Wheat easier; May, $1 08⅝. Barley, no sales. Oats firm.

Wheat—Shipping, $1 05⅝@1 06; milling, $1 06⅝@1 07½.

Barley—Feed, 77½@80c; brewing, 82½@87½c.

Oats—Red, $1 12½@1 32½; white, $1 12@1 32½; black, $1@1 22½.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Easier; May, $1 08⅝; cash, $1 05.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 30@1 35.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Wheat alone of all the grains showed a semblance of activity and had a uniformly strong tone. At the outset, cables were weak, and this, with the break-up of the cold weather, presaged a setback for wheat. It was with some surprise that traders saw a steady opening and a still steadier advance in the leading cereal. Weekly statistics were slightly bullish, the strength of Saturday was carried over despite the holidays tomorrow and Christmas, and buying orders were plentiful. The scarcity of red Winter wheat, and the anxiety of millers to secure what there was on the market did the work. Winter wheat sold in large lots at 4c over May, and 85c was quoted for smaller sales. The foreign demand was reported good, and private advices stated that stocks abroad were too small to permit of any declines in prices at Liverpool. On these influences, May, which opened ⅛c higher to ⅛c lower, at 80⅝@81⅛c, sold up to 82⅛c and closed strong, 1@1⅛c higher, at 82@82⅛c.

Corn had a dull, narrow market, little affected by the strength in wheat. May closed steady, unchanged to ⅛c up, at 67@67⅛c.

Oats had a fair commission-house trade, and were moderately active. May closed ¼c higher, at 45⅝@45½c.

Provisions had a steady market, with lard the leading product. May pork closed 10c up, lard 5@7½c higher, and ribs 5c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
December	$0 78⅛	$0 78⅛	$0 77⅛	$0 78⅝
May	80⅝	82⅛	80⅞	82⅛
July	81	82⅝	80⅞	82

CORN.

December	63⅞	64	63⅞	64
May	66⅞	67⅛	66⅝	67⅛
July	66⅛	66⅞	66⅝	66⅞

OATS.

December	44⅝	44⅞	44½	44½
May	45⅛	45½	45⅛	45½
July	39	39⅛	39	39⅛

MESS PORK.

January	16 40	16 45	16 40	16 45
May	16 82½	16 92½	16 82½	16 82½

LARD.

January	9 75	9 77½	9 72½	9 75
May	9 50	9 85	9 80	9 85

SHORT RIBS.

January	8 37½	8 40	8 37½	8 40
May	8 62½	8 65	8 60	8 65

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady, very quiet.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 74⅝c; No. 2 red, 83½@85½c.

Oats—No. 2, 46½@47c; No. 2 white, 46@49½c; No. 3 white, 47½@48⅝c.

Rye—No. 2, 65½c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 58½@61c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 58; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 60.

Timothy seed—Prime, $6 40@6 50.

Mess pork—$15 40@15 50 per bbl.

Lard—$9 72½@9 75 per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $8 35@8 45.

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

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 80@8 90.

Clover—Contract grade—$9 40.

Butter—Market steady; creameries, 15@24c; dairies, 14@20c.

Cheese—Firm, 9⅝@10⅝c.

Eggs—Weaker; fresh, 26c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	41,000	28,000
Wheat, bushels	31,000	21,000
Corn, bushels	103,000	43,000
Oats, bushels	124,000	187,000
Rye, bushels	10,000	15,000
Barley, bushels	63,000	16,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Flour—Receipts, 15,697 barrels; exports, 10,275. Market firm, but dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 38,200 bushels; exports, 127,458 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 85⅝c f. o. b. afloat, 85½c elevator.

Options were surprisingly active and strong all day. Heavy covering, influenced by strong Southwest markets, bullish foreign reports, crop damage reports, foreign buying and bullish weekly statistics were the feature, closed very firm, 1@1⅛c net advance. March closed 88⅛c; May, 87½c; July, 87c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Wheat cargoes on passage, rather firmer; Walla Walla, 29s 6d. English country markets quiet. Imports of wheat into United Kingdom, 310,000 quarters; flour, 190,000 barrels. Wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 2,620,000; to Continent, 1,120,000. Indian shipments of wheat to United Kingdom, 6000 quarters; to Continent, none.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Wheat firm; holiday in Paris; French country markets quiet and steady. Weather in England frosty.

Visible Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, December 21, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows:

		Decrease.
Wheat, bushels	58,880,000	551,000
Corn, bushels	11,131,000	56,000
Oats, bushels	5,599,000	142,000
Rye, bushels	2,560,000	78,000
Barley, bushels	2,050,000	809,000

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,700, including 300 Texans. Market for Westerns active and 10@25c higher. Good to prime, $6 25@7 05; poor to medium, $3 80@6; stockers and feeders, $2@4 35; cows, $1@4 75; heifers, $1 50@5; canners, $1@2; bulls, $1 75@4 50; calves, $2 50@6; Texan fed steers, $3 75@4 75.

Hogs—Receipts today, 40,000; tomorrow, 35,000; left over, 7000. Market for mixed steady; heavy, shade lower. Mixed and butchers, $5 70@6 20; good to choice heavy, $6 25@6 50; rough heavy, $5 80@6; light, $5@5 75; bulk of sales, $5 80@6 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000. Market for sheep active. Good to choice wethers, $3 90@4 25; fair to choice mixed, $2 60@3 40; Western sheep fed, $3@4; native lambs, $2 50@5 10.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000. Market steady. Texas steers, $3@4 50; Texas cows, $2 25@3 50; native steers, $4 75@6 50; native cows and heifers, $2 50@5 25; stockers and feeders, $3@4 25; bulls, $2 25@4 25.

Receipts, 11,000. Market 5c higher; bulk of sales, $5 50@6 50. Heavy, $6 50@6 60; packers, $5 90@6 50; mixed, $5 75@6 50; lights, $5 25@6 10; Yorkers, $5@6; pigs, $3 75@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market steady. Lambs, $4 50@5 25; muttons, $3@4 25.

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2700. Market, slow and steady. Native beef steers, $4@5 75; Western steers, $3 70@5 40; Texas steers, $3 40@5 50; cows and heifers, $2 80@4 60; canners, $1 75@2 60; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 35; calves, $3@6; bulls and stags, $1 75@4 10.

Hogs—Receipts, 8800. Market slow; heavy, $5 90@6 50; mixed, $5 85@6; light, $5 50@6; bulk of sales, $5 85@6 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 2500. Market, slow, but steady. Fed muttons, $3 50@4 25; ewes, $2 75@3 50; common and stock sheep, $2 50@3 25; lambs, fed, $4 50@5 50.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There were no special features apparent in metal circles at home or abroad, aside from slight advances in tin and copper at the latter point, but this failed to stimulate business, and generally normal conditions prevailed. Tin at London finished the day £1 5s higher, with spot quoted at £102 10s, and futures at £101 17s 6d. The local market was better, and closed at $23 35, but very dull.

Copper in London also gained £1 12s 6d to £47 for spot, and £47 10s for futures. At New York, prices were as before quoted, Lake at 17c; electrolytic at $12 67½ and castings at $12 50, with the tone dull.

Lead was unchanged here at $4, but eased off 1s 3d to £10 2s 6d for spot at London.

Spelter declined 2s 6d at London to £16 12s 6d, but was unchanged and dull here at $4 45.

Iron was dull and unchanged. Pig iron warrants, $10 50@11 50; No. 1 Northern foundry, $15 50@16; No. 2 foundry Southern, $14 50@15 50; No. 7 foundry Southern, $15@16 and No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $15@17. Glasgow iron warrants closed at 49s 6d, and Middlesboro at 43s 4½d.

Bar silver, 55½c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 55¼c.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 25½d.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet and unchanged. Futures closed steady; January, $6 55@6 60; March, $6 75; September, $7 35.

Sugar—Raw easier; fair refining, 3 3-16c; centrifugal, 96° test, 3 12-32c; molasses sugar, 2 15-16c. Refined weak. Standard A, $4 45; mold A, $5; cutloaf, $5 15; crushed, $5 15; powdered, $4 75; granulated, $4 65; cubes, $4 90.

Senator Depew Deeply Impressed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew, in radiant spirits and robust health and bronzed by his sea voyage, passed in Paris quietly and congenially with a few friends this his last Sunday of single life, cables the Paris correspondent of the Tribune. He seems deeply impressed with the cordial and widespread interest taken in his forthcoming marriage. Much to his astonishment, his secretary brought him a collection of clippings from the American newspapers relating to the impending event, which so far exceed 4000 in number. Senator Depew starts this evening for Nice, where his wedding with Miss May Palmer will be celebrated Saturday at the Rev. Mr. Adamson's American Episcopal Church. Senator Depew and his bride will return to New York on the St. Louis, sailing from Cherbourg January 4.

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