COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

There was enough produce left over from that arriving on the Columbia on the day previous to give the Front-street houses plenty of work in distributing it yesterday morning. Aside from this, there was not much activity in the wholesale district. With a growing belief that Winter is about over, and Spring not yet in evidence, retailers are not buying much except for immediate use. Receipts of eggs were again heavy, and, from present indications, the market is almost certain to settle to 20c within a few days. Poultry did not clean up quite as thoroughly as on the day previous, but prices showed no change. But few potatoes were received, the weather preventing them from reaching the city by wagon, while rail and steamer receipts were also light. Oats and barely are firm, but the wheat market is inactive, in spite of low freights and a fairly steady market elsewhere. Groceries show no change.

Bank Clearings.

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Portland	$388,579	$54,919
Seattle	378,215	66,952
Tacoma	207,746	33,060
Spokane	[illegible]	40,908

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

The Eastern wheat market was a shade better yesterday, but in the local field there was nothing doing. As one exporter expressed it: "With buyers and sellers apart on wheat, and shipowners and exporters apart on ships, the chances for doing business just at present are very small." Some pretty stiff bids are heard of in the interior, but even 65c for Walla Walla does not seem to move very much wheat. This figure is above the quotation made by most of the exporters in this city, but a general admission is made that wheat cannot be moved at lower figures. There is nothing new in the freight situation, except that Portland has another disengaged ship, and one of the unchartered fleet on Puget Sound was taken up to replace here at a lower figure. Some exporters are willing to venture 27s 6d, but owners are holding firm at 28s 9d and 30s.

Wheat—Nominal; Walla Walla, 64½@65c; bluestem, 65½c; Valley, 64c.

Barley—Feed, $19@19 50; brewing, $20@20 50 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1 15@1 25; gray, $1 10@1 20.

Flour—Best grades $2 80@3 40 per barrel; graham, $2 50@2 80.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $21; shorts, $21 50; chop, $17 50.

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

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter—Creamery 25@27½c; dairy, 18@20c; store, 13@15c.

Eggs—Lower; 22@22½c for Oregon; 20@21c for California; 20c for cold storage.

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

Poultry—Chickens, mixed $3@3 50; hens, $4 50@5 per dozen, 10@12c per pound; Springs, 10c per pound, $3@4 per dozen; ducks, $4 50@5 50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 12½@13c; dressed, 15@16c per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

Tomatoes, $1@1 25; turnips, 65@75c; carrots, 65@75c; beets, 50@60c per sack; pumpkins, $1@1 25; squashes $1@1 25 per 100 pounds; cauliflower, 75@85c per central; celery, 75c per dozen.

Green fruit—Lemons, $2@3; oranges, $2@2 50 per box; bananas, $2 25@3; pineapples, $5 per dozen; apples, 50c@$1 50; cranberries, $11@12 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; figs, California blacks, 3½@4c; do white, 5c; plums, pitless, white, 6c.

Potatoes and Onions.

Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 90c@$1 25 per central; ordinary, 70@85c per central; growers' prices; garnet Chile, $1@1 20 per central, growers' prices; sweets, $1 75@2 per central.

Onions—$1 50@2 per central, growers' prices.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 20@22c; 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, $11 75 list; Lion, $11 25 list; Cordova, $12 63 list.

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

Salmon—Columbia River, one-pound tails, $1 85, two-pound tails, $3; fancy one-pound flats, $2; ½-pound fancy flats, $1 25; Alaska talls, 95c; two-pound talls, $2.

Sugar—Cube, $5 25; crushed, $5 25; powdered, $4 95; dry granulated, $5; extra C $4 75; golden C, $4 40 net per sack; beet sugar, $5 15 per sack; half barrels, ⅛c more than barrels; sacks, 10c per 100 less than barrels; maple, 15@16c per pound.

Honey—12½@15c per pound.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6 12½@6 25 per 100 for July-August.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6½@7c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per dozen; walnuts, 10½@11c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; chestnuts, $5 50@5 per drum; Brazil nuts 7c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 14@14½c; almonds, 12½@15c.

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

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

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—11@13c per pound.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 13@15c; Eastern Oregon 8@12½c; mohair, 21@21½c 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 to 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—Boar skins as to size, No. 1, each, $5@20; cubs, $2@5; badger, each, 10@40c; wildcat, 25@90c; 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; fisher, 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 polecat, 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@35c; wolverine, each, $4@7; beaver, per skin, large, $3@6; do medium, $3@4; do small, $1@1 50; do kits, 50@75c.

Meats and Provisions.

Mutton—Gross, 4c per pound; dressed, 7@7½c per pound.

Hogs—Gross, 5½c; dressed, 6½@7c per pound.

Veal—5½@6c per pound dressed.

Beef—Gross, cows, 3½@4c; steers, 4@4½c; dressed, 6½@7½c per pound.

Hams, bacon, etc.—Portland pack (Shield brand) hams, 13@13½c; picnic, 9c per pound; breakfast bacon, 15½@16½c per pound, bacon, 14c per pound; backs, 11½@12½c 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, 15@17½c per pound; dry-salted bellies, 11½@12½c; bacon bellies, 12½@13½c per pound.

Lard—Portland (Shield brand), 5s, 13c; 10s, 12⅞c; 50s, 12½c; tierces, 12½c; Eastern, pure leaf, kettle rendered, 5s, 12½c; 10s, 12⅜c; 50s, 12⅛c.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Considerable Animation, With Dealings Quite Well Distributed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The stock market showed considerable animation today, and the dealings were much better distributed than for some time past. There were stocks which hung back, and some which fell away on profit-taking after recent considerable advances, but the general tone of the market was strong. There was a feeling that the improved conditions were due to some development not generally known, and the professional traders, who, in fact, did not know what they were, were among the largest buyers, on the supposition that others who did know were in the market with them. These surmises had to do to a large extent with possible developments in the suit against the Northern Securities Company. Confident expressions were heard, but on anonymous authority, that the decision of the Supreme Court was made up against the admission of the suit to argument. The supposition also found expression that the projectors of the great merger have an alternative plan to fall back on in case of the declared illegality of the present company. It was argued that a foreign corporation might hold the securities of the United States corporations and be outside the jurisdiction of the United States laws.

The reported formation of a leasing company to control Metropolitan Street Railway on a guarantee of dividend was not much benefit to that stock, but the evidence thus given of continued planning on the part of capital towards development was an influence on speculation. A social gathering of millionaires in Philadelphia was also made much of, especially as men rated as antagonistic were reported to be present on affable terms. The importance attached to such unsubstantial conjectures indicated the continued predominance of professional operations in the market. The traders also made much of the reduction of the discount rate of the Bank of England, as promising a relaxation of the pressure upon New York for gold.

Of the day's movements in detail, Southern Pacific was largely in the hands of the same speculative interest which has been dealing in it recently, and the movement in Pennsylvania was also attributed to this operator. The Vanderbilts, as a group, were all strong. Lake Erie and Western preferred showed a gain of 6 points. United States Express made a further advance of 7¾, and Third Avenue gained 7½. Profit-taking made the closing somewhat irregular, but the inroads upon prices were not extensive.

The bond market was active and broad, and showed general advances. Total sales, par value, $4,055,000. United States 3s declined ¼ per cent on the last call.

Closing Stock Quotations.

DESCRIPTION.	Sales.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Atchison	14,300	77⅞	77	77⅞
do pfd	2,800	97⅞	97½	97⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	15,200	104⅝	103⅞	104⅝
do pfd				90½
Canadian Pacific	3,800	115⅞	115	115⅞
Canada Southern	2,400	88⅞	88	88
Chesapeake & Ohio	400	46	45⅞	46
Chicago & Alton	1,100	34⅞	33⅞	34
do pfd	700	75⅞	75½	75⅞
Chicago, Ind. & Louis.	2,900	54⅞	53	53⅞
do pfd	500	77	76½	76⅞
Chicago & Eastern Ill.	100	142	142	141½
Chicago & Great West.	1,000	23⅞	23	23⅞
do A pfd				83½
do B pfd	100	45⅞	45⅞	44½
Chicago & N. W.	9,500	223	218	222½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	9,400	165½	163½	164½
Chicago Term. & Tran.	200	17	17	16
do pfd	1,800	32	31	31
C., C., C. & St. Louis	9,100	105	101½	104½
Colorado Southern	700	16	15⅞	15⅞
do 1st pfd	1,100	66½	65½	65½
do 2d pfd	1,500	32⅞	32½	32
Delaware & Hudson				173
Del., Lack. & Western	900	292	289	289
Denver & Rio Grande	2,500	45	42⅞	44⅞
do pfd	3,900	93⅞	92	93⅞
Erie	12,500	39⅞	38½	39½
do 1st pfd	2,400	70	69½	69⅞
do 2d pfd	800	57	56½	56½
Great Northern pfd				187
Hocking Valley	200	69½	69	68⅞
do pfd	200	84½	83⅞	83
Illinois Central	18,300	140½	137⅞	139⅞
Iowa Central	10,000	42⅞	40⅞	43
do pfd	2,700	77	74	76⅞
Lake Erie & Western	2,900	71	69	71
do pfd	1,000	138	133⅞	137
Louisville & Nashville	6,000	104⅞	104½	104½
Manhattan Elevated	10,300	136	135⅞	135½
Metropolitan Street Ry.	10,500	172⅞	171⅞	171⅞
Mexican Central	5,800	29½	28½	29½
Mexican National	4,700	17½	17⅛	17⅛
Minneapolis & St. Louis	600	108⅞	107½	107½
Missouri Pacific	24,400	103⅞	102⅞	103½
Mo., Kansas & Texas	600	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞
do pfd	800	53	52½	52½
New Jersey Central	200	195	195	195
New York Central	14,400	164½	162½	163⅞
Norfolk & Western	1,900	56⅞	56½	56½
do pfd				92½
Ontario & Western	4,200	34⅞	33⅞	33⅞
Pennsylvania	52,300	150⅞	149⅞	150½
Reading	38,300	57⅞	56⅞	57
do 1st pfd	2,000	82½	82⅛	82⅛
do 2d pfd	9,400	64⅞	63⅞	63⅞
St. Louis & San Fran.	900	63	62⅞	62½
do 1st pfd	200	83⅞	83	83
do 2d pfd	1,800	75⅞	74⅞	74⅞
St. Louis S. W.				26½
do pfd	900	58½	58⅛	58⅛
St. Paul	48,600	169⅞	165½	166⅞
do pfd	700	190½	188⅞	190
Southern Pacific	93,100	67⅞	64⅞	65½
Southern Railway	3,200	33⅞	32⅞	32⅞
do pfd	1,500	94	94⅛	94½
Texas & Pacific	700	38⅞	38½	38½
Toledo, St. Louis & W.	1,900	21⅞	21⅞	21⅞
do pfd	9,200	40	39½	39⅞
Union Pacific	49,500	103⅞	102½	102⅞
do pfd	1,500	89⅞	89⅞	89⅞
Wabash	6,100	23⅞	23	23⅞
do pfd	4,900	43⅞	43½	43½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	1,500	18⅞	18	18
do 2d pfd	400	30	29	29½
Wisconsin Central	1,100	21	20⅞	20
do pfd	800	41½	40⅞	40⅞
Express Companies—				
Adams				205
American	300	227	225	222
United States	3,000	124½	119	124
Wells-Fargo				193
Miscellaneous—				
Amalgamated Copper	26,400	75	72⅞	74½
Amer. Car & Foundry	200	29	28⅞	28⅞
do pfd	400	87	86⅞	87
American Linseed Oil	100	22⅞	22⅞	22½
do pfd				47½
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	1,900	47⅞	47	47
do pfd	200	97⅞	97½	97½
Anaconda Mining Co.	700	34	33⅞	33⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	1,700	66⅞	65⅞	65⅞
Colorado Fuel & Iron	500	86⅞	86	85⅞
Consolidated Gas	1,000	219	218	218⅞
Cont. Tobacco pfd	300	117	117	116⅞
General Electric	800	281½	281	280½
Glucose Sugar	200	48½	48½	48
Hocking Coal	600	16⅞	16	16⅞
International Paper				19½
do pfd	800	74⅞	74½	74½
International Power				87
Laclede Gas	100	91	91	90
National Biscuit				44⅞
National Lead	100	18	18	17½
National Salt				20
do pfd				64
North American	200	93	93	92
Pacific Coast	100	74	74	74½
Pacific Mail	400	45⅞	45½	45⅞
People's Gas	3,800	101	100	100⅞
Pressed Steel Car	200	41⅞	41½	40⅞
do pfd				83
Pullman Palace Car				218
Republic Steel	5,100	17⅞	16⅞	16⅞
do pfd	1,100	69⅞	69⅞	68⅞
Sugar	48,000	129½	127	128
Tennessee Coal & Iron	600	64⅞	64	63½
Union Bag & Paper Co.				13
do pfd	200	74⅞	74⅞	74
United States Leather	1,900	11⅞	11⅛	11⅛
do pfd	800	81½	81	81½
United States Rubber	500	14½	14	14½
do pfd				31
United States Steel	20,500	44	43⅞	43⅞
do pfd	15,700	93⅞	93⅞	93⅞
Western Union	3,800	91⅞	91	91½
American Locomotive	2,000	32⅞	31⅞	31⅞
do pfd	1,100	92⅞	92	92⅞

Total sales for the day, 764,900 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg.	108¼	Atchison adj. 4s	93⅞
do coupon	108¼	C. & N.W. con. 7s	138½
do 3s, reg.	109	C., B. & Q. 4s	102½
do coupon	108	N. Y. Cent. 1sts	103
do new 4s, reg.	139	Northern Pac. 3s	74⅞
do coupon	139	do 4s	105½
do old 4s, reg.	112	Southern Pac. 4s	94⅞
do coupon	112	Union Pacific 4s	106⅞
do 5s, reg.	106	West Shore 4s	112⅞
do coupon	106	Wis. Central 4s	88⅞

Foreign Financial News.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The stock market today was cheerful on the more favorable war news from South Africa, and on the reduction of the minimum rate of discount by the Bank of England from 3½ to 3 per cent. South African stocks were particularly active. American issues remained stagnant, but they were harder with Southern Pacific, the feature on New York buying orders. The stock here is reported scarce. The coalers were also bought.

Rio Tintos sold at 45⅞ on the rise in Amalgamated Copper shares. Copper sold fit £53 per ton.

Discounts fell to 2⅞ per cent on the fall in the bank rate.

Money is steadier. The bank return shows that the market has reduced its indebtedness by £1,750,000 by revenue collection, but it had to renew today two-thirds the sum due the bank.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4 85¼; sight, $4 88.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Drafts—Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Money on call steady, 2½@2½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 87¼ for demand and at $4 84⅝@4 84⅞ for 60 days; posted rates, $4 85½ and $4 88; commercial bills, $4 83⅞@$4 84⅞.

Mexican dollars—43⅞c.

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

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Consols for money, 94½; do for the account, 94 7-16. Money, 2@2½ per cent.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balances $177,098,409
Gold $87,672,153

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Anaconda, 7; Atchison, 79¾; do preferred, 100; Canadian Pacific, 118¾; Southern Pacific, 67¼; Union Pacific, 105½; do preferred, 92½.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Little Change in Conditions for Wheat Traders at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Conditions for wheat traders were little changed this morning. Cables were only slightly lower; early reports of the conditions of the growing crops were rather favorable, and May opened with some selling, ⅛c lower to unchanged, at 77⅛@77⅜c, and dipped to 77⅛@77⅜c. Profit-taking by shorts set in soon after the opening, and speculators began to change front. A prominent trade paper reported the growing plants unusually susceptible to weather conditions, which had some bullish effect. May gradually sold up and fluctuated very narrowly. There was some fear that the market might be oversold, but small advances in the outside markets and a slightly better cash situation, as indicated by a better export business at the seaboard, probably helped in the late spurt. Receipts were so limited—only one car today—that bulls began talking of holding by first hands, but though there was some effect from this factor, the reports that shipments would be good if cars could be had neutralized this effect.

Corn worked much the same way as wheat. There was some little bearish sentiment in lower cables. Fluctuations were limited to a range of ⅛@⅜c, following largely the lead of wheat. May closed rather firm, ¼c up, at 63⅝c.

Oats had another flat day, but the tone was firm throughout. May closed ⅜c higher, at 44⅝@44½c.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
February				$0 75½
May	$0 77½	$0 78⅜	$0 77½	78⅛
July	77⅞	78½	77⅞	78⅛

CORN.

May	62⅞	63⅜	62⅞	63⅜
July	62⅞	63½	62½	63½
September	61⅞	62½	61⅞	62½

OATS.

May	43⅞	44½	43⅞	44½
July	37⅞	38⅜	37⅞	38⅛
September	32½	32⅞	32½	32⅞

MESS PORK.

May	15 90	15 62½	15 85	16 02½
July	16 00	16 10	15 90	16 10

LARD.

May	9 47½	9 55	9 47½	9 55
July	9 57½	9 65	9 55	9 65

SHORT RIBS.

May	8 47½	8 57½	8 45	8 57½
July	8 57½	8 67½	8 57½	8 67½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 3 Spring, 71@75c; No. 2 red, 83½@85½c.

Oats—No. 2, 45½@45½c; No. 2 white, 47c; No. 3 white, 45½@47c.

Rye—No. 2, 62c.

Barley—Fair to choice malting, 61@64c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 70; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 73.

Timothy seed—Prime, $6 55.

Mess pork—$15 80@15 85 per bbl.

Lard—$9 37½@9 40 per cwt.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $8 40@8 55.

Dry salted shoulders—Boxed, $8 12½@8 25.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $8 70@8 80.

Clover—Contract grade, $9 40.

Butter—Firm; creameries, 16@20½c; dairies, 16@22c.

Cheese—Steady, 9½@11½c.

Eggs—Easy; fresh, 25c.

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	23,000	25,000
Wheat, bushels	50,000	14,000
Corn, bushels	23,000	45,000
Oats, bushels	55,000	95,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	19,000
Barley, bushels	25,000	20,000

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Flour—Receipts, 12,166 barrels; exports, 4119 barrels. Market was a shade more active and firm with wheat.

Wheat—Receipts, 21,850 bushels; exports, 67,657 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 88⅝c f. o. b. afloat; 90½c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 86c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, 88⅛c f. o. b. afloat.

A combination of light receipts and less satisfactory crop news inspired moderate strength in wheat today, with shorts leading buyers. Afternoon realizing had its effect for a time, but on a final return of covering the market rallied and closed firm, ⅛@⅝c net advance, helped by export demand. March closed 84⅝c; May, 84c; July, 85⅞c.

Hops—Firm.

Hides—Steady.

Wool—Steady.

San Francisco Grain Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Wheat steady. Barley steady. Oats dull.

Spot quotations:

Wheat—Shipping, $1 07½; milling, $1 10@1 12½.

Barley—Feed, 90@92½c; brewing, 92½@95.

Oats—Red, $1 22½@1 42½; white, $1 25@1 42½; black, $1 15@1 30.

Call board sales:

Wheat—Steady; May, $1 08⅜; cash, $1 07½.

Barley—No sales.

Corn—Large yellow, $1 35@1 40.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Wheat cargoes on passage very inactive; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 30s 9d. English country markets quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6.—Wheat quiet. Wheat and flour in Paris weak. French country markets firm.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—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, 11@15c.

Hay—Wheat, $10@14; wheat and oat, $10@13; best barley, $8@10; alfalfa, $9@10 50; clover, $7@8 50 per ton; straw, 45@60c per bale.

Vegetables—Green peas, 8@10c per pound; string beans, 12½@17½c per pound; tomatoes, $1 75@2 75; cucumbers, 50c@$1 50 per box; garlic, 1½@2½ per pound; egg plant, 20@25c; okra, 12@14c.

Millstuffs—Middlings, $20@21 50; bran, $18 50@19 50 per ton.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1 50@1 60; River Burbanks, $1 10@1 35; river reds, $1 50@1 60; Salinas Burbanks, $1 50@1 75; Oregon Burbanks, $1 30@1 70; sweets, $1 40@1 50 per central.

Poultry—Turkeys, gobblers, 13@14c; do hens, 14@15c per pound; old roosters, $4 50@5 per dozen; young roosters, $5@6; small broilers, $3@4; large broilers, $4@5; fryers, $4 50@5 per dozen; hens, $4 50@5 50; old ducks, $5@5 50; young ducks, $6@7.

Eggs—Ranch, 20c.

Bananas—$1@2 75 per bunch.

Citrus fruit—Common California lemons, 50c; choice, $2 50; Mexican limes, $4@5; oranges, navel, 75c@$2 50.

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

Pineapples—$3@4.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 27c; do seconds, 22c; fancy dairy, 25c per pound; do seconds, 17c.

Cheese—Young America, 11½c; Eastern, 13@15c; new, 11½c; old, 11c.

Receipts—Flour, 28,937 quarter sacks; do Washington, 4080 quarter sacks; wheat, 13,183 centals; barley, 8321 centals; oats, 670 centals, beans, 337 sacks; corn, 548 centals; potatoes, 1099 sacks; bran, 1568 sacks; do Washington, 3460 sacks; middlings, 476 sacks; hay, 645 tons; wool, 31 bales; hides, 244.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000, including 500 Texans. Good to prime steers, $6 50@7 20; poor to medium, $4@6; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 50; cows, $1 25@5; heifers, $2 50@5 25; canners, $1 25@2 25; bulls, $2 50@4 50; calves, $3@7 50; Texas fed steers, $4@5 50.

Hogs—Receipts today, 30,000; tomorrow, 30,000; left over, 5000. Market strong to 5c higher. Mixed and butchers, $6@6 50; good to choice heavy, $6 40@6 60; rough heavy, $6 10@6 30; light, $5 95@6 10; bulk of sales, $6 10@6 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Market for sheep and lambs strong. Good to choice wethers, $4 00@5 50; fair to choice mixed, $3 80@4 60; Western sheep and yearlings, $4 25@5 65; native lambs, $3 50@6 35; Western lambs, $5 25@6 35.

OMAHA, Feb. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 2700. Market active and strong. Native steers, $4@6 75; cows and heifers, $3@4 75; Western steers, $3 75@5 30; Texas steers, $3 50@4 50; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $3@4 60; calves, $4@6 75; bulls, stags, etc., $2 25@4 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 2200. Market 5@10c higher. Heavy, $6 15@6 45; mixed, $6 05@6 15; light, $5 75@6 15; pigs, $4 50@5; bulk of sales, $6@6 30.

Sheep—Receipts, 2200. Market active and 10c higher. Fed muttons, $4 50@5 50; Westerns, $3 75@4 50; ewes, $3 50@4 50; common and stockers, $2 75@4 40; lambs, $5@6 35.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000, including 100 Texans. Market strong. Native steers, $4 85@6 50; Texas and Indian steers, $4 25@5 25; Texas cows, $2 75@4 25; native cows and heifers, $3@5 25; stockers and feeders, $3 50@5 50; bulls, $3@4 50; calves, $4 50@6 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 9000. Market 5c higher; bulk of sales, $5 90@6 45. Heavy, $6 40@6 50; packers, $6 20@6 45; medium, $6@6 40; light, $5 50@6 25; Yorkers, $5 35@6; pigs, $4 80@5 35.

Sheep—Receipts, 250. Market strong and 10c higher. Muttons, $4@5; lambs, $5 50@6 10; range wethers, $4 25@4 80; ewes, $4@4 50.

IRON AND STEEL.

Phenomenal Demand for Former Makes Situation Very Perplexing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The Iron Age says:

The situation in the iron trade is becoming more and more strained and perplexing, owing entirely to the phenomenal demand. Many of the larger interests have been buying freely of pig iron for the second half. We are advised of one lot of foundry iron of 10,000 tons for the Chicago district. There have been purchases of round blocks of basic pig in St. Louis and elsewhere, with an inquiry for 10,000 tons from Indiana for the second half. There is a large inquiry in the market from east-iron pipe founders, which has only been satisfied to a moderate extent. While prices are not quotably higher, because large interests note no change, as a matter of fact, the market had advanced, and one leading Lehigh company has put up its prices. While some weeks since sellers were willing to make some concessions for delivery during the second half, they are now demanding and getting full prices.

The steel market is in a very unsatisfactory state for the smaller rolling mills. It is true that the leading interests have been looking into the question of importing steel, but we cannot learn that anything has been done. There has been some talk of bringing back from Europe, duty free, foundry iron sold last year. On the question of maintaining values for finished material at present level, the action of two of the Eastern beam mills is significant. Although members of the beam association, they have advanced price $4 per net ton to 1.65c per pound, New York.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Copper was higher today and active in point of actual business at the Metal Exchange and by private sales. About 5,000,000 pounds of Lake and electrolytic for delivery all the year, in lots of about 500,000 pounds a month, was offered for sale at 13c. Actual sales reported on change were 25,000 pounds. Sales of electrolytic included 30,000 pounds February delivery, and 30,000 pounds March delivery at 12½c. Casting for February and March delivery was offered at 12⅞c, with 12⅝c bid. The local market for copper closed with Lake at 13@13 1-5c; electrolytic at 13c, sellers', and casting at 12⅝@12¾c.

The London copper market closed £2 12s 6d higher, at £53 for spot, and £54 15s for futures.

Tin was higher here, at $24 40@24 50, and £1 15s better in London, where spot closed at £111 15s and futures at £106.

Lead was dull and unchanged here, at $4 10. The London lead market closed 5s lower, at £11 7s 6d.

Spelter closed very dull here and unchanged, at $4 20, but London was 2s 6d higher, at £17 15s.

The iron market was steady, but unchanged, at New York. Glasgow closed at 49s 6d, and Middlesboro at 45s 4½d. Pig iron warrants closed here at $16@12; No. 1 foundry Northern, $16 50@17 50; No. 2 foundry Northern, $16@16 75; No. 1 foundry Southern, $16@16 50; No. 1 foundry Southern soft, $16@16 50.

Bar silver, 55¼c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Bar silver, 55⅝c.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Bar silver, 25½d per ounce.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—Coffee—Spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice, 5¾c; mild quiet; Cordova, 8@12c.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 3-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 11-16c; molasses sugar, 2 5-16; refined steady.

Coffee futures closed steady, with prices net unchanged on January and 5 points lower on all other options. Total sales, 33,500 bags, including March at $5 35; May, $5 50; July, $5 70; September, $5 85; October, $5 90@5 95; November, $5; December, $6 05; January, $6 10.

Chicago Provisions.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Provisions were dull until just before the close, when commission-house buying caused a good upturn. May pork closed 17½c higher, lard 7½@10c up and ribs 10c higher.

Cotton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—The cotton market closed steady, with prices net 4@9 points higher.

AT THE HOTELS.

THE PORTLAND.

O F Richards, St L
T Hamburger, Chgo
H Robinson, N Y
Jos S Snapp & wife, St Paul
E A Brack, San Fr
J K Clark, Butte
Jos Scott & w, Spokn
F C Robertson, do
H F Clough, Seattle
F A Blackwell, Pa
W A Lamb, Chicago
J W Wheatley, San Fr
J R Nicols & wife
Mrs G G Smith & drs, St Paul
R W Austin, Japan
D Murray & wf, Elensburgh
C W Coburn, San Fr
E Waldo Ward, N Y
Jas Schegreen, N Y
C S Hemingway, Mass
Jos Gardner, San Fr
T P Howe, Chicago
W E Bridgeman, Denver
J Metcalf, San Fran
H R Rand, San Fran
F L Brown, N Y
H J Stromons, San Fr
Ed L Howe & w, Chgo
D J Patterson & w, SF
Miss A Dean, San Fr
Mrs A R Dalrymple, St Paul
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