PROFIT IN POULTRY

Good Prices Current in the Local Market.

DEMAND IS VERY STRONG

Chickens, Ducks and Geese Taken Up as Soon as Offered—Egg Situation Mixed—Light Arrivals of Produce.

POULTRY—Strong demand and higher prices for chickens, ducks and geese.
EGGS—Wide range of prices quoted.
BUTTER—Firm and active.
FRUIT—Two cars of bananas due.
VEGETABLES—California produce sells at advance.
MEATS—Market firm with good demand.
HOPS—Steady buying in the country.

The strongest feature of the produce market in the last few days has been poultry. Very liberal quantities have been sent in, but the demand has been in excess of the supply and prices have gradually hardened on all descriptions except turkeys. Chickens have sold exceedingly well, yesterday's quotations ranging around 15 cents on hens and Springs about ½-cent better. Some very fancy hens brought 16 cents. A considerable shipment of dressed turkeys was received and the price varied, some dealers offering at 16@17 cents some very good birds, while others held for higher prices. Geese and ducks were in firm request at the quotations.

Reviewing the poultry situation this week, the market letter of a Front-street commission firm says:

"The market, as predicted by us, has been very firm, and while we have had large receipts, we have not had all we needed by considerable. We have a large demand for hens at 15@15½c, and good Springs are about the same. Geese are also in demand at 10@11c. Ducks are very firm at 15@16c. Turkeys are in good demand at 15@16c alive, and fat dressed will sell for 20@21c. We are quite sure that we are not mistaken when we say that this country does not produce nearly enough poultry. Since last Spring there has hardly been a time when the demand for good poultry has not been excellent. Fat chickens, fat geese and, in fact, all poultry are generally in good request, and at fair to fancy prices. Last Spring, looking ahead to a good market during the Exposition, we tried in all ways to stimulate the production of more poultry, and we are sure that our efforts brought forth fruit, for there has been an enormous amount marketed, and it is still coming."

The following is taken from the price current of another Front-street dealer:

"Our poultry market is in fine condition. Everything selling on arrival at quotations and not enough coming to supply the demand. Ducks, fat hens and small Springs are very scarce. This kind of poultry will bring fancy prices. Geese also will sell well."

VEGETABLES WILL BRING BIG PRICES.

California Produce Sells High Because of Crop Damage by Frost.

The California produce unloaded from the steamer yesterday brought very stiff prices. The supply was short as the crops in the Southern state were seriously hurt by the late frosts. Beans sold at 20 cents and peas readily brought 15 cents. Sprouts were firm at 7½ cents and all the arrivals cleaned up quickly. Easier prices on cauliflower and cabbage are looked for later. A good many tomatoes are hanging fire on the street, but it is difficult to buy choice stock in San Francisco. The demand for local hothouse lettuce has fallen off somewhat and the jobbing trade has a large supply on hand.

There were no carlot arrivals of fruit yesterday. Two cars of bananas are due today or tomorrow and a car of oranges is also about due.

EGG QUOTATIONS VARY.

Receipts Are Not Evenly Distributed and Dealers Have Different Views.

The egg situation is again somewhat mixed. Yesterday's receipts were not evenly divided, which probably accounts for the various opinions expressed of the tone of the market, which went all the way from very strong to very weak. Quotations given were 28, 29 and 30 cents. As a dealer expressed it, this is a "weather market," and the future is uncertain, but all indications point to lower prices. It is evident that country shippers will send in supplies as fast as they can get them.

Butter continues firm at the established quotations. Stocks on Front street are generally light, while the city creameries have no surplus to bother them. An active trade is reported.

HOP ORDERS UNFILLED.

Some Dealers Hold Back, Expecting Lower Prices Later in Season.

The buying movement in the hop market continues unchecked, but the activity is widely scattered and most of the transactions are in small quantities, as is to be expected with so much of the crop already moved. Many unfilled orders are still on hand, some of the traders holding back in the belief that prices will later weaken. At the moment, the tone of the market is very steady.

Among the business done yesterday was the purchase by A. J. Ray of several lots at Sherwood, aggregating 150 bales, at 8 cents. Other buyers in the market were M. Reinstein, Catlin & Linn and Durban & Shucking.

Dressed Meats Firm.

The market for dressed meats is in satisfactory shape. The demand for choice veal is strong and good hogs sell well at top quotations. Mutton also moves freely, but receipts are not heavy. There is a stronger tone on beef and an advance is looked for soon.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$745,595	$ 51,632
Seattle	976,858	169,679
Tacoma	734,091	42,037
Spokane	647,311	112,685

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Club, 72c; bluestem, 73½c; red, 66c; Valley, 72c.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $27; gray, $26.50 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $4.80@4.70 per barrel; straights, $3.80@4.10; clears, $3.65@3.80; Valley, $3.80@3.90; Dakota hard wheat, patents, $5.50@6; clears, $5; graham, $3.25@3.75; whole wheat, $3.75@4; rye flour, local $5; Eastern, $5.25@5.85; cornmeal, per bale, $1.80@2.20.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $17; country, $18 per ton; middlings, $24.50; shorts, city, $18; country, $19 per ton; chop, U. S. Mills, $17.50; Linseed Dairy Food, $18; Acalfa meal, $18 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, $6.75; lower grades, $5.25@6.50; oatmeal, steelcut, 50-pound sacks, $5 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4.25 per bale; oatmeal (ground), 50-pound sacks, $7.50 per barrel; 10-pound sacks, $4 per bale; split peas, $5 per 100-pound sacks; 25-pound boxes, $1.40; pearl barley, $4.25 per 100 pounds; 25-pound boxes, $1.25 per box; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.50 per bale.

BARLEY—Feed, $22@23.50 per ton; brewing, $24@24.50; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

BUCKWHEAT—$2.60 per cental.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $13.50@14.50 per ton; Valley timothy, $9@10; clover, $9@10; cheat, $8.50@9.50; grain hay, $8@9.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$1.50 per box; persimmons, $1.25 per box; pears, $1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, $15@13.50 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $3@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $2.25@2.75 box; Japanese, 60c per single box; grapefruit, $3.50@4.50; pineapples, $2.50@4.50 per dozen; tangerines, $1.75 per box; bananas, 4½@5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $7.40 per dozen; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1@2c per pound; cauliflower, $1.25 per dozen; celery, $3@3.50 per crate; head lettuce, 40c per dozen; hothouse, $1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 15c; peppers, 6c pound; pumpkins, ¾@1c pound; radishes, 25c dozen; tomatoes, $1.50@1.75 per crate; sprouts, 7½c per pound; squash, 1½@1½c per pound.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 90c@$1 per sack; carrots, 65@75c per sack; beets, 85c@$1 per sack; garlic, 10@12½c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, No. 1, $1@1.25 per sack; No. 2, 75@90c.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Fancy graded Burbanks, 65@75c per sack; ordinary, 50@60c; Merced sweets, 2c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 11@12c per pound; apricots, 12@12½c; peaches, 10½@12½c; pears, none; Italian prunes, 5¼@6¼c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5½c per pound; black, 4@5c; bricks, 12-14 ounce packages, 75@85c per box; 58-ounce, $2@2.40; Smyrna, 20c per pound; dates, Persian, 5½@6c per pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 8@8½c; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 7@7½c; 3-crown, 7¼@7¾c; 4-crown, 8@8½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's seedless, unbleached, 8@8½c; Thompson's fancy unbleached, 12@12½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.75; 2-crown, $2.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries: Extra creamery, 30@32½c per pound. State creameries: Fancy creamery, 27½@30c; store butter, 16@16½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 28@30c; Eastern, 25c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream, twins, 14½@15c; Young America, 15¾@16c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 12½@13½c; Springs, 12½@14½c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; broilers, 15@16c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 14@16c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 17@20c; geese, live, pound, 9@11c; geese, dressed, per pound, 12@13c; ducks, 15@16c; pigeons, $1@2; squabs, $2@2.75.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 14@12c per pound; Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $17.25; 50s, $14.25; Arbuckle, $15.88; Lion, $15.88.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5½c; Southern Japan, 5.35c; head, 7c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.75 per doz.; 2-pound talls, $2.40; 1-pound flats, $1.85; fancy, 1@1½-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.25; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.70.

SUGAR—Sack basis, 100 pounds: Cube, $5.90; powdered, $5.65; dry granulated, $5.55; extra C, $5.10; golden C, $4.95; fruit sugar, $5.55. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; ½-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. (Terms: On remittance within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound; no discount after 30 days). Beet sugar, granulated, $5.35 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—California, $11 per ton, $1.00 per bale; Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $16.50; 200s, $16; ½-pounds, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15¼c per pound by sack; ¼c extra for less than sack. Brazil nuts, 10c; filberts, 10c; pecans, jumbos, 16c; extra large, 17c; almonds, 14½@15c; chestnuts, Italian, 12½@16c; Ohio, 20c; peanuts, raw, 7½c pound; roasted, 9c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 7½@8c; cocoanuts, 35@90c per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 4c; large white, 3½c; pink, 2¾c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5¼c; red Mexican, 5c.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 12c per pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12c; 18 to 20 pounds, 12c; California (picnic), 8c; cottage hams, 8½c; shoulders, 8c; boiled ham, 18½c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 13½c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 18c per pound; standard breakfast, 16c; choice, 15c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 14c; peach bacon, 13c.

PICKLED GOODS—Pork barrels, $18; ½-barrels, $9.50. Beef, barrels, $12; ½-barrels, $6.50.

SAUSAGE—Ham, 13c per pound; minced ham, 10c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 5½c; wienerwurst, 8c; liver, 6c; pork, 9@10c; headcheese, 6c; blood, 6c; bologna sausage, link, 4½c.

CANNED MEATS—Corned beef, pounds, per dozen, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, $5. Roast beef, flat, pounds, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, none. Roast beef, tall, pounds, none; two pounds, $2.35; six pounds, $7. Lunch tongue, pounds, $2.75. Roast mutton, six pounds, $8.50.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 10½c; smoked, 11¼c; clear backs, dry salt, 10½c; smoked 11¼c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, none; Oregon exports, 20 to 25 pounds average, dry salt 11c, smoked 12c; Union bellies, 10 to 18 pounds average, none.

LARD—Leaf lard, kettle rendered: Tierces, 10¾c; tubs, 10¾c; 50s, 10¾c; 20s, 10¾c; 10s, 11¼c; 5s, 11¼c. Standard pure: Tierces, 9¾c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9¾c; 20s, 9¾c; 10s, 10¼c; 5s, 10¼c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c; 20s, 7¼c; 5s, 7¾c.

Hops, Wools, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c; prime, 8½@9½c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 16@21c; Valley, 24@26c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 30c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides: No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16½@18c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 10 pounds, 15@16c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 17@19c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; culls, moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hair-clipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2@3c per pound less). Salted hides: Steers, sound, 60 pounds and over, 10@11c per pound; 50 to 60 pounds, 9½@10c per pound; under 50 and cows, 8@10c per pound; salted kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 9c per pound; salted veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 9@10c per pound; salted calf, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 10@11c per pound; (green unsalted, 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less). Sheepskins: Shearlings, No. 1 butchers' stock, 25@30c each; short wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 40@50c each; medium wool, No. 1 butchers' stock, 60@80c; long wool No. 1 butchers' stock, $1@1.50 each. Murrain pelts from 10 to 20 per cent less or 12@14c per pound; horse hides, salted, each, according to size, $1@1.50; colts' hides, 25@50c each; goatskins, common, 10@15c each; Angora, with wool on, 25c@$1.50 each.

BEESWAX—Good, clean and pure, 20@22c per pound.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 3½@3¾c; No. 2 and grease, 2@3c.

FURS—Bearskins, as to size, No. 1, $2.50@10 each; cubs, $1@2; badger, 25@50c; wildcat, with head perfect, 25@50c; house cats, 5@10c; fox, common gray, 50@70c; red, $3@5; cross, $5@15; silver and black, $100@200; fishers, $5@6; lynx, $4.50@6; mink, strictly No. 1, according to size, $1@2.50; marten, dark Northern, according to size and color, $10@15; marten, pale, pine, according to size and color, $2.50@4; muskrat, large, 10@15c; skunk, 40@50c; civet or polecat, 5@10c; otter, large, prime skin, $6@10; panther, with head and claws perfect, $2@5; raccoon, prime, 30@50c; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $3.50@5; coyette, 60c@$1; wolverine, $6@8; beaver, per skin, large, $5@6; medium, $3@4; small, $1@1.50; kits, 50@75c.

CASCARA SAGRADA (Chittam bark)—2½@3c, according to quality.

Dressed Meats.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 1@2c per pound; cows, 3@4c; country steers, 4@4½c.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 7½@8c; 125 to 200 pounds, 3½@5c; 200 pounds and up, 3@3½c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy, 6@6½c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7½c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150 pounds, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@6½c per pound.

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 80c per gallon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¼c; 500-pound lots, 8c; less than 500-pound lots, 8¼c. (In 25-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin pails, 1c above keg price; 1 to 5-pound tin cans, 100 pounds per case, 2½c per pound above keg price.)

COAL OIL—Cases, $2.05 per case; iron barrels, 15c per gallon; wood barrels, 18c.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 25½c; 72 test, 27c; 86 test, 33c; iron tanks, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, in barrels, 51c; in cases, 56c; boiled, in barrels, 53c; in cases, 58c; 250-gallon lots, 1c less.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 17@25½c; dairies, 17@22c.

EGGS—Steady at mark, cases included, 18@23c; firsts, 22c; prime firsts, 25c; extras, 27c.

Cheese—Steady, 11½@13c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Butter—Firm; renovated, common to extra, 15½@21c.

Cheese and eggs—Unchanged.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Jan. 5.—Wheat, unchanged. Export: Bluestem, 73c; club, 71c; red, 66c.

SOBER SECOND VIEW

Stock Market Takes Schiff's Speech More Calmly,

AND LOSSES ARE REGAINED

Time Chosen for Warning Believed to Imply His Conviction That Tension in Money Market Has Now Passed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The strength of the stock market today showed less restraint than at any time this week. The relaxation in the money market was more pronounced than since the turn of the year. There was a much calmer view of the significance of yesterday's remarks by Jacob H. Schiff foretelling the greatest panic in history unless some change was effected in the prevailing currency system. This revised view was due not so much to the qualifying phrases found in the full report of the speech against the intention to imply a danger of immediate disaster as to a riper consideration of the conditions of the address. It was realized that the sagacity of the experienced banker would prohibit the issuance of a note of alarm at a time of actual strain and danger which would aggravate the danger. It was reasoned, therefore, that the choosing of this time for giving his warning implied Mr. Schiff's convictions that the time of actual danger of the condition of tension in the money market was now passed. The stress laid upon the agitation for railroad legislation as an undesirable alternative to the desired measures for currency reform also indicated a strong special motive for the banker's address.

As speculative sentiment received quite a shock yesterday in the first perusal of the bulletins of this speech, there was a corresponding revulsion in sentiment today. There seemed to be a considerable demand to cover shorts on the part of bear operators, who sold the market hastily on yesterday's break. Something was made of the fact of Mr. Schiff's contention that the inconveniences in the recent money market were not to be attributed to excessive speculation. The active and vigorous support of Union Pacific was given special significance as a reflection of the market attitude of the banking interests from which a warning came. The copper stocks rebounded violently from the fierce raid made upon them yesterday, and so relieved the market from one of its principal factors of depression.

The forecasts of the cash changes of the week showed a very large movement of currency to New York from the interior. The margin of the receipts on balance over the losses on account of the absorption by the sub-Treasury and the withdrawals of gold for export, the latter amounting to $5,298,000, was estimated at $2,000,000 and upward. The precedent of former years warrants the assumption that this reflux of funds to New York from interior points will continue on a large scale for several weeks to come.

Money was offered for loans on call much more freely as a consequence of these conditions and from the early high rate of 9 per cent was forced down after the active demand for the day had been satisfied to below 6 per cent.

The easing of the money gate was followed by an advance in foreign exchange. Sterling exchange at Continental points moved against London and the transfer of this pressure probably had its part also in carrying up the sterling exchange rate here. The firmness of British consols, however, had the effect of reassuring sentiment over the European political outlook.

Pending meetings for the consideration of dividend action were the grounds for some of the special movements in prices, notably Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper and American Locomotive. The sharp rise in the Kansas City Southern stocks was in connection with the rumors of absorption for control in the interest of St. Paul. Light selling to take profits during the last hour was absorbed easily and the final spurt in Union Pacific carried the market to a strong and active closing.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $3,655,000. United States bonds unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	240
Amal. Copper	228,500	109	105¼	108⅞
Am. Car. & Foun.	3,400	40½	39⅝	40½
do preferred	200	99⅝	99⅝	99⅝
Amer. Cotton Oil	1,400	38⅝	37⅝	38
do preferred	100	93½	93½	92
American Express	.....	.....	.....	222
Am. Hd. & Lt. pf.	800	40	39	39¼
American Ice	6,600	39¾	39	39¼
Am. Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	20
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	41
Am. Locomotive	27,800	77¾	76¼	77⅜
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	117
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	21,400	165¾	164	165¾
do preferred	2,000	128½	127¾	127¾
Am. Sugar Refining	23,200	153¾	151	153⅝
Am. Tobacco pfd.	1,000	105¾	105¾	105¾
Anaconda Min. Co.	96,400	262	250	261
Atchison	28,500	92¾	91¾	92
do preferred	1,000	103⅝	103⅛	103¼
Atlantic Coast Line	300	158½	158	158
Baltimore & Ohio	9,500	118½	112¾	113¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	98½
Brook. Rap. Tran.	8,800	88¾	86⅞	87⅜
Canadian Pacific	11,800	174½	172⅝	174⅜
Cent. of N. Jersey	500	225	222	223
Central Leather	1,400	45¼	44¼	45⅛
do preferred	800	103¾	103¼	103⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	4,100	55⅝	54⅞	55⅜
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	39
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69
Chi. Gt. Western	600	21	20⅞	20⅞
Chi. & Northwest	1,200	221¼	220	220⅛
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	10,100	181½	179⅝	181¼
Chi. Term. & Tran.	.....	.....	.....	12¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	31
C., C., C. & St. L.	200	105½	105	105⅜
Colo. Fuel & Iron	13,500	57⅝	56	56⅝
Colorado & South.	7,800	30⅜	29½	30⅛
do 1st preferred	2,000	69¾	68	69¾
do 2d preferred	6,600	55	53½	54⅝
Consolidated Gas	200	179	178½	178
Corn Products	4,900	19¾	19	18
do preferred	400	89	88	89
Delaware & Hudson	500	223	220¼	222½
Del., Lack. & W.	200	490	490	455
Den. & Rio Grande	4,600	39⅝	39	39⅞
do preferred	200	88	87	87½
Distillers' Secur.	1,400	51⅞	51¼	51⅜
Erie	10,600	48⅝	47¾	48⅜
do 1st preferred	500	81	80¾	81¼
do 2d preferred	800	73¼	73	73¼
General Electric	11,000	181	175	180½
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	116½
Illinois Central	100	175	175	174⅝
International Paper	1,900	23	22¼	22⅝
do preferred	500	85½	84½	85⅛
International Pump	.....	.....	.....	27
do preferred	100	80⅝	80⅝	79½
Iowa Central	900	30⅝	30¼	30¼
do preferred	1,300	60¼	60	60
Kansas City South.	32,500	37⅞	36¼	36⅞
do preferred	16,800	71	69	69
Louisville & Nash.	5,700	152⅜	151⅛	152⅜
Manhattan L.	200	161	161	161½
Met. Securities	2,400	73¼	72⅛	72⅝
Metropol. St. Ry.	800	123½	123	123⅛
Minn. & St. Louis	800	81½	81	81½
Mexican Central	5,700	25	24⅝	24⅝
M., St. P. & S.S.M.	100	142	142	142
do preferred	600	174⅝	173½	174⅛
Missouri Pacific	2,300	100½	99¾	100¼
N. Y. Air Brake	1,600	37¾	36¾	36⅞
do preferred	400	70	70	69
National Lead	3,400	83	80¾	82⅜
Mex. Nat. R. R. pf.	300	38	38	37½
New York Central	10,000	152	150	152¼
N. Y., Ont. & W.	500	51¾	51¼	51½
Norfolk & Western	4,000	85½	85	85⅝
do preferred	100	94¾	94¾	94
Northern Pacific	7,600	205	199	204
North American	400	99	98½	99
Pacific Mail	800	47	46	46⅝
Pennsylvania	38,800	143¾	142¼	143⅜
People's Gas	1,700	101¾	100⅝	101¼
P., C. C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	89
Pressed Steel Car.	1,100	54	53⅜	54
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	99
Pullman Pal. Car.	100	245	245	244
Reading	50,800	143⅝	141¾	143⅝
do 1st preferred	1,500	94	93	93½
do 2d preferred	100	97	97	96½
Republic Steel	2,900	33⅜	32½	33⅜
do preferred	1,600	106¼	105	106¼
Rock Island Co.	2,000	24¼	22½	24⅛
do preferred	10,600	62⅞	62	62⅝
Rubber Goods	.....	.....	.....	49
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	100
Schloss-Sheffield	700	88	86¾	87½
St. L. & S. F. 2 pf.	.....	.....	.....	47
St. Louis Southw.	100	21	20¾	20⅞
do preferred	1,100	54¾	53	54
Southern Pacific	10,700	66¾	65¾	66¼
do preferred	200	118¼	118¼	118
Southern Railway	9,900	36⅝	36¼	36⅝
do preferred	600	100¼	100¼	100⅛
Tenn. Coal & Iron	1,600	125	120¼	122
Texas & Pacific	500	33¾	33¾	33¾
Tol., St. L. & W.	200	35	35	34⅝
do preferred	200	56	56	55
Union Pacific	259,500	153¼	148½	153
do preferred	200	99	99	97
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	113¾
U. S. Realty	.....	.....	.....	85
U. S. Rubber	1,300	52⅝	51¼	52
do preferred	300	110½	110½	110¼
U. S. Steel	111,300	43¼	42	43
do preferred	19,000	106½	105	106⅝
Virg.-Caro. Chem.	3,700	54¼	52	53⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	114
Wabash	600	20⅝	20¼	20½
do preferred	600	41	40⅛	40⅝
Wells-Fargo Exp.	.....	.....	.....	200
Westinghouse Elec.	3,300	176	172¼	174
Western Union	100	93⅝	93⅝	93⅝
Wheel. & L. Erie	.....	.....	.....	17
Wisconsin Central	500	29⅝	28⅝	29⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69⅝

Total sales for the day, 1,349,100 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	102¾	D. & R. G. 4s	100
do coupon	102¾	N. Y. C. G. 3½s	98¾
U. S. 3s reg.	102¾	Nor. Pacific 3s	77
do coupon	103	Nor. Pacific 4s	105¾
U. S. new 4s reg	130¼	So. Pacific 4s	93⅝
do coupon	130¼	Union Pacific 4s	105⅝
U. S. old 4s reg.	103	Wis. Central 4s	93
do coupon	103	Jap. 6s, 2d ser.	99
Atchison Adj. 4s	94¼	Jap. 4½s, cer.	95

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Consols for money, 80¼; consols for account, 80⅝.

Anaconda	12¼	Norfolk & West.	87⅝
Atchison	94⅝	do preferred	96
do preferred	109	Ontario & West.	32⅝
Baltimore & O.	116	Pennsylvania	93⅝
Can. Pacific	178¼	Rand Mines	7
Ches. & Ohio	56⅝	Reading	73¼
C. Gt. Western	21⅝	do 1st pref.	47¼
C. M. & St. P.	185¼	do 2d pref.	49
De Beers	17¾	So. Railway	37½
D. & R. Grande	39	do preferred	100
do preferred	90	So. Pacific	67⅝
Erie	49¼	Union Pacific	154
do 1st pref.	82⅝	do preferred	101
do 2d pref.	76¼	U. S. Steel	43⅝
Illinois Central	180	do preferred	108⅞
Louis. & Nash.	156	Wabash	21¼
Mo., Kas. & T.	27⅝	do preferred	42
N. Y. Central	155	Spanish Fours	97¼

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Money on call, easier, 2@9 per cent; ruling rate, 6¼@7 per cent; closing bid, 1 per cent; offered at 3 per cent. Time loans, firm; 60 days, 7 per cent, including commission; 90 days, 6@7 per cent, including commission on latter rate; six months, 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8565@4.8570 for demand and at $4.8230@4.8235 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, $4.826@4.83½ and $4.86½@4.87. Commercial bills, $4.82.

Bar silver, 64¾c.

Mexican dollars, 49¼c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Bar silver, steady, 29 13-16d per ounce.

Money, 2@2¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¾ per cent; do for three months bills, 3¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Silver bars, 64¾c.

Mexican dollars, nominal.

Drafts—Sight, 5c; telegraph, 5c.

Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4.82½; sight, $4.85¾.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows:

Available cash balances	$143,204,999
Gold coin and bullion	83,170,039
Gold certificates	48,640,140

MANIPULATION IN BUTTER

FORCING OF SALES CAUSES DECLINE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Wheat Options Weakened by Slump at Chicago—Shipping Demand for River Potatoes.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—On change today, California fresh extra butter abruptly declined 2½ cents and firsts 1 cent, owing to certain manufacturers forcing sales. Leading handlers regard the drop as unwarranted in view of the light receipts here and the small output in leading producing districts, which will continue so long as the dry weather lasts, and predict that prices will soon recover. California fresh eggs also had a rapid decline, which is regarded as natural, as supplies are fully up to requirements. Fancy mild new cheese advanced to 15 cents. Receipts, 22,800 pounds butter, 36,800 pounds cheese, 13,200 dozen eggs.

Wheat options opened stronger, but the drop in Chicago discouraged buyers and caused a weaker closing. Barley was dull, but steady. Oats were firm. All feedstuffs were strong. Hay was more active.

Trade in fresh fruits was of small jobbing character and prices were easy for everything except big navel oranges and Mexican limes. Tropical varieties were in ample supply.

The firmness already noted in high-grade potatoes continues. Strictly fancy Oregon would readily bring $1.15, but none of that grade were in the Columbia's cargo and none arrived by rail today. Lower grades are quiet and unchanged. There is some shipping demand for cheap river Burbanks, but any advance would stop buying. Onions are quiet and unchanged at $1.10@1.35. Garden vegetables, except tomatoes, are scarce and high.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, 60c@$1.25; garlic, 5@6c; green peas, 10@12½c; string beans, 15@17c; tomatoes, 75c@$1; egg plant, $1.50@2.

POULTRY—Turkey gobblers, 19@21c; roosters, old, $4.50@5.50; broilers, large, $3.50@4.50; broilers, small, $2@3; hens, $5@7; ducks, old, $5@5.50; ducks, young, $5.50@7.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 29c; creamery seconds, 27½c.

EGGS — Store, 28@30c; fancy ranch, 35c; Eastern, nominal.

CHEESE—New California, 13@15c; Eastern, 15½@16c; Western, 14@14½c.

WOOL—South Plains and S. J., 10@15c; lambs, 9@16c.

HOPS—7@11c.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $18.50@20; middlings, $28@29.

HAY—Wheat, $11@16c; wheat and oats, $9@14; barley, $8@11; alfalfa, $7.50@16.50; stock, $6.50@7.50; straw, per bale, 30@55c.

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; common, 40c; bananas, $1@3; Mexican limes, $5@5.50; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, $1; oranges, navel, $1@2.75; pineapples, $2@5.

POTATOES—Salinas Burbanks, $1.10@1.50; sweets, 75c@$1.25; Oregon Burbanks, 75c@$1.15.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 47,417 quarter sacks; wheat, 13,017 centals; barley, 1570 centals; oats, 220 centals; potatoes, 3927 sacks; bran, 9465 sacks; middlings, 840 sacks; hay, 415 tons; wool, 63 bales; hides, 640.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	$ .02	Justice	$ .05
Alpha Con.	.04	Kentucky Con.	.01
Andes	.19	Lady Wash. C.	.01
Belcher	.21	Mexican	1.20
Best & Belcher	1.10	Occidental Con.	.02
Bullion	.21	Ophir	5.87½
Caledonia	.54	Overman	.22
Challenge Con.	.20	Potosi	.06
Chollar	.15	Savage	.52
Confidence	.85	Scorpion	.12
Con. Cal. & V.	1.15	Seg. Belcher	.10
Con. N. Y.	.02	Sierra Nevada	.08
Crown Point	.13	Silver Hill	.30
Exchequer	.40	Union Con.	.45
Gould & Curry	.21	Utah Con