SHORTS ARE BUYING

Flurry in the Local Hop Market Continues.

MAY BECOME A SCRAMBLE

Only a Limited Supply Remains in the State for Those Dealers Who Have Been Discounting the Future.

HOPS—Flurry in Oregon market.
CANNED GOODS—Corn and tomato packs in 1905.
POULTRY—Supply not equal to demand.
EGGS—Dealers' opinions differ as to market.
BUTTER—Local stocks are ample.
FRUIT—Two cars of oranges received.
VEGETABLES—Light inquiry for California produce.

The flurry in the hop market that started Monday continued yesterday, with much activity reported in the city trade and up the valley. Most of the dealers that have a direct trade with the Eastern breweries reported light orders, which leads to the belief that the present movement is due almost wholly to the operations of the short sellers. They are working themselves up to a considerable degree of excitement, and it would not require much to precipitate a scramble that would have a most beneficial effect on the price of this commodity. The supply of hops left in Oregon is becoming limited, and those dealers who sold for February, March and April delivery at 10 to 12 cents c. i. f. New York, are doubtless realizing that they must cover pretty speedily or else get left. Several districts in Oregon are almost entirely cleaned out. The Independence and Dallas sections are nearly bare, and only a few lots remain unsold at Eugene. In the state at large it is figured by some dealers that hardly 25,000 bales remain unsold, whereas, the quantity sold short is said to be unusually large.

Relative to England's hop imports and exports, Lupulin writes as follows in the Mark Lane Express, of London:

"The Board of Trade returns, just issued, give us the following information concerning our foreign transactions in hops. We have received in November from the United States 5360 cwt., and from other countries 17,233 cwt., the total, 22,593 cwt., showing an increase over the receipts of the previous month to the extent of 8428 cwt. I fear that this enlarged influx may be taken as an indication of what will follow as soon as our rivals are tired of waiting for the sufficient advance in our values to enable them to find profit in our market. The surplusage both of America and the Continent must seek for an outlet, and it is only in the free ports of England that this can be found; therefore, it is not unlikely that we shall hear of further shipments at tempting prices when local demand has been satisfied and the necessity of turning the balance into cash begins to be felt.

"Comparing the results of the first three months of this season with those of the same period last year, we have reason to be well satisfied. America has this year only sent us 6845 cwt., whereas, in the same months of 1904 she shipped to England 59,278 cwt. From the Continent we have received this year only 34,519 cwt., against 101,874 cwt. up to this time last year. The difference of imports in our favor during the first quarter of the season is no less than 119,788 cwt.

"Our exports during the period named have increased considerably upon the same business of 1904, being 10,735 cwt. against 5772 cwt. This larger figure is mainly provided by the purchases of English hops for our colonies, the buyers being attracted by our known qualities, which are always in favor with our kin across the seas, and by the low prices at which we have been willing to sell this season. By deducting the exports from the imports we find that the balances against our market at the close of November were 155,380 cwt. in 1904, and only 30,629 cwt in the present year. We may therefore congratulate ourselves and say, 'So far, so good,' but we must be on the lookout lest the enemy take us by surprise and spoil our trade. There is certainly no margin for any injury of this kind, and it is desirable that English holders, being forewarned, should be thereby forearmed against possible loss."

CORN AND TOMATO PACK.

Former Was Largest on Record Last Year. Latter Shows Decrease.

The annual report of the corn pack in the United States and Canada covering the output in 1905, with comparisons with former years, as issued by the American Grocer, shows the largest pack of corn on record, following that of 1904, which exceeded the average of previous years by many hundreds of thousand cases. The heavy output of 1904, which reached over 11,000,000, was the result of a light production in the three preceding years, which forced prices up to extreme figures, New York State No. 2 standard selling in 1903 and 1904 up to $1.25, and not lower than 90c in the first-named year nor 80c in 1904. The report says: "These prices made corn packing a highly profitable industry and naturally tended to stimulate production. Poor crops in several states in 1902-03 kept down the output to a quantity not large enough to care for requirements, unless consumption was checked by high prices. This year the corn crop was very large and conditions favorable, so that nearly every factory was worked to its full capacity, resulting in a total pack of 13,415,665 cases, against 11,462,969 cases in 1904. Canada's pack in 1905 was about 400,000 cases.

"The pack of corn in 1905 compares with the output of ten previous years as follows:

Year.	Cases 2 doz. tins each.	Year.	Cases 2 doz. tins each.
1905..........	13,418,665	1900........	6,485,624
1904..........	11,462,969	1899........	5,463,420
1903..........	4,861,146	1898........	4,448,563
1902..........	4,191,067	1897........	2,908,749
1901..........	5,027,735	1896........	2,676,615

Total ten years 60,944,464

The total pack of tomatoes in the United States and Canada in 1905 was 6,070,516 cases, of which Canada packed 515,000 cases.

The total pack compares with the output of the nine previous years, as follows:

Year.	Cases 2 doz. tins each.	Year.	Cases 2 doz. tins each.
1905..........	6,070,516	1900........	5,849,283
1904..........	8,814,506	1899........	7,404,923
1903..........	10,679,809	1898........	5,797,806
1902..........	9,494,812	1897........	4,149,441
1901..........	4,518,221	1896........	3,341,188

Total for ten years 66,220,905

EGG MARKET PECULIAR.

Prices and Conditions Variously Reported by Local Jobbers.

Front-street dealers cannot get together on the egg market. With one merchant quoting the price strong at 30 cents and his near neighbor weak at 28 cents, it is hard to get a line on the real conditions. One thing is certain, and that is that receipts are gradually increasing and are likely to become heavy soon. Both shippers and dealers lose no opportunity to work off their stocks at this time of year.

Moderate receipts of chickens and a strong demand keep the market bare and prices high, but the point is now reached where they cannot much farther advance. Turkeys are the only slow feature of the poultry market.

The butter trade runs along in an even way with no feature of interest. Stocks are large enough for the demand and there is not likely to be any shortage while the present mild weather lasts.

Fruits and Vegetables Dull.

Yesterday was a rather dull day in fruits and vegetables. A good assortment of the latter was offering, but the demand was slow. The day's receipts included two cars of oranges, one in transit to Walla Walla, and one car of sweet potatoes. A car of celery is due today.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 759,676	$ 70,728
Seattle	1,413,769	312,534
Tacoma	621,696	67,771
Spokane	538,309	43,195

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Club, 72c; bluestem, 74@75c; red, 69c; Valley, 75c.

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

FLOUR—Patents, $4.20@$4.70 per barrel; straights, $3.80@4.10; clears, $3.65@3.80; Valley, $3.60@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@5.35; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@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; Alfalfa 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, $8 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, $23@23.50 per ton; brewing, $24@24.50; rolled, $23.50@24.50.

BUCKWHEAT—$2.50 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, $13@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; cauliflowers, $1.25 per dozen; celery, $3@3.50 per crate; head lettuce, 40c per dozen; hothouse, $1.25@1.75 per box; peas, 15c; bell peppers, 35c; pumpkins, ¾@1c pound; radishes, 25c dozen; tomatoes, $1.50@1.75 per crate; sprouts, 7½c per pound; squash, 1¼@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, 5½@6¼c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5¼c 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, 5¾@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@32½c; store butter, 16@16½c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 28@30c; Eastern, 22@23c per dozen.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream, twins, 14½@15c; Young America, 15½@16c.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 12½@14c; Springs, 12½@14c; mixed chickens, 12@12½c; broilers, 15@16c; dressed chickens, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 15c; 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, 10@12c per pound Columbia roast, cases, 100s, $14.25; 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 dozen; 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, $6.05; powdered, $5.80; dry granulated, $5.70; extra C, $5.25; golden C, $5.10; fruit sugar, $5.70. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; ½-barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. (Terms: On remittance within 15 days deduct ½c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ¼c sugar, granulated, $5.50 per 100 pounds; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

SALT—California, $11 per ton, $1.60 per bale; Liverpool, 50s, $17; 100s, $16.50; 200s, $16; ½-pounds, 100s, $7; 50s, $7.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½c per pound by sack; ½c extra for less than sack. Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16c; 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, 5¾c; 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; weinerwurst, 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, $7. Roast beef, flat, pounds, $1.25; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, none. Roast beef, tall, pounds, none; two pounds, $2.25; six pounds, $7. Lunch tongue, pounds, $2.75. Roast mutton, six pounds, $8.50.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; clear backs, dry salt 10½c, smoked, 11½c; 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, 10⅝c; tubs, 10¾c; 50s, 10⅞c; 20s, 10⅞c, 10s, 11⅛c; 5s, 11¼c. Standard pure: Tierces, 9⅝c; tubs, 9¾c; 50s, 9⅞c; 20s, 9⅞c; 10s, 10⅛c, 5s, 10¼c. Compound: Tierces, 6½c; tubs, 6⅝c; 50s, 6¾c; 20s, 7⅛c; 5s, 7⅝c.

Hops, Wool, 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, 8½@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; coyote, 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, 8@8½c; 125 to 200 pounds, 4@5½c; 200 pounds and up, 3@3½c.

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

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

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 80c per gallon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c; 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, 2¼c 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, 35c; iron tanks, 19c.

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

EGG HOLDERS LETTING GO

RECEIPTS ARE INCREASING AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Butter in Light Supply and Active Demand at Firm Quotations. Apple Market Weak.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—California ranch eggs declined 1 cent and store eggs 2 cents on 'Change today, and closed weak. Holders are willing sellers, as receipts are increasing, and the weather is favorable for larger production. Fresh butter is still in light supply, and the demand active. Creamery extras sold at 30½@30 cents and were officially quoted at 30 cents, an advance of ½ cent. Cheese was firm and unchanged. Receipts, 20,100 pounds butter, 5200 pounds cheese, 15,780 dozen eggs.

In the citrus market only Mexican limes of large sizes, navel oranges and fancy grape fruit show any firmness. Medium and small sizes of oranges and the general run of lemons are slow and weak. The promoters of the auction sales expect four carloads of oranges will be available for tomorrow's offering. With six carloads of Central American bananas just arrived and steamers due from Honolulu and Mexico, besides a good quantity in stores, the market is amply supplied with that fruit. The apple market has spasmodic activity, but trade generally is unsatisfactory and prices are easy.

Quotations for raisins were withdrawn pending the naming of new prices.

Fancy potatoes were scarce and firm. Only two cars of Oregon arrived and the quality was poor. Cheap river potatoes are in some demand; onions are unchanged.

Rain indications weakened speculative prices for grain, but cash values held steady.

VEGETABLES—Cucumbers, 60c@$1.75; garlic, 5@6c; green peas, 7@8c; string beans, 15@17½c; tomatoes, 75c@$1; egg plant, $1.50@2.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 17@19c; roosters, old $4.50@5.50; roosters, young, $6@7; broilers, small, $2@3; broilers, large, $4@5; fryers, $5@6; hens, $4.50@6.50; ducks, old, $5@6; ducks, young, $6@7.50.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 30c; creamery seconds, 23½c.

EGGS — Store, 26@28c; fancy ranch, 32c; Eastern, nominal.

CHEESE—Young America, 13@15c; Eastern, 15½@16c; Western, 14@14½c.

WOOL—South Plains and S. J., 14@15c; lambs, 9@16c.

HOPS—7@11c.

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

HAY—Wheat, $11@16; wheat and oats, $9@14; barley, $8@11; alfalfa, $7.50@10.50; stock, $6.50@7.50; straw, per bale, 30@55c.

FRUIT—Apples, choice, $2; common, 40c; bananas, $1@3; Mexican limes, $5.50@6; California lemons, choice, $2.50; common, $1; oranges, navel, 75c@$2.75; pineapples, $2@5.

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

RECEIPTS — Flour, 4124 quarter sacks; wheat, 776 centals; barley, 5148 centals; oats, 500 centals; beans, 800 sacks; corn, 1200 centals; potatoes, 4665 sacks; bran, 510 sacks; middlings, 515 sacks; hay, 302 tons; wool, 1 bale; hides, 363.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The following livestock prices were quoted yesterday in the local market:

CATTLE—Good steers, $3.50@3.75; fair to medium, $2.75@3; 150 to 175 pounds, $4.50@4.75; calves, heavy, $3@3.25.

HOGS—Meat suitable for packers, $5.75@6; fair to medium grades, $5.50; light fat weights, 120 to 140 pounds, $5@5.25.

SHEEP—Good fat shep, $4.50@4.75; choice lambs, $5.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; market steady; native steers, $4@6; stockers and feeders, $3@4.50; Western cows, $2.25@3.50; Western steers, $3.50@5.50; bulls, $2.25@3.80; calves, $3@7.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 1600; market, 5c lower; bulk of sales, $5.15@5.30; heavy, $5.25@5.35; packers, $5.20@5.30; pigs and light, $4.75@5.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market, steady; muttons, $4.50@6.25; lambs, $6@7.75; range wethers, $5.50@6.60; fed ewes, $4.50@5.60.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 4900; market; best, steady; native steers, $3.50@5.50; cows and heifers, $2.50@4; calves, $3@6; bulls, stags, etc., $2@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,500; market, 5c lower; heavy, $5.20@5.30; mixed, $5.17½@5.20; light, $5.15@5.25; pigs, $4.50@4.90; bulk of sales, $5.17½@5.22½.

Sheep—Receipts, 5700; market, steady; Western yearlings, $6@6.30; wethers, $5.15@5.90; ewes, $4.75@5.60; lambs, $7@7.30.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 7000; steady; beeves, $3.65@6.35; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.65; cows and heifers, $1.75@4.50; Texas-fed steers, $3.50@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts today 38,000, tomorrow 40,000; slow, weak to 5c lower; mixed and butchers, $5.25@5.50; good to heavy, $5.35@5.52½; rough heavy, $5.20@5.30; light, $5.20@5.45; pigs, $4.75@5.20; bulk of sales, $5.30@5.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; strong; sheep, $4@6.10; lambs, $4.90@8.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—No business of importance is reported in the market for evaporated apples, but holders are steady in the main. Common are quoted at 7@8c; nearly prime, 9@9½c; prime, 9⅝@9½c; choice, 10c; fancy, 11c.

Prunes are in less active demand on spot, but prices are firmly held, ranging from 4½@8c, according to grade.

Apricots are meeting with some inquiry, but so far little business of importance is reported. Choice are quoted at 9½@10c; extra choice, 10½@10⅝c; fancy, 11@12c.

Peaches have been in somewhat better demand of late, and the market is firm. Extra choice are quoted at 10c; fancy, 10½@11c; extra fancy, 11½@13c.

Raisins are still more or less unsettled, with the trade waiting definite advices from the Coast regarding the price to be fixed by the San Francisco company.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Coffee futures closed steady at a net advance of 5@10 points. Sales, 40,500 bags, including January, 6.60@6.65c; February, 6.60c; March, 6.65@6.80c; May, 6.80@6.90c; September, 7.05@7.15c; December, 7.25@7.35. Spot Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 8 3-16c; mild, steady.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 3-16@3¼c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 11-16@3¾c; molasses sugar, 2 15-16@3c. Refined, firm; crushed, $5.40; powdered, $4.80; granulated, $4.70.

GAINS WIPED OUT

Late Reaction Upsets Prices in Stock Market.

OUTSIDE DEMAND SLOW

Day's Advances Are in Issues That Did Not Participate in the December Movement—Realizing in Union Pacific.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The movement of prices in today's stock market was confused and irregular from start to finish, and little remained of the gains at the end of the day. The pursuit of the movement to take profits was continued and many of the most prominent stocks in the recent movement were subjected to this process. Meantime new stocks were pushed forward into prominence. An additional factor in the irregular movement was the resumption of buying of some shares which were subjected to the profit-taking in the early part of the day.

There was little news to accompany the various movements and the explanations for them dealt more with technical market conditions than with anything bearing on changes in actual values.

While the December movement of prices carried the majority of shares to record levels, there was a group of important securities which did not rise at any time within measurable distance of previous high records. These have been the favorites in the new speculative advances of yesterday and today. Pennsylvania and its allied railroads are notable examples, the present price level ruling far below the maximum touched in former speculative campaigns. The recent movement of Atchison is given the same explanation, although the stock was inclined to rest today.

In the United States Steel stocks the tendency was manifest to alternate from one to the other, yesterday's rise in the common giving place to steady realizing today, while the preferred was pushed upwards with strong sentimental effect on the whole market. The Southern iron stock made sensational advances and rumors were revived that the arrangements for the expected merger were being completed. The high-priced Northwestern grangers and Pacifics moved upward widely and easily, and old stories of coming extra disbursements and of new alliances played a part in the movement. The rumor of absorption of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas by the Burlington and of the Kansas City Southern by the St. Paul were used with effect. St. Paul itself was among the stocks which derived advantage from its previous failure to share in the advancing tendency. There were other wide movements, but the character of the factors which moved them was similar to that in the cases named.

Meantime there was free realizing in Union Pacific, Reading, the coppers and some other stocks. While the market thus continued to show a degree of mixed strength, its action conveyed an impression of more effect in sustaining prices than that of yesterday. The falling off of the volume of activity added to this effect. The failure of a larger outside demand to appear was a disappointment to large holders of stocks. This was attributed to the almost universal belief that holdings hang over the market which were carried persistently through the December money stringency, but on which holders are waiting to take profits on any opportunity.

The money market showed further relaxation, but the continued firmness of foreign exchange keeps alive the problem of how far the decline in interest rates can go without precipitating an outgo of gold.

The late reaction wiped out most of the day's gain and made the closing easy.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $3,980,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams Express				225
Amal. Copper	94,500	110⅛	108⅜	108⅝
Am. C. & F.	30,300	43½	41¼	42
do preferred	1,100	100⅞	100	100
Am. Cotton Oil	8,500	40⅞	39½	39⅞
do preferred	200	93⅜	93⅜	93
Am. Express	100	225	225	223
A. H. & L. pfd.	600	40⅞	40⅜	40½
American Ice	4,800	42⅞	41½	42⅛
Am. Linseed Oil				20⅞
do preferred				41
Am. Locomotive	7,300	77⅞	76	76
do preferred				117
Am. S. & R.	10,800	165⅞	164	164
do preferred	200	127½	127¼	127¼
Am. Sugar Ref.	50,200	156⅝	153⅝	153⅞
A. Tob., pf. cer.	900	105⅞	105½	105¼
Ana. Min. Co.	24,300	261	250	255½
Atchison	39,100	95⅝	94⅞	94⅞
do preferred	600	103¼	103¼	103⅞
Atlantic C. L.				158½
Baltimore & O.	10,800	115⅛	114⅝	114½
do preferred				98
Brk. Rap. Tran.	17,100	89⅝	88⅛	88⅝
Can. Pacific	38,800	176¼	174½	174½
Central of N. J.	100	225	225	223
Central Leather	23,100	49	47⅞	47⅞
do preferred	1,300	105⅞	105¼	105¼
Ches. & Ohio	11,800	57⅛	56⅝	56½
Chicago & Alton				30⅞
do preferred				69
C. Gt. Western	1,300	21⅝	21½	21½
C. & Northwest.	24,900	228⅛	223½	225
C., M. & St. P.	15,000	185	182½	183½
C. Ter. & Tran.	200	13⅝	13⅝	15
do preferred	200	36⅞	36½	35
C., C., C. & S. L.	2,000	107½	106½	106⅞
Colo. F. & I.	14,500	59⅝	58⅛	58⅝
Colo. & So.	8,000	32⅝	32	32⅝
do 1st pref.	1,000	70¼	70	70
do 2d pref.	800	54⅞	54	54
Con. Gas	600	177½	177	176½
Corn Products	2,900	18⅝	18⅝	18⅞
do preferred	1,400	59	57	58
Del. & Hudson	100	224½	224½	223
Del., L. & W.	100	460	460	460
D. & R. Grande	100	29	29	28⅝
do preferred				87
Dis. Securities	2,200	53½	53	52½
Erie	15,000	49½	48⅝	48½
do 1st pref.	500	81⅞	81	80⅜
do 2d pref.	600	74½	73½	74
Gen. Electric	4,000	181½	178½	178½
Hocking Valley	200	116½	115¼	115¼
Illinois Central	100	176¼	175⅝	175½
Internat. Paper	3,100	24⅝	23⅝	23⅞
do preferred	3,700	88½	87¼	88⅝
Internat. Pump				47
do preferred				79
Iowa Central	1,400	30⅞	30½	31½
do preferred	200	60⅝	60½	60½
Kas. City So.	2,700	36	35	35
do preferred	1,300	70	69	69⅝
Louis. & Nash.	4,400	153½	152⅞	152⅞
Manhattan L.	200	161⅝	161	160
Metro. Securities	2,100	74½	73½	73½
Metro. St. Ry.	5,400	125⅝	124⅝	124⅝
Mexican Central	5,000	25⅝	25¼	25⅞
Minn. & St. L.	600	84	84	82⅝
M. S P & S S M.	4,300	152	146	151⅞
do preferred	1,600	178	175	177½
Missouri Pacific	2,700	101	100½	100½
Mo., Kas. & T.	93,200	39⅝	38⅛	38⅝
do preferred	11,600	71⅛	70	70⅝
National Lead	8,600	89½	86½	86½
Nor. Pacific	4,400	206	203⅝	203
N. R. R. M. pfd.	600	39½	38	38¼
N. Y. Central	21,700	155½	154	154
N. Y., O. & W.	2,300	52½	51¼	51⅝
Norfolk & West.	25,400	87⅞	86⅝	87¼
do preferred				93
North American	8,600	101⅞	100⅝	101⅝
Pacific Mail	700	48½	48	48⅛
Pennsylvania	101,400	145¼	144¼	144⅝
People's Gas	2,200	101⅝	100⅝	101⅛
P., C. C. & S. L.				83
Press. Steel C.	4,000	37¼	36½	36⅞
do preferred	300	100¼	106	99⅝
do 1st pref.	300	94⅞	94	93⅞
do 2d pref.	100	97	97	96⅝
Republic Steel	44,700	38¼	35¼	36⅞
do preferred	12,700	110½	107½	108½
Rock Island Co.	3,400	24⅛	23⅝	23⅝
do preferred	600	63	62½	62¼
Rubber Goods				41
do preferred				100
Schloss Sheffield	6,700	91	88½	89
S L & S F 2d pf.	100	48	48	48
S. L. Southwest.	2,700	21½	20⅝	21⅛
do preferred	200	55⅝	55	55
Southern Pacific	26,700	68	66⅝	67⅝
do preferred	700	118½	118	118
Southern Ry.	7,500	37⅝	37⅛	37¼
do preferred	300	101	101	100⅝
Tenn. C. & I.	7,900	149½	144½	147
Texas & Pacific	1,100	34⅛	33⅝	33⅝
T., St. L. & W.				34⅝
do preferred	200	56	56	56
Union Pacific	147,800	155½	154½	154⅝
do preferred				97¼
U. S. Express				115
U. S. Realty	700	91	90	90
U. S. Rubber	1,400	53½	52½	52¾
do preferred	400	112	111⅝	112
U. S. Steel	61,300	44⅝	44½	44½
do preferred	23,900	107⅝	107	107
Vir.-Car. Chem.	400	55⅝	53½	54½
do preferred				114½
Wabash	2,000	21	20½	20½
do preferred	1,200	41⅝	41	41
Wells-Fargo Ex.				235
Westinghouse E.	200	174½	174½	172
Western Union	700	93⅝	93	93⅝

Wheel. & L. E.	200	17¾	17¾	17½
Wis. Central	400	31	31	30½
do preferred				61

Total sales for the day, 1,255,800 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	102¾	D. & R. G. 4s.	100
do coupon	102¾	N. Y. C. G. 3½s.	98½
U. S. 3s reg.	102¾	Nor. Pacific 3s.	77
do coupon	103	Nor. Pacific 4s.	105⅜
U. S. new 4s reg.	130½	So. Pacific 4s.	93⅞
do coupon	130½	Union Pacific 4s.	106⅜
U. S. old 4s reg.	103	Wis. Central 4s.	93¼
do coupon	103	Jap. 6s, 2d ser.	99⅝
Atchison Adj. 4s	94½	Jap. 4½s, cer.	93½

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Consols for money, 89⅛; consols for account, 89 5-16.

Anaconda	13¾	Norfolk & West.	89¼
Atchison	98	do preferred	96
do preferred	108½	Ontario & West.	53¼
Baltimore & O.	118¼	Pennsylvania	74⅛
Can. Pacific	179⅝	Rand Mines	7⅛
Ches. & Ohio	58½	Reading	74⅛
C. Gt. Western	22½	do 1st pref.	48½
C., M. & St. P.	189	do 2d pref.	49
De Beers	18⅝	So. Railway	38⅝
D. & R. Grande	40¾	do preferred	103½
do preferred	90⅝	So. Pacific	68⅝
Erie	50½	Union Pacific	159⅛
do 1st pref.	83¼	do preferred	101
do 2d pref.	76½	U. S. Steel	43¾
Illinois Central	180½	do preferred	110⅜
Louis. & Nash.	157⅜	Wabash	21
Mo., Kas. & T.	39¼	do preferred	42½
N. Y. Central	159½	Spanish Fours	91⅝

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Money on call, firm; 5@8 per cent; ruling rate, 6; closing bid, 6; offered, 8 per cent. Time loans, steady; 60 and 90 days, 6 per cent; six months 5½@6 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5¾@6½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8630@4.8635 for demand and at $4.83@4.8305 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.82⅝@4.82¾.

Bar silver, 65c.

Mexican dollars, 50c.

Government bonds, steady; railroads, firm.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—Bar silver steady, 30d per ounce. Money, 2@3¼ per cent. Discount rate, short and three months' bills, 3⅝ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Silver bars, 65c. Drafts, sight, 3c; telegraph, 5c. Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.83¼; sight, $4.86½.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Today's Treasury statement shows:

Available cash balance	$143,258,746
Gold coin and bullion	87,217,908
Gold certificates	42,381,220

WOOL IS AGAIN MOVING

BOSTON MARKET SHOWS A REVIVAL OF ACTIVITY.

Stocks Well Cleaned Up, Especially Territories, Demand for Which Runs to Fine and Medium.

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—The wool market is more active at firm prices. The transactions for the week cover fleeces, Fall Texas, California Northerns, fine and medium territories and scoured wool in the domestic field and Australian fine merinos and South American high quarters. Stocks of wool are well cleaned up, especially territories. The demand for territories has been running more to fine and medium grades. Pulled wools are in better movement. Foreign grades are steady. Wool dealers believe that the market will soon need a large replenishing. Buyers who have been following the market closely have taken many samples for examination. During the week worsted mills and woolen interests operated in territories. Territory quotations:

Idaho fine, 22@23c; heavy fine, 19@20c; fine medium, 22@23c; medium, 26@27c; low medium, 27@28c.

Wyoming fine, 22@23c; heavy fine, 19@20c; fine medium, 22@23c; medium, 26@27c; low medium, 27@28c.

Utah and Nevada fine, 23@24c; heavy fine, 19@20c; fine medium, 26@27c; low medium, 27@28c.

Montana fine choice, 25@26c; fine average, 24@25c; fine medium choice, 25@26c; average, 24@25c; staple, 27@28c; medium choice, 27@28c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—Wool—Steady. Medium grades, combing and clothing, 26@30c; light fine, 21@26c; heavy fine, 19@21c; tub washed 33@41½c.

FLURRY IN COTTON.

Sharp Advance Follows Publication of Census Bureau Report.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—A sharp advance followed the publication of the Census Bureau report indicating that 9,721,773 bales of cotton had been ginned up to January 1 in today's cotton market. Inside of ten minutes March sold at 11.69c and May at 11.79c, or 29@30 points above the figures of a few minutes before.

The market toward the close lost most of its advance under realizing, and was finally steady at a gain of 2@6 points for the day. Sales were estimated at 600,000 lbs. Closing prices: January, 11.30c; February, 11.38c; May, 11.65c; June, 11.67c, and July 11.70c.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 9.—March cotton advanced 31 points on the Census Bureau report and May went up 30 points.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—According to a bulletin issued today by the Census Bureau, 9,721,773 bales of cotton were ginned to January 1, 1906, counting round as half bales and excluding linters.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—There was a further advance in the London tin market, with spot closing at £164 15s and futures at £165 2s 6d. Locally the market was also firmer, with spot quoted at 36.25@36.40c.

Copper advanced to £79 17s 6d for spot and £79 10s for futures in the London market. Locally the situation was unchanged with lake and electrolytic quoted at 18.75@19c, and casting at 18.37½@18.87½c.

Lead was unchanged at 5.60@6.10c in the local market, but closed slightly lower at £17 6s 3d in London.

Spelter was unchanged at £29 2s 6d in London and at 6.50@6.90c in the New York market.

Iron was somewhat irregular abroad, with standard foundry quoted at 53s 7d and Cleveland warrants at 54s 7½d. The local situation appeared to be unchanged with the tone firm. No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $18.75@19.25; No. 2 foundry Northern, $18.50@18.85.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	$ .01	Justice	$ .04
Alpha Con.	.04	Kentucky Con.	.01
Andes	.18	Mexican	1.15
Belcher	.19	Occidental Con.	.92
Best & Belcher	1.10	Ophir	5.75
Bullion	.23	Overman	.17
Caledonia	.51	Potosi	.06
Challenge Con.	.18	Savage	.49
Chollar	.13	Scorpion	.11
Confidence	.85	Seg. Belcher	.10
Con. Cal. & V.	1.15	Sierra Nevada	.26
Crown Point	.12	Silver Hill	.94
Exchequer	.35	Union Con.	.42
Gould & Curry	.20	Utah Con.	.02
Hale & Nor.	1.09	Yellow Jacket	.12
Julia	.07		

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$ .25	Little Chief	$ .08
Alice	1.95	Ontario	3.00
Breece	.50	Ophir	5.58
Brunswick C.	.57	Phoenix	.02
Comstock Tun.	.08	Potosi	.02
Con. Cal. & V.	1.10	Savage	.48
Horn Silver	1.75	Sierra Nevada	.38
Iron Silver	3.50	Small Hopes	.30
Leadville Con.	.06	Standard	3.65

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 5.25	Mont. C. & C.	$ 4.37½
Allouez	94.25	N. Butte	85.50
Amalgamatd	108.62½	Old Dominion	40.75
Am. Zinc	15.75	Osceola	105.00
Atlantic	27.50	Parrot	40.25
Bingham	35.75	Quincy	109.00
Cal. & Hecla	705.00	Shannon	8.62½
Centennial	30.25	Tamarack	45.00
Cop. Range	82.25	Trinity	10.50
Daly West	17.50	United Cop.	64.00
Dominion C.	87.00	U. S. Mining	49.00
Franklin	18.75	U. S. Oil	12.50
Granby	9.75	Utah	62.50
Isle Royale	27.50	Victoria	8.50
Mass. Mining	10.00	Winona	7.50
Michigan	16.87½	Wolverine	131.00
Mohawk	60.00		

BUYING FOR EXPORT

Foreign Demand Stiffens Chicago Wheat Market.

CLOSE FIRM AND HIGHER

Active Buying by Shorts for Purposes of Covering and by the Commission-Houses During the Last Hour.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—During the first half of the session the wheat market was weak on reports of a decline at Liverpool, due to free offerings of Argentine wheat. Opening quotations on the local board this morning were off ⅛c for May at 87⅛c. Prominent commission houses, which were heavy sellers yesterday, sold again today, and pit traders joined in the movement. This forced the price of May down to 86⅝c before the noon hour. Sentiment then suddenly changed, and for the remainder of the session a firm feeling prevailed. An exceptionally good demand was reported for cash wheat at all outside markets, and many inquiries were received from exporters. Bradstreet's weekly report on the world's available supply of wheat showed a decrease of 1,800,000 bushels, which was larger than generally anticipated. This forced many shorts to cover freely, and there was active buying both for the purpose of covering and by commission houses during the last hour. All offerings were readily absorbed, and prices made a sharp rally. The May option rose to 87⅞c, and the market closed firm with May ⅜@½c up at 87⅝@87¾c.

The slump in wheat caused a slightly easier tone in the corn market, but later a firm feeling developed. The market closed firm with prices at the highest point of the day. May closed ⅛@¼c up at 44⅞c.

Oats were easier in sympathy with other grains, but as the session advanced the market became steadier. May closed unchanged at 32¼@32⅜c.

Provisions were subjected to a general selling pressure today, and the market was weak. At the close May pork was down 20c, lard was off 10c and ribs were 7½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .87¼	$ .87⅞	$ .86⅝	$ .87⅝
July	.84½	.84⅞	.83⅞	.84⅝
CORN.				
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	.41⅞
May	.44⅝	.44⅞	.44⅝	.44⅞
July	.45¼	.45¼	.44⅞	.45¼
OATS.				
Jan.	.30⅝	.30⅝	.30⅝	.30⅝
May	.32¼	.32⅜	.32⅛	.32⅜
July	.30⅝	.30¾	.30½	.30⅝
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	13.45	13.77½	13.60	13.65
May	14.05	14.05	13.87½	13.92½
LARD.				
Jan.	7.55	7.55	7.50	7.52½
May	7.70	7.72½	7.62½	7.65
July	7.77½	7.77½	7.72½	7.75
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	7.50	7.50	7.42½	7.45
May	7.60	7.62½	7.55	7.60
July	7.72½	7.72½	7.67½	7.72½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Weaker.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, 84@86c; No. 3, 80@86c; No. 2 red, 87¼@88¼c.

Corn—No. 2, 42c; No. 2 yellow, 42½c.

Oats—No. 2, 30¾c; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3 white, 30¾@32c.

Rye—No. 2, 65½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 37½@38c; fair to choice malting, 44@49c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1.12; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.18.

Mess pork—Per barrel, $13.65@13.70.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $7.52½.

Short ribs sides—Loose, $7.35@7.50.

Short clear sides—Boxed, $7.55@7.65.

Clover—Contract grade, $13.15@13.25.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	12,600	18,700
Wheat, bushels	50,000	28,100
Corn, bushels	355,400	241,000
Oats, bushels	268,200	361,400
Rye, bushels	5,000	1,000
Barley, bushels	51,000	26,000

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Flour—Receipts, 21,700 bbls.; exports, 9000 bbls; market steady but dull.

Wheat—Receipts, 234,000 bu.; exports, 206,500 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2 red, 90⅝c elevator; No. 2 red, 95c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 93c f. o. b. afloat. The early wheat market was weak and lower, reflecting bearish Argentine news, lower cables, stop-loss selling orders and depressed outside markets. Recovering on big clearances, unfavorable Southwest crop news and a scarcity of shorts, the market closed firm at ⅜@⅝c net advance. May closed at 92c, July closed at 89½c.

Hops—Quiet.

Hides—Firm.

Changes in Available Supplies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with last account:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,667,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 3,600,000 bushels. Total supply, decrease 1,833,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 1,052,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 178,000 bushels.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Wheat steady, barley easier. Spot quotations:

Wheat — Shipping, $1.37½@1.42½; milling, $1.47½@1.55.

Barley—Feed, $1.22½@1.25; brewing, $1.25@1.27½.

Oats—Red, $1.25@1.62½; white, $1.50@1.65; black, $1.25@1.75.

Call board sales: Wheat—May, $1.39⅞. Barley—May, $1.22⅝; December, $1.03¼. Corn—Large yellow, $1.32½@1.37½.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—Wheat—May, 85½c; July, 86⅝c; No. 1 hard, 83½c; No. 1 Northern, 83½c; No. 2 Northern, 80⅝c.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Jan. 9. — Wheat—Unchanged. Export, bluestem, 73c; club, 71c; red, 68c.

Wheat at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 9.—Wheat—March, 6s 11⅛d; May, 6s 9½d. Weather, showery.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—On the produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 18@26½c; dairy, 18@23c. Eggs, steady at mark, cases included, 18@23c; firsts, 22c; prime firsts, 25c; extras, 27c. Cheese, steady, 11½@13c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Butter, strong. Cheese, firm. Eggs, firm.

WORKED BY PREACHERS

Aged Millionaire Left Money to Them, and All Got Needy.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New York says: The contest instituted by James R. Palmer, of California, the 96-year-old brother of Francis Asbury Palmer, to upset the latter's will, came to trial yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Dugro and a jury. The beginning of the case was remarkable for the attack made on ministers by Flamen B. Chandler, counsel for the contestant. The ministers, he said, "bamboozled" Palmer out of his money.

Francis Asbury Palmer died at the age of 92 on November 1, 1902. He had been president of the Broadway National Bank for 52 years, and owned a majority of the stock, which he sold for $2,125,000. A year before he died Palmer made a will, by which, after distributing $120,000 among various religious and educational institutions, and remembering a few relatives, he left the residuary estate to the Francis Asbury Palmer fund, the chief objects are to support missions and ministers and to help poor students to become ministers or religious teachers.

Mr. Chandler said in his opening address to the Jury:

"Mr. Palmer was an old and feeble man. A year before his death there came the culmination of what the ministers who surrounded him had been trying to put through for years. One of the ministers lived in the house, had a room there, and bossed the old man and the servants around to suit himself, and it is not a wonder that before the end came Mr. Palmer was clean daft on religion.

"Mr. Palmer had, until eight years before he died, a strong, able, loving wife, who used to keep these ministers away from him. But when the old lady died the ministers just stepped in and worked him for all he was worth. They got a needy minister fund, and then they all got needy."

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

FRASER-HESS—Shelly C. Fraser, 28, 1119 Hawthorne avenue; Nellie M. Hess, 24.

JOHNSON-HOPPSHAEDTER—Peter Johnson, 49, Vancouver, Wash.; Emma Christina Hoppshaedter, 46.

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MEYER-WEST—A. C. Meyer, 27, 344 Fourth street; Zella L. West, 17.

CLUNIS-HUGHES—J. W. Clunis, 46, 109 Third street; Sarah Hughes, 38.

Births.

SMITH—At 594 East Seventeenth street, January 7, to the wife of Wilson E. Smith, a daughter.

WILLISON—At 418 Eugene street, December 21, to the wife of R. A. Willison, a son.

Deaths.

JACKSON—At Good Samaritan Hospital, January 4, James Jackson, aged 59 years.

Building Permits.

JOSEPH PARISE—Repair of dwelling, Fifth and Sheridan streets, $85.

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