WHEAT TRADE QUIET

Better Movement Is Expected Later in the Season.

CALIFORNIA WANTS MORE

Revival of Export Flour Demand Would Strengthen Prices in the Northwest, Where Stocks Are Small—Foreign Conditions.

WHEAT—Improved demand expected later in season.
HOPS—Market very firm and active.
VEGETABLES—Liberal supplies arrive and about due.
FRUIT—Scarcity of large-size oranges.
EGGS—Break in prices expected.
POULTRY—Strong market for chickens.
LIVESTOCK—Cattle coming forward slowly.
DRESSED MEATS—Veal, pork and beef strong.
PROVISIONS—Advances in hams, bacon and short clears.

Local wheat prices do not show any material change from those quoted a week ago. While the Chicago and Liverpool markets have advanced somewhat, San Francisco has shown a decline, owing to the wet weather and better prospects for the coming crop. How the weather conditions can affect 1905 wheat, however, it is difficult to see. The dullness of the California market is explained by the fact that the mills have shut down owing to the lack of export business. Sufficient stocks of wheat are carried there for flour grinding for present home requirements, but it is believed more will be needed for this purpose before the new crop is ready. Any revival of the export flour demand, even a small one, would quickly strengthen the position of wheat holders in the Northwest. Stocks of unsold grain are small and in O. R. & N. territory very little is to be had.

Besides a continuance of the past firmness, there are no new developments in the markets for oats and barley. Stocks are not heavy and trading is only moderately active.

The latest weekly foreign crop summary of Broomhall's says:

"United Kingdom—The condition of the crops continues fair. France—The crops are in fair condition; supplies of good wheat are very scarce and there is more talk of importing foreign grain. Germany—Snow has fallen and the recent weather has improved the condition of the crops, but still some complaints are heard; there is also talk of a short acreage, as well as reports stating that foreign purchases will continue to be made after March 1. Hungary—Snow has fallen. Roumania—The condition of the crops is favorable. Russia—The weather is milder, with rains in the south, otherwise the situation is favorable; the movement is fair."

MANY HOPS SOLD.

Market Is Again Lively, and Full Prices Are Paid.

The hop market was lively again yesterday, though the transactions did not reach the record volume of those on Tuesday, when close to 2000 bales changed hands. Reports were received yesterday of sales aggregating 657 bales, and it is believed 200 or 300 bales more were disposed of at points up the valley. Besides this, a number of transactions took place between local dealers.

At the rate that hops have been selling in the last few days, the Oregon supply will not last more than a week or so longer, as well-posted men in the trade say there are only 12,000 to 14,000 bales left in growers' hands in the state. This explains well enough the pressure to buy on the part of many of the dealers. It is also probable that some of them are trying to anticipate the consignment plan that M. H. Durst has submitted to the growers, which, if carried out, would take a good share of the hops out of the country and leave only an insignificant quantity remaining to fill the requirements of the shorts.

Julius Pincus, of Lachmund & Pincus, of Salem, believes the Durst plan would be an excellent thing for the market. "It is rather late to work it now," he said, "but if it goes through it is bound to have a good effect on prices of the coming crop. I hope it will be successful."

The heaviest buyer yesterday was the E. Clemens Horst Company, which secured 200 bales from Joe Harris, of Salem, at 9½ cents and paid Rubens, of Fairfield, 10 cents for a 90-bale lot. H. J. Ottenheimer bought the Armes lot of 131 bales at Woodburn at 9½ cents. Lachmund & Pincus made several purchases aggregating 130 bales at 9 and 9½ cents. The demand for old hops continued good and one lot of 106 bales was disposed of for 6 cents. The hops belonged to Martin Adams, of Overton, and the purchaser was Blackus, of Milwaukie.

LIVESTOCK MARKET DULL.

But Dressed Meats Sell Readily at Top Prices.

The livestock market has ruled rather quiet for several days. Very few cattle are coming forward and the demand for them is limited. Hogs are very strong at full prices. Sheep are steady at quotations.

The dressed meat market is in good shape with most of the list strong. Receipts of veal have been heavier this week, but met with ready sale. Good pork has been in light supply. Mutton is very scarce, but the few that came in sold quickly, though prices are beyond the average buyer. Beef is steady and in good demand.

ALASKA ORDERS FILLED.

No More Eggs Expected to Go North Until Navigation Opens.

Taking Front street as a whole, supplies of eggs were not heavy yesterday, and the market was steady. General quotations were 29@30 cents. The market has been helped in the past two days by shipments to Seattle and Alaska, but they are practically over with now, and no more are expected to go to the Far North until navigation opens in the late Spring.

The poultry market was in better shape as receipts were very light. Thedemand for chickens was strong, and a good market on them is expected for the remainder of the week. Ducks, geese and turkeys were slow. There was no change in the butter market.

Receipts of Vegetables.

A car of California celery arrived yesterday, and another car is due today. There will also be a car of sweet potatoes today and a mixed car of cabbage and cauliflower is expected tomorrow.

The orange market rules very firm, with a famine of 96s on the street and none due to arrive before Monday. Apples are in strong request, and are bringing remarkably good prices, considering the quality of some of the offerings.

Advance in Provisions.

A new price card on provisions was issued yesterday by the Union Meat Company, which quotes a general advance of from ¼ to ½ cent on hams and bacon and ¼ cent on regular short clears, dry salt and smoked. These advances are in line with the higher price ruling on hogs.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 666,969	$106,628
Seattle	2,002,961	337,290
Tacoma	554,781	22,181
Spokane	757,953	251,853

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

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@5.85; cornmeal, per bale, $1.90@2.20.

WHEAT—Club, 70@71c; bluestem, 72@72½c; red, 67@68c; Valley, 73c.

OATS—No. 1 white feed, $28@29; gray, $27.50@28.50 per ton.

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, $3 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, $26@28 per ton; brewing, $24; rolled, $24@25.

BUCKWHEAT—$2.25 per cental.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $13.50@14 per ton; Valley timothy, $9@10; clover, $7.50@8; cheat, $7@8; grain hay, $7@8.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, common, 75c@$1 per box; choice, $1.25@1.50; fancy, $2@3; pears, $1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, $13@13.50 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2@3.50 per box; oranges, navels, $1.75@2.75 per box; Japanese, mandarin, 75c@$1 box; tangerines, $1.50 per half box; grapefruit, $2.75@3.25; pineapples, $3.75@4 per dozen; bananas, 5c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.35 per dozen; beans, nominal; cabbage, 2@2½c per pound; cauliflower, $1.85 per crate; celery, $3.50 per crate; cucumbers, $1.25@1.75 per dozen; head lettuce, 37½@40c dozen; hothouse, $1.25@1.50 box; peas, 12½@13c; bell peppers, 35c; pumpkins, ¾@1c per pound; radishes, 25c per dozen; tomatoes, $2.25@2.40 per crate; sprouts, 6½@7c per pound; squash, 1½@1½c per pound; parsley, 25c.

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

ONIONS—Oregon, No. 1, $1.10@1.25 sack; No. 2, 70c@$1.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Fancy graded Burbanks, 60c per hundred; ordinary, nominal; sweet potatoes, 2½@2½c per pound.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 11@12c per pound; apricots, 12@12½c; peaches, 10½@12½c; pears, none; Italian prunes, 5½@6½c; California figs, white, in sacks, 5½c 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 pound.

RAISINS—Seeded, 12-ounce packages, 8@8½c; 16-ounce, 9½@10c; loose muscatels, 2-crown, 7@7½c; 3-crown, 7¾@7¾c; 4-crown, 8@8½c; unbleached seedless Sultanas, 6@7c; Thompson's seedless unbleached, 6@6½c; 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, 23@24c; Eastern, 20@22c per dozen.

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

POULTRY—Average old hens, 12@12½c; mixed chickens, 11@12c; broilers, 16@18c; young roosters, 10@12c; old roosters, 9@10c; dressed chickens, 13@14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, pound, 9c; geese, dressed, per pound, 12½@14c; ducks, 16@18c; pigeons, $1@2; squabs, $2@3.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 26@28c; Java, ordinary, 18@22c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 10@22c per pound; Columbia roasts, cases, 100s, $14.25; 50s, $14.25; Arbuckle, $16.38; Lion, $16.38.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5¼c; 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 to 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 remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c 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, 15¼c per pound by sack; ¼c 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, 3¾c; pink, 2¾c; bayou, 4½c; Lima, 5¾c; red Mexican, 5c.

Provisions and Canned Meats.

HAMS—10 to 14 pounds, 12½c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 12½c; 18 to 20 pounds, 12½c; California picnics, 8½c; cottage hams, 8¼c; shoulders, 8½c; boiled ham, 19c; boiled picnic ham, boneless, 14c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 18½c per pound; standard breakfast, 16½c; choice, 15¼c; English breakfast, 11 to 14 pounds, 14¼c; peach bacon, 13½c.

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; three 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, 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; Compound: Tierces, 6¼c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c; 20s, 7¼c; 5s, 7¾c.

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, 6¼c; tubs, 6¾c; 50s, 6¾c; 20s, 7¼c; 5s, 7¾c.

Hops, Wools, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—Oregon, 1905, choice, 10@11c; prime, 8½@9c; medium, 7@8c; olds, 5@7c.

HIDES—Dry hides: No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 16½@18c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 11 pounds, 15@16c per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 17@18c; 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 20 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@1.25 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.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon average best, 14@21c; Valley, 24@28c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 30c per pound.

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

FURS—No. 1, according to size: Bearskins, $8@20 each; cubs, half price; badger, 10@50c; wildcat, with head perfect, 15c@$1.25; house cat, 10@20c; fox, common gray, 50c@$1.25; red, $2@5.50; cross, $6@15; silver and black, $100@500; fishers, $3@10; lynx, $3@10; mink, according to size, $1.75@5; marten, dark, according to size and color, $2.50@10; muskrat, large, 8@20c; skunk, 35c@$2; civet or polecat, 10@20c; otter, $5@30; panther, $1@8; raccoon, 50c@$2.50; mountain wolf, with head perfect, $1.75@8; coyote, 50c@$1.50; wolverine, $4@9; beaver, $4@10.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 2½@3½c; No. 2 and grease, 2@5c.

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

Oils.

TURPENTINE—Cases, 80c per gallon.

COAL OIL—Cases, 20c per gallon; tanks, 14¼c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Stove gasoline, cases, 25¼c; 72 test, 27c; 86 test, 35c; iron tanks, 19c.

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.)

LINSEED OIL—Raw, in barrels, 57c; in cases, 62c; boiled, in barrels, 59c; in cases, 64c; 250-gallon lots, 1c less.

Dressed Meats.

BEEF—Dressed bulls, 2@2½c per pound; cows, 3½@4½c; country steers, 4@5c.

MUTTON—Dressed, fancy 8¼@9c per pound; ordinary, 4@5c; lambs, 7@7½c.

VEAL—Dressed, 75 to 125 pounds, 8@8¼c; 125 to 200 pounds, 4½@6c; 200 pounds and up, 3½@4c.

PORK—Dressed, 100 to 150 pounds, 7@7½c; 150 and up, 6@6¼c per pound.

NO YARDS PLOWED UP

GERVAIS HOPGROWERS PREPARE FOR BIG CROPS.

Strong Demand in That Section for Olds and the Cheaper Grades of Hops.

GERVAIS, Or., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—There have been two sales of 1905 hops in this section in the past few days. Elzard Duplus sold 125 bales at 10 cents to McKinley Mitchell, and John Halemann 25 bales at 9 cents to Salem dealers. These lots were of choice quality. There yet remains several more large lots, which the growers are holding for advanced prices, and dealers are negotiating for several other lots hereabouts at ruling prices. There is quite a demand, at a price, for olds and cheaper grades; in fact, the best demand appears to be for the cheaper kinds.

The weather conditions are the very best and hopgrowers are rapidly clearing up their yards of old vines and burning them. There will be no hopyards plowed up in this section. There are fewer changes in those renting yards than usual, but a number of new yards are finding renters. John C. Barnes has rented of Julius Wolf, of Silverton, 90 acres of growing hops, or what is known as the Belgian Hill yard. The roots appear to have come through the Winter in excellent shape.

Contract at 12½ Cents.

TACOMA, Feb. 7.—The first hop contract for the coming crop of 1906 was placed on record today. Fremon Annis, of Alderton, contracts to sell 6000 pounds of hops at 12½ cents, October delivery.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

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

CATTLE—Good steers, $3.75@4; fair to medium, $2.75@3.25; cows, good $3@3.25; medium, $2.50@2.75; calves, light, 150 to 175 pounds, $4.50@4.75; calves, heavy, $3@3.25.

HOGS—Best, suitable for packers, $6@6.25; fair to medium grades, $5.50; light fat weights, 120 to 140 pounds, $5@5.25.

SHEEP—Good fat sheep, $5.50@5.75.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

Prices Current at Kansas City, Omaha and Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Cattle—Receipts 16,000; market steady. Beeves, $3.75@6.35; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.80; cows and heifers, $1.50@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts 40,000; market steady. Mixed and butchers, $5.50@5.82½; good to heavy, $5.70@5.85; rough heavy, $5.50@5.65; light, $5.50@5.75; pigs, $5.15@5.50; bulk of sales, $5.60@5.80.

Sheep—Receipts 17,000; market steady. Sheep, $3.45@5.25; lambs, $5.25@7.50.

SOUTH OMAHA, Feb. 7.—Cattle—Receipts 3500; market active and strong, 10c higher. Native steers, $3.75@5.50; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.15; canners, $1.75@2.50; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.35; calves, $3@6.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.50@3.15.

Hogs—Receipts 3500; market 2½c higher. Heavy, $5.55@5.65; mixed, $5.55@5.57½; light, $5.45@5.57½; pigs, $4.75@5.35; bulk of sales, $5.55@5.57½.

Sheep—Receipts 3200; market strong. Western yearlings, $5.50@6; wethers, $5.25@5.60; ewes, $4.50@5; lambs, $6.40@7.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 7.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000; market steady. Native steers, $4@5.90; native cows and heifers, $2.25@4.95; stockers and feeders, $3@4.75; Western cows, $2.50@4; Western steers, $3.50@5.50; bulls, $2.50@3.80; calves, $3@7.

Hogs—Receipts 14,000; market steady. Bulk of sales, $5.60@5.70; heavy, $5.65@5.72½; packers, $5.60@5.70; pigs and light, $5.30@5.62½.

Sheep—Receipts 6000; market 10c higher. Muttons, $4.25@5.25; lambs, $5.75@7.10; range wethers, $4.50@6.15; fed ewes, $4.50@5.10.

Mining Stocks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stock today were as follows:

Alta	$0.01	Justice	$0.01
Alpha Con.	.07	Kentuck Con.	.01
Andes	.14	L. Wash. Con.	.06
Belcher	.12	Mexican	1.30
Best & Belcher	1.25	Occidental Con.	.92
Bullion	.07	Ophir	6.12½
Caledonia	.44	Overman	.15
Challenge Con.	.16	Potosi	.13
Chollar	.11	Savage	.41
Confidence	.75	Scorpion	.12
Con. Cal. & V.	1.20	Seg. Belcher	.07
Crown Point	.09	Sierra Nevada	.36
Eureka Con.	3.25	Silver Hill	.92
Exchequer	.40	Union Con.	.54
Gould & Curry	.14	Utah Con.	.54
Hale & Norcr.	.91	Yellow Jacket	.09
Julia	.07		

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con.	$0.20	Little Chief	$0.08
Alice	3.60	Ontario	2.50
Breece	.40	Ophir	5.15
Brunswk. Con.	.50	Phoenix	.02
Comstock Tun.	.09	Potosi	.09
Con. Cal. & V.	1.30	Savage	.40
Horn Silver	2.10	Sierra Nevada	.32
Iron Silver	4.65	Small Hopes	.10
Leadville Con.	.07	Standard	4.50

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Closing quotations:

North Butte	$ 57.00	Mohawk	$ 58.00
Adventure	6.25	Mont. C. & C.	2.25
Allouez	40.25	Old Dominion	27.25
Amalgam'd	114.00	Osceola	101.00
Am. Zinc	14.00	Parrot	40.75
Atlantic	25.00	Quincy	105.00
Bingham	48.50	Shannon	6.37½
Cal. & Hecla	710.00	Tamarack	107.00
Centennial	28.00	Trinity	16.50
Copper R.	82.00	United Copp.	75.00
Daly West	16.00	U. S. Mining	60.50
Dominion C.	82.00	U. S. Oil	13.37½
Franklin	20.00	Utah	64.37½
Granby	10.00	Victoria	7.50
Isle Royale	24.50	Winona	6.25
Mass. Mining	10.25	Wolverine	133.00
Michigan	14.87½		

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 18@26c; dairies, 17@23c. Eggs firm at mark, cases included, 17@18c; firsts, 18c; prime firsts, 19c; extras, 21c. Cheese steady, 11¾@13c.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Butter—Firm; Western factory, common to firsts, 14@17½c; do imitation creamery, 20c; do firsts, 18c. Cheese, firm, unchanged. Eggs, easier; Western, firsts, 20c; do seconds, 18½@19c.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Coffee futures closed steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points. Sales were reported of 110,250 bags, including March, 6.90@6.95c; May, 7.10@7.15c; July, 7.30c; September, 7.50@7.55c; December, 7.75@7.80c; January, 7.80c. About 59,000 bags of the sales reported consisted of switches. Spot Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 8 7-16c; mild, steady.

Sugar—Raw, nominal; fair refining, 2¾; 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¾c. Molasses sugar, 2¾@2 11-16c. Refined, steady; crushed, $5.40; powdered, $4.80; granulated, $4.70.

IT CHECKS BUYING

Uncertainty Over Strike Matter a Repressive Factor.

STOCK MARKET VERY DULL

Outlook for Another Poor Bank Statement Saturday—Rumors of Gold Engagements Unfounded. Amalgamated Is Pressed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—There was further falling off of business at the Stock Exchange today, and the general list fell into a condition of neglect. A flip of speculative activity in a few of the recent favorites redeemed the market from a condition of mid-Summer dullness. As it was, the ticker was practically at a standstill at some periods of the day. There was no marked evidence of depression, but there was equally an absence of demand.

Less apprehension was felt over the outcome of the wage controversy in the coal fields and that feature ceased to induce any active selling of stocks. But it is realized that the definite decision of the question of a strike must remain suspended until the outcome of the consultations arranged for next week in New York. Until that definite outcome, the uncertainty of the matter is expected to exercise a repressive influence on speculation. This probability had as much to do as any one thing with the unwillingness to make speculative commitments in the market.

The outlook is for another poor bank statement on Saturday and with a holiday following on Monday, the inclination to defer speculative operations is emphasized. The sub-Treasury's absorption of funds since Saturday rose to nearly $5,000,000, according to today's statement of operations. There is general agreement also among bankers that last Saturday's bank statement understated the decrease in cash, which makes it probable that the effect will be thrown over onto this week's statement under the working of the system of averages.

Foreign exchange continues to rule firm and the report gained circulation this morning that gold had been engaged for export to a large amount. Stocks weakened upon the rumor, which proved unfounded, however. Discounts were firm in London and Berlin, but eased slightly at Paris.

The expanding tendency of bank loans here is attributed partly to the recall of credits placed here by interior institutions while money rates were firm. The present period of the year, however, is one of normal loan expansion, owing to the custom of deferring large financial operations at this season, when currency is likely to be flowing back to reserve centers. The likelihood of requirements upon available capital for intended financial projects comes in for consideration in the money market and banking outlook.

The few movements of any note in today's market were due to special causes. Those affecting the Hill roads and the Pacifics were well understood. Amalgamated Copper was subjected to some pressure, presumably by the yielding tendency of prices of the metal. The closing showed an easy tone and the market generally was quiet and in spots easier.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $4,165,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express	.....	.....	.....	245
Amalgam. Copper	104,100	116	114	114¾
Amer. Car & Fdry.	4,300	45¾	44¾	44¾
do. preferred	200	108¾	108¼	108
Am. Cotton Oil	800	39¾	38	39
American Express	.....	.....	.....	240
Am. Hide & L., prf.	.....	.....	.....	38
American Ice	1,900	44¾	44¼	44
Amer. Linseed Oil	400	25½	24½	24¾
do preferred	100	46½	46½	46¾
Am. Locomotive	29,300	77¾	75¾	75¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	117
Am. Smelting	13,900	168¾	162¾	162¾
do preferred	1,100	128	125¾	126¼
Am. Sugar Refining	2,100	149¾	145¼	145¾
Am. Tob., prf. ctf.	400	106	105¾	105¾
Anaconda Min. Co.	9,300	280	276	275½
Atchison	12,100	92¾	91½	91¾
do preferred	600	103¾	103¾	103
Atlantic Coast Line	600	162	161	160
Baltimore & Ohio	4,400	114½	113¾	113¾
do preferred	500	98¼	98¼	91
Brook. Rap. Trans.	12,100	86¾	84¾	84¾
Canadian Pacific	5,800	173	172¼	172
N. J. Central	200	224	224	223
Central Leather	2,100	46¼	45¾	45¾
do preferred	400	107¼	107	107
Chesa. & Ohio	5,300	59¾	59	58¾
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	31
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	72
Chicago Great W.	3,200	22¾	21¾	21¾
C. & N. W.	200	231	231	231½
C., M. & St. P.	10,800	185¾	184¾	184¾
Chi. Term. & Tr.	.....	.....	.....	15¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	38¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	300	106¾	106¾	106¾
Colo. Fuel & Iron	12,600	74¾	72¾	72¾
Colorado Southern	1,000	34¾	34¾	34½
do 1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	64½
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	32½
Consolidated Gas	100	178½	178½	177
Corn Products	500	19¼	18¾	18¾
do preferred	300	58	58	57¼
Del. & Hudson	700	213¾	212	210
Del., Lack & W.	.....	.....	.....	453¼
D. & R. G.	2,600	48	47½	47½
do preferred	200	89½	89½	89½
Distillers' Secur.	48,700	59¾	55¼	57¼
Erie	12,200	46¾	45¾	45¾
do 1st preferred	1,900	79½	78¾	78¾
do 2d preferred	1,200	73	72¼	72¼
General Electric	800	178¾	175¾	176
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	115
Illinois Central	3,000	178½	176½	176¼
International Paper	300	24	23¾	23¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	78
International Pump	200	36	36	35½
Iowa Central	400	32	32	32
do preferred	100	60	61	59
K. C. So.	1,000	31½	30½	30¾
do preferred	1,000	62¾	61½	63¼
L. & N.	800	151	150	150
Manhattan L.	900	160½	160	160
Metrop. Securities	700	71½	71¾	70½
Metrop. St. Ry.	800	121¾	120¾	120¾
Mexican Central	8,800	28	26	26½
Minn. & St. L.	200	78¼	78¼	78½
M., St. P. & S. M.	100	155	155	155
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	174
Missouri Pacific	5,000	102½	101½	101¾
M., K. & T.	2,100	37¾	36¾	36¾
do preferred	600	71¼	71	70
National Lead	600	86	84¾	84¾
Mexican Nat., prf.	400	39¾	39	39
N. Y. Central	2,100	149¾	148¼	148¾
N. Y. Ont. & W.	2,100	53¾	53¼	52½
Norfolk & Western	2,500	89¼	88¼	89
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
North American	900	102	101¾	101¾
Northern Pacific	25,200	215¾	213¾	213½
Pacific Mail	3,500	50	48	48¼
Pennsylvania	1,900	142½	141¾	141¾
People's Gas	400	90¾	90	90¾
P., C. C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	80
Pressed Steel Car	3,700	62¾	61	61
do preferred	200	103¾	103¾	103¾
Pullman Palace Car	.....	.....	.....	240
Reading	36,500	130½	126¾	127
do 1st preferred	200	93	93	92¾
do 2d preferred	200	100¼	100¼	100¾
Republic Steel	1,900	35¾	34¼	34¾
do preferred	400	108¾	107¾	107½
Rock Island Co.	1,700	28	27¾	27¾
do preferred	4,400	67	65¾	65½
St. L. & S. F.	2,200	51¾	49¾	49¾
St. L. Southwestern	1,000	25¾	24¾	24¾
do 2d preferred	400	57	56¼	56¼
Schloss Sheffield	100	88½	88½	87
Southern Pacific	8,700	68¾	67¾	67¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	118
Southern Railway	20,700	41¾	40¾	40¾
do preferred	200	101	100¾	100¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	1,000	137¼	135	135¼
Texas & Pacific	1,500	38	36	35¾
T., St. L. & West.	300	37	36¾	36¾
do preferred	500	57¾	57	57
Union Pacific	122,300	156¾	154¼	154¾
do preferred	1,000	97	96¾	96¾
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	120
U. S. Realty	100	87¾	87½	87
U. S. Rubber	600	54	53	52¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	116½
U. S. Steel	73,600	45¼	44¾	44¾
do preferred	13,800	110½	109¾	109¾
Va.-Caro. Chemical	2,300	50	48	48½
do preferred	300	113	112	114
Wabash	8,000	24¾	24¼	24¼
do preferred	8,600	47¾	45¾	47
Wells-Fargo Exp.	100	245	245	235
Westinghouse Elec.	.....	.....	.....	146
Western Union	1,000	93¾	93¼	93½
Wheel. & L. Erie	2,100	21¾	21	21¼
Wisconsin Central	400	29¾	28¾	28¾
do preferred	100	58¾	58½	58

Total sales, 767,300 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103	D. & R. G. 4s	100¾
do coupon	103	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	98¼
U. S. 3s reg.	102¼	North. Pacific 3s	78¾
do coupon	102¼	do 4s	105¾
U. S. new 4s reg.	129¾	South. Pac. 4s	94¼
do coupon	129¾	Union Pac. 4s	105¼