FARMERS HOLD BACK

Wheat Is Not Being Offered Freely at Present.

MARKET ON FIRM BASIS

Export Flour Trade Is Slow, but May Revive Soon—Oregon Prunes Rejected in the East—General Declines in Provisions.

An increasing amount of business is reported in the wheat market, but the activity usual at this time of year is lacking, owing to the firm holding of growers. The market was quoted firm yesterday with dealings in club wheat reported on the basis of 85c track here. Trading in the coarse grains was light.

The export flour market continues in an unsatisfactory condition. Some inquiries are coming forward from the Orient, but no business of importance has been worked lately. Financial conditions in China and Japan are given as the reason for the inactivity. The latest mail advices from the other side indicate that stocks are much depleted, and now that there are signs of improvement in the silver market, it is hoped there will be a revival of buying by the Asiatics. Australian flour will not be in competition with the American product this season and what buying the Orientals do will have to be on this Coast. It is also very probable they will have to pay prices much better than those they turned down earlier in the season.

OREGON PRUNES IN EASTERN MARKET

Some Rejections Owing to Condition and Count.

A New York letter received by a local jobber yesterday said of Oregon prunes in that market:

"There have been many cars of Oregon prunes rejected here, the trouble being their condition on arrival. Some of them came in in moldy condition, which we consider was caused by early shipment, the prunes not being sufficiently cured. A few were rejected owing to count. Taking into consideration the financial situation, we can see nothing in sight that will cause the market to advance."

Of the situation as regards California prunes, the latest issue of the New York Journal of Commerce says:

"An unsettling factor in the spot situation is the pressure in some quarters to clean up balances of 1906 crop prunes. The goods are more or less out of condition. Some of them were euphonistically described by a broker as having 'feathers' on them. Consequently the prices made by the sellers have to be very low, and such quotations have a tendency to affect the good fruit. Nevertheless, the market for the latter has a firm undertone, as the supply is moderate and there is every indication of a good demand during the Spring months. Advices from the Coast reflect a firmer feeling there. In the closing days of December quite a number of cars of Santa Clara were sold for January shipment at considerable concession from the then nominal f. o. b. bag basis of 4¼@4½c, some as low as 3¾c basis. It is understood that this business cleaned up a number of weak holdings, leaving the balance of the Coast stock in strong hands. A telegram received from one of these yesterday quoted 4¼c f. o. b. bag basis on 30s to 70s inclusive, in assortments, and it is now held to be extremely doubtful if anything better could be done."

Weekly Grain Statistics.

The weekly grain statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American Visible Supply—

	Bushels.	Increase.
January 6, 1908	48,481,000	1,820,000
January 7, 1907	45,769,000	1,041,000
January 8, 1906	45,220,000	2,275,000
January 3, 1905	40,619,000	901,000
January 4, 1904	37,860,000	2,400,000
January 5, 1903	49,741,000	55,000
January 6, 1902	58,929,000	281,000
January 7, 1901	61,261,000	*148,000
January 8, 1900	57,892,000	*399,000
January 9, 1899	27,338,000	465,000

*Decrease.

Quantities on Passage—

For—	Week ending Jan. 4 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 28 Bushels	Week ending Jan. 5, '07 Bushels
United K.	18,480,000	19,320,000	15,016,000
Continent	7,840,000	11,360,000	12,320,000
Totals	26,320,000	30,680,000	27,336,000

World's Shipments, Flour Included—

From—	Week ending Jan. 4 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 28 Bushels	Week ending Jan. 5, '07 Bushels
U. S., Can.	5,119,000	6,254,000	4,255,000
Argentina	240,000	208,000	880,000
Australia	352,000	504,000	600,000
India	184,000	144,000	288,000
Dan. ports	592,000	280,000	1,616,000
Russia	296,000	408,000	2,000,000
Totals	6,783,000	7,798,000	9,639,000

Poultry Firm and Eggs Weak.

Receipts of poultry were fairly large yesterday, but the demand was strong enough to take up all the offerings at firm prices. There is some uncertainty as to the course of the market during the remainder of the week.

The tone of the egg market was generally easy because of slow buying, though there was no accumulation of stock on the street.

Dressed meats were scarce and firm. Veal was in particularly strong demand and on fancy offerings 10c was quoted.

No changes were reported in the butter market.

California Orange Output Lighter.

The latest news from California is that the navel orange season will end sooner than expected. The crop is coming down lighter than last year, in spite of the better showing it made at the start and the increased acreage. The shortage is attributed to the lack of rain. This is the occasion of the firmness of the California orange market, which has been communicated to the trade all over the country. In the local market supplies at present are good and the demand is strong. Among yesterday's fruit arrivals was a shipment of 1000 boxes of Japanese oranges.

Onion Market Stronger.

The onion market showed much firmness yesterday all along the Coast. With supplies light at San Francisco, a sharp advance was recorded, and dealers in the local field advanced their bids 10c to $1.85 for fancy lots. Growers were not ready sellers.

Declines in Provisions.

A new list issued by the Union Meat company yesterday showed general declines in the leading lines of hog products. Hams are quoted from ½c to 1c lower, picnics are down ½c, cottage roll 1c and shoulders ½c. Salt meats are from ½c to ¾c lower and lard is reduced ½c.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 845,168	$ 48,541
Seattle	1,300,962	169,183
Tacoma	801,780	24,443
Spokane	929,311	103,525

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Club, 85c; bluestem, 87c; Valley, 85c; red, 83c.

OATS—No. 1 white, $27.50@28; gray, $27.50@28.

BARLEY—Feed, $27 per ton; brewing, $32; rolled, $30.

FLOUR—Patent, $4.95; straight, $4.40; clears, $4.40; Valley, $4.40; Graham flour, $4.25@4.75; whole wheat flour, $4.50@5; rye flour, $5.50.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $23; country, $24 per ton; middlings, $29; shorts, city, $24.50; country, $25.50 per ton; chop, $17@19 per ton.

CEREAL FOODS—Rolled oats, cream, 90-pound sacks, per barrel, $8; lower grades, $6.50@7.50; oatmeal, steel-cut, 45-pound sacks, $8.50 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, $8 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, $4.50 per bale; split peas, per 100 pounds, $4.25@4.80; pearl barley, $4@4.50 per 100 pounds; pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, $2.60 per bale; flaked wheat, $3.25 per case.

CORN—Whole, $32; cracked, $33.

HAY—Valley timothy, No. 1, $18 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $21@22; clover, $15; cheat, $15; grain hay, $15@16; alfalfa, $15; vetch, $14.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$2 per box; peaches, 75c@$1 per crate; pears, $1.25@$1.75 per box; cranberries, $9.50@12 per barrel.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Lemons, $2.50@4.00 per box; oranges, navels, $2.25@2.75; Japanese oranges, 50c per box; grapefruit, $4; bananas, 5@5½c per doz., crated, 5½c; pineapples, $4.50 per dozen; pomegranates, $2.25 per box; persimmons, $1.50 per box; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, $1.00 per sack; garlic, 8c per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.25 per dozen; beans, 15c per pound; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflowers, 75c@$1.00 per dozen; celery, $3.25@3.50 crate; lettuce, hothouse, $1@1.25 per box; onions, 15@20c per dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, 8@17c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8@10c per pound; squash, 1@1¼c per pound; tomatoes, $2 per box.

ONIONS—Buying price, $1.75@1.85 per hundred.

POTATOES—Buying price, 40@60c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, $2.75@3 per cwt.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries; Extra creamery, 35@37½c per pound; state creameries, fancy creamery, 32½@35c; store butter, choice, 20c.

CHEESE—Oregon full cream twins, 16@16½c; Young America, 17@17½c per pound.

EGGS—French ranch, candled, 30@32c per dozen; Eastern, 21@23c per dozen.

POULTRY—Average old hens, 14@15c; mixed chickens, 14c; Spring chickens, 14c; roosters, 8@10c; dressed chickens, 14c; turkeys, live, 16@17c; dressed, choice, 18@20c; geese, live, per pound, 9@10c; ducks, 15c; pigeons, $1@1.50; squabs, $2@3.

VEAL—75 to 125 pounds, 9@10c, 125 to 150 pounds, 7c; 150 to 200 pounds, 5@6½c.

PORK—Block, 75 to 150 pounds, 6½@7½c; packers, 6½@7½c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Quoted Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Livestock of all kinds was quoted firm in the local market yesterday. The receipts were 80 cattle, 53 hogs and 14 calves.

The following quotations were current in the local market:

CATTLE—Best steers, $3.75@4.25; medium, $3.25@3.75; cows, $3.00@3.25; fair to medium cows, $2.50@2.75; bulls, $1.50@2.25; calves, $3.50@4.00.

SHEEP—Good sheared, $4.25@4.75; full wool, $4.50@5.00; lambs, $4.50@5.25.

HOGS—Best, $5.00@5.25; lights and feeders, $4.50@5.00.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

OMAHA, Jan. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000; market, 10c lower. Native steers, $3.50@5.50; Western steers, $3@4.50; Texans, $2.75@4; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.40; bulls and stags, $1.75@4; calves, $3@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 18,000; market, 5c lower. Heavies, $4.25@4.35; mixed, $4.22½@4.25; lights, $4.20@4.30; bulk of sales, $4.22½@4.27½.

Sheep—Receipts, 9000; market, strong. Yearlings, $5@5.25; wethers, $4.40@4.90; ewes, $4@4.50; lambs, $6.25@6.85.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; market, 10c lower. Native steers, $3.80@5.50; native cows and heifers, $2.25@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@4.50; Western steers, $3.75@5; Western cows, $2.50@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 7000; market, 10c lower. Bulk of sales, $4.20@4.35; heavy, $4.25@4.30; pigs and lights, $4@4.30.

Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market, steady to 10c lower. Muttons, $4@4.75; lambs, $6@6.70; fed ewes, $4.75@4.95.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 7500; market, 10c lower. Beeves, $3.50@5.90; cows and heifers, $1.25@4.50; Texans, $3.10@3.90; Western steers, $3.10@4.50; stockers and feeders, $2.25@4.15.

Hogs—Receipts, 41,000; market, 5@10c lower. Lights, $4.15@4.55; mixed, $4.25@4.60; heavy, $4.20@4.57½; roughs, $4.20@4.30; pigs, $3.60@4.25; bulk of sales, $4.40@4.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 13,000; market, strong. Natives, $3@5.20; Westerns, $3@5.25; yearlings, $4.70@5.50; lambs, $4.75@6.90; Westerns, $4.75@6.95.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Garlic, 4@6c; green peas, 3@5c; string beans, 10@12½; tomatoes, 50c@$2; egg plant, 8@10c.

Poultry, Roosters, old, $4@4.50; roosters, young, $6.50@8.50; broilers, small, $3½@3.50; broilers, large, $4@5; fryers, $5@6; hens, $4@9; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $5@7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31c; creamery, seconds, 29½c; fancy dairy, 25c; dairy seconds, 24c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $2.25; common, 60c; bananas, 60c@$3; Mexican limes, $3@4.50; California lemons, choice, $3.50; common, $1.25; oranges, navels, $1.25@2.50; pineapples, $3@3.50.

Eggs—Store, 30c; fancy ranch, 32c; Eastern 21c.

Cheese—New, 14@14½; Young America, 12½@16c; Eastern, 18½c.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 22@23c; South Plains and S. J., 5@8c; 22@23c; South Plains and S. J., 6@8c; lambs, 7@11c.

Hops—Old, 2@3c; new, 4@11c.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28@29.50; middlings, $31@32.

Hay—Wheat, $12@17.50; wheat and oats, $12@15.50; alfalfa, $9@14; stock, $8@10; straw, per bale, 45@85c.

Potatoes—Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.50; sweets, $1.75@2; Oregon Burbanks, 75c@$1.

Receipts—Flour, 7945 quarter sacks; wheat 85 centals; barley, 6980 centals; beans, 680 sacks; corn, 10 centals; potatoes, 900 sacks; bran, 90 sacks; middlings, 30 sacks; hay, 526 tons; wool, 37 bales; hides, 412.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The London tin market was higher, with spot quoted at £123 5s and futures at £124 5s. The local market was quiet, but higher, in sympathy with the foreign gain, quotations ranging from 27 to 27.50c.

Copper had quite a sharp advance in the London market, spot closing at £62 15s and futures at £63 10. The local market was quiet and unchanged, with Lake at 13.62½@13.87½, electrolytic at 13.50@13.75 and casting at 13.25@13.50.

Lead was unchanged at £14 10s in London and at 3.65@3.75c in the local market.

Spelter was unchanged in both markets, being quoted at £19 10s in London and at 4.30@4.35c locally.

Iron was lower in London, with standard foundry quoted at 47s 3d and Cleveland warrants at 48s 7½d. The local iron market was steady, following the recent conferences of pig iron manufacturers, with No. 1 foundry, Northern, quoted at 18.25@18.75c, No. 2 at 17.75@18.25c, No. 1 foundry, Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft at 18@18.50c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The market for evaporated apples continues quiet, but is a little steadier in tone, owing to the refusal of holders to meet lower views. Fancy are quoted at 10½@11½c, choice at 9¾@10c, prime at 8@8½c and 1906 fruit at 7@10½c.

Prunes are steady on spot, with quotations ranging from 5¼ to 16c for California fruit and from 7 to 7¾c for Oregons, 50-30s.

Apricots are unchanged, with choice quoted at 22@23c, extra choice at 23@25c and fancy at 24@26c.

Peaches, quiet, with choice quoted at 12@12¾c, extra choice at 12½@13½c, fancy at 13½c and extra fancy at 14@14½c.

Raisins are unchanged, with loose Muscatels quoted at 7@7¾c, seeded raisins at 7@9½c and London layers at $1.70@1.80.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Cotton futures closed steady. January, 10.47c; February, 10.36c; March, 10.64c; April, 10.65c; May, 10.62c; June, 10.58c; July, 10.53c; August, 10.38c; October, 9.98c.

TAKING OF PROFITS

Speculative Realizing Weakens the Stock Market.

TRADING NOT SO BRISK

Conservative Attitude Is Shown Toward Previous Day's Advance. Northern Pacific Dividend Rumors Not Confirmed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—There was a contraction of business in stocks at the Stock Exchange today and the market gave other indications of a conservative attitude toward the advance which came into play yesterday. Active profit-taking was pursued where price advances had proceeded far enough to make this attractive.

In a group of high-priced stocks, in which purely speculative accounts are at all times small, on account of the large sums required to operate them, there were some striking advances. Stocks of this class suffered most severely in the ruthless liquidation of the last few months. Usually they are supported by buying orders in sufficient volume to protect their security as collateral. When the panic ruled, however, all necessary safeguards were swept away and prices dropped away many points at a time on marketing of small supplies. Now that the strain of such selling is past, it is found possible to mark the prices upward by successive bids with great facility. There is much reconstructive work of this kind to be done in the market and the clearing of the financial skies is being availed of to perfect it. The buoyant appearance given to the market by striking advances is of great service in sustaining speculative confidence in the pushing of operations for the rise in stocks of which the supply is much more liberal and which are at all times much more active.

In these the effect of the freer market supply was obvious today in holding back the prices while the inactive specialties were rising buoyantly. The evidence of selling to take profits when any sustaining influence in the market offered favorable opportunity created some suspicion of the rise in prices which has occurred and of the reports which have been put in circulation to account for it.

Professions were still made today of entire confidence that the extra dividend on Northern Pacific had been determined upon, although it was admitted that a meeting intended to act on the matter had been postponed. No official information could be secured and the subject was thus kept within the realm of speculative chances. The stock was quite steadily sold all day, with ultimate decisive effect on the tone of the whole market.

Evidence of the rapid improvement of the stock situation continued to manifest themselves, but they were not so stimulating to the speculation as they were yesterday. Reports of difficulties in the diamond trade, although adjusted by a trusteeship, gave rise to a discussion which pointed to possible mercantile embarrassments in other directions.

The increasing demand for commercial paper furnished one of the possible safeguards against such difficulties, and its development, therefore, is watched with satisfaction.

The present reflux of interior bank funds to New York bank depositories, which has set in in a plentiful stream, is evidence that the loaning capacity of banks making the deposits is not impaired and the available credits of the New York central reserve banks are greatly expanded by it. This is by reason of the provision of the banking law, which permits National banks outside the reserve centers to count as reserve a portion of their cash kept on deposit in the reserve and central reserve centers. The surrender of this privilege in the panicky calling home of bank deposits from the reserve cities was the most demoralizing factor in the crisis, and the repair now going on is fast removing the most serious cause of restriction of credit facilities.

The speculative realizing proved the dominant factor in the day's market and the stocks that were most active showed a majority of declines at the end of the day. Rumors of an intended application for a receiver for one of the smaller Western grain-carrying railroads was a factor in the late reaction in the market.

Bonds were strong. Total sales, par value, $3,332,000.

United States 4s coupons advanced 1½ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Adams' Express	.....	.....	.....	165
Amal Copper	22,100	50	48⅞	49⅛
Am Car & Foun	1,100	31⅝	31	31
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	89
Am Cotton Oil	13,500	33½	31	33
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80-90
American Express	.....	.....	.....	180-202
Am Hd & Lt prd	300	14	13⅛	14
Am Ice	600	18½	18	18⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	.....
Am Linseed Oil	100	8	8	73¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	18¾
Am Locomotive	1,700	38	37	36⅞
do preferred	500	87	86½	86
Am Smelt & Ref	34,600	75⅝	73⅝	73⅝
do preferred	700	94½	93¾	94⅝
Am Sugar Ref	7,300	106½	104	104⅜
Am Tobacco Mfs	100	77⅞	77⅞	77¼
Anaconda Min Co	58,300	32⅛	30⅞	30½
Atchison	10,000	70⅜	68⅝	69⅝
do preferred	100	85	85	84
Atl Coast Line	.....	.....	.....	69½
Balt & Ohio	600	83⅝	83½	83¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	80
Brook Rap Transit	5,800	41½	40½	40
Canadain Pacific	1,000	158	157½	157¾
Central of N. J.	500	175½	175	174
Chesapeake & O.	.....	30½	30½	30
Chi Gt. West	5400	7⅜	6½	7
Chi & Northwest	1,800	143½	140½	141
Chi, M & St. P.	9,100	108½	107⅝	107¼
Chi Ter & Tran	.....	.....	.....	6
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	15
C., C. C. & St. L.	200	57	57	55
Colo Fuel & Iron	1,800	21¼	19⅝	20
Colo & Southern	2,800	25⅜	24½	24⅛
do 1st pf	1,000	52½	51½	52½
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	43½
Consolidated Gas	1,400	103	101⅝	101½
Corn Products	300	11¼	11⅛	11⅛
do preferred	100	59½	59¼	58
Dele & Hundson	400	167	167	164
Del. Lack & West.	400	484	484	484
Denver & R G	300	21	20½	20¼
Den. & Rio G'de pf	.....	.....	66	60
Distillers' Securi	100	33	32	32¼
Erie	1,400	17	16⅝	16½
do 1st pfd	400	35	34¼	34½
do 2d pfd	300	25⅜	25	24⅝
General Electric	900	117	116	116
Illinois Central	400	126¼	125⅝	125½
Int. Paper	100	10	10	9¾
do preferred	1,100	59	57¼	56½
Int Pump	400	14	14	13⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	63
Iowa Central	100	10⅝	10⅝	10½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	32
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	23
do preferred	100	52	52	52
Louis & Nash	1,400	95	94	94¼
Mexican Central	3,500	15⅝	15⅜	15½
Minn & St. Louis	200	25⅞	25¼	24
M., St P & S S M	.....	.....	.....	84½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	125
Missouri Pacific	16,600	44	41⅝	42
Mo, Kan & Tex.	1,300	25⅜	25¼	25½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	57
National Lead	2,200	41¼	40	40
Mex Nat R R pf.	.....	.....	.....	43⅜
N. Y. Central	6,200	93¼	92½	93⅜
N. Y., Ont & West	3,400	34⅝	33⅞	34⅛
Norfolk & West	400	65⅝	65	65
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	84
North American	400	51	50½	50
Pacific Mail	200	28	27	27¼
Pennsylvania	15,700	112⅝	111⅝	111⅝
People's Gas	300	84	83⅝	83½
P. C. C. & St. L.	700	60¼	59	59
Pressel Steel Car	200	20	20	19¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	73
Pullman Pal Car	.....	.....	.....	155
Reading	143,700	100½	98⅝	98⅝
do 1st pfd	300	79	78	80
do 2d pfd	100	76	76	76
Republic Steel	400	17	16⅝	16⅝
do preferred	100	69½	69½	68½
Rock Island Co	500	16⅝	15⅞	.....
do preferred	500	30⅝	30⅛	30½
St. L & S. F. 2d pf	200	30	31	29¼
St. L. Southwest	.....	.....	.....	14½
Southern Pacific	4,400	74⅛	73¼	73¼
do preferred	200	108¼	108¼	108¼
Southern Railway	400	13⅜	12½	12⅝
do preferred	100	36⅝	36⅝	37¼
Texas & Pacific	600	20⅜	20	20
Tol, St L & West	100	14½	14½	14
do preferred	300	37½	37	36⅝
Union Pacific	58,600	121¼	119⅛	119⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	86
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	100
U. S. Realty	.....	.....	.....	40
U. S. Rubber	300	23½	23	22
do preferred	200	84⅜	84⅜	82
U. S. Steel	33,700	27⅛	26⅝	26⅝
do preferred	16,200	90	89½	89½
Va-Caro Chem	500	17⅝	17	17½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	90
Wabash	100	10	10	10
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	18
Wells-Fargo Ex	.....	.....	.....	310
Westinghouse Elec	100	41½	41½	41½
Western Union	300	58	57½	57
Wheeling & L Erie	.....	.....	.....	14⅛
Wisconsin Central	.....	.....	.....	32½
Northern Pacific	33,000	125	122⅝	123½
Central Leather	400	17¼	17⅛	16⅞
do preferred	300	80	79⅛	79
Sloss-Sheffield	200	38	38	37½
Gt. Northern pf	27,900	120⅜	118⅝	119½
Int. Metal	300	7	6⅞	6½
do preferred	200	19	18½	18½

Total sales for the day, 541,600 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Closing quotations:

U S ref 2s reg	104½	N Y C gen 3½s	89
do coupon	104½	Northern Pac 3s	70
U S 3s reg	100¾	Northern Pac 4s	100¾
do coupon	101½	Southern Pac 4s	83¾
U S new 4s reg	119	Union Pac 4s	99¾
do coupon	120½	Wis Cent 4s	82
Atchison adj 4s	83	Japanese 4s	77
D & R G 4s	94		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Consols for money, 83¾; do for account, 84 3-16.

Anaconda	6.50	Nor & West	67.00
Atchison	72.00	do pfd	83.00
Bal & Ohio	86.00	Ont & West	35.25
Can Pac	161.87½	Pennsylvania	57.75
Ches & Ohio	31.50	Rand Mines	5.67½
Chicago G W	8.00	Reading	51.50
C M & St P	111.50	So Ry	13.62½
De Beers	14.00	do pfd	39.00
D & R G	21.75	Southern Pac	76.12½
do pfd	59.00	Union Pac	124.25
Erie	17.62½	do pfd	84.00
do 1st pfd	36.00	U S Steel	27.75
do 2d pfd	25.50	do pfd	92.00
Grand Trunk	18.87½	Wabash	10.50
Illinois Cent	131.00	do pfd	19.00
Louis & Nash	97.50	Spanish 4s	90.25
M K & T	26.37½	Amal Copper 5	1.00
N Y Central	96.50		

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	2.50	Parrot	10.50
Allouez	29.00	Quincy	83.00
Amalgamated	48.37½	Shannon	10.75
Atlantic	9.37½	Tamarack	65.00
Bingham	4.00	Trinity	14.75
Cal & Hecla	603.00	United Copper	7.75
Centennial	25.00	U S Mining	33.50
Cop Range	59.00	U S Oil	104.00
Daly West	7.25	Utah	30.25
Franklin	8.00	Victoria	4.37½
Granby	80.00	Winona	4.50
Isle Royale	18.75	Wolverine	120.00
Mass Mining	3.50	North Butte	45.00
Mohawk	50.00	Butte Coal	15.87½
Michigan	92.00	Nevada	9.00
Mont C & C	18.00	Cal & Ariz	105.00
Old Dominion	30.00	Ariz Com	15.00
Osceola	85.00		

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Closing quotations:

Adams Con	5	Little Chief	5
Alice	325	Ontario	200
Breece	10	Ophir	110
Brunswick Con	15	Potosi	9
Comstock Tun	23	Savage	35
Con Val & Va	57	Sierra Nevada	40
Horn Silver	50	Small Hopes	20
Iron Silver	75	Standard	130
Leadville Con	6		

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Money on call, firm, 5½@6 per cent; ruling rate, 6 per cent; closing bid, 5 per cent; offered at 6 per cent. Time loans, easier; 60 days, 6½ per cent; 90 days, 6 per cent; six months, 6 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 8 per cent.

Sterling exchange, weak, after strength, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8560@4.8565 for demand and at $4.81 for 60-day bills.

Commercial bills, $4.8075.

Bar silver, 58¾c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Government bonds, firm; railroad bonds, steady and strong.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Bar silver, uncertain at 27d per ounce.

Money, 4@4¼ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4¼@5 per cent; for three months' bills, 4⅞@5 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Silver bars, 58¾c.

Mexican dollars, 55½c.

Drafts—Sight, 5c; telegraph, 5c.

Sterling, 60 days, $4.81; sight, $4.85⅝.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Coffee—Futures closed steady, with a net advance of 5 points. Sales were reported of 11,750 bags, including: January, 5.65c; March, 5.85c; May, 5.95c; July, 6.05c; September, 6.20c; November, 6.25c; December, 6.30c. Spot, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 6 1-16c; Santos, No. 4, 8c. Mild coffee, steady. Cordova, 9½@13c.

Sugar—Raw, steady. Fair refining, 3.42c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.92c; molasses sugar, 3.17c. Refined, steady. Crushed, 5.60c; powdered, 5c; granulated, 4.90c.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 20@29c; dairies, 18@25c.

Eggs—Firm at mark, cases included, 25@27c; firsts, 26c; prime firsts, 28c; extras, 30c.

Cheese—Steady, 11½@13c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Butter, firm. Western factory, common to firsts, 16@19½c.

Cheese, firm, unchanged.

Eggs, firm. Western firsts, 30c; Western seconds, 28@29c.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows:

Available cash balances	$266,191,303
Gold coin and bullion	88,236,585
Gold certificates	50,454,380

NO TRACE OF EDMONDS

Laxity of Police Allows Suspected Murderer to Escape.

Inquest into the death of L. C. Ruhl, who died at the Good Samaritan Hospital on Monday from the effects of a beating received on the night of December 30, was held yesterday by Coroner Finley, and it was found that Ruhl had come to his death from wounds inflicted by a person believed to be Claude Edmonds, a negro lodger in the house conducted by Ruhl at 122 North Seventh street. To preclude any possibility of doubt that Ruhl had died from these wounds, a post-mortem examination was held and it was definitely established that death resulted from blows received on the head.

Although several witnesses were examined, the only one who gave any direct evidence bearing on the identity of the man who killed Ruhl or the cause of the killing was Thomas J. Green, a negro who occupied the room next to Ruhl. Green made clear that the cause of the killing, instead of being for robbery, as was at first thought, was trouble with Edmonds about a woman, known only as Adine.

Edmonds, if found, will have to face a charge of murder. After the assault he was not seen again at the lodging house. It was rumored that he had been seen in South Portland four days after the affair happened, but this apparently had no foundation, as the police since Ruhl's death have failed to get any trace of Edmonds. Some of the lodgers in the house believe that Edmonds left the city at once.

According to the witnesses in the case, the police were notified on the night of the assault, and Detectives Kay and Keinlen assigned to the case. So far as has been made public by the police; no effort was made by them to apprehend Edmonds on the night of the complaint. Ruhl remained in his house until Thursday, when he was taken to the hospital, having been unconscious most of the time. The police have no explanation to offer for the fact that no arrest was made on the night of December 30, and the fact that Ruhl's condition was not watched. When the announcement of his death was made, search was instituted for Edmonds, but there seems little prospect of his being apprehended.

Curfew for Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Mayor Caril has unearthed an old curfew ordinance that has not been in force for several years and will insist that children under the age of 16 years shall be at home during the summer months at 9 o'clock and in the Winter at 8 o'clock. Those between the ages of 16 and 21 years are allowed to remain out of doors one hour later. The signal for retirement will be nine taps of the fire bell in Winter and eight taps in the Summer.

LIFE IN WOOL TRADE

Interest Is Reviving in the Boston Market.

BUYERS ARE IN EVIDENCE

Mills Said to Be Starting up Generally Throughout New England—Fine and Fine Medium Strong.

BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Interest in the local wool market is reviving. Many Buyers are reported in the market and mills are said to be starting up generally throughout New England. Prices of fine and fine medium were strong. Easier conditions prevail in lower grades. Quotations:

California—Northern, 63@65c; middle country, 58@60c; Southern, 55@58c.

Oregon—Eastern No. 1 staple, 70c; Eastern No. 1 clothing, 66@68c; Eastern average, 65@66c; Valley No. 1, 60@62c.

Territory (scoured basis)—Fine staple, 70@72c; fine medium staple, 68@70c; fine clothing, 65@67c; fine medium clothing, 60@63c; half-blood, 65@67; three-eighths blood, 62@63c; quarter blood, 53@56c.

Pulled—Extra, 67@70c; fine, 58@60c; "A" supers, 48@55c.

St. Louis Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—Wool, steady. Territory and Western mediums, 20@23c; fine mediums, 19@21c; fine, 15@17c.

WHEAT LOWER ABROAD

DECLINES IN EUROPE CAUSE SELLING AT CHICAGO.

Market Weakened by Argentine Advices of an Abundant Yield. Advance in Corn.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The wheat market opened quite firm, owing to a one penny advance at Liverpool, but a sharp decline later at Liverpool caused a slump in the local market before the end of the first hour. The market continued weak the remainder of the day. The fact that all of the European markets for wheat were weak was mainly responsible for the liberal sales by prominent holders, which depressed prices here. The market was further weakened by Argentine advices which reiterated former claims of an abundant yield. The close was weak. May opened a shade to ⅛@¼c higher at $1.07¼@1.07¾, sold off to $1.06 and closed at $1.06⅛@1.06⅝.

The corn market was strong almost all day. There was a slight reaction during the first half hour, owing to selling based on liberal receipts, but the market soon became firm again and continued strong up to the close. Firm cables, small primary receipts, strength of the cash grain and a report that the Argentine crop is threatened by locusts were principal bullish influences. May corn opened unchanged to ⅛@¼c higher at 61⅝@61½c to 61⅜c, sold to 61¼c and then advanced to 61⅝c. The close was at 61½@61⅝c.

Trading in oats was very quiet and the market was firm in sympathy with corn. A large increase in local stock caused some selling by cash houses. May oats opened a shade to ⅛@¼c higher at 54⅜@54⅝c, sold off to 54⅜c and closed at 54⅝c.

Provisions were inclined to be weak because of continued heavy receipts of live hogs. Pork rallied moderately late in the day on covering by shorts and closed at a slight gain, the May delivery being up 7½c at $13.72½. Lard was off 2½c at $8.25. Ribs were down 5c at $7.42½.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.07¼	$1.07¼	$1.06	$1.06⅝
July	.99⅝	.99⅝	.98½	.98⅝
September	.96	.96⅛	.95⅝	.95½
CORN.				
May	.61⅝	.61½	.61¼	.61⅜
July	.60⅛	.60½	.59⅞	.60⅛
September	.60	.60¼	.59⅝	.60⅛
OATS.				
May, old	.54⅛	.54⅝	.54⅜	.54⅝
May, new	.53⅝	.53¾	.53	.53⅝
July, old	.48½	.48⅝	.48½	.48⅝
July, new	.46⅛	.46½	.46⅛	.46½
MESS PORK.				
January	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.10
May	13.67½	13.80	13.67½	13.72½
LARD.				
January	7.97½	8.00	7.97½	8.00
May	8.10	8.27½	8.20	8.25
SHORT RIBS.				
January	7.05	7.05	7.05	7.05
May	7.40	7.47½	7.37½	7.42½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.08@1.12; No. 3, $1@1.11; No. 2 red, $1@1.01¼.

Corn—No. 2, 69c; No. 2 yellow, 62½@63c.

Oats—No. 2, 50¾c; No. 3 white, 50½@53c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	36,200	38,600
Wheat, bushels	24,200	47,400
Corn, bushels	387,800	290,600
Oats, bushels	252,000	397,900
Rye, bushels	6,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	80,700	29,400

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7.—Wheat—Steady, firm.

Barley—Quiet, strong.

Spot quotations: Wheat—Shipping, $1.62½@1.67½ per cental; milling, $1.70@1.75 per cental.

Barley—Feed, $1.52@1.57½ per cental; brewing, $1.62½@1.67½ per cental.

Oats—Red, $1.75@2 per cental; white, $1.50@1.62½ per cental; black, $2.75@3 per cental.

Call board sales: Wheat—May, $1.68⅝ per cental.

Barley—May, $1.60¼@1.61 per cental.

Corn—Large yellow, $1.70@1.75 per cental.

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan 7.—Flour—Receipts, 30,700 barrels; exports, 3700 barrels. Quiet and about steady.

WHEAT—Receipts, 282,000 bu.; exports, 63,900 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, $1.07 elevator; No. 2 red $1.07⅝ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.24½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter, $1.18⅝ f. o. b. afloat. After some irregularity in the forenoon, with occasional upturns on the corn strength and big clearances; wheat weakened under stop-loss selling and closed ⅜ to ⅝ net lower. May $1.12⅝@1.13 7-16, closed $1.12¼; July $1.06½@1.06⅞, closed $1.06⅝.

Hops and wool quiet.

Hides dull.

Petroleum steady.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Jan. 7, 1908.—Cargoes steady, but inactive. California prompt shipment unchanged at 40s 3d; Walla Walla, prompt shipment, 39s, 9d, to 40s.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 7.—Wheat—March, 8s ¾d; May, 8s; July, nominal.

English country markets quiet, but steady.

French country market quiet, but steady.

Northwestern Wheat Markets.

DULUTH, Jan 7.—Wheat, No. 1 Northern $1.11¼; No. 2 Northern $1.07⅝; May $1.13¾; July $1.13¾.

Oats, 48½c.

$1.12⅝; July $1.12¾; No. 1 hard $1.15; No. 1 Northern $1.13; No. 2 Northern $1.11; No. 3 Northern $1.06½@1.08½.

Changes in Available Supplies.

NEW YORK, Jan 7. Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show an increase in the world's visible supply of wheat of 2,445,000 bushels. Corn in United States and Canada decreased 1,374,000 bushels; Oats in United States and Canada increased 2,357,000 bushels.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Jan. 7.—Wheat—Unchanged. Bluestem, 85c; club, 83c; red, 81c.

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George J. Cameron to George F. Barringer, lot 8, block 9, Mount Tabor Villa	150
Stephen Shobert to F. K. and Minnie Bratschi, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, block 21, North Albina	2,500
W. F. Hughey to Peter and Lizzie Barney, lots 6, 15, block 3, Redlichton	350
The Peninsula Bank to Anna Thurlow, lot 4, subdivision of block A, Oak Park Addition No. 2 to St. John	1
Anna Thurlow to Henry Hartfield, lot 4, subdivision of block A, Oak Park Addition No. 2 to St. John	3,000
J. A. and Caroline Waddle to A. Krause, lot 5, section 32, T 1 N., R. 3 E, containing 2 acres	1
Arleta Land Company to Kate Minich, lot 12, block 14, Ina Park	350
Louis and Mary Freedman to Samuel Freedman, land in D. L. C. of Jehu Switzler in Section 5, S. T 1 N., R. 2 E	1
David S. and Martha A. Sterns to Frank S. Hillock, 5 acres of D. L. C. of Francis N. and Adelia M. Elliott in sections 1, 2, 11, 12, Township 1 S., R. 1 E.	300
Jennie Vande Cannel to J. E. Boydston, lot 1, block 1, Highland School House Addition	425
Mary F. and Clarence M. Barr to J. H. Dempsey, lots 10, 11, block 1, Harlem Addition	150
Security Savings & Trust Co. to John L. Brandenbury, lot 6, block 18, Belle Crest	10
Carmelia Boitano to Mike Dirc, lots 16, 17, block 1, Tabasco Addition	175
Anna and George Weisensee to Otto Starker, E. 35 feet of lot 7, block 16, Lincoln Park Annex	2,350
Thomas L. Dabney to G. W. Edmonds, lots 5, 6, 7, Fountain Hill	1
R. L. Stevens (Sheriff) to H. E. Noble, lots 5, 6, block 2, Erwin & Watson's Addition to Albina	8
Merchants Savings & Trust Co. to Kathryne Johnson, lot 7, block 9, Council Crest Park	1
Coast Investment Co. to Charles H. Burggraf, lot 2, block 2, Barton's Addition to St. John	250
Rebecca A. Sherer to A. S. Nanney, lots 9, 10, block 128; lots 17, 18, block 158, University Park	2,500
Phillip A. and Clara A. Engle to Ewel Napier, lot 13, block 19, Mount Tabor Villa	200
Bertha and W. Gaetten to James Gilbreath, S. ½ of lots 9, 10, block 1, Feurer's Addition	1,900
Arleta Land Company to Jason Stanley, lots 14, 15, block 2, Arleta Park No. 3	240
Jason Stanley to Susan Angeline Griffeth, lots 14, 15, block 2, Arleta Park No. 3	600
M. Eva Butts and Eva Butts to George A. Dyson, lots 15, 16, 17, 18, block 3, Point View, St. Johns	1,800
James D. and Mary G. Hart to Mabel W. Plowman, that part of the E. ½ of block Y, Tabor Heights, lying N. of Broughton ave	600
F. B. and Annie M. Waite to Rose M. Green, lots 17, 18, 19, LeLashmutt and Oatman's Little Homes No. 4	10
Security Abstract & Trust Company to Leo E. Robinson, lot 9, block 136, Rose City Park	450
Edward and Anna E. Lyons to Mary B. Ryan, lot 14, block 2, Lyon's Addition	800
Arleta Land Company to John J. Regan, lot 11, block 3, Lester Park	175
C. L. Truman to E. M. Truman, lot 16, block 28, Lincoln Park Annex	1
Oak Lumber Company to Edith C. Bowles, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, block 12, Northern Hill Addition	500
Flora Gibson to S. C. and Edith C. Bowles, lots 9, 10, block 12, Northern Hill Addition	300
Point View Real Estate Company to N. F. Noren, S. C. Norton and S. W. Keeley, lots 19, 20, 21, 22, block 30, Point View	400
Multnomah Cemetery Company to Emma Lovegren, S ½ of lot 29 block E, said cemetery	15
Moore Investment Company to H. A. and Estella Bowers, lot 7, block 21, Vernon	400
J. R. and Ida M. Caples to J. O. Gillan, beginning at S. W. corner of lot 5, block 13, Elizabeth Irving's Addition, thence east 90 feet, thence north 33 1-3 feet, thence west 90 feet, thence south 33 1-3 feet to beginning	3,500
Investment Company to Sarah A. Hyatt, lot 12, block 19, Piedmont	500
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