PRICE NOT CERTAIN

Poultry Dealers Unable to Estimate Turkey Supply.

MAY BE SHORT OF NEEDS

Slower Market for Chickens at Declining Prices—Unchanged Quotations in the Grain Trade. Hops Very Active.

The poultry-dealers are interested just now in trying to figure out what price Christmas turkeys will command. There is considerable difference of opinion on the subject, as no one has a very clear idea of the supply that will be available for the trade. Some dealers think a sufficient quantity will be put on the market to keep prices down to a reasonable basis, while others are satisfied the supply will be short and that the price that prevailed at Thanksgiving will again be quoted. Reports from the country do not indicate there are very many birds on hand, but any shortage from this source may be offset by chilled stock, of which it is understood a considerable quantity will be placed on sale. Guesses at the prices that will prevail next week range from 20 to 24 cents.

There was a good demand for live turkeys yesterday, and the few coops offered were disposed of readily at prices unchanged from last week. Ducks and geese also moved well. There was some inquiry for small broilers, but other kinds of chickens were slow, weak and lower in price.

WHEAT PRICES HOLD THEIR OWN.

Trade Believes Bottom Has Been Reached in Foreign and Eastern Markets.

The wheat market was quiet yesterday. While there was some softness in the undertone in view of the decline abroad, prices here underwent no change. Dealers are inclined to believe that the foreign and Eastern markets have about touched bottom and that there may soon be some recovery in the price movement. Liverpool cables reported the market quiet with the approach of the holidays.

There were no important developments in the oats and barley markets. Both were quoted firm, the former at $27 and the latter at $21.50@22. Offerings of oats are on a small scale, but it is said that with the advance in price there has also been some decrease in the rate of consumption. In fact there is a difference of opinion among dealers as to the future prospects of the oats market. While some are predicting $35 or higher later in the season, others declare that such asked prices will turn the consumptive demand to hay or other feed.

A sale of 100 tons of oats for January-February delivery at $32 was reported at the Board of Trade, where the following bid and asked prices were reported:

	Bid.	Asked.
WHEAT.		
December	$ .90⅞	$ .91⅞
January	.91	.92
OATS.		
December	1.57½	1.60
January	1.60	1.62½
BARLEY.		
December	1.35	1.37½
January	1.37½	1.40

Receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants' Exchange, as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Dec. 12-13	67	16	14	3	9
Dec. 14	2	2	3	..	5
Total last week	248	28	53	16	65

HOP BUYING IS VERY HEAVY.

Purchases at 5 to 6 Cents in All Parts of the State.

There was steady buying of hops yesterday in various parts of the state. Klaber, Wolf & Netter were reported to be operating heavily, but no line on their purchases was obtainable.

McNeff Brothers were also large buyers during the day, securing over 400 bales at 5 to 6 cents, including the following: Joe Ego, Newberg, 92 bales; J. M. Wilson, Eugene, 80 bales; Dick Coleman, St. Paul, 40 bales; Neeley, St. Paul, 24 bales; A. D. Acherson, Gervais, 45 bales; Poy, Gervais, 52 bales; G. W. Poole, Forest Grove, 50 bales, and C. E. Baker, Wilsonville, 25 bales.

H. L. Hart, in the past three days, purchased about 500 bales at 5 to 6 cents.

Kola Neis bought 140 bales from Miller Brothers, of Eugene, at 5 cents, and 80 bales of olds from the same growers at 5 cents.

There are only four lots, aggregating 500 bales, available at Eugene, while at this time last year about 5000 bales were on hand there. The Harrisburg district is said to be entirely cleaned out.

Green Produce in Sufficient Supply.

There was a moderate movement in fruits and vegetables, the supply of which was ample. Oranges are the firmest feature of the fruit market. Apples, especially the lower-priced sorts, move fairly well. California grapes drag at weak prices. Some fancy pears were received yesterday and offered at $1.75.

Cranberries were quoted at $13.50@14.50.

Among the new vegetable offerings was California rhubarb at 10 cents a pound. Celery was very strong at $4.50@4.75 per crate and small California truck was firm.

Eggs Slow and Unchanged.

The egg market does not show any improvement yet. Receipts are light but seem ample for present requirements, as consumption is not heavy at the prices now current.

The butter market is in a steady position, with no immediate prospect of a change in price either way, as the supply and demand are about balanced. Cheese is quite active and prices are quoted firm.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,287,285	$158,129
Seattle	1,795,485	148,052
Tacoma	811,186	52,590
Spokane	1,169,321	192,679

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 96@97c; club, 90@91c; fife, 90@91c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; Valley, 91c.

Barley—Producers' prices: Feed, $27 per ton; brewing, $28.

FLOUR — Patents, $5 per barrel; straights, $4.05; exports, $3.70; Valley, $4.65; ¼-sack graham, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, 5.50.

OATS—Producers' prices: No. 1 white, $31.50@32 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, country, $28@30; city, $30; U. S. mill chop, $22; rolled barley, $28@29.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $16.50@17; clover, $12; alfalfa, $12; grain hay, $12@13.

Groceries, Dried Fruit, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 7½c per pound; peaches, 11@12½c; prunes, Italians, 5@6½c; prunes, French, 3@5c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white, fancy, 50-pound boxes, 6¼c; dates, 7½@7⅞c per pound.

RICE—Southern Japan, 4⅝c; head, 5⅞@6½c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12⅝16c per pound.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

SUGAR—Granulated, $5.95; extra C, $5.45; golden C, $5.35; fruit and berry sugar, $5.95; plain bag, $5.75; beet granulated, $5.75; cubes (barrels), $6.35; powdered (barrel), $6.20. Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ¼c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ⅛c per pound. Maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 14@15c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 16c; pecans, 16c; almonds, 13@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 6¾@8½c per pound; roasted, 10c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $14.50 per ton, $2 per bale; half ground, 100s, $10 per ton; 50s, $10.50 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 5.35c; large white, 4⅝c; Lima, 5¼c; pink, 3½c; bayou, 3⅝c; Mexican red, 4⅝c.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 60c@$2.50 box; pears, $1@1.75 per box; grapes, 65c@$1.50 per crate; quinces, $1@1.25 per box; cranberries, $13.50@14.50 per barrel; Spanish Malaga grapes, $7.50@8 per barrel; huckleberries, 10@15c per pound; persimmons, $1@1.25.

POTATOES—Buying price, 80@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2@2¾c per lb.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2.25@3 per box; Japanese, 65c per box; lemons, fancy, $4.50@5 per box; choice, $3.50@4; standard, $2.75 box; grapefruit, $4.50@5 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pomegranates, $1.50@2 per box; pineapples, $3@3.75 per dozen; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—$1@1.25 per 100 lbs.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1@1.25 per sack; carrots, $1; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25; horseradish, 8@10c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 90c@$1 doz.; beans, 15@17½c per pound; cabbage, 1½c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1 per dozen; celery, $4.50@4.75 per crate; cucumbers, $2@2.50 box; eggplant, 11c per pound; lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; parsley, 30c per dozen; peas, 12½c per pound; peppers, 15@20c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 9½@10c per pound; squash, 1@1¼c per pound; tomatoes, 50c@$1.75.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 36@37c; fancy outside creamery, 32½@35c per pound; store, 18@20c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 40@42½c; Eastern, 30@35c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 12c per pound; Springs, large, 11½@12c; small, 14@15c; mixed, 11@11½c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, 17½@18c; dressed turkeys, 20@22½c.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 15½c per pound; full cream triplets, 15½c; full cream Young America, 16½c.

VEAL—Extra, 9@10c per pound; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 5c.

PORK—Fancy, 7½c per pound; large 6½@7c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1908, 5@6½c; 1907, 2@4½c; 1906, 1@1½c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 15@16c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 18c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 13@15c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 13c pound; dry calfskin, 16c pound; salted hides, 6@8c pound; salted calfskin, 12@13c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Angora goat, $1 to $1.25; badger, 25c to 50c; bear, black, $8 to $12; bear, brown, $6 to $9; bear, cinnamon, $6 to $; bear, grizzly, $13 to $20 beaver, $6.50 to $8.50; cat, wild, 6oc to $1; cougar, perfect head and claws, $3 to $10; fisher, dark, $7.50 to $11; fisher, pale, $4.9 6to $7; fox, cross, $3 to $5; fox, gray, 60c to 80c; fox, red, $2.25 to $4; fox, silver, $35 to $100; lynx, $8 to $12; marten, dark, $8 to $12; mink, $2.70 to $4.50; muskrat, 15c to 18c; otter, $8.10 to $10.80; raccoon, 45c to 60c; sea otter, $100 to $2.50, as to size; skunks, 50c to 75c; civet rat, 10c to 15c; wolf, $2 to $3; coyote, 70c to $1.10; wolverine, dark, $3 to $5; wolverine, pale, $2 to $2.50.

CASCARA BARK—Small lots, 5c; carlots, 6c per pound.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 21½c per pound; standard, 18c; choice, 17c; English, 16@16½c; stripe, 13c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; short clear backs, heavy, dry salted, 12c; smoked, 13c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 13c; smoked, 14c.

HAMS—10 to 13 lbs., 14½c; 14 to 16 lbs., 14¼c; 18 to 20 lbs., 14½c; hams, skinned, 14½c; picnics, 10c; cottage roll, 11c; shoulders, 11c; boiled hams, 20@20½c; boiled picnic, 17c.

LARD—Kettle-rendered: Tierces, 11¾c; tubs, 13½c; 50s, 13½c; 20s, 13⅝c; 10s, 14c; 5s, 14¼c; 3s, 14½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12½c; 50s, 12½c; 20s, 12⅝c; 10s, 13c; 5s 13¼c; 3s, 13¼c. Compound: Tierces, 8c; tubs, 8¼c; 50s, 8¼c; 20s, 8⅜c; 10s, 8⅜c; 5s, 8⅜c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 70c; dried beef sets, 16c; dried beef outsides, 15c; dried beef insides, 18c; dried beef knuckles, 18c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; pigs' tongues, $19.50.

MESS MEATS—Beef, specials, $11 per barrel; plate, $14 per barrel; family, $14 per barrel; pork, $21 per barrel; brisket, $25 per barrel; S. P. beef tongues, $20; pig snouts, $12.50; pig ears, $12.50.

TOTAL CROPS OF YEAR

FINAL ESTIMATE OF LEADING FARM PRODUCTIONS.

Government Report Shows a Wheat Yield Larger Than That of Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The production in 1908 and farm value on December 1 of important farm products, according to the final revised estimates of the Department of Agriculture announced today, are as follows:

Corn, 2,668,651,000 bushels and farm value $1,616,145,000, against 2,592,320,000 bushels in 1907 and $1,336,901,000 on December 1 of that year.

Winter wheat, 437,908,000 bushels, and $410,330,000, against 409,442,000 bushels and $361,217,000 last year.

Spring wheat, 226,694,000 bushels and $206,496,000, against 224,645,000 bushels and $193,220,000 in 1907.

Oats, 807,156,000 bushels and $381,171,000, against 754,443,000 bushels and $334,568,000.

Barley, 166,756,000 bushels and $92,442,000, against 153,597,000 bushels and $102,290,000.

Potatoes, 278,985,000 bushels, against 297,942,000 bushels and $197,039,000, against $183,880,000.

Hay, 70,789,000 tons, against 63,677,000 tons and $635,423,000, against $743,507,000.

Changes in Available Supplies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies as compared with previous account:

	Bushels.
Wheat, United States, east of Rockies, increased	731,000
Canada, decreased	1,944,000
Total, United States and Canada, decreased	1,213,000
Afloat for and in Europe, decreased	2,000,000
Total American and European supply decreased	3,213,000
Corn, United States and Canada, increased	210,000
Oats, United States and Canada, decreased	885,000

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The market for evaporated apples is quiet, with fancy quoted at 8½@9½c; choice, 7½@8c; prime, 6¾@7c and old crop 4@6c, according to grade.

Prunes are a little more active, with quotations ranging from 6¾c to 7⅝c for new crop California fruit up to 40-50s, and from 6½c to 7½c for Oregon 50s to 30s.

Apricots are in less urgent demand, but prices are firm, with choice quoted at 9½@9¾c; extra choice, 10@10½c, and fancy 11½@13½c.

Peaches are firm in tone, with choice quoted at 7@7¾c; extra choice, 7⅞@8c, and fancy 8½@11c.

Raisins are unchanged. Loose Muscatel are quoted at 5½@6½c; choice to fancy seeded, 6¾@7¾c; seedless, 4½@6c, and London layers $1.50@1.60.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Wool firm. Medium grades, combing and clothing, 18½@24c; light fine, 16½@@@20c; heavy fine, 10½@16c.

BEARS MAKE A DRIVE

Aided by Tightening of Funds at New York.

FORCE PRICES DOWNWARD

Less Money Available for Carrying Speculative Holdings—Agitation Against Increased Freight Rates Produces Bad Effect.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The money market showed the further effects of the demand of Europe for gold. The Sub-treasury's absorption from the banks of a little over $1,000,000, although moderate by comparison with the day before, brought the cash loss on that account for the banking week up to $16,399,000, which is but a little less than the figure of the surplus reserve as shown in the bank statement of Saturday. Payments continue to the Subtreasury offices for Panama Canal bonds. Preparations were in progress today for applications for the Brazilian coffee loan, of which $10,000,000 will be offered in New York tomorrow. These demands for banking facilities outside the stock market, with the surplus down to the vanishing point, have the effect of dislodging some loans employed in speculative holdings of stocks and causing a shifting in other instances.

The speculative position was made vulnerable by this situation and there was a party in the speculation ready to take advantage of it. The purpose of this party was proclaimed by advertisements and followed by an extensive line of selling orders from Boston. The market was not without support at different stages, which caused occasional rallies. The rising interest rates for call money and the lessened inclination of lenders to place funds in that way hampered the speculative buying and left the way open to the forces operating for a decline.

The appointment of a commission by Governor Hughes to probe the methods and practices of speculative dealings was made opportune use of by the bear party, although a substantial element of the stock exchange membership welcomed the work thus set on foot. The good effects of the work of the commission which formed the banking legislation last year is proof of the good that might be done by improvement of stock market methods. The fact remains that the proposed investigation and reforms would infringe on the practices of an active element in the market and the appointment of the commission had some intimidating effect upon this element.

There were some happenings which reinforced the bears in their attack. They laid much stress on the unsettling of tariff revision, especially of the steel schedules. The examination by the ways and means committee of the House of important steel men gave point to this contention. Part of the acute weakness shown by American Smelting in the past few days has been attributed to the proposition to reduce the tariff on lead.

A bad effect was produced by the reports of the increasing agitation over the proposition of the railroads to advance freight rates and over the extensive increases said to be involved in the changes proposed to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Threats to take Congressional action on the subject opened up a prospect of hostile activity towards the project which was not relished by those who have counted on the beneficial effect of the increased freight charges on the holders of railroad securities. A reduction in copper quotations at the New York metal market was a factor in the depression shown by the metal industrials. The disclaimer put out by the Pennsylvania Railroad of the reports of placing of its steel rail order for the year was the cause of some disturbance, as the holding back of that order is of influence on the business of all the other railroads.

A much more active demand was reported for time loans and less was offered, resulting in advancing rates in consonance with the rise to 4 per cent in call loans. The firmer money market reduced the demand for remittances of funds to European centers and weakened the exchange market. Expected engagements of gold for export, therefore, were not made.

The considerable demand to cover shorts at the end of the day was testimony to the professional origin of much of the selling.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $6,164,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	53,400	83	80⅛	81⅛
Am Car & Foun.	3,000	47⅝	46⅛	46⅝
do preferred	100	107½	107½	107
Am Cotton Oil	700	42½	42	42
Am Hd & Lt pf.	1,400	36	35	35¼
Am Ice Securi..	500	25	24⅞	24⅞
Am Linseed Oil..	100	14⅝	14⅝	14½
Am Locomotive..	5,500	56	55	55⅝
do preferred	400	110	109⅝	109⅝
Am Smelt & Ref.	94,600	85¼	83	84⅝
do preferred	1,500	102⅛	101⅞	101½
Am Sugar Ref..	1,900	131½	130½	131
Am Tobacco pf..	500	92½	91½	91
Am Woolen	500	31⅛	31⅛	31
Anaconda Min Co	4,200	49⅝	48⅛	48¼
Atchison	6,400	98⅛	97½	97⅞
do preferred	100	102	102	101⅝
Atl Coast Line	300	110½	110	110
Balt & Ohio	22,200	111⅛	109½	110
do preferred	......	......	......	91½
Brook Rap Tran.	11,500	57¼	56⅛	56¼
Canadian Pacific..	2,000	175¾	175⅛	175⅝
Central Leather..	4,600	30⅞	29⅝	30
do preferred	......	......	......	99⅝
Central of N J..	......	......	......	218
Ches & Ohio	19,300	57⅝	56	56⅝
Chicago Gt West.	1,200	12	11⅛	11½
Chicago & N W..	900	178	177	178
C, M & St Paul.	25,900	150¼	148¼	148⅞
C, C, C & St L.	2,300	69	68	67½
Colo Fuel & Iron.	9,300	39	37⅞	38
Colo & Southern..	1,400	55½	54⅛	55
do 1st preferred.	600	73	72⅞	73
do 2d preferred.	2,100	68⅛	67⅝	68
Consolidated Gas..	7,800	164½	162⅝	163½
Corn Products	500	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
Del & Hudson	1,500	178⅛	177½	177⅝
D & R Grande	1,500	37	36	35⅛
do preferred	400	82¼	82¼	80
Distillers' Securi..	2,600	36½	35	36
Erie	18,000	35	34	34¼
do 1st preferred.	1,200	49⅝	48½	48⅝
do 2d preferred.	400	40	39	38⅝
General Electric	600	157	156½	156
Gt Northren pf	48,700	145⅛	143⅞	144⅞
Gt Northern Ore..	3,500	72⅝	71½	72¼
Illinois Central	9,300	147	145⅞	146¼
Interborough Met.	10,300	17⅛	16⅝	16½
do preferred	9,300	40⅞	38⅞	39⅜
Int Paper	......	......	......	11½
do preferred	......	......	......	56½
Int Pump	6,800	34⅞	32¼	32¾
Iowa Central	......	......	......	30
K C Southern	4,200	37¼	36	37
do preferred	300	66½	66	66⅝
Louis & Nashville	600	123	122	121
Minn & St L	......	......	......	49
M, St P & S S M.	200	131	130½	130
Missouri Pacific..	10,700	66⅛	62⅝	64
Mo. Kan & Texas	41,200	39⅝	38⅛	39⅝
do preferred	2,900	72¾	71⅛	72¼
National Lead	4,800	80	77⅞	76⅛
N Y Central	21,700	121½	120¼	120¼
N Y, Ont & West.	3,100	46⅛	45½	45½
Norfolk & West..	1,000	84¼	84	84
North American..	......	......	......	73
Northern Pacific..	9,600	142½	141½	142
Pacific Mail	1,300	35	34	34
Pennsylvania	34,700	130⅝	129⅛	129⅝
People's Gas	1,000	100½	100⅜	100½
P, C C & St L	100	87½	87½	87¼
Pressed Steel Car	1,700	44	42	42
Pullman Pal Car	......	......	......	170
Ry Steel Spring..	800	44⅝	43½	43⅝
Reading	126,000	141⅞	139⅜	139⅝
Republic Steel	1,000	26½	26⅛	26⅝
do preferred	400	86	86	85½
Rock Island Co..	1,200	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛
do preferred	12,500	60⅝	59⅝	59¼
St L & S F 2 pf.	200	30⅝	29½	29⅜
St L Southwestern	800	22⅝	22⅝	22½
do preferred	200	52½	52¼	52⅝
Sloss-Sheffield	800	78⅛	77⅝	77⅝
Southern Pacific..	46,000	120⅝	119⅝	120⅛
do preferred	200	123½	122½	122⅝
Southern Railway.	2,600	25	24½	24⅝
do preferred	400	59	58⅝	58¼
Tenn Copper	4,200	45⅛	44½	45
Texas & Pacific..	3,300	34	33⅝	33⅝
Tol, St L & West	100	41	41	40
do preferred	4,600	67⅛	66	66¼
Union Pacific	87,000	183	181⅝	181⅞
do preferred	100	95⅛	95⅛	95
U S Rubber	700	34	33½	33⅛
do 1st preferred.	100	107	107	106⅝
U S Steel	71,600	54⅛	53½	53⅝
do preferred	4,700	112¼	111⅝	111⅝
Utah Copper	1,200	46	45	46
Va-Caro Chemical.	800	43⅛	43	43¼
do preferred	......	......	......	113
Wabash	2,200	19¼	18⅛	18⅛
do preferred	22,900	47⅝	45⅝	45⅞
Westinghouse Elec	800	88½	87½	87
Western Union	700	68⅛	68	68⅛
Wheel & L Erie..	100	11½	11½	11⅛
Wisconsin Central.	1,900	31	30⅝	30½
Am Tel & Tel	1,500	129	128½	128⅝

Total sales for the day, 978,900 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103¼	N Y C G 3½s	94½
do coupon	104	North Pacific 3s	73½
U. S. 3s reg	100⅝	North Pacific 4s	103¼
do coupon	100⅝	South Pacific 4s	91½
U S new 4s reg	120¼	Union Pacific 4s	103⅝
do coupon	121	Wiscon Cent 4s	89½
Atchison adj 4s	92½	Japanese 4s	82½
D & R G 4s	98		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Consols for money, 83 13-16; do for account, 83 1-16.

Anaconda	10.00	N. Y. Central	123.75
Atchison	100.75	Norfik & Wes	86.50
do pref	104.50	do pref	87.00
Balt & Ohio	113.50	Ont & West	47.50
Can Pacific	181.50	Pennsylvania	67.00
Ches & Ohio	59.00	Rand Mines	7.37½
Chi Grt West	12.25	Reading	72.50
C. M. & S. P.	154.00	Southern Ry	25.62½
De Beers	10.87½	do pref	61.00
D & R G	38.00	South Pacific	122.12½
do pref	84.50	Union Pacific	187.37½
Erie	35.75	do pref	98.00
do 1st pf	51.00	U S Steel	55.37½
do 2d pf	41.00	do pref	115.25
Grand Trunk	21.25	Wabash	19.50
Ill Cent	151.00	do pref	47.50
L & N	124.00	Spanish 4s	94.25
Mo K & T	40.12½	Amal Copper	84.37½

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call firm and higher, 3¾@4 per cent; ruling rate, 3 per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2½ per cent. Time loans much stronger; 60 days, 3¼@3½ per cent; 90 days, 3¼ per cent; six months, 3⅝ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8480@4.8490 for 60-day bills, and at $4.8690 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.84½@4.84¾.

Bar silver, 48⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds heavy.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Bar silver, quiet, 22⅛d per ounce; money, 2@2¼ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝ per cent; the rate of discount in the open market for three-months' bills is 2⅛@2¼ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Silver bars, 48⅝c; Mexican dollars, nominal; drafts, sight, .01; telegraph, .03; sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85¾; sterling on London, sight, $4.87¼.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve, shows:

Available cash balance, $151,650,308.
Gold coin and bullion, $26,134,221.
Gold certificates, $73,767,000.

TURKEY DEMAND IN NORTH

SEATTLE DEALERS STILL HAVE ALASKA ORDERS TO FILL.

Potatoes Are Firmer and an Advance Is Looked For Any Day. Eggs Are Weak.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec 15.—(Special.)—Seattle poultry dealers today put out lists quoting 20 cents for live and 22 cents for dressed turkeys. Stocks of either live or dressed are limited here at present. Several firms have some large outside orders and are in the market for birds to meet these requirements. Southeastern Alaska will require considerable stock yet, although several thousand pounds have already been shipped.

Butter is firm and eggs are weak, few selling above 45 cents. A car of Eastern eggs that arrived here today was found to have been frozen while coming through the mountains.

The potato market is much firmer and an advance is looked for any day. The top price will probably be set at $23 and $24. Warehouse stocks are light here now. Advices from Eastern Washington are that growers will not ship to this market at present prices, but will hold their stock in pits until Spring, if necessary.

The Japanese orange market was weak today. Nothing sold above $1.50, and considerable was sold for less.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Millstuffs—Bran, $29.50@31; middlings, $33.50@35.50.

Vegetables—Garlic, 7@9c; green peas, 6@8c; string beans, 7@12½c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 31c; ceamery seconds, 29c; fancy dairy, 25c; dairy seconds 20c; pickled, 23½c.

Cheese—New, 14@15c; Young America, 16@16½c; Eastern, 17c.

Eggs—Store, 40c; fancy ranch, 44½c; Eastern, 30c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; young, $6@7; broilers, small, $3@4; broilers, large, $4@5; fryers, $5@6; hens, $4@9; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $6@8.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 16@19c; Mountain, 5@8¼c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 7½@9½c; Nevada, 9@14c.

Hay—Wheat, $18@22; wheat and oats, $17@21; alfalfa, $12@15.50; stock, $12@15; straw, per bale, 60@90c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.25@1.35; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.50; Oregon Burbanks, $1.15@1.30; sweets, $1.25@1.50.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.15; common, 40c; bananas, $1@3; limes, $4@5; lemons, choice, $3.25; common, $1; oranges, navels, $1.50@3; pineapples, $2@4.

Receipts—Flour, 5510 sacks; wheat, 70 centals; barley, 7010 centals; oats, 700 centals; beans, 2230 sacks; corn, 20 centals; potatoes, 7330 sacks; bran, 130 sacks; middlings, 80 sacks; hay, 331 tons; wool, 208 bales; hides, 2215.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 9.00	Mont C & C.	.45
Allouez	38.00	Nevada	19.37½
Amalgamated	81.00	Old Dominion	57.00
Ariz Com	38.50	Osceola	13.00
Atlantic	16.50	Parrot	29.00
Butte Coal	26.25	Quincy	94.00
Cal & Ariz	118.00	Shannon	17.00
Cal & Hecla	670.00	Tamarack	18.00
Centennial	34.00	Trinity	17.00
Copper Range	79.25	United Copper	13.25
Daly West	10.00	U. S. Mining	43.75
Franklin	16.50	U. S. Oil	29.00
Granby	18.00	Utah	49.75
Greene Can	11.12½	Victoria	3.25
Isle Royale	22.75	Winona	6.00
Mass Mining	6.25	Wolverine	150.00
Michigan	13.50	North Butte	83.50
Mohawk	68.50		

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Closing quotations:

Alice	225	Leadville Con	5
Brunswick Con.	3	Little Chief	10
Com Tun stock	25	Mexican	82
do bonds	17	Ontario	325
C C & Va	76	Ophir	170
Horn Silver	73	Standard	170
Iron Silver	90	Yellow Jacket	42

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There was a sharp advance in the London tin market, with spot closing at £132 2s 6d, and futures at £133 15s. The local market was quiet, but higher in sympathy with the foreign advance at 29@29.37½c for spot.

Copper closed firm in London, with spot at £62 17s 6d and futures at £63 15s. The local market, however, seemed to be weak in tone and a shade lower on the average. Lake was quoted at 14.25@14.37½c; electrolytic at 14@14.12½c, and casting 13.87½@14c.

Lead was lower at £13 2s 6d in London. The local market was weak at 4.20@4.25c.

Spelter was unchanged at £20 12s 6d in London and remained quiet at 5.10@5.15 locally.

No change was reported in the local iron market.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The coffee futures market closed steady, net unchanged to 10 points lower. Sales were reported of 10,000 bags, including December at 5.10c, January at 5.15c, March at 5.15@5.20c, July at 5.25@5.30c and September at 5.20@5.25c. Spot coffee, quiet. No. 7 Rio, 6½@6⅝c; No. 4 Santos, 7¾@8¼c. Mild coffee, dull. Cordova, 9¼@12½c.

Sugar—Raw, nominal. Fair refining, 3.30@3.36c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.80@3.86c; molasses sugar, 3.05@3.11c. Refined, quiet. Crushed, 5.45c; powdered, 4.85c; granulated, 4.75c.

WHEAT JUMPS CENT

Active Covering by Shorts Sends Prices Up.

RALLY ON CROP REPORT

Government Statistics Raise the Total Yield 6,000,000 Bushels, Which Is Much Less Than Was Expected.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The Government report was made public 15 minutes prior to the close of the session and caused active covering by shorts, enlivening another dull day. Prices rallied sharply as a result of the demand, advancing one cent from the low point of the day. According to the official statistics, the total amount of wheat in the United States is approximately 6,000,000 bushels in excess of the previous estimate, but it had been generally expected that the final estimate would indicate a much larger increase. The market was also bullishly affected by advices from Argentina which claimed that harvest operations were being delayed by wet weather. The market displayed considerable weakness early in the day, owing to declines at all the leading grain markets of Europe and because of favorable weather for the Fall-sown crop of wheat in this country. The close was firm at almost the best figures of the day, with May at $1.05⅛@1.05¼ and July at 97⅝c. There was a fair demand for cash wheat at unchanged prices.

The corn market was firmer the greater part of the day, but the market eased off somewhat late in the session. The close was steady. The Government report indicated an increase of about 25,000,000 bushels in the total crop for 1908, compared with the previous estimate. At the close prices were unchanged to ⅛@¼c lower, compared with the final quotations of yesterday. May closed at 61½c and July at 61⅝@61½c.

Oats were firm early in the day, but weakened as a result of the showing of the Government report, which indicated an increase of 18,000,000 bushels in the total yield for 1908, compared with the previous estimates. Cash oats were ⅛c to ½c lower. The market closed easy with prices ⅛c to ⅜c lower than yesterday's close. Final quotations on May were 52¼c and on July 47⅛c.

Sales by Western packers caused moderate weakness in provisions, but the market closed easy with prices unchanged to 2½c lower. Trade throughout the day, however, was not large.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$.99½	$1.00¾	$.99¼	$1.00¼
May	1.04⅝	1.05⅜	1.04⅜	1.05¼
July	.97⅝	.98	.97	.97⅝
CORN.				
Dec.	.57½	.58	.57½	.57¾
May	.61½	.62	.61⅜	.61¾
July	.61⅝	.62	.61⅝	.61½
OATS.				
Dec.	.50¼	.50⅜	.49⅞	.49⅞
May	.52½	.52¾	.52	.52¼
July	.47⅝	.47⅝	.47	.47¼
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	15.70	15.75	15.67½	15.72½
May	16.07½	16.12½	16.02½	16.07½
LARD.				
Jan.	9.15	9.15	9.12½	9.12½
May	9.40	9.40	9.35	9.37½
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	8.15	8.20	8.15	8.17½
May	8.45	8.50	8.45	8.47½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Quiet and easy.

Wheat—No. 2 Spring, $1.04@1.06; No. 3, 98c@$1.05; No. 2 red, 99¼c@$1.01¼.

Corn—No. 2, 58¼c; No. 2 yellow, 58½@58¾c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 49½@52c.

Rye—No. 2, 74@74½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 58c; fair to choice malting, 60@63½c.

Flax seed—No. 1, $1.45½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1.45⅛.

Timothy seed—Prime, $3.85.

Clover—Contract grades, $9.30.

Short ribs—Sides (loose), $7.87½@8.25.

Pork—Mess, per barrel, $14.50@14.62½.

Lard—Per 100 pounds, $9.12½.

Sides—Short, clear (boxed), $8.27½@8.62½.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	28,800	23,200
Wheat, bu.	61,000	40,700
Corn, bu.	727,200	260,300
Oats, bu.	335,400	229,600
Rye, bu.	5,000	8,400
Barley, bu.	11,900	27,000

Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Flour—Receipts, 51,725 barrels; exports, 115,110 barrels; market quiet and barely steady.

Wheat—Receipts 53,000 bushels; exports, 7,989 bushels. Spot, steady; No. 2 red $1.06⅝@1.07⅛ elevator and $1.08 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth $1.16⅝ f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter $1.13⅝ f. o. b. afloat. Further severe declines were noted in wheat today, based on British cables, liquidation and bear pressure. Rallies occurred at noon on bull support, supplemented near the close by a bullish Government report, last prices being unchanged. December closed at $1.08⅝; May closed at $1.10¼ and July at $1.04¼.

Hops, hides—quiet.

Wool—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Cargoes, dull and inactive on American advices; no buyers. Walla Walla, prompt shipment, 3d lower, at 36s 9d@37s; California, prompt shipment, at 38s.

English country markets, quiet and steady; French country markets, quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Wheat—December, 7s 11d; March, 7s 6⅝d; May, 7s 5⅞d. Weather, fine.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Wheat, steady. Spot quotations: Wheat, shipping, $1.62½@@@1.67½; milling, $1.67½@$1.72½. Barley, feed, $1.40@1.42½; brewing, $1.47@1.52½. Oats, red, $1.57½@2.15; white, $1.65@1.80; black, 2.25@2.60.

Call board sales: Wheat, no trading; barley, May $1.42½@1.42¼ bid. Corn, large yellow, $1.75@1.85.

Wheat at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 15.—Wheat, about 1 cent lower. Milling, bluestem, 99c; export, bluestem, 94c; club, 90c; red, 88c.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The livestock market was steady yesterday, with an active demand for everything good. When the present supply of sheep is out of the way it is considered probable that there may be some advance in prices. Hogs held their own. Cattle were firm for the better grades. Receipts were 78 cattle and 186 hogs.

Local prices current yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4@4.25; medium, $3.75@4; common, $3.25@3.50; cows, best, $3@3.25; medium, $2.75@3; common, $2.25@2.50; calves, $3.50@4.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $4.25@4.50; mixed, sheep and lambs, $4.25@4.50; ewes, $3.75@4; lambs, best trimmed, $4.50@4.75; untrimmed, $4@4.25.

HOGS—Best, $6@6.25; medium, $5.25@5.75; feeders not wanted.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated, 8000; market, steady. Beeves, $3.40@7.65; Westerns, $3.25@5.50; stockers and feeders, $2.60@4.80; cows and heifers, $1.50@5; calves, $6@8.25; Texans, $3.40@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated, 32,000; market steady. Light, $4.90@5.60; mixed, $5.15@5.80; heavy, $5.20@5.80; rough, $5.20@5.40; good to choice heavy, $5.40@5.80; pigs, $3.50@4.80; bulk of sales, $5.30@5.70.

Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; market, weak. Natives, $2.50@4.50; Westerns, $2.50@4.70; yearlings, $4.25@5; lambs, natives, $4.50; Westerns, $4.50@7.50.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 8600; market, 10@15c lower. Western steers, $3.50@6; Texas steers, $3.25@5.00; cows and heifers, $2.50@4.40; canners, $2@2.70; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5.25; calves, $3@6; bulls and stags, $2.25@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 8800; market, steady. Heavy, $5.35@5.60; mixed, $5.30@5.40; light, $5.25@5.50; pigs, $3.25@5; bulk of sales, $5.30@5.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; market, 10@20c lower. Yearlings, $4.75@5.75; wethers, $4@4.50; ewes, $3.25@4.15; lambs, $6@7.15.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000; market, steady. Stockers and feeders, $3@5; bulls, $2.40@4; calves, $3.50@7; Western steers, $3.60@5.50; Western cows, $2.50@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; market, steady. Bulk of sales, $5@5.60; heavy, $5.55@5.75; packers and butchers, $5.30@5.60; light, $5@5.40; pigs, $4@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 8000; market steady. Muttons, $4@5; lambs, $5@7.25; range wethers, $4@6; fed ewes, $2.75@4.50.

BOSTON WOOL TRADE QUIET

BUT PRICES REMAIN FIRM AT RECENT ADVANCE.

Heavy Shipping Movement Toward the Mills—Late Dealings in Territories.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The quietness in the local wool market, after several weeks of intense activity, still obtains, although a few new contracts have been closed. Prices remain very firm, being fully 20 per cent above the lowest for the year. There is great activity among the dealers in shipping the product of the sales, which during the recent boom totaled nearly 75,000,000 pounds. Dealings are confined to territory wool, both combing and clothing, Montana fine staple being held at 22@23c, and Wyoming half-blood at 19@20c. Quotations:

California—Northern, 52@53c; middle country, 43@46c; southern, 37@38c; Fall free, 40@43c.

Oregon—Eastern No. 1 staple, 62@63c; eastern clothing, 48@50c; valley No. 1, 45@48c.

Territory—Fine staple medium, 57@59c; fine clothing, 56@59c; fine medium clothing, 44@52c; half-blood, 54@58c; three-eighths-blood, 52@54c; quarter-blood, 47@49c.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 22@30c; dairies, 21½@25c. Eggs, weak; at mark, cases included, 25@29c; firsts, 30c; prime firsts, 31c. Cheese, strong at 14@15c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Butter, firm; creamery specials, 32@32½c (official price 32c).

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm, unchanged. Western firsts, 32½@33c; seconds, 30@32c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cotton, spot, closed quiet. Middling uplands, 9.10c; middling Gulf, 9.35c; sales, 1300 bales.

Cotton futures closed barely steady. Closing bids: December, 8.86c; January, 8.47c; February, 8.49c; March, 8.55c; April, 8.58c; May, 8.63c; June, 8.61c; July, 8.61c; August, 8.53c; September, 8.40c; October, 8.41c.

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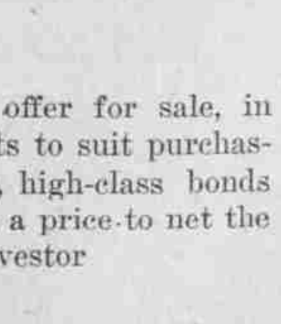

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