ARE BUYING PRUNES

Eastern Demand for Oregon Italians.

INQUIRY MAINLY FOR 40S

Less Interest Shown in California Market - Subsidence of Activity in Hops.

ure of the dried fruit market in the East, e demand, so long awaited, is now making self felt. It is reported that sales have on made of a good many care for shipfrom the state to Eastern markets life and 40s. The demand appears chiefly for the latter size, the proportion of which in this season's crop was relatively small. condition of the spot prune marks

in the Enet the New York Journal of Com-

tallans, which was inclined to drug a while is now brick. East Side Jobbers reportng a very satisfactory business in point of fair jobbing business is being done in Callformia prunes on the spot, but there is little e Coust, and while the statistical situation one at this time, the market seems be unsettled by the efforts of some hold There are no open offer nes, however, on less than a fir f. o. b. bag basis for the five sizes, 50s to 90s, in Sonoma Side basis for Santa Clara fruit, but on a firm offer it is possible that some conces sion might be made on the less desirable The premium of a half to three-quarters of a cent on 40e is maintained, and it is tifficult to find sellers of 30s, either in straight lots or in combination with other

FIRMER FEELING IN WHEAT MARKET. Holders Less Inclined to Sell, With Improvement at Other Points.

war a much better feeling in the market yesterday in consequence of the improvement in the East and abroad, and colders were less inclined to part with their seles at the prices lately offered. The Merchante' Exchange's London cubics quoted Walla Walla cargoes quiet but firmer at 37s, and December options at Liverpool closed %d higher than the last prices of the previous May and July wheat made good gains

quoted strong, with offerings on a small scale. The hay market was about steady. The following bid and asked prices wer wried at the Board of Trade: WHEAT.

Anked. .92 .9214 -9116 -9176 OATS. 1.62% BARLEY.

HOP BUYING COMES TO A STOP. Klaber, Wolf & Netter Withdraw From the Market.

The hop market flattened out completely y, so far as activity was orn-Klaber, Wolf & Notier withdrew from the market and made no purchases during the day, nor was any buying announced by other Portland dealers. It was reported that Kola Neis secured the Hedges & Davidson lot at Independence for shipment to London at a contract the shipment to London at 6 cents advance, and it was also said that H. L. Bents

and it was also said that it. It. Hents was in the market with offers.

The recent buying flurry hos had the effect of stiffening the growers considerably. There are fewer hope offered on the market now than had week and holders repressly despited. generally demand better prices. That is the reason for the commation curing and bears out the assumption that the late operations were for speculative ac-

Recent Hop Deals at Gervals.

GERVAIS, Or., Dec 16-(Special) -There have been a number of hop sales here the past few days. John Mills sold 125 bales to Henry L. Beuts at 64c. Joseph Bubens sold to Ed. C. Herren & Co. at 5%c. M. J. Kappinger sold 85 bales to Kola Nels at Sc. There is more of a disposition among growers to sell than has been manifest for some time past, owing the pressure of demands for settlement

CHICKENS WEAK AT LOWER PRICES. Receipts Large and Demand Light-Other Poultry Moves Well,

The chicken market was rather demoral ized sesteritay. Receipts were large and at the same time buying was lighter than usual, the large retailers practically being out of the market. As a result prices of hens and mixed chickens were lower. The demand for springs, especially small ones, continued good. Ducks, geers and tur-

The egg market was weak. A few dealers still quoted 42%c, but the general quotation on the street was 400 41c for Oregon ranch, with some small sales reported under prices have checked consumption. The butter market was quoted steady to firm at last prices. Cheese was firm, with a good demand.

keys sold readily.

Japanese Oranges Due Today.

Two shipments of Japaness eranges are due today and will be offered at 75c per box, an advance of 10c over the price of in good demand at firm prices. Bananas

of all kinds. Firm prices are quoted on everything brought up from California.

Bank Clearings. Charings of the Northwestern cities yester day were as follows: ray were as follows:

Clearings Balances.

Portland \$1,287,295 \$158,739

Resitle 1,540,865 155,292

Tacoma 796,404 45,368

Spokane - 1,296,014 99,368

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. Grain, Flour, Feed, Ric.
WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestern, 96@
Proc cinb, 90@97c; nfa, DORWic; red Russian,
SSC; 80-fold, Ster Valley, Ste.
Haring—Producers prices: Peed, \$27 per
ton, becwing, \$28.
FLOUR — Parents, 45 per barrel;
straights, \$4.05; exports, \$3.00; Valley, \$4.65;
13-8.68 graham, \$4.00, whole wheat, \$4.65,
17-6, 5.50
OATS—Producers prices; No. 1 white

country, \$25.50; middlings, \$32; shorts, country, \$28.629; city, \$29; chop, \$26.625; rolled barley, \$25.625.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, \$14. per ion; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16.506 17; clover, \$12; alfalfa, \$12.612; grain hay, \$12.613.

Groceries, Dried Fruit, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples The per pound; peaches, light her peunes, its lians, 546 her prunes, Its lians, 546 her prunes, French, Baber currants, unwashed, cases, 50c; dars, while, fancy, 50-pound boxes, 55c; dates, 160; per pound.

RICE—Southern Japan, 45c; head, 550 61d. COFFEE Mocha, 2:4225c; Java. ordinary. 17620c; Costa Riva, fancy, 18620c; good, 18 618c; ordinary, 125,16c per pound.

SALMON-Columbia River, 1-pound talls, 82 per dozen; 2-pound talls, \$2.95; 1-pound faits, \$2.10. Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, \$6c; red, 1-pound talls, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, \$2.85; [Columbia Sec. NIGAR Granulated, \$5.85; extra C, \$5.45;

red. 1-pound tails, \$1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound tails, \$2.
SUGAR—Granulated, \$5.05; extra C, \$5.45; golden C, \$5.35; fruit and berry sugar, \$5.05; fals bag, \$6.75; best granulated, \$5.75; cabes (barrels), \$6.35; powdered (barrels), \$6.35; powdered (barrels), \$6.35; powdered (barrels), \$6.36; powdered (barrels), \$6.30; Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct to per pound; if later than 15 days deduct to per pound. Maple sugar, 150; \$150 per pound. NUTB—Walmuls, 140; \$150 per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 150; filberts, 150; pocans, 160; almonds, 136;14c; chesthuts, Italian, 11c; peanuls, raw, 6%;6%; per pound; reasted, 10c; pinenues, 10c;12c; hickory nuts, 10c; coccanuts, 20c per dosen, \$14.50 per ton, \$2 per bale; half ground, 100s, \$10 per ton; 50s, \$10.50 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 5.55c; large white, 4%;c; Lima, 5%;c; pink, 3%;c; bayou, 3%;c; Mexicars red, 4%;c.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS Apples, 60c@\$2.50 box; pears, 8161.75 per box; grapes, 65c@\$1.50 per crate; quinces, \$161.25 per box; cranburries, \$12.5091.50 per barrel; Spanish Malaga grapes, \$7.5095 per barrel; huckleberries, 10615c per pound; persimmons, \$1.61.25

@1.25.
POTATOES—Boying price, Sogoto per hundred; sweet potatoes, 282% c per ib.
THOPICAL PRUITS—Oranges, navels, 82.25 g3 per box; Japanese, 75c per box; lemons, fancy, 34.50% per box; choice, \$2.5064; standard, \$2.75 per box; grapefruit, \$4.50% per pound; pomegranates, \$1.5002 per box; pinespples, 35.95. per dozen; tangerines, \$1.55 per box; processing per box; per box; processing per box; per box; processing per box; p

bineapples. \$3.93.75 per dozen; tangerines, \$1.55 per box.
ONIONS-\$161.25 per 100 lbs.
ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, \$1.25; bests, \$1.55; bests, \$1

Dairy and Country Produce, BUTTER—City creamery, extras, 16@27c; fancy outside creamery, 324@35c jet pound; store, 18@20c.
EUGB—Oregon ranch, 40@421/c; Eastern, 30 gulo per dozon. POULTRY—Hens, li@il½c per pound; Spring, large, ll½gilo; small, li@ilo; mixed, llc; ducks, lbc; geese, l9@il0½c; turkeys, lf@il½c; dressed turkeys, 10@

CHEESE Pancy cream twins, 151/2c per sund; full cream triplets, 151/2c; full cream CHEESE FARCY Cream property, 15 ye; full cream young America, 16 ye. VEAL Farra, 96 10c per pound; ordinary, 78 c; heavy, 5c. PORK Farcy, 7 ye per pound; large 6 1/4 7c.

Hops, Wooi, Hides, Etc. HoPs-1908, 5965;c; 1907, 2945;c; 1906, 191 bc. WOOL-Elastern Oregon, average best, 10 Olde per pound, according to abrinkage; Val-

Gi4e per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 153:16c.

MOHAIR—Choles, 18c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 156:15c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 13c pound; dry callakin, 16c pound; saited hides, #98c pound; saited callakin, 18d; pound; saited hides, #98c pound; saited callakin, 12d; 18d pound; green, ic less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Angora gont, \$1 to \$12; bear, brown, \$6 to \$9; bear, blacq, \$8 to \$12; bear, brown, \$6 to \$9; bear, clanamon, \$6 to \$1, bear, grizziy, \$13; to \$20 beaver, \$4.50; to \$8.50; cat, wild, bee to \$1; cougar, perfect bead and claws, \$3 to \$10; fisher, dark, \$7.50; to \$1; fisher, pale, \$4.5 0to \$1; fox, cross, \$3 to \$3; fox, gray, 60c to 80c; fox, red, \$2.25; to \$4; fox, silver, \$35 to \$100; iynx, \$48 to \$12; marten, dark, \$5 to \$12; mink, \$2.70 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to 60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to 60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to 60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$100 to \$1.50; macroon, \$5c to \$60c; sea otter, \$5c to \$60c 1.10; molverine, dark, \$3 to \$5; welverine, ale, \$2 to \$2.50. CASCARA BARK—Small lots, 5c; carlots,

BACON Fancy, 21% o per pound; stand-rd, 18c; choice, 17c; English, 16@16%; BACON-FRECY, 123c per pounds and less choice, 17c; English, 10016 Sc; strips, 13c.

BHY SALIT CURED-Regular short clears, dry salt, 12c; smoked, 13c; short clear backs, heavy, dry salted, 12c; smoked, 14c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 13c; smoked, 14c; Oregon exports, dry salt, 13c; smoked, 14c; HAMS-16 to 13 lbc, 14bc; 14 to 16 lbc, 14bc; 18 to 20 lbs, 14bc; hams, skinned, 14bc; picnics, 15c; cottage roll, 11c; shoulders, 11c; boiled hams, 20020bc; boiled vicinic 17c.

Fresh Fish and Shell Fish.

PISH Hallbut, Te lb.; black cod, 768c; black bass, 19c; striped bass, 18c; herring, black bass, 10c; striped bass, 18c; herring, 54c; floutsders, 8c; catflect, 8c; shring, 124c; see trout, 124c; perch, 6c; sturgeon, 124c; see trout, 18c; tom cod, 8c; salmon, 84c; smeit, 8c. OYSTERS—Shoaiwater Hay, per gallon, \$2.25; per sack, \$4.50; Toke Point, \$1.60 per 100; Olympia (130 ibs.), \$6; Olympia, per gallon, \$2.25.

CLAMS—Little neck, per box, \$2.50; raser clams, \$2 per box. range clams, \$2 per box.

Lumber.

ROUGH—Dimensions. Ix4 to 14x14 to 32 feet. \$10; 24 to 40, \$11; 42 to 50, \$13; 52 to 60, \$17; 1x8 to 1x12 rough, \$11; 1x4 com. sis. \$10; 1x8 com. sis. \$11; cuth. 1x6 and wider, sis. \$1; cuth. 1x6, xis. \$6; cuth. 2x4 to Ix12 sised, \$47; ship lap, com., \$12; cedar, com. \$13.

PIDORING—1x4 No. 1 V. G., \$30, No. 2 V. G., \$28, No. 3, \$18, No. 2 siash, \$18; 1x0 siash, \$18; 1x4 sinch flooring, \$4 extra. RUSTIC—1x6 and 1x8 No. 1, \$25; No. 2 V or cham, \$18; No. 2 special pattern, \$20; No. 3, all patterns, \$14.

CEHLING—1x4 and 1x6 No. 1, \$25; No. 2, \$25; No. 3, \$15.

LATH—1½-inch, \$2; 1½-inch, \$1.75.

MOULDINGS—2 inches wide and under, per linear foot, bec; over 2 inches in width, per linear foot, each inch in width, \$c. DOOR JAMBS—Up to 12-inch, No. 1, \$32; No. 2, \$12; No. 3, \$12; ix1, No. 2, \$18; No. 3, \$12; ix4-inch, No. 1, \$32; No. 2, \$12; ix-inch, No. 2, \$18; No. 3, \$12; ix-inch, \$12; No. 3, \$12;

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO. Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The follow-ing prices were quoted in the produce mar-ket today: Milistuffs—Bran. \$29.50931, middlings. Vegetables—Garlic, 769c; green peas, 660c; string beans, 76125c; tomatoes, 75c

Vegetables—Garlie, 7@9c; green peas, 6@9c; string beans, 7@125c; tomatoes, 75c 881.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 33c; creamery seconds, 25c; fancy dairy, 25c; dairy seconds, 25c; pickled, 233c.
Cheese—New, 14% 6/15c; Young America, 16@16/1c; Eastern, 17c.
Engs—Store, 42c; fancy ranch, 46c; Eastern, 30c.
Poulity—Hoosters, old, 54@4.50; young, 36@7; broifers, small, 53@4; broifers, large, 14@5; fryers, 25@6; hens, 24@9; ducks, and 44@5; young, 36@8.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendectio, 16@16c; Mountain, 5@84c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 74@95; Nevada, 9@16c.
Hav—Whest, \$12@21; wheat and oats, 517@21; affalfa, 812@15.56; stock, \$12@15; straw, per baie, 60@6c.
Polatoes—Early Rose, \$1.25@1.56; South San Joaquin, 5@84c.
Potatoes—Early Rose, \$1.25@1.56; Creno Burbanks, 81.15@1.30; sweets, \$1.25@1.56; Prints—Apples, choice, \$1.15; common, 40c; banaras, \$1@5; limes, \$4@5; lemons, 40c; banaras, \$1.50.5; limes, \$4.95; lemons, 40c; banaras, \$1.50.5; limes, \$1.50.5; potates; brider, 40d0 centale; oats, 100 centale; beans, 745 sacks; corn, 375 centale; potatees, \$460 sacks; bran, 350 sacks; middings, 310 sacks; has, 170 tons; wool, 207 bales; hidos, 1170.

Weel at St. Louis.

13- sack graham, \$4.40; whole wheat, \$4.65; 13-6, 5.50. Producers prices: No. 1 white, 2015-Producers prices: No. 1 white, 2015-Producers

Improvement in Prices Is the Result.

COVER SHORT CONTRACTS

Diminished Resources of the Money Market Still Restrict Speculation. Placing of Pennsylvania's Steel Rail Order.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-There was con NEW YORK. Dec. 16.—There was considerable repurchasing of stocks today, more generally, by those who had sold yesterday and the day before. A recovery in prices was the consequence. The market, however, centinued narrow and professional, much of the buying being attributed to the covering of short contracts put out during the previous selling. The upward movement was encouraged by some of the events of the day.

The speculation is still restricted by the diminished resources of the money market and the situation in that respect remained the principal subject of consideration. The position has not reached that of stringency. such as forces out speculative share-hold-ings by calling of loans, but available re-sources are required for other purposes than speculation to an extent that limits the perations to sustain an advance in pri n a scale that has proved effective all brough the year's rise. The level of inthrough the year's rise. The level of in-terest rates, both on call and on time, has now reached a higher figure than at any time since January last, when conditions in the New York market returned to normal for the first time after the panic and the premium on currency first disappeared. The present condition causes sufficient tightness in the money market to remove the arti-ficial stimulus to speculation which grew out of the bulky action of idle funds in bank out of the bulky action of idle funds in bank reserves. Artificial support of prices, there-fore, becomes more expensive and more hazardous. The large requirements which confront the money market for other pur-poses than stock market operations make it likely that advancing interest rates will con-tinue until the end of the year. This is the main factor in restricting activity in the stock market.

stock market.

The local allotment of the Brazilian coffee loan was so largely subscribed that the lists were closed as soon as opened. The international exchanges were held away from the point of profit on further ship-ments of gold to Paris and the maintenance of higher money rates here seems sufficient to check this movement. It is believed that any severe rise in money rates would bring finance bills into the exchange market. The official announcement of the placing of the year's orders for steel rails by the Pennsylvania Railroad was an important event, owing to the long discussion that has gone on between the parties over the specifications in the contract. f this settlement has been given as a m companies and this was supposed to have some connection with this expectation. The rumor was revived, also, of the coming retirement of Reading second preferred stock by exchange into common and first preferred stock in equal proportions. The projected increase in the common dividend was also have deal of the technique of the declaration of columbia. hinted at, but the declaration of only the regular dividend did not seem to weaken the stock. The declaration of the regular dividends on the various Vanderbilt Rail-road stocks seemed to be of helpful effect other action has been heard for a long

was the almost complete idleness of the trading in the intervals between the spurts of active buying. These idle periods allowed prices to sug back from neglect, so that the day's gains are small outside of exceptional

tered declined % per cent on call.

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West Electric 2,200 80½ 55%
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Total sales for the day 705,000 shares.

BONDS. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Closing quotations U. S. ref. 2s reg.103 | N T C G 51/2... 95

do coupon... 104 North Pacific 3s. 73% U. S. 3s reg. 100% North Pacific 4s. 103% de coupon... 100% South Pacific 4s. 103% do coupon... 121 Union Pacific 4s. 103% de coupon... 121 Wrecon Cent 4s. 80% Atchison add 4s. 22% D & R G 4s... 99

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Amal Copper, 82.00

Money Exchange, Etc. Money Exchange, Fite.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Money on call firm, 2% 93% per cent; ruling rate, 3% per cent; closing bid, 2 per cent; offered at 3% per cent. Time loans firm; 80 days and 30 days, 3% 93% per cent; six months, 3% 94 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 494% per cent. ness in bankers' bills at \$4.8475@4.8485 for 66-day bills, and at \$4.8685 for demand. Commercial bills, \$4.84%@4.84%.

Bar silver—48%c.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Government bonds easy; railroad bends ir-

LONDON, Dec. 16.-Bar silver-Quiet, 22 5-18d per ounce.

Money-2% per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2% per cent; three months bills, 2% 92% per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 .- Silver bars-Mexican dollars—Nominal.

Drafts—Sight, par; telegraph, 2½c.

Sterling—50 days, \$4.84%; sight, \$4.86%.

Daily Treasury Statement. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Today's statement of the Treasury follows:
Available cash balance. \$153,118,907
Gold coin and buillen. 26,022,594
Gold certificates. 62,701,140

SEATTLE MARKET RELIEVED OF ITS SURPLUS.

Prices Stiffen Up in Anticipation of a Scarcity-Eastern Turkeys Coming.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16. (Special.)—The egg harket was firmer today. The strength of the market was due to the fact that 150 cases of fresh eggs were shipped this morning to Southeastern Alaxica. This shipment took about all the surplus eggs. In sight and prices stiffened up in anticipation of a scarcity for the next few days. Dealers had no difficulty in obtaining 45 cents today and a fow sales were even reported at 47 cents.

Turkeys were steady. One report was circulated on the street that 15 cars of dressed Eastern stock are on the way. West. The report could not be confirmed, however, although it is generally conceded that some Eastern stock will be sold here. A shipment of 100 tarrels of cranberries reached here today, but it was found that a large per cent of the stock was frozen in transit, necessitating rehandling.

Wheat receipts are heavier, but trading is still restricted on the Exchange. Seattle millers are securing large orders from Mexico, tariff concessions recently having been made by the Maxican government.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

Livestock receipts yesterday were the heaviest of the week, but the demand proved good and prices were steady all slong the line. The quality of yesterday's arrivals in the main was fair to good. Some prime stuff was brought in and some that graded poor. The strongest inquiry was for stock of the best quality, this being particularly the case with the cattle wanted. Receipts for the day were 52 cattle, 950 sheep and lambs and 250 hogs.

Local prices current yesterday were as follows:

SHEEP—Best wethers, \$4.25@4.50; mixed, sheep and lambs, \$4.25@4.50; ewes, \$3.75@4; iambs, best trimmed, \$4.50@4.75; untrimmed, \$4.64.25; HOGS—Best, \$6.6.25; medium, \$5.25@5.75; feeders not wanted. Eastern Livestock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 8000; market, steady. Stockers and feeders, \$365.35; bulls, \$2.0094.25; caives, \$467; Western steers, \$3.7500.40; Western cows, \$2.0094.50.
Hogs—Receipts, 20,000 market, \$5610c lower. Bulk of sales, \$565.60; heavy, \$5.50 g5.70; packers and butchers, \$5.2065.50; light, \$565.50; pigs, \$4.2565.
Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market, 10c lower, Muttons, \$464.85; lambs, \$567.15; range wethers, \$3.8065.90; fed ewes, \$2.7564.40.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 24,000; market, steady to 10c lower. Beeves. \$3.4067.60; Texans. \$3.4063.50; stockers and feeders. \$2.6064.70; cows and heiters, \$1.5064.00; caives \$058.50.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated. 46,000; market, \$610c lower. Light, \$4.8065.55; mixed, \$5.10.65; good to choice heavy, \$5.3565.76; pigs. \$3.964.70; bulk of sales, \$5.2063.66.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated. 60,000; market, steady to 10c lower. Natives, \$2.5064.70; types, \$2.5064.70; western, \$2.5064.70; rearlings, \$4.2064.90; lambs. \$4.5067.40; Western, \$4.5067.40.

	Ining Stocks. Closing quotations: Mohawk 70.00 Mont C & C 45 Nervada 19.25 Did Dominion 57.50 Discoola 130.00 Parrot 29.25 Shannon 17.87 Famarack 81.00 Frinity 17.00 United Copper 13.50 U S Mining 41.75 U S Oll 29.00 Utah 45.00 Victoria 337 Winona 6.25 North Butte. 84.00
NEW YORK, Dec.	16Closing quotations

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Horn Silver. 75 Standard
Iron Silver. 90 Yellow Jacket. Coffee and Sugar,

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Coffee—Futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower; sales were reported of 27,220 bags, including December, 5.05@5.10c; January, 5.05@5.10c; March, 5.10c; May, 5.15c; July, 5.20c; September, 5.20c,5.25c. Spot coffee, quiet; No. 7 Rio. 64,65%c; No. 4 Santoz, 74,68%c; mild coffee, dull; Cordova, 94,67,12%c. 12 to ...

Sugar -- Raw, etcady; fair refining, 3.25c; centrifugal, 95 test, 3.77c; molasses sugar, 3.02c. Refined, quiet; crushed, 5.45c; powdered, 4.85c; granulated, 4.75c.

Dairy Produce in the East CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 22@30c; dairies, 21%@25c.
Eggs—Weak; at mark cases included 24@27%c; firsts, 27c; prime firsts, 29c.
Cheese—Firm, 14@15c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Butter-Steady, Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Unsettled Western firsts, 2149

Size: seconds, 22221c.

The murder was committed in the

Wheat Advances Gradually at Chicago.

BUT MARKET IS NERVOUS

Improvement in the Flour Trade Is the Principal Cause of Its Strength-Foreign Markets Also Better.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The wheat market was a nervous and narrow affair, with prices gradually working to a higher level, the top point of the day being reached late in the session. The close was strong at almost the highest point, final quotations on May being at \$1.05% and on July 98% \$98%. The market was strengthened early in the day by a report of liberal sales of flour over night at St. Louis, but this report was later denied. A report from Kaness City, claiming that millers were active bidders for each wheat in Missouri and Southern Illinois, was largely responsible for the late firmness. The strength of foreign grain markets was an additional buillish influence. Commission houses and local shorts were the principal dditional builtsh influence. Commission houses and local shorts were the principal buyers throughout the day and selling was

scattered. Corn was firm early in the day, May closed at 62%c and July at 61% 61%c. Cash corn was steady to %c lower. The oats market was easy, with prices unchanged to %c lower compared with the recommendation of the steady o provious close. Final quotations on May were at 52% \$52% c, and on July 47% c. Provisions were weak all day. Prices at the close were a shade to 7% c below yesterday's final prices. The leading futures ranged as follows: WHEAT.

Open. High.

Doc. ...\$1.00% \$1.01%

May1.05% 1.06%

July98 .98% CORN. OATS. Dec. 49% May 52% July 47% MESS PORK Jan.15,60 15.65 May16.05 15.57% 15.65 15.92% 16.02% LARD Jan. 9.10 5.12\(\frac{1}{2}\) 9.10 May 9.55 9.30 SHORT RIBS.

Jan. 8.15 8.15 8.12 8.12 May 8.42 S. 8.48 8.49 8.45 Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Steady. Wheat—No. 2 Spring, \$1.05@1.07; No. 2, 95c@\$1.06; No. 2 red, \$1.004@1.024 Corn—No. 2, 574@57½c; No. 2 rellow, 551&@554@5 Corn-No. 2, 574 @57½c; No. 2 yellow, 18½ @55½c.
Cats-No. 3, 51c; No. 3 white, 49½ @52c.
Rye-No. 2, 74@74½c.
Barley-Good feeding, 57½ @58c; fair to choice maiting, 60@52c.
Flax seed-No. 1 Northwestern, \$1.45.
Timothy seed-Prime, \$3.85.
Clover-Contract grades, \$9.39.
Short ribs-Sides (loose), \$7.75@8.12½.
Pork-Mess, per barrel, \$14.50@14.52½.
Lard-Per 109 pounds, \$9.10@5.12½.
Sides-Short, clear (boxeds, \$8.57½ @

Grain and Produce at New York NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Flour—Receipts, 46,484 bbls.; exports, 47,400 bbls; market, steady. wheat—Receipts, 100,000 bu; exports, 363,203 bu; spot market, strong; No. 2 red, \$1.07%, elevator, and \$1.09% f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.18%, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Winter, \$1.15%, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Winter, \$1.15%, f. o. b. afloat; Return of bull sentiment and less confident hear operations as a result of yesierday's Government report were the chief features in today's sharp wheat advance. There was also good bull support at times and a better cash demand. Final prices showed I cont net rise. December closed at \$1.09%; May closed at \$1.11%, and July closed at \$1.05. Hops and Hides—Quiet. Wheat-Receipts, 100,000 bu; exports

Grain at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.-Wheat-Barley-Steady.

Spot quotations— Wheat—Shipping, \$1.62%@1.67%; milling, \$1.57%@1.72%. Barley—Feed, \$1.40@1.42%; browing. \$1.42 to \$1.52 to. Oats—Red. \$1.57 to \$2.10; white, \$1.65@ 1.80; black, \$2.25@2.60.

Wheat-\$1.70a @ 1.67b. Barley-December, \$1.42@1.42%; May, Corn-Large yellow, \$1.75@1.85.

Eureopean Grain Markets. LONDON, Dec. 16,—Cargoes firmer, but uyers indifferent. Walla Walla, prompt blument, at 37s; California, prompt shipent, at 37s; California, prompt ship LIVERPOOL, Dec. 16 .- Wheat-De

7s 11%d; March, 7s 7%d; May, 7s 6%d. Weather, damp. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 16.—Wheat—Milling, bluestem, 98c; export, bluestem, 94c; Diseases of Men

Dried Fruit at New York, NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Evaporated ap-les—The market is quiet, but steady, with ancy quoted at 84 69 5c; choice, 74 68c; rime, 64 67c; old crop. 46 6c, according prime. 6% @7c; old crop. 4@6c, according to grade.

Prunes—In moderate jobbing demand, with quotations ranging from 4%c to 7%c for new crop California up to 40-50s and 6% @7%c for Oregon 50-30s.

Apricots—Continue firm, with choice quoted at 9% @9%c; extra choice, 19c, and favcy, 11% @12c.

Pesches—Quiet, but firm, with choice quoted at 7%7%c; extra choice, 7% @8c. and fancy, 8% @11c.

Raisins—Unectiled, with loose Muscatels quoted at 5% @6%c, and choice to fancy seeded at 6% 7%c; seedless, 4% @6c; London layers, \$1.50 @1.60. Metal Markets.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Tin—The epot market was lower at \$132 in London; futures were unchanged at \$132 in London; futures were unchanged at \$125.00 29.10.

Coppor—The London market was quiet and lower, with spot quoted at \$25.00 29.10.

Coppor—The London market was quiet and lower, with spot quoted at \$142.7s and futures at \$43.5s. The local market was unchanged, with lake quoted at \$14.25%; and casting, \$13.87% \$14.00.

Lead—Unchanged at \$4.20@4.25 in the local market, but was a shade higher in London with spot quoted at \$13.3s 3d.

Spelier—A little higher at \$20.15s in the London market, but remained quiet at \$5.10 \$5.15 locally.

Iron—No change was reported in the local market. New York Cotton Market.

New York Octon Market.

NEW YORK Dec. 16.—Cotton—Futures opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 points and closed steady, not unchanged to 7 points lower, active months being generally 3898 points lower. Closing bids: December, 8.81c; January, 8.1c; February, 8.22c; March, 8.49c; April, 8.35c; May, 8.58c; June, 8.58c; July, 8.57c; August, 8.49c; September, 8.40c; October, 8.41c.

Flaxseed at Minneapolis. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16.-Fiax closed at

Hargis Placed on Trial.

IRVINE, Ky., Dec. 15.—The trial of Beach Hargis, charged with the murder last February at Jackson, Ky., of his father, was called here today.

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Orders 135,000 Tons of Rails. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16 .- The Penn sylvania Railroad Company's steel rail order for 1908, which calls for 135,000 tons of rails, was announced today. The order has been distributed between the Illinois, Cambria, Pennsylvania, Lackawanna and Bethlehem steel companies, the Illinois receiving the largest order, 62,500 tons.

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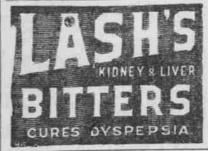
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