HOLIDAY SEASON ON

Quiet Period of Year in Most Jobbing Lines.

GRAIN AND HOPS SLOW

Green Produce Moves Off Freely. Front-Street Poultry Trade Is Not What It Used to Be.

With the Christmas season at hand the markets have all taken on a holiday appearance. Business has stacked up in most produce and merchandise lines and no important developments are expected until the holidays are over.

Dullness nearly always prevails in the grain trade at this time of year and the present season is no exception. The domestic inquiry is light and there is naturally no foreign interest in the trade. Similar conditions prevail in the hop market. In the wholesale grocery trade, business is seasonably quiet. The traveling men are all in and stock-taking requires more attention than anything else.

The feature of the produce market up to the close of business yesterday was the poultry trade. So far as Front street is concerned, the Christmas turkey season was not an entire success. A few of the dealers did a good business, but the majority of them did little compared with former years. Conditions are rapidly changing in the poultry trade and Front street is becoming less of a factor in this respect.

There was much activity in the fruit and vegetable line and stocks were depleted by the late but heavy city demand for all seasonable varieties.

WHEAT IS STEADY AND QUIET.

Foreign Markets Are Dull—Oats Firm with Sales at Full Prices.

There is very little doing in the wheat market, prices holding steady. Yesterday's cables were of dull foreign markets, while the East was firmer.

Barley was steady and oats quite strong in the local market. At the Merchants' Exchange, 100 tons of oats were sold at $32.50 trade and there was a sale of a car of oats at the Board of Trade at $32 trade. Two cars of bran were sold at the Board at $25.50 and one car at $26. The following bid and asked prices were posted at the Board:

WHEAT.	Bid	Asked
December	$ .91½	$ .92
January	.91⅝	.92½
OATS.		
December	1.60	1.62½
January	1.62½	1.65⅝
BARLEY.		
December	137½	1.40
January	1.40	1.42½

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

	Wheat	Flour	Barley	Oats	Hay
Dec. 19-23	68	7	2	2	11
Dec. 21	42	7	2	1	6
Dec. 22	53	7	1	0	5
Total last week	210	50	42	14	43

TURKEYS FIRM UP TO NOON.

Later in the Day Prices Are Shaded to Clean Up.

Yesterday saw the windup of the Christmas turkey market. Receipts were fairly large and there was active buying in the forenoon at firm prices, most of the business being at 24 and 25 cents. What was left unsold after noon was harder to move, and late in the day some very good birds were offered as low as 23 cents. Some stock was carried over, but will probably be worked off today. The market for live poultry was quiet, ducks only being in demand.

There was no further change in the egg situation. Some dealers felt weak because of the lighter demand, but this was to be expected, as the retailers supplied their holiday wants early in the week and a better inquiry can be expected in a few days.

Butter prices were unchanged. Supplies are not cleaning up as well as some of the creamerymen would like.

HOPS IN HANDS OF FARMERS.

Seventeen Thousand Bales Are Unsold in Oregon.

The hop dealers of Portland and Salem have compiled a list of the hops remaining in growers' hands, which show a total of 27,000 bales. On this basis an estimate of the crop is made of from 85,000 to 90,000 bales.

The market was quiet yesterday, so far as the local trade was concerned. Reports from Independence were that F. W. Durbin, of Salem, and T. A. Riggs, of Dallas, were in the market for hops of that section.

LARGE BUSINESS IN ORANGES.

Fruits and Vegetables of All Kinds Move Well.

A large volume of business was done in fruits and vegetables and stocks in some lines were sharply reduced. Oranges enjoyed the best demand for fruits and sold at firm prices for all sizes. Two cars arrived during the day. Apples sold very well, the inquiry for the better grades showing some improvement.

Celery was very active at the recent advance and small truck of all kinds cleaned up well at firm prices. A car each of celery and sweet potatoes were received.

MORE INTEREST NOW IN MOHAIR.

Better Outlook for Business in Finished Material.

After a long wait the mohair market in the East is showing life and the speculators who bought up the Oregon clip last Spring will now find a chance to market their holdings, if they have not already done so. The latest issue of the Boston Commercial Bulletin says of mohair in that market:

Interest in domestic mohair still continues moderately, as consumers are steadily becoming more favorably impressed with the outlook for business in the finished material. Domestic carding, of good quality is worth up to 25 cents, and for combing as high as 28 cents rules. Foreign hair remains steady in price, but with only a very moderate call.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$ 849,577	$152,568
Seattle	1,557,101	208,635
Tacoma	813,287	62,747
Spokane	1,059,773	114,181

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

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

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 97c; club, 90@91c; hfe, 91c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 93c; Valley, 91c.

FLOUR — Patents, $5 per barrel; straights, $4.65; 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@32 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $26.50 per ton; country, $25.50; middlings, $33; shorts, country, $28@29; city, $30; chop, $26@35; rolled barley, $28@29.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, $16.50@17; clover, $13; alfalfa, $12@13; 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, 7¼@7½c per pound.

RICE—Southern Japan, 4¾c; head, 5¾@6½c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12¾@16c 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; Main 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, 18@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 6¾@8½c per pound; roasted, 10c; chestnuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

SALT—Granulated, $14.50 per ton, $2 per bale; half ground, 100s, $16 per ton; 50s, $16.50 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 5.35c; large white, 4¾c; Lima, 5½c; pink, 3½c; bayou, 3¾c; Mexican red, 4¾c.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$2.75 box; pears, $1@1.75 per box; quinces, $1@1.25 per box; cranberries, $14.50@15 per barrel; Spanish Malaga grapes, $7.50@8 per barrel; persimmons, $1@1.25.

POTATOES—Buying price, 80@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2@2¼c per lb.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2@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, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.50; horseradish, $8@10c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.25 doz.; beans, 20c per pound; cabbage, 1½@1¾c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1 per dozen; celery, $4@4.50 per crate; cucumbers, $2@2.50 box; eggplant, 11c per pound; lettuce, 75c@$1 per box; parsley, 30c per dozen; peas, 15c per pound; peppers, 15@20c per pound; pumpkins, 1@1¼c per pound; radishes, 30c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 1@1½c 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@41c; Easterns, 30@35c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 11c per pound; Spring, large, 10½@11c; small, 13@13½c; mixed, 10½c; ducks, 16@17c; geese, 11c; turkeys, 18@20c; dressed turkeys, 20@23c.

CHEESE—Fancy cream twins, 15½@16c per pound; full cream triplets, 15½@16c; full cream Young America, 16½@17c.

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

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

MUTTON—5@6c per pound.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1908, choice, 7@7½c per pound; good prime, 6@6½c; fair prime, 5½@6c; medium, 5@5½c; 1907, 2@2½c; 1906, 1@1½c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 15@16½c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 18@19c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 15@16c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 12@14c pound; dry calfskin, 17@17c pound; salted hides, heavy, 8½@9c; light and cows, 8@8½c; salted calfskin, 12@12½c pound; green, 1c less.

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

CASCARA BARK—Small lots, 4½c; carlots, 5½c 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., 14½c; 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, 11½c; tubs, 13½c; 50s, 13½c; 20s, 13¾c; 10s, 14c; 5s, 14¼c; 3s, 14½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12¼c; tubs, 12½c; 50s, 12½c; 20s, 12¾c; 10s, 13c; 5s 13¼c; 3s, 13½c. Compound: Tierces, 8c; tubs, 8¼c; 50s, 8¼c; 20s, 8¾c; 10s, 8¾c; 5s, 8¾c.

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.

Fresh Fish and Shell Fish.

FISH—Halibut, 7c lb.; black cod, 7@8c; black bass, 20c; striped bass, 15c; herring, 5½c; flounders, 6c; catfish, 9c; shrimp, 12½c; perch, 6c; sturgeon, 12½c; sea trout, 15c; tom cod, 8c; salmon, 15c; smelt, 6c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.25; per sack, $4.50; Toke Point, $1.60 per 100; Olympia (120 lbs.), $6; Olympia, per gallon, $2.25.

CLAMS—Little neck, per box, $2.50; razor clams, $2 per box.

Lumber.

ROUGH—Dimensions, 2x4 to 14x14 to 33 feet, $10; 2x4 to 40, $11; 42 to 50, $13; 52 to 60, $17; 1x8 to 1x12 rough, $11; 1x4 com. sis., $10; 1x8 com. sis., $11 cull, 1x6 and wider, sis., $7; cull, 1x4, sis., $6; cull, 2x4 to 2x12 sized, $7; ship lap, com., $12; cedar, com., $13.

FLOORING—1x4 No. 1 V. G., $30, No. 2 V. G., $25, No. 3, $15, No. 2 slash, $18; 1x6 slash, $18; 1½-inch flooring, $4 extra.

RUSTIC—1x6 and 1x8 No. 1, $25; No. 2 V or chan., $18; No. 2 special patterns, $20; No. 3, all patterns, $14.

CEILING—1x4 and 1x6 No. 1, $25; No. 2, $23; No. 3, $15.

LATH—1½-inch, $3; 1¼-inch, $1.75.

MOULDINGS—2 inches wide and under, per linear foot, ½c; over 2 inches in width, per linear foot, each inch in width, ⅙c.

DOOR JAMBS—Up to 12-inch, No. 1, $32; No. 2, $20; No. 3, $14.

STEPPING—Up to 12-inch, No. 1, $32; No. 2, $18; No. 3, $12; 1x3, No. 2, $16; No. J, $12; ⅝-inch, $2 less.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	9.00	Mont. C. & C.	40.00
Allouez	36.00	Nevada	19.00
Amalgamated	81.50	Old Dom'n	57.25
Ariz. Com.	58.50	Osceola	128.00
Atlantic	16.75	Parrot	28.75
Butte Coal'n	27.125	Quincy	93.00
Cal. & Ariz.	117.00	Shannon	17.00
Cal. & Hecla	660.00	Tamarack	74.50
Centennial	31.50	Trinity	16.50
Copper Range	80.25	United Cop'r	12.50
Daly West	10.00	U. S. Mining	42.75
Franklin	16.50	U. S. Oil	28.50
Granby	105.50	Utah	44.75
Greene Can.	11.625	Victoria	3.25
Isle Royale	22.375	Winona	6.00
Mass. Mining	5.875	Wolverine	159.00
Michigan	13.00	No. Butte	83.25
Mohawk	68.50		

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Closing quotations:

Allen	200.00	Leadville Con.	35.00
Brunswick Con	3.00	Little Chief	7.00
Com. T. Stock	223.00	Mexican	83.00
Com. T. Bonds	15.00	Ontario	325.00
Con. Cal.-Va.	71.00	Ophir	155.00
Horn Silver	75.00	Standard	175.00
Iron Silver	15.00	Yel. Jacket	65.00

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 22@31c; dairies, 21½@25c.

Eggs—Firm; at mark, cases included, 26@29c; firsts, 30c; prime firsts, 31c.

Cheese—Strong at 14@15c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Butter, firm, creamery, 32½c; extras, 31@32c; thirds to firsts, 25@30c; held creamery, common to special, 22@29½c.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firmer; Western firsts, 33c; seconds, 31@32c.

Flax Seed at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Flaxseed closed steady, $1.45¼.

BOND SALES HEAVY

New Issues Absorbed as Fast as Offered.

SHOWS CONFIDENT FEELING

Purchase of Colorado Southern by Burlington Has Good Effect on Speculative Sentiment — Less Demand for Time Loans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The speculative community remained convinced today that important alignments are in progress or in contemplation in railroad relations. The first effect of the announced purchase of control of the Colorado Southern by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy had a mixture of misgiving as a possible prelude to a renewed outbreak of the antagonisms in the Northern Securities settlement. This has come to be accepted as an unmixed encouragement to speculative activity.

The demand for first-class bonds continues and the ready absorption of new bond issues as fast as they are offered constitutes one of the strong underlying conditions of the present financial situation.

Today's subtreasury operations disclosed a withdrawal of $3,855,000 from the banks. This brings the loss to the banks on this account for the present banking week up to $6,253,000.

There is a falling off in demand for time loans and an unwillingness to pay the current asking rates.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $10,365,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	49,200	81¾	79½	81½
Am Car & Foun.	2,400	47¾	47	47½
do preferred	400	109	108¼	108
Am Cotton Oil	800	43½	42	43
Am Hd & Lt pf.	1,800	37	36½	36¼
Am Ice Securi.	.....	.....	.....	24
Am Linseed Oil	600	14½	14	14
Am Locomotive	1,200	56½	55¾	56¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	110
Am Smelt & Ref.	75,600	83¾	80	81½
do preferred	700	101½	100½	100½
Am Sugar Ref.	700	129½	128½	128¾
Am Tobacco pf.	100	93	93	92½
Am Woolen	.....	.....	.....	28½
Anaconda Min Co.	2,600	48¾	47¼	48¾
Atchison	6,100	97¾	96¾	97¼
do preferred	400	103¾	102	102
Atl Coast Lins	1,300	108	107	107½
Balt & Ohio	8,000	109¾	109	109¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	91¼
Brook Rap Tran.	74,100	68	63	67
Canadian Pacific	2,800	176½	175¾	176¼
Central Leather	1,000	31½	30¼	31
do preferred	400	101¼	101	100¾
Central of N J	600	228	227½	226
Ches & Ohio	1,600	59¼	57½	57¾
Chicago Gt. West.	10,600	13¾	11	13¼
Chicago & N W.	900	179¾	179	178¾
C. M. & St Paul.	19,000	148½	146¾	148¾
C. C. C & St L.	300	67½	67¼	67½
Colo Fuel & Iron	9,300	39½	38½	39½
Colo & Southern	8,000	57	57	57
do 1st preferred	2,000	78½	77	76¾
do 2d preferred	4,100	76	74½	74½
Consolidated Gas	5,900	162¾	161½	161¾
Corn Products	100	17¼	17¼	17½
Del & Hudson	600	179	179	179¼
D & R Grande	10,200	38¾	37½	37¾
do preferred	100	82	82	82¼
Distillers' Securi.	1,900	37¾	36½	36½
Erie	24,600	34¾	33¾	33¾
do 1st preferred	1,700	49¼	48¾	49
do 2d preferred	200	39½	39	38¾
General Electric	1,000	158½	157¾	157¾
Gt Northern pf	18,400	145¾	144	145¾
Gt Northern Ore	3,500	74	73	73½
Illinois Central	1,800	147	146	146¾
Interborough Met.	30,800	19¾	19¼	19½
do preferred	24,300	47¾	46½	47¼
Int Paper	500	12	11½	11½
do preferred	200	56¼	55	56
Int Pump	3,600	33¾	32¾	33¾
Iowa Central	500	30¾	30¾	*29¾
K C Southern	10,200	39	38¼	39¼
do preferred	200	69¼	68½	69¼
Louis & Nashville	1,600	122¾	121¾	122¾
Minn & St L	100	49	49	49
M St P & S S M.	600	132	131	130
Missouri Pacific	17,700	66¼	64½	66
Mo, Kan & Texas	36,200	43½	42¾	42½
do preferred	3,000	75½	73½	74¼
National Lead	2,300	78	77½	78¾
N Y Central	21,600	120¾	119¼	120½
N Y Ont & West.	1,300	45½	45½	45½
Norfolk & West.	1,700	85	84¾	82½
North American	2,200	75	73½	73½
Northern Pacific	6,600	141¾	140½	141
Pacific Mail	1,000	36	35	35¾
Pennsylvania	5,800	130¾	129½	130¼
People's Gas	15,100	106½	102	105¾
P C C & St L	.....	.....	.....	87
Pressed Steel Car	800	42½	42	42
Pullman Pal Car	.....	.....	.....	168
Ry Steel Spring	2,300	49¾	48	48
Reading	101,600	140¼	138¾	140
Republic Steel	400	25	24¾	25¼
do preferred	300	85¾	85½	85¾
Rock Island Co.	700	24¼	23¾	24
do preferred	16,400	61¾	59	61¾
St L & S F 2 pf.	600	40	39	40
St L Southwestern	200	23	23	22¾
do preferred	4,400	54	53	53¾
Sloss-Sheffield	300	78¾	77½	78½
Southern Pacific	48,600	119½	118¾	119¾
do preferred	200	122½	122	122¾
Southern Railway	13,500	25¾	25¾	25¾
do preferred	1,500	60	59½	59¾
Tenn Copper	2,800	45	44½	44¾
Texas & Pacific	4,800	34¼	33¾	33¾
Tol, St L & West.	800	42¾	42¼	41½
do preferred	500	70¾	69	69½
Union Pacific	149,600	181¾	179¼	181¾
do preferred	2,200	95	94¾	94½
U S Rubber	600	33	32¾	32½
do 1st preferred	400	106	105¾	105½
U S Steel	141,600	54¼	52¾	54¼
do preferred	5,100	112½	111½	112
Utah Copper	800	46½	44¼	46½
Va-Caro Chemical	4,600	45¾	43¼	44½
do preferred	300	113¼	113¼	113¼
Wabash	6,200	20¼	19½	19¾
do preferred	68,200	51¾	49	49¾
Westinghouse Elec	1,100	86¾	85½	86
Western Union	300	67	67	67
Wheel & L Erie	3,800	13	12	12½
Wisconsin Central	2,800	33	31¾	32
Am Tel & Tel	1,900	128¾	127¼	128½

Total sales for the day, 1,246,000 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Closing quotations:			
U. S. ref. 2s reg.	103	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	126¾
do coupon	104	No. Pacific 3s	73½
U. S. 3s reg.	100¾	do 4s	103¾
do coupon	100¾	So. Pacific 4s	91¼
U. S. new 4s reg.	126¼	Union Pacific 4s	106¼
do coupon	127	Wis. Cent. 4s	89¼
Atchison adj. 4s	92¾	Jap. 4s	82½
D. & R. G. 4s	98¾		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Consols for money, 83¾, do for account, 83 13-16.

Anaconda	9.875	New York C.	124.00
Atchison	99.625	Norfolk & W.	87.00
do pfd	104.00	do pfd	87.00
B. & Ohio	112.00	Ontario & W.	47.00
Can. Pacific	181.25	Penn's	66.00
Ches. & Ohio	60.25	Rand Mines	7.875
Chicago G. W.	11.75	Reading	71.25
De Beers	21.75	So. Railway	76.125
Denver & R. G	38.50	do pfd	60.75
do pfd	84.00	Union Pacific	184.625
Erie	34.75	do pfd	99.00
do 1st pfd	50.00	U. S. Steel	54.75
do 2d pfd	40.00	do pfd	114.50
Grand Trunk	20.875	Wabash	20.50
Illinois Cent.	149.50	do pfd	32.00
Louis. & Nash.	124.50	Spanish 4s	44.375
M., Kan. T.	43.875		

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Money on call, 2¾@3¼ per cent; ruling rate, 3¼ per cent; closing bid, 3¼ per cent, and offered at 3 per cent. Time loans, dull and easier; 60 days and 90 days, offered at 3½ per cent; six months, 3¾@4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8805@4.8515 for 60-day bills and at $4.8765 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.84½@4.85.

Bar silver, 45⅝c.

Mexican dollars, 45c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Bar silver steady at 22¼d per ounce.

Money, 2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅜ per cent; for three months' bills, 2 5-16 per cent.

Treasury Buys Silver.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Treasury today purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery at New York, 75,000 ounces for delivery at New Orleans and 50,000 ounces for delivery at Denver, at 49.118c per fine ounce.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

The livestock market was quiet yesterday and is likely to continue dull until the holidays are over. Receipts were nominal and prices were steady and unchanged throughout the list. It is probable that prices will be more or less stationary until after New Years.

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@2; 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 Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market, steady. Stockers and feeders, $3.25@5; bulls, $2.75@4.75; Western steers, $3.75@6; Western cows, $2.50@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; market, steady to 5c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.10@5.65; heavy, $5.60@5.75; packers and butchers, $5.50@5.65; light, $5@5.50; pigs, $4@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; market, steady. Muttons, $4.25@5; lambs, $5@5.40; range wethers, $4@6; fed ewes, $2.75@4.50.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Cattle — Receipts, 21,000; market, steady. Beeves, $3.50@7.75; Texans, $3.50@4.35; Westerns, $3.50@5.50; stockers and feeders, $2.60@2.75; cows and heifers, $3.50@5.75; calves, $6.25@9.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated, 35,000; market, strong to 5c higher. Good to choice heavy, $5.45@5.85; light, $4.85@5.60; mixed, $5.20@5.85; heavy, $5.25@5.85; rough, $5.25@5.45; good to choice heavy, $4.80@4.85; pigs, $3.60@5; bulk of sales, $5.75@5.50.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated, 18,000; market, steady. Natives, $2.60@5; yearlings, $5@6.25; lambs, $4.50@7.70; Western, $4.50@7.60.

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 1000; market, 10c higher. Native steers, $4@7; Western steers, $3.50@6. Texas steers, $3@5; cows and heifers, $2.75@4.40; canners, $2@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5.25; calves, $3@6.

Hogs—Receipts, 5800; market, strong to 5c higher. Heavy, $5.40@5.65; mixed, $5.25@5.35; light, $5@5.40; pigs, $3.50@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 800; market, 15@25c higher. Yearlings, $4.75@5.85; lambs, $6@7.25.

BUTTER WEAK AT SEATTLE

CARLOAD FROM CALIFORNIA DEPRESSES MARKET.

Fancy Spitzenberg Apples Advanced to $2.50, the Highest Price of the Season.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Fancy Spitzenberg apples were put up 25 cents on Western avenue today, dealers having little difficulty in securing $2.50 for the best stock. This is the highest price asked this season for apples. Pineapples offering in this market are very poor. They are green and hard to sell at prices as low as 75 cents, which means a considerable loss to dealers.

Turkeys were no higher today. The tone was inclined to be bearish. Dealers did not attempt to force prices up and, in fact, were inclined to clean up at even slight reductions.

Eggs held firm at 45 and 46 cents. Butter was dull and weak. Shipments of California butter to this market are having a weakening effect. About a carload has been received here this week.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—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, 10@15c; string beans, 15@17½c; tomatoes, 50c@$1.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c; creamery seconds, 30c; fancy dairy, 25c; dairy seconds, 20c; pickled, 23½c.

Cheese—New, 14@14½c; Young America, 16@16½c; Eastern, 17c.

Eggs—Store, 48c; fancy ranch, 49c; Eastern, 30c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@4.50; young, $6@8; broilers, small, $3.50@4.50; broilers, large, $4.50@6; fryers, $5@8; hens, $4@9; ducks, old, $4@6; young, $6@8.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 16@18c; Mountain, 5@8½c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 7½@9½c; Nevada, 9@14c.

Hay—Wheat, $18@22.50; wheat and oats, $17@21; alfalfa, $12.50@16; 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@1.25; sweets, $1.25@1.50.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.25; common, 40c; bananas, $1@3; limes, $4.50@5; lemons, choice, $2.25; common, $1; oranges, navels, $1.50@3; pineapples, $3@4.

Receipts—Flour, 656 quarter sacks; barley, 950 centals; beans, 424 sacks; potatoes, 409 sacks; bran, 16 sacks; hay, 210 tons; wool, 63 bales; hides, 370.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Today's treasury statement shows:

Available cash balance, $156,844,580.

Gold coin and bullion, $28,333,607.

Gold certificates, $59,579,690.

Sugar Declines in the East.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents a hundred today.

WRANGLE ON TRAFFIC COST

Evidence in Missouri Rate Case Is Contradictory.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 23.—The direct examination of the state's first witness in the Missouri rate case continued this morning, when A. P. Taliaferro, an expert accountant, resumed the stand. A long array of facts and figures, equaled only by the evidence adduced by the railroads, was given today by the witness to prove the state's contention that state passenger and freight traffic is handled at a smaller cost than interstate traffic.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway experts declare a test on their road showed the cost of carry state passengers on local trains was 3.75 cents a mile, and for carrying through passengers on through trains was 1.56 cents a mile. Mr. Taliaferro's testimony is expected to prove these figures are incorrect.

Marriage Licenses.

M'HOLLAND-MORGAN—I. Arthur McHolland, of Multnomah County, aged 24, and Clara Morgan, aged 20.

KNIGHT-LORNEY—Henry E. Knight, of Multnomah County, aged 34, and Ada J. Lorney, aged 25.

MATTHEWS-POWERS—Richard M. Matthews, of Spokane County, Wash., aged 25, and Hattie Belle Powers, aged 22.

WALKER-JENSEN—William Walker, of Multnomah County, aged 39, and Laura Jensen, aged 27.

HITCHMAN-CLOW—Arthur C. Hitchman, of Clackamas County, and Myrtle Irene Clow.

AVERY-CAMPBELL—D. L. Avery, of Multnomah County, aged 25, and Blanche J. Campbell, aged 23.

LAKE-LEEDS—J. R. Lake, of Multnomah County, and Florence Leeds.

VON WINCKLER-CAMPBELL—J. M. Von Winckler, of Multnomah County, aged 25, and Grace E. Campbell, aged 22.

FOSTER-LESSER—Charles Foster, of Multnomah County, aged 28, and Lydia B. Lesser, aged 23.

PEA-JENSEN—Isaac O. Pea, of Multnomah County, aged 27, and Anna Jensen, aged 25.

HARNETT-SHORE—John Harnett, of Multnomah County, aged 24, and Eula Shore, aged 20.

VINSON-VAUGHN—Charles Vinson, of Multnomah County, aged 24, and Maud Vaughn, aged 21.

Wedding and visiting cards. W. G. Smith & Co., Washington bldg., 4th and Wash.

Max M. Smith, florist, 150 Fifth st., opp. Meier & Frank. M. 7215.

Mrs. Tucker Still Angry.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—According to advices received here no orders have been issued by the War Department recalling Colonel Fred W. Tucker from Hot Springs, Ark.

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