EXPORT FLOUR FIRM

Oriental Demand Stimulated by Advance in Silver.

JAPAN'S WHEAT MILLED

Strong Tone in All the Local Grain Markets—More Activity in Hop Trade — Onion Growers Holding Back.

The steady advance in the price of silver, which has occurred in the past four or five days, has had the effect of strengthening the Oriental flour markets and some business from that quarter is likely to result soon if this condition continues. Independently of the exchange situation, the export market wears a better appearance. Nearly all the native Japan wheat has been milled, and Japan will undoubtedly have to call on this country for wheat or flour within the next three months. The local flour market has been moderately active and is counted upon to show improvement early this month.

The wheat market was rather quiet yesterday. There was a little buying by all interests, who took what was offered at prevailing prices, but holders show no general disposition to accept current bids. The crop in the Northwest is closely sold up and growers and other holders are in an independent position, with not more than 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 bushels in first hands in this section, and this practically all required for home consumption and seed. The market here is not dependent on price changes in other parts of the world.

Dealers quoted bluestem yesterday at 98 cents track and club at 91 cents. The London cable of the Merchants' Exchange quoted cargoes dull but firm at 38s 6d. Options at Liverpool closed ⅜@½d lower and May wheat at Chicago was off over a cent.

The coarse grains maintained their former strong position. There was a good demand for oats with but little offered and consumption in the country increasing. Barley, being the cheapest grain on the market, moves actively.

Mill feed of all kinds shows firmness with offerings by country millers on a lighter scale.

Bid and asked prices were posted at the Board of Trade as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
WHEAT.		
January	$ .92	$ .93
February	.92½	.93½
OATS.		
January	1.62½	1.65
February	1.63¾	1.67½
BARLEY.		
January	1.37½	1.40
February	1.40	1.42½

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Dec. 26-27	103	4	14	3	10
Dec. 28	41	2	3	1	3
Dec. 29	37	1	7		2
Dec. 30	21	1	9		2
Total last week	281	12	40	9	35

HOPS ACTIVE FOR HOLIDAY PERIOD

Two Sales at 7 Cents Reported—English Market Conditions Good.

For the last day of the year, the hop market was active with sales in nearly all sections at the prices that have ruled for some time past.

Among the sales reported were two at 7 cents, the A. D. Yergen lot of 56 bales at Aurora, bought by F. W. Durbin, and the Bernard & Verhoven lot of 90 bales at Forest Grove, bought by Henry L. Benns.

Klaber, Wolf & Netter secured 67 bales from Homer Link, of Airlie, at 6 cents, and 45 bales from Helmuth & Smith, of Monmouth.

McNeff Bros.' purchases aggregated 458 bales, including the Sheils lot at Aurora, Kline and Hamfert lots at Silverton, Schwab lot at Mt. Angel, Crissel lot at Butteville and a quantity from a dealer at Banks.

Klaber, Wolf & Netter's London cable was as follows: "No change in market to report. Market is quiet at unchanged prices."

In view of the stagnant and slumping conditions that usually prevail in England at the holidays, this cable report indicates an unusually strong position.

ONION MARKET IS VERY FIRM.

Growers Holding Back Their Best Stock. Potatoes Are Dull.

The members of the Confederated Onion Growers' Association show a disposition to hold back their good onions for the later market, which they are confident will be higher. In the meantime they are letting go of such stock as will not keep. The undertone of the market is very satisfactory, with an increasing demand from the South, where it is reported supplies are closely cleaned up.

The potato trade remains dull with the shipping movement confined to seed Garnets, Rose and Wonders. California not only does not want Oregon Burbanks now, but is supplying Southwest territory that otherwise would draw on this state. It is not expected there will be much outside inquiry for Oregons before the middle of January.

STEADY BUYING OF POULTRY.

Chickens Clean Up at Firm Prices—Eggs Weak.

Chickens continued to be inquired for up to the close of business yesterday. Arrivals were light and as a result prices were quoted firmer, the best hens moving at 13½ cents. Ducks, geese and turkeys were in fair request.

Eggs were plentiful and weak. Some handlers still held out for 40 cents, but the bulk of the day's business was at 38 cents.

City creamery butter was firm and active and outside creamery steady. The cheese market was quiet.

Fresh Produce Moves Well.

Trade was moderately brisk in fresh fruits and vegetables and would have been better but for the cold weather. There were no carlot receipts from the South during the day.

Oranges were in strong demand and there was steady buying of apples at the range of prices last quoted. Truck of all kinds was in fair supply and unchanged in price.

Linseed Oil Advances.

There was a two-cent advance yesterday in raw and boiled linseed oil, according to a new price card issued by the Portland Linseed Oil Works. Raw in barrels is now quoted at 60 cents and boiled in barrels at 62 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,048,793	$276,205
Seattle	1,358,120	112,989
Tacoma	787,208	40,709
Spokane	1,074,681	250,421

Portland's bank clearings for December, 1908, were $29,084,769.63, as compared with $18,817,237.19 in December, 1907.

The total clearings of Portland in 1908 were $316,656,512.69 and balances $36,849,648.30. The total clearings for 1907 were $350,932,422.11.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

BARLEY—Producers' prices: Feed, $27.50 per ton; brewing, $28.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, 98c; club, 91c; fife, 91c; red Russian, 89c; 40-fold, 89c; Valley, 91c.

FLOUR — Patents, $5.00 per barrel; straights, $4.65; exports, $3.70; Valley, $4.65; ¼-sack graham, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, $5.25.

OATS—Producers' prices: No. 1 white, $32.50 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, $26.50 per ton; country, $25.50; middlings, $33.00; shorts, country, $28.00@29.00; city, $30.00; chop, $20.00@23.00; rolled barley, $28.00@29.00.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $14.00 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $16.50@17.00; clover, $12.00; alfalfa, $12.00@13.00; grain hay, $12.00@13.00.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$3 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 pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2@2 per box; Japanese, 75c per box; lemons, fancy, $4@4.50 per box; choice, $3@3.50; standard, $2.75 box; grapefruit, $4.25 box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pomegranates, $1.50@2 box; pineapples, $3@3.75 per dozen; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, $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, $1.40 doz.; beans, 20@22½c lb.; cabbage, 1½@1⅝c lb.; cauliflower, $1.25 doz.; celery, $4.50 per crate; cucumbers, $2@2.50 box; eggplant, 11c lb.; lettuce, $1@1.25 per box; parsley, 30c dozen; peas, 17½c lb.; peppers, 15@20c per lb.; pumpkins, 1@1½c per lb.; radishes, 50c per doz.; spinach, 2c per lb.; sprouts, 10c per lb.; squash, 1@1½c per lb.; tomatoes, $1.50@2.

Dairy and Country Produce.

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

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 37½@40c; Eastern, 27½@32½c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 13@13½c lb.; Spring, large, 12½@13c; small, 14@14½c; mixed, 12@13c; ducks, 17@18c; geese, 10@11c; turkeys, 18@20c; dressed turkeys, 20@23c.

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

VEAL—Extra, 9½@10c per lb.; ordinary, 7@8c; heavy, 5c.

PORK—Fancy, 7½@8c per lb.; large, 6½@7c.

MUTTON—6@8c per lb.; lambs, 8@8½c.

BEST REPORTS FROM WEST

GRAIN SECTIONS OF COUNTRY MOST PROSPEROUS.

Iron and Steel Trade Quiet at the End of the Year—Copper Is Firmer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Holiday quiet has ruled in trade and industry with clearance offerings by the retailers a leading feature. Trading in regular lines felt the influence of mild weather in the early part of the week.

Results of the year are now being arrived at in many lines of wholesale trade. While conditions are irregular, preventing characterization as a while, the year was below 1907 and 1906 at many cities and profits were certainly smaller all around. It is to be noted that reports from the surplus grain producing sections of the West are relatively the best.

Collections are irregular. The feeling generally in all lines, as compared with a year ago, has shown much improvement.

The iron and steel markets were very quiet this week, year end inventories and holiday observances being responsible for much of the dullness. New orders for pig iron have been very moderate. The outlook is clouded to some extent by fear of tariff revision. Copper is firmer, Europe having purchased more freely and at the same time American interests are said to have taken quite liberal quantities.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 30, number 289, against 222 last week; 431 in the week ending January 1, 1908; 195 in 1907. Business failures in Canada for the week ending December 30, number 28, which compares with 23 last week and 27 in the corresponding period a year ago.

Wheat, including flour, exports from the United States and Canada for the week ending December 30, aggregate 3,116,601 bushels against 3,092,405 bushels this week last year.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The London tin market was higher, with spot quoted at £132 and futures at £133 7s 6d. The local market was quiet but higher in sympathy, at 29@29.25c.

Copper declined slightly in London with spot quoted at £63 12s 6d and futures at £64 8s 9d. The local market was steady and unchanged.

Lead was unchanged at £13 in London and at 4.10@4.15c in the local market.

Spelter was about unchanged in both markets, being at £21 in London and at 5.10@5.15 locally.

The English iron market was unchanged. Locally no changes were reported. No. 1 foundry was quoted at $17@$17.50; No. 2, $16.75@16.77½.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 9.12½	Nevada	19.00
Allouez	38.50	Old Dominion	58.00
Amalgamated	83.62½	Osceola	154.00
Ariz Com	37.87½	Parrot	29.75
Atlantic	17.00	Quincy	93.00
Butte Coal	27.12½	Shannon	17.62½
Cal & Ariz	118.00	Tamarack	81.00
Cal & Hecla	675.00	Trinity	16.75
Centennial	33.50	United Copper	14.25
Copper Range	82.00	U. S. Mining	44½
Daly West	19.00	U. S. Oil	28.50
Granby	106.00	Utah	46.00
Greene Can	12.50	Victoria	3.12½
Isle Royale	24.75	Winona	6.25
Mass Mining	6.00	Wolverine	151.00
Mohawk	68.50	North Butte	85.00

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—No change was reported in the market for evaporated apples, with fancy quoted at 8½@9½c; choice, 7½@8c; prime, 6½@7c.

Prunes are firmer on the Coast, but the spot market is still somewhat unsettled, with quotations ranging from 4¾@7¾c for California, and from 6@9c for Oregon.

Apricots are firm, with choice quoted at 9½@9¾c; extra choice, 10½c.

Peaches are quiet, but steady, with choice quoted at 6½@7c; extra choice, 7¾c, and fancy, 8½@11c.

Raisins are neglected, with loose muscatel quoted at 5¼@6½c; choice to fancy seeded, 6@6½c, and London layers, $1.50@1.60.

Dairy Produce in the East.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Butter—Firm, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm; Western fresh, 33c; seconds, 30@31c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 22@32c; dairies, 21½@27c.

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

Cheese—Steady, 14@15c.

Sugar and Coffee.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining, 3.17c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.67c; molasses sugar, 2.92c. Refined quiet; crushed, 5.25c; powdered, 4.75c; granulated, 4.65c.

Coffee—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 6⅝@6¾c; No. 4 Santos, 7½@8¼c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cotton futures closed: February, 9.46c; March, 8.94c; April, 8.92c; May, 8.96c; June, 8.93c; July, 8.94c; August, 8.84c; September, 8.68c

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—Wool—Unchanged; territory and Western mediums, 17@21c; fine mediums, 15@17c; fine, 12@14c

Naval "Wasps" to Be Laid Up.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 31.—The torpedo-boat destroyers Preble, Hopkins and Fox arrived from San Diego today. The Preble and Hopkins are to be overhauled and the Fox will be placed out of commission. Word has been received here to the effect that the Pacific fleet will return to Magdalena Bay toward the end of February.

NO MONEY FLURRY

Year Closes With Easier Rates for Call Loans.

STOCK TRADING IS LIGHT

Strong Advance in New York Central on Belief That Harriman Will Be Chairman of Board. Pressure on Steel.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The last day of the year at the Stock Exchange was a dull one. Only a small volume of business was done and there were few important price changes. Business was in the hands of small traders for the most part.

The strong advance in New York Central was attributed to the belief that E. H. Harriman was to become an active counsellor in its affairs, rumor assigning him to the chairmanship of the board.

There was some special pressure on United States Steel and this was explained as being due to apprehension of harm from the reduction of steel duties. Trade authorities testify that there is some hesitation among consumers of iron and steel products about making purchases, owing to the belief that the proposed changes in the tariff will bring some price adjustments.

The close of the year saw no flurry in the money market. Rates for call loans, in fact, were rather easier than in the last few days. The week's currency movement has been in favor of New York, the subtreasury operations contributing over $2,000,000 to the banks, while the interior has sent an excess of that much or more over what has gone out from here. The rate of premium for New York exchange at Chicago has fallen somewhat in the last two days. It is not expected that rates for money will relapse to greater ease immediately after New Year's. The New York money settlements usually make their influence felt for a day or two after the immediate period for the large payments. Confidence remains unabated, however, in a coming period of great ease in the money market.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $6,152,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	10,400	83X	83⅛	83½
Am Car & Foun	2,900	50⅛	49½	50
do preferred	100	109	109	109½
Am Cotton Oil	500	43½	42	42½
Am Hd & Lt pf	400	37	36½	36½
Am Ice Securi	800	23⅝	22½	23½
Am Linseed Oil	.....	.....	.....	13½
Am Locomotive	2,000	57⅝	57¼	57½
do preferred	1,000	113	113	113
Am Smelt & Ref	13,900	83¼	81¼	83
do preferred	500	101⅝	101	101¼
Am Sugar Ref	400	132	131	131
Am Tobacco pf	.....	.....	.....	93¼
Am Woolen	200	30	29½	30½
Anaconda Min Co	1,500	50	49½	49⅞
Atchison	7,700	100⅝	100	100⅝
do preferred	1,200	101⅝	1016	101½
Atl Coast Line	2,000	110	108½	109⅝
Balt & Ohio	3,300	110⅞	110⅝	110⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
Brook Rap Tran	10,000	68½	67⅝	67⅞
Canadian Pacific	1,400	177	176⅝	176⅞
Central Leather	1,600	32⅛	31⅝	32
do preferred	700	102	101½	101¾
Central of N J	100	228	228	227
Ches & Ohio	6,700	57¼	56⅝	57
Chicago Gt West	2,900	12	11½	11⅝
Chicago & N W	1,200	184	183½	183¼
C M & St Paul	8,500	151	149⅝	150⅞
C C C & St L	400	70	70	70
Colo Fuel & Iron	3,700	40¼	39½	39⅝
Colo & Southern	1,000	57½	57	57
do 1st preferred	400	76⅝	76	76
do 2d preferred	600	74	73	72½
Consolidated Gas	11,800	164½	162⅝	164
Corn Products	300	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
Del & Hudson	2,000	181	180	180⅝
D & R Grande	2,300	40⅝	39½	39⅞
do preferred	200	81½	81	81
Distillers' Securi	500	37⅝	37½	37⅝
Erie	4,200	34⅝	34½	34½
do 1st preferred	3,500	51⅝	50⅝	51⅛
do 2d preferred	700	40½	40⅝	40
General Electric	700	152	151½	151½
Gt Northern pf	6,000	147¼	146½	147
Gt Northern Ore	800	73½	72⅝	72½
Illinois Central	200	149½	148	148
Interborough Met	6,900	17⅝	17⅛	17⅝
do preferred	2,400	46	45½	46
Int Paper	.....	.....	.....	12
do preferred	300	56½	56½	56
Int Pump	14,900	59⅞	55½	59⅝
Iowa Central	2,200	31⅝	31	31
K C Southern	1,400	40⅝	40	40¼
do preferred	1,000	71	70½	70⅝
Louis & Nashville	2,100	125⅝	124	125⅝
Minn & St L	1,600	56½	54½	55⅝
M, St P & S S M	1,000	133⅝	131½	132½
Missouri Pacific	6,400	67	66	66⅛
Mo, Kan & Texas	600	42¼	41⅞	42
do preferred	600	73½	72½	72½
National Lead	1,600	77⅝	77½	77⅝
N Y Central	39,100	126	123⅞	125½
N Y, Ont & West	600	46½	46½	46½
Norfolk & West	600	85½	85⅝	85½
North American	.....	.....	.....	73½
Northern Pacific	4,200	142⅝	140⅝	142½
Pacific Mail	300	36¼	36	35½
Pennsylvania	62,300	132½	131½	131⅝
People's Gas	400	104⅝	104½	104⅝
P, C C & St L	.....	.....	.....	86⅞
Pressed Steel Car	200	43⅝	43⅝	43½
Pullman Pal Car	400	171	170	170
Ry Steel Spring	400	48½	48	48
Reading	64,000	142⅝	141⅝	142½
Republic Steel	100	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
do preferred	100	86	86	85½
Rock Island Co	1,700	24⅝	24½	24⅝
do preferred	3,900	61½	60⅝	61¼
St L & S F 2 pf	2,100	42	40⅝	41⅞
St L Southwestern	200	23½	23½	23⅝
do preferred	600	54⅝	53½	54⅝
Sloss-Sheffield	.....	.....	.....	76½
Southern Pacific	22,100	121	120¼	120⅝
do preferred	900	122¼	121½	121⅝
Southern Railway	300	26⅝	26	26⅞
do preferred	400	62¼	62	61⅞
Tenn Copper	1,000	45⅝	44⅝	45⅝
Texas & Pacific	2,900	36⅝	36	36⅛
Tol, St L & West	3,600	50	48	48¼
do preferred	2,400	72	71	71
Union Pacific	41,500	183⅝	182⅝	183⅝
do preferred	200	86	85⅞	86
U S Rubber	600	34¼	34	34
do 1st preferred	200	106⅝	106½	106
U S Steel	61,900	54⅛	53½	53⅝
do preferred	1,100	113½	112⅝	113½
Utah Copper	200	46½	46	46½
Va-Car Chemical	.....	.....	.....	44½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	112
Wabash	1,000	19½	18	19½
do preferred	3,400	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝
Westinghouse Elec	800	84⅝	83⅝	83⅝
Western Union	300	69	68⅝	68⅝
Wheel & L Erie	500	12½	12½	12½
Wisconsin Central	7,500	38⅛	36⅝	37⅛
Am Tel & Tel	1,900	127⅝	127	127⅛

Total sales for the day, 578,000 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg	103	N Y C G 3½s	95⅛
do coupon	104	North Pacific 3s	73½
U. S. 3s reg	101	North Pacific 4s	104
do coupon	101	South Pacific 4s	91
U S new 4s reg	120¼	Union Pacific 4s	105
do coupon	121	Wiscon Cent 4s	92
Atchison adj 4s	92⅝	Japanese 4s	82⅝
D & R G 4s	99¾		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Money on call steady, 2¼@3½ per cent; ruling rate, 3 per cent; closing bid, 2½ per cent; offered at 2¾ per cent; six months, 3½@3¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8505@4.8515 for 60-day bills, and at $4.8710 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.84¾@4.84⅞.

Bar silver—46¼c.

Mexican dollars—43½c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Bar silver—Steady, 23 1-16d per ounce.

Money—2½@3 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝ per cent; three months' bills, 2¾@2⅞ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Silver bars—46¼.

Mexican dollars—47¼c.

Drafts—Sight, 5c; Telegraph, 8c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85½; sight, $4.78½.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

There was an advance of a quarter in local hog prices yesterday, the market feeling the effect of the improvement in the East. Receipts have been light all the week and the prospects are for a good market in January.

Firmness also prevailed in the cattle market, but the quality of the current receipts was not such as to justify any advance over previous quotations.

The sheep market was steady, with the supply and demand on about even terms and a continued steady market is expected in the near future.

Receipts for the day were 70 cattle, 30 calves and 180 hogs.

Local prices current yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.25@4.50; medium, $4@4.25; common, $3.50@3.75; cows, best, $3.25@3.50; medium, $3@3.25; common, $2.50@2.75; calves, $4@4.75.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $4.25@4.50; mixed sheep and lambs, $4.25@4.50; ewes, $3.75@4; lambs, best trimmed, $4.75@5; untrimmed, $4@4.25.

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

Eastern Livestock Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000, including 200 Southerns; market steady. Native steers, $4.90@7; Southern steers, $4@5.50; Southern cows, $2.50@4; native cows and heifers, $2.25@6.10; stockers and feeders, $3@5.20; bulls, $3@4.75; calves, $4@8; Western steers, $4@5.75; Western cows, $2.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; market, 5@10c higher. Bulk of sales, $5.50@5.85; heavy, $5.80@5.95; packers and butchers, $5.10@5.60; pigs, $4@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 2000; market, steady to 10c lower. Muttons, $4.25@5.15; lambs, $5.75@7.65; range wethers, $4@5.50; fed ewes, $3@4.75.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 3500; market, steady. Western steers, $3.50@6; Texas steers, $3@5.10; cows and heifers, $2.50@4.50; canners, $2@2.75; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5.50; calves, $2.25@3.25; bulls and stags, $2.50@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; market, 10c higher. Heavy, $4.45@5.90; mixed, $5.40@5.50; light, $5.25@5.75; pigs, $5.50@5.

Sheep—Receipts, 7500; market, 10@20c lower. Yearlings, $4.50@5.90; lambs, $6.50@7.40.

ONIONS SCARCE IN NORTH

SEATTLE DEALERS LOOK FOR BIG ADVANCE IN OREGONS.

Predict That Market Will Go to $1.75 Next Week—Potato Receipts Heavy.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Dealers on Western avenue today predicted an advance in Oregon onions next week. The supply of onions here is becoming limited and dealers are making arrangements to get stock in Oregon if possible. Good Oregon stock was worth $1.50 a sack today and commission men do not hesitate to say that the market is likely to go to $1.75 next week. All sack vegetables were stronger today, beets, carrots and turnips all commanding $1.

Hothouse lettuce is scarce, commission dealers having no difficulty in securing $1.75 to $2 per crate for the choicest. Hothouse cucumbers went up to $2 to $2.25 a dozen.

Potato receipts were heavy today, ten cars having been accounted for this afternoon.

Eggs were weaker at 45 cents. Butter was unchanged.

There was no trading of any description on the grain exchange today and prices are nominally unchanged.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Milletuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $32.50@35.50.

Vegetables—Garlic, 7@9c; green peas, 10@12½c; string beans, 15@20c; tomatoes, 50c@$1.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 36c; creamery, seconds, 32c; fancy dairy, 26c; dairy seconds, 20c; pickled, 22½c.

Cheese—New, 14@14½c; Young America, 15½@16c; Eastern, 17c.

Eggs—Store, 48c; fancy ranch, 44c; Eastern, 31½c.

Poultry—Roosters, old, $4@5; young, $7@9; broilers, small, $3.50@4.50; broilers, large, $4.50@5.50; fryers, $5@7; hens, $3@10; ducks, old, $4@5; young, $6@8.

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 16@19c; Mountain, 5@8½c; South Plains and San Joaquin, 7½@9½c; Nevada, 9@14c.

Hay—Wheat, $18@22.50; wheat and oats, $17@21; alfalfa, $14.50@18; stock, $12@15; straw, per bale, 60@60c.

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@2; limes, $4.50@5; lemons, choice, $3.25; common, $1; oranges, navels, $1.50@2.50; pineapples, $2@4.

Receipts—Flour, 5776 quarter sacks; wheat, 900 centals; barley, 510 centals; oats, 980 centals; beans, 2350 sacks; potatoes, 3700 sacks; bran, 60 sacks; middlings, 100 sacks; hay, 460 tons; wool, 31 bales; hides, 510.

ALL DISEASE CLEARED UP

Foot and Mouth Infection in Cattle Stamped Out Finally.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—"I believe we've about got the foot and mouth disease corralled," declared Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, today. "No new outbreaks of the disease have been found since that which occurred in Snyder County, Pennsylvania, on December 18. I want to emphasize, however, that we are letting up in our investigations very slowly, because if we did not, foreign countries might quarantine against the whole United States, as they are very suspicious of getting the infection."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Flora M. Lyon to W. T. Lyon, lots 1 and 2, block 2, Auburn Park	$ 10
Portland University Lond Co. to Arthur J. Anderson, lots 41 and 42, block 174, University Park	400
Christian J. Simonson and wife to F. C. Lutz, lots 27 and 28, block 6, Kern Park	800
Peninsula Bank to Carolen Bateson, lots 4, 5 and 6, block 10, East St. John	1,250
Moore Investment Co. to William M. Banschbach, lot 1, block 22, Vernon	550
Victor Land Co. to C. S. English, lots 11 and 12, block 4, Park Add	200
E. E. Merges and wife to Mary W. Gaston, lot 1 and north 20 feet of lot 2, block 302, Couch Add.; lots 2 and 3 and south 19 feet and east 30 feet of lot 1, block 15, Prosbstel's Add.; also west 40 feet of lot 8, block 21, Goldsmith's Add	28,500
Nettie L. Palmer to Calla Ore, lots 1 and 2, block "V," Sellwood	400
Herman Wohlfell and wife to Mary Schwab, lot 4, block 20, North Irvington	800
Harry Leon Scott to Lillie M. Andrews, undivided ½ of lot 8, block 83, Stephens' Add	1
Fred Giles and wife to Arthur H. Rasmussen et al., lots 8 to 11, 15 to 18, block 2, Russelville Add	1,600
Herman Metzger, trustee, et al. to A. Gard Anderson, lot 24, block 4, Reservoir Park	150
A. Gard Anderson to John E. Peterson, lots 22, 23 and 24, block 4, Reservoir Park	650
J. B. Holbrook and wife to Grace Fleming, lot 4, block 4, Marengo Add., to St. John	500
Rose City Park Association to Osmond Smith, lot 19, block 96, Rose City Park	500
L. H. Born et al. to H. W. Monnastes, land beginning at intersection of north line of East Madison street with east line of the F. Born 2-acre tract	6,000
Knapp & Mackey to George C. Sapp, lot 13, block 1, Midway	450
Ralph W. Hoyt and wife to Minnie Fitzgerald, lot 14, block 11, Tremont Park	1
Aloys Harold to Helen Mae Curran, lots 9, 10 and 11, block 1, Albina Add	10
H. E. Updike and wife to Petra Hansen Chapman, lots 14 and 15, block 5, Arleta Park No. 4	750
Total	$37,722

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Dynamiter's Trial to Wait.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 31.—The trial of John Claudianes, who is charged with the dynamiting of the residence of James L. Gallagher, in this city, has been continued until April 2, 1909. Assemblyman Nat Coghlan, who appeared before Judge Waste on behalf of Claudianes today, obtained the continuance on the ground that he will be in attendance at the Legislative session.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF TIME

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1909
Following Schedule Will Prevail:

From Portland to Gresham and Intermediate Points, via Springwater Division.	Leave 6:55 AM	*7:45 AM	8:45 AM	9:45 AM		
	Leave 10:45 AM	12:45 PM	2:45 PM	3:45 PM		
	Leave 4:45 PM	5:45 PM	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	11:15 PM	
From Gresham and Intermediate Points, via Springwater Division	Leave *5:45 AM	*6:30 AM	7:37 AM	8:45 AM	9:45 AM	
	Leave 11:45 AM	1:45 PM	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	4:45 PM	5:45 PM
	Leave 6:45 PM	9:45 PM				
From Portland to Cazadero and Intermediate Points, via Springwater Division.	Leave 6:55 AM	8:45 AM	10:45 AM			
	Leave 12:45 PM	2:45 PM	4:45 PM	6:45 PM		
From Cazadero to Portland and Intermediate Points, via Springwater Division.	Leave 6:45 AM	8:45 AM	10:45 AM	12:45 PM		
	Leave 2:45 PM	4:45 PM	8:45 PM			
From Portland to Troutdale and Intermediate Points on Branch	Leave 6:55 AM	7:45 AM	8:45 AM	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	
	Leave 12:45 PM	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	4:45 PM	5:45 PM	6:45 PM
From Troutdale and Points on Branch to Portland	Leave *6:15 AM	7:25 AM	8:15 AM	9:20 AM	10:20 AM	
	Leave 11:20 AM	1:20 PM	2:20 PM	3:20 PM	4:20 PM	5:20 PM 6:20 PM

*NOTE—DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Portland Railway, Light and Power Co.

BREAK IN WHEAT PIT

General Liquidation Causes a Bad Slump.

CLOSES NEAR THE BOTTOM

Chicago Traders Even Up in Anticipation of Holiday—News of the Day Is Generally Bearish. Corn and Oats Weak.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—General liquidation of a pre-holiday character caused a slump in the price of wheat here today, closing quotations showing net losses of ¼ to 1⅛@1⅛c.

The great majority of the traders in the wheat pit who were "long" were inclined to "even up" at the end of the year and in anticipation of the holiday tomorrow, and in consequence the market lacked any substantial support, and was weak throughout the entire day. News of the day also favored such selling, the bulk of the gossip being of a bearish nature. The Liverpool market was weak, notwithstanding an advance here yesterday. Stocks of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth increased 850,000 bushels and the total exports of wheat and flour for the week from the United States and Canada were equal to only 3,116,000 bushels, compared with 5,119,000 bushels for the corresponding week a year ago.

The distant deliveries displayed the greatest weakness, as the desire of shorts in the December option to cover sales caused the delivery to close almost where it left off the previous day. Materialization of the predicted cold wave had little effect. With the exception of the December delivery, the market closed at almost the bottom, with May at $1.07⅝@1.07½ and July at 98⅞@99c.

The slump in wheat was one of the chief reasons for a weak corn market. The market closed weak, with prices ⅝c to 1c below