JUMP IN POTATOES

California Flood News Sends Market Up.

BUYING DEMAND STRONG

Freshets in South, Short Stocks and Frost Damage Combine to Make a Very Strong Position.

The floods in California have caused excitement in the local potato market. Buyers are picking up supplies wherever they can find them, at steadily advancing prices. Several carloads were reported bought yesterday at $1.15 and it is said that some business was done at $1.25. Private telegrams received are in line with the press dispatches regarding the situation at Stockton.

Even without the flood in the South the market here would have been strong. California's supply was much reduced at the first of the year and orders for Oregon potatoes were already beginning to come in, when the cold wave struck this state and damaged a considerable portion of the crop. Just what the loss amounted to is not known, but dealers estimate it all the way from 15 to 25 per cent. These three factors combined are putting the market up.

The tone in onions continues strong, but there is not much business passing yet. A purchase was made yesterday at $1.50, which, it is figured, represents the current value.

CALIFORNIA INQUIRY FOR GRAIN.

Sales of Wheat for Shipment South—Oats and Barley Firm.

Strong California inquiry for wheat was reported yesterday and as buyers in the Southern state have got their views up to the Portland standard, some business resulted on the basis of prices current here. The inquiry was for bluestem, forty-fold and red Russian. Oats are also stronger in the South, but bids are yet under a Northwest parity. Barley is quoted firmer in the local market. Flour is quiet, both locally and on foreign account.

Responding to an Oregon inquiry, Consul-General Alban G. Snyder reports from Buenos Ayres that most of the wheat elevators in Argentina belong to private individuals and the charge for grain passing through is 5½ cents (American currency) per ton. The elevator charge on wheat coming from cars to ship is 5 cents per ton, dock charges being also on a tonnage basis. There are no municipal charges at the port where wheat is shipped.

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

	Bid	Asked.
WHEAT.		
January	$ .92	$ .94
February	.93¼	.94¼
OATS.		
January	1.65	1.65¾
February	1.67½	1.70
BARLEY.		
January	1.37½	1.40
February	1.38½	1.41½

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Jan. 16-17	31	4	11	2	9
Jan. 18	..	..	2	6	4
Jan. 19	21	1	24	..	8
Jan. 20	13	1	48	..	14
Total last wk.	18	5	14	3	23

WANT TARIFF ON HOPS REDUCED.

Importers Present a Petition to Ways and Means Committee.

The hop importers of the country have just presented a petition to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives asking for a reduction of the present duty of 12 cents on foreign hops. In the petition, which states that the cost of growing hops on the Coast is but 8 cents per pound, the importers say:

"The present low selling price of American hops is caused entirely by overproduction, and is in part due to the increase in the tariff under the Dingley bill, which encouraged the American growers to believe that they needed protection, and that because of this protection the business would stand indefinite expansion."

In concluding, the importers say: "It would be a calamity to encourage American growers with any false hopes at this critical time; in fact, if any change is to be made it should be along the line of a reduction in the tariff rather than the imposition of a higher rate."

On November 19 Herman Klaber, of this city, and E. C. Horst, of San Francisco, representing the growers of the Coast, appeared before the committee with a petition that the duty be raised to 24 cents to prevent the extinction of the hop industry in Oregon, Washington and California.

HOP MARKET STRONG BUT QUIET.

No New Business Transacted by Local Dealers.

The hop market was quiet yesterday and, so far as the Portland dealers were concerned no business was done. The market retains all the strong features that have made it interesting for the past two weeks.

The Waterville (N. Y.) Times of January 15 reports hop sales there at 10@10½ cents, with one choice lot bringing 12½ cents and adds:

"There are several choice growths grown in this vicinity which are being firmly held for better prices and it certainly looks as though they would bring them. Hops are now being bought that heretofore were not considered worth even the nominal prices which ruled early in the season, and it would seem that since these are being picked up now at 10 to 10½ cents a really choice hop would command a better price also as the season advances."

WOOL CONTRACTING IN IDAHO.

Wood Clip Said to Have Been Bought by a Boston Firm.

Of the contracting that has been done in the West for 1909 wools, the Boston Commercial Bulletin says:

"There is considerable interest in reports as to contracts for next season's clip being negotiated. The most important on Boston account to be made public is that of the Wood clip of Idaho, well known to the trade here, which last year amounted to 550,000 pounds. It is believed that the contract price is 18½ cents, or several cents more than paid for the same clip last year. Triangle wools are reported as being contracted at anywhere from 16 to 20 cents. No confirmation of reports of contracting in Montana at 20 cents can be obtained. Considerable is being done in Nevada at 15 to 16 cents."

Eggs Move at Steady Prices.

The egg market holds steady with a demand sufficient to absorb the small daily receipts. The general quotation on the street yesterday was 40 cents, but there were some reports of sales under this price.

Poultry arrivals were of the average size and as the demand was fair there was no occasion for a change in prices.

There were no new developments in the butter or cheese markets.

Oranges Selling Better.

Oranges were the most active line in the fruit market yesterday. The local supply is still larger, however, and until the accumulation is worked off the market will not respond to the advance in California.

Vegetables of all kinds were in good demand. There were no carlot receipts, but two cars of Los Angeles cauliflower are due.

Bank Clearings.

Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,241,119	$284,974
Seattle	1,039,639	152,196
Tacoma	450,414	32,043
Spokane	1,088,798	152,303

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

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

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, $1.05; club, 94c; fife, 92c; red Russian, 90c; 40-fold, 96c; Valley, 95c.

FLOUR — Patents, $5.15 per barrel; straights, $4.20; exports, $3.30; Valley, $5; ¼-sack graham, $4.60; whole wheat, $4.35.

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

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26@26.50 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $28@30; chop, $20@25; rolled barley, $29@30.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley, $16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $17@18; clover, $12@13; alfalfa, $14; grain hay, $12@13.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8½c per lb.; peaches, 7¼@8c; prunes, Italians, 5¼@6¼c; prunes, French, 4@6c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 6¼c; dates, 7¼@7½c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12¾@16c per pound.

RICE—Southern Japan, 4½c; head, 6¼@7c.

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.

NUTS—Walnuts, 12@13c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15c; pecans, 7c; almonds, 13@14c; chestnuts, Italian, 11c; peanuts, raw, 5¾@6c; pinenuts, 10@12c; hickory nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 90c per dozen.

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.

SALT—Granulated, $13 per ton, $1.90 per bale; half ground, 100s, $7.50 per ton; 50s, $8 per ton.

BEANS—Small white, 5¾c; large white, 4¾c; Lima, 5¼c; pink, 3¾c; bayou, 4c; Mexican red, 4¾c.

Vegetables and Fruit.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$3 box; cranberries, $14.50@15 per barrel; Spanish Malaga grapes, $7.50@8 per barrel; persimmons, $1@1.25.

POTATOES—Buying price, $1.15@1.25 per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, navels, $2@2.25 per box; Japanese, 90c per box; lemons, $3@4; grape fruit, $4.25@4.75 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pineapples, $3@3.75 per dozen; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $1.50 per hundred.

ROOT VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.50@1.75 per sack; carrots, $1.25@1.50; parsnips, $1.50@1.75; beets, $1.50@1.75; horseradish, 8@10c per pound.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1.40 doz.; cabbage, 2½c lb.; cauliflower, $2 per crate; celery, $4.50@5 per crate; cucumbers, $1.75@2.25 box; lettuce, $1.25@1.50 per box; parsley, 30c dozen; peas, 20c lb.; pumpkins, 1¼@1½c per lb.; radishes, 30c per dozen; spinach, 2c per lb.; sprouts, 10c per lb; squash, 1@1½c per lb.; tomatoes, $1.75@2.

Dairy and Country Produce.

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

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 37½@40c; Eastern, 30@35c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 13c lb.; Spring, large, 12½@13c; small, 18@20c; mixed, 12@13c; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 10c; turkeys, 18@19c.

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

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

PORK—Fancy, 8@8½c per lb.; large, 8@8½c.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 21c per pound; standard, 18c; choice, 17c; English, 15½@16c; strips, 18c.

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 12 lbs., 14½c; 14 to 16 lbs., 14c; 18 to 20 lbs., 14c; hams, skinned, 14c; picnics, 9½c; cottage roll, 11c; shoulders, 11c; boiled hams, 19½@20½c; boiled picnics, 17c.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 13½c; tubs, 13¾c; 50s, 13¾c; 20s, 13½c; 10s, 14¼c; 5s, 14¾c; 2s, 14½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¾c; 50s, 12¾c; 20s, 12¾c; 10s, 13¼c; 5s, 13¾c; 2s, 13½c. Compound: Tierces, 8c; tubs, 8¼c; 50s, 8½c; 20s, 8¾c; 5s, 9¼c.

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, $23 per barrel; S. P. beef tongues, $20; pig snouts, $12.50; pig ears, $12.50.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Pearl and astral oil, cases, 18½c per gallon; water white, iron barrels, 11c; eocene and extra star, cases 21½; headlight oil, cases, 20c; iron barrels, 18c; elaine, cases, 28c.

GASOLINE—Union and Red Crown, barrels, 15½c; cases, 22½c; motor, barrels, 18½c; cases, 23½c; 86 degrees, barrels, 30c; cases, 37½c; engine distillate, barrels, 9c; cases, 16c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrel lots, 62c; in cases, 68c; boiled, barrel lots, 64c; in cases, 70c.

OIL MEAL—Ton lots, $37.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

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

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, average best, 10@14c per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 15@18½c.

MOHAIR—Choice, 18@19c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 15@16c pound; dry kip, No. 1, 13@14c pound; dry calfskin, 17@17½c 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, $4.00@7; fox, cross, $3 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; otter, cat, 10@15c; wolf, $2@3; coyote, 70c@$1.10; wolverine, dark, $3@5; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

CASCARA BARK—Small lots, 4½@5½c; old in carlots, selling at 7½@8c.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	$ 8.50	Mont C & C	.20
Allouez	35.00	Nevada	18.50
Amalgamated	79.00	Old Dominion	54.00
Ariz Com	33.87½	Osceola	140.00
Atlantic	13.12½	Parrot	28.25
Butte Coal	24.25	Quincy	91.00
Cal & Arizon	118.00	Shannon	16.00
Cal & Hecla	645.00	Tamarack	78.00
Centennial	30.50	Trinity	15.00
Copper Range	76.75	United Copper	14.00
Daly West	19.00	U S Mining	43.00
Franklin	15.25	U S Oil	29.50
Granby	103.00	Utah	43.87½
Greene Can	11.00	Victoria	45.00
Isle Royale	29.75	Winona	8.00
Mass Minig	3.50	Wolverine	150.00
Michigan	12.50	North Butte	79.00

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Closing quotations:

Alice	225	Little Chief	7
Bruns Con	0	Mexican	107
Com Tun stock	28	Ontario	475
do bonds	185	Ophir	175
Con. Cal & Va	90	Standard	155
Horn Silver	70	Yellow Jacket	100
Leadville Con	0		

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A large and varied selection of 13,235 bales were offered at the wool auction sales today. Competition was spirited at firm prices. New South Wales scoured merinos sold at 2s 7½d. Cross breds were in strong demand for the home trade and Americans, the latter taking suitable parcels freely. Fine merino greasy were often withdrawn on account of the lack of demand from Americans.

At yesterday's sale merinos suitable for the continent and the home trade were in keen demand and realized full prices. Americans bought a few lots of merinos, but operated more frequently among crossbreds. The offerings number 14,731 bales. The general market was firm at the opening level.

Flaxseed at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—Flax closed at $1.36¼.

PAUSE IN TRADING

New York Stock Market in a Waiting Attitude.

PRICES MOVE BUT SLIGHTLY

Metal Stocks Firm in Spite of Unfavorable Iron and Steel Trade Reports—Money Market Continues to Relax.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The movement of prices of stocks today offered little of interest, the striking feature of the market being its dullness. It is not entirely clear what is awaiting, but the waiting attitude is manifest. Prices are moved but slightly either up or down. No obstacles to speculative activity are found in the money market, which continues to relax without any effect from the many important requirements which are being met.

The note of discouragement in the trade outlook voiced by the iron and steel trade organs and another reduction in the price of copper here and in London did not prevent the metal stocks from figuring in the only considerable movement of the day. The general market refused its usual sympathetic responses to any decided action of United States Steel.

Such buying as there was late in the day was ascribed to the expectation of a favorable influence from the reported oversubscriptions to the Russian loan in Paris. The firm closing retained about all the day's gains.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, $5,732,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	10,300	79½	77¼	78⅞
Am Car & Foun.	2,200	49½	48¾	48⅞
do preferred	300	109½	108½	109
Am Cotton Oil	2,000	49⅞	48½	49¼
Am Hd & Lt pf.	8,800	41½	39¼	41
Am Ice Securit	1,300	28⅝	22	22½
Am Linseed Oil	100	13	13	13
Am Locomotive	800	56½	56	56¾
do preferred	..	..	..	111
Am Smelt & Ref.	20,200	87⅞	87⅝	87
do preferred	2,000	102¾	101⅝	102
Am Sugar Ref	200	129	129	129
Am Tobacco pf.	200	92⅝	92⅝	92½
Am Woolen	1,200	28¼	28¼	28½
Anaconda Min Co	2,400	47½	46¾	47⅛
Atchison	4,000	99⅝	98½	99½
do preferred	200	100½	100½	100½
Atl Coast Line	100	109	109	108½
Balt & Ohio	4,600	112⅝	111⅝	112¼
do preferred	..	..	..	92½
Brook Rap Tran.	7,000	71	70⅝	70⅞
Canadian Pacific	300	176	176	176
Central Leather	1,200	31⅝	31⅛	31½
do preferred	1,200	101½	101	101
Central of N J	..	..	..	232
Ches & Ohio	9,900	62¼	61⅝	61⅞
Chicago Gt West	3,100	8¾	8	8
Chicago & N W	200	178⅝	178⅝	178
C, M & St Paul	4,700	149⅝	148¼	149⅝
C, C, C & St L	100	71	71	71
Colo Fuel & Iron	5,200	42⅝	41½	42⅝
Colo & Southern	700	66½	66	65¼
do 1st preferred	2,200	84⅝	83½	84¼
do 2d preferred	3,100	82	81	81½
Consolidated Gas	400	127⅞	127½	127⅞
Corn Products	7,200	19	18⅝	18¾
Del & Hudson	..	..	..	172
D & R Grande	300	38⅝	38½	38⅝
do preferred	300	80½	80⅝	80
Distillers' Securit	10,000	48⅝	38⅝	39⅞
Erie	2,100	32⅛	31	31⅞
do 1st preferred	2,000	48¼	47	48
do 2d preferred	400	37⅝	36½	37
General Electric	800	167	165½	166½
Gt Northern pf	3,200	144⅝	143⅝	144½
Gt Northern Ore	400	71½	71	71⅛
Illinois Central	500	146	145½	145⅝
Interborough Met.	1,700	16¼	15⅞	16⅛
do preferred	4,800	46	44¼	44⅝
Int Paper	200	12⅛	11⅞	11⅞
do preferred	..	..	..	55⅝
Int Pump	800	40	39½	39⅞
Iowa Central	1,300	34	32½	32½
K C Southern	5,300	43¼	42⅝	43
do preferred	1,000	73⅝	73⅝	73½
Lake & Nashville	500	124	123½	123½
Minn & St L	500	58⅝	58¼	58½
M, St P & S S M	1,100	145⅝	143½	145⅝
Missouri Pacific	2,900	71⅝	71⅝	71⅝
Mo, Kan & Texas	20,000	44⅝	44⅛	44⅝
do preferred	1,000	75¼	74⅞	74½
National Lead	1,200	78¼	77½	78
N Y Central	6,900	130⅞	130¼	130⅝
N Y, Ont & West.	700	47½	47¼	47½
Norfolk & West.	900	92	90¾	91½
North American	1,700	75¼	74⅝	75
Northern Pacific	8,600	140⅝	139⅞	140⅝
Pacific Mail	..	..	..	33½
Pennsylvania	8,700	133⅝	133	133¼
People's Gas	500	102⅝	102	102⅝
Pitts C C & St L	200	92	89⅝	89⅝
Pressed Steel Car	200	42	41⅞	41⅞
Pullman Pal Car	200	172	171⅝	171
Ry Steel Spring	200	48	48	47
Reading	34,200	138⅞	137⅛	137⅞
Republic Steel	1,900	25⅝	25¼	25⅝
do preferred	400	86⅝	86½	86½
Rock Island Co.	16,700	25¼	24½	25⅛
do preferred	27,100	61⅝	59¼	61½
St L & S F 2 pf.	5,000	41⅛	39½	40⅝
St L Southwestern	100	22½	22½	22½
do preferred	100	54½	53½	53
Sloss-Sheffield	8,200	79½	77½	79
Southern Pacific	24,200	121	120⅝	120⅞
do preferred	500	122	121⅝	122
Southern Railway	5,900	26⅝	26⅛	26½
do preferred	700	63⅝	63	62½
Tenn Copper	900	35½	35⅛	35½
Texas & Pacific	900	35½	35⅛	35⅝
Tol, St L & West.	1,600	52⅝	51½	51⅞
do preferred	1,300	72½	71½	71⅞
Union Pacific	65,200	181⅛	179⅝	180⅞
do preferred	600	96⅝	96⅝	96½
U S Rubber	100	33	33	33
do 1st preferred	500	104¼	104	103½
U S Steel	111,300	54½	52⅝	53⅝
do preferred	200	114⅛	113⅝	114⅝
Utah Copper	100	44¼	44¼	44½
Va-Caro Chemical	1,300	46⅛	45⅝	46⅛
do preferred	..	..	..	114
Wabash	400	18⅞	18½	18½
do preferred	3,200	49⅛	48½	49
Westinghouse Elec	2,100	84	83½	83⅞
Western Union	200	69	69	68⅝
Wheel & L Erie	..	..	..	11
Wisconsin Central	4,100	40⅝	40⅝	41⅝
Am Tel & Tel	1,400	126	125½	125⅝

Total sales for the day, 571,600 shares.

BONDS.

U S Ref 2s reg.	102⅝	N Y C Gen 3½s	98½
do coupon	103	Nor Pacific 3s	74⅝
U S 3s reg.	100⅝	do 4s	103
do coupon	100⅝	So Pacific 4s	91
U S new 4s reg.	110½	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
do coupon	120½	Wis Central 4s	94
Atch Adjt 4s	93	Japanese 4s	89½
D & R G 4s	96		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Consols for money, 83 7-16; do for account, 83⅝.

Anaconda	9.62½	N Y Central	133.50
Atchison	101.87½	Norfolk & W	94.50
do pfd	103.00	do pfd	90.00
Balt & O	114.50	Ont & West	48.25
Can Pacific	180.50	Pennsylvania	68.12½
Ches & Ohio	63.50	Rand Mines	7.87½
Chi Gt West	8.50	Reading	70.50
C M & St P	154.50	So Railway	21.75
De Beers	11.50	do pfd	65.00
D & R G	39.50	So Pacific	123.87½
do pfd	81.75	Union Pacific	184.87½
Erie	32.12½	do pfd	90.00
do 1st pfd	48.25	U S Steel	54.12½
do 2d pfd	36.50	do pfd	116.50
Grand Trunk	19.12½	Wabash	19.25
Ill. Central	149.50	do pfd	50.00
L & N	128.00	Spanish Fours	94.75
M K & T	45.37½	Amal Copper	80.00

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Money on call easy, 1¾@2 per cent; lowest, 1¾ per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 1¾ per cent.

Time loans, 60 days, 2½ per cent; 90 days, 2¾ per cent; six months, 3@2¾ per cent.

Prime mercantile paper closed at 3¼@4 per cent.

Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8475@4.8485 for 60-day bills and at $4.8730 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.84⅝@4.84⅝.

Bar silver—51⅝c.

Mexican dollars—44c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Bar silver—Very quiet, 23 1-16d per ounce.

Money—2¾@2½ per cent.

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Silver bars, 51⅝c.

Mexican dollars—45½c.

Drafts—Sight, 7½c; telegraph, 10c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.85⅝; sight, $4.87⅝.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Today's Treasury statement shows:

Available cash balance	$150,680,327
Gold coin and bullion	15,947,709
Gold certificates	31,042,810

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Evaporated apples continue steady, although the demand is quiet. Fancy, 8½@9½c; choice, 7½@8c; prime, 6½@7c; common to fair, 5@6½c.

Prunes are rather firmer in tone, particularly in the case of Oregons. California prunes are quoted at 4½@7¾c up to 40-50s, and Oregons at 6½@9c for 40-50s to 20-30s.

Apricots are in small supply. Choice, 9½@9¾c; extra do., 9½@10c; fancy, 11½@12c.

Peaches are said to be offered freely from the Coast. Choice, 6½@7c; choice, 7½@8c; fancy, 8½@10c.

Raisins unsettled. Loose muscatels, 4¾@6c; choice to fancy seeded, 4½@6½c; seedless, 4@5½c; London layers, $1.50@1.60.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—A decline of 2s 6d was reported in the London tin market today, with spot closing at £128 10s and futures at £128 7s 6d. The local market was dull at 27.60@27.97c.

Copper declined to £59 13s 9d for spot and £60 12s 6d for futures in London. The local market was dull and nominal. Lake, 14.12½@14.25c; electrolytic, 13.62½@13.87c; casting, 13.60@13.75c.

Lead is unchanged in London at £13 2s 6d. The local market remained dull at 4.15@4.20c.

Spelter was unchanged at £21 2s 6d in London and 5.10@5.15c locally.

Iron was a little cheaper in London, with Cleveland warrants quoted at 48s 6d. The local market was unchanged.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Coffee futures closed easy and net unchanged to 10 points lower. Sales were estimated at 150,750 bags, including February at 5.75c; May, 5.90@5.95c; June, 5.85c; July, 5.75@5.80c. Spot coffee quiet; No. 7 Rio, 7¾c; Santos No. 4, 8¾@8½c. Mild coffee steady; Cordova, 9¾@12½c.

Sugar—Raw steady. Fair refining, 3.17c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.67c; molasses sugar, 2.92c. Refined steady; crushed, 5.35c; powdered, 4.75c; granulated, 4.65c.

LOOKING FOR CHEAP EGGS

SEATTLE OFFERS 35 CENTS FOR PORTLAND STOCK.

Onions Reach Three Cents and Order Are Wired to California for Immediate Shipment.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 21.—(Special.)—A Seattle egg dealer wired his representative in Portland late this afternoon to purchase all the eggs he possibly can at 35 cents. The market slumped to 42 cents here today, but dealers do not look for a quotation much under 40 cents. Eastern eggs dropped to 36 cents. It was reported that two cars of Eastern eggs are stalled in Eastern Washington on account of washouts.

Onions sold as high as 3 cents today. Orders have been placed in California for immediate delivery by express.

Potatoes were slightly weaker. In some quarters it was thought that the coterie of dealers now holding the market up cannot hold out much longer.

Wheat and hay are unchanged.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Millstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $35.50@35.50.

Vegetables—Garlic, 8@10c; green peas, 4@5c; string beans, 12½@15c; tomatoes, $1@1.50.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 39c; creamery seconds, 35c; fancy dairy, 27c; pickled, nominal.

Cheese—New, 13@13½c; Young America, 15½@16½c; Eastern, 17c.

Eggs—Store, 36c; fancy ranch, 37c; Eastern, nominal.

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

Wool—Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino, 18@19c; Mountain, 4@9½c; Nevada, 9@14c.

Hay—Wheat, $19@23; wheat and oats, $18@22; alfalfa, $15@18.50; stock, $13@16; straw, per bale, 50@85c.

Potatoes—Early Rose, $1.50@1.65; Oregon Burbanks, nominal; sweets, $1.25@1.75.

Fruits—Apples, choice, $1.25; common, 40c; bananas, 75c@$2.50; limes, $4@5; lemons, choice, $3; common, $1; oranges, navels, $1.25@2; pineapples, $1.50@2.50.

Receipts—Flour, 4800 quarter sacks; wheat, 735 centals; barley, 2500 centals; oats, 2030 centals; beans, 240 sacks; corn, 70 centals; potatoes, 460 sacks; bran, 200 sacks; middlings, 500 sacks; hay, 504 tons; wool, 208 bundles; hides, 310.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET.

Prices Current Locally on Cattle, Sheep and Hogs.

There were good receipts of cattle again yesterday and as a considerable supply is known to be on the way, the market weakened. But for the condition of the roads, the arrivals would have been even heavier and a still weaker market would have been the result. As it was steer prices were shaded 5 cents. Other stock was unchanged. The latest representative sales at the yards were 169 hogs, average weight 232 pounds, $7.25; 55 steers, average 1075 pounds, $5; 87 steers, average 1016 pounds, $4.85; 56 steers, average 1030 pounds, $4.80; 1 cow, 1045 pounds, $4; 17 cows, average 887 pounds, $4.15; 13 cows, average 827 pounds, $4.10.

The current range of prices was as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $5@5.20; medium, $4.50@5; Cows, best, $4@4.25; medium, $3.50@4; calves, $4.50@5.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $5.25@5.50; mixed sheep, $5@5.25; ewes, $4.50@4.75; lambs, $5.50@5.75.

HOGS—Best, $7@7.25; medium, $6.25@6.75.

Eastern Livestock Prices.

SOUTH OMAHA, Jan. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 5500; market, slow to 10c lower. Western steers, $4.25@5.85; Texans, $3@5; cows and heifers, $2.75@5; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5.35; calves, $3@8.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,500; market, 5@10c lower. Heavy, $5.25@6.20; mixed, $5.45@6.15; light, $5.75@6.05; pigs, $4.50@5.50; bulk of sales, $5.90@6.05.

Sheep—Receipts, 7000; market, steady, 10c lower. Yearlings, $5.75@6.50; wethers, $5@5.80; ewes, $4@5.15; lambs, $6.75@7.40.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000; market, slow and weak. Native steers, $4.60@6.65; native cows and heifers, $2.25@5.80; stockers and feeders, $3.40@5.20; bulls, $3.40@5; calves, $3.75@8.00; Western steers, $4@6; Western cows, $3@5.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; market, 5@10c lower. Bulk of sales, $5.60@6.15; heavy, $6.10@6.25; packers and butchers, $5.90@6.20; pigs, $4.25@5.80.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market, steady to 10c lower. Muttons, $4.35@5.50; lambs, $6@7.80; range wethers, $4@6.60; fed ewes, $3@5.25.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated, 2100; market, steady. Beeves, $3.45@6.10; Texans, $4.10@4.80; Western, $3.75@5.40; stockers and feeders, $3.10@5.00; cows and heifers, $1.75@5.25; calves, $7@8.75.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated, 48,000; market, 5@10c lower. Light, $5.50@6.20; mixed and heavy, $5.80@6.45; good to choice heavy, $5.95@6.45; pigs, $2.40@5.40; bulk of sales, $6@6.30.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated, 10,000; market, steady. Natives, $3.25@5.60; Western, $3.25@5.65; Yearlings, $5.75@6.90; lambs, natives, $5@7.65; Westerns, $5@7.65.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was steady. Creameries, 22@30c; dairies, 21@27c.

Eggs—Firm; at mark cases included 22½@28½c; firsts, 29½c; prime firsts, 30½c.

Cheese—Strong, 14@15c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Butter—Easy, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steadier. Western firsts, 29@29½c; seconds, 28@28½c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net advance of 9 to 15 points. Spot cotton, quiet, 15 points higher. Middling uplands, 10c; do. Gulf, 10.25c. Sales, 1005 bales.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 21.—Wool—Unchanged. Territory and Western m