ALL GRAINS STRONG

Extreme Prices Being Paid by Country Millers.

OATS AND BARLEY UP

Former Advance Sharply in the Sound Market—Good Demand for Local Produce. Hops Are Quiet.

All the grain markets were strong again yesterday. Prices in the local market were not much affected, but it was reported that higher prices were paid on the Sound. There were also reports from the country of extreme bids by interior millers for wheat. These isolated purchases at prices far above tidewater values are having a decidedly bullish effect on farmers. Such was the reported deal at Colfax, where the Potlatch Milling Company bought 5000 bushels of bluestem from Claud Hollingsworth at $1.12½ in the warehouse there.

Oats are firm in the local market with some holders now asking $32.50, while sales have been made at Seattle at $33. It is said that 10 per cent of the oats on Conner Flat were damaged by the recent flood. The barley market is quoted firm at $29 locally.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants Exchange follow:

American visible supply—

	Bushels.	Increase.
Dec. 6, 1909	31,086,000	1,668,000
Dec. 7, 1908	31,215,000	2,242,000
Dec. 9, 1907	43,424,000	*53,000
Dec. 10, 1906	40,214,000	*1,343,000
Dec. 11, 1905	34,711,000	*2,232,000
Dec. 12, 1904	37,108,000	148,000
Dec. 7, 1903	32,429,000	2,389,000
Dec. 8, 1902	45,948,000	865,000
Dec. 9, 1901	35,240,000	2,844,000
Dec. 10, 1900	61,494,000	*685,000

*Decrease.

Quantities on passage—

For—	Week ending Dec. 4. Bushels.	Week ending Nov. 27. Bushels.	Week ending Dec. 5, '08. Bushels.
U. Kingd	16,400,000	16,880,000	16,180,000
Continent	12,640,000	15,600,000	9,840,000
Total	29,040,000	32,480,000	26,000,000

World's shipments principal exporting countries, flour included—

From—	Week ending Dec. 4. Bushels.	Week ending Nov. 27. Bushels.	Week ending Dec. 5, '08. Bushels.
U. S. & Can	3,652,000	4,347,000	6,106,000
Argentine	432,000	128,000	414,000
Australia	48,000	288,000	352,000
Danube Pts.	360,000	176,000	860,000
Russia	5,504,000	6,600,000	1,609,000
India	232,000	312,000	.....
Total	10,588,000	11,851,000	9,340,000

Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	83	22	10	4	12
Year ago	71	10	15	2	11
Season to date	6169	933	895	616	1416
Year ago	7742	1211	398	551	1523

LOCAL POTATO PRICES ARE ADVANCED

Up to $1.25 Is Now Quoted by Front-Street Jobbers.

The potato market is a decidedly strong affair locally. Jobbers' quotations yesterday ranged from $1 to $1.25 per hundred and unless the cold weather abates, the price may go higher.

In the meantime there is no improvement in the shipping demand for potatoes. The top on Oregon Burbanks at San Francisco is $1.10, but Oregon Garnets are held as high as $1.75 in the Bay City. Buyers for shipping account are not operating at this end now and they quote Burbank carlot bids nominally at 50 to 70 cents according to section, but potatoes are worth more in the country for this market.

Mail advices from San Francisco report a steady market, but infer that the recent advance was forced by speculators. The unsold stock of Rivers is placed at 1,000,000 sacks. A Los Angeles letter noted the arrival of 12,000 sacks and quoted that market weak. No California potatoes are being shipped to Texas now, as Colorado controls the trade.

GOOD DEMAND FOR FRESH PRODUCE

Storm Has Little Effect on Front Street Trade.

In spite of the storm, business was good on Front street yesterday. The activity was in part the consequence of the light buying last week.

There was not much to offer in the way of local produce, but there were liberal receipts from the South. The steamer brought up a good assortment of vegetables, while the rail receipts included three cars of oranges and one car each of apples, celery, cauliflower and sweet potatoes. The latter are firmer in response to wires reporting much damage to field sweets in California because of freezing weather.

Among the express receipts was a shipment of 100 crates of Cornichon grapes, probably the last grape shipment of the season. They offered at $1.50 per crate.

SMALL LOCAL DEMAND FOR HOPS.

Light Inquiry and Snow Storm Cause a Dull Market.

There was not much business stirring in the hop market yesterday. The demand was light and buyers preferred to remain in town until the snow storm is over. A few growers came in with offers, but they were for the most part holders of inferior grades. No choice goods were put on sale. With the majority of dealers out of the market at present, it seems useless for growers to make offers. They can accomplish little besides giving the market a weak appearance. When the demand revives the sellers will quickly hear from the buyers.

That the inquiry has not absolutely ceased was shown by a bid of 22 cents for choice hops, made yesterday by an exporter. The offer led to no business.

BUTTER FIRM AT THE NEW PRICE.

Receipts of Cream Are Light—Poultry and Eggs Strong.

Most of the city creameries quoted the new butter price of 39 cents yesterday. The market is strong at the advance as cream receipts are very short. There is talk in some quarters of another rise, but whether the market can be lifted again in the face of a good supply of Eastern butter remains to be seen.

Eggs were firm, but no one was disposed to ask over 45 cents, though a further rise seems to be in sight. Holders of Eastern eggs are not pressing the sale of them.

Very little poultry was on hand and the prospects are for light receipts in the immediate future, with prices on a firm basis.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,722,152	$140,768
Seattle	2,394,249	444,503
Tacoma	908,403	51,236
Spokane	932,581	80,238

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, $1.15; club, $1.04; red Russian, $1.01½; Valley, $1.02; Turkey red, $1.04; 40-fold, $1.04.

BARLEY—Feed and brewing, $28.50@29 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $6 per barrel; straight, $4.60; export, $4.25; Valley, $5.50; graham, $5; whole wheat, quarters, $5.20.

CORN—Whole, $33.50; cracked, $34.50 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $33; shorts, $28.50@29.50; rolled barley, $29.50@30.50.

OATS—No. 1 white, $31.50@32.50 per ton.

HAY—Timothy, Willamette Valley $15@19 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $18@21; alfalfa, $16@16.50; clover, $15@16; cheat, $15@16; grain hay, $15@16.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—City creamery extras, 39c; fancy outside creamery, 32@37c per lb.; store, 22½@24c. (Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.)

EGGS—Fresh Oregon extras, 43@45c per dozen; Eastern, 31@38c per dozen.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, 18@18½c per pound; young Americas, 19@19½c.

POULTRY—Hens, 15½@16½c; Springs, 15@16c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, 15@16c; geese, 11@12c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, 22c.

PORK—Fancy, 10½@11c per pound.

VEAL—Extras, 11@11½c per pound.

Vegetables and Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, $1@3 box; pears, $1@1.50 per box; Spanish Malaga, $7@7.50 per barrel; quinces, $1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, $9@9.50 per barrel; persimmons, $1.50 per box.

POTATOES—Buying prices: Oregon, 50@70c per sack; sweet potatoes, 1¾c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, $2.75@3; lemons, fancy, $6; choice, $5.50; grapefruit $3.50@4 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pomegranates, $1.50 per box.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, 75c per dozen; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 1¼c per pound; cauliflower, $2 per dozen; celery, $3.75@4 per crate; eggplant, $1.75; hothouse lettuce, $1.50 per box; peas, 10c per pound; garlic, 10c per pound; horseradish, $1.50 per box; pumpkins, 1¼@1½c; radishes, 15c per dozen; sprouts, 8c per lb.; squash, 1@1½c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1 per sack; carrots, $1; beets, $1.50; parsnips, $1.50.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.50 per sack.

Provisions.

BACON—Fancy, 27c per pound; standard, 22c; choice, 21c; English, 20@20½c.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 15½c; smoked, 16½c; short clear backs, heavy dry salted, 15½c; smoked, 16½c; Oregon exports, dry salted, 16c; smoked, 17c.

HAMS—10 to 12 pounds, 17½c; 14 to 16 pounds, 17½c; 18 to 20 pounds, 17½c; hams, skinned, 18c; picnics, 13½c; cottage rolls, 15c; boiled hams, 24@25c; boiled picnics, 21c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 10s, 17½c; standard pure, 10s, 16½c; choice, 10s, 15½c. Compound, 10s, 11¼c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 60c; dried beef sets, 19c; dried beef outsides, 17c; dried beef insides, 21c; dried beef knuckles, 20c.

PICKLED GOODS—Barrels: Pigs' feet, $13.50; regular tripe, $10; honeycomb tripe, $12; lunch tongues, $19.50; mess beef, extra, $12; mess pork, $25.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 9¾c per pound; peaches, 7¾@8c; prunes, Italians, 5¼@6¼c; prunes, French, 4@8c; currants, unwashed, cases, 9½c; currants, washed, cases, 10c; figs, white fancy, 50-lb. boxes, 6¼c; dates, 8@8½c.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10½; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, $2.

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

NUTS—Walnuts, 14@16c per pound, Brazil nuts, 12½@15c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 14½@15½c; chestnuts, Ohio, 20c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 5½c; large white, 4½c; Lima, 5½c; bayou, 5½c; pink, 4½c.

SUGAR—Granulated, 5.75; extra C, $5.25; golden C, $5.15; fruit and berry sugar, $5.85; beet, $5.65; cubes (barrel), $6.30; powdered (barrel), $6. Terms on remittances within 15 days, deduct ⅛c per pound, if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ¼c 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.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.50 per case.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 crop, 18@22c; 1908 crop, nominal, 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound. Valley, 25c pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25c pound.

CASCARA BARK—4½c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, 18@19c per pound; dry kip, 17@18c pound; dry calfskin, 19@21c pound; salted hides, 10½@11c; salted calfskin, 15@16c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Goatskins, 15c@$1.25; badger, 25@50c; bear, $6@20; beaver, $5.50@8.50; cat, wild, 75c@1.50; cougar, perfect head and claws, $8@10; fisher, dark, $7.50@11; pale, $4.90@7; fox, cross, $3@5; fox, gray, 60@80c; fox, red, $3@5; fox, silver, $35@100; lynx, $8@15; marten, dark, $8@12; mink, $3.50@5.60; muskrat, 15@25c; otter, $2.50@4; raccoon, 60@75c; sea otter, $100@250, as to size and color; skunks, 55@80c; civet cat, 10@15c; wolf, $3@3.50; coyote, 75c@$1.25; wolverine, dark, $3@5; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

LIVESTOCK IS QUIET

GENERAL TONE OF THE MARKET IS UNCHANGED.

Last Week's Quotations Are Repeated—Receipts for the Day Are Liberal.

Trading in livestock was quiet yesterday. The tone of the market in general was unchanged from the close of last week. The receipts over Sunday were 323 cattle, 361 sheep, 406 hogs and 83 calves.

Shippers at the yards were: J. E. Reynolds, of Condon, with one car of cattle and calves; R. C. Miller, of Nampa, three cars of cattle and hogs; E. Evans, of Condon, five cars of cattle and calves; Galdhart Bros., of Weiser, three cars of cattle; I. Williams, of Idaho Falls, two cars of hogs; L. Fulton, of Weiser, one car of sheep, and T. J. Rinehart, of Silverton, two cars of sheep.

Prices quoted at the yards yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.50@4.75; fair to good, $4@4.25; medium and feeders, $3.50@3.75; best cows, $3.50@3.75; medium, $3@3.25; common to medium, $2.50@3.75; bulls, $2@2.50; stags, $2.50@3.50; calves, light, $5.25@5.50; heavy, $4@4.75.

HOGS—Best, $8@8.25; medium, $7.50@7.80; stockers, $4@4.75.

SHEEP—Best ewes, $4.25@4.75; fair to good, $3.75@4; best ewes, $2.75@4; fair to good, $3.50@3.75; lambs, $5@5.35.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated at 23,000; market, strong to 10c higher. Beeves, $4@9.25; Texas steers, $3.80@4.50; Western steers, $4.25@7.50; stockers and feeders, $3.15@5.30; cows and heifers, $2.10@5.70; calves, $6.50@8.50.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated at 22,000; market, 10@15c higher. Light, $7.85@8.35; mixed, $7.90@8.50; heavy, $8@8.55; rough, $8@8.20; good to choice heavy, $8.20@8.55; pigs, $6.80@7.85; bulk of sales, $8.20@8.45.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated at 20,000; market, 10c higher. Native, $3@5.20; Western, $3.25@5.20; yearlings, $5.65@7; lambs, native, $5.25@7.85; Western, $5.25@7.80.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,000; market, 5@10c higher. Native steers, $3@8.50; native cows and heifers, $2@6.75; stockers and feeders, $3.20@5.20; bulls, $3@4.25; calves, $3.50@7.75; Western steers, $4@5.50; Western cows, $2.75@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 7000; market, 10c higher. Bulk of sales, $8@8.30; heavy, $8.25@8.35; packers and butchers, $8.10@8.30; light, $7.75@8.20; pigs, $6.50@7.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 8000; market, 10c higher. Muttons, $4.50@5.75; lambs, $6@7.75; range wethers and yearlings, $4@6.75; range ewes, $3.50@5.25.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 6.—Cattle—Receipts 4500; market, 10c higher. Native steers, $4@8.25; native cows and heifers, $3@5; Western steers, $3.50@6.25; Western cows and heifers, $2.75@4.45; canners, $2.50@3.25; stockers and feeders, $3@5.25; calves, $3.50@7; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.60.

Hogs—Receipts, 1800; market, 10c higher. Heavy, $8.05@8.15; mixed, $8.05@8.10; light, $8@8.15; pigs, $6.15@7.75; bulk of sales, $8.10@8.15.

Sheep—Receipts, 3500; market, stronger. Yearlings, $5.75@6.75; wethers, $4.75@5.50; ewes, $4.50@5.10; lambs, $6.50@7.75.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Coffee futures closed net unchanged but Hamburg was ¼ to ½ pfenning lower. Sales, 17,250 bags, including January, 6.40@6.45c; March, 6.60c; May, 6.70@6.75c, and July-September, 6.90c. Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio, 8½c, nominal; No. 4 Santos, 8¾c. Mild, quiet; Cordova, 9@11½c. Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining, 3.81c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.31c; molasses sugar, 3.56c. Refined, steady; No. 6, 4.65c; No. 7, 4.60c; No. 8, 4.55c; No. 9, 4.50c; No. 10, 4.45c; No. 11, 4.40c; No. 12, 4.35c; No. 13, 4.30c; No. 14, 4.30c; confectioners' (A), 4.95c; mould (A), 4.50c; powdered, 5.25c; granulated, 5.15c; cubes, 5.40c.

In 18th century England the fashionable woman's headdress often had to be left untouched for weeks at a time.

SALES UNDER COVER

Liquidation Believed to Be Going on Quietly.

STOCK TRADERS WARY

Sudden Drop in Sugar Has a Bad Effect on the List—Rumors of Dividend Increase in Reading. Bond Market Is Firm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Hesitation and constraint made themselves felt in the stock speculation again today, following the volatile movement of Saturday. The explanation of the action of the market was somewhat obscure. It was suspected that a process of distribution of stocks under cover might be going on. That the appearance of things was designedly confused was taken for granted, while the abundant resources displayed in forming this appearance made the smaller traders wary in their operations.

The assembling of Congress had its usual restraining effect. It was understood at the outset that the President's message would not be presented today and the stock market believed itself to be accurately informed on the contents of that document.

Another sudden drop in American Sugar was regarded as suggestive and helped to prompt a selling movement of wider scope.

There was occasional demand for Reading, with insistent assertions that a dividend increase was near. Sales of Rock Island preferred at 90 were due to reiterated reports that it would soon go on a 5 per cent dividend basis.

The question of wage readjustment among railroad employes was discussed, but without disturbing effect. The feeling is due in part to assumption that the railroad managers stand ready to make concessions in demands for increased wages. Higher wages may be conceded, although reductions were not made in the late period of depression.

Transfers of currency were made again to San Francisco, and foreign exchange rates held at a figure where more gold was engaged for South America. Money brokers reported some time loans on special collateral at rates from 5½ to 6 per cent.

Bonds were firm. Total sales, par value, $4,942,000. United States 4s declined ¼ and the 2s advanced ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chalmers pf.	400	55¼	55	54
Amal. Copper	44,200	88	86¼	86¼
Am Agricultural	800	46	45¾	45¾
Am Bet Sugar	500	47	46¾	46¾
Am Can pf	400	83⅞	83½	83½
Am Car & Foun.	1,300	73	72	71½
Am Cotton Oil	1,100	68¾	68½	68¼
Am Hd & Lt pf.	300	46¾	46½	46½
Am Ice Securi	300	27½	27	26½
Am Linseed Oil	400	15⅞	15½	15
Am Locomotive	1,700	62	60¾	60¾
Am Smelt & Ref.	10,600	99⅝	98¼	98½
do preferred	700	111½	110⅝	111¼
Am Sugar Ref	5,000	119	118½	119⅝
Am Tel & Tel	8,000	140¼	139	140
Am Tobacco pf	300	98¼	98	98
Am Woolen				33½
Anaconda Min Co.	1,000	49⅝	48¾	48⅝
Atchison	23,500	121	120⅛	120⅞
do preferred	600	104½	104¼	104⅝
Atl Coast Line				133½
Balt & Ohio	700	116	116½	116½
do preferred				92
Bethlehem Steel	400	35	34	34½
Brook Rap Tran.	31,100	82⅝	80¼	81⅝
Canadian Pacific	900	179⅞	179¼	179¼
Central Leather	1,100	46	45⅝	45⅝
do preferred				108
Central of N J				312
Ches & Ohio	6,600	86⅞	86	86¼
Chicago & Alton	400	69	68⅝	68½
Chicago Gt West				19½
Chicago B & Q	1,200	178¼	177¼	177
C., M. & St Paul	3,100	155¼	154⅝	154⅝
C. C. C & St L				76½
Colo Fuel & Iron	2,800	51	49⅝	49⅝
Colo & Southern	400	57½	57	57¼
do 1st preferred	100	81¼	81¼	81
do 2d preferred				80½
Consolidated Gas	600	151½	150	150¼
Corn Products	300	21⅞	21⅝	21½
Del & Hudson	600	183	182	182½
D & R Grande				35½
Distillers' Securi	300	36¼	35⅞	35⅝
Erie	1,400	32	32⅝	32⅝
do 1st preferred	300	47⅝	47¼	47
do 2d preferre				38½
General Electric	1,000	160⅝	160	160
Gt Northern pf	3,200	143⅝	142	142
Gt Northern Ore	2,800	81⅝	80½	80½
Illinois Central				146
Interborough Met.	15,700	24⅞	24	24⅜
do preferred	13,600	59	57⅝	58¼
Inter Harvester	300	108	107	106⅞
Inter-Marine pf	1,500	25¼	24½	24½
Int Paper	400	14⅝	14½	14⅝
Int Pump	6,400	53	51¾	51⅝
Iowa Central	400	29¼	29	28
K C Southern	1,200	53⅝	42¾	42⅞
do preferred				70
Lehigh Valley	500	151⅞	150¾	150¾
Minn & St Louis				52½
M, St P & S S M.	600	135½	135	134¾
Missouri Pacific	1,100	70⅝	70¼	70⅝
N Y, Ont & Western	10,300	48	47½	47⅝
do preferred				73½
National Biscuit				117½
National Lead	1,300	88½	88	88½
Nat Rys of Mex 1st pf				55¼
N Y Central	6,900	127⅝	126½	126½
N Y, Ont & West.	1,500	47⅝	46½	46¼
Norfolk & West.	500	82½	81⅝	80½
North American	100	82½	81⅝	81⅝
Northern Pacific	6,600	144¼	143⅛	143½
Pacific Mail	1,100	45⅝	44	43⅝
Pennsylvania	15,100	131	130	130
People's Gas	200	114	113⅞	112⅞
P, C C & St L				94½
Pressed Steel Car.	700	52⅞	51¾	51⅝
Pullman Pal Car.				190
Ry Steel Spring	200	50⅝	50	50¼
Reading	171,200	172	170¼	170⅝
Republic Steel	1,100	46⅞	46	46
do preferred	300	106½	106	105⅝
Rock Island Co.	16,800	41¼	40¼	40¼
do preferred	10,400	90	88¼	87¾
St L & S F 2 pf.	2,700	59½	58¾	58⅞
do preferred	5,700	79¼	77½	79
Sloss-Sheffield	200	89	88	88
Southern Pacific	14,700	129⅝	128½	128¾
Southern Railway	2,100	31⅝	31	30⅞
do preferred	300	69	68½	68½
Tenn Copper				59
Texas & Pacific	400	34⅞	34¾	34½
Tol, St L & West.	300	53¾	53½	53¾
do preferred	300	69¾	69	68½
Union Pacific	56,500	201⅝	199⅝	199⅝
do preferred	700	103¾	102¾	102½
U S Realty				81
U S Rubber	600	53½	52½	52½
U S Steel	164,000	90⅞	89⅝	89⅝
do preferred	1,400	125	124½	124⅝
Utah Copper	1,800	59½	58¼	58½
Va-Caro Chemical.	400	48½	48⅝	48¼
Wabash	1,300	21¼	21	21
do preferred	7,600	57¼	56	56⅝
Western Md	600	45	45	44
Westinghouse Elec	1,200	84⅞	84½	84
Western Union	1,200	78¼	77½	78¼
Wheel L Corn				8¾
Wisconsin Central.	500	49	49	49

Total sales for the day, 773,500 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Closing quotations:

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	100¼	N Y C G 3½s	91
do coupon	100¼	North Pacific 3s	72¾
U. S. 3s reg.	101¼	North Pacific 4s	106¾
do coupon	101¼	Union Pacific 4s	102½
U S new 4s reg.	114⅝	Wiscon Cent 4s	94½
do coupon	116	Japanese 4s	87¼
D & R G 4s	96		

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds—

Gold coin	$874,590,869
Silver dollars	486,847,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,979,000
Silver certificates outstanding	486,847,000
General fund—	
Standard silver dollars in general fund	2,855,295
Current liabilities	109,523,024
Working balance in Treasury offices	30,683,815
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States	35,759,835
Subsidiary silver coin	15,794,327
Minor coin	1,322,913
Total balance in general fund	85,129,418

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8415@4.8420 for 60-day bills and at $4.87 for demand.

Commercial bills—$4.83¼@4.84.

Bar silver—51¼c.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, firm.

Money on call, firm, 4@5 per cent; ruling rate, 4¾ per cent; closing bid, 4½ per cent; offered at 4¾ per cent.

Time loans, dull and steady; 60 days, 4¾@5 per cent; 90 days, 4½@4¾ per cent; six months, 4½ per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Bar silver—Steady, 23 1-16d per ounce.

Money—2½@3¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4@4¼ per cent; three months' bills, 3⅞@3 15-16 per cent.

Consols, for money, 83 1-16; for account, 83 5-16.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.84¼; sight, $4.87⅝.

Silver bars—51½c.

Mexican dollars—45c.

Drafts—Sight, par; telegraph, 2c.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	7	Mohawk	61
Amalgamated	86⅝	Nevada	26¾
Ariz Com	45	Old Dominion	50
Atlantic	11¾	Osceola	157
Butte Coal	29⅝	Parrot	29
Cal & Ariz	101	Quincy	84
Centennial	37½	Shannon	15½
Copper Range	80½	Tamarack	64
Daly West	8	Trinity	10¼
Franklin	16	U S Mining	53¾
Granby	100	Utah	45
Greene Cananea	12½	Victoria	4
Isle Royale	25	Winona	8½
Mass Mining	7½	Wolverine	145
Michigan	7	North Butte	61⅝

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet. Mid-uplands, 14.85c; mid-Gulf, 15.10c. Sales, 2700 bales.

Futures closed steady. December, 14.48c; January, 14.68c; February, 14.80c; March, 15.02c; April, 15.08c; May, 15.24c; June, 15.06c; July, 15.17c; August, 14.48c; September, 13.37c; October, 12.38c.

POTATOES DOWN AGAIN

SEATTLE MARKET DECLINES UNDER HEAVY RECEIPTS.

First Japanese Oranges of the Season Are Distributed—Eggs Advance to 60 Cents.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Sweet potatoes prices were advanced today 35 cents a crate, to $2.25. A shorter supply is given as the cause. White potatoes continue to arrive in large quantities, 23 carloads being among the day's receipts. Under heavy receipts prices are easy, at $15 to $18.

The first Japanese oranges were distributed today. They are quoted at $1.35. Celery is almost impossible to get at any price. Growers fear to ship during the cold snap. Two carloads of Malaga grapes reached the street today. Other varieties of grapes are about out of the market. Apples are dull.

Egg dealers report that large quantities of recent arrivals of Eastern eggs have been frozen in transit. Fresh eggs sold as high as 60 cents today. Fear of a shortage of Eastern has caused heavy buying by retailers. Butter was firm. Saturday's advance at Portland was unexpected here. Small shipments of California eggs and butter are arriving on every boat, but have little effect on this market.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $1.00@1.25; string beans, 4@7c; wax beans, 75c@$1.50; garlic, 4@6c; green peas, 4@8c; eggplant, 5@6c.

Milistuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $36.50@37.50.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 36c; creamery seconds, 31c; fancy dairy, 29c.

Eggs—Store, 48c; fancy ranch, 55c.

Cheese—New, 17@18c; young Americas, 17@19c.

Hay—Wheat, $14@19; wheat and oats, $13@17; alfalfa, $9@12; stock, $8@10; barley, $10@13; straw, per bale, 50@70c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, 75c@90c; common, 50@65c; bananas, 75c@$2.50; limes, $4@4.50; lemons, choice, $3.50@4; common, $1.75@2.75; oranges, navels, $1.65@2.50; pineapples, $3@3.50.

Wool—South Plains and San Joaquin, 8@10c; Spring Humboldt and Mendocino, 13@15c.

Hops—20@23c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1@1.10; Salinas Burbanks, $1.20@1.40; sweets, $1@1.25.

Receipts—Flour, 7549 sacks; wheat, 1205 centals; barley, 2460 centals; oats, 550 centals; beans, 1050 sacks; corn, 45 centals; potatoes, 6105 sacks; bran, 25 sacks; middlings, 420 sacks; hay, 545 tons; wool, 289 bales; hides, 925.

PIG IRON OUTPUT KEEPS UP.

Returns for November Show Pace Is Being Maintained.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 6.—That the record-breaking rate of pig iron production of September and October was maintained in November was shown by statistics just published by the Iron Trade Review.

The returns give a total production of coke and anthracite pig iron of 2,522,598 tons, compared with 2,589,681 tons in October, a decrease for November of 67,083 tons. November has one less working day than October. The total production in November this year, with 312 active stacks, was 1,007,567 tons more than November a year ago, with 212 stacks in operation. The daily average production for the month of November was 84,086 tons, compared with 83,538 tons for October, 79,201 tons for September and 52,744 tons for November last year.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Butter—Steady. Creameries, 26½@32½c; dairies, 24@28c.

Eggs—Steady. Receipts 3324 cases, at mark, cases included, 20½@25c; firsts, 28½c; prime firsts, 30½c.

Cheese—Firm. Daisies, 16¼@16½c; Young Americas, 16@16¼c; long horns, 16c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Butter—Steady. Creamery specials, 34c; extras, 33c; third to firsts, 27@32c; held creamery, 38@32c; state dairy, 25@32½c; process, 25½@28c; Western factory, 23½@25c; Western imitation creamery, 26@27c.

Cheese—Firm. State, new full cream, special, 17@17¼c; do. September fancy, 16@16¾c; do. October best, 17¼c; late made best, 15¾c; common to good, 14¾@15½c; skims, full to special, 16¼@18½c.

Eggs—Easy. Western extra firsts, 31@32½c; firsts, 28@30c; refrigerator, 20@24c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Standard copper on the New York Metal Exchange was quiet today with spot and December quoted at 12.75@13c; January, 12.75@13.05c; February, 12.80@13.15c; March, 12.90@13.25c. No sales reported. The London market closed firm, spot at £59 5s and futures £60 7s 6d. Local dealers quote lake copper at 13.25@13.50c; electrolytic at 13.12½@13.37½c; casting at 12@12.25c.

Tin, firm; spot January and February, 31.75@32c; March and April, 32@32.25c. London closed steady; spot, £144 2s 6d, and futures at £145 17s 6d.

Lead, quiet; spot, 4.37½@4.42½c. New York, and 4.40@4.47½ East St. Louis. London was unchanged.

Spelter closed dull; spot, 6:10@6.30c New York, and 6.25c asked East St. Louis. London market unchanged at £23.

Iron, higher; Cleveland warrants, 50s ¼d. Local market, unchanged.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Evaporated apples steady for futures with a little better demand at 7⅜@7⅝c for December. Spot, quiet; fancy new crop, 10½@11½c; prime, 7½c; old crop, prime, 7¼@7½c; common to fair, 6¾@7c.

Prunes, quiet, but firm, with small supplies of the larger sizes. California, 2¾@9c up to 30-40s, and Oregons, 6@9c.

Apricots, firm with light stocks. Choice, 11¾@11½c; extra choice, 11½@12c; fancy, 12¼@12½c.

Peaches, quiet but firm, with small offerings; choice, 6¾@7c; extra choice, 7@7½c; fancy, 7¾@8c.

Raisins are quiet but the tone of the market is firm on account of conditions on the Coast. Loose Muscatels, 4@5¾c; choice seeded, 5½@6¾c; seedless, 3½@5c, and London layers, $1.17½@1.30.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6.—Wool—Unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 24@29c; fine mediums, 21@25c; fine, 12@20c.

Sugar Prices Reduced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents a hundred pounds today.

Canadian Jurist's Wife Dead.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 6.—Mrs. H. M. Howell, wife of Chief Justice Howell, of the Court of Appeals of Manitoba, Canada, died here today of cancer. Her daughter, Miss Sybil Howell, was with her.

UP ON CROP SCARE

Bullish Wheat Cables From Argentina.

CHICAGO MARKET STRONG

Rain and Cold Weather in the South American Republic—Shorts Actively