FLOUR PRICES RISE

Exports Advance Ten Cents a Barrel.

PATENTS WILL SOON GO UP

Domestic Grades Will Be Lifted 20 Cents All Around—Wheat Market Has a Firm Undertone.

Export flour prices were advanced 10 cents a barrel to $4.60 yesterday. As a rise in exports is usually regarded as a forerunner of an advance in patents, the trade, therefore, looks for higher prices on local grades in the next day or two. It is understood the advance on patents will be 20 cents a barrel.

In the meantime, the wheat market is quiet, as is to be expected in holiday week, but the undertone appears to be firm. The only show of weakness anywhere has been at Seattle, where a large number of cars have been tied up by the strike and cannot be moved. Some of the holders of this wheat, who are dealers and small speculators unable to make deliveries, have offered the grain at concession. Dealers and speculators holding wheat in country warehouses show no such weakness, notwithstanding the approach of New Year's, when storage charges are due. Their confidence in the future of the market is fully shared by farmers, who for the present have practically withdrawn from the market.

The foreign wheat market holds in a very steady position. Advices from Liverpool say it is believed there that the crop damage in Southern Argentina will prove to be greater than was anticipated, and as Russian shipments are falling off and likely to cease altogether soon, the English traders look for higher prices later.

There were no new developments in the oats or barley markets. Both were quiet and unchanged.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Tuesday	36	1	13	3	7
Wednesday	62	2	6	3	3
Year ago	27	...	5	...	2
Season to date	9950	1063	1128	886	1571
Year ago	8591	1299	952	962	1668

OREGON WOOL IN BOSTON MARKET.

Sales of Staples at 24 and 25 Cents—Little Contracting Done.

Fibre and Fabric, of Boston, says of the movement of Oregon wool in the East:

"Early in the week the woolen mills cleaned up about 600,000 pounds of Eastern stapled Oregon wools at an average price of 24 cents and 200 bags at 25 cents, but since then business has been practically at a standstill. The same is true of Californias. For two days quite a little Spring wool was bought, about 500,000 pounds, at prices ranging all the way from 21 cents to 23½ cents. Since then very little has been done, although one house reports small sales of scoured middle country at 65 cents and scoured Northern at 68@70 cents. There is quite a little sampling being done and dealers look for increased business after the mills have completed their stock taking.

"As noted in our report last week, little has been done in the Western States in the nature of contracting for 1910 wools. The three Boston houses that have done more or less of this have withdrawn for the time being. Western growers' ideas are away out of reason and if they persist in asking such extreme prices the chances are there will be a deadlock between them and the wool dealers that will result one way—unsatisfactory to all concerned."

POULTRY MARKET IS VERY FIRM.

Orders Sent Into the Country for Turkeys Cannot Be Filled.

The poultry market was very firm yesterday. The demand was good for everything and offerings were small. Hens sold at 15 cents generally, with fancy lots bringing half a cent more. There was a fair local and a very good shipping demand for dressed turkeys, and the best stock brought 26 cents. Several dealers have sent orders into the country for New Year's turkeys and received replies that but few can be had. A Roseburg shipper has been trying for several days, unsuccessfully, to fill a small order for 25 birds.

The egg market holds its own. Oregons are extremely scarce, but an abundant supply of Eastern eggs prevents the market from advancing.

Butter and cheese are firm at last prices.

Fruit and Vegetable Trade Active.

The fruit and vegetable trade is getting back to normal conditions. Receipts have been liberal for the past two days and the market does not present the bare appearance it did. Among yesterday's arrivals were a car each of celery, cauliflower, oranges and Watsonville apples. Most of the cauliflower coming now is small in size, but it is the best that is available. Sweet potatoes are firm in price, but no higher.

No Hop Sales Are Reported.

There were no less than half a dozen dealers in the market for hops yesterday, but no purchases were reported in this state. Growers present the same firm appearance they did before the holidays. As for the selling by Oregon dealers, none has come to light since the business reported some time ago. About 400 bales of Yakimas have changed hands between dealers in the past few days at 20 and 21 cents. These are the prices being offered in this state. The quiet spell is expected to last until the middle of the coming month.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,162,888	$130,813
Seattle	1,696,144	321,141
Tacoma	1,040,978	174,088
Spokane	744,523	138,744

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, $1.20; club, $1.16; red Russian, $1.09. Valley, $1.16.

BARLEY—Feed and brewing, $30@31 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $6.15 per barrel; straight $4.85; export, $4.60; Valley, $4.70; graham, $3.50; whole wheat, quarters, $3.70.

CORN—Whole, $35; cracked, $36 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $32; shorts, $28.50@29.50; rolled barley, $31.

Oats—No. 1 white, $32.50@33 per ton.

HAY—Timothy: Willamette Valley, $18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $18@21.50; 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, 34@35c per lb.; store, 22½@24c. (Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices.)

POULTRY—Hens, 15@15½c; Springs, 14½@15c; ducks, 20c; geese, 12c; turkeys, live, nominal; dressed, 25@26c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon extras, 42½c per dozen; Eastern, 28@30c per dozen.

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

PORK—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

VEAL—Extras, 11@11½c per pound.

Vegetables and Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, $1@2 box; pears, $1@1.50 per box; Spanish Malaga, $7@7.50 per barrel; quinces, $1.25@1.50 per box; cranberries, $9 per barrel; persimmons, $1.50 per box.

POTATOES—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 65@85c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, $2.50@3; lemons, fancy, $6; choice, $5.50; grapefruit $3.50@4 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pomegranates, $1.50 per box. Japanese oranges, $1.50@1.75 per bundle; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, 75c per dozen; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, $1.60@1.75 per hundred; cauliflower, $1.75@1.85 doz.; celery, $1.50@2.75 per crate; eggplant, $1.75; hothouse lettuce, $1.35@1.50 per box; peas, 10c lb.; garlic, 10c lb; horseradish, $1.50 per box; pumpkins, 1¼@1½c; radishes, 15c per doz.; sprouts, 6@7c per lb.; squash, 1@1½c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.

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

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.30@1.40 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, 14c; 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, 14c; boiled hams, 24@25c; boiled picnics, 21c.

LARD—Kettle rendered, 10s, 17½c; standard pure, 10s, 16½c; choice, 10s, 15½c. Compound, 10s, 11½c.

SMOKED BEEF—Beef tongues, each, 50c; 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.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 crop, 20@21c; olds, nominal.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c pound; olds, nominal.

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.

PURS—No. 1 skins: Coatskins, 15c@$1.25; badger, 25@50c; bear, $6@20; beaver, $6.50@8.50; cat, wild, 75c@1.50; cougar, perfect head and claws, $3@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@5.50; muskrat, sea otter, $100@250, as to size and color; 15@25c; otter, $2.50@4; raccoon, 60@75c; skunks, 55@80c; elver cat, 10@15c; wolf, $3@3.50; coyote, 75c@$1.25; wolverine, dark, $3@5; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

Groceries, Dried Fruits, Etc.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10c per pound; peaches, 8½c; prunes, Italians, 4@5c; prunes, French, 4@5c; currants, 10c; apricots, 12½c; dates, 7½c per pound.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound tails, $2 per dozen; 2-pound tails, $2.95; 1-pound flats, $2.10½; Alaska pink, 1-pound tails, 90c; red, 1-pound tails, $1.45; sockeyes, 1-pound tails, $1.80.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 16@18c; ordinary, 12½@16c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15c per pound; Brazil nuts, 12½@13c; filberts, 16@17c; almonds, 16½@17c; chestnuts, Ohio, 20c; cocoanuts, 90c@$1 per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 5½c; large white, 4½c; Lima, 5½c; bayou, 6¼c; pink, 4½c; red Mexican, 7½c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, fruit and berry, $5.95; beet, $5.75; extra C, $5.45; golden C, $5.35; 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, $14 per ton, $1.90 per bale; half ground, 100s, $8.50 per ton; 50s, $9 per ton.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.50 per case.

Oils, Turpentine, Etc.

COAL OIL—Pearl, astral and star, cases, 19c per gallon; eocene, cases, 22c per gallon; Elaine, cases, 23c per gallon; extra star, cases, 22c per gallon; water white, iron barrels, 11½c per gallon; wood barrels, 15½c per gallon; special water white, iron barrels, 13c per gallon.

GASOLINE—Red crown and motor gasoline, iron barrels, 16c per gallon; cases, 25c per gallon; 86 gasoline, iron barrels, 30c per gallon; cases, 37½c per gallon.

BENZINE—V. M. and naptha, iron barrels, 13½c per gallon; cases, 26½c per gallon; engine distillate, iron barrels, 9c per gallon; cases, 16c per gallon.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 78c per gallon; wood barrels, 75½c per gallon; aroturps (turpentine substitute), iron barrels, 58c per gallon; cases, 65c per gallon.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, in barrels, 73c; boiled, in barrels, 80c; raw, in cases, 85c; boiled, in cases, 85c.

DEPEND ON STEAMERS

SEATTLE JOBBERS NOT ORDERING FREIGHT BY RAIL.

Oranges Received From California by Boat—Talk of Advance in Butter.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Owing to traffic troubles, commission men are ordering the bulk of oranges for this market shipped North by boat. About four carloads arrived by water today. Shipments have been ordered by water owing to the uncertainty of prompt delivery by rail.

Tomatoes are about out of the market. Only 23 crates arrived by boat today. No car shipments are expected for some time yet. Prices are firmer, the market moved over a narrow range. Trade was fair.

One hundred tons of Manchurian corn reached here today. The corn is held at $35. Another shipment is in transit.

Export flour was advanced 10 cents to $4.60. A better demand for flour is reported from Japan. Hay was steady.

Large quantities of California butter arrived and further shipments will be made. California butter commands 28 cents and fancy fresh Eastern is held at the same price. There is talk of an advance on local brands, but several large creameries oppose the plan.

Fresh eggs dropped a cent to 47 cents. Many frozen eggs are offering. According to advices received today from Oregon, Tillamook cheese will be quoted higher in the near future. Poultry was quiet and unchanged.

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The following prices were quoted in the produce market today:

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $1@1.75; string beans, 15@17½c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.25; garlic, 6@7c; green peas, 3@15c; eggplant, 10@15c.

Millstuffs—Bran, $28.50@30; middlings, $38.50@37.50.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c; creamery seconds, 31c; fancy dairy, 29c.

Eggs—Store, 35c; fancy, 40½c.

Cheese—New, 17½@18c; young Americas, 18@19c.

Hay—Wheat, $14@19.50; wheat and oats, $13@17; alfalfa, 99@12; stock, $8@10; straw, per bale, 20@70c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, 75c@$1; common, 50@60c; bananas, 50c@$3.25; limes, $4@4.50; lemons, choice, $3@3.50; common, $1.50@2.50; oranges, navels, $1.65@2.50; pineapples, $2@3.

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

Hops—18@24c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.15@1.25; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.40; sweets, $1.50@1.90.

Receipts—Flour, 12,574 sacks; barley, 3400 centals; beans, 1040 sacks; potatoes, 9175 sacks; bran, 50 sacks; middlings, 50 sacks; hay, 40 tons; wool, 34 bales; hides, 1455.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	6	Michigan	7
Allouez	37	Mohawk	64
Amalgamated	90½	Nevada	26¾
Ariz Commercial	31	Old Dominion	54¼
Atlantic	11¼	Osceola	100¼
Butte Coalition	28½	Parrot	19½
Calumet & Ariz	102½	Quincy	89
Cal & Hecla	677	Shannon	10¾
Centennial	12¾	Trinity	10
Copper Range	80¾	U S Mining	54
Daly West	8¾	Utah	45½
Franklin	18¾	Victoria	5
Granby	100	Winona	11¾
Greene Cananea	11¾	Wolverine	145¾
Isle Royale	27¾	North Butte	49½

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Butter—Strong. Creameries, 27@36c; dairies, 25@30c.

Eggs—Firm. Receipts, 4322 cases at mark, cases included. 24½@28½c; firsts, 32c; prime firsts, 35c.

Cheese—Steady. Daisies, 16½@18½c; twins, 16@16½c; Young Americas, 16½c; long horns, 16½c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Butter—Steady. Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Strong. Western extra firsts, 34½@35½c; seconds, 29@31c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Wool—Unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 24@26c; fine mediums, 21@23c; fine, 17@20c.

LOOK FOR FLURRY

Squeeze in Money Market Is Expected.

MAY COME NEXT WEEK

After That, It Is the Belief There Will Be a Material Relaxation. Tendency of Stock Prices Is Upward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The action of the stock market may be fairly regarded as reflecting a cheerful view of the outlook for values, tempered by the restraining influence of the reasonable restriction of the money market supplies. Confidence in a material relaxation of money after the turn of the year diminished the effect of the present tightness of call loans.

Foreign exchange pursued a downward course. The easing tendency of discounts abroad may invite a renewal of borrowing through the medium of finance bills on New York account.

The sub-treasury has withdrawn some $3,108,000 from the New York money market since the last bank statement, and some large shipments of currency to Canada and to the domestic interior are reported. Taken in connection with the payments next week that have to be provided for and which are estimated at over $200,000,000, it is felt that the money market is not secure from a flurry in the interim.

The inauguration of dividends in the Lackawanna Coal Company, the subsidiary of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad, organized to take over its coal properties, made a cheerful impression.

Belief that the project to merge the copper companies was still being considered played a part in the day's markets.

The bond market was strong, but speculative issues were most active. Announcement of the quick sale of the new Chicago Great Western bonds helped sentiment on the bond market. Total sales, par value, $4,272,000. United States 2s and the 4s coupon declined ¼ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chalmers pf	200	54¾	54½	54½
Amal Copper	49,600	90¾	89¼	90½
Am Agricultural	.....	.....	.....	48½
Am Beet Sugar	400	46¾	46½	46½
Am Can pf	1,100	82½	81¾	82
Am Car & Foun	200	72	71¼	71¼
Am Cotton Oil	200	68½	68½	68½
Am Hide & Lead pf	500	48½	47¾	48¾
Am Ice Securi	300	25½	25¼	25
Am Linseed Oil	800	18	17¾	17¾
Am Locomotive	100	59¾	59¾	59¾
Am Smelt & Refin	33,800	104¾	103¾	104¾
do pf	200	112¼	111¾	112¼
Am Sugar Refining	200	123	122	123
Am Tel & Tel	1,200	142¾	142¼	142¾
Am Tobacco pf	.....	.....	.....	96
Am Woolen	100	38½	38½	37
Anaconda Min Co	19,300	53¾	53¼	53¾
Atchison	8,300	122¾	121¾	122¾
do preferred	1,000	105¾	105¾	105½
Atlantic Coast Line	300	136½	136	135¾
Balt & Ohio	2,400	117¾	117¾	117¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	92
Bethlehem Steel	.....	.....	.....	23½
Brook Rapid Tran	4,900	80½	79½	80
Canadian Pacific	1,900	181¾	180½	181
Central Leather	8,200	48	47¾	47¾
do preferred	500	108¼	108¼	108
Central of N. J.	.....	.....	.....	315
Ches & Ohio	9,700	87½	86½	87¾
Chicago & Alton	1,200	67¾	66½	66¾
Chi Great West	8,000	37¾	36¾	37
Chi & Northwest	600	181¾	181½	181½
Chi, Mil & St P	6,400	158¾	158	158½
C. C. C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	80½
Colo Fuel & Iron	1,300	50½	49¾	50½
Colo & Southern	200	53¼	53¼	53
do 1st pf	200	81½	81½	81
do 2d pf	.....	.....	.....	80
Consolidated Gas	12,300	160	158	159¾
Corn Products	500	23	22¾	22¾
Del & Hudson	700	185¼	185	185¼
Den & Rio Grande	1,400	51¾	51¼	51¾
do preferred	800	84¾	84¾	84¼
Distillers' Securi	200	37	37	36¾
Erie	2,600	34	33¼	33¾
do 1st pf	1,700	51¼	50½	51½
do 2d pf	200	40½	39¾	40
General Electric	500	160¼	159¾	159¾
Gt Northern pf	2,800	147¾	147	147
Gt North Ore Ctf	500	80¼	80¼	80¼
Illinois Central	600	148¾	148	147¾
Interborough-Met	200	25	24¾	24¾
do preferred	2,800	62¾	62	62
Inter Harvester	600	117	116¼	116¾
Inter-Marine pf	600	24	23¾	24¾
Inter Paper	.....	.....	.....	100¾
Inter Pump	900	52¾	51¾	52
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	29
Kan City Southern	1,300	44	43¼	43¾
do preferred	500	71½	71	71½
Lehigh Valley	700	157	156½	156½
Minn & St. L.	600	54	53½	53½
M. St. P & S St M	1,000	140½	139	140¾
Missouri Pacific	500	72	71	71¼
Miss, Kan & Texas	6,300	49¾	48¾	49¾
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	73½
National Biscuit	500	116	114	115½
National Lead	10,700	90¾	89½	90
N Ry of Mex 1st pf	1,700	61½	60½	61½
N Y Central R. R.	35,100	126¼	125¼	125¾
N Y, Ont & West	600	49½	48¾	49
Norfolk & West	600	99¾	99	99½
North American	900	85	84	84
Northern Pacific	1,400	145	144	144¾
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	42
Pennsylvania	1,000	137¾	136¾	137
People's Gas	2,600	115¾	115¼	115¾
Pitts, C. C. & St. L.	200	98½	98½	98½
Pressed Steel Car	100	51½	51½	51
Pull Palace Car	.....	.....	.....	180
Ry Steel Spring	.....	.....	.....	21½
Reading	19,600	171	170¾	170¾
Republic Steel	2,200	46	45¾	45½
do preferred	600	104½	104½	104
Rock Island Co pf	200	91	88	90
St L & S F 2d pf	1,600	69¾	69¾	69¾
St L Southwestern	1,800	31¾	31¾	31¾
do preferred	1,900	79¾	79¼	79½
Sloss-Sheffield	500	87½	87½	87
Southern Pacific	19,100	134¾	133¾	134¾
Southern Railway	3,600	32½	31¾	32
do preferred	500	73½	73½	73½
Tennessee Copper	4,300	41	38¾	40¾
Tex & Pacific	10,900	36¾	35	36¼
Tol, St. L. & West	1,100	53½	53¼	53¾
do preferred	6,200	72	70¾	71¾
Union Pacific	58,100	204	201¾	203¾
do preferred	3,900	104¾	103½	104¼
U S Realty	100	84	84	83¼
U S Rubber	800	58¼	53	53
U S Steel	79,100	91¾	90¾	91¾
do preferred	500	125¾	125¼	125¼
Utah Copper	7,900	60¾	59¾	60½
Vir-Carolina Chem	6,600	56¼	55¾	55¾
do preferred	11,600	69¾	69¼	69¼
West Maryland	6,400	55¼	53½	54½
Westinghouse Elec	1,700	82¾	82¼	82½
Western Union	900	77½	77	77
Wheel & L Erie	800	9¾	9¾	9¾
Wis Central	400	49	48	48
Pittsburg Coal	2,300	29¼	28½	28¾
United Dry Goods	500	132¾	132¾	132¾
Am Steel Fdy	200	65	60	64¾

Total sales for the day 692,700 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Closing quotations:

U S ref 2s reg	101¼	N Y C G 3½s	91¾
do coupon	101¼	North Pacific 3s	74
U S 3s reg	101¾	North Pacific 4s	102½
do coupon	101¾	Union Pacific 4s	101¾
U S new 4s reg	134½	Wisconsin Cent 4s	93¾
do coupon	135½	Japanese 4s	88
D & R G 4s	95		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84@4.84⅝ for 60-day bills and at $4.8710 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.83½@4.83¾.

Bar silver—52¾c.

Mexican dollars—46c.

Government bonds weak; railroad bonds strong.

Money on call firm, 5@5½ per cent; ruling rate, 5½ per cent; closing bid, 5¼ per cent; offered at 5½ per cent. Time loans easier; 60 days, 4½ per cent; 90 days, 4½ per cent; six months, 4¼@4½ per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Silver—Steady 24¼d per ounce.

Money—42 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2¾ per cent; three months' bills, 2½@2¾ per cent.

Consols—For money, 82 12-16; for account, 82⅞.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.84¾; sight, $4.87¾.

Silver bars—52¾c.

Mexican dollars, 46c.

Drafts—Sight, par; telegraph, 1c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton futures closed strong. December, 15.63c; January, 15.66c; February, 15.82c; April, 15.93c; May, 15.97c; June, 16.09c; July, 16.22c; August, 15.81c; September, 14.77c; October, 13.95c. Spot closed quiet, 10 points higher. Middlands, 15.95c; mid-Gulf, 16.60c. No sales.

DOG IS CAUSE OF ARREST

Criminal Prosecution Results From Trivial Incident.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Because one man's dog followed another man down the road, both will face prosecution on criminal charges. James Crockett, a 19-year-old boy, residing at Crabtree, is already under arrest and will have a hearing tomorrow on an action to put him under bonds to keep the peace, and Crockett's friends say they will cause the arrest of C. H. Lindeman, a Crabtree farmer, on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Lindeman's dog followed young Crockett when the latter was passing the Lindeman farm on his way to this city. Crockett asserts that he called to Lindeman twice to call his dog back, but the latter replied the dog would return all right. The canine followed Crockett to Albany and became lost.

Last Saturday Lindeman and Crockett met on the Lebanon-Crabtree road and, so the story runs, Lindeman accused Crockett of stealing his dog. A quarrel followed and, according to those who witnessed the trouble, Crockett pulled off his coat to fight and Lindeman then drew a knife. The other men who were present interfered and prevented a fight.

BLOW AND FALL SERIOUS

Logger Long Unconscious After Saloon Fight in Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Suffering from concussion of the brain and unconscious since Friday, Charles Conley lies on a cot in a local hospital as the result of a blow received in a fight in the Capital saloon. J. P. Dawson, a bartender, is accused of striking the blow.

Conley is a boom man in the employ of the Wishkah Boom Company. He became involved in a quarrel with Dawson and the latter struck him on the jaw. Conley went down, his head striking the floor violently. He is still dazed.

and 6.05@6.10c East St. Louis. London market was unchanged.

The English iron market was lower at 51s 1½d for Cleveland warrants. Locally no change was reported.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds—	
Gold coin	$873,149,869
Silver dollars	487,765,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,935,000
Silver certificates outstanding	487,765,000
General fund—	
Standard silver dollars in general fund	1,690,070
Current liabilities	108,000,481
Working balance in Treasury offices	26,742,695
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States	36,460,237
Subsidiary silver coin	15,455,461
Minor coin	1,020,627
Total balance in general fund	89,454,724

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Coffee closed steady at a net advance of 5@10 points. Sales, 6500 bags, including: January, 6.70c; March, 6.90c; May, 6.95c; July, 7.05c; September, 7.05@7.10c. Spot steady; No. 7 Rio, 8⅝@8¾c; No. 4 Santos, 9c. Mild quiet; Cordova, 9@11½c.

Sugar—Raw steady; Muscovado, .89 test, 3.52c; centrifugal, .96 test, 4.02c; molasses sugar, .89 test, 3.27c. Refined quiet; crushed, 5.65c; granulated, 4.95c; powdered, 5.05c.

HOGS ARE HIGHER AGAIN

SALES ARE MADE AT $8.75 ONCE MORE.

Market Has Lost None of Its Strength—No Busines in Other Lines.

Business at the stockyards yesterday was altogether in the hog line. Nothing else was offered for sale.

That the market for hogs has lost none of its strength because of the holiday spirit was demonstrated by the sale of a bunch of 38 head of fancy stock at $8.75. This price had not been realized for several days. The other offerings were of poorer grade.

The receipts for the day were 56 cattle, 55 calves, 53 sheep, 293 hogs and 22 horses.

Shippers at the yards were W. B. Kurtz, of Huntington, with one car of hogs; F. W. Ball, of Condon, one car of cattle, calves and hogs; Kiddle brothers, of Imbler, one car of hogs; J. C. Davis, of Shedd, one car of hogs and sheep; Jackson & Conner, of Weiser, one car of horses, and C. M. Lister, Shaniko, two cars of cattle and calves.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight	Price
20 hogs	123	$7.75
38 hogs	217	8.75
4 hogs	122	8.00
26 hogs	93	7.50
30 hogs	124	7.50
4 hogs	95	5.00
15 hogs	71	6.75

Prices quoted at the yards yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.50@4.75; fair to good, $4@4.25; cows, best, $3.25@3.50; cows, top, $3.50@3.85; fair to good, $3@3.25; common to medium, $2.50@3.75; bulls, $3.25@5.50; veals, $4@4.75.

HOGS—Best, $8.40@8.75; medium, $7.50@8.25; stockers, $6.50@6.75.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $5.50@5.75; fair to good, $4.50@5; ewes, ½c less; yearlings, best, $5@5.25; fair to good, $4.50@4.75; lambs, $6@6.25.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Estimated receipts, 18,000. Market steady to strong. Beeves, $4.20@8.00; Texas steers, $4.10@4.90; Western steers, $4.10@6.25; stockers and feeders, $3.10@5.50; cows and heifers, $2.10@5.60; calves, $7.25@9.50.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 22,000. Market strong. Light, $8.10@8.55; mixed, $8.20@8.70; heavy, $8.35@8.75; rough, $8.35@8.50; good to choice heavy, $8.50@8.75; pigs, $7.15@8.15; bulk of sales, $8.40@8.60.

Sheep—Estimated receipts, 15,000. Market strong to 10c higher. Native, $3.60@5.75; Western, $3.80@5.75; yearlings, $6.50@7.50; lambs, native, $5.75@8.40; Western, $5.75@8.35.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 9000. Market, steady slow. Native steers, $4.80@7.25; cows and heifers, $2.50@6.25; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.25; bulls, $3.00@4.75; calves, $4.00@8.50; Western steers, $4.00@6.25; Western cows, $3.00@4.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000. Market, strong. Bulk of sales, $8.20@8.55; heavy, $8.45@8.60; packers and butchers, $8.35@8.55; light, $8.20@8.50; pigs, $6.25@7.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000. Market, steady. Muttons, $4.50@5.85; lambs, $6.50@8.25; fed Western yearlings, $4.75@7.10; fed Western ewes, $4.50@5.40.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 2500; market, steady to strong. Native steers, $4@8; native cows and heifers, $3@5.25; Western steers, $3.50@6.25; Western cows and heifers, $2.80@4.40; canners, $2.25@3.25; stockers and feeders, $3.75@6.10; calves, $3.50@7.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 4700; market, 5@10c lower. Heavy, $8.30@8.40; mixed, $8.25@8.30; light, $8.20@8.35; pigs, $6.75@7.75; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 3000; market, strong. Yearlings, $5.75@7; wethers, $5@5.60; ewes, $4.50@5.50; lambs, $7@8.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Evaporated apples inactive. Spot, prime, 10½@11½c; choice, 8¾@9c; prime, 7¾@7¾c; old crop prime, 7½c; common to fair, 6@7c.

Prunes—Firm; California up to 30-40s, 2¾@9c; Oregons, 6@9c.

Apricots—Firm; choice, 11¾@11½c; extra choice, 11½@12c; fancy, 12¼@13½c.

Peaches—Firm; choice, 6¾@7c; extra choice, 7@12c; fancy, 7¾@8c.

Raisins—Firm; loose muscatel, 4@5c; choice to fancy seeded, 5@6¾c; seedless, 3½@5c; London layers, $1.17½@1.30.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton futures closed strong. December, 15.63c; January, 15.66c; February, 15.82c; April, 15.93c; May, 15.97c; June, 16.09c; July, 16.22c; August, 15.81c; September, 14.77c; October, 13.95c. Spot closed quiet, 10 points higher. Middlands, 15.95c; mid-Gulf, 16.60c. No sales.

OFFER LESS WHEAT

Country Sales Reported to Be Smaller.

CHICAGO MARKET IS FIRM

Receipts, However, Are Liberal, the Recent Severe Storms Not Having Interfered With Deliveries. Corn and Oats Strong.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Firm cables gave the market a strong start, but prices soon reacted in consequence of selling, inspired by liberal receipts in the Northwest, where it was thought recent severe storms would interfere with deliveries. The market was inclined to drag, but became strong later in consequence of reports from Kansas City that country sales were decreasing. The market closed at almost the top, with December at $1.17⅞ and May at $1.11⅜@1.11½.

Renewed liquidation caused considerable weakness in corn during the early trading, but a firm tone developed later and the market closed at the top, with prices unchanged to ⅛@¼c higher.

Oats were inclined to be weak during the first half of the session in sympathy with other grains, but rallied in the final hour and closed with prices ¼c lower to 1