MUCH QUIET BUYING

Hop Dealers at Work in All Parts of the Valley.

MARKET IS NOW ADVANCING

Options Taken on 1000 Bales at 22 Cents—Many of the Purchases Are for Export—Orange Crop Situation.

The local hop offices were deserted yesterday, save for the proprietors and stenographers. All the buyers, inspectors, agents and other "help" had been rushed into the country to participate in the buying movement that is now in progress. Operations were on a large scale, but at the same time were conducted quietly, and but little of what was actually being done leaked out.

It is estimated that since Friday 5000 bales have changed hands, mostly at 20 and 21 cents. Carmichael continues to be the largest buyer, from all reports. Klaber, Wolf & Netter have also bought freely, among their purchases being 100 bales at Sherwood and 150 bales at Dallas, taken at 20 cents. H. L. Hart secured the George Murray lot of 65 bales at Sherwood. F. W. Durbin bought 90 bales from Dy Foon, of Aurora, at 19¾ cents. E. C. Harren bought a block of 1007s at 11½ cents. According to an Independence report, Bird, of London, advanced 20 cents to John Grover on 75 bales on consignment.

There were three well-authenticated reports of offers of 21½ cents having been made for choice hops, one of them for a 265-bale lot at Independence. These offers indicate that the market has begun to advance.

An important development was the taking of ten-day options at 22 cents on 1000 bales by a dealer whose identity was not disclosed. That he meant business, however, was shown by the fact that his buyer made a cash payment on each bale.

According to a California wire, dealers attempted to get refusals on 700 to 1000 bales of Sonomas at 22 cents, but without success.

A New York wire received by a local dealer follows:

"New York City market firm, but not quotably higher. Country markets firm and shade higher."

FIFTY PER CENT OF CROP TOUCHED.

Southern California Oranges Severely Hurt by Frost.

The latest information on orange crop conditions in California is contained in the circular of Edgar A. Wright, dated Los Angeles, January 8. It says:

The situation out here is very bad and in the heart of the citrus belt the damage from frost has been very great. Surely 50 per cent of the oranges in Southern California has been touched, and the packers themselves say that 25 per cent of it will never be shipped. There is no longer any doubt about the matter, for the fruit is curling dry, and that is the one sure test. No doubt some of the better fruit on trees that have been hurt will be all right, but this cannot always be separated from the poor stuff, and it looks as though the East was in for a deal of frost-bitten stock.

I believe that there are very many sections of the citrus country that are very nearly, if not wholly immune, and that you can still buy good fruit there. I know that there is that some. If you buy for cash and pay for it and immerse fruit, it would be well to be careful. Your broker should know this "scured" stock and let it alone. If you want to buy this kind of fruit with your eyes open, that is another matter. You can get it cheap enough, as it is going at down to $1 a box.

For the past week the weather has been cold up to this morning. I believe that the Government reports are not taken at the rate it ought to show the lowest temperature. Their report for Sunday morning is another frost warning, so it may be that the end is not in sight. I have not yet heard of any serious damage in Orange County or in the greater part of Los Angeles County. A temperature of 26 degrees is acknowledged for Thursday in Orange County and it certainly has been cold in Los Angeles County. Advices from Ventura County are that the damage to frost to the orange crop is very slight. Lemons in some parts of the country have been touched, which would indicate considerable loss to the crop elsewhere in the state, and high lemon prices in the Summer seem assured.

EGG MARKET CONTINUES TO DECLINE.

Californias Offered at Steadily Reduced Prices—Demand Poor.

The egg market is almost demoralized, chiefly by the repeated offerings of California eggs at steadily reduced prices. On Front street yesterday 35 cents was the top quotation on fresh Oregon stock, and some dealers were willing to clean up at 32½ cents. Buying was almost at a standstill, as the retailers expect still lower prices.

The supply of poultry was moderate and with a normal demand prices held steady at the former range.

Butter and cheese were unchanged with a good demand for both articles.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKETS ARE SLOW.

Prices Hold Their Own in All Lines—Hay Is Firm.

Wheat business continues on a very light scale, both here and in the country. Prices are steady and unchanged. Trade in barley and oats is also slow and a feeling of weakness prevails in regard to the latter grain. Hay shows the same dullness that has characterized the market for some time past.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	28	3	16	4	9
Tuesday	22	1	15	2	6
Wednesday	18	2	7	2	8
Year ago	7	2	2	2	12
Season to date	7223	1185	1129	928	1632
Year ago	8766	1217	669	574	1726

Orange Market Unsettled.

The orange market is somewhat unsettled by the reports of large shipments to the Northwest from parts of Southern California, where the frost recently blighted the crop, and by the further fact that frosted oranges are now on this market. Three cars of oranges came in yesterday. A car each of California and sweet potatoes also arrived.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,864,234	$101,992
Seattle	2,288,210	360,017
Tacoma	988,903	82,942
Spokane	879,502	146,671

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Bluestem, $1.20 @1.21; club, $1.10; red Russian, $1.08; Valley, $1.08, 40-fold $1.12½@1.15.

BARLEY—Feed and brewing, $30@30.50 per ton.

FLOUR—Patents, $5.25 per barrel; straights, $5.70; export, $4.60; Valley, $4.80; graham, $5.70; whole wheat, quarters, $5.00.

CORN—Whole, $33; cracked, $36 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $26 per ton; middlings, $34; shorts, $28@29; rolled barley, $32@33.

OATS—No. 1 white, $32.50@33 per ton.

HAY—Track prices: Timothy: Willamette Valley, $18@20 per ton; Eastern Oregon, $21@23; alfalfa, $17@18; clover, $16; grain hay, $17@18.

Vegetables and Fruits.

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

POTATOES—Carload buying prices: Oregon, 60@65c per sack; sweet potatoes, 2c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges, $2@2.75; lemons, fancy, $5.50; choice, $4.50; grapefruit $3.50@4 per box; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pomegranates, $1.50 per box. Japanese oranges, $1.65 per bundle; tangerines, $1.75 per box.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.25 per dozen; beets, 10c per pound; cabbage, $2 per hundred; cauliflower, $1.75 per doz.; celery, $3.50 per crate; eggplant, $1.75; hothouse lettuce, $1.35@1.50 per box; peas, 10c lb.; garlic, 10c lb.; horseradish, 12½c per pound; pumpkins, 1½@1½c; radishes, 35c per doz.; sprouts, 6@7c per lb.; squash, 1@1½c; tomatoes, $1.50@2.25 per box.

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

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.50 per sack.

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, 16@16½c; Spring, 17@18c; ducks, 20c; geese, 15c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, 22½@23c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon extras, 32½@35c per dozen; Eastern, 25@29c per dozen.

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

PORK—Fancy, 11@11½c per pound.

VEAL—Extras, 12@12½c per pound.

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 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, 12½@16c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15c per pound; Brazil nuts, 14½@15c; filberts, 14@17c; almonds, 16½@17c; chestnuts, Ohio, 20c; cocoanuts, 80c@$1 per dozen.

BEANS—Small white, 5½c; large white, 4½c; Lima, 6½c; bayou, 6½c; pink, 4½c; red Mexican, 7½c.

SUGAR—Dry granulated, fruit and berry, $5.95; beet, $5.75; extra C, $5.15; golden C, $5.05; cubes (barrel), $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, $9.50 per ton; 50s, $10 per ton.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.50 per case.

Provisions.

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

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clears, dry salt, 15½c; smoked, 18½c; 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. Compounds, 10s, 11½c.

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, $19; honeycomb tripe, $12; lunch tongues, $19.50; mess beef, extra, $12; mess pork, $18.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1909 crop, 20@22c; olds, nominal.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 16@22c pound; olds, nominal.

MOHAIR—Choice, 25c pound.

CASCARA BARK—4½c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, 18@18½c per pound; dry Alps, 18@18½c pound; dry calfskin, 19@21c pound; salted hides, 10@10½c; salted calfskin, 13c pound; green, 1c less.

FURS—No. 1 skins: Goatskins, 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; red, $1@2; gray, 90c@$1.25; red, $3@5; fox, silver, $25@100; lynx, $8@15; marten, dark, $8@12; mink, $3.50@5.50; muskrat, fall, 8@11c; winter, $100@250, as to size and color; otter, $100@250, as to size and color; 15@25c; otter, $2.50@4; raccoon, 60@75c; skunks, 55@80c; civet cat, 10@15c; wolf, $3@3.50; coyote, 75c@$1.25; wolverine, dark, $8@9; wolverine, pale, $2@2.50.

QUOTATIONS AT PORTLAND AND SAN FRANCISCO.

Prices Paid for the Week by the Bay City Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—The following were the quotations in the market today:

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $1@1.50; string beans, nominal; tomatoes, $1@2; garlic, 4@6c; green peas, nominal; eggplant, 15@20c.

Millstuffs—Bran, $27@29; middlings, $34@36.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 34c; creamery seconds, 31c; fancy dairy, 29c.

Eggs—Store, 30c; fancy, 31c.

Cheese—New, 16½@18c; Young Americas, 18@18c.

Hay—Wheat, $14@19.50; wheat and oats, $13@17; alfalfa, $9@12; stock, $7@14; straw, per bale, 50@75c.

Fruits—Apples, choice, 75c@$1; common, 50@60c; strawberries, 20c; $3.25; lemons, $4.50; lemons, choice, $3@3.50; common, $1.50@2.50; oranges, navels, $1.65@2.50; pineapples, $2@2.50.

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

Hops—19@20c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, $1.20@1.30; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.45; sweets, $1.50@1.65.

Receipts—Flour, 3770 quarter sacks; wheat, 595 centals; barley, 10,645 centals; oats, 300 centals; beans, 490 sacks; potatoes, 10,270 sacks; onions, 600 sacks; middlings, 50 sacks; hay, 250 tons; wool, 21 barrels; hides, 1973.

EGGS CHEAPER IN SEATTLE.

Slight Upward Turn in Fruit—Hay Advances Sharply.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Fruits in all lines were slow, and dealers explained it by the statement that it is the midst of the dull season. Despite the conditions, prices took an upward turn of a fraction in several staples, notably apples and oranges.

Eggs declined sharply, 34@35 cents per dozen being offered.

Poultry showed a slight increase, live hens bringing 17 cents and live turkeys 24 cents.

Butter remained unchanged.

Hay advanced sharply, $20 to $22 being offered for the Puget Sound variety, and $28 for Eastern Washington.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The market for standard copper on the New York Metal Exchange was quiet today, February and March closing at 13.25@13.35c. The London market was a shade higher, with spot quoted at £61 8s 9d and futures at £62 7s 6d. Local dealers quote lake copper at 13.87½@14c; electrolytic at 13.62½@13.75c; casting, 13.37½@13.62½c.

Tin quiet. Spot, 32.65@32.95c; January, 32.70@32.85c; February and March, 32.70@32.90c. London market closed steady, with spot quoted at £149 5s and futures at £150 12s 6d.

Lead quiet, with spot closing at 4.07½@4.12½c, New York, and 4.30@4.60c, East St. Louis. London market higher, with spot quoted at £13 6s 3d.

Spelter dull, with spot quoted at 6.10@6.25c, New York, and 5.93@6.05c, East St. Louis delivery. London unchanged at £23 7s 6d.

Locally, iron was unchanged.

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Butter—Steady. Creameries, 26@34c; dairies, 24@30c.

Eggs—Receipts, 2512 cases; steady at mark, cases included, 24½@30c; firsts, 25c; prime firsts, 26c.

Cheese—Steady. Daisies, 16½@17c; twins, 16½@16½c; Young Americas, 16½c; long horns, 16½c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Quiet.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Coffee futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points higher. Sales were reported of 34,60 bags, including January at 6.80c; March, 6.90c; May, 7c; July, 7@7.05c, and September, 7.05@7.15c. Spot coffee, steady. No. 7, Rio, 8 11-16c; Santos No. 4, 9@9¼c. Mild coffee, quiet. Cordova, 9@11½c.

Sugar—Raw, firm; Muscovado, 89 test, 3.61c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.12c; molasses sugar, 89 test, 3.56c. Refined, steady; crushed, 5.70c; granulated, 5.05c; powdered, 5.15c.

Wool at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—Wool—Unchanged. Territory and Western mediums, 23@25c; fine mediums, 20@24c; fine, 12@21c.

STOCK TRADE FLAT

With Cessation of Demand the Whole List Yields.

PRICES CLOSE AT LOWEST

Call Loan Rates in the Money Market Relax—Rock Island Episode Still a Factor—Bonds Are Very Irregular.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The manner in which the stock market flattened out today, when relieved from selling pressure, was hardly less discouraging to speculative sentiment than the active declines of the two earlier days of the present week. During the noon hour the sales of stocks were less than 40,000 shares, and it was during that period of practical stagnation that prices rested at about the top level of the day.

So far as the money market situation has been a deterrent to speculative operations, the condition was substantially improved today. After opening at 5 per cent, rates receded, thus lowering the maximum rate of yesterday and of the day before, and establishing the lowest ruling rate touched this year.

The reflux of funds from circulation is so heavy at present as to suggest a lull. The current redemptions of bank notes are on an enormous scale, and the daily gain of the New York banks on Subtreasury operations is due, in no small part, to the presentation there for redemption of bank notes received from the interior, which thus are converted into legal-reserve money.

The advances made by the Union Pacific authorities to the law officers of the Government for a possible compromise of the suits under the anti-trust law convey an impression of apprehension of the outcome of those suits.

The taking up for consultation of the measures proposed for preventing dealings in futures in the commodity markets showed the persistence of the forces at work in directions that yielded ugly results to those most active in speculative movements.

There was some apprehension regarding the outcome of the meeting of the board of governors, to be held after the stock market closed, to act on the report of the committee which investigated the Rock Island episode. There has been no doubt of the part played by this apprehension in important liquidation that has been going on for many days.

When it was seen that buying was practically suspended at the higher level of prices, selling was renewed with great aggressiveness, and the whole list yielded weakly and closed at about the lowest of the day.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $3,245,000. United States 2s declined 1½ per cent on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	2 Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Atlis Chalmers pf.	400	53	52½	52½
Amer Cotton Oil	24,600	87½	86	86½
Am Agricultural	100	48	48	47
Am Beet Sugar	2,200	47	45¾	45¾
Am Can pf	800	79½	79	79
Am Car & Foun.	1,600	70	69	69
Am Cotton Oil	300	66½	65¾	65¾
Am Hid & Lt pf	100	45¾	45¾	45¾
Am Ice Securi	200	26	26	25½
Am Linseed Oil	1,300	17¾	17	16¾
Am Locomotive	1,300	59	58¼	58¼
Am Smelt & Ref	23,500	100¾	97	97¾
do preferred	700	111	110½	110½
Am Sugar Ref	1,100	122½	121¾	121¾
Am Tel & Tel	100	139¾	139¼	139¼
Am Tobacco pf	300	95	95	94
Am Woolen	900	35½	34	34½
Anaconda Min Co.	16,800	42¾	41	41
Atchison	19,600	121¾	119¾	119¾
do preferred	400	103¾	103½	103
Atl Coast Line	400	134½	134½	134
Balt & Ohio	3,600	117¾	117	117
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	93¼
Bethlehem Steel	.....	.....	.....	32
Brook Rap Transit	9,300	79¾	77¾	78¾
Canadian Pacific	1,500	180½	179½	179¾
Central Leather	4,800	46¼	45	45
do preferred	900	108¾	108¼	108¼
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	312
Ches & Ohio	13,000	90¾	89	89
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	64
Chicago Great W	500	35½	34¾	34¾
Chicago & N W	300	161¾	160	160¼
C M & St Paul	13,700	153½	150¾	151½
C C C & St L	.....	.....	.....	79¾
Colo Fuel & Iron	5,000	47¾	44¾	45½
Colo & Southern	800	60¾	59½	59½
do 1st preferred	100	81½	81½	81
do 2d preferred	200	80½	80½	80¼
Consolidated Gas	12,100	127¾	124	124¼
Corn Products	1,600	22½	22	22
Del & Hudson	1,300	181	179¾	179¾
D & R Grande	1,900	49½	47¾	47½
do preferred	300	87½	82	82
Distillers Secur	600	35½	35¾	35¾
Erie	2,900	30½	29¾	29¾
do 1st preferred	800	51¾	50¾	50¾
do 2d preferred	.....	.....	.....	39½
General Electric	400	158¼	157¾	157
Gt Northern pf	6,000	138¾	136½	136¾
Gt Northern Ore	1,900	37¾	36¾	36¾
Illinois Central	600	146¼	146	145¾
Interborough Met	11,100	25¾	24¼	24¼
do preferred	19,000	62¾	60¾	60¾
Inter Harvester	400	123½	122	122
Inter Marine pf	400	22¾	22½	22½
Int Paper	200	15	14¾	14¾
Int Pump	3,300	54¼	53	53
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	22
K C Southern	1,600	42¾	41½	41½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	69¾
Louisville & Nash	2,000	156½	155¼	155¼
Minn St P & S S M	100	150	150	150
Mo St P & S S M	200	137¾	137	137¼
Missouri Pacific	2,200	70¼	69½	69¾
Mex Nat & Texas	6,000	49¾	47¾	47¾
Mex Central	700	74	71	71
National Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	118
National Lead	800	87½	86½	86¾
New York Air br pf	200	61	61	61
N Y Central	18,300	122¾	121¼	121¼
N Y, Ont & West	600	48½	47¾	47¾
Norfolk & West	1,000	98¾	97¾	97¾
North American	600	87	86½	86½
Northern Pacific	4,800	140½	138	138¾
Pacific Mail	1,500	39½	37	37
Pennsylvania	26,700	135¾	134½	134½
People's Gas	1,100	113¾	112½	112¾
Pitts C C & St L	100	68¾	68¾	68¾
Pressed Steel Car	1,000	49¾	48	47½
Pullman Pal Car	200	190	188¾	188
Ry Steel Spring	200	49½	48½	48½
Reading	103,200	167¾	165	165
Republic Steel	1,600	44	42¾	42¾
do preferred	200	103½	103½	103½
Rock Island Co	28,300	47½	46¾	44½
do preferred	800	85	84	84
St L & S F 2 pf	2,700	58	57	57
St L Southwestern	600	32	31¾	31½
do preferred	200	76	75	75
Sloss-Sheffield	200	85½	85	85
Southern Pacific	39,000	135½	133¾	133¾
Southern Railway	4,600	32	31¾	31¾
do preferred	1,200	72½	71¾	71¾
Tenn Coper	400	38¾	38	38¾
Texas & Pacific	1,900	34¾	34½	34¾
Tol, St L & West	400	52½	52½	52½
do preferred	600	71½	70½	70
Union Pacific	61,500	199¾	196¾	196¾
do preferred	1,100	102¾	101¾	101¾
U S Realty	100	82½	82½	82
U S Rubber	2,000	45½	44½	44½
U S Steel	141,200	88	86	86½
do preferred	1,400	127¾	122¾	123
Utah Copper	3,500	57½	55¾	56½
Va-Caro Chemical	7,600	54¾	51¾	52½
Wabash	6,900	23¾	22½	22½
do preferred	8,200	54½	52¾	53
Western Md	4,100	50¾	49¾	48
Western Union	700	77½	77	77
Western Union	300	75¾	75¼	75¼
Wheel & L Erie	3,700	7	5½	5½
Wisconsin Central	800	51	50	49¾
Pittsburg Coal	1,800	26¾	25½	25
Am Steel Fdy	400	66	65	64½
United Dry Goods	.....	.....	.....	110
Laclede Gas	10,400	111½	108¾	109

Total sales for the day, 955,100 shares.

BONDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Closing quotations:

U S ref 2s reg	100¾	N Y C G 4s	92
do coupon	100¾	North Pacific 3s	73
U S 3s reg	101¾	North Pacific 4s	102
do coupon	101¾	Union Pacific 4s	101½
U S new 4s reg	134½	Wisconsin Cent 4s	94
do coupon	135½	Japanese 4s	88¾
Den & Rio G 4s	96		

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The condition of the Treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust funds—	
Gold coin	$874,710,869
Silver dollars	484,540,000
Silver dollars of 1890	3,938,000
Silver certificates outstanding	484,540,000
General fund—	
Standard silver dollars in general fund	5,461,741
Current liabilities	105,096,091
Working balance in Treasury offices	23,689,411
In banks to credit of Treasurer of the United States	76,377,325
Subsidiary silver coin	17,197,664
Minor coin	995,246
Total balance in general fund	$0,693,973

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8275@4.8290 for 60-day bills and at $4.8680 for demand. Commercial bills, $4.83½@4.82⅞.

Bar silver—52⅝c.

Mexican dollars—44c.

Government bonds, easy; railroad, irregular.

Money on call firm, 2@5 per cent; ruling rate, 4⅞ per cent; closing bid, 3¾ per cent; offered at 4 per cent. Time loans easier; 60 days and 90 days and six months, 4½@4⅝ per cent.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Bar silver—Steady, 24⅛d per ounce.

Money—1½@2 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅞ per cent; three months' bills, 3¼@3 5-16 per cent.

Consols for money, 82 9-16; for account, 82 11-16.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.83⅞; sight, $4.85⅞.

Silver bars—52⅝c.

Mexican dollars—46c.

Drafts—Sight, 2½c; telegraph, 5c.

Bank of England Gets Gold.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Bullion amounting to £100,000 was taken into the Bank of England today; £15,000 was withdrawn for shipment to the continent and £50,000 for South America.

Eastern Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—Closing quotations:

Adventure	9¾	Mohawk	61½
Allouez	59	Nevada	26
Amalgamated	86½	Old Dominion	52
Arizona Com	47	Osceola	105
Atlantic	11	Parrot	20
Butte Coalition	27¾	Quincy	89
Cal & Arizona	99	Shannon	16¾
Cal & Hecla	695	Tamarack	67
Centennial	36	Trinity	10¾
Copper Range	83½	U S Mining	52¾
Daly West	8¾	U S Oil	38¾
Franklin	17½	Utah	42¾
Granby	110	Victoria	4½
Greene Cananea	11	Winona	11¼
Isle Royale	27	Wolverine	149
Mass Mining	7¾	North Butte	42
Michigan	7		

PRICES CONTINUE FIRM

BUT NO HIGHER QUOTATIONS MADE AT STOCKYARDS.

Sales of Fair Quality Stock Show the Market Is in a Healthy Condition.

No new price records were made at the stockyards yesterday. The quality of the offerings was not such as to top previous prices, but the figures at which sales were made indicated a very healthy condition of the market.

Top receipts for the day were 26 cattle, 271 sheep and 42 hogs.

Shippers at the yards were: E. E. Willard, of La Grande, one car of cattle; Frank Wann, of Barlow, one car of sheep; Smith Brothers, of Woodburn, one car of sheep, and C. H. Farmer, of McCoy, one car of sheep and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
6 cows	976	$2.00
16 cows	941	4.00
1 stag	1060	2.50
24 steers	1039	4.00
101 lambs	1 69	6.25
39 sheep and lambs	134	5.50
42 hogs	184	8.75

Prices quoted at the yards yesterday were as follows:

CATTLE—Best steers, $4.75@5.25; fair to good, $4@4.50; medium and feeders, $3.50@4; cows, top, $3.75@4.25; fair to good, $3@3.50; common to medium, $2.50@2.75; bulls, $2.50@3.75; stags, $3@4; calves, best, $5.25@5.

HOGS—Best, $9@9.20; medium, $8@8.50; stockers, $8.50@9.50.

SHEEP—Best wethers, $5.50@6; fair to good, $4.50@5; ewes, ½c less; yearlings, best, $5@5.25; fair to good, $4.50@4.75; lambs, $6@6.50.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, estimated, 18,000; market weak. Beeves, $4.10@7.85; Texas steers, $4@5; Western steers, $4.10@6.10; stockers and feeders, $3@5.10; cows and heifers, $2.40@6.50; calves, $7.75@9.75.

Hogs—Receipts, estimated, 41,000; market, weak to 5c lower. Light, $8.10@8.45; mixed, $8.10@8.45; heavy, $8.15@8.60; rough, $8.15@8.35; pigs, $6.50@8.10; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts, estimated, 18,000; market, steady. Native, $4@6; Western, $4@6; yearlings, $6.70@8.15; lambs, native, $6.25@8.85; Western, $6.25@8.80.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 6000; market, steady to strong. Native steers, $4.80@7.25; cows and heifers, $2.60@6; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.25; bulls, $3.40@5.10; calves, $4@8.75. Western steers, $4@6.50. Western cows, $3@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; market, weak to 5c lower. Bulk of sales, $8@8.30; heavy, $8.20@8.35; packers and butchers, $8.10@8.35; light, $7.75@8.20; pigs, $6.50@7.65.

Sheep—Receipts, 5000; market, steady. Muttons, $4.75@6; lambs, $7@8.60; fed Western wethers and yearlings, $4.75@7.50; fed Western ewes, $4.50@5.75.

OMAHA, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market slow. Native steers, $4@7.25; cows and heifers, $2.50@6.50; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $2.75@5.00; calves, $3.50@7.50; bulls, stags, etc., $2.75@4.40.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000; market, strong to 5c higher. Heavy, $8.25@8.35; mixed, $8.20@8.35; light, $8.15@8.20; bulk of sales, $8.20@8.32.

Sheep—Receipts, 8500; market, slow and lower. Yearlings, $4.65@7.50; wethers, $5.30@6; ewes, $4.80@5.90; lambs, $7.40@8.50.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Evaporated apples steady; fancy, 10½@11c; choice, 9@9½c; prime, 7½@7¾c; common to fair, 6@6½c.

Prunes firm; California, up to 30-40s, 2¾@8¼c; Oregons, 6@9c.

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

Peaches steady; choice, 6¾@7c; extra choice, 7@7½c; fancy, 7¾@8c.

Raisins irregular; loose muscatel, 4@5¾c; choice to fancy seeded, 5@6¾c; seedless, 3¾@4¾c; London layers, $1.75@1.80.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 30 points lower. Mid-uplands, 15.90c; mid-Gulf, 15.25c. Sales, none.

Futures closed barely steady. January and February, 14.70c; March, 14.82c; April, 14.86c; May and July, 14.93c; June, 14.96c; August, 14.65c; September, 13.75c; October, 13.08c; December, 12.80c.

POISON FOUND FREES DUO

Man Dead in Terre Haute, Couple in New Orleans Cleared.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 12.—The stomach of W. H. Niederheiman, or Helman, contained 53 grains of potassium cyanide, according to a chemist's report submitted to the Coroner today.

As Helman must have died ten minutes after he swallowed the poison, the Coroner will recommend that the charge of murder against Effie Sellsberry and Henry Corcoran, held by the police of New Orleans, be dismissed.

The prosecutor, however, refused to recall his deputy, who had left for New Orleans with warrants for the Sellsberry woman and Corcoran. He said the case had several suspicious aspects.

Helman, who was found dead in his room at a hotel here, left a note saying Effie Sellsberry had poisoned him.

PACK FIXED SAYS LEAVITT

Los Angeles Man Says Marked Cards Caused Gambling Check.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Ralph J. Leavitt, the local automobile agent, said to be wanted by the police for manslaughter in Seattle and for passing a bogus check in San Francisco, arrived at a local hotel today. When shown a dispatch saying he was wanted in the Northern cities, Leavitt denied being a fugitive from justice, saying that the Seattle charge was a mere technicality which needed rectification to have the prosecution dropped.

As to the check, he said, he had lost $500 in a poker game, when, finding that the cards with which he had been playing were marked, he stopped payment on the check given to cover his losses. Leavitt says he and his attorney will start for the North at once and meet the charges.

RALLY AT THE CLOSE

Wheat Prices React After a Weak Day.

MOST OF NEWS BEARISH

New Record Prices for the Crop Established in the Corn Pit. Oats Strong and About a Cent Higher.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Noticeable early weakness in the wheat pit today, based on depressing foreign cables, primary arrivals trebling those of a year ago and a stagnant demand for cash wheat, was later changed to an advance of from ⅛ to ¼c over yesterday's figures. The range for the day was from ⅝ to ¾c. On the slump May touched $1.12¼ and closed ⅛@¼c higher than yesterday's final figures at $1.12¾@1.13⅜.

Weather had a marked effect on corn. Futures traveled over a range of from ⅝c to ¾@1c and established new record prices for the crop, May touching 69⅝c, July 69¼c and September 69⅛c. The close was almost at the top, with May ⅝c higher at 69⅝c.

Prices in oats were strong throughout. The close was at nearly top prices, with May ⅞@1c higher than yesterday's final figures, at 48⅝c.

Provisions prices closed: Pork 32½@35c, lard 12½@15c and ribs at 17½@20c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
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