WHEAT BIDS LIFTED

Market Is Helped by the Better Demand for Flour.

FARMERS ARE VERY FIRM

One Result of Improved Foreign Trade Is Weakening of Millfeed Values at North Pacific Ports. Coarse Grains Unchanged.

The improvement in the export flour trade has had a strengthening effect on all grades of wheat in the Northwestern market. It has caused a broader buying movement, particularly on the part of the Puget Sound mills. The active demand that has existed in the country districts for several days has made the farmers more indisposed to sell than ever, and purchases have only been effected by bidding higher prices. Club wheat was quoted in the market yesterday at 79@80 cents, fortyfold at 80@81 cents, and bluestem at 83 cents.

Another result of the larger trade in export flour has been the weakening of the mill feed market. Bran and shorts were quoted 50 cents lower yesterday than last week, and if the weather continues unchanged and the mills still operate as they have been doing, a further reduction in local values is likely.

There was no change in the local oats or barley markets. December barley had another drop at San Francisco yesterday. Local receipts, in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Monday	181	25	2	14	16
Year ago Mon. and Tues.	297	5	11	9	17
Season to date	10682	1408	1123	942	1143
Year ago	7828	276	1377	912	1160

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American Visible Supply:

	Bushels.	Increase.
December 22, 1912	61,312,000	*84,000
December 28, 1911	71,688,000	76,000
December 27, 1910	42,929,000	935,000
December 27, 1909	27,932,000	*657,000
December 28, 1908	51,678,000	*885,000
December 29, 1907	46,661,000	1,842,000
December 31, 1906	44,727,000	8,100,000
January 2, 1905	40,619,000	901,000
December 27, 1904	39,718,000	1,138,000
December 28, 1903	33,681,000	1,817,000

*Decrease.

Quantities on Passage—

For	Week ending Dec. 21 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 14 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 23, '11 Bushels
U. K.	15,464,000	16,656,000	17,920,000
Continent	13,880,000	14,608,000	11,368,000
Totals	29,344,000	31,264,000	29,288,000

World's Shipments (flour included)—

From	Week ending Dec. 21 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 14 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 23, '11 Bushels
U. S., Can.	6,697,000	5,653,000	4,521,000
Argentina	184,000	872,000	216,000
Australia	384,000	232,000	616,000
Danub. p'ts.	960,000	1,560,000	1,880,000
Russia	1,416,000	1,384,000	2,090,000
India	968,000	568,000	590,000
Totals	10,409,000	10,449,000	10,923,000

World's shipments, season to date:

From—	Total since July 1, '12.	Same period last season.
U. S. and Canada	115,592,000	81,870,000
Argentine	20,476,000	21,081,000
Australia	11,109,000	22,760,000
Danubian Pts.	24,660,000	44,612,000
Russia	66,258,000	51,904,000
India	37,602,000	22,536,000
Total	295,701,000	244,663,000

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS AT 25 CENTS

Market Firm as Receipts Are Not Heavy —Other Poultry Sells Well.

The Christmas turkey market came to a close unusually early in the day. Receipts were lighter than generally expected and the market cleaned up quickly. Most of the choice turkeys sold around the 25 cent mark, and the market was firm at that figure. Had the supply been as large as some of the dealers looked for, there is no doubt whatever but that the prices would have been broken, as the demand at no time was heavy. As it was, the supply was just about ample for the requirements, and a good healthy market was the result.

Other dressed poultry sold well at firm prices. Ducks brought 17½@20 cents, geese 15@19 cents and the best chickens 16 cents. Live poultry was slow.

The egg market was a dull and weak affair. Candled Oregons were offered at 30 cents, but few were sold.

HOP SALES IN GRANTS PASS SECTION

Several Lots Disposed of, One of Choice Quality.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 23.—On Saturday three of the local hopgrowers sold part of their crops. Clute & Pernoll sold 105 bales to a San Francisco buyer, receiving close to 20 cents; 75 bales were sold by Cook & Rexford, and the Leonard Orchard Company sold 76 bales. These hops were not of the best grade. The Flanagan-Cornell crop, consisting of between 400 and 500 bales, has not yet been sold, and there are several smaller growers still holding their crops.

A new method of caring for the yards is being inaugurated by Clute & Pernoll this year by Winter cultivation, and in that way they will have all the plowing and harrowing done before the Spring growth begins.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE TRADE BIG

Sharp Demand for all Lines, With Good Supply on the Street.

The fruit and vegetable trade was booming yesterday and the Front street men had all they could do to keep up with their orders. There was no scarcity of anything on the street and the demand was well divided among the various lines, with bananas, oranges, grapes and Southern vegetables taking the lead.

Six fresh cars of bananas were put on sale, and ripe stock was well cleaned up by the close of the day.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,117,555	$133,493
Seattle	2,238,262	232,879
Tacoma	799,322	66,087
Spokane	982,274	148,718

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 79@80c; bluestem, 83c; 40-fold, 80@81c; red Russian, 77c; valley, 86@81c.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.30 per barrel; straights, $3.90; exports, $3.50@3.60; Valley, $4.30; graham, $4.20, whole wheat $4.40.

BARLEY—Feed, $23 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, $26.50@27.50 per ton.

CORN—Whole, $36; cracked, $37 per ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $22.50 per ton; shorts, $24.50 per ton; middlings, $30 per ton.

HAY—Timothy, choice, $17@18; mixed Eastern Oregon timothy, $12@15; oat and vetch, $12; alfalfa, $11.50; clover, $10; straw, $6@7.

OATS—No. 1 white, $25 per ton.

Vegetables and Fruits.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, 50@$1.50 per box; pears, 75c@$1.50 per box; grapes, $1.50 per box; Malagas, $8 per barrel; cranberries, $10.50@12 per barrel; casabas, $2.50 per dozen.

POTATOES—Jobbing prices: Burbanks 60@85c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2½c per pound.

TROPICAL FRUITS—Oranges; Navels, $1.75@3.00. Florida, $4; Japanese, $1 per bundle; California grapefruit, $3@3.50. Florida grapefruit, $4.25; lemons, $6@6.50 per box; pineapples, 6c per pound; pomegranates, $2 per box; persimmons, $1.75 per box; tangerines, $2.25 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, 90c@$1 per sack.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 75c per sack; beets, 75c per sack; parsnips, 75c per sack.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1@1.25 per dozen; beans, 12c; cabbage, 1c per pound; cauliflower, $2.25 per crate; celery, $3.00 per crate; cucumbers, 50@60c per dozen; eggplant, 10c pound; head lettuce, $1.50@2 per crate; peas, 12½c per pound; peppers, 18c per pound; radishes, 15@20c per dozen; sprouts, 7c; tomatoes, $1.35@1.75 per box; garlic, 5@6c per pound; pumpkins, 1½c per pound.

Dairy and Country Produce.

EGGS—Fresh locals, candled, 30c per dozen.

CHEESE—Triplets, 19c per pound; daisies, 19½c; Young Americas, 20½c per pound.

BUTTER—Oregon creamery butter, cubes $7½c per pound; prints, 38½@39c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, 12½@13c; broilers, 12½@13c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 12@14c; geese, 12@13c.

PORK—Fancy, 9½@10c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 13½@14c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

SALMON — Columbia River, one-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; half-pound flats $1.40; one-pound flats, $2.45; Alaska pink, one-pound talls, $.85; silversides, one-pound talls, $1.25.

COFFEE — Roasted, in drums, 24@40c per pound.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.75 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 18c per pound; Brazil nuts, 15½@16c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 18c; peanuts, 5@6½c; coconuts, 90c@$1.00 per dozen; chestnuts, 11c per pound; hickory nuts, 6@10c; pecans 11c; pine, 17½@20c.

BEANS—Small white, 5.40c; large white, 4@5c; Lima, 6½c; pink, 4.70c; Mexicans, 3c; bayou, 4.65c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry $5.75; Honolulu plantation, $5.70; beet, $5.55; extra C, $5.25; powdered, barrels, $6; cube, barrels, $6.15.

SALT—Granulated, $14 per ton; half-ground 100s, $10 per ton; 50c, $10.75 per ton; dairy, $12.50 per ton.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 5@5½c; cheaper grades, 4½c; Southern head, 5¾@6¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; apricots, 12@14c; peaches, 8@11c; prunes, Italians, 8@10c; silver, 18c; figs, white and black, 6½@7c; currants, 9½c; raisins, loose Muscatel, 6¼@7½c; bleached, Thompson, 11¼c, unbleached Sultanas, 5½c; seeded, 7½@8½c; dates, Persian, 7½c per pound; fard, $4.50 per box.

FIGS—Twelve 10-ounce, $5c; 50 6-ounce, $1.85; 79 4-ounce, $2.25; 30 10-ounce, $2.25; loose, 50-pound boxes, 6½@7c; Smyrna, boxes, $1.10@1.25; candied, 16@18c.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, 18¾@19¾c; picnics, 13c; skinned, 18½c; boiled, 27c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; choice, 20@23c.

LARD—In tierces, choice, 14¾c; compound, 9½c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 13½@15c; short clear backs, 12 to 16 lbs., 13½@15c; short clear backs, 18 to 25 lbs., 12½@15c; exports, 14c; plates, 10@11c.

BARRELED BEEF—Extra mess beef, $14; mess beef, $13; extra plate beef, $17.50; plate beef, $17.50; rolled boneless beef, $30.

BARRELED PORK—Best pig pork, $23; brisket pickled pork, $25.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1912 crop, prime and choice, 17@20c per pound.

MOHAIR—Choice, 32c per pound.

PELTS—Dry, 13@14c; butcher, $1@1.25; short wool, 7@10c.

WOOL — Eastern Oregon, 14@18c per pound, according to shrinage; valley, 21½@22½c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 12c per lb.; salted calf, 18c, salted kip, 13@14c; green hides, 11c; dry hides, 22@23c; dry calf, No. 1, 25c; No. 2, 20c; salted bulls, 8c.

CASCARA—Per pound, 4½@4¾c; car lots, 4¼@5c.

Linseed Oil and Turpentine.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 50c; boiled, barrels, 52c; raw, cases, 55c; boiled, cases 57c.

OIL MEAL—Carloads, $37.50 per ton; less than carloads, $40 per ton.

TURPENTINE—Barrels, 54½c; cases, 57c.

HOG VALUES ARE RAISED

15 CENTS ADDED TO LOCAL PRICE AT STOCKYARDS.

With Good Demand, Top Grades Are Moved at $7.50—Firm Prices Prevail in Cattle and Sheep.

Another lift was given hog prices at the stockyards when business opened yesterday. The cattle and the sheep markets continued firm. The day's run was only fair.

Two loads of good steers were sold at $7.25 and others brought from $6.50 to $7.10, according to quality. Cows brought from $4 to $6.50 and heifers sold at $6.25. A number of bulls were disposed of, the best bringing $5.50.

Fifteen cents was added to last week's top hog price, bringing the present market up to $7.50. Several lots, almost as good, were taken at a nickel and a dime less. Heavy hogs sold at $6.50 and $6.75.

The only transaction in the sheep market was the sale of a big bunch of 80-pound lambs at $6.50.

Receipts were 340 cattle, 2 calves, 635 hogs and 229 sheep.

Shippers were J. L. Cooper, Condon, 1 car of hogs; Kilpatrick Bros., Peckaboo, Idaho, 2 cars of hogs; A. F. Hunt, Caldwell, 2 cars of cattle; Frank Burke, Opal, Wyo., 1 car of cattle; J. A. Bowker, Payette, 1 car of cattle and hogs; C. S. Walker, Idaho Falls, 2 cars of cattle; F. B. Stilwell, Baker, 2 cars of cattle; J. B. McKinnon & Son, La Grande, 2 cars of cattle; S. A. McAuliy, Glenns Ferry, Idaho, 1 car of cattle; Shaw Bros., Weiser, 1 car of hogs; Carroll & Sheffer, Colfax, Wash., 1 car of sheep; W. Chapman, Burbank, Wash., 1 car of hogs; George Kohlhagen, Roseburg, 1 car of hogs; J. S. Kirving, Albany, 1 car of cattle and calves, and F. B. Decker, West Scio, 1 car of hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price.
3 steers	1043	$7.00
1 cow	860	4.50
12 bulls	1372	4.65
3 bulls	1080	4.50
2 steers	1225	7.00
3 bulls	1406	5.50
17 steers	1151	6.50
6 steers	1070	7.00
2 steers	875	6.50
3 cows	1110	6.50
1 bull	1820	5.00
2 bulls	1945	5.50
27 steers	1043	7.25
8 steers	1071	7.10
8 steers	1027	6.50
4 steers	1055	7.10
13 steers	930	6.50
14 steers	1137	7.25
1 cow	1180	4.00
3 cows	1166	6.50
22 cows	1124	6.00
22 cows	936	6.25
24 heifers	1060	6.25
229 lambs	80	6.50
85 hogs	192	7.50
10 hogs	356	6.50
14 hogs	201	7.45
4 hogs	375	6.75
1 hog	250	7.45
80 hogs	149	7.45
90 hogs	171	7.50
3 hogs	250	6.50
79 hogs	188	7.40
19 hogs	148	6.50
95 hogs	186	7.45
1 bull	1440	4.50
3 bulls	1293	4.50
1 bull	1810	5.50
1 bull	1400	4.50

The range of prices at the yards was as follows:

Choice steers	$7.00@$7.25
Good steers	6.50@ 6.75
Medium steers	6.00@ 6.25
Choice cows	6.00@ 6.50
Good cows	5.50@ 5.75
Medium cows	4.50@ 5.25
Choice calves	7.50@ 8.75
Good heavy calves	6.00@ 7.00
Bulls	3.00@ 5.50
Light bulls	5.00@ 6.00
Stags	5.00@ 6.00
Hogs—	
Light	7.25@ 7.50
Heavy	6.25@ 6.75
Sheep—	
Yearling wethers	4.25@ 5.35
Ewes	3.25@ 4.85
Lambs	5.00@ 6.75

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 2000; market, 10c higher. Native steers, $6.25@9.25; cows and heifers, $3.60@6.70; Western steers, $5.25@8.25; Texas steers, $4.50@6.25; cows and heifers, $3.50@6.40; canners, $3.00@4.25; stockers and feeders, $4.75@7.75; calves, $5@5.75; bulls, stags, etc., $4.40@6.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4800; market, strong. Heavy, $7.25@7.50; mixed, $7.10@7.20; light, $7@7.20; pigs, $6@7; bulk of sales, $7.10@7.20.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,700; market, steady to stronger. Yearlings, $5.50@6.50; wethers, $3.85@4.85; ewes, $3.50@4.40; lambs, $6.75@8.00.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 10,500; market, 10 cents higher. Beeves, $3.55@9.50; Texas steers, $4.50@5.75; Western steers, $5.35@7.60; stockers and feeders, $4.25@7.40; cows and heifers, $2.75@7.60; calves, $6.50@10.

Hogs—Receipts, 28,000; market, strong, 5c higher. Light, $6.90@7.35; mixed, $7@7.45; heavy, $7@7.45; rough, $7@7.15; pigs, $5@6.85; bulk of sales, $7.20@7.45.

Sheep—Receipts, 24,000; market, 10 cents higher. Native, $4@5.20; Western, $4.10@5.25; yearlings, $4.85@6.90; lambs, native, $5.90@8.25; Western, $6.35@8.20.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 23.—Turpentine firm, 38½c; receipts, 709; shipments, 1660; stocks, 34,409 pounds.

Rosin, firm, sales none; receipts, 2890; shipments, 11,760; stocks, 145,596 pounds. Quote: A, B, $5.40; C, D, $5.45; E, $5.47½; F, $5.70; G, H, $5.75; I, $5.85; K, $6.35; M, $7; N, $7.25; WG, $7.35; WW, $7.45.

TREND IS DOWNWARD

Irregular Movement in Wall Street Stocks.

BEARS ARE STILL BUSY

Trading During the Day Is Dull and Professional—With No Decision in Minnesota Rate Case, Prices Are Temporarily Advanced.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The irregular fluctuations of stocks today indicated that the market was still on an uncertain footing. The trend as a whole, however, was toward a lower level and at the end of the day a large part of the leading issues had fallen a point or more. Trading was dull and professional.

Uncertainty whether the Supreme Court would announce its decision in the Minnesota rate case restricted trading in the morning and the bear element took advantage of the situation to bring about a recession. With the announcement that no decision would be announced today, there came a sharp upward movement, during which Union Pacific rose two points above the last quotation on Saturday. The gains were quickly lost, however, and during the remainder of the session, the tendency was downward.

The call money rate rose to six per cent late in the day, which may have been a factor in the heaviness of the stock market. With the easing of the strain in Europe, less apprehension is felt as to the monetary condition at the end of the year.

Baltimore & Ohio, the first of the large railroad systems to make its November reports, showed a further gain in revenue. The net returns increased nearly $500,000 over the corresponding month of 1911.

The bond market moved irregularly today, but fluctuations were unusually narrow. Total sales, par value, $1,263,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Reported by J. C. Wilson & Co., Lewis building, Portland.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	27,300	75¾	75	75
Am Beet Sugar	1,000	52	51	50¾
American Can	4,400	31½	30¾	30¾
do preferred	300	117	116¼	115¾
Am Car & Fdy	200	55¼	55¼	54¾
Am Cotton Oil	100	56¾	56¾	56
Am Smel & Ref	4,300	72½	71¾	71¾
do preferred	500	105¼	104¾	104¾
American Sugar	.....	.....	.....	117½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	116¾
Am Tel & Tel	600	140¾	140	139¾
Am Tobacco pf	200	276¼	275¾	275¾
Anaconda	7,500	39¾	39	38¾
Atl Coast Line	300	131½	131½	131
A T & Santa Fe	1,000	106¼	105½	105½
do preferred	300	102½	102	102
Balt & Ohio	900	104¾	104½	104½
Brook R Tran	2,200	90	88¾	89¾
Canadian Pac	2,500	261	259¾	259¾
C & O	400	79	78¾	78¾
C & G W	.....	.....	.....	16½
C & N W	700	136¾	135¾	136
C M & St Paul	1,500	112¾	111¾	111¾
Central Leather	100	28¼	28¼	28½
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	360
Chino	4,000	44½	43¾	43¾
Col Fuel & Iron	200	34	33¾	34
Col Southern	.....	.....	.....	32
Consol Gas	.....	.....	.....	140
Corn Products	200	.....	.....	.....
D L & W	100	580	580	576
D & R G	.....	.....	.....	19¾
Distillers' Securi	400	21¾	21	21¼
Erie	3,200	32	31¼	31¾
Gen Electric	100	.....	.....	183
Gt North Ore	200	42	41	40¾
Gt North pf	3,500	134½	132¾	132¾
Illinois Central	100	127	127	126½
Interboro Met	1,500	18¼	18	18
do preferred	1,000	62¾	61¾	62
Inter Harvester	1,300	113¾	112	112
K C Southern	.....	.....	.....	26¼
Lehigh Valley	12,800	172	170¼	170¾
Louis & Nash	500	141	140¾	140
Mexican Central	300	.....	.....	27¼
M, S P & S S M	100	146	146	146
Mo, Kan & Tex	.....	.....	.....	26¾
Mo Pacific	1,500	42	41½	41¼
National Lead	400	56	55½	55
Nat Biscuit	300	125¼	124¾	124
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	120
N Y Central	1,000	108½	108	108
N Y, Ont & Wes	1,100	31½	31½	31½
Norfolk & West	100	113	113	112¾
North American	500	.....	.....	79
Northern Pac	4,200	121¾	120¼	120
Pacific Mail	100	30¾	30¾	30
Pacific T & T	100	46½	46½	46¼
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	97½
Pennsylvania	1,500	122¼	121¾	121¾
People's Gas	.....	.....	.....	113
Ray Cons	500	.....	.....	.....
Reading	42,500	168¾	166¾	167
do 1st pf	200	.....	.....	.....
Republic S & I	200	28¾	28¾	28½
Rock Island	300	23½	23½	23¼
Southern Pac	1,000	106¼	104¾	105
Southern Ry	100	.....	.....	27¾
Texas Oil	200	109	108¾	108½
Union Pacific	38,800	149	139	139
do preferred	2,100	92¼	92¼	92½
United Rfd S F	100	36	36	35¼
U S Steel	53,500	69	67¾	67¾
do preferred	1,100	107	107¼	106½
Utah Copper	2,100	58½	57¾	58
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	4
Western Union	800	75¼	74¼	75
Westing Elec	400	79¾	79½	79
Wisconsin Cent	.....	.....	.....	48

Total sales for the day, 272,800 shares.

BONDS.

Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., of Portland.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amer Tel & Tel conv 4s	108½	110
American Tobacco 4s	96	.....
American Tobacco 6s	120	.....
Atchison General 4s	96¾	97
Atchison conv 4s	105½	106
Atchison adj 4s stamped	87½	87½
Atchison conv 4s	105½	106
Atlantic Coast Line cons 4s	94¾	95
At Coast Line "L & N coll" 4s	92	92½
Baltimore & Ohio 3½s	91	91½
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	97	97
Brooklyn Rapid Transit 4s	88½	89
C & O 4½s	99½	99¾
C B & Q gen mtg 4s	95¼	95¼
C B & Q joint 4s	95¼	95¾
C B & Q ills 4s	98¼	98¼
C B & Q Denver 4s	95¼	95¼
Chicago & East Ills 4s	76½	77
Chicago R I & P ref 4s	86¼	87
Chi R I & P Col trust 4s	65	65¾
Colorado & Southern first 4s	93	93¾
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	87¼	88
Del & Hudson conv 4s	97	97¼
Erie first cons P L 4s	86	88
Int Met 4½s	78¾	78¾
Japanese 4s	82	82¼
Japanese first 4½s	89½	.....
Japanese second 4½s	88½	.....
L & N uni 4s	93¼	93½
Mo Kans & Tex 4½s	86	87
Missouri Pacific 4s	70½	71½
N Y Central 3½s	86	87
N Y Central L S 3½s	78	78¾
New York City 4s	91	92
N Y City 4½s of 1957	101	101¾
Norfolk & Western 4s	96½	97
Norfolk & Western conv 4s	112	113
N Y Ont & W 4s	93	95½
Northern Pacific P L 4s	.....	98½
Northern Pacific 3s	68	68¼
Oregon Short Line 4s	91	92
Oregon Ry & Nav 4s	92½	93¾
Penna Ry 4s of 1948	101	102
Reading general 4s	96¾	97
Republic of Cuba 5s	101	102
Southern Pacific first ref 4s	93	93¼
Southern Pacific col 4s	92½	93
Southern Ry 4s	73	73¾
St L & S F ref 4s	74¾	75
Union Pacific first 4s	98½	98¾
Union Pacific conv 4s	96½	97
Union Pacific ref 4s	95¾	95
U S Steel S F 5s	101¼	101¾
United States 2s registered	100¾	101¼
United States 2s coupon	100¾	101
United States 3s registered	102½	103
United States 3s coupon	102½	103
United States 4s registered	113¾	114¼
United States 4s coupon	113¾	114¼
United Railway S F 4s	66	69
Wabash first 4s	65	65½
Westinghouse conv 5s	92½	93
Western Pacific 5s	83½	84
Wisconsin Central 4s	91	91¼
West Shore 4s	97	98

Mining Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	37½	Mohawk	56
Amalg Copper	74¾	Nevada Con	19¼
A Z L & Sm	28¾	Nipissing Mines	82
Arizona Com	8¾	North Butte	31½
B & C C & S M	5	North Lake	2¾
Cal & Arizona	69	Old Dominion	52½
Cal & Hecla	523	Osceola	102
Centennial	17	Quincy	76
Cop Ran Con Co	49½	Shannon	13¼
E Butte Cop M	14¾	Superior	37½
Franklin	8	Sup & Bos Min	1¾
Giroux Con	31	Tamarack	33
Granby Con	66½	U S S R & M	42¾
Greene Can	8¾	do preferred	49½
I Roy (Copper)	314	Utah Con	11
Kerr Lake	2¾	Utah Copper Co	58
Lake Copper	2¾	Winona	3½
La Salle Copper	5	Wolverine	68
Miami Copper	25½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, weak, 28¾d per ounce. Money, 3¼@4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4 15-16 per cent; for three months' bills, 4 13-16@4¾ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4.81 3-8; do, sight, $4.83¾.

Silver bars 62¼; Mexican dollars nominal. Drafts, sight, .02½; do telegraph, .06.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Money on call, steady, 4¾@6 per cent; ruling rate, 4¾ per cent; closing bid, 4¾ per cent; offered at 6 per cent.

Time loans, easier; 60 and 90 days, 6 per cent; six months, 5½ per cent.

Close: Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8150 for 60-day bills and at $4.8360 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.80¾.

Bar silver, 62¼c.

Mexican dollars, 49c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The condition of the United States Treasury at the beginning of business today was:

Working balance	$ 85,454,031
In banks and Philippine Treasury	21,380,974
Total of general fund	140,775,787
Receipts Saturday	2,765,961
Disbursements	2,128,181

Deficit this fiscal year $3,292,745, as against a deficit of $23,288,491 last year.

The figures for receipts, disbursements and deficit exclude Panama Canal and public debt transactions.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Quoted at the Bay City for Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The following produce prices were current here today:

Fruit—Apples, choice, 60c; common, 40c; Mexican limes, $4@4.50; California lemons, choice, $5.50; common, $1.50; navel oranges, $1.25@2.50; pineapples, $2@3.50.

Cheese—Young America, 18@17c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 34c.

Eggs—Store, 27c; fancy ranch, 30c.

Hay—Wheat, $23@34; wheat and oats, $21@22.50; alfalfa, $12.50@15; barley, $17@19.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, nominal; Salinas Burbanks, $1.10@1.25; sweets, $1.85@2.00.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, $1.00@1.25; garlic, 2@3c; green peas, 6@12½c; string beans, 8@20c; tomatoes, 40@90c; eggplant, 4@6c; onions, 40@50c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. — Copper quiet. Standard spot and December, 17@17.37; January, 17@17.25; February, 17.00@17.20; electrolytic, 17.62@17.87; lake, 17.62@17.87; castings, 17.25@17.37.

Tin firm. Spot and December, 50.25@50.35; January, 50@50.25; February, 50.05@50.20.

Lead steady, 4.20@4.30.

Spelter steady, 7.30@7.40.

Antimony quiet. Cookson, 10.50.

Iron quiet. No. 1 Northern, 18.50@19.00; No. 2 Northern, 18.00@18.50; No. 1 Southern, 18.25@19.00; No. 1 Southern soft, 18.25@18.75.

Copper arrivals, 5825 tons. Exports this month, 18,834 tons. London copper dull. Spot £75, 15s; futures £76, 17s, 6d. Local exchange sales tin 55 tons. London tin firm, £228, 7s, 6d; futures £228, 12s, 6d. London lead £18, 1s, 3d. London spelter £26, 10s. Iron, Cleveland warrants, 67s 1½d in London.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The visible supply of grain in the United States Saturday, December 21, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, was as follows:

	Bushels.	Decrease.
Wheat	61,214,000	32,000
Wheat in bond	6,814,000	*487,000
Corn	3,790,000	*1,346,000
Oats	8,074,000	1,161,000
Oats in bond	514,000	*309,000
Rye	1,782,000	133,000
Barley	2,065,000	516,000
Barley in bond	1,012,000	*637,000

*Increase.

The visible supply of wheat in Canada Saturday, December 21, was 17,392,000 bushels, an increase of 4,385,000.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Coffee closed steady net unchanged to three points lower. Sales, 45,750 pounds. December and January, 13.42c; February, 13.50c; March, 13.75c; April, 13.87c; May, 14c; June, 14.05c; July, 14.10c; August, 14.16c; September, October and November, 14.22c.

Spot coffee quiet. No. 7 Rio, 14½c; No. 4 Santos, 18½c. Mild, quiet. Cordova, 16¼@18c.

Raw sugar, steady. Muscovado, 89 test, 3.42c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.92c; molasses, 89 test, 3.17c; refined, steady.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23. — Cotton—Spot steady. Mid-uplands, 13.10; do gulf, 13.35. Sales, 1500 bales.

Futures closed steady, 1 to 8 points net higher. December, 12.73; January, 12.75; February, 12.63; March, 12.69; April, 12.68; May, 12.69; June 12.61; July 12.61; August, 12.47; September, 11.93; October, 11.79.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Spot cotton quiet, unchanged. Middling 12⅝c.

Grains in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Spot quotations: Walla Walla, $1.45@1.46¼; red Russian, $1.43¾@1.45; Turkey red, $1.52½@1.55; bluestem, $1.52½@1.55; feed barley, $1.40@1.42½; brewing barley, $1.50; white oats, $1.45@1.47½; bran, $22.50@23; middlings, $31@32; shorts, $26.50@27.

Call board sales—Wheat, no trading. Barley, December, $1.44 asked, May, $1.35¼.

Puget Sound Wheat Market.

TACOMA, Dec. 23.—Wheat, bluestem, 83c; fortyfold, 80c; club, 79½c; red Russian, 77½c.

Car receipts, wheat 45, barley 1, oats 2, hay 8.

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—Wheat, bluestem, 83c; fortyfold, 80c; club, 78c; Fife, 78c; red Russian, 76½c.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Evaporated apples fancy, 7½@8¾c; choice, 6½@7¾c; prime, 5¾@6¼c.

Prunes Firm: California up to 30-40s, 2¾@9¼c; Oregons, 5½@9½c.

Peaches steady, 6½@6¾c; extra choice, 8¾@7c; fancy, 7½@8c.

European Grain Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Cargoes quiet but steady. English country markets dull. French country markets quiet.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Closing: Wheat, spot, steady. Futures steady. December, 7s 4¾d; March, 7s 3¾d; May, 7s 2d.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.