FARMERS HOLD FIRM

Wheat Growers Now in Easy Circumstances.

ABLE TO DICTATE TERMS

Financial Conditions East of Mountains Improved by Recent Selling and There Is Now No Pressure to Market Grain.

Financial conditions east of the mountains are easy, on account of so much wheat having been sold lately. There appears to be absolutely no pressure to market the grain and buying has become decidedly difficult. There were practically no offerings on the market yesterday. With growers in such comfortable circumstances, it is likely that activity will only be resumed when buyers come to sellers' terms, which will mean a higher basis than now prevails.

Warrant for such an advance may come when freights to the Orient are lowered. It is the opinion of grain men that a $3 rate to Japan will soon be generally quoted by the regular lines. One company has already offered shippers space at this figure. Several tramps are seeking Oriental business on the coast, and as the freight movement is slack, the big lines may be forced to readjust their tariffs.

In some quarters it is believed the reduction will not halt at the $3 level. Shippers, with rates even, will give the preference to the regular liners, and this may make tramp space available at a very low figure.

There are signs of improvement, long delayed, in the barley market. The California surplus is being gradually worked off, and inquiries for quotations are beginning to come from that direction. Holders at this end are firmer in their ideas.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Monday	141	29	11	9	6
Year ago	97	15	8	6	3
Seas'n to date	11266	1610	1420	1124	1623
Year ago	11069	1554	1167	1074	1259

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American Visible Supply—

	Bushels.	Increase.
Dec. 29, 1913	63,473,000	*1,104,000
Dec. 20, 1912	63,168,000	1,854,000
Jan. 3, 1911	44,282,000	353,000
Jan. 3, 1910	27,728,000	374,000
Jan. 4, 1909	51,750,000	83,000
Jan. 6, 1908	48,481,000	1,824,000
Jan. 7, 1907	43,788,000	1,941,000
Jan. 8, 1906	45,228,000	2,275,000
Jan. 3, 1905	40,619,000	991,000
Jan. 4, 1904	27,800,000	2,400,000

Quantities on Passage—

For	Week ending Dec. 27 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 20 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 28, '12 Bushels
U. K.	19,120,000	13,368,000	14,184,000
Continent	14,160,000	15,528,000	13,216,000
Totals	27,280,000	28,896,000	27,400,000

World's Shipments (flour included)—

From	Week ending Dec. 27 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 20 Bushels	Week ending Dec. 28, '12 Bushels
U. S., Can.	3,818,000	6,964,000	4,950,000
Argentina	312,000	400,000	496,000
Australia	616,000	720,000	218,000
Russ. ports	2,080,000	2,368,000	1,216,000
Danub. ports	2,536,000	3,344,000	740,000
India	.....	56,000	608,000
Totals	9,378,000	14,052,000	8,228,000

World's shipments, season to date—

From—	Total since July 1, '13.	Same period Last season.
U. S. and Canada	149,292,000	120,452,000
Argentine	12,347,000	50,996,000
Australia	15,536,000	11,227,000
Danubian Ports	23,820,000	53,376,000
Russia	56,908,000	67,068,000
India	24,782,000	38,210,000
Totals	314,739,000	369,929,000

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by Broomhall as follows:

United Kingdom—The weather and crop outlook are generally favorable.

France—The weather is seasonable and the crop outlook is mostly favorable. Supplies have increased materially, but offers of native wheat have practically stopped. Buying of foreign wheat continues.

Germany—The crop outlook is generally favorable and the weather seasonable. Offers of native wheat are larger and therefore the trade in foreign wheat is dull. Best informed interests here predict that there will be a revival of foreign buying in January, as stocks are light.

Russia—The crop outlook is generally satisfactory. Supplies are liberal. Most of the wheat area is covered with snow.

Roumania and Bulgaria—Outlook favorable, with supplies of native wheat liberal. The weather is too mild.

Hungary—The weather is cold and there is no snow and apprehension is felt regarding the effects of freezing.

Australia—High promise has been maintained and our agent reports that the exportable surplus may be 20,000,000 bushels over last year.

UPWARD TENDENCY OF EGG MARKET.

Receipts Are Insufficient and Bad Weather Will Cause Higher Prices.

The egg market is firm with an upward tendency. Receipts continue moderate, and with the prospect of bad weather, dealers look for a higher range of values before the regular Winter decline begins. Candled Oregons were quoted yesterday at 43 to 45 cents and current receipts sold at 41 to 42 cents. Storage eggs, which are nearly cleared out, have been advanced to 37½ cents for the best.

Dressed turkeys were in fair supply and better receipts are looked for today. Sales were made at 27½ to 28 cents, but in some quarters it is believed these prices may not hold, owing to larger arrivals of live poultry. There was a good demand for everything yesterday. Chickens, large and small, sold at 15 to 16 cents.

There was also a firmer feeling in country dressed meats. Veal was quoted at 14½ cents and pork at 10@10½ cents.

MORE NEW ZEALAND BUTTER COMING.

Large Shipment Due at Seattle in Ten Days—Present Market Firm.

There is a firmer feeling in the butter market, as stocks are well cleared up, and inquiries are coming from Seattle, but no higher prices are looked for. The Northern demand is occasioned by the fact that practically all the New Zealand butter lately received has been worked off. Another large shipment of 6500 cubes is due on January 10 from New Zealand, and this may lower the markets all along the line.

The cheese market is strong, as stocks are light, and an advance of half a cent or more next week is probable.

APPLE MARKET IS NOW IMPROVING.

Stocks in Interior Are Cleaning Up—Fancy Fruit Scarce.

The apple trade throughout the country is improving. Stocks in the interior are cleaning up well and fancy fruit is becoming scarce. Recent sales were made at prices that denote a material betterment in the situation. The local apple business, however, continues slow.

Fruit and vegetable trade on Front street was of fair volume. Arrivals included a car each of oranges and celery. Another car of celery is due Wednesday. A small shipment of tomatoes was received and put on sale at $2. Nothing was brought on the steamer. The banana train is due Thursday.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,071,229	$188,657
Seattle	2,145,988	299,830
Tacoma	284,111	22,196
Spokane	782,325	65,778

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT—Track prices: Club, 86c; bluestem, 95@96c; forty-fold, 85½@86c; red Russian, 84c; valley, 85c.

OATS—No. 1 white, $25.50@26 per ton.

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

FLOUR — Patents, $4.60 per barrel; straights, $4; exports, $3.65@3.80; valley, $4.60; graham, $4.60; whole wheat, $4.80.

BARLEY—Feed, $24.50 per ton; brewing, $25.50, rolled, $26.50@27.50.

MILLFEED — Bran, $20.50@21 per ton; shorts, $22.50@23; middlings, $29@30.

HAY—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, $16.50; mixed timothy, $14.00; alfalfa, $14; clover, $9@10; valley, grain hay, $11@13.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $1.75@3 per box; Japanese, $1.25 per bundle; lemons, $5@6 per box; pineapples, 7c pound; bananas, 5@5½c per pound; pomegranates, $2.50 per crate; grapefruit, $4.50@5.50 per box; persimmons, $2 per box.

ONIONS—Oregon, $2.75@3 per sack, buying price, $2.50 f. o. b. shipping points.

VEGETABLES — Cabbage, 1½@1¾c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1.25 per dozen; cucumbers, $1.25@1.50 per doz.; eggplant, 10@12½c per lb; peppers, 6@7c per lb.; radishes, 10@12½c per lb.; head lettuce, $2.25@2.50 per crate; garlic, 12½@15c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; artichokes, $1.75 per dozen; squash, 1½@1½c; celery, $3@3.50 per crate; beans, 8@10c; rhubarb, 5½c per pound; tomatoes, $1.75@2 per crate.

GREEN FRUIT—Apples, 50c@$2.50 per box; grapes, Malagas, $7.50@9 per keg; Emperors, $4 per keg; cranberries, $12@12.50 per barrel; pears, $1.25@1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon, 90c@$1.00 per hundred; buying price, 70@80c at shipping points; sweet potatoes, $2.25 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES — Turnips, $1.25; carrots, $1.10; parsnips, $1.25; beets, $1.25.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

POULTRY—Hens, 15@16c; Springs, 15@16c; turkeys, live, 26c; dressed, choice, 27½@28c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 12½@13c.

EGGS—Oregon fresh ranch, 41@45c per dozen; storage, 35@37½c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, 17½c; Daisies, 18c; Young Americas, 19c.

BUTTER—Creamery prints, extras, 34@35c pound; cubes, 32c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 19c@19½c per pound

VEAL—Fancy, 14½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

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, 85c; silversides, one-pound talls, $1.75.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25@3.75 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, 19½c per pound; Brazil nuts, 20c; filberts, 15@15½c; almonds, 20@21c; peanuts, 5@5½c; cocoanuts, $1.00 per dozen; chestnuts, 10c per pound; hickory nuts, 8½@9½c; pecans, 17c; pine, 17½@20c.

BEANS—Small white, 6c; large white, 4.90c; Lima, 6.30c; pink, 4½c; Mexican, 5½c; bayos, 5¾c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $5; Honolulu plantation, $4.95; beet, $4.80; extra C, $4.50; powdered, barrels, $5.25.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 16@32c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $14.00 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $10.25 per ton; 50s, $11 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; currants, 9½c; raisins, loose, Muscatel, 6¼@7½c; bleached Thompsons, 10½c; unbleached Sultanas, 5½c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 8½c per pound; fard, $1.40 per box.

FIGS—Boxes, 12 10-ounce, 85c; 36 12-ounce, $2.25; 50 6-ounce, $1.85; 70 4-ounce, $2.15; Smyrna, 40-pound boxes, 20c.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12-pound, 18¼@19½c; 12 to 14-pound, 18¼@19½c; 14 to 18-pound, 18¼@19½c; skinned, 18½c; picnic, 13½c; boiled, 23c.

BACON—Fancy, 27@28c; standard, 21@24c.

DRY SALT CURED — Bacon, 18¼@20c; short clear backs, 14@16c; exports, 15@16½c; strips, 16@17½c.

LARD—Tierce basis: Pure, 12½@13½c; compound, 10¼c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1913 crop, prime and choice, 20@21c; 1914 contracts, 16@18c.

PELTS—Dry, 10c; Spring lambs, 40@60c; shearlings, 30@50c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 12½c per pound; salt kip, 13c; salted calf, 17c; green hides, 11½c; dry hides, 23c dry calf, 25c; salted bulls, 8c per pound; green bulls, 7c.

WOOL—Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Oregon, 11@16c.

MOHAIR—1913 clip, 26c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 5c per pound.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 16c; cases, 23c; motor spirit, bulk, 16c; cases, 23c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 58c; boiled, barrels, 60c; raw, cases, 63c; boiled, cases, 65c.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 66c per gallon.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The following produce prices were current here today:

Cheese—New, 16½@19c; Young Americas, 18@17½c.

Fruits—Apples, Bellflowers, $1.25@1.60; Newtowns, $1.25@1.65; other varieties, 40c@$1.75; Mexican limes, $3.50@4.50; pineapples, $1.25@2.50; lemons, $2.50@4.50.

Eggs—Fancy ranch, 48c; store, 44c.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32c; seconds, 29½c.

Onions—$2.50@2.75.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 85c@$1.25; River Delta whites, 80c@$1.25; Salinas Burbanks, $1.75@2; sweets, $1.25@1.60.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, 75c@$2; green peas, 6@12½c; string beans, 8@12½c; eggplant, Southern, 3@6c.

Receipts—Flour, 2886 quarter sacks; barley, 719 centals; potatoes, 5012 sacks; hay, 346 tons.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 29.—Turpentine firm, 42½ cents. Sales, 784 barrels; receipts, 281 barrels; shipments, 88 barrels; stocks, 29,032 barrels.

Rosin firm. Sales, 2521 pounds; receipts, 1287 pounds; shipments, 272 pounds; stocks, 164,459 pounds. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, $3.72½; F, G, H, $3.70 to $3.72½; I, $3.82½ to $3.85; K, $4.55; M, $5.35; N, $6.35; WG, $6.45; WW, $6.55.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Evaporated apples quiet. Fancy, 11@12½c; choice, 9½@9¾c; prime, 8@8½c.

Prunes steady. Californias, 5¾@12c; Oregons, 8¾@11c.

Peaches quiet. Choice, 8@6½c; extra choice, 7@8½c; fancy, 7½@8c.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Butter—steady. Creameries, 22@30c.

Eggs—steady. Receipts, 3347 cases, at mark cases included, 27@32c; ordinary firsts, 26@ 6½c; firsts, 32½c.

Cheese—steady. Daisies, 16@½c; twins, 15¾@16c; Americas, 15¾@16c; long horns, 16¼@16½c.

Hops at London.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Hops in London: Pacific Coast, £5 12s@£6 15s.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 29.—Linseed, $1.47; Dec., $1.46; May, $1.50.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Dec. 29.—Butter, firm, 35½@ pound.

HIGHWAY BONDS OFFERED

Sale of $400,000 Issue Step in Opening Columbia Route.

The first step in the general plan to open up the new Columbia River highway from Portland to Astoria will be taken January 14, when bids will be opened in Astoria for an issue of $400,000 in 20-year, 5 per cent bonds, the money derived to be used in pushing the highway through the districts along the Lower Columbia. Notices of the sale have been sent out to the bond buying centers and it is expected there will be some lively bidding.

Frank L. Parker, of the Clatsop County Good Roads Association, has announced that the officials of Clatsop County are expecting to receive no less than 5 per cent. It is expected that in the face of the strength of the bond market this will be possible. Twenty-five-year, 4½ per cent bonds in Portland recently sold above par and it is considered that a 5 per cent bond running 20 years should bring as strong a price, if not a stronger one.

Forty-four states have adopted an age limit for working children; 26 prohibit a maximum number of hours as a working week for children.

WHEAT RISE SHARP

December Option Gains Over Cent at Chicago.

OTHER MONTHS ALSO FIRM

Corn Prices Soar on Sudden Shrinkage of Offerings From Country. Government Forecast of Colder Weather.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A reactionary tendency developed in the stock market today. Traders were more inclined to swing to the short side and at times the popular stocks were under heavy fire from the bears. Pressure was not applied steadily, however, and trading dragged much of the time. Only a few prominent shares were forced down as much as a point.

The downward tendency of the market was influenced by realizing sales in stocks which have made large gains recently, and by the especial weakness of individual stocks. Canadian Pacific dropped to 204, the lowest price in two years. New Haven was offered freely and at one time sold 3½ below its best figure of the day. European selling was a factor in the day's movements, about 15,000 shares having been disposed of for foreign account. Canadian Pacific's weakness was due largely to pressure from abroad.

Sales of copper metal at 15c were reported here and the metal markets abroad improved. The copper shares felt the stimulating effect of this change in the metal market for a time, but ultimately joined in the general movement.

The uncertain outlook for money during the closing days of the year played a part in restricting speculation. Call loans were renewed at 3½ per cent, but later the rate rose to 6.

Bonds were irregular. Wabash 4s jumped 3½ and some high-grade bonds were fractionally better. Total sales, par value, $2,150,000.

United States 2s registered, 4s registered and Panama 2s registered advanced ¼ and Panama 3s registered ½ on call. United States coupon 4s declined ¼ and Panama 3s coupon ½.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal Copper	36,800	74¾	73¾	74¼
Am Beet Sugar	.....	.....	.....	32
Am Can Co	6,600	30¾	29½	29¾
do preferred	800	90¼	89½	89
Am Car & Fdy	500	44½	44¼	44
Am Cotton Oil	.....	.....	.....	36
Am Smel & Ref	600	64¼	64¼	64
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	98¼
Am Sugar	900	108	107½	107
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	113
Am Tel & Tel	1,800	123	122½	122¾
Am Tobacco	300	242	240	241
Anaconda	1,300	35¾	35¼	35¾
Atl Coast Line	100	116	116	116
A T & Santa Fe	1,100	94½	93½	94
Balt & Ohio	500	92½	91½	92
Brook R Tran	700	88½	87½	87¾
Canadian Pac	31,400	206¾	204	205¾
C & O	700	69½	69	69¼
C G W	100	11½	11½	11½
C & N W	2,100	126½	125½	126½
C M & St Paul	300	100¼	99¾	99¾
Central Leather	900	27¾	27½	27¾
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	285
Chino	4,100	40	39	39½
Col Fuel & Iron	100	28¾	28¾	28
Col Southern	.....	.....	.....	26
Consol Gas	.....	.....	.....	130
D L & W	.....	.....	.....	352
D & R G	.....	.....	.....	17
Distilling Secur	1,300	17½	17	17½
Erie	2,600	28¾	28	27¾
Gen Electric	1,700	140¾	140	140
Gt North Ore	900	34½	33¾	33¾
Gt North pf	500	127	126¾	126½
Illinois Central	600	108½	107½	108
Interboro Met	1,300	15¼	15	14¾
do preferred	2,700	61¼	60½	60½
Internat Harv	400	101¾	101½	101½
K C Southern	100	24½	24½	24½
Lehigh Valley	3,400	150	149	149½
Mexican Central	200	10	9½	9½
M S P & S S M	600	125	124	124½
Mo Pacific	1,400	23¾	23¼	23¾
National Lead	200	44	44	44
Nat Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	116½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	117½
N Y Central	1,900	92¼	91¾	91¾
N Y Ont & Wes	100	27¾	27¾	26½
Norfolk & West	600	102	101½	102
Northern Pac	1,600	109¾	109¼	109¼
Pennsylvania	2,500	109¾	109¾	109½
People's Gas	.....	.....	.....	120
Reading	77,600	169¾	168¼	168¾
Republic S & I	100	19¾	19¾	19¾
Rock Island Co	200	13¾	13¼	13¾
Southern Pac	11,600	89¾	88X	89½
Southern Ry	1,900	23¾	23¼	23¾
Texas Oil	2,000	126	125	125½
Union Pacific	28,200	155¾	154½	155
do preferred	200	84½	84½	84½
United Rds S F	200	21½	21	21¾
U S Steel	68,200	59¾	58¼	58¾
do preferred	600	106¾	106¼	106¾
Utah Copper	8,100	51¼	50¾	50¾
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	2¾
Western U T	500	57¾	57	56¾
Westing Elec	.....	.....	.....	65
Wisconsin Cen	.....	.....	.....	42¾

Total shares, 842,000.

BONDS.

Reported by Overbeck & Cooke Co., Board of Trade building, Portland.

	Bid.	Asked.
Atch Gen 4s	93¾	93¾
Atl Coast Line, 1st 4s	90½	90¾
B & O Gold 4s	91	91¾
B R T 4s	87½	88
Chas & O 4½s	91½	92½
C M & St P Gen 4½s	100¾	101
C R I Col 4s	50	50¾
Cal Gas 5s	91½	92½
C B Q Joint 4s	94¾	95
Erie Gen 4s	71½	71¾
Int Met 4½s	75¾	76
Louisville & Nash Un 4s	92	92¼
Missouri Pacific 4s	.....	62
N Y C Gen 3½s	81½	82
N & W 1st Con 4s	93½	94
Northern Pac 4s	92¼	92½
Oregon Short Line Ref 4s	89¼	89½
Oregon Ry Nav 4s	90	92
Pac Tel 5s	95¾	96¾
Pedna Con 4s	98¾	100
Reading Gen 4s	91¼	91½
St L & San Fran Ref 4s	71	71½
So P Ref 4s	89	89¼
S P Col 4s	90¼	91½
So Ry 5s	102¼	102½
So Ry 4s	72¾	72¾
Un Pac 1st and Ref 4s	90¼	90¾
U S Steel 5s	100	100¾
West Shore 4s	91¼	92
Wabash 4s	48	49
Westinghouse Elec cv 5s	89	89¼
Wisconsin Central 4s	85½	86
United States 2s registered	97¼	98¼
United States 2s coupon	97¼	.....
United States 3s registered	102¼	103
United States 3s coupon	102¼	103
United States 4s registered	110¾	111¾
United States 4s coupon	111	.....

Stocks at Boston.

Allouez	36	Nev Con	15¾
Amal Copper	74¾	Nipissing Mines	8
A Z L & S	18¾	North Butte	28¾
Ariz Con	4¾	North Lake	1¾
Cal & Ariz	63¾	Old Dominion	50¼
Cal & Hecla	427	Osceola	76½
Centennial	15	Quincy	80
Cop R Con Co	37¾	Shannon	6¼
E Butte Cop M	11½	Superior	26½
Franklin	3	Su & Bos Min	2½
Granby Con	74	Tamarack	29½
Greene Cananea	30¾	U S S R & M	41
Isle Roy (Cop)	19	do pfd	48¼
Kerr Lake	4½	Utah Con	8¾
Lake Copper	7¾	Utah Cop Co	50½
LaSalle Cop	3½	Winona	2½
Miami Copper	21½	Wolverine	45½
Mohawk	44½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Call money, easier, 3¼@6 per cent; ruling rate, 3½ per cent; closing bid, 3½@4 per cent.

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

Mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent.

Sterling exchange steady; 60 days, $4.8123; demand, $4.8523.

Commercial bills, $4.80¼.

Bar silver, 57¾c.

Mexican dollars, 44½c.

Government bonds, irregular; railroad bonds, irregular.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Bar silver, quiet, 26¾d per ounce; money, 4@4½ per cent; rate of discount in open market for short bills, 4 15-16 per cent; do, three months' bills, 4 13-16@4 13-16 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Silver bars, 57¾c.

Mexican dollars, nominal.

Drafts, sight 3c, telegraph 5c.

Sterling on London, 60 days, $4.81½; sight, $4.85½.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Continued heavy Brazilian receipts, reports of a lower cost and freight market and easy European cables seemed responsible for a further break in coffee here today. The opening was steady, 10 to 16 lower, new low ground for the movement; after showing a net loss of 17 to 19, prices closed steady on covering at 8 to 14 net lower. Sales, 91,900 bags. December, 8.78c; January, 8.74c; March, 9.03c; May, 9.21c; July, 9.51c; September, 9.70c; October, 9.75c.

Spot unsettled. Rio No. 7, 9½c; Santos No. 4, 12c. Mild dull. Cordova, 13@15½c nominal.

Raw sugar quiet. Muscovado, 2.43@2.72c; centrifugal, 3.12@3.23c; molasses, 2.37@2.44c; refined quiet; cut loaf, 5.30c; crushed, 5.20c; mould "A," 4.85c; cubes, 4.40c; XXXX powdered, 4.50c; powdered, 4.25c; fine granulated, 4.15c; diamond "A," 4.15c; confectioner's "A," 4.05c; No. 1, 4.05c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Lead firm, 4.10@4.70; London, £17.15s.

Spelter firm, 5.25@5.45; London £21.12s.6d.

Copper firm. Standard, spot to March 14.87½@14.87½; electrolytic 14.75@15.00; lake 15.50, nominal; casting 14.62½. Tin, firm, spot Dec. and Jan. 37.62½@37.87½; Feb. 37.75@38.00; Mar. 37.87½@38.12½; April 38.00@38.25.

Antimony dull. Cookson's 7.45@7.60.

Iron quiet. No. 1 Northern 15.00@15.50; No. 2 Northern 14.75@15.25; No. 1 Southern 15.00@15.50; No. 1 Southern soft 15.00@15.50.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Hops steady. State common to choice, 1913, 40@45c; 1912, 20@25c; Pacific Coast, 1913, 23@27c; 1912, 22@24c.

Hides steady. Hogots, 29½@36½c; Central America, 29½c.

Petroleum steady. Refined New York, bulk, $5.25; barrels, $8.75; cases, $11.25.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.60; do, gulf, 12.85.

HOGS SELLING HIGHER

EXPECTED ADVANCE IN NORTH PORTLAND MARKET.

Top Grade Stock Goes at $7.90—Full Prices Paid for Choice Cattle.

There was a liberal run of cattle and sheep and a fair showing of hogs at the stockyards yesterday. The demand was active and prices on all classes were firm.

Eight loads of prime steers were disposed of, the best bringing $8.10, and the others ranging in price from $7.75 to $8.05. Good cows brought from $6 to $6.80.

A 20-cent advance over last week's price was recorded in the hog market, when three loads of light-weight, choice grade hogs sold at $7.90. Heavy hogs were also firmer.

The feature of the mutton market was the sale of about 1000 head of lambs, off cars, at $6.50. A load of good ewes brought $4.25 and three lots of mixed sheep and lambs sold at $4.

Receipts were 552 cattle, 3 calves, 549 hogs and 3574 sheep.

Among the shippers were: A. F. Hunt, Montague, 5 cars cattle; Pacific Cold Storage Company, Stanfield, 2 cars cattle; same, from Easton, 2 cars cattle; T. E. Woods & Co., Burleigh, 5 cars cattle; H. I. Peacock, Nampa, 1 car cattle and calves; E. M. Brann & Co., Parma, 2 cars cattle; H. M. Curley, Baker, 2 cars cattle; J. M. Barry, Red Bluff, 2 cars hogs; Joe W. Silver, Gooding, 1 car hogs; Boyler & Stevens, Echo, 2 cars sheep; J. C. McConnell, Nyssa, 1 car sheep; McCullough & Rumble, Joseph, 19 cars sheep; Will Block, Sheridan, 1 car hogs and sheep; K. & C., Hunts Ferry, 1 car cattle and hogs; J. C. Lonegan, Stanfield, 2 cars calves and sheep, and C. E. Lucke, Canby, 1 car cattle and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
51 hogs	225	$7.90	250 ewes	93	4.25
52 hogs	188	7.85	269 mixd sheep	85	4.00
2 hogs	275	6.50	225 mixd sheep	75	4.00
1 hog	210	7.40	49 mixd sheep	111	4.00
26 steers	1148	8.05	95 hogs	155	7.80
26 steers	1194	8.05	91 hogs	193	7.80
26 steers	1122	8.05	26 hogs	144	7.75
23 steers	1186	7.25	3 hogs	290	7.30
82 steers	842	6.40	3 hogs	150	7.00
24 steers	870	6.40	2 hogs	355	7.00
26 cows	1113	6.30	6 hogs	345	6.80
27 cows	1113	6.80	1 hog	170	6.40
7 cows	962	6.25	250 lambs*	73	6.50
6 cows	947	6.00	249 lambs*	73	6.50
1 cow	1100	5.00	254 lambs*	73	6.50
92 hogs	200	7.90	259 lambs*	73	6.50
91 hogs	203	7.90			
25 steers	1167	7.25	1 cow	1250	6.00
1 cow	1250	5.50	1 cow	950	5.50
1 cow	1280	6.00	9 cows	1023	6.50
1 heifer	710	6.50	23 steers	1141	8.10
1 cow	1010	5.00	26 steers	1179	7.85
6 cows	1052	6.65	26 steers	1193	7.90
2 cows	1055	6.25	25 steers	1121	7.75
25 steers	1287	8.10			

The range of prices at the yards was as follows:

Prime steers	$7.50@$8.10
Choice steers	7.00@ 7.50
Medium steers	6.75@ 7.00
Choice cows	6.00@ 6.85
Medium cows	5.75@ 6.00
Heifers	6.00@ 6.85
Light calves	8.00@ 9.00
Heavy calves	6.00@ 7.75
Bulls	4.00@ 5.75
Stags	6.00@ 6.50
Hogs—	
Light	7.25@ 7.90
Heavy	6.50@ 6.90
Sheep—	
Lambs	5.50@ 6.35
Wethers	4.00@ 5.50
Ewes	3.50@ 4.35

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 29.—Hogs—Receipts, 4300; market, higher. Heavy, $7.50@7.80; light, $7.40@7.59; pigs, $6.75@7.25; bulk of sales, $7.60@7.75.

Cattle—Receipts, 5200; market, easier. Native steers, $6.50@9.25; native cows and heifers, $4@7.50; Western steers, $6@8; Texas steers, $5.75@7.10; Texas cows and heifers, $5.50@7; calves, $6.25@9.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 11,500; market, easier. Yearlings, $6@7; wethers, $5@5.80; lambs, $7.25@8.25.

Sales this morning follow:

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cattle—Receipts, 23,000; market, steady to a shade higher. Beeves, $6.85@9.75; Texas steers, $6.90@7.90; Western steers, $6.20@7.85; stockers and feeders, $5@7.95; cows and heifers, $3.50@8.00; calves, $7@11.

Hogs—Receipts, 35,000; market, firm and mostly 5c above Saturday's average. Light, $7.60@8; mixed, $7.72½@8.05; heavy, $7.65@8.10; rough, $7.65@7.85; pigs, $6.75@7.60; bulk of sales, $7.75@8.

Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; market, strong to 10c higher. Native, $4.75@6.10; Western, $4.75@6.10; yearlings, $5.85@7.15; lambs, native, $6.75@8.35; Western, $6.85@8.35.

ST. JOHNS WORK DELAYED

Oral Argument Over Willamette Boulevard Postpones Decision.

ST. JOHNS, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A decision on the width of Willamette boulevard through Minar's Addition, in St. Johns, pending in the Supreme Court, will not be reached until next June or July.

George I. Perkins, attorney for St. Johns, undertook to have the case submitted on briefs without oral argument, but Attorney Thomas desired to submit oral argument to the court.

It is contended that the street was made 100 feet wide through the action of Hartman & Thompson. Owners of the land on either side prepared a map showing the boulevard 100 feet wide, and sold lots according to this map. The opposition holds that the street is not 100 feet wide and the alleged widening by Hartman & Thompson was not regular. The case came up when an attempt by St. Johns to pave Willamette bouvelard from Portland city limits was stopped by the proceedings.

Mr. Perkins said he regretted that the matter could not have been submittd on briefs, as only law points are involved, and a decision could have been rendered within a few weeks, whereas it will be held up for months.

GIRLS' DORMITORY IN ASHES

Beardsley Hall at Weiser Institute Will Be Rebuilt.

WEISER, Idaho., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Beardsley Hall, the girls' dormitory of the Industrial Institute located here, was gutted by fire today. The fire, of unknown origin, started in the attic near the elevator shaft and spread rapidly throughout the four-story structure. Nearly all the furniture and fixtures were saved. On account of inadequate fire protection and nearly two feet of snow on the ground but little headway could be made. Chief Bowen responded with the chemical apparatus but arrived too late.

The building, which cost about $40,000, was covered largely by insurance and will be rebuilt as soon as possible. Probably all of the girls who occupied it will be obliged to cancel the remainder of the term. Many of them are now