WHEAT BOOM IS ON

Heavy Speculative Buying Excites Country Markets.

COMPETITION IS GENERAL

Day's Purchases Estimated at Fully Quarter of a Million Bushels. Prices Are Gradually Advancing on Local Exchange.

The speculative spirit seems to have taken possession of the wheat market again. At Chicago, wheat prices have advanced about 15 cents in the past eight days, and are now within 20 cents of the top mark reached during the crisis of speculative excitement last Winter. The fever has spread to the Pacific Northwest, where buying has suddenly become very active at advancing prices. It is not likely that wheat values here will duplicate last season's extreme limits, unless Chicago should go much higher than a year ago, as the shipping situation in the Northwest is now vastly different from what it was last Winter.

It is because there is no way of getting the grain out in quantity at the present time that gives the buying a speculative appearance. Whereas there were only one or two buyers in the market last week, yesterday there was sharp competition from many sources. It is estimated that fully 250,000 bushels changed hands in the country during the day, and as a consequence the interior markets were all excited.

The prices posted at the Merchants' Exchange indicate the tendency of the market throughout the Northwest. For prompt bluestem 97 cents was bid and $1 asked, and for January delivery 98 cents was offered and $1.01 asked. These bids were ½ cent to 1½ cents over Saturday's. December club bids were raised 2 cents to 94 cents, with 96 cents asked, and elsewhere in the list offers were advanced from 1 cent to 2 cents. There were no sales at the session.

In the East, big advances followed excited buying, occasioned by higher prices in England and reports that Italy had suspended import duties during the remainder of the current cereal year.

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by Broomhall as follows:

United Kingdom—Weather has been very cold, but now milder and favorable. Offerings of native are larger and country prices easing.

France—Weather has become more favorable and seeding has made a good start. Native offers are increasing. Reserves are fair and consumption lighter.

Germany—All advices received here report that acreage to wheat is large and weather favorable, and the outlook is good.

Russia—Weather very cold, with lack of snow cover over a wide area, and damage is feared. Interior movement is light.

Balkan States—Crop advices are favorable and a large acreage was planted. Weather very cold.

India—Punjaub is reporting drouth, and rainfall generally is deficient.

Argentina—Weather favors crops in the center and south and the general outlook is favorable.

Australia — Weather favors harvest and new wheat is arriving at Sydney. Crop estimates are maintained.

Italy—Weather improved, but the acreage will suffer materially as a result of heavy recent rains. Native wheat is moving slowly and foreign purchases continue.

Spain—Seeding reports generally favorable. Duty on corn has been removed.

Terminal receipts, 76 cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Mon.	101	10	17	6	6
Year ago	43	4	4	12	18
Sept. to date	7,098	1034	726	623	1024
Year ago	10,271	991	1236	1217	990
Tacoma, Sat.	18	2	....	....	4
Year ago	11	1	....	....	8
Sept. to date	4,357	285	....	111	1323
Year ago	6,173	280	....	211	1839
Seattle, Sat.	49	2	25	9	....
Year ago	18	18	12	4	12
Sept. to date	5,824	937	1147	581	2502
Year ago	5,614	628	1190	732	3447

RECORD WEEK'S EXPORTS OF WHEAT

Shipments Are Thirteen and Quarter Million Bushels From North America.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange show the following changes in the American visible supply:

	Bushels.	Increase.
December 6, 1913	48,797,000	1,977,000
December 7, 1914	72,396,000	*1,712,000
December 8, 1913	62,320,000	4,076,000
December 9, 1912	61,278,000	5,479,000
December 11, 1911	75,359,000	449,000
December 12, 1910	57,600,000	*230,000
December 13, 1909	28,400,000	*2,986,000
December 14, 1908	31,288,000	172,000
December 15, 1907	43,488,000	2,044,000
December 17, 1906	81,243,000	3,621,000

*Decrease.

Quantities on passage compare as follows:

For—	Wk. end'g Dec. 4.	Wk. end'g Nov. 27.	Wk. end'g Dec. 5, '14.
Un. Kingdom	17,120,000	18,320,000	13,976,000
Continent	19,424,000	19,984,000	14,368,000
Total	36,544,000	37,304,000	28,344,000

Shipments of wheat, flour included, compare as follows:

	Wk. end'g Dec. 4.	Wk. end'g Nov. 27.	Wk. end'g Dec. 5, '14.
U. S. and Can.	13,194,000	10,504,000	9,024,000
Argentina	32,000	288,000	344,000
Delhi	.....	.....	984,000
Total	13,226,000	10,944,000	10,352,000

Shipments for the season to date compare with the corresponding period last year as follows:

	Total since July 1, '15.	Same period last season.
U. S. and Canada	134,582,000	123,861,000
Argentina	8,720,000	4,720,000
Australia	.....	9,208,000
Danube	.....	7,600,000
Russia	3,874,000	12,144,000
India	11,972,000	15,360,000
Total	159,158,000	172,698,000

The United States visible corn supply increased 222,000 bushels and the oats supply decreased 1,358,000 bushels.

Exports from North America last week included 357,000 bushels of corn and 2,700,000 bushels of oats.

SUGAR PRICE WILL ADVANCE TODAY.

Fifteen-Cent Rise Due to Higher Prices in Eastern Market.

Local sugar prices will be advanced 15 cents a hundred this morning. For the past week, a rise has been looked for, as the Coast markets were below the usual differential, but it required an additional 15-point advance in New York yesterday to send Coast values up.

American sugar refiners thus far in 1915 have sent to England and the Continent something like 250,000 tons of refined sugar, valued at perhaps $15,000,000, and in addition Europe has taken nearly the same amount of raw direct from Cuba, while Canada has also made direct purchases of Cuban raws, according to a statement issued by Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company.

The further advance in refined sugar in the past month is laid by trade authorities to the strong statistical position of sugar throughout the world due to the European war. Mr. Spreckels, in explaining the situation, said:

"The fundamentals of sugar production and consumption have been exceedingly strong for months as a result of the destruction of the European beet fields by the warring armies. Dealers throughout the United States, however, refused to recognize the signs, so that the natural requirements of the past few weeks have found warehouses bare of supplies.

"The wholesalers' rush to buy caught most refiners short of raw sugars, and they in turn scrambled to purchase raws. The consequence was an advancing raw market that forced refined up in sympathy.

"I believe 1916 will see much higher sugar prices than now prevail, because the United States will have to supply practically all of Europe with refined, besides replenishing the low stock here and taking care of the normal increase in consumption at home."

LIGHTER DEMAND FOR OREGON HOPS

Decreased Consumption of Beer in the United States and Great Britain.

Hop dealers look for a slower market for the present, as there is not much demand and no pressure to unload. The latest transaction announced was the sale of the Madison crop of 150 bales at Independence. The price was reported to be 12½ cents.

Beer sales in the United States for the month of October last were 4,567,356 barrels as against 5,686,075 barrels for October, 1914, a decrease of 1,118,719 barrels, or 19.7 per cent.

Beer sales in Great Britain for the nine months ended September 30, 1915, were 22,350,837 barrels, as against 27,078,282 barrels for the corresponding period in 1914, a decrease, therefore, of 4,727,445 barrels, or 16.7 per cent.

Imports of hops into Great Britain for the months of September and October, 1915, are given at 5545 hundredweight from the United States, and 8734 hundredweight from other countries, as against 5400 hundredweight from the United States and 2646 hundredweight from other countries in 1914. Exports for the two months 1915 were 1252 hundredweight; for the two months 1914, 2221 hundredweight.

TRADE BETTERMENT CLEARLY SHOWN

Failure Record in November Contrasts Sharply With Last Year.

In striking contrast to the tendency in the same period of 1914, commercial failures in the United States during November were slightly less numerous than in the previous month, while the aggregate liabilities made the best exhibit of the year. Total insolvencies, as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., numbered 1365 and supplied an indebtedness of $15,694,424, as against 1509 in October for $23,572,360 and 1515 in 1914, when the amount involved was $23,459,498. Last year there were 129 more suspensions in November than in October, the record of defaults at that time beginning to show the effects of the economic disturbance caused by the outbreak of the war.

Though the latest returns disclose a higher mortality than in the years prior to 1914, this is not unnatural in view of the steady increase in the number of firms in business, and the figures for recent months clearly reflect the pronounced betterment that has occurred in the general financial and industrial situation.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$2,002,248	$210,969
Seattle	2,153,114	230,572
Tacoma	385,208	70,194
Spokane	808,017	178,750

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session, December delivery.

Wheat—	Bid.	Ask.
Bluestem	$ .97	$ 1.00
Portfyold	.97	.98½
Club	.94	.96
Red fife	.91	.94
Red Russian	.90	.94
Oats—No. 1 white feed	24.00	24.75
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	26.00	27.50
Brewing	24.00	29.50
Bran	19.00	20.00
Shorts	20.00	22.50
Futures—		
January bluestem	.98	1.01
January fortyfold	.98	.99
January club	.94½	.95½
January fife	.92	.95
January Russian	.91	.95
January oats	24.00	25.00
January feed barley	26.00	27.50
January brewing barley	28.00	29.25
January bran	19.25	20.50
January shorts	20.00	22.50

FLOUR — Patents, $4.80 per barrel; straights, $4.30@4.60; exports, $4.20; whole wheat, $5; graham, $4.80.

MILLFEED—Mill prices: Bran, $23 per ton; shorts, $24; rolled barley, $30@31.

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

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $12@16; Valley timothy, $12@13; alfalfa, $12.50@14.50; clover, $9@10; oats and vetch, $11@12.

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $3@3.75 per box; Japanese, $1.50 per box; lemons, $3@4.75 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; pineapples, 4½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $3.75@5.50; pomegranates, $1.50 per box.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.25@1.50; cabbage, 90c per hundred; garlic, 15c per pound; peppers, 2@8c pound; eggplant, 10c per pound; sprouts, 9c per pound; horseradish, 8½c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1.25; celery, 50@60c per dozen; beans, 12½@15c; lettuce, $2@2.75 per crate; peas, 12½@15c.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, 75c@$2.25 per box; pears, $1.25@1.75 per box; grapes, $1.25@1.50 per crate; cranberries, $10@11.50 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1@1.15; Yakimas, $1.15 per sack; sweets, $2.50 per hundred.

ONIONS—Oregon, buying price, $1 f. o. b. shipping point.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 42c; No. 2, 38c; No. 3, 30c per dozen. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 42@44c; Oregon storage, 39@40c.

POULTRY—Hens, 11@13c; Springs, 11@12c; turkeys, 17c, turkeys, dressed, 20@22c; ducks, 12@13c; geese, 8@9c.

BUTTER—City creamery, cubes, extras, selling price, 43½c; firsts, 42c; prints and cartons, extra. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 24@28c, according to quality; butterfat, premium quality, 32c; No. 1, average quality, 31c; No. 2, 29c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying price, 19c per pound, f. o. b. dock Portland; Young, 18c; Oregon, 17c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 9c per pound.

PORK—Block, 17½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.50 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.30; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 16c; Brazil nuts, 18c; filberts, 16@18c; almonds, 1-lb. cr., 19c; cocoanuts, $5 per dozen; pecans, 10@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 7c; large white, 7c; lima, 7½c; bayou, 6½c; pink, 7½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 14@32c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $6.85; beet, $6.65; extra C, $6.35; powdered, in barrels, $7.10; cube, in barrels, $7.25.

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $19.50 per ton; 50s, $11.50 per ton; dairy, $14 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 5½@6½c pound; broken, 4c; Japan style, 4½@5c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 8c per pound; apricots, 12@15c; peaches, 8c; prunes, Italians, 8@9c; raisins, loose Muscatels, 6c; unbleached Sultanas, 9½@10c; seeded, 9c; dates Persian, 10c pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 9½@12c; figs, 50 6-ounce, $2; 10-ounces, $2.25; 24 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, 85c; bulk, white, 7@9c; black, 6c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, 10@12½c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 15½c; salted kip, 16c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 14c; green kip, 16c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 15@25c; Valley, 25@26c; Fall lambs' wool, 25c.

MOHAIR—Oregon, 25c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 3½@4c per pound.

PELTS—Dry long-wooled pelts, 16c; dry short-wooled pelts, 12c; dry shearlings, 10@15c each; salted shearlings, 15@25c each; dry goat, long hair, 13c each; dry goat shearlings, 10@20c each; salted long-wooled pelts, November, 75@$1.50 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 20c; standard, 18½c; skinned, 15@18½c; picnics, 10½c; cottage roll, 15c; boiled, 27@28c.

BACON—Fancy, 24@30c; standard, 22@23c; choice, 18½@22c.

DRY SALT—Short, clear backs, 11½@14c; exports, 11½@12c; plates, 10@11½c.

LARD—Tierce basis, kettle rendered, 12½c; standard, 11c; compound, 10½c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $21.50; plate beef, $22.50; plate pork, $20; trips, $10.50@11.50; tongue, $30.

Oils.

KEROSENE—Water white, drums, barrels or tank wagons, 10c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 13½c; cases, 22½c; engine distillate, drums, 8c; cases, 10c; naphtha, drums, 14½c; cases, 21½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 79c; raw, cases, 84c; boiled, barrels, 81c; boiled, cases, 86c.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 67c; in cases, 74c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

LARGEST STOCK RUN

Record Receipts at North Portland Yards.

ARRIVALS ARE 136 CARS

Market Is Steady in Spite of Heavy Offerings—Hog Prices Are Shaded Nickel and Lambs Advance 15 Cents.

The run at the stockyards yesterday totaled 10,022 head, the record for the local yards. Of the 136 cars unloaded a considerable portion was show stock, but the supply left for the open market was the largest the trade has yet been called on to handle.

The market proved to be a very healthy one in spite of the big receipts. Hog values shaded off a nickel, but cattle and sheep were steady to firm.

The best price paid for steers during the day was $7.10, with several loads going at $7 to $7.05. Butcher cattle sold within last week's range. The top on hogs for the day was set at $8, with the bulk of sales at $7.90 to $8.05. Sheep prices were unchanged, but lambs went up again to $7.50 for the best.

Receipts were 1139 cattle, 37 calves, 7242 hogs and 1604 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—William Schulmerich, Hillsboro, 1 car; A. D. Dunn, Dumbra, Wash., 1 car; H. F. White, McMinnville, 1 car; Walsh Bros., Republic, Wash., 2 cars; William Bishop, Lewiston, Idaho, 3 cars; C. H. Beckley, Condon, 1 car; J. M. Thompson, Condon, 1 car; J. McCullough, Shaniko, 1 car; E. Johnson, Terrebonne, 2 cars; Ed Coles, Lewiston, 1 car; Haines, 2 cars; J. W. Chandler, Durkee, 2 cars; LaGrande, 2 cars; W. H. Meekler, Ontario, 1 car; W. O. Huntley, Robinette, 1 car; A. B. Cook, Lewiston, 1 car; H. L. Summers, Lewiston, 1 car; University of Idaho, Lewiston, 1 car; D. E. Myers, Union Junction, 1 car; George Chandler, Baker, 1 car; Portland Feeder Company, Lewiston, Utah, 1 car; Burley, Idaho, 1 car; W. Brose, Hansen, Idaho, 2 cars; J. O. Bowker, Payette, 2 cars; H. J. Stilling, Hermiston, 1 car; G. Gue, North Yakima, 1 car. Total, 38 cars.

With hogs—H. Willard, Dayton, 1 car; W. P. Emery, Prater, 1 car; C. W. West, Harmon, 1 car; Joe Howard, Jr., Terrebonne, 1 car; A. H. Porter, Condon, 1 car; B. C. Sirginson, Grangeville, 2 cars; Preston & Felt, Lewiston, 1 car; E. Sweet, Lewiston, 1 car; William Conners, Rupert, 1 car; Tim Lydston, Weiser, 2 cars; Fred Cool, Weiser, 1 car; S. Adams, Weiser, 1 car; W. B. Shaw, Weiser, 1 car; M. J. Hailey, Weiser, 2 cars; T. J. Chandler, Durkee, 1 car; S. S. Bailey, Ontario, 1 car; Charles Howell, Robinette, 1 car; R. Nelson, Lewiston, 1 car; W. Cox, Lewiston, 1 car; J. D. Lytle, Senn, 1 car; C. W. Shumate, Olympia, Wash., 1 car; J. W. Chandler, Union Junction, 23; same, Enterprise, 1 car; W. E. Graham, Pomeroy, 1 car; Barry Kimball, Pomeroy, 1 car; J. B. Kimball, Zumwalt, Wash., 1 car; Talman & Broyles, Baker, 1 car; J. A. Hopkins, Baker, 1 car; Baker City Packing Company, Baker, 3 cars; S. E. Graham, Elgin, 1 car; M. Lydston, Enterprise, 1 car; D. E. Myers, Imbler, 1 car; O. W. Goerstine, Joseph, 1 car; Farmers' Meat Market, Joseph, 1 car; W. B. Barton, Dallas, 1 car; J. R. Hackett, Wallowa, 1 car; Ward & Harrington, Caldwell, 1 car; W. H. Ross, Parma, 1 car; W. F. Hodard, Parma, 1 car; R. E. Ferguson, Lewiston, 1 car; W. D. Patterson, Cascades, 2 cars; Grover Bros., Nyssa, 1 car; Brogan, 1 car; New Plymouth, 1 car; Ontario, 2 cars; J. Hill, Payette, 1 car; W. F. Kinney, Baker, 1 car; A. L. Miller, Nappa, 3 cars; Wilder, 1 car; Pendleton Meat Company, Athena, 2 cars; E. Wilkinson, Union Junction, 1 car. Total, 44 cars.

With sheep—J. A. Moser, Derry, 1 car; Stiger, Baker, 1 car; J. H. Dobbins, Enterprise, 1 car; P. D. McCully, Joseph, 1 car; J. L. Weeks & Son, Wilder, 1 car; W. B. Alexander, 164 head by boat. Total, 6 cars.

With mixed loads—R. A. Thompson, Heppner, 2 cars cattle and hogs; A. L. Gile, Chinook, 1 car cattle and calves; J. Thompson, Lebanon, 2 cars cattle and calves; Clover Hill Farm, Deer Island, 1 car cattle and hogs; T. & G. Stock Farm, Goldendale, 1 car cattle and hogs; C. S. Magee, McMinnville, 1 car cattle, calves and hogs; S. A. Hagedorn, Kelso, 1 car cattle and calves; H. W. Stone, Mora, 1 cars cattle, hogs and sheep; R. H. DeArmond, Vale, 2 cars cattle and calves; W. A. Leaper, Toncalla, 1 tle and calves; W. A. Leaper, Yoncalla, 1 car cattle and hogs; J. D. Miles, Lewiston, 1 car cattle, hogs and sheep; P. Van Petteren, Baker, 1 car cattle and hogs; W. W. Cooper, Union Junction, 1 car cattle, calves and hogs; J. Hill, Payette, 2 cars cattle, calves and hogs; H. Gout, Emmett, 1 car cattle and hogs; A. L. Demaris, Milton, 2 cars cattle and hogs; D. E. Myers, North Powder, 1 car cattle and hogs; McTee, North Powder, 1 car cattle and hogs; C. W. Davidson, Halsey, 1 car cattle and hogs; James Kelley, Haines, 1 car cattle, hogs and sheep. Total, 28 cars.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
41 hogs	182	$5.85	28 steers	1110	$7.10
28 hogs	185	5.85	8 heifers	688	4.50
7 hogs	187	5.85	12 steers	1219	6.95
92 hogs	190	5.95	2 heifers	500	5.50
75 hogs	172	5.95	3 cows	1076	4.75
4 hogs	198	6.30	2 cows	1250	5.25
84 hogs	198	6.40	5 steers	896	5.15
7 hogs	124	6.75	1 calf	350	7.50
89 hogs	182	5.90	25 steers	1113	7.00
23 hogs	224	5.75	1 steer	1150	6.75
77 hogs	202	5.95	11 steers	1260	6.50
77 hogs	191	5.90	17 steers	990	6.25
133 lambs	67	7.15	1 steer	1000	6.25
197 wethers	102	6.40	1 steer	1070	6.00
239 ewes	103	5.50	15 steers	989	5.50
104 ewes	85	5.10	25 steers	1200	7.05
14 hogs	226	5.85	16 cows	1001	5.25
77 hogs	171	5.95	2 cows	1110	4.50
19 hogs	235	4.95	9 cows	1146	5.50
34 hogs	120	4.75	15 mixed	500	4.75
71 hogs	181	5.85	1 bull	1430	5.50
140 lambs	74	7.50	1 bull	1350	5.00
120 ewes	105	5.50	2 bulls	1225	5.25
84 hogs	172	5.90	52 lambs	76	7.50
21 hogs	175	4.90	18 lambs	80	5.25
5 hogs	144	6.00	27 lambs	70	7.35
27 hogs	187	5.90	6 ewes	100	5.00
6 hogs	199	4.90	12 steers	1210	7.00
14 hogs	127	4.85	27 steers	1102	7.00
2 hogs	242	4.85	24 steers	1140	7.00
70 hogs	205	5.85	2 steers	1015	6.00
1 hog	215	4.50	11 steers	734	6.40
72 hogs	209	5.90	4 steers	1052	5.65
22 hogs	189	5.90	8 steers	1400	6.50
3 hogs	123	4.90	3 steers	1266	7.00
77 hogs	181	5.90	1 steers	830	4.50
51 hogs	187	5.90	12 cows	1000	4.50
20 hogs	206	6.00	7 cows	901	4.75
43 hogs	225	4.95	4 cows	1210	5.00
11 hogs	260	4.90	6 cows	1000	4.75
100 hogs	175	5.95	1 bull	1350	5.00
88 hogs	178	5.95	1 bull	1350	5.25
1 hog	240	4.90	2 bulls	1250	5.15
80 hogs	187	5.90	106 hogs	200	6.00
72 hogs	188	5.95	26 hogs	200	6.00
22 hogs	208	5.95	74 hogs	200	5.90
3 hogs	139	4.95	28 hogs	200	5.85
87 hogs	208	5.95	65 hogs	180	5.95
8 hogs	188	5.90	8 hogs	126	4.85
26 hogs	202	5.90	4 hogs	220	5.05
20 hogs	126	4.90	90 hogs	220	6.00
25 cows	843	4.25	92 hogs	180	5.95
5 cows	1002	4.60	84 hogs	200	6.00
1 steer	1010	5.00	18 hogs	180	5.00
1 bull	1410	4.00	89 hogs	190	5.85
23 steers	1031	5.65	18 hogs	200	5.90
1 stag	1540	4.00	14 hogs	124	4.90
1 bull	1610	4.50	20 hogs	171	5.90
23 steers	1070	6.25	106 hogs	191	5.95
22 steers	1070	6.25	106 hogs	200	6.00
2 cows	1570	5.25	17 hogs	188	6.00
11 steers	1230	4.70	25 hogs	172	5.85
1 steers	1160	6.00	24 hogs	200	6.00
23 steers	1260	6.75	30 hogs	170	5.90
22 steers	1170	6.25	1 hog	250	5.00
22 steers	1170	6.25	10 hogs	200	5.90
1 steer	1060	6.25	103 hogs	182	5.90
1 steer	1000	5.90	85 hogs	224	5.90
24 steers	1179	6.85	1 hog	240	4.90
1 steers	1120	6.00	1 hog	275	5.85
12 steers	1203	6.25	1 hog	290	4.90
4 steers	925	5.25	2 hogs	280	4.90
2 cows	1170	5.50	53 hogs	182	5.95
4 cows	1140	4.00	12 hogs	209	5.95
1 bull	1510	3.50			

The range of prices at the local yards for the various classes of livestock follows:

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$7.00@7.25
Good steers	6.15@7.00
Medium steers	5.00@6.75
Choice cows	5.25@5.75
Good cows	5.00@5.25
Medium cows	4.50@5.00
Heifers	3.50@6.00
Bulls	3.00@5.00
Stags	4.50@5.25
Hogs—	
Light	5.90@6.00
Heavy	4.90@5.00
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.75@6.50
Ewes	4.00@5.00
Lambs	6.00@7.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 6.—Hogs—Receipts 18,000; lower. Heavy, $6.10@6.25; light, $6.25@6.45; pigs, $5.25@6.15; bulk of sales, $6.15@6.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 1800; lower. Native steers, $6@9.40; cows and heifers, $3.25@6.75; Western steers, $6@8; Texas steers, $5.75@6.75; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts 12,000; steady. Yearlings, $6@7; wethers, $5.50@6.25; lambs, $6.25@8.45.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Hogs—Receipts 38,000; dull, 15 to 25c under Saturday's average. Bulk, $6.10@6.55; light, $5.90@6.50; mixed, $5.90@6.75; heavy, $6.15@6.75; rough, $6.15@6.30; pigs, $4@5.40.

Cattle—Receipts 14,000; weak. Native steers, $5.50@10.40; Western steers, $6.10@8.10; cows and heifers, $3.80@8.10; calves, $6.50@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts 24,000; weak. Sheep, $5.90@6.40; lambs, $6.90@9.15.

COAST SALMON PACK IS HEAVY

Only Exceeded by Record Production of Two Years Ago.

Reporting on the year's pack of salmon, one of the largest operators on the Coast says in his trade circular:

"Returns coming in indicate that this year's pack of salmon is, with the exception of the pack of 1913, the largest in the history of the business. The year 1913 was what is known as the big year on the Puget Sound and British Columbia, while this year is one of the so-called off years, and consequently the size of this year's pack is a big surprise to everybody connected with the industry.

"From figures so far received the pack is estimated as follows: Alaska, 4,400,000; Puget Sound, 850,000; British Columbia, 905,000; Columbia River, Spring and Fall, 630,000; outside rivers, 115,000. Total, 6,900,000.

"While the pack of sockeyes and Alaska red is considerably short of last year, the shortage is more than offset by the big pack of pinks and chums. The market is very firm—sockeyes and medium red are closely cleaned up, in fact, short deliveries will be made on the latter, as there was not enough medium red packed to fill orders in full.

"Great Britain has taken the bulk of the Alaska red pack, and England will undoubtedly be a ready buyer for all of this grade that is unsold.

"Chums are in light supply; many packers have sold their entire pack of pink, and, while a limited quantity may be bought at a concession, most everybody is holding their spot pink at 75 cents. Many packers believe that owing to the high price and scarcity of fancy grades, pink is bound to advance."

Orange Prices Are Reduced.

Navel orange prices were reduced another quarter yesterday to $3.75 for fancy. Florida grapefruit was also lower at $4.50 and $5.50.

Among the vegetable receipts from California was a shipment of rhubarb in 25-pound boxes, which offered at $1.50 a box. New California tomatoes were put on sale at $1.25 and $1.50 a crate.

Poultry Demand Is Moderate.

Receipts of poultry and country dressed meats were not large, and with a moderate demand prices were steady throughout.

The egg market was firm, with a ready absorption of ranch arrivals. There were no new developments in the butter situation.

COFFEE CLEARED FOR SAN FRANCISCO

Seventeen Thousand Bags Are Shipped From Santos.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Small orders proved sufficient to influence prices in the market for coffee futures here today, owing to the absence of any general business. The market opened steady at a decline of one point and showed little further feature until well along in the afternoon, when prices firmed up on the appearance of a few buying orders, with May advancing from 6.65c to 6.74c, while September sold from 6.82c up to 6.89c. The close was three to 10 points net higher; sales, 3500; December, 6.60c; January, 6.62c; February, 6.65c; March, 6.68c; April, 6.70c; May, 6.72c; June, 6.76c; July, 6.80c; August, 6.83c; September, $6.87c; October, 6.91c.

Spot—Quiet; Rio 7s, 7¾c; Santos 4s, 9½c.

Cost and freight offers were rather easier, ranging from about 8.65@8.68 to 9 for Santos 4s. English credits.

The official cables reported an advance of 1½rels in the Rio market, but Santos was unchanged and Rio exchange on London was 1-32d lower.

Santos reported clearances of 7000 bags for New York, and 17,000 for San Francisco.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal, 5.20c; molasses, 4.43c. Refined firm, 15 points higher, cut loaf, 7.05c; crushed, 6.95c; mould A, 6.60c; cubes, 6.40c; XXX powdered, 6.20c; powdered, 6.10c; fine granulated, 6.15c; diamond A, 6.15c; confectioners' A, 6.05c; No. 1, 5.90c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Spot cotton steady; middling uplands, 12.80c. Sales, 100 bales.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 6.—Linseed, cash, 12.03½@2.05½; December, $2.04½; May, $2.09½.

Hops at London.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6.—Hops at London—Pacific Coast, £4@5.

Canneries Re-open January 1.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The Grays Harbor canneries are closed during December, but will open on January 1 for the steelhead season, which, like several recent seasons, is not expected to result in any large catches. Packers here have announced that they will pay 40 cents as an opening price for Quinlault salmon, the season for which opens on February 1 and runs to July 1.

It is estimated that Indian fishermen at the Quinlault Reservation last year made more than $100,000 from their catches. The opening price of 40 cents, which will prevail during the coming season, is 15 cents higher than the price paid at the opening of the season this year.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Maximum temperature, 45 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 8.8 feet; change in last 24 hours, 1.7 feet rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), .16 inch; total rainfall since September 1, 16.48 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 13.42 inches; excess of rainfall since September 1, 3.06 inches. Total sunshine, none; possible sunshine, 8 hours 48 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 5 P. M., 30.31 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS	Maximum temp.	Precipitation Past 24 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather
Baker	42	0.02	8	S	Cloudy
Boise	48	0.00	6	NW	Rain
Boston	56	0.00	12	N	Cloudy
Calgary	44	0.00	4	W	Clear
Chicago	34	0.00	6	E	Clear
Denver	64	0.00	6	NE	Clear
Des Moines	38	0.00	4	SE	Clear
Duluth	32	0.00	6	SE	Snow
Eureka	54	0.16	4	S	Cloudy
Galveston	68	0.04	22	S	Rain
Helena	42	0.10	10	SW	Cloudy
Jacksonville	60	0.00	12	NE	Clear
Kansas City	32	0.00	12	E	Clear
Los Angeles	70	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Marshfield	54	0.22	8	S	Cloudy
Medford	34	0.30	4	NW	Pt. cloudy
Minneapolis	36	0.00	18	SE	Cloudy
Montreal	28	0.00	12	NE	Cloudy
New Orleans	60	0.00	4	E	Clear
New York	38	0.00	26	NW	Cloudy
North Head	48	0.18	14	E	Cloudy
North Yakima	38	0.00	....	....	Cloudy
Phoenix	66	0.00	....	SE	Clear
Pocatello	40	0.00	....	SE	Cloudy
Portland	45	0.10	4	NW	Cloudy
Roseburg	50	0.20	....	NW	Cloudy
Sacramento	62	0.00	....	N	Clear
St. Louis	42	0.00	10	E	Clear
Salt Lake	50	0.00	....	NE	Clear
San Francisco	60	0.