FINE GRADE HIGHER

Peculiar Conditions Exist in Coffee Market.

EFFECT OF WAR IS SEEN

Central Americans Advance Sharply, but Santos Grades Are Lower Than Year Ago—Cost to Consumers Unchanged.

Conditions in the coffee market on the Pacific Coast this year are different from any time in probably the last 30 years.

Notwithstanding the fact that Germany and Austria are closed countries, there must be considerable coffee reaching them through Sweden, Norway and perhaps Denmark and Holland. This, coupled with the fact that quality in the drink of coffees is obtaining more and more favor among the general public, has produced the peculiar condition in Central America.

More than 30,000 bags of high-grade Guatemala, Salvador, Nicaragua and Costa Rica coffees have been sold on the Pacific Coast "to arrive." This means that the price has been fixed in the country of production and the coffees have been sold at this fixed price. This is perhaps more than twice as much coffee as has ever been sold from these countries "to arrive" on the Pacific Coast. These coffees were usually sold on the "to arrive" basis to the European countries, but in ordinary years they have been consigned to the Pacific Coast.

Prices on all of these grades are from 1 to 2½ cents per pound higher than they were last year. In contrast to this, Santos coffees from Brazil are probably 1 cent cheaper than they were at this time last year, so that, generally speaking, the ordinary run of blended coffees will cost the merchant and the consumer the same prices as heretofore, unless there should be a further advance in the price of high-grade Central Americans and high-grade Santos coffees. These advances usually occur when the greater part of the fine grades of the crops have been sold.

The Central American coffees, like Bogota, Bucaramanga and others of this class that reach the Atlantic Coast, are equally as high as those from the Pacific side of Central America. In all likelihood, therefore, the consumers will pay about the same prices for coffee next year as have been prevailing during 1915.

TOMATO PACK HALF OF LAST YEAR'S

Output for Season Is Estimated at 3,169,000 Cases—Storms Reduced Yield.

Statistics given by packers indicate that the total tomato pack for the 1915 season is 3,169,000 cases. This is only about 35 per cent of the pack that was made during the 1914 season and about 45 per cent of the pack that was made throughout the United States in 1913. Packers have reported during the Fall that the output this season was far below the production that was made last year. The estimates that have been made have ranged from 7,000,000 cases to 8,000,000 cases.

Severe storms that swept over the large tomato growing sections of the country late in the Summer are responsible for the very short pack this year, according to trade factors. Late in August, when practically all operations in this field were predicting that the 1915 pack would be a record breaker, very heavy rain and wind storms raged across the Middle Eastern States, where by far the larger part of the tomatoes in the United States are grown, and thousands of the vines, which were just beginning to put forth the young tomatoes, were crushed to the ground and injured beyond repair. Whereas in the first few weeks the vines were well covered with young tomatoes that would have ripened for the harvest during the last weeks in September and the first few weeks in October, after the storm had passed there were said to be many fields where three-quarters of the 1915 crop had been utterly destroyed.

On the Pacific Coast, owing to the large carry-over from last year, the packer reported that the growers had planted very restricted acreage and that the production this season would be far below the record-breaking crop put up during the 1914 season.

EASTBOUND WHEAT MOVEMENT HEAVY

Steady Buying in Country for Middle West and Atlantic Coast.

The wheat market in the Northwest was steady yesterday. Chicago dropped, but the tendency locally was to raise bids.

Country advices were of continued buying for shipment Eastward. It was estimated that the amount already shipped from the interior will aggregate 3,200,000 bushels. Probably half of this is for millers in the Mississippi Valley and the remainder goes to the Atlantic seaboard to be transhipped to Europe.

At the Merchants' Exchange session, the spread between bid and asked prices was reduced, but did not result in business. Sellers lowered their prices ½ to 2½ cents, while bids ranged from unchanged to 1½ cents higher than Wednesday. In some cases, only half a cent separated buyers and sellers.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, This	38	2	9	2	2
Year ago	15	1	8	2	1
Season to date	7793	1049	751	448	1048
Tacoma, Wed.	48	2	....	....	6
Year ago	11	1	....	1	8
Season to date	4063	251	....	278	1240
Year ago	6242	250	....	212	1860
Seattle, Wed.	28	4	....	3	2
Year ago	3	....	3	2	1
Season to date	5524	867	1173	292	2150
Year ago	3652	629	1139	708	2262

AVAILABLE BURLAP SUPPLY REDUCED

Large Cargo From Calcutta Is Reported Total Loss.

The burlap market in the East has again been strengthened by reports of a further cutting down of the available supply. According to a cablegram received by importers from London, the steamer Langton Hall, which was carrying a large cargo of burlap to East Coast ports of the United States, had been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. The steamer Lincolnshire was reported to be aground somewhere in the Mediterranean, and it was stated that there was 11 feet of water in one hold. Both of these steamers left Calcutta during October.

If the reported sinking of the Langton Hall is confirmed and much damage has been done to the cargo of the Lincolnshire the effect on the burlap market is expected to be serious. The Lincolnshire, which is at Boston, took fire, but, according to advices received, the burlap in this steamer was only slightly damaged by water.

The effect of the receipt of the news that the Langton Hall had been sunk was that many of the offerings of spot or almost goods were withdrawn.

LIVE POULTRY CLEANS UP WELL

Ample Supply of Christmas Turkeys Is Looked For.

Poultry dealers can as yet throw no light on the probable Christmas turkey market. A number of inquiries are coming in as to prices, but until something more is known as to the supply, the matter of prices can be only guess work. The belief prevails that the supply will be ample, as was the case Thanksgiving. Live poultry receipts yesterday were of moderate size and cleaned up at steady prices.

Dressed meats were plentiful and weak, especially pork.

No changes were reported in the egg or butter markets.

Canned Milk Prices Raised.

A number of sharp advances in canned milk prices were announced yesterday. The Carnation quotation was raised 15 cents, Borden 20 cents, Velvetan 15 cents and Aster 10 cents per case. Under normal conditions a rise in milk prices could have been looked for last August, but differences between the manufacturers have kept the market unsettled until this time.

NAVEL ORANGES OF BETTER QUALITY

Potato Market Easier Than Last Week. Onions Moving Well.

There has been a material improvement in the quality of the navel oranges received this week. A car came in from California yesterday that was fully equal to any Portland has ever seen at this date. The shipment of Florida oranges received on Wednesday was about cleaned up yesterday.

The feeling in the potato market is somewhat easier than last week, as the shipping demand from the South has slowed down. Onions are steady and unchanged with a good rail movement.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,762,962	$136,071
Seattle	2,240,924	245,894
Tacoma	310,147	69,035
Spokane	583,490	112,863

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session, December delivery.

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ .96½	$ .98
Forty-fold	.95½	.96½
Club	.92½	.94
Red fife	.90½	.92
Red Russian	.91	.93½
Oats—No. 1 white feed	24.00	24.50
Barley—No. 1 feed	28.00	28.00
Barley—Brewing	28.50	29.00
Bran	19.00	20.00
Shorts	20.00	22.50
Futures—		
January bluestem	.97½	.98½
January forty-fold	.96½	.98½
January club	.94	.95
January fife	.91	.94
January Russian	.91	.94
January oats	24.25	24.75
January feed barley	26.00	28.00
January bran	19.00	20.50
January shorts	20.00	22.50

FLOUR—Patents, $5.60 per barrel; straights, $4.10@4.80; experts, $4.20; whole wheat, $5.40; graham, $5.20.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $22 per ton; shorts, $23; rolled barley, $29@30.

CORN—White, $38 per ton; cracked, $34 per ton.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $15@16; Valley timothy, $12@13; alfalfa, $13.50@14.50; chest, $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, $2@4.75 per box; bananas, 5c per pound; pineapples, 4½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $2.75@3.50; pomegranates, $1.50 per box.

VEGETABLES—Artichokes, $1 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.25@1.50; cabbage, 90c per hundred; garlic, 10c per pound; peppers, 5@6c pound; eggplant, 10c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; horseradish, 8½c per pound; cauliflower, 75@$1.25; celery, 50@65c per dozen; beans 12½@15c; lettuce, $2@2.75 per crate; peas, 12½@15c.

GREEN FRUITS—Pears, $1@1.50 per box; grapes, 7c per pound; cranberries, $10@14.50 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1@1.15; Yakimas, $1.10@1.25 per sack; sweets, $2.50 per hundred.

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

APPLES—Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, $2.25; fancy, $2; choice, $1.75@1.50; Jonathans, extra fancy, $1.50; fancy, $1.25; choice, $1; Yellow Newtowns, extra fancy, $2; fancy, $1.75; choice, $1@1.25; Baldwins, extra fancy, $1.50; fancy, $1.25; choice, $1; Russets, orchard run, $1.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 42c; No. 2, 36c; No. 3, 28c per dozen. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 42@44c; Oregon storage, 26@28c.

POULTRY—Hens, 11@12c; Springs, 11@13c; turkeys, 17c; turkeys, dressed, 20@22c; ducks, 11@14c; geese, 8@9c.

BUTTER—Cup creamery, cubes, extras, selling at 31½c; flats, 32c; 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, 28c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbers' buying prices, 16c per pound, f. o. b. dock Portland. Young American, 17c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 9c per pound.

PORK—Block, 7c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $2.50 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, $1c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 14c; Brazil nuts, 14c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 18½c; peanuts, 5½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 10@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 7c; large white, 7c; limas, 8½c; bayos, 6½c; pinks, 5½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 14@35c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $6.52; beet, $6.42 extra C, $6.12; powdered, in barrels, $7.10; cubes, barrels, $7.20.

SALT—Granulated, $18.50 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, 8c; unbleached Sultanas, 9½@10c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 10c pound; fard, $1.65 per box; currants, 9¾@17c; figs, 10 6-ounce, $2; 10 4-ounce, $2.25; 36 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, 85c; nuts, white, 7@8c; black, 4c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, 9@12c per pound.

HIDES—Salted hides, 13½c; salted kips, 16c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 14c; green kips, 16c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 18@25c; Valley, 23@26c; Valley lambs' wool, 25c.

MOHAIR—Oregon, 35c 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, 17½c; skinned, 18@18½c; picnics, 10½c; cottage roll, 15c; boiled, 17@18c.

BACON—Fancy, 28@29c; standard, 27@28c; choice, 25½@26c.

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, $30; tripe, $16.50@11.50; tongue, $30.

Oils.

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

GASOLINE—Bulk, 11½c; cases, 22½c; engine distillate, drums, 9c; cases, 16c; naphtha, drums, 14½c; cases, 21½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 78c; raw, cases, 84c; boiled, barrels, 81c; boiled, cases, 90c.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 67c; in cases, 76c; 10-case lots, 1c less.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Reports of a steadier tone in the cost and freight market and the appearance of a few European buying orders seemed to be chiefly responsible for an advance in coffee futures today. The market opened 5 to 9 points higher, and active months sold about 10 to 12 points above last night's closing figures during the middle of the day, with May touching 6.90c and July 7.00c. Reactions caused slight reductions later in the afternoon, but the close was steady at a net advance of 3 to 8 points. Sales, including a few exchanges, were 28,000 bags. December, 6.79c; January, 6.90c; February, 6.81c; March, 6.82c; April, 6.86c; May, 6.88c; June, 6.90c; July, 6.95c; August, 6.97c; September, 7.00c; October, 7.04c.

Spot coffee, steady; Rio No. 7, 7¾c; Santos No. 4, 9c.

It was reported that recent sales at concessions had been followed by somewhat higher cost and freight offers from Brazil with quotations today ranging from 5.85 to 9 cents, English credits.

As yesterday was a holiday in Brazil, there were no official cables from the primary markets.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 8200 bales. It was an excellent selection, composed principally of cross-breds, and competition was active at strong prices. Medium secured and fine greasy were often 15 per cent dearer. American buyers were quiet, awaiting the granting of licenses.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Evaporated apples, dull. Prunes, easy. Peaches, firm.

STOCKS TEND LOWER

Wall-Street Market Is Under Professional Pressure.

PUBLIC INTEREST LACKING

War Shares Affected by Washington Talk of Tax on Munition Plants. Rails Fluctuate Within Narrow Limits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Except for the forenoon, when the average prices of leading stocks was slightly higher, today's market was under constant professional pressure.

Trading was limited largely to the boardroom, public interest being noticeably lacking, presumably because of several adverse factors which temporarily obscured the financial horizon.

The hollow character of the day's operations may be judged from the fact that among the most active stocks were a number of obscure mining issues. A further decline in Anglo-French 5 per cent notes to 93 for future delivery was another unsettling influence. The minimum price of this security represented a drop of a full point under yesterday's low record.

Precipitate declines in motor and war shares were concurrent with advices from Washington which quoted a prominent National legislator as favoring a tax on the plants of manufacturers of munitions. Coppers made no further response to the numerous increased dividends declared yesterday. United States Steel ranged from 86¾. ¾ under yesterday's close, to 87, closing near its lowest quotation.

Rails were a negligible quantity throughout, fluctuating within extremely narrow bounds on light offerings. Total sales of stocks amounted to 655,000 shares.

Strength of sterling exchange, with demand bills at $4.72¾ constituted the chief feature of the international credit markets.

Bonds were irregular to heavy, with total sales, par value, aggregating $5,490,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	17,300	22⅛	21⅛	21⅛
Allis-Chalmers	3,500	34½	31	32½
Am Beet Sugar	2,400	72½	71	71½
American Can	400	61⅝	60¼	60¼
American Loco	3,000	70½	69	69⅝
Am Sm & Refg	4,600	99⅝	97⅝	98½
do pfd	200	111¼	111	111¼
Am Sug Refg	400	117	116¼	116½
Am Tel & Tel	1,600	129	128⅝	128⅝
American Tobac	400	219	218½	217
Anaconda Cop	18,200	86⅛	84⅛	86⅛
Atchison	2,100	107¼	106⅝	106⅝
Baldwin Loco	20,100	117	113⅝	114
Bald Loco pfd	1,600	95⅞	95¼	95⅛
Beth Steel	500	475	470	470
Br Rap Transit	200	88⅝	88⅝	88⅝
Calif Petrol	700	27⅞	26⅞	26⅞
Canadian Pac	400	138	138	138
Central Leather	600	56	54⅝	54⅝
Ches & Ohio	1,900	62⅝	62⅞	62⅞
Chi Grt West	200	15	15	15
Chi Mil & St P	600	94⅝	94¼	94
Chi & N W	....	....	....	129½
C R I & P Ry	2,200	19⅝	19	19
Chino Copper	3,900	54⅝	53½	53⅝
Colo Fu & Iron	5,600	52⅞	51⅛	51⅞
Crucible Steel	4,000	74⅝	72⅝	72⅞
D & R G pfd	....	....	....	77
Dist Securities	2,700	48¼	47	47
Erie	13,600	43⅝	42⅞	42⅞
Gen Electric	700	177⅝	176½	176
Grt North pfd	800	126⅝	126½	126
Gr Nor Ore ctfs	2,600	49⅝	48⅞	49
Guggenheim Exc	1,200	77⅝	77	77
Illinois Central	....	....	....	108
Int Cons Corp	700	22	21⅝	21⅝
Inspiration Cop	4,400	45⅝	44⅝	44⅝
Int Harv, N J	900	112⅝	110⅝	110⅝
K C Southern	600	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛
Lehigh Valley	1,200	82	81⅛	80⅝
Louis & Nash	....	....	....	127
Mexican Petrol	6,900	93⅝	91⅞	92⅞
Miami Copper	....	....	....	33⅝
M K & T pfd	....	....	....	16½
Missouri Pac	8,900	5⅝	4⅝	4⅝
National Biscuit	....	....	....	124½
National Lead	600	64⅝	64⅛	64⅝
Nevada Copper	....	....	....	16⅝
N Y Central	4,200	104	103⅛	103⅛
N Y, N H & H	1,400	75⅝	74⅝	74⅞
Nor & West	1,700	120	119⅛	120
North Pacific	1,400	117⅝	116⅛	116⅛
Pacific Mail	800	16	15⅝	15⅝
Pac Tel & Tel	200	44⅛	44⅛	42⅞
Pennsylvania	....	....	....	59
Ray Cons Cop	4,400	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝
Reading	4,600	82⅝	81⅞	82⅛
Rep Iron & Steel	40,700	87⅛	85⅞	85⅝
Southern Pac	6,300	101⅝	101	101⅝
Southern Ry	1,200	23⅝	23⅛	23⅛
Studebaker Co	42,800	113⅝	108⅛	107⅝
Tennessee Cop	200	57⅝	57⅝	57⅝
Texas Company	1,500	215⅝	211	211⅝
Union Pacific	5,500	138⅝	138⅛	137⅞
do pfd	....	....	....	82⅞
U S Steel	61,700	87⅝	86⅝	86⅝
do pfd	200	116	116	116
Utah Copper	11,800	81	79⅝	80
Western Union	900	69⅝	68⅝	68⅝
Westing El & M	6,200	69⅝	68⅝	68⅝
Montana Power	700	76⅝	75⅝	75⅝
General Motors	1,000	538	535	530
Wabash B pfd	800	29⅝	29	29⅝
Int-Marine pfd	23,400	68⅝	63⅞	68

Total sales for the day, 655,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	99⅛	Northern Pac 4s	94⅝
U S ref 2s coup	99	do 3s	86⅛
U S 2s reg	101⅛	Pac Tel & Tel 5s	99⅞
U S 2s coupon	101⅛	Penn con 4s	105⅝
U S 4s reg	110	South Pac ref 4s	96⅛
U S 4s coupon	110	do cv 5s	104⅛
Am Bosch 6s	111⅝	Union Pac 4s	97⅞
Atchison gen 4s	94⅝	do cv 4s	99⅛
D & R G ref 5s	90⅝	U S Steel 5s	103⅝
N Y C gen 3½s	111		

*Bid.

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	8⅛	Nipissing Mine	7⅞
Am Z, L & Sm	66⅛	North Butte	34⅝
Arizona Com	9⅞	Old Dom	53⅝
Atlantic & Ariz	64⅝	Osceola	83
Cal & Hecla	540	Shannon	7⅞
Centennial	16	Superior	23⅝
Cop Range Con	51⅝	Sup & Bos Min	2⅞
East Butte Cop	13⅝	Tamarack	47⅞
Franklin	9	U S Sm, R & M	45⅝
Granby Con	75⅝	do pfd	48⅝
Isle Roy (Cop)	24⅝	Utah Con	11⅞
Kerr Lake	4⅝	Winona	3⅝
Lake Cop	16	Wolverine	96
Mohawk	85	Butte & Sup	71⅛

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Mercantile paper, 3@3½ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.6750; demand, $4.7125; cables, $4.7260.

Bar silver, 34c.

Mexican dollars, 42½c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds heavy.

Time loans weaker; 60 days, 2¼@2½ per cent; 90 days, 2¼@2½ per cent; six months, 2½@3 per cent.

Call money steady, High, 2 per cent; low, 1½ per cent; ruling rate, 1½ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 2 per cent.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Bar silver, 26¼d per ounce.

Money, 4@4½ per cent.

Discount rate—Short bills and three months, 4½ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.67¾; demand, $4.71¾; cable, $4.72¼.

Mexican dollars, 41c.

Drafts, sight 1c, telegraph 3c.

Stocks Dull at London.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—American rails were dull and featureless on the stock market today.

RUN AT YARDS IS GOOD

ALL LINES ARE STEADY AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Interest Centers in Livestock Show and Market for Day Is Generally Neglected.

There was a fairly good run of stock at the North Portland yards yesterday, but interest centered in the livestock show rather than in the open market, and there were no commercial sales. In general, conditions are unchanged in the cattle, hog and sheep markets, and steady prices were quoted on all classes.

Receipts were 129 cattle, three calves, 673 hogs and 195 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—C. A. Brinegan, Baker, 2 cars; George Gee, 27 head, by boat.

With hogs—McMahon & Frum, Halsey, 1 car; J. H. Parrish, Jefferson, 1; Stanley Bishopstick, Gaston, 1; Patton & Falk, Halsey, 1.

With mixed loads—F. L. Overton, Brownsville, 1 car calves and hogs; J. S. Flint, Junction City, 2 cars cattle, hogs and sheep; T. B. Hewitt, McMahon & Frum, Halsey, 1 car hogs and sheep; J. W. McKendey, Turner, 1 car cattle, hogs and sheep; J. Davis, Richfield, 22 cattle, 13 hogs, 3 sheep, by boat.

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

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$7.00@7.25
Good steers	6.75@7.00
Medium steers	6.00@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	5.95@6.05
Heavy	4.90@5.00
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.75@6.50
Ewes	4.00@5.90
Lambs	6.00@7.50

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 9.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,500; lower; heavy, $6.25@6.50; light, $6.25@6.50; pigs, $5.25@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.45.

Cattle—Receipts, 3000; steady; native steers, $6@9.50; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.75; Western steers, $6@8; Texas steers, $5.75@6.75; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; higher; yearlings, $6@7; wethers, $5.50@6.25; lambs, $8.25@8.80.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Receipts, 37,000; fairly active, 5c to 10c above yesterday's average; bulk, $6.40@6.60; light, $6@6.80; mixed, $6.20@7; heavy, $6.40@7; rough, $6.40@6.60; pigs, $4.25@5.80.

Cattle—Receipts, 6000; steady; native beef steers, $7@10.50; Western steers, $6.10@8.10; cows and heifers, $2.60@8.10; calves, $6.50@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; firm; sheep, $6@6.65; lambs, $7.10@9.25.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Butter, Eggs, Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Butter—Fresh extras, 27c; prime firsts, 25c; fresh firsts, 24c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 38c; pullets, 24½c.

Cheese—New, 17c; California cheddars, 17½c; young Americas, 18c.

Vegetables—Summer squash, 83c@$1; string beans, 7@16c; wax, 5@7c; limas, 5@7c; eggplant, 4@6c; bell peppers, 40@60c; tomatoes, 75@$1.25; cucumbers, $1@1.25.

Onions—California, 2½c@$1.

Fruit—Lemons, $2.25@3.50; oranges, $1.25@2; grapefruit, $2@3; pineapples, Hawaiian, $1.25@2; bananas, Hawaiian, 50c@$1.75; apples, 75@85c; pears, Nelis, $1.50@2.25.

Potatoes—Delta, 90c@$1.25; Salinas, 85c@$1.65; sweets, $1.45@1.50.

Receipts—Flour, 4941 quarter sacks; barley, 84,580 centals; beans, 1291 sacks; potatoes, 5145 sacks; hay, 315 tons.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 9.—Turpentine—Nothing doing, 35½c; receipts, 169 barrels; shipments, 94 barrels; stock, 15,024.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 1050 barrels; receipts, 1969; shipments, 741 barrels; stocks, 77,451 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, $5.60; G, $5.67½@5.70; H, $5.60@5.75; I, $5.60@5.75; K, $5.95@6.10; M, $6.20; N, $6.50; WG, $6.90; WW, $7@7.15.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Copper, dull, Electrolytic, 19.75@20c.

Iron—Steady and unchanged.

Metal Exchange quotes steady, $7.20@$7.50c.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead offered at 3.25c.

Spelter, 14.75@15.25c.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Raw sugar, easy. Centrifugal, 5.14c; molasses, 4.37c. Refined, steady.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 9.—Linseed, cash, $2.04¾@2.06¼; December, $2.03½; May, $2.08¼.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. — Butter, unchanged. Eggs—Receipts, 1601 cases, unchanged.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.65c. Sales, 300 bales.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Hops, quiet.

RATES ASKED FOR HOGS

BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS THOMAS BRUNK PRESIDENT.

Laws Requiring Precautions to Prevent Cholera and Reducing Quarantine Restrictions Are Favored.

Half rates on pure-bred swine shipments were asked of railroads operating in the Northwest in a resolution adopted Wednesday night by the Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana Swine Breeders' Association at the annual meeting and banquet at the Hotel Imperial. By encouraging the production of better swine and more swine, this action would profit breeders, railroads and shippers, it was pointed out.

Thomas Brunk, of Salem, was elected president of the association, E. E. Faville, of Portland, secretary-treasurer, and the report of the nomination committee unanimously adopted with the other officers as follows: Vice-presidents, E. J. Iddings, of Moscow, Idaho; R. W. Hogg, of Salem, Or.; J. A. Simonson, of North Yakima, Wash., and Peter J. Meloy, of Townsend, Mont.; executive committeemen, C. M. McAllister, of Portland; Harry Summers, of Bozeman, Mont.; Charles Talmage, of Newport, Wash., and T. J. Preston, of Nez Perce, Idaho.

Other resolutions adopted include requests that railroads allow two men to accompany each car of stock; that hogs should be released from quarantine without further expense on giving bond and that laws be enacted to require the cooking or swill to eliminate hog cholera dangers.

E. E. Faville, editor of the Western Farmer of Portland, presided at the banquet as toastmaster. Among those called up to respond to toasts were W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College; T. J. Newbill, Washington state leader of boys' and girls' pig clubs; William Hislop, professor of animal husbandry at the Washington State College at Pullman; E. J. Iddings, of Moscow, Idaho, dean of the experimental station of the Idaho State College; Harry Summers, of Bozeman, and C. M. McAllister, of Portland.

POWER LINE SURVEY MADE

Portland Engineer Works From Vancouver to Kalama.

WOODLAND, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—J. L. Stannard, consulting engineer of Portland, has reached Woodland with a crew of five men making a survey for the North Coast Power Company from Vancouver to Kalama. The survey is being made looking towards a transmission line from Kalama to Vancouver.

It is presumed that the company is figuring on the line for its own use, as the North Coast Company owns the water works at Vancouver and also has street car franchises in that city. The work is under the direction of W. A. White, in charge of the field work for the North Coast Company.

The survey from Vancouver to Kalama has followed as nearly as practical the Pacific Highway.

Big Timbers Being Sent East.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Nine big timbers passed through Centralia yesterday, being shipped from the Ostrander Railway & Timber Company's mill in Cowlitz County to New York. Six of the timbers were 22 inches square and 76 feet in length, while the other three were 18 inches square and 82 feet in length.

High Court Affirms Conviction.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The Supreme Court has affirmed the convictions of Arsymah Hodoff and Yacob Malsogoff, found guilty in the Chehalis County Superior Court of the robbery of $4280 from the Bank of Elma March 28, 1914, and sentenced to five to 20 years' imprisonment.

CANADA BUYS OATS

Large Purchase by Dominion Government Reported.

EXPORT DEMAND SUPPLIED

Wheat Lower at Chicago, With Assertions That England Has Ample Stocks of Home-Grown Grain for Five Months.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Assertions that, exclusive of India, the British Empire had raised enough wheat to supply the United Kingdom import requirements until the end of April, 1916, did considerable today toward bringing about lower prices here. The market closed nervous, ½c to ¾c down, with December at $1.14⅛ and May at $1.16⅝. Corn showed a decline of ⅛@½c to ½@⅝c, and oats of ½c to ⅝@⅝c. In provisions the outcome ranged from 50c loss to a gain of 2½c.

Although wheat showed strength at the start and made a number of substantial rallies, the bulk of trading was at prices well under yesterday's finish.

Enlarged offerings from the country weakened corn. Besides Eastern inquiry was slow.

Oats suffered from talk that the Canadian government had made a huge purchase of oats and was supplying the export demand. Trade here in oats was light.

Changes in the active provision futures were not wide, averaging in the end a net decline of a shade. Higher prices of hogs continued to be largely ignored.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	$1.16⅛	$1.16⅝	$1.14⅛	$1.14⅞
May	1.17⅛	1.17⅝	1.15⅝	1.16⅝

CORN.

Dec.	.68⅛	.68⅝	.67⅝	.67½
May	.72⅝	.73	.71⅛	.71⅝

OATS.

Dec.	.43	.43	.42½	.42¾
May	.45⅝	.45⅝	.45⅛	.45⅛

MESS PORK.

Jan.	18.35	18.62	18.35	18.47
May	18.65	18.65	18.35	18.47

LARD.

Jan.	9.67	9.72	9.62	9.70
May	9.97	10.05	9.90	9.97

SHORT RIBS.

Jan.	9.85	9.90	9.80	9.82
May	10.05	10.15	10.00	10.10

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.21⅛@1.22; No. 3 red, $1.18@1.19; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 2 hard, $1.08@1.11⅛.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, old, 71½@72c; No. 4 yellow, new, 66@67c; No. 4 white, new, 65@67c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 40½@42c; standard, 42⅝@44c.

Rye—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 96c.

Barley—62@75c.

Timothy—$5@8.

Clover—$10@19.50.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 2,305,000 vs. 1,567,000 bushels; corn