STORED STOCK LESS

Apple Holdings in Northwest Are Reduced.

BUREAU COMPILES FIGURES

Government Reports Show Three States to Hold 115,122 Boxes in Storage Less Than One Year Ago.

Figures were recently given in this column of storage stocks of apples in the United States on December 1, as compiled by the office of markets, Department of Agriculture. Detailed figures for the Western states, in boxes, are as follows:

	Dec. 1, 1915.	Dec. 1, 1914.
Oregon	283,598	277,123
Washington	356,634	399,342
Idaho	21,677	23,273
Montana	27,500	4,900
California	1,087,504	1,474,772
New Mexico	7,000	6,000
Utah	3,200	4,378
Colorado	59,485	50,150

Six storage companies in Oregon reported their figures, showing total holdings on December 1 of this year to be 74.1 per cent of the quantity on hand a year ago. Fourteen Washington storages made reports, two in Idaho, two in Montana, 22 in California, one in New Mexico, two in Utah and six in Colorado.

The report, which was signed by Charles J. Brand, says:

"An inquiry relating to the quantity of apples stored in the coolers this year has been completed by the office of markets and rural organization. The number of storages responding to the inquiry is an increase of 62 over the number reporting on December 1, 1914, and an increase of 45 over the largest number reporting for any month during last season's investigation.

"Information was also secured as to the amount of apples held in cold storage on December 1, 1914, in order that the conditions this year may be compared with those existing at the opening of the cold-storage season last year. Three hundred and fifty-one firms, having a storage capacity of 8,850,283 barrels, reported their holdings."

The complete figures show storage holdings in the United States on December 1, 1915, to have been 4,206,825 barrels and 2,213,907 boxes, as compared with 2,224,829 barrels and 4,147,509 boxes on December 1, 1914.

The report does not deal with cost of the apples in storage but it is a known fact that in 1914 the fruit went into the storages at a cost to those who bought of $1.50@2.50 a barrel for barreled apples, varying according to quality and variety; whereas this year the price ran from $2.50 to $3.50.

WHEAT PRICES ADVANCING SLOWLY

Embargo on Shipments East May Be Lifted in Short Time.

Owing to the storm local dealers could not get in touch with the country yesterday, and had no means of knowing what wheat business was done in the inland sections. It was presumed that operations were still under way for account of shipment to Eastern millers. There were inquiries here for both red wheat and bluestem to go to those quarters.

As for export business by way of the Atlantic Coast, it is said such buying has not yet been resumed. It looks now as if the congestion at the Atlantic ports would be relieved in a short time, and the trade here expects any day to be advised that the embargo by the railroads will be lifted. There is also a possibility of the Canal being opened in the near future. In this event, the rail movement may not assume its former large proportions.

The wheat market was firm, but only responded partly to the 3-cent bulge at Chicago. At the Merchants' Exchange bluestem and fortyfold bids were raised ½ cent and club bids 1 cent. For bluestem, January and February delivery, 98 cents was offered, with $1.02 and $1.04 asked. Fortyfold offers were at 97 cents, with $1.01 to $1.03 asked. All deliveries of club were at 94 cents bid, while sellers demanded 96 to 99 cents.

Bradstreets estimates the American visible, including Canada, at 37,300,000 bushels increase. Wheat production in the Northern Hemisphere is estimated at 3,850,000,000 bushels, with an acreage increase of 19.4 per cent over 1914.

Foreign crop conditions are summarized by Broomhall as follows:

United Kingdom—Weather distinctly unfavorable, being wet and cold, with snow. Seeding is abandoned for the present, and movement is delayed.

France—Germination is satisfactory, with acreage, as compared with last year, favorable. Wheat supplies, both of native and foreign, are larger and prices easier.

Germany—Weather mild and crop reports are satisfactory. Continued complaints are heard of scarcity, but good quantities are in transit from Balkan states, and further purchases are reported.

Russia—Seedings are generally considered favorable, on a reduced acreage. Reports are now confirming earlier advices that the last cereal harvest was much below early expectations. Supplies in the interior are relatively scarce and dearer. This year's acreage will show a large decrease, as labor was scarce, and farmers were discouraged at this season's marketing and storing facilities inadequate, therefore much wheat lost by weather.

India—Seeding is slow, as weather is dry and in parts complaints are frequent. Winter rains are needed.

Italy—Weather more favorable, but crop prospects are only fair on a reduced acreage.

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

	Wheat.	Bar.	Flr.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Tuesday	29	17	4	6	22
Year ago	47	2	2	1	8
Season to date	8248	1169	839	692	1164
Year ago	11673	1064	1300	1285	1084
Tacoma, Monday	76	14	....	....	9
Year ago	89	1	....	....	7
Season to date	3689	205	....	219	1291
Year ago	6395	200	....	321	1907
Seattle, Monday	31	3	7	6	15
Year ago	21	10	12	....	20
Season to date	3351	902	1231	408	2303
Year ago	3271	688	1237	717	2624

MUCH UNFIT FOODSTUFF DESTROYED

California Health Officials Condemn Large Quantity.

Through the efforts of the California State Board of Health enormous quantities of foodstuffs are being destroyed every month. The food so destroyed has been found unfit for consumption and over two and a half tons of frozen eggs and three and a half tons of sauerkraut were destroyed during the month of November in the City of Los Angeles.

Great quantities of tomato pulp for the making of catsup were also destroyed. In all nine tons of pulp and 20 tons of catsup and 3200 bottles of the same were destroyed on orders from the health inspector. In San Francisco 4000 pounds of meat was destroyed, among the lot being many turkeys. These figures are given in a report just issued by E. J. Lea, director of the State Bureau of Foods and Drugs.

TURKEY MARKET IS HOLDING FIRM

Christmas Supply Not as Large as in Former Years.

Turkeys came in quite liberally yesterday and tonight will see the rush of the season over. As was expected, the supply was not as large as in past years, and as a result the market was firm and is likely to continue so. Sales of choice turkeys for the most part were made at 23 to 24 cents.

Live poultry was plentiful, but there was a good local and shipping demand and stocks cleaned up. A considerable part of the hens and springs received were sent north. Live poultry prices were unchanged from Monday.

There were no new developments in the egg or butter markets, prices in both lines being on a steady basis.

HOLIDAY LULL IN HOP MARKET

Eastern Brewers Report Their Wants Well Filled.

Trading in the hop market has slowed down and not much business is looked for until after Christmas. A number of medium-grade lots have been bought by A. J. Ray & Sons, including those of the Banks Hop Company, Inckley and Friday, in the Banks and Hillsboro sections at 6½ to 7¼ cents.

The Brewers' Bulletin, of Chicago, says: "Demand from brewers continues light. They are seemingly indifferent. Many brewers are covered for their season's requirements and those who are not are expecting to buy at lower prices later on."

Fruit and Vegetable Demand Heavy.

Front street fruit and vegetable dealers had another big day's business yesterday. Stocks in most lines proved sufficient. The demand for oranges was heavy and other holiday lines were readily taken. The car of celery, due in the forenoon, did not arrive until late in the day, which will make two cars available for the trade this morning.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,626,972	$116,540
Seattle	1,808,465	160,931
Tacoma	270,624	41,564
Spokane	651,648	193,122

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session. December delivery:

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$ .91½	$ 1.02
Fortyfold	.97	1.01
Club	.94	.96
Red fife	.92	.96
Red Russian	.92	.96
Oats—		
No. 2 white feed	23.50	24.50
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	26.00	27.50
Mill feed—		
Bran	18.50	19.50
Shorts	19.50	21.50
Futures—		
January bluestem	.98	1.02
February bluestem	.98	1.04
January fortyfold	.97	1.02
February fortyfold	.97	1.03
January club	.94	.97
February club	.94	.99
January fife	.93	.97
February fife	.93	.99
January Russian	.92	.97
February Russian	.92	.97
January oats	22.75	24.50
February oats	24.00	24.75
January barley	26.00	27.50
February feed barley	26.00	27.50
January bran	18.00	20.00
February bran	19.75	20.50
January shorts	20.00	22.00
February shorts	20.00	22.50

FLOUR — Patents, $5.00 per barrel; straights, $4.50@4.80; exports, $4.20; whole wheat, $5.40; graham, $5.20.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $15@17; Valley timothy, $12@14; alfalfa, $12.50@14.50; cheat, $10@11; oats and vetch, $11@12.

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

CORN—White, $35 per ton; cracked, $36 per ton.

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2.25@3.50 per box; Japanese, $1.25 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; tangerines, $1@1.75.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, $1.10 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.25@1.50; cabbage, 90c per hundred; garlic, 15c pound; peppers, 10@12½c pound; eggplant, 10c pound; sprouts, 8c pound; horseradish, 8½c per pound; cauliflower, 75@$1.25; celery, 50@90c per dozen; beans, 12½@15c; lettuce, $2@2.75 per crate; peas, 13c.

GREEN FRUITS — Pears, $1@1.50 per box; grapes, $5 per barrel; cranberries, $14@14.50 per barrel.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1@1.15; Yakimas, $1.15@1.25 per sack; sweets, $2.50@2.75 per hundred.

ONIONS — Oregon, buying price, $1.10, f. o. b. shipping point.

APPLES—Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, $2.25; fancy, $2; choice, $1.25@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, 35c; No. 2, 28c; No. 3, 19c per dozen. Jobbing prices, No. 1, 38c; Oregon storage, 23@24c.

POULTRY—Hens, small, 12@12½c; large, 12½@14c; springs, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 22@24c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—City creamery, cubes, extras, selling at 29½c; firsts, 27c; prints and cartons, extra. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 24@27c, according to quality; butterfat, No. 1, 31c; No. 2, 29c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, jobbing buying prices, 17c per pound, f. o. b. dock Portland; Young Americas, 18c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 6½@7c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON—Columbia River 1-pound talls, $2.30 per dozen; one-half flats, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $2.50; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 16c; Brazil nuts, 15@18c; filberts, 14@18c; almonds, 16½c; peanuts, 5½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 16@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 7½c; large white, 7¼c; lima, 5¾c; bayou, 6¼c; pink, 5¾c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 11@33c.

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

SALT—Granulated, $15.50 per ton; half ground, 100s, $10.50 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, 13@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, 8½@12c; figs, 50 6-ounce, $2; 10 4-ounce, $2.25; 36 10-ounce, $2.40; 12 10-ounce, 85c; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides, 15½c; salted kip, 16c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 14c; green kip, 16c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 26c; dry calf, 27c.

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

MOHAIR—Oregon, 28c 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, 13½c; skinned, 15@16½c; picnics, 10½c; cottage roll, 15c; boiled, 17@18c.

BACON—Fancy, 28@30c; standard, 22@25c; choice, 15@22c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 11½@14c; exports, 11½@15c; 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; tips, $16.50@17.50; tongue, $50.

Oils.

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

GASOLINE—Bulk, 15½c; cases, 22½c; engine distillate, drums, 9c; cases, 16c; naptha, drums, 14½c; cases, 21½c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 75c; raw, cases, 80c; boiled, barrels, 81c; boiled, cases, 86c.

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

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET.

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Butter—Fresh extras, 26c; prime firsts, 25c; fresh firsts, 24c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 41c; pullets, 32½c.

Cheese—New, 14c; Young Americas, 14c; California cheddars, 17½c.

Vegetables — String beans, 4@6c; wax, 5@8c; limas, 4@7c; tomatoes, 75c@$1.50; eggplant, 3@5c; bell peppers, 4@6c; cucumbers, $2.50@2.75.

Onions—California, 75c@$1.

Fruit—Lemons, $1.50@2.75; oranges, $1.50@2.75; grapefruit, $1.75@2.75; pineapples, Hawaiian, $1.25@2; bananas, $1@1.75; cranberries, Oregon, $2.50@2.75 per bushel box.

Potatoes—Delta, $1@1.10; Salinas, $1.65@1.85; sweets, $1.25@1.50.

Receipts—Flour 1420 quarter sacks; barley, 4465 centals; beans, 7417 sacks; potatoes, 4100 sacks; hides, 330.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Hops, easy.

STOCK TRADE LAGS

Dealings Are Limited to Board-Room Operators.

FOREIGN SALES NOT FACTOR

Day's News Includes Favorable Earnings Report by Baltimore & Ohio and Advance in Copper Metal—Exchange Firmer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The low ebbing of trade for a fortnight or more was reached today, the turn-over falling to the comparatively insignificant total of 340,000 shares.

London and the continent continued to offer our securities for sale in this market, but these were light enough to find free absorption.

Developments, chiefly of a helpful character, included an advance in refined copper to 20¼c with some producers holding off for a fraction over that figure, and the publication of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's November earnings, disclosing a net increase of $1,172,000.

More uniformity was shown by the movement of foreign exchange, the strength of rates to all the principal European centers of finance reflecting active buying of commercial bills.

There was also a broader inquiry for the Anglo French bonds between 94⅞ and 95, the total overturn approximating $1,500,000.

A succession of narrow dips and advances were recorded by the stock market, lower prices being made at midday, when United States Steel and some of the rails were under moderate pressure. American Smelting was again the leader, its sales on the steady rise of 2⅞ points to 104⅝ far exceeding those of steel.

Bonds in general evinced a lower level on light operations. Total sales, par value, aggregated $3,730,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	6,300	26¼	25¼	25⅝
Allis-Chalmers	400	21½	21	21
Am Beet Sugar	....	....	....	69⅝
American Can	3,900	59⅛	58⅞	58⅞
American Loco	1,300	68	68⅛	68½
Am Sm & Refg	5,800	104⅝	102⅜	104⅜
do pfd	....	....	....	114⅝
Am Sug Refg	....	....	....	115
Am Tel & Tel	1,100	128⅝	128⅜	128⅜
American Tob	3,300	201	199½	200⅜
Anaconda Cop	6,200	86⅝	85⅝	85⅞
Atchison	900	105⅝	105⅜	105⅜
Baldwin Loco	18,800	117½	115⅜	115⅝
Balt & Ohio	....	....	....	92¾
Beth Steel	....	....	....	470
Br Rap Transit	700	88¼	87½	87⅝
Calif Petrol	2,900	31⅝	30⅝	31
Canadian Pac	1,100	180⅛	179⅝	179⅝
Central Leath	900	53	52½	52
Ches & Ohio	500	62¼	61⅝	61⅝
Chi Grt West	....	....	....	14⅛
Chi Mil & St P	1,100	93⅝	93	93
Chi & N W	....	....	....	129
C R I & P Ry	8,100	16⅛	15⅜	15⅝
Chino Copper	2,500	53⅜	52⅝	52
Colo Fuel & Ir	....	....	....	51
Crucible Steel	900	73	72⅜	72⅜
D & R G pfd	200	27	26⅝	26⅞
Distillers' Secur	3,600	48	47⅝	47⅜
Erie	70,800	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞
General Elect	2,000	175⅛	174⅝	174⅝
Grt North pfd	300	125⅝	125⅛	125
Gr Nor Ore ctfs	1,200	48⅛	48	47⅝
Guggenheim Ex	4,600	78⅝	77⅜	78
Illinois Central	400	107	107	107
Inter Cons Corp	....	....	....	21⅛
Inspiration Cop	4,300	45	44⅝	44⅝
Inter Harv N J	400	111	110⅝	110⅝
K C Southern	200	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛
Lehigh Valley	500	81⅝	81⅛	81⅝
Louis & Nash	....	....	....	128
Mexican Petrol	21,100	99⅞	98	98⅝
Miami Copper	600	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜
M K & T pfd	....	....	....	16
Mo Pacific	600	3⅞	3⅝	3⅝
Nat'l Biscuit	....	....	....	126½
Nat'l Lead	200	65⅝	65⅛	65⅝
Nevada Copper	300	15⅜	15⅜	15⅛
N Y Central	4,900	105⅝	105⅜	105⅝
N Y N H & H	500	74⅝	73⅝	74
Norfolk & West	900	121	120⅝	120⅝
North Pacific	300	116	115⅝	115⅝
Pacific Mail	400	11½	11⅛	11⅛
Pac Tel & Tel	....	....	....	42
Pennsylvania	1,000	59	58⅝	59
Pull Pal Car	....	....	....	166
Ray Cons Cop	1,400	24⅝	24	24
Reading	1,100	81⅝	81	81
Rep Ir & Steel	1,000	54⅝	53⅝	54
Southern Pac	1,000	100⅝	100⅛	100⅝
Southern Ry	500	22⅝	22⅛	22⅜
Studebaker Co	17,100	169	165⅝	167⅛
Tennessee Cop	2,000	58⅛	57	58⅛
Texas Co	4,500	223⅝	222	222½
Union Pacific	2,300	136⅝	136⅛	136⅝
do pfd	....	....	....	82⅝
U S Steel	34,100	85⅝	85⅛	85⅜
do pfd	600	116⅝	116⅝	116⅝
Utah Copper	4,600	78⅝	78	78⅝
Western Union	200	87	87	88½
Westing Elect	4,100	69	68⅛	68⅛
Montana Power	....	....	....	72⅝
General Motors	1,100	510	496	510
Wabash B pfd	1,500	29⅛	29	28⅞
Int-Marine pfd	27,500	74⅝	71⅝	74

Total sales for the day, 340,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	99½	North Pac 4s	111½
U S ref 2s coup	99½	do 3s	92⅝
U S 3s reg	100½	Pac Tel & Tel 5s	65¼
U S 4s reg	101½	Penn con 4s	99⅝
U S 4s coupon	109½	South Pac cv 4s	101⅝
Am Smelts 6s	110	do cv 5s	102⅛
Atchison gen 4s	114½	Union Pac 4s	89⅝
D & R G ref 5s	92½	do cv 4s	97⅛
N Y C gen 3½s	88	U S Steel 5s	93½
Anglo-French 5s	105⅝		

Stocks at Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	57½	Nipissing Mines	70⅝
Am Z, L & Sm	67½	North Butte	31
Arizona Com	7½	Old Dom	56
Calumet & Ariz	68½	Osceola	84
Cal & Hecla	540	Quincy	85¼
Centennial	16	Shannon	7½
Cop Rge Con	56½	Superior	25
East Butte Cop	15⅛	Sup & Bos Min	2⅜
Franklin	9	Tamarack	47
Granby Con	89½	U S Sm, R & M	47⅝
Greene Can	47	do pfd	48¼
Isle Roy (Cop)	27½	Utah Con	11⅝
Kerr Lake	4⅝	Winona	3⅛
Lake Cop	18½	Wolverine	57
Mohawk	89	Butte & Sup	65⅝

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mercantile paper, 3@3½ per cent.

Sterling—60-day bills, $4.6850; demand, $4.7250; cables, $4.7325.

Bar silver, 54⅜c.

Mexican dollars, 42c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy.

Time loans—Firmer; 60 days, 2¾ per cent; 90 days, 2¾@3 per cent; six months, 3 per cent.

Call money—Steady; high, 2 per cent; low, 1¾ per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing, bid 1¾ per cent, offered at 2 per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Sterling in London—60 days, $4.68½; demand, $4.72½; cable, $4.73¼.

Mexican dollars, 41c.

Drafts—Sight, 1c; telegraph, 3c.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Bar silver, 26 1-16d per ounce.

Money, 4@4½ per cent.

Discount rate—Short bills and three months, 5¼ per cent.

Stock Dividends 100 Per Cent.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 21.—A stock dividend of 100 per cent was declared today at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Reo Motor Car Company. The capital stock of the company was increased from $4,000,000 to $10,000,000.

Sharp Rise in Sterling Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Sterling went to the highest quotation in many weeks after the close of the stock market today, demand touching $4.7265 and cables $4.7330.

Stocks Firm at London.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—American securities on the stock market were dull but firm today.

Weekly Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings in the United States for the week ending December 16, as reported to Bradstreet's, aggregate $4,622,397,000, against $4,360,220,000 in the previous week and $2,910,220,000 in the same week last year. Following are the returns for the past week, with percentages of change, as compared with the same week last year:

		Inc.
New York	$2,806,423,000	85.3
Chicago	355,674,000	18.5
Philadelphia	245,729,000	65.5
Boston	190,475,000	31.8
St. Louis	97,306,000	23.6
Kansas City	84,080,000	23.7
Pittsburg	56,474,000	20.8
San Francisco	62,612,000	16.5
Baltimore	41,886,000	20.7
Minneapolis	39,971,000	27.9
Detroit	35,713,000	47.9
Cincinnati	32,512,000	27.0
Cleveland	35,130,000	70.5
Los Angeles	25,790,000	20.1
New Orleans	28,424,000	37.0
Omaha	21,038,000	23.1
Milwaukee	19,180,000	12.4
Atlanta	20,891,000	34.7
Louisville	19,970,000	34.5
Seattle	13,150,000	4.7
Buffalo	14,422,000	30.4
St. Paul	15,126,000	14.2
Portland, Or.	11,957,000	5.1
Denver	11,640,000	25.0
Salt Lake City	9,163,000	31.8
Oakland	4,375,000	26.4
Tacoma	2,266,000	*1.4
Sacramento	2,682,000	32.9
San Diego	2,468,000	22.3

*Decrease.

SANTOS CROP TWELVE MILLION BAGS

Estimates Cause Freer Offerings on Coffee Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A little trade buying of September contracts gave the market for coffee futures a steady tone during today's early trading, and, after opening at unchanged prices to an advance of two points, September sold at 6.97c, or three points net higher. Later, however, offerings increased on reports that the present Santos crop was estimated at 12,000,000 bags and talk of an easier turn in the cost and freight situation, with March selling off to 6.67c and September to 6.87c. The close was four to nine points net lower. Sales, 10,250 bags; December and January, 6.58c; February, 6.60c; March, 6.63c; April, 6.66c; May, 6.69c; June, 6.74c; July, 6.79c; August, 6.83c; September, 6.86c; October, 6.90c.

Spot coffee—Unsettled; Rio 7s, 7⅝d; Santos 4s, 9d.

Sales of about 25,000 bags were reported from the local stock at a price which was not made public, but which was believed to be well down to the basis of contracts. Cost and freight offers were easier, with Santos 4s quoted at 8.70, English credits.

The official cables reported a decline of 1-32d in Rio exchange on London and an advance of 75 reis in the Rio market, with Santos unchanged. Brazilian clearances for the United States footed up 53,000 bags.

ALL LINES ARE STEADY

FORMER PRICES HOLD AT STOCKYARDS.

Top-Grade Hogs Are Taken at $6.05 and $6.10—Receipts for Day Are Small.

Livestock values were left in a good, steady position after the rush of business on Monday. There was not much doing at the yards yesterday and the trade was confined to the hog division. A single load was moved at $6.10, other sales of light hogs being at $6.05.

Receipts were 12 cattle and 129 hogs. W. W. Coleman, of Roosevelt, Wash., shipped in a load of hogs, and the other stock was driven in.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
1 hog	200	$5.05	10 hogs	127	$5.00
11 hogs	130	5.80	56 hogs	165	6.05
19 hogs	184	6.05	4 hogs	305	5.00
1 hog	355	5.05	22 hogs	113	5.08
16 hogs	144	6.05	22 hogs	181	6.05
70 hogs	174	6.10	45 hogs	170	6.05
2 hogs	295	5.05			

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

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$7.00@7.50
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@6.10
Heavy	4.90@5.10
Sheep—	
Wethers	4.75@6.75
Ewes	4.00@6.00
Lambs	6.00@7.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 21.—Hogs—Receipts 22,000, steady. Heavy, $6.30@6.45; light, $6.20@6.40; pigs, $5.25@6.25; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.40.

Cattle—Receipts 4300, active. Native steers, $5.75@9.25; cows and heifers, $5.25@6.75; Western steers, $6@7.50; Texas steers, $5.75@6.75; stockers and feeders, $5@7.25.

Sheep—Receipts 12,800, lower. Yearlings, $6.25@7.15; wethers, $5.75@6.50; lambs, $8.40@8.85.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Hogs—Receipts 40,000, weak, unchanged to 5c under yesterday's average. Bulk, $6.15@6.60; light, $5.85@6.56; mixed, $6.10@6.75; heavy, $6.20@6.75; rough, $6.20@6.35; pigs, $4.75@5.80.

Cattle—Receipts 5000, weak. Native beef steers, $5.80@10.40; Western steers, $6.20@8.20; cows and heifers, $2.50@8.30; calves, $8.25@9.50.

Sheep—Receipts 19,000, weak. Wethers, $6.10@6.90; lambs, $6.85@9.60.

France Checks Rise in Sugar.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—For the first time in months raw sugar No. 3 white was not quoted upon the Bourse today, the government believing the last prices quoted, 81 to 82 francs per hundred kilograms, were too high. The Minister of Commerce said he would not allow the price to remain as at present, and that if it did not fall to normal—75 francs—he would requisition sugar at this price and close the Bourse.

The Minister said the high price was due to speculation, and he asked M. Moutard, head of the brokers' organization, to study means by which to satisfy the government.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 21.—Turpentine, firm, 50½@51c; sales, 519 barrels; receipts, 417 barrels; shipments, 302 barrels; stock, 14,083 barrels.

Rosin, firm; sales, 596 barrels; receipts, 3647 barrels; shipments, 3474 barrels; stock, 72,944 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, $5.10; K, $5.75; M, $6.20; N, $6.75; WG, $7.00; WW, 7.25.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Copper—Firm: electrolytic, 20.25@20.50c.

Iron, steady and unchanged.

The Metal Exchange quotes tin dull; spot, 39c bid.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead offered at 5.40c. Spelter not quoted.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Butter—Firm; creamery, 23@34c.

Eggs—Lower; receipts, 3670 cases; firsts, 29@30c; ordinary firsts, 27@28c; at mark, cases included, 20c.

London Wool Sales.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There was a brisk demand for the miscellaneous selection of 7600 bales offered at the wool auction sales today. Prices were firm and in sellers' favor. American buyers were quiet.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Evaporated apples quiet and steady. Prunes, quiet. Peaches, steady.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Raw sugar—Steady; centrifugal, 4.89c; molasses, 4.12c. Refined, quiet.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Spot cotton—Quiet; middling uplands, 12.10c; sales, 1050 bales.

WET PAVING IS BULGED

Oregon City Has Trouble With New Main-Street Surface.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The mysterious bumps in the new Main-street pavement, which border the Belgian blocks of the car tracks and threaten to do serious damage to the hard-surface laid only a few months ago, have reappeared during the heavy rains of the last few days. The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company kept several gangs of men busy here several weeks ago, and by heating the pavement an applying weight was successful in removing the bulges until the present storm.

City Engineer Miller said today that the pavement will be cut out where it overlaps and the blocks laid to the end of the foundation.

Prize Goat Is Sold for $775.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—"Dodo," the famous Angora goat, which was raised by F. A. Pierce, of Days Creek, Douglas County, and exhibited at the Panama exposition, brought a total of $775. The fleece brought $445, while Dodo, minus his crop of hair, sold for $300.

Turnkey Named at Prison.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—J. H. Evans, of this city, has been appointed turnkey at the Oregon Penitentiary to succeed Albert Southwick. Evans was formerly a guard.

ENGLAND IS BUYER

American Wheat Purchases Are on Huge Scale.

CHICAGO UP THREE CENTS

Railroad Congestion in East Likely to Be Relieved Soon—Export Sales for Day Are Estimated at Three Million Bushels.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Huge export sales helped lift the wheat market today to a new high-price record for this season's crop. Closing quotations were buoyant at 1⅛c to 3c net advance, with December at $1.24 and May at $1.24⅝@1.25. Corn gained ⅛c to ⅝@⅞c and oats at ⅜@½c. Provisions finished with losses of 10c to 57½c.

Latest figures on export wheat business today put the total at 3,000,000 bushels, as against 1,750,000 bushels on the day before. In consequence, the market underwent no permanent reaction in favor of the bears, and wound up at virtually the topmost point of the session. The British government was credited with being the heaviest purchaser today.

Assertions were current that the railroad congestion in the East appeared likely to be remedied soon, and that the result would be to facilitate to a large degree the export movement of wheat.

Corn rallied toward the last with wheat.

Transactions in oats were generally between pit traders.

Provisions gave way owing to continued big arrivals of hogs.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$1.22	$1.24	$1.21½	$1.24
May	1.22⅝	1.26	1.22	1.24⅝
CORN.				
Dec.	.69⅝	.70¼	.69	.70⅛
May	.73⅛	.74	.72½	.74
OATS.				
Dec.	.41⅞	.42¼	.41⅝	.42¼
May	.45⅛	.45⅝	.44⅞	.45⅝
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	18.65	18.65	18.32	18.50
May	18.65	18.70	18.50	18.50
LARD.				
Jan.	9.67	9.97	9.60	9.60
May	9.97	9.97	9.90	9.90
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan	9.87	9.87	9.75	9.75
May	10.22	10.25	10.12	10.15

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.22¾; No. 3 red, $1.16@1.19½; No. 2 hard, $1.22@1.23; No. 3 hard, $1.15@1.17.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 66@67¾c; No. 4 white, 66@67¾c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 40@42c; standard, 42¾@43c.

Rye—No. 2, nominal; No. 4, 88@91c.

Barley—61@69c.

Timothy—$5@7.75.

Clover—$10@19.

Primary receipts—Wheat, 2,325,000 vs. 1,209,000 bushels; corn, 928,000 vs. 1,069,000 bushels; oats, 898,000 vs. 327,000 bushels.

Shipments—Wheat, 890,000 vs. 882,000 bushels; corn, 520,000 vs. 867,000 bushels; oats, 524,000 vs. 808,000 bushels.

Clearances—Wheat, 908,000 bushels; corn, 43,000 bushels; oats, 723,000 bushels; flour, 32,000 barrels.

Foreign Grain Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Cash wheat, 1d to 3d higher.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Cargoes on passage, strong, unchanged to 1s higher.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Wheat—December, $1.20⅝; May, $1.21⅜; No. 1 hard, $1.22⅝; No. 1 Northern, $1.20⅝@1.21⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1.16. Barley, 56@62c. Flax, $2.08⅛@2.11½.

Eastern Grain Futures.

Wheat closed—	Dec.	May.
Duluth	$1.19⅝	$1.21⅝
Winnipeg	1.17⅛	1.19⅝
Kansas City	1.12	.....
St. Louis	1.16¼	1.21¼

Puget Sound Grain Markets.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Bluestem, 98c; Turkey red, 96c; forty-fold, 96c; club, 94c; fife, 92c; red Russian, 91c. Barley, $26 per ton. Yesterday's car receipts: Wheat 53, oats 6, barley 3, hay 15, flour 7.

TACOMA, Dec. 21.—Wheat — Bluestem, 97c; forty-fold, 95c; club, 93c; red fife, 92c. Car receipts: Wheat 77, barley 14, corn 1, hay 9.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Spot quotations—Walla, $1.65@1.67½; red Russian, $1.62½@1.65; Turkey red, $1.67½@1.72½; bluestem, $1.72½@1.75; feed barley, $1.25@1.27½; white oats, $1.32½@1.35; bran, $22@22.50; middlings, $29@30; shorts, $23@23.50.

Call board—Barley, December, $1.21 bid, $1.28 asked; May, $1.32 bid, $1.34 asked.

JACKSON TAXPAYERS ACT

League Names Committee to Confer on Budget Items.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Jackson County Taxpayers' League, December 18, J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National Bank, of this city, offered a motion which was carried, providing that a special budget committee be appointed to take necessary action in regard to the budget now being advertised by the county court and to meet with that body on December 30 and discuss matters pertaining to tax levies.

Benton Bowers and J. B. Ware, of Ashland; J. H. Carkin, J. M. Keene and F. V. Medynski, of Medford; James Owens, of Wellen, and L. Neidermeyer, F. Bybee and H. H. Sargent, of Jacksonville, were appointed on the special budget committee.

CRUISING COMPANY FORMS

Western Offices of $250,000 Concern to Be at Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The A. E. Adelsperger Cruising Company, a $250,000 corporation, will have its Western office in Marshfield and headquarters in Detroit, Mich.

It will be organized under the laws of Michigan, and its backers are A. E. Adelsperger, for 12 years head of the C. A. Smith Timber Company; H. F. Chaney, of Detroit, Mich.; George F. Chaney, of Salt Lake City; Wallace Nichols, of Detroit, and two other Eastern men whose names are withheld. The corporation will finance operations, holdings, furnish cruises and deal in timber lands in Oregon. A. E. Adelsperger has been chosen general manager of the company, and will represent the company in Marshfield.

APPLE STANDARD RETAINED

Washington Fruitgrowers Hold Session in Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—Refusal to sanction any lowering of the standards of grade and pack featured the annual conference here Monday of Washington fruitgrowers.

The warmest fight of the day centered around an attempt to allow the putting of worm-stung apples into the fancy or "No. 2" grade. The Yakima Valley delegation led the battle in favor of the plan, but was beaten by a vote of 106 to 20, the opposition being championed by the Wenatchee growers.

The fruit men also voted, 90 to 36, to exclude worm-stung apples from the "C" grade.

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RATE REQUEST OPPOSED

SEATTLE TO FIGHT AGAINST PORTLAND DECREE.

North Bank President Says Granting of Petition Would Lead to General Reduction.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The transportation bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce is prepared to fight vigorously the request made by Portland that in case terminal rates are granted to Astoria by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, corresponingly lower rates be given Portland. This, according to W. A. Mears, of the chamber's transportation bureau, would result in cheaper rates being given Portland for transcontinental shipments than are granted Seattle.

The case of terminal rates to Astoria is now before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

L. C. Gilman, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, in a statement regarding the request says: "The request for lower rates to Portland involves carriers other than my railroad, and rates other than Portland rates. I have, therefore, before answering, taken occasion to advise with the representatives of other railway companies interested. In the judgement of representatives of this company and representatives of other companies the request of the Portland Chamber of Commerce involves action that would result in a general rate reduction."

Mr. Gilman says the railroads are not in a particularly good financial condition and that many communities are consenting to rate increases to aid them.

Ex-Policeman on Trial for Killing.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—James T. Egan, an ex-policeman, was placed on trial in the Superior Court today, charged with manslaughter. It is alleged by the prosecution that Egan, while drunk, drove an automobile over Andrew Johnson, a laborer, on the street, killing him.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Maximum temperature, 55 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 5.6 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.6 foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 1.93 inches; total rainfall since September 1, 1915, 21.28 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 16.98 inches; excess of rainfall since September 1, 1915, 4.40 inches. Total sunshine December 21, none; possible sunshine, 8 hours, 36 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea-level) at 5 P. M., 29.96 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather
Baker	46	0.01	10	SE	Cloudy
Boise	50	0.08	..	SE	Cloudy
Boston	34	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Calgary	42	0.00	10	SW	Pt. cloudy
Chicago	36	0.00	12	SE	Cloudy
Denver	54	0.00	..	W	Clear
Des Moines	32	0.00	..	N	Clear
Duluth	20	0.00	..	E	Clear
Eureka	56	0.00	..	SE	Cloudy
Galveston	62	0.00	..	S	Clear
Helena	50	0.00	10	SW	Pt. cloudy
Jacksonville	48	0.02	10	N	Clear
Kansas City	48	0.00	..	W	Clear
Los Angeles	78	0.00	10	SW	Clear
Marshfield	58	0.28	..	SW	Rain
Medford	48	0.02	..	N	Cloudy
Minneapolis	18	0.02	..	SE	Cloudy
Montreal	24	0.00	14	SW	Snow
New Orleans	58	0.00	..	S	Clear
New York	38	0.00	14	NW	Clear
North Head	52	1.52	18	SW	Rain
North Yakima	48	0.00	10	NW	Cloudy
Phoenix	62	0.00	..	W	Clear
Pocatello	44	0.00	10	SE	Cloudy
Portland	55	1.93	..	SW	Rain
Roseburg	62	0.04	18	S	Rain
Sacramento	64	0.00	..	NE	Clear
St. Louis	48	0.00	12	SW	Cloudy
Salt Lake	46	0.00	..	SW	Clear
San Francisco	60	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Seattle	54	0.02	24	SW	Cloudy
Spokane	50	0.04	24	SW	Cloudy
Tacoma	54	2.14	..	SW	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	52	0.50	26	W	Pt. cloudy
Walla Walla	62	0.06	..	SW	Cloudy
Washington	34	0.00	..	NW	Clear
Winnipeg	18	0.00	10	SE	Cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A portion of the North Pacific Coast storm has moved to Alberta, causing strong winds and light to heavy precipitation over the Northwestern States and British Columbia. Maximum wind velocities of 60 miles, south, at North Head; 60 miles, southwest, at Tatoosh Island, and 52 miles, southwest, at Seattle, occurred within the last 12 hours. Southwest warnings have been continued at all Washington seaports and the mouth of the Columbia River, although it is expected that by tomorrow the winds and probably the rains will have decreased considerably. High pressure obtains over most of the Southern and Eastern States and no precipitation has occurred in those sections in the last 24 hours except small amounts in Minnesota, Florida and Western New York. The weather is warmer in most interior sections of the country and temperatures are above normal in practically all states west of the Mississippi Valley and Lakes region.

The conditions are favorable for occasional rain Wednesday in Oregon and Washington and occasional rain or snow in Idaho. Winds will be south to southwesterly, gentle to fresh over the interior and moderate to fresh gale force near the coast.

FORECASTS:

Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; southwesterly winds.

Oregon—Occasional rain, southwesterly winds, moderate to strong on the coast.

Washington—Occasional rain, southwesterly winds, gentle to fresh over the interior and of moderate to fresh gale force near the coast.

Idaho—Occasional rain or snow, gentle to fresh south to southwest winds.

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