WHEAT BIDS LOWER

All Markets Easier as Year-End Approaches.

COUNTRY BUYING LIGHTER

No Relief of Embargo on Atlantic Export Shipments—Middle Western Demand for Milling Wheat Continues.

The wheat market did not display as much strength yesterday as earlier in the week. At the Merchants Exchange the disposition of buyers was to reduce their bids, and in the country some of the active operators lowered their limits. As a consequence, trading in the interior was on a lessened scale. At a few points wheat was available even under the Portland quotations.

Five thousand bushels of January forty-fold were sold at the Merchants Exchange at $1. This was not the first dollar sale of the season, as announced by the evening papers. September forty-fold sales were made at $1 and $1.01, prompt fife in August brought $1.02, and prompt club sales were posted in the same month at $1.04. In October bluestem for November delivery was sold at the call session at $1. The Coast markets are now on the dollar basis for the third time this season, but it is a question whether this level can be maintained during the remainder of the month.

The tendency of the Chicago market has been easier for two days, the weakness yesterday being due to the break at Liverpool. The lifting of the embargo on shipments to Philadelphia, as reported yesterday from Chicago, and which had only a momentary influence on values there, has no effect on the Pacific Coast situation at all, as grain will not go from here to Philadelphia. It is the congestion at New York and Boston that is worrying the local exporters, as their tonnage engagements are at those ports and they fear the embargo may not be raised for several weeks yet.

Rail shipments eastward from the Northwest to date are estimated at 4,800,000 to 7,000,000 bushels. Probably over half of this is export business and the remainder is wheat that has gone to millers in the Mississippi Valley and in the South. New business of the latter sort was worked yesterday, and the demand is expected to continue throughout the season. There is no trading for California account.

Small shipments of oats have been made East bound from Idaho, but the range of prices East and West is not such at the present time as to make the business very profitable. The increased local receipts of barley this week have been to complete the cargo of a French bark, now in the harbor.

The demand for milfeed has assumed larger proportions and the market is decidedly strong. Spot prices of bran and shorts have been advanced $1 a ton. Flour is firm, but no advance at this time is contemplated.

The Kansas state crop report places the wheat crop at 93,796,000 vs. 88,080,000 bushels in September and 107,000,000 bushels the last Government report.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Wed.	22	22	7	2	15
Year ago	1	...	1	...	1
Season to date	8104	1157	484	209	1244
Year ago	11614	1138	1278	1312	1149
Tacoma, Tues.	24	...	...	...	6
Year ago	37	4	...	...	19
Season to date	2337	279	...	187	1337
Year ago	6489	325	...	287	1897
Seattle, Tues.	7	1	9	4	1
Year ago	10	1	1	6	1
Season to date	4191	1002	1399	634	2247
Year ago	5429	139	1197	799	2743

FULL PRICES OBTAINED AT BOSTON

Good Demand for Staple Territory Wools in East.

The demand for staple territory wools, both graded and in the original bags, has been of good proportions during the past week, says the Boston Commercial Bulletin. Fine staple Montana has sold all the way from 27 to 28 cents in the grease, or a clean cost estimated at about 75 cents. In some of the lighter wools, the cost is estimated at slightly less. Half-blood Montana staple has been sold at from 30 to 32½ cents in the grease and some holders are asking 32 cents flat for what wool they have left. These prices mean close up to 70 cents, clean scoured basis also. Three-eighths Montana is reported sold in a fairly good quantity at 24 cents for choice wool and some quarter-combing territory brought 24 cents also. Common and braid has sold to a limited way at 22 cents.

Wools in the original bags have moved with some freedom for staple clips, including Montana. Of the latter one good-sized line of wool, largely running to half-blood, is said to have bought 32½ cents. These wools are costing well over 70 cents, clean basis, probably 72 cents. Original Wyoming and Nevada clips are also reported in the week's business at 25½ cents and 26 cents for the former and at about 24 cents for the former for fine wool. There has also been a fairly good call for Utahs and Colorados at 67@68 cents, clean, for the best wools and about 62@63 cents for the short lots.

COLD WEATHER CHECKS EGG DECLINE

Receipts Have Not Fallen Off and Market Continues Weak.

The colder turn of the weather has temporarily checked the decline in egg prices. Receipts are still liberal, however, and the market continues weak.

There was a good demand for all kinds of poultry yesterday, and the moderate arrivals cleaned up promptly at full prices. Enough dressed turkeys are expected today to fill orders for the New Year's trade.

Country dressed meats are also very firm, with the supply of veal and pork under local requirements.

The butter market was steady at the new reduced prices.

Sweet Potatoes Arrive From South.

There was a fair demand for oranges yesterday but trade in other fruit lines was light. Jobbers are carrying good stocks of apples and expect a revival in the demand for them after New Year's.

The only arrival reported from the South was a car of sweet potatoes.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$1,497,455	$133,917
Seattle	3,906,153	339,503
Tacoma	269,191	32,529
Spokane	671,842	34,004

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session. December delivery:

	Bid.	Ask.
Wheat—		
Bluestem	$1.00	$1.02
Forty-fold	1.00	1.02
Club	.97	1.00
Red fife	.95	.96
Red Russian	.94	.95
Oats—		
No. 1 white, feed	23.75	24.75
Barley—		
No. 1 feed	26.00	27.00
Mill feed—		
Bran	19.00	20.00
Shorts	20.00	22.00
Futures—		
January bluestem	1.00	1.02
February bluestem	1.00	1.01
January forty-fold	.99	1.01
February forty-fold	1.00	1.02
January club	.97	1.01
February club	.97	1.02
January fife	.95	.96
February fife	.95	.96
January Russian	.95	.99
February Russian	.95	.99
January oats	24.00	25.00
February oats	24.00	25.00
January feed barley	26.00	27.00
February feed barley	26.00	27.00
January bran	19.50	20.00
February bran	20.00	22.00
January shorts	20.50	22.00
February shorts	21.00	22.50

FLOUR — Patents, $5.20 per barrel; straights, $4.70@5; exports, $4.20@4.70; whole wheat, $5.20; graham, $5.

HAY—Eastern Oregon timothy, $17@17.50; Valley timothy, $14@14.50; alfalfa, $13@17; oats and vetch, $13.

MILLFEED—Spot prices: Bran, $23 per ton; shorts, $24; rolled barley, $29@30.

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

Fruits and Vegetables.

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $2@2.25 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@4.50; pomegranates, $1.50 per box; tangerines, $1.50@1.75.

VEGETABLES — Artichokes, $1.10 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.50@1.75; cabbage, 90c per hundred; garlic, 12c per pound; peppers, 10@12½c per pound; eggplant, 10c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; horseradish, 8½c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@$1.25; celery, 50@60c per dozen; beans, 12½@13c; lettuce, $2@2.75 per crate; peas, 12c.

GREEN FRUITS — Pears, $1@1.50 per box; grapes, $5 per barrel; cranberries, $12@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, $1.25, f. o. b. shipping point.

APPLES—Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, $2.25; fancy, $2; Pippins, $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, candled, 32@35c per dozen; Oregon storage, 32@35c.

POULTRY—Hens, small, 12@13c; large, 13@14c; Springs, 12@13½c; turkeys, live, 18@19c; turkeys, dressed, choice, 24c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 10@11c.

BUTTER—City creamery, cubes, extras, selling at 38c; firsts, 36½c; prints and cartons, extra. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 27@30c, according to quality; butterfat, No. 1, 28c; No. 2, 26c.

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

VEAL—Fancy, 11½@12c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 16@16c 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, $2.60; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 90c.

HONEY—Choice, $3.25 per case.

NUTS—Walnuts, sack lots, 15c; Brazil nuts, 13@15c; filberts, 16@18c; almonds, 18½c; peanuts, 5½c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; pecans, 18@20c; chestnuts, 10c.

BEANS—Small white, 7¾c; large white, 7½c; lima, 9½c; bayos, 6½c; pinks, 7½c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 24@32c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $6.85; beet, $6.65; extra C, $6.55; 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—Japan 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, 9½@12c; figs, 50 pounds, $2; 10-ounces, $2.25; 24 10-ounces, $2.40; 12 10-ounces, $3; bulk, white, 7@8c; black, 6c.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1915 crop, nominal.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 pounds and up, 14½c; salted stags, 50 pounds and up, 11c; salted kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 13c; salted calf up to 15 pounds, 16c; green hides, 25 pounds and up, 13c; green stags, 50 pounds and up, 9½c; green kip, 15 pounds to 25 pounds, 12c; green calf, up to 15 pounds, 16c; dry flint hides, 25c; dry flint calf, up to 7 pounds, 27c; dry salt hides, 20c.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 18@22c; Valley, 23@26c; Fall lambs' wool, 22c.

MOHAIR—Oregon, 29c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 3¼@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, 15c each; dry goat shearlings, 10@20c each; salted long-wooled pelts, December, 75c@$1.50 each.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 20c; standard, 18½c; skinned, 19@19½c; picnics, 10½c; cottage roll, 15c; boiled, 27@28c.

BACON—Fancy, 29@30c; standard, 22@23c; choice, 15½@22c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 11½@14c; exports, 12½@13c; plates, 10@11½c.

LARD — Three tubs, bottle rendered, 12½c; standard, 11c; compound, 10½c.

BARREL GOODS—Mess beef, $21.50; plate beef, $22.50; plate pork, $20; rips, $18.50@19.50; tongue, $30.

Oils.

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

GASOLINE—Bulk, 13½c; cases, 22½c; engine distillate, drums, 9c; cases, 16c; naptha, 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.

FRUIT UNION ELECTS

R. C. PAULUS IS CHOSEN MANAGER OF SALEM ORGANIZATION.

More Than 3000 Acres Represented by Membership of 550—Shipments in Year Total High.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Robert C. Paulus today was chosen manager of the Salem Fruit Union, to succeed J. R. Olinger, who resigned to enter the fruitgrowing business. For the last four years, Mr. Paulus has acted as assistant manager of the Union.

A report on the growth of the Union since its organization in 1909 shows that it now has a membership of 550, representing an acreage in excess of 3000 planted to prunes, loganberries, strawberries, cherries and other fruits.

According to the records of the association 1500 acres of prunes were handled this year as compared with 400 acres in 1910. The association disposed of 1,000,000 pounds of dried fruit this season.

The crop from 1500 acres of loganberries was handled this year. Fifteen carloads of pears also were shipped from Salem by the association. The association's strawberry acreage this year totaled 400.

The Union shipped 24 carloads of green loganberries to points west of the Mississippi River and one carload of logans was sent to New York City. This is said to have been the first car of green loganberries ever offered for sale in this city.

AMERICAN WOOL BUYING ALARMS

England Advised to Take Steps to Check Purchasing.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Times, in an article dealing with the tremendous increase in the demand for wool and the fact that America is buying largely in the English market and is credited with having purchased 200,000 bales in Australia and New Zealand, says it is reported that much of this buying has been on account of German-American houses and it is believed in any case that wool is being bought with a view to supplying German after the war.

The Times says that German houses are known to have obtained control of the bulk of the South American clip, which control is increasing the stringency in the English market.

The Times doubts the propriety of the British and Australian governments permitting the employment of British vessels in carrying wool from Australia to the United States, unless reasons satisfactory to Great Britain can be given for the present extraordinary demand for wool, and urges a measure to prevent such exports. It adds that the London wool trade fully expects that an embargo will again have to be placed on exports from Great Britain and concludes:

"There will be no excuse for any failure to arrange immediately for the conservation of wool within the empire or for allowing the prices in this country to be forced up further by foreign buying."

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Copper—Firm; electrolytic, 22@22c.

Iron, steady and unchanged.

The Metal Exchange quotes tin firm; spot, $39.50c bid.

The Metal Exchange quotes lead offered at 3.40c. Spelter not quoted.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Evaporated apples, dull. Prunes, unsettled. Peaches, firm.

Hops at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Hops—Easy; state, common to choice, 1915, 18@20c.

STOCK LIST HEAVY

Foreign Situation Causes Further Apprehension.

ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS DROP

Reports of November Railway Earnings Highly Favorable—War Shares Generally Are Lower. Sterling Exchange Advances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Increased anxiety over the foreign situation, particularly the Austrian outlook, and the acute political conditions in England, together with a new low quotation for Anglo-French bonds, served as a check to speculation today. Trading suffered some curtailment, also, as a result of the storm which interrupted communication with this center.

Heaviness prevailed at the opening of the market. United States Steel and leading rails inclined to lower levels, St. Paul proving the most notable exception on its rise of 1¼ to 71¾, prior to the publication of November earnings disclosing a net increase of $2,000,000. Canadian Pacific was unresponsive to that road's remarkable exhibit, a net gain of $2,718,000, but Erie first and second preferred hardened on announcement of the terms of the new convertible bond issue.

Specialties later pursued an irregular course, General Motors losing 18 to 474, and Bethlehem Steel 10 at 400, while war descriptions were 1 to 4 points lower. Total sales amounted to 480,000 shares.

The fall in Anglo-French lives to the new low price of 89¾ occasioned much conjecture as to the extent of sacrifices of the holding. One lot of $792,000 changed hands at 94 immediately before touching the new minimum. Sales of this issue aggregated $2,800,000.

Demand bills on London rose to 4.72¾, with steadiness in francs, but Austrian and Russian remittances again approached lowest rates quoted since the war.

Bonds as a whole reflected the heaviness of the Anglo-French issue. Total sales, par value, aggregated $4,600,000. United states bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Alaska Gold	700	25	24½	24¾
Allis-Chalmers	200	21¾	21¼	21¼
Am. Beet Sugar	700	60¼	60¼	60¼
American Can	1,900	60½	59½	60
American Loco.	1,700	69	68¾	68¾
Am. Sm. & Ref.	14,400	104	102	103½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	116¾
Am. Tel. & Tel.	1,100	111¾	111¼	111¾
Am. Tel. & Tel.	500	129¾	128¾	129
American Tob.	300	204¾	204¾	204
Anaconda Cop.	14,200	89¾	88¾	89¼
Atchison	1,000	107¾	106¾	106¾
Atlantic Gulf	2,100	118¾	116¾	117
Balt. & Ohio	2,400	94¾	93	94¼
Beth. Steel	3,600	467¾	428	465
Br. Rap. Trans.	.....	.....	.....	87½
Calif. Petrol.	4,200	22	21¾	22¼
Canadian Pac.	800	173¾	173¾	173¾
Central Leath.	600	23¾	23¾	23¾
Ches. & Ohio	300	62¾	62¼	62
Chi. Grt. West.	200	15	14¾	14¾
Chi. Mil. & St. P.	1,500	97¾	95	97
Chi. R. I. & P.	.....	.....	.....	182½
Chi. R. I. & P. Rv.	100	14¾	14¾	14¾
China Cop.	3,100	54¾	53¼	54¼
Colo. Fu. & Iron.	2,400	52¾	51¾	52
Crucible Steel	2,500	73¾	72¾	73
D. & H. G. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	25
Distillers Sec.	1,400	47¾	47¼	47¾
Erie	11,100	42¾	41¾	42¾
Gen. Electric	800	173¾	173	173¼
Grt. North pfd	.....	.....	.....	123¼
Gr. Nor. Ore ctfs.	7,500	30¾	29¾	30¾
Guggenheim Ex.	2,400	81¾	81	81¾
Illinois Central	200	106	106	105
Int. Cons. Corp.	600	21¾	21¼	21¾
Inspiration Cop.	6,700	44¾	44¾	45
Int. Harv. N. J.	200	110	110	110
K. C. South.	200	21¾	21	21
Lehigh Valley	700	81¾	80¾	81¾
Louis. & Nash.	.....	.....	.....	128
Mexican Petrol.	.....	.....	.....	108¾
Miami Copper	3,500	31¾	31¼	31¾
Mid. & Ark. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	16
Mo. Pacific	200	4¾	4¾	4¾
Nat'l Biscuit	.....	.....	.....	123
Nat'l Lead	300	65	65	65
Nevada Copper	700	16¾	15¾	16
N. Y. Central	8,500	100¾	100¾	110
N. Y., N. H. & H.	1,300	76¾	76	76¼
Nor. & West.	400	121	120¾	121¼
Northern Pac.	2,400	117¾	116¾	117¾
Pacific Mail	1,500	21¾	21¾	21¾
Pac. Tel. & Tel.	200	42¾	41¾	41
Pennsylvania	4,700	59	58¾	58¾
Ray Cons. Cop.	5,800	23¾	23	23¼
Reading	4,800	82¾	81¾	81¾
Rep. I. & Steel	2,900	54¾	54	54¾
Southern Pac.	5,700	102¾	102	102¾
Southern Ry.	1,400	23	22¾	23
Studebaker Co.	5,000	167¾	165¾	165¾
Tennessee Cop.	4,200	42¾	40¾	41
Texas Co.	3,700	201¾	200	200
Union Pac.	2,200	138¾	137¾	138¾
do pfd	200	87	87	87¾
U. S. Steel	72,400	87¾	86¾	87¼
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	116¾
Utah Copper	4,200	80¾	79¾	80¼
Western Union	800	67¾	66¾	66¾
Westing. Elect.	8,300	60¾	60¾	60¾
Montana Power	800	72¾	72¾	72¾
General Motors	200	459	473	468
Wabash R. pfd.	600	22	22¾	22¾
Int.-Marine pfd.	6,300	74¾	73¾	73¾

Total sales for the day, 480,000 shares.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s reg.	95¾	North. Pac. 4s	93
U. S. ref. 2s coup.	95	do 3s	74¾
U. S. 2s reg.	101¼	Pac. Tel. & Tel. 5s	99¾
U. S. 3s coupon	101¾	Penn. con. 4s	103¾
U. S. 4s reg.	109¾	South. Pac. ref. 4s	90¾
U. S. 4s coupon	110	do cv. 5s	106¾
Am. Smelts. 6s	*117¾	Union Pac. 4s	97¾
Atchison gen. 4s	93¾	do cv. 4s	98¾
D. & R. G. ref. 5s	*88¾	U. S. Steel 5s	104
N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	112¾	Anglo-French 5s	92¾

*Bid.

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Mercantile paper, 3@3¼ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.69¼; demand, $4.73¾; cables, $4.74¾.

Bar silver, 54¾c.

Mexican dollars, 41¾c.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, lower.

Time loans, firmer; 60 and 90 days, 2¾@3 per cent; six months, 3@3¼ per cent.

Call money, firmer; high, 2½ per cent; low, 1½ per cent, ruling rate, 2 per cent; last loan, 2½ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 2½ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Sterling, 60 days, $4.69¾; demand, $4.73¾; cable, $4.75.

Mexican dollars, 41c.

Drafts, sight 1c, telegraph 3c.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Bar silver, 26d per ounce.

Money, 4@4½ per cent.

Discount rates, short bills, 5½ per cent.

Green-Cananea Resumes Old Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The Green-Cananea Copper Company today declared a dividend of $1 a share, marking the first resumption of dividends at that rate since the suspension in the early part of 1914.

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET.

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Butter—Fresh extras, 38c; prime firsts, 36½c; fresh firsts, 35½c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 34½c; fresh firsts, 32c; pullets, 28c.

Cheese—New, 16c; Young Americas, 16c; California cheddars, 17½c.

Vegetables—String beans, 4@5c; wax, 5@6c; lima, 4@7c; tomatoes, $1@1.50; eggplant, 5@6c; bell peppers, 4@4c; cucumbers, $2.50@2.75.

Onions—California, 75c@$1.

Fruits—Lemons, $2.25@2.50; oranges, $1.50@2.75; grapefruit, $1.75@2.75; pineapples, Hawaiian, $1.25@2; bananas, $1@1.75; cranberries, Oregon, $3.50@3.75 per bushel box.

Potatoes—Delta, 90c@$1.00; Salinas, $1.00@1.85; sweets, $1.70@1.75.

Receipts — Flour, 1402 quarters; barley, 900 centals; beans, 209 sacks; potatoes, 4495 sacks; hay, 80 tons.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Butter, unsettled; creamery, 32½@36c.

Eggs, unsettled. Receipts, 2413 cases; firsts, 36½@37c; ordinary firsts, 35@36c; at mark, cases included, 32@37c.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Raw sugar, easy. Centrifugal, 4.45@4.56c; molasses sugar, 3.69@3.81c. Refined, dull.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 29.—Linseed, cash, $2.16@2.18½; December, $2.15; May, $2.20.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.20c. Sales, 42 bales.

Coffee Futures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The market for coffee futures was easier today under a renewal of near-month liquidation, which appeared to be inspired by the circulation of a few January notices. The market opened at a decline of two to four points, with September easier at the start under a little selling by brokers credited with buying recently for European account, and later sold off to 6.49c for January, 6.68c for March and 6.93c for September. The close was two to 14 points net lower. Sales, including exchanges from December and March to later deliveries, were 22,250 bags. Closing bids: December, 6.49c; January, 6.49c; February, 6.57c; March, 6.66c; April, 6.70c; May, 6.75c; June, 6.80c; July, 6.85c; August, 6.90c; September, 6.95c; October, 6.97c; November, 7.01c.

Spot—Dull; Rio 7s, 7¾c; Santos 4s, 9c.

Cost and freight offers were reported somewhat more numerous with quotations ranging from about 8.90 to 9 for Santos 4s, English credits.

An official cables reported no change in milreis prices, with Rio exchange on London 1-16d lower.

Copper Firm at London.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Anaconda responded to the increased dividend in the American section of the stock market today, but the rest of the list was dull and only a few transactions were made at easier prices.

HOLIDAY WEEK IS QUIET

RECEIPTS ARE LIGHT AT NORTH PORTLAND YARDS.

Heifers From Utah Bring $6; Choice Hogs Are Steady and Unchanged at $8.25.

Holiday week at the stockyards is usually very dull, and this year is no exception to the rule. Only about a dozen loads of hogs, cattle and sheep were received yesterday. The market ruled steady with a moderate demand.

There was no change in the hog situation, buyers again paying $8.25 for the best grade. A load of Utah heifers of choice quality was sold at $6, and choice steers brought $7 to $7.25.

Receipts were 70 cattle, 2 calves, 500 hogs and 1607 sheep. Shippers were:

With cattle—Ray Topworth, Salt Lake City, 1 car.

With hogs—H. Wambsgam, Dayton, 1 car; E. A. French, Airlie, 1; G. H. Russell, Redmond, 1.

With sheep—W. W. Burrows, Washougal, 6 cars.

With mixed loads—C. H. Farmer, McCoy, 1 car cattle, hogs; J. C. Davis, Shedd, 1 car cattle, hogs; Tim Derr, McMinnville, 1 hogs, sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price		Wt.	Price
			10 hogs	129	$5.25
6 cows	930	$2.00	10 hogs	198	6.25
17 heifers	1120	6.00	40 hogs	275	5.25
2 cows	1165	5.50	6 hogs	140	5.25
1 cow	1110	5.25	7 hogs	174	6.50
1 cow	910	4.00	74 hogs	129	5.00
7 steers	1050	6.00	1 hog	250	5.25
1 steer	1250	7.00	1 hog	162	6.25
2 steers	1200	7.25	85 hogs	215	5.25
3 bulls	1570	5.50	2 hogs	102	6.25
1 bull	1500	5.75	70 hogs	113	5.25
5 hogs	458	5.25	7 hogs		
27 hogs	175	6.25			

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

Cattle—	
Choice steers	$7.00@7.50
Good steers	6.75@7.00
Medium steers	6.00@6.75
Choice cows	5.50@6.00
Good cows	5.00@5.75
Medium cows	4.50@5.00
Heifers	4.00@6.00
Bulls	2.50@4.50
Stags	3.00@5.25
Hogs—	
Light	6.00@8.25
Heavy	5.00@5.50
Sheep—	
Wethers	5.00@7.00
Ewes	4.00@5.75
Lambs	8.25@7.00

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 29.—Hogs—Receipts, 10,000; weak; heavy, $8.25@8.45; light, $8.15@8.45; pigs, $6.25@8.20; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.40.

Cattle—Receipts, 5800; steady; native steers, $6@9.50; cows and heifers, $3.25@7; Western steers, $6@7.60; Texas steers, $6.75@6.75; stockers and feeders, $5.25@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; lower; yearlings, $7@8; wethers, $5.75@6.50; lambs, $9@9.50.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Hogs—Receipts, 46,000; slow, unchanged to 5c under yesterday's average; bulk, $8.35@8.60; light, $8.05@8.60; mixed, $8.10@8.70; heavy, $8.15@8.70; rough, $8.15@8.25; pigs, $6@8.10.

Cattle—Receipts 10,000; weak; native beef steers, $6@9.75; Western steers, $6.20@8.10; cows and heifers, $2.80@8.40; calves, $7@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; steady; wethers, $6.40@7; lambs, $7.50@9.90.

AUTO RUNS DOWN CYCLIST

Messenger Is Badly Bruised When Hit by Machine.

Oscar Hurschner, 11-year-old messenger boy, of 109 Second street, Lents, was run down at the corner of Fourth and Stark streets at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon while riding a bicycle by an automobile owned by Mrs. May Penne, 252½ Eleventh street, according to the police.

The boy was badly bruised and was taken by the occupants of the motor car to a physician's office and then sent to the office of his employer, J. M. Mann, of the Ivy Press, from where he was sent home.

The police report that spectators criticised the driver of the car and Motorcycle Officer Bales worked most of the afternoon to locate the driver. Mrs. Penne says that she does not know who was driving her car at the time of the accident.

NAVAL CRAFT HOPED FOR

Oregon Reserves Working to Secure Torpedo-Boat Destroyer.

The move on the part of officers of the Oregon Naval Militia to get a torpedoboat destroyer as a training ship is well under way, and some definite information from the bureau of navigation is expected by officers of the Naval Militia within a few weeks.

Application has been made to the bureau of naval militia affairs. A favorable recommendation was given and a report made to the bureau of navigation. Letters have been written by Lieutenant Commander Blair and Lieutenant Beckwith, of the Oregon Naval Militia, to Representative McArthur and Senator Chamberlain, with the hope that the matter will be taken up directly with the Secretary of the Navy.

NEGRESS SLAYER INDICTED

Nannie Williams to Be Tried on Charge of Manslaughter.

Nannie Williams, colored, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday for the killing of Mildred Hudgins, colored, on the night of December 1. She will be tried in the Circuit Court for manslaughter.

The dead woman was a member of a society of notorious colored women and had made threats, according to police investigations, against Mrs. Williams, who was accused of telling tales to the authorities. A fight followed, Mrs. Hudgins being stabbed.

A true bill was also returned by the grand jury yesterday in the case of Bert Donelly, charged by H. L. Hamerlynck with assault with a deadly weapon.

STOVE CAUTION IS ISSUED

Fire Bureau Expects Usual Cold-Weather Fire Alarms.

"Pretty apt to be some fires this cold weather," offers the Portland fire bureau. For the fire bureau has come to know just about what effect the weather has upon its own activities.

Invariably with cold weather some furnace is fired up beyond its capacity, and a flue burns out, or some clothing is placed too close to the hot stove, or an open fire is left going unguarded in a grate. Anyhow, the fires occur, and the bureau has issued the caution.

CABLES ARE WEAKER

Drop at Liverpool Unsettles Chicago Market.

BREAK ABROAD SIGNIFICANT

Exports From United States Under Those of Last Year and Primary Arrivals Increase—Argentine Harvest Better.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Despite numerous rallies, wheat today averaged lower, influenced largely by a decline at Liverpool. The close was unsettled, varying from 1¼c to ¾c up, with May at $1.24¾@1.25 and July at $1.16¾. Corn gained ⅛c to ¾c and oats ⅛c to ¼c. In provisions, the outcome ranged from 25c decline to a shade advance.

Bears in wheat appeared to regard the setback shown by Liverpool quotations as decidedly significant. In this connection, a leading authority said that United States exports up to January 1 would be 50,000,000 bushels less than at the corresponding time last year, whereas the primary arrivals had overtaken those of a year ago, and the outlook was for a steady increase of the domestic visible supply total. Harvesting in Argentina was said to be turning out better than expected and a large yield in Australia was said to be assured. The lifting of an embargo on shipments of grain to Philadelphia tended to give a little courage to the bulls.

Notwithstanding that corn at times showed sympathy with the wheat weakness, prices during the greater part of the day were inclined to advance.

Oats were dominated by the strength of corn.

Packers selling more than counterbalanced in the provision market the effect of a falling off in the slaughterings of hogs. Pork showed greater weakness than lard or ribs.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.24¼	$1.25¼	$1.23¾	$1.24¾
July	1.15⅞	1.16⅞	1.14⅞	1.16⅞
CORN.				
Dec.	.71⅝	.72⅝	.71¼	.72⅝
May	.76¾	.76¾	.74⅝	.76¼
OATS.				
Dec.	.42⅛	.43⅛	.42⅛	.43¼
May	.45	.45¼	.46⅛	.47⅛
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	18.25	18.25	18.25	18.25
May	18.85	18.85	18.55	18.57
LARD.				
Jan.	9.70	9.75	9.67	9.67
May	10.00	10.05	9.95	9.95
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	10.00	10.00	9.92	9.92
May	10.27	10.40	10.35	10.37

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, $1.16½; No. 2 hard, $1.20½@1.22¾; No. 3 hard, $1.15@1.18.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 68½@69½c; No. 4 white, 68½@69c.

Oats—No. 2 white