PRICES HOLD WELL

Potatoes Are Weak but Quotations Are No Lower.

MOVEMENT ON INCREASE

Oregon Growers Are Selling More Freely and Shipments in Past Week Are Largest of Season. Cars Are More Plentiful.

Steadier conditions prevail in the potato markets of the country, but the future of the market is still uncertain. The weekly summary issued by the Bureau of Markets says:

Potato prices have remained steady for two weeks now in practically all the producing and consuming markets. They are reported weak at all points, but whether it is an indication of a future drop or the effects of the last one is hard to determine. Field frosted stock is still arriving in abundance. It has made its appearance in the southern markets of Texas and Louisiana especially the past week.

The ruling prices in the producing sections show that Colorado growers are getting $1.20@1.35 per cwt. for their stock. In Minnesota, $1.50 seems to be the ruling price still. The weather around Moorhead has been so severe the past week, that movement out has nearly ceased. In Wisconsin, a determined effort is being made to have the stock graded. It was going to Chicago "field run" and being outsold by all the Western stock. The United States grades are being followed and the farmers are receiving $1.25 per cwt. for No. 1s in bulk. Maine and Michigan prices have held from $1.80@1.95 per cwt.

Carlot potato shipments by states are as follows:

	Nov. 30-Dec. 6.	Prev'us week.	Sea'n to date.
California	93	183	5,342
Colorado	275	187	5,634
Idaho	167	22	2,727
Maine	255	223	4,992
Michigan	186	181	3,327
Minnesota	214	107	8,753
Montana	10	189	933
Nebraska	39	62	1,399
New Jersey	61	76	11,269
Long Island	37	52	3,120
Other New York	98	92	1,953
Oregon	117	94	491
Pennsylvania	47	67	1,549
North Dakota		2	201
South Dakota			933
Utah	6	31	666
Washington	70	58	1,055
Wisconsin	151	199	6,326
Others	114	147	39,445
Totals	1940	1994	99,365

The figures above show that while there has been a further slight decrease in shipments, it is not nearly so marked as in each week of the past month. They seem to have steadied now and some of the states that were early to lop off their shipments have started to increase. The Maine growers are reported as more willing to sell and the shipments of the week show it. The same condition prevails in Oregon and Washington. Oregon has been sending out a lot of potatoes the past two weeks, reaching into three figures this week for the first time this season. The growers of this section are beginning to hunt for the buyers in the place of waiting for them to come to them. Cars are more plentiful than they were three weeks ago, so it looks as if Washington's crop will begin to move again.

Distinations of Northwestern shipments on December 6:

Oregon—Stockton 5, Portland 1, San Francisco 1, New Orleans 2, Kinsley, Cal., 1, Los Angeles 1, San Jose 1, Dallas, Tex., 1.

Washington—Redding 2, Denver 1, San Francisco 1.

Shipments on December 7:

Oregon—Cedar Rapids 1, San Francisco 3, El Paso 1, Colma, Cal., 2, Los Angeles 1, Fresno 1, Stockton 2, Gerber, Cal., 1, Oakland 1, Cottonwood, Cal., 1.

Washington—El Paso 1, Chicago 1, Tacoma 1, Redding 1.

Northern Idaho—New Orleans 1.

Montana—Butte, 1.

LARGE DECREASE IN VISIBLE SUPPLY

Gain of Four and Half Millions in American Stocks Reported.

The weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants' Exchange follow:

American visible supply—

	Bushels	Increase.
Dec. 10, 1917	25,672,000	4,641,000
Dec. 11, 1916	59,186,000	*2,840,000
Dec. 13, 1915	46,024,000	*2,773,000
Dec. 14, 1914	76,246,000	3,896,000
Dec. 8, 1913	62,359,000	4,076,000
Dec. 9, 1912	61,278,000	5,478,000
Dec. 11, 1911	70,388,000	*440,000
Dec. 12, 1910	42,660,000	*350,000
Dec. 7, 1909	51,215,000	2,242,000
Dec. 9, 1907	43,424,000	*53,000

*Decrease.

World's shipments principal exporting countries (flour included)—

From	W'k end'g Dec. 8.	W'k end'g Dec. 1.	W'k end'g Dec. 9, '16.
U. S. & Can.	5,657,000	6,582,000	7,809,000
Argentina	417,000	184,000	1,043,000
Australia	450,000	520,000	742,000
India	60,000	220,000	1,008,000
Totals	6,584,000	7,306,000	10,602,000

World shipments, season to date—

	Total since July 1, '17.	Same period Last season.
U. S. and Canada	110,751,000	180,430,000
Argentina	6,453,000	27,294,000
Australia	24,152,000	17,646,000
Russia		6,032,000
India	9,085,000	16,968,000
Totals	150,445,000	248,369,000

The American visible oats supply decreased 1,825,000 bushels and the corn supply decreased 202,000 bushels.

OATS MARKET IS AGAIN ADVANCED

January Shorts Sell at Exchange at $57.25 and $57.50—Barley Is Higher.

Jaunary shorts sold 50 to 75 cents lower than last week at the Merchants Exchange, but there was no weakening of the market from a millers' position. The sales were 100 tons at $57.25 and the same quantity at $57.50. One hundred tons of local spot oats were sold at $56.50, an advance of $1 over Saturday's bid, while offers for January oats were raised $1.50 to $57.50. All barley bids were advanced 50 cents. One hundred tons of February yellow corn changed hands at $59.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Northwest, clear, cold, 10 below at Duluth; Winnipeg, 17 below; Chicago, clear, cold; Peoria, clear; St. Louis, 7 below; Missouri, cloudy, zero; Omaha, cloudy, 10 below."

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

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Portland, Mon..	7	5	18	2	47
Year ago.....	41	1	11	19	29
Season to date.	3485	125	423	684	978
Year ago.....	3019	97	832	1127	837
Tacoma, Sat...	...	...	...	2	23
Year ago.....	22	2	...	...	3
Season to date.	3152	32	...	165	896
Year ago.....	3826	102	...	216	1096
Seattle, Sat....	28	4	11	4	22
Year ago.....	47	2	7	1	5
Season to date.	3018	151	257	682	2051
Year ago.....	3110	221	874	855	2054

CRANBERRIES ARE AGAIN FIRMING UP

Local Stocks Are Being Reduced and Outside Demand Develops.

Cranberry prices are stronger again, as local stocks are cleaning up and additional supplies cannot easily be brought from the East. There has been some inquiry for cranberries here from jobbers in California. Up to $16.50 is quoted on the street for Eastern cranberries.

Sweet potatoes were advanced to 4 cents, as only cellar stock is available now. A car of mixed vegetables is due from the south today.

Coal Oil Prices Boosted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The Standard Oil Company of New York today announced an advance of 1 cent a gallon in the price of kerosene for domestic use. The new prices are 11 cents in barrels and 10 cents tank wagon basis.

BUTTER MARKET IN FIRM POSITION

Local Buyers Are After Live Geese—Turkeys Are Taken for Alaska.

The butter market is in a very firm position with supplies not equal to the demand. Country creamery cubes were held at 45@45½ cents for extras.

The egg movement is sluggish, and unless the weather becomes severe prices will probably drift to a lower level.

Poultry receipts were moderate and prices were firm and unchanged. There was a good demand for live geese at up to 15 cents. Dressed turkeys are being picked up for Alaska shipment, but there is not much inquiry otherwise. The trade believed that the California and Seattle demand for turkeys will be lighter than at Thanksgiving, but against this is the probability of smaller shipments from the country.

Dressed meats were firm with top veal quoted at 16 cents and pork at 19 cents.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$3,536,838	$715,615
Seattle	3,951,558	852,005
Tacoma	638,981	119,932
Spokane	1,435,110	359,978

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Feed, Flour, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session:

December delivery—

Oats—	Bid.	Yr. ago.
No. 2 white feed	$56.50	$55.75
Barley—		
Standard feed	54.50	39.50
Standard A brewing	55.50	.....
Futures—	Bid.	
January oats	57.50	
January feed barley	55.00	
January brewing barley	55.50	

Eastern oats and corn in bulk:

Oats—	
No. 3 white December	53.50
38-lb. clipped white December	53.50
Corn—	
No. 2 yellow January	59.00
No. 3 mixed January	57.00
January oats, No. 3	54.00
January oats, clipped	54.50
February corn, yellow	58.75
February corn, mixed	57.00

WHEAT—Bulk basis Portland for No. 1 grade: Hard white—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen, Galgulus, Martin Amber, $2.05. Soft white—Palouse bluestem, fortyfold, White Valley, Gold Coin, White Russian, $2.03. White club—Little club, Jenkins club, white hybrids, Sonora, $2.01. Red Walla—Red Russian, red hybrids, Jones fife, Coppel, $1.98. No. 2 grades, 3c less. No. 3 grade, 6c less; other grades handled by sample.

FLOUR—Patents, $10; Valley, $9.60; whole wheat, $10.20; graham, $10.

MILLFEED—Spot mill prices: Bran, $33 per ton; shorts, $36 per ton; middlings, $46; rolled barley, $59@61; rolled oats, $61@62.

CORN—Whole, $54; cracked, $55 per ton.

HAY—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, $27 per ton; Valley timothy, $25@26; alfalfa, $24; Valley grain hay, $24; clover, $22; straw, $8.

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 45@45½c; prime firsts, 43½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 46@48c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 52@53c delivered.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 46@48c; candled, 50c; selects, 53c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 23c; Young Americas, 24c per pound; longhorns, 24c. Cocs and Curry, f. o. b. Myrtle Point: Triplets, 22½c; Young Americas, 23½c per pound.

POULTRY—Hens, large, 19@20c; small, 17@18c; Springs, 17@19c; ducks, 18@20c; geese, 14@15c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, choice 28@29c.

VEAL—Fancy, 15½@16c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 18½@19c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $5.25@4.75; Valencias, $4@4.50; lemons, $5@8.25; per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $3@4.75.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $1@2.10 per crate; cabbage, 1½@2¼c per pound; lettuce, $1.85@2.25 per crate; cucumbers, $1.35@1.75 per dozen; peppers, 15@17½c per lb.; cauliflower, $2.25 per crate; sprouts, 10@11c per pound; artichokes, $1@1.10 per pound; garlic, 7@8½c per pound; squash, 1½c per pound; pumpkins, 1½c per pound; celery, $4 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES—Carrots, $1.25 per sack; beets, $1.50@1.75; turnips, $1.50; parsnips, $1.75.

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.25@1.60 per hundred; Yakima, $1.75; sweet potatoes, 4c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon, No. 1, $2.50@2.75; No. 2, $1.75@2 per hundred.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, $1@2.25; pears, $1.50@2.25; grapes, 6@7c per pound; cranberries, $16@16.50 per barrel; persimmons, $1.75@2 per box; pomegranates, $2.25@2.75 per box.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $8; beet, $8; extra C, $7.60; powdered, in barrels, $9.50; cubes, in barrels, $9.75.

SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $3.25 per dozen; one-half flats, $2; one-pound flats, $3.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, 23c; Brazil nuts, 18@21c; filberts, 22@25c, almonds, 19@20c; peanuts, 10@12c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17@19c; chestnuts, 20c.

BEANS—California jobbing prices: Small white, 13½c; large white, 13½c; Limas, 14c; bayos, 10c; pink, 10c; Oregon beans, buying prices: White 8@9c; colored, 7@8c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $19.75 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $15 per ton; 50s, $16 per ton; dairy, $18.75 per ton.

RICE—Southern head, 9@9½c per pound; blue rose, 8¾c; Japan style, 7½@7¾c.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11½@13c; raisins, 85c@$3 per box; dates, fard, $2.50@3 per box; currants, 19c; figs, $2@2.50 per box.

Provisions.

HAMS—All sizes, choice, 34c; standard, 33c; skinned, 28½@33c; picnics, 24c; cottage rolls, 28c.

LARD—Tierce basis, standard, pure, 30c; compound, 24c.

BACON—Fancy, 46@48c; standard, 43@45c; choice, 34@42c.

DRY SALT—Short clear backs, 30@34c; exports, 31@34c; plates, 26@28c.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

HOPS—1917 crop, 18@20c per pound; 1916 crop, 13@15c per pound.

WOOL—Eastern Oregon, 50@60c per pound; Valley, 55@60c per pound.

MOHAIR—Long staple, 55c.

CASCARA BARK—New and old, 8½@9c per pound.

TALLOW—No. 1, 13c per pound; No. 2, 12c.

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 18c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 15c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 18c; salted and green calf, 10 to 15 lbs., 25c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 15c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up, 12c; dry flint hides, 30c; dry flint calf, up to 7 lbs., 33c; dry salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.50@2.50; salted horse hides, $3@4.

PELTS—Dry long wool pelts, 42c; dry short wool pelts, 25@30c; salted sheep pelts, long wool, each $4@5; salted lamb pelts, each, $2@3; salted short wool pelts, each $2@2.50; dry sheep shearlings, each, 15@30c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 25@50c.

Oils.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 20½c; cases, 29c; naphtha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 19c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.31; cases, $1.41; boiled, barrels, $1.33; cases, $1.43.

TURPENTINE—In tanks, 65c; in cases, 75c.

Coffee Futures Steadier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The coffee market showed a steadier tone today. The liquidation which had developed toward the close of the week appeared to have been pretty well completed, and after opening 6 to 8 points higher late months improved another point or two on covering and scattered trade buying. July sold up to 7.64c and September to 7.83c with the market closing at a net advance of 6 to 11 points. December, 7.06c; January, 7.15c; March, 7.34c; May, 7.59c; July, 7.66c; September, 7.83c.

Spot coffee, steady, Rio 7s, 7¾c; Santos 4s, 9¾c. Owing to the holiday, there were no official quotations from Brazil and very few offers were reported in the cost and freight market, which was practically unchanged.

Cables reported clearances of 126,000 bags from Santos for Europe during the past week.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Raw sugar steady. Centrifugal, 6.70c; molasses, 5.82c. Refined steady, unchanged to 20 points lower. Cut loaf, 9.65@9.85c; crushed, 9.40@9.60c; mould "A," 8.65@8.85c; cubes, 8.90@9.10c; XXXX powdered, 8.35@8.55c; powdered, 8.30@8.50c; fine granulated, 8.15@8.35c; diamond "A," 8.15@8.35c; confectioners' "A," 8.05@8.25c; No. 1, 8@8.20c.

STOCK RUN SMALL

Market Affected by Strike in Sound Cities.

ONLY 24 LOADS RECEIVED

In View of Lightness of Arrivals Former Prices Are Maintained. Hogs Sell on Basis of 16 Cents for Best Quality.

Only 24 loads of stock were received at the North Portland yards over Sunday, about a quarter the usual quantity, which shows clearly the effect of the Puget Sound strike on the market here. Aside from the small amount of business transacted the market was without important feature. The lightness of arrivals made it possible to maintain the prices that ruled at the close of last week. Hog sales were on a 16-cent basis for prime stock and cattle moved within the quoted range.

Receipts were 447 cattle, 38 calves, 636 hogs and 3 sheep. Shippers were:

With hogs—G. A. Zachary, Condon, 1 load; O. E. Gorsline, Joseph, 1 load; C. A. Buckley, Moro, 1 load; Frank Madison, Robinette, 1 load; A. Auterback, White Salmon, 1 load; R. B. Smith, Medford, 1 load.

With cattle—A. R. Cooke, Ballston, 1 load; J. E. Ford, Brooklyn, 2 loads; Fred Welch, Condon, 1 load; Shoemaker Bros., 1 load; J. H. Russell, Redmond, 1 load; Madison & Adams, Weiser, 1 load; A. z. DeMaris, Milton, 1 load; J. R. Coffey, Sauvies Island, 51 cattle and 18 calves; H. E. Nelson, Monitor, 1 load; Gerkin & Smith, Redmond, 1 load.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
2 steers	815	$ 7.50	2 cows	1135	$ 6.50
2 steers	920	6.75	12 cows	919	7.00
1 steer	930	5.50	1 cow	860	3.00
1 steer	1050	5.50	1 cow	980	6.00
1 cow	990	3.50	1 heifer	810	6.50
33 cows	986	6.25	1 heifer	570	4.50
1 cow	810	3.50	2 heifers	880	6.50
2 heifers	590	5.50	2 calves	250	5.00
1 heifer	800	5.50	2 bulls	950	5.00
1 heifer	690	4.50	2 bulls	1085	5.25
1 bull	1190	5.50	1 hog	340	16.00
5 bulls	1892	5.00	1 hog	220	16.00
15 steers	1003	7.50	9 hogs	262	15.75
2 steers	855	7.00	6 hogs	383	14.85
15 steers	667	7.50	6 hogs	87	14.50
12 steers	709	8.50	2 hogs	385	14.85
30 steers	974	8.35	15 hogs	111	14.50
1 cow	790	7.50	1 hog	214	14.85
1 cow	1140	6.45	88 hogs	217	16.00
18 cows	1092	6.75	1 hog	240	16.00
26 cows	1052	7.25	1 hog	240	16.00
14 cows	892	5.50	2 hogs	470	15.00
2 cows	895	3.50	7 hogs	334	14.85
1 cow	890	6.00			

Quotations at the yards follow:

Cattle—	Price.
Best steers	$ 9.00@ 9.65
Good steers	8.25@ 9.00
Good cows	6.50@ 7.50
Ordinary cows	4.50@ 6.00
Heifers	7.00@ 8.00
Bulls	5.00@ 6.75
Calves	7.50@10.00
Stocker and feeder steers	4.50@ 7.75
Hogs—	
Prime lights	15.85@16.00
Prime heavy	15.85@16.00
Pigs	13.75@15.00
Sheep—	
Western lambs	13.00@13.50
Valley lambs	12.50@13.00
Yearlings	12.00@12.50
Ewes	8.00@10.00
Wethers	11.75@12.25

DESTINATIONS OF STOCK LOADED

Shipments En Route to Leading Livestock Markets of Country.

Destinations of livestock loaded December 9. (Carloads reported west of Allegheny Mountains; double decks counted as two cars.) Reported by Bureau of Markets, North Portland.

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
Boston	...	58	...	...	...
Buffalo	2	25	4	...	16
Chicago	503	200	127	15	24
Cincinnati	5	8	...	1	1
Cleveland	3	5	2	...	19
Denver	42	5	14	...	...
Detroit	4	8	4	...	9
East St. Louis	86	62	31	10	7
Fort Worth	94	5	2	6	1
Kansas City	259	17	1	3	9
Los Angeles	...	1	...	...	...
Milwaukee	42	5	...	...	3
New York	3	8	...	...	...
Oklahoma City	37	6	...	6	...
Omaha	156	24	108	4	2
Ottumwa	1	9	...	...	...
Peoria	4	7	...	...	...
Pittsburg	1	8	...	...	5
Pueblo	4	1	...	...	...
St. Joseph	72	16	5	1	6
San Antonio	15	...	...	...	...
St. Paul	8	3	...	1	30
San Francisco	6	...	...	...	...
Sioux City	32	23	10	1	...
Spokane	3	4	...	...	...
Wichita	37	15	...	2	1
Various	138	74	22	87	2
Totals	1540	704	303	145	131
One week ago	1957	673	368	178	138
Four weeks ago	1902	542	282	168	116

State origins of livestock loaded December 9:

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
For Portland—					
One week ago	11	7	...	...	...
Four weeks ago	18	3	...	...	...
For Seattle—					
One week ago	1	...	...	...	...
Four weeks ago	20	8	1	...	...

State origins of livestock loaded December 8:

	Cattle, Calves.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Horses, Mules.	Mixed Stock.
For Portland—					
Oregon	2	3	...	...	...
T'rl Portland	2	3	...	...	...
One week ago	10	16	1	...	5
Four weeks ago	4	2	...	...	...
For Seattle—					
Washington	2	...	...	...	...
T'rl Seattle	2	...	...	...	...
One week ago	...	...	...	...	...
Four weeks ago	5	1	5	...	3

Eastern Meat Trade Conditions.

Reports on Eastern meat trade conditions December 10 (8:30 A. M., Eastern time):

Beef.

Boston—Beef, fresh: Receipts liberal, some cars arriving late, market quiet, early trade very light. Kosher beef: Supply moderate, market firm to 50 cents higher, demand good. Hind quarters doing little better. Steers: Receipts moderate, very few choice steers offered, market opening a shade higher than Friday, demand light. Cows: Receipts liberal, demand fair, market steady to strong.

New York — Note: Luggers' and cutters' strike not yet settled. Beef, fresh: Supply adequate for early trade, cars running late, demand light on account of cold weather and slippery streets, market 25 to 50 cents higher than last Monday. Kosher beef, chucks and plates: Supply normal, demand fair, market steady. Hinds and ribs: Supply normal, demand fair, market firm. Steers: Receipts moderate, demand fair, market steady at slightly higher prices. Cows: Receipts moderate, demand fair, market strong.

Philadelphia—Beef, fresh: Receipts liberal, a few cars not in, demand fair market opening steady to strong. Prices about 50 cents higher than last Monday. Kosher beef: No report. Steers: Receipts liberal, demand fair, market steady. Cows: Receipts moderate, demand fair, market steady to strong with prices 50 cents to $1 higher than last week.

Washington—Beef, fresh: Receipts very light, some cars yet to be unloaded for today's business. Sales light on account of unfavorable weather, market strong at Friday's close. Steers: Receipts very light, demand exceeds the supply with a healthy tone to the market. Cows: Receipts moderate, demand a little better, market steady to strong.

Pork.

Boston—Supply heavy, demand light, with some trading being done with Friday's close.

New York—Many cars delayed, demand fair, market quiet on loins, prices about in line with last Monday, better trade on other cuts.

Philadelphia—Receipts moderate, demand fair, market opening weak with light loins selling at $26 and heavy loins at $23.

Washington—Supply moderate, demand light, prices about in line with Friday's close.

Lamb.

Boston—Receipts heavy, demand slow, market dull with fores selling a little better.

New York—Cars arriving late, demand light, market stronger to 50 cents higher than last Monday.

Philadelphia—Receipts moderate, demand slow, market dull and draggy.

Washington—Supply extremely light, demand very light, no change from Friday's prices.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 10.—Hogs—Receipts, 8500, market 10c higher. Heavy, $17.15@17.50; mixed, $17.25@17.35; light, $17.10@17.40; pigs, $16@18; bulk of sales, $17.25@17.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 8000, market steady. Native steers, $9@14; cows and heifers, $6.50@9; Western steers, $8@12.50; Texas steers, $7@10.50; cows and heifers, $6@9; canners, $5.25@6; stockers and feeders, $6@11.50; calves, $9.50@12.50; bulls, stags, etc., $5.75@8.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 2200, market steady. Yearlings, $11.50@13.25; wetners, $11@12.50; ewes, $9.75@11.25; lambs, $15@16.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Hogs—Receipts, 37,000, strong. Bulk, $17.10@17.50; light, $16.60@17.45; mixed, $16.90@17.60; heavy, $16.85@17.60; rough, $16.85@17.05; pigs, $12.75@15.75.

Cattle—Receipts, 28,000, weak. Native steers, $7.30@15.50; Western steers, $6.30@13.70; stockers and feeders, $6.10@11; cows and heifers, $3.10@11.40; calves, $8@15.

Sheep—Receipts, 26,000, weak. Wethers, $8.50@12.90; lambs, $12.50@16.75.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Hops, quiet; state, medium to choice, 1917, 60@65c; 1916, nominal; Pacific Coast, 24@28c; 1916, 18@19c.

Hides, steady; Bogota, 41c; Central America, 40c.

Wool, firm; domestic fleece, XX Ohio and Pennsylvania, 70c.

TOBACCO SHARES SLUMP

LARGE ISSUE OF NEW TREASURY STOCK PROPOSED.

Rails Irregular With Gains Registered by Pacifics—French War Bonds Are Lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Stocks moved in a hesitant and irregular manner today to the accompaniment of an insignificant turnover. Important shares fluctuated within a 2-point radius, but a number of specialties fell sharply.

American Tobacco made an extreme decline of 2¼ points to 240 in connection with the proposed issue of an additional $50,000,000 of Treasury shares, and some of that company's former subsidiaries fell 15 to 17 points.

Uncertainty marked the course of rails. Pacifics and a few coalers registering gross gains of 1 to 2 points, while St. Paul preferred and Atchison preferred touched new minimums and Atlantic Coast Line was included among other issues to repeat their lowest quotations of recent years.

Steels were the sturdiest features of the industrial and equipment groups, with moderate strength in coppers and shippings, but profit-taking diluted a large part of this advantage at the close. Sales amounted to 280,000 shares.

Call money's rise to 6 per cent and temporary withdrawal of time funds served as an additional deterrent to speculative operations.

Weakness of French issues, virtually all making lowest records since their flotation in this market, was the overshadowing feature of the bond market. Liberty 4s sold at 97.16 to 97.40 and the 3½s at 98.46 to 98.80. Total sales, par value, aggregated $4,150,000. On call old United States 4s lost ½ of 1 per cent and the Panama 3s 2 per cent.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Beet Sugar	...	...	...	72
Am Can	1,700	34¾	34	34
Am Car & Fdry	1,600	65½	64¾	64¾
Am Locomotive	500	51¾	51	50½
Am Sm & Refg	500	72¾	72½	72¾
Am Sug Refg	400	96	95½	95
Am Tel & Tel	2,700	104½	103¾	103¾
Am Z L & S	300	12¼	12¼	12½
Anaconda Cop	3,900	56¾	55¾	56
Atchison	300	83¼	83	82½
A G & W I S S L	300	95¾	95	94¾
Balt & Ohio	900	48¾	47½	47¾
B & S Copper	300	16¾	16½	16½
Calif Petrol	200	11¾	11¾	11¼
Canadian Pacif	2,500	133¾	132¼	132¼
Central Leather	1,200	63	62¾	62½
Ches & Ohio	1,900	46¾	46¼	45¾
Chi Mil & St P	2,100	38¾	38¼	38¼
Chi & N W	...	...	...	90¼
C R I & Pacific	...	...	...	18½
Chino Copper	300	42¼	42	42
Colo Fu & Iron	...	...	...	32¾
Corn Prod Refg	5,900	29¾	28¾	29¼
Crucible Steel	2,000	52¾	52	52¼
Chic Mine Suc	1,200	27¼	27	27
Distillers' Secur	900	32¾	32¼	32¼
Erie	2,100	15¼	15	14¾
General Electric	1,500	124½	123¼	123¼
General Motors	1,400	87	85½	85¾
Gt Nor pfd	200	80¾	80½	80
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	200	25¾	25¾	25¼
Illinois Central	...	...	...	93
Inspiration Cop	400	41¾	41¼	41½
Int M M pfd	20,100	93½	91¾	91¾
Int Nickel	500	26¾	26	26
Int Paper	1,400	24¼	24	23¼
K C Southern	...	...	...	17
Kennecott Cop	1,600	31¾	31½	31¾
Louis & Nash	...	...	...	113½
Maxwell Motors	...	...	...	24½
Mexican Petrol	2,800	75½	74	74½
Miami Copper	1,700	27¾	27¼	27½
Missouri Pacific	1,700	23¾	23¼	23¼
Montana Power	...	...	...	61
Nevada Cop	400	18	17¾	17¾
New York Cent	1,800	68¾	67¾	67¾
N Y N H & H	1,200	29¾	28½	28¾
Norfolk & West	200	102½	102	102
Northern Pacific	200	84½	84½	84½
Pacific Mail	800	26	24½	25½
Pennsylvania	7,100	45	44¾	44¾
Pittsburg Coal	...	...	...	43¾
Ray Consol Cop	700	22¾	22¾	22¾
Reading	7,300	69¾	68¾	68¾
Rep I & Steel	4,100	75¼	74½	74¾
Shatt Ariz Cop	...	...	...	17¾
Southern Pacific	300	81½	81½	81¾
Southern Ry	1,500	24½	24¼	24
Studebaker Cor	1,500	43	42½	42¾
Tenn Cop & Chem	700	136	133	134
Union Pacific	1,800	111¼	110¼	110½
U S Ind Alcohol	1,100	110¾	109	109½
U S Steel	66,800	88¼	87½	87¾
do pfd	1,000	107¾	106¾	106¾
Utah Copper	3,000	77	77	77¾
Wabash pfd B	...	...	...	19¾
Western Union	200	78¼	78	77¾
Westing Elect	1,800	37¾	37¾	37½

Total sales for the day, 680,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*90½	Nor Pac 4s	93¾
U S ref 2s coup	*90½	Nor Pac 3s	*85¾
U S 3s reg	*99	Pac Tel & Tel 5s	91¼
U S 3s coup	*99	Penn conv 4½	98½
U S 4s reg	*104½	Union Pac ref 4s	*85½
U S 4s coup	*104½	U S Steel 5s	97½
Atchison gen 4s	81¾	So Pac cv 5s	89¾
D & R G ref 5s	†54½	Anglo French 5s	88¾
N Y Cen deb 6s	91¼	U S Lib 3½s	98.48

*Bid. †Offered.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	50	Mohawk	56
Ariz Com	10½	Nor Butte	13¼
Calu & Ariz	61	Old Dominion	34
Calu & Hecla	420	Osceola	57
Centennial	13½	Quincy	64
Copper Range	41	Shannon	5¾
E Butte Cop	8¾	Superior	5
Franklin	4½	Sup & Bos	2¾
Granby Cons	63	Utah Con	11
Isle Royalle	23	Winona	1
Kerr Lake	4¾	Wolverine	32
Lake Copper	5½		

Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Mercantile paper, 5½@5¾ per cent.

Sterling, 60-day bills, $4.71¼; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.71; commercial 60-day bills, $4.70½; demand, $4.75¾; cables, $4.76 7-16. Francs, demand 5.73½, cables 5.71¼; guilders, demand 43, cables 44; lire, demand 8.31, cables 8.29; rubles, demand 12, cables 13½.

Bar silver, 55¾c.

Mexican dollars, 66c.

Government bonds,