SURPLUS IS LARGE

More Potatoes Than Normal Trade May Consume.

PRICES ON WEAK BASIS

Enlarged Use by Public Necessary if Heavy Waste Is to Be Prevented—Crop 54 Per Cent Larger Than Last Year.

Potato shipments from this state are of good volume, but the shippers are having much difficulty with the double-loaded cars. In many instances the damage to the shipments from the heavy loading has been severe, and instances of rejections at points of destination have been numerous.

The buyers are offering $1 at country points for good average shipping stock, and in some cases are paying as high as $1.25 for strictly fancy potatoes. There are no reasons, so far as the best authorities in the trade can see, for believing that prices will go higher. There is an immense crop in all sections of the country and unless some concerted action is taken to bring about a larger consumption of potatoes the waste may be enormous before the season is over. Local jobbing and retail trade has been materially reduced this Winter because of the war garden output, and the same condition probably prevails in every part of the country. Farmers are being urged by potato authorities to feed to their hogs all but their best table potatoes because otherwise they will find a surplus on their hands that they cannot dispose of.

The bureau of crop estimates has issued its final report for the 1917 season and recorded a gain of 2,850,000 bushels over its preliminary report of November 1. The total potato yield of the country this year is placed at 442,536,000 bushels, an increase of 54 per cent over the 1916 crop of 286,953,000 bushels. If potatoes can be sold at a price that will induce consumers to use more, the big 1917 crop can be handled satisfactorily and consumption carried out in other lines.

The destinations of the latest shipments from the Northwest are reported by the bureau of markets as follows:

Oregon—New Orleans 1, Stockton 5, Denver 1, Portland 2, Redding 1, Los Angeles 1, Gerber, Cal., 1, Oakland 1, Sacramento 1, San Francisco 2, Paola, Kan., 1, San Antonio 2.

Washington—Portland 1, El Paso 2, San Francisco 1, Seattle 2, Ottawa, Kan., 1, Denver 1, Billings 1, Mercedes, Cal., 1.

Market conditions are reported by telegraph as follows:

Spokane, Wash.—Demand very light. Mixed whites, sacked, per cwt., $1.50.

Butte, Mont.—No fresh arrivals. Rurals, sacked, per cwt., $1.60@2.

Seattle, Wash.—Receipts fairly liberal. Demand very light. Locals, sacked per cwt., $1.10@1.60; Yakima Gems, wide range of quality and condition, $1.10@1.70.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Washington 1, Idaho 1, Arkansas 1, arrived. Supplies heavy. Demand and movement slow. Market weak. Colorados and Idahoes, mixed whites, sacked, per cwt., quality and condition fair, $2.25.

Dallas, Tex.—Idaho 1, arrived. Supplies adequate. Practically no demand nor movement. Colorados and Idahos, mixed whites, sacked, per cwt., $2.50@2.60. Slightly better demand.

San Francisco, Cal.—Demand improving. Receipts of Northern stock light. Carlot prices: California Burbanks, sacked, per cwt., $1.50@1.65; Washington Netted Gems, $1.60@1.75; Oregon Burbanks, fancy, $1.85.

SHARP ADVANCE IN FEED CEREALS

Bids for Oats Raised to $57 and $58 at Merchants' Exchange.

In line with the strong markets East, local oats bids were advanced 50 cents to $1 at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday, $57 being offered for prompt and $58 for January delivery. Bids on Eastern oats were advanced to the same extent. Barley offers averaged 50 cents higher. Barley is the cheapest cereal in the market, and its position is also strengthened by the larger demand for barley flour. Corn bids were raised 50 cents to $1.50 a ton.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago: "Minneapolis, cloudy, light snow last night, cold. Duluth, clear, 5 below. Winnipeg, clear, 25 below. Chicago, cloudy, cold. Peoria, clear, 2 above. St. Louis, cloudy, 3 above. Kansas City, cloudy, 17 above. St. Joseph, cloudy, 14 above. Hutchinson, clear, 22 above; Topeka, partly cloudy, 14. Omaha, cloudy, 12."

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

	Wheat.	Bar. Flr.	Oats.	Hay
Portland—				
Wednesday	6	3	2	7
Year ago	13	...	1	6
Season to date	3493	130	423	694
Year ago	3036	98	836	1136
Tacoma—				
Tuesday	...	...	...	...
Year ago	13	...	...	13
Season to date	...	...	...	...
Year ago	3889	102	...	216
Seattle—				
Tuesday	4	...	...	...
Year ago	6	...	9	3
Season to date	3018	151	265	682
Year ago	3171	221	889	860

FAIR SALES IN STAPLE WOOLS

Growing Scarcity of Territory Grades That Are Most in Demand.

Transfers of territory wools at Boston in the past week have been restricted by the growing scarcity of grades most wanted. Sales in medium staple include a lot of 250,000 pounds three-eighths-blood and half-blood, mostly the former grade, within the range of $1.45 to $1.50 for the former and $1.70 to $1.75 for the latter; about 450,000 pounds New Mexico, Colorado and similar fine and fine medium wools at private terms; 85,000 pounds quarter-blood at $1.30 to $1.35, clean, and 200,000 to 300,000 pounds fine and fine medium Territory at 58 to 62 cents, or about $1.65, clean.

Fine staple Territory is quoted at $1.80 to $1.85, half-blood staple at $1.70 to $1.80, three-eighths-blood staple at $1.45 to $1.50, quarter-blood staple at $1.25 to $1.35, fine clothing at $1.65 to $1.70, fine medium clothing at $1.55 to $1.60, twelve-months' Texas at $1.65 to $1.70 and eight-months' Texas at $1.55 to $1.60. Two Boston houses are reported to have secured the bulk of the new Fall Texas wools, the prices paid ranging from 54 to 57 cents, the clean landed cost being estimated as high as $1.60 for the best wools.

LOCAL EGG MARKET IS STEADIER

All Descriptions of Poultry in Active Demand—Butter Firm.

The cooler weather and some increase in the demand have served to steady the egg market. Fresh ranch sales were reported at 47 cents, case count. Storage eggs continue slow.

All descriptions of poultry were firm. Receipts were of fair size, but cleaned up readily. Country dressed meats were unchanged, with pork less firm than earlier in the week.

There was no change in the butter situation. Small shipments of creamery cubes are coming in from as far east as Idaho and Montana, but top grade butter is scarce.

Hide Prices Are Lower.

Hide buying prices in the local market are off from 1 to 3 cents this week, with salted hides quoted at 16 cents and salted and green calfskins at 23 cents. These prices are nominal, as the market is inactive and unsatisfactory in every respect. In the East the hide markets are demoralized and everything points to lower values all around.

Gold Hill Apple Crop Packed.

GOLD HILL, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Rogue River Valley Fruit Association this week made the final pack and shipment of this year's apple crop handled by the association in the Gold Hill district. The total output was 24,000 boxes, all Spitzenbergs and Newtowns. The independent shippers have completed their pack, but are awaiting cars to make the final shipment. Their output is 15,000 boxes. The shipping culls from the packing-houses, which were formerly fed to stock or went to waste, were handled by the local and Willamette Valley preserving plants at $10 per ton f. o. b.

Japanese Oranges Are Received.

The first Japanese oranges made their appearance on the street yesterday, and were quoted at $2.25@2.50. The only vegetable receipts from the South came by steamer.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$3,566,489	$ 698,976
Tacoma	722,013	99,879
Spokane	1,416,077	408,661
Seattle	4,094,357	1,028,749

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Feed, Flour, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session:

December delivery—	Bid.	Yr. ago.
Oats—		
No. 2 white feed	$57.00	$35.50
Barley—		
Standard feed	55.00	37.00
Standard A brewing	56.00	.....
Futures—	Bid.	
January oats	58.00	
January feed barley	55.50	
January brewing barley	56.50	
Eastern oats and corn in bulk:		
Oats—		
No. 3 white, December	54.00	
38-pound clipped white, December	54.50	
Corn—		
No. 3 yellow, January	60.50	
No. 3 mixed, January	54.50	
Oats—		
January, No. 3	54.50	
January, clipped	55.50	
Corn—		
February, yellow	59.00	
February, 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, fortifold, 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, Coppei, $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, $84; cracked, $85 per ton.

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

Dairy and Country Produce.

BUTTER—Cubes, extras, 45½c; prime firsts, 44c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 49@48c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 52@53c delivered.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, current receipts, 47c; candled, 50c; selects, 55c per dozen.

CHEESE—Jobbers' buying prices, f. o. b. dock, Portland: Tillamook triplets, 23c; Young Americas, 24c per pound; longhorns, 24c. Coos 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, 29@36c.

VEAL—Fancy, 15½@16c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 18½@19c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $3.25@4.75; Valencias, $4@4.50; lemons, $5@8.25; per box; bananas, 5½@6c per pound; grapefruit, $3@6.75.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $1@2.10 per crate; cabbage, 1¾@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@23c; almonds, 19@20c; peanuts, 10@12c; cocoanuts, $1.10 per dozen; pecans, 17½@19c; chestnuts, 20c.

BEANS—California jobbing prices: Small 14½c; bayos, 11c; pink, 10½c; Oregon beans, buying prices: White 5½c; 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, 16@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, 16c; salted steers, 50 lbs. and up, 13c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 13c; salted and green calf, 10 to 15 lbs., 23c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 13c; green stags, 50 lbs and up, 11c; dry flint hides, 28c; dry flint calf, up to 7 lbs., 30c; dry salt hides, 23c; dry horse hides, $1.25@1.75; 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, 10c.

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO PRODUCE MARKET

Prices Current on Eggs, Vegetables, Fresh Fruit, Etc., at Bay City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Butter—Fresh extras, 45c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 50½c fresh extra pullets, 43½c.

Cheese—New firsts, 21½c; Young Americas, 25c.

Poultry—Hens, 26@27c; fryers, 27@30c; broilers, 30@35c, roosters, 16@18c; squabs, $2.50@3.50; pigeons, $1.50@1.70; geese, 18@20c; turkeys, live, 26@28c.

Vegetables—Squash, cream, $1@1.15; Hubbard, $1@1.25 sack, eggplant, 6@8c; bell peppers, 7@10c; Chile, 6@8c; peas, 8@9c; tomatoes, 50c@$1.25; lettuce, $1.25@1.50, celery, 20@30c; potatoes, $2@2.15; sweet potatoes, $3.50; onions, Australian brown, $1.75; red, $1@1.25; garlic, 5@6c, cucumbers, $1.75@2.25; beans, string, 8@15c; wax, 8@12c; pumpkins, $1@1.25; carrots, 65@75c; beets, $1.50; turnips, 75c@$1.25; parsnips, $1.25 sack, rhubarb, $1.50@2.

Fruits—Grapes, Malaga, $1; pears, $1.50@1.75; casabas, 75c@$1, strawberries, $8@12; cranberries, $3.50@4; lemons, $6.25@6.75; persimmons, $1.25@1.50; grapefruit, $3.25; oranges, Valencias, $2.85@3; navels, $4; tangerines, $1.50@1.75; bananas, 5½@6c; pineapples, $3.50@4; apples, Bellfleur, $1@1.25; Newtown, pippins, 4½-tier, $1@1.15; olives, 8@10c; pomegranates, $1.25@1.75.

Hay—Wheat and wheat and oat, $26@28; tame oat, $27; barley, $24@26; alfalfa, $24@27; barley straw, 60@90c.

Millfeed—Cracked corn and feed corn meal, $86@87; alfalfa meal, $30@31; cocoanut meal, $44.

Flour—$10.80 per barrel.

Receipts—Flour, 4830 quarter sacks; barley, 345 centals; beans, 3132 sacks; potatoes, 6508 sacks; onions, 287 sacks; hay, 257 tons; hides, 179; wine, 27,200 gallons.

YARD DEMAND GOOD

All Classes of Stock Clean Up at Steady Prices.

GRASS RUN IS NEARLY OVER

Opening in Market for Feeder Supply—Bulk of Hog Sales During Day Are at $15.75 to $15.85. Few Cattle Are Received.

The livestock market ruled steady yesterday, with a moderate run. The bulk of the hog sales were at $15.75@15.85, only a few head bringing the top market of $16. Cattle sales were limited and prices were not changed. A bunch of choice lambs was sold at $13.50. Most of the sheep received went direct to a packer.

This season is standing squarely between the product of the pasture and the feed lot, when practically all grass shipments have been put on the market and practically nothing is yet ready for the market from the feed lots, as is usual in that state of affairs. Both shipments and quality are considerably "off color." The demand continues extremely active, however, for stock and feeder animals in all classes, and it looks as if this might be one of the most opportune times to pass into the market the feeder supply. This department is very active in the hog alley as well as in the cattle department, while the market in the sheep department is confined almost wholly to breeding ewes. In this class there is a considerable supply and an active trade.

While some cities, such as Denver, have a public hog-feeding plant to take care of the city garbage, Portland has a number of private concerns who are doing the same thing. These concerns gather the garbage from hotels and other places where such food wastes accumulate and from the city incinerator. Recently there has been established a new feeding concern headed by William Forrester and four other associates, who recently returned from Alaska. They are laying plans to enter the hog-feeding business on a very extensive scale on territory adjacent to North Portland. They are now taking over garbage contracts in the city and expect to begin operations about the first of the year.

Receipts were 57 cattle, 963 hogs and 1839 sheep. Shippers were:

With hogs—Robert McCrow, Goldendale, 2 loads; C. H. Farmer, McCoy, 1 load; F. R. Decker, Silverton, 1 load; Frank Wann, Mount Angel, 1 load; J. D. Dinsmore, West Scio, 1 load; C. E. Lucke, Molalla, 1 load; A. B. Melvin, Reedsport, 1 load.

With cattle—W. M. Lytle, Reedsport, 1 load.

With sheep—Union Meat Company, Lyle, 2 loads; Earl Wood, Silverton, 1 load.

With mixed loads—E. L. McNutt, Oakland, 1 load cattle and hogs; C. P. Himbree, Independence, 1 load cattle and hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Weight.	Price		Weight	Price
73 hogs	203	$15.85	1 cow	1130	$7.00
4 hogs	327	14.85	1 cow	990	6.75
94 hogs	211	15.85	1 cow	790	3.50
10 hogs	365	14.85	4 cows	920	5.50
5 hogs	160	15.75	5 cows	864	3.50
1 hog	170	14.50	1 cow	880	3.50
79 hogs	191	15.75	1 cow	730	3.00
13 hogs	143	14.25	5 cows	870	3.75
7 hogs	158	14.25	1 cow	1090	3.50
81 hogs	214	15.85	1 cow	1130	4.25
2 hogs	160	14.25	1 cow	726	5.50
1 hog	350	14.85	9 cows	919	5.50
1 hog	180	14.50	4 cows	1045	6.75
2 hogs	315	14.85	1 cow	660	6.25
13 hogs	184	15.85	1 cow	860	3.50
1 hog	210	14.85	1 cow	750	4.00
4 hogs	407	14.50	2 cows	1670	3.00
1 hog	120	14.25	2 cows	990	3.50
3 hogs	293	15.85	4 cows	922	4.25
5 hogs	214	15.00	2 cows	1750	4.25
6 hogs	208	15.85	2 cows	950	5.50
2 hogs	250	10.00	1 cow	990	6.00
1 hog	150	14.50	1 steer	700	7.00
34 hogs	196	14.00	4 steers	707	4.25
1 hog	230	14.00	1 bull	1190	6.00
10 hogs	127	14.60	1 bull	830	4.00
4 hogs	170	15.75	1 heifer	530	3.00
98 lambs	82	13.50			

Quotations at the yards follow:

Cattle—

Medium to choice steers	$ 9.00@ 9.65
Medium to good steers	8.25@ 9.15
Common to good steers	6.75@ 7.90
Choice cows and heifers	6.65@ 7.50
Common to good cows, heifers	5.15@ 7.00
Canners	3.00@ 5.25
Bulls	4.50@ 6.75
Calves	7.00@ 9.50
Stockers and feeders	4.25@ 7.85
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 11. (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	Mxd. stock.
Atlanta	3	....	....	8	....
Austin	....	16	....	....	....
Boston	12	40	....	....	....
Buffalo	10	11	1	....	....
Cedar Rapids	6	16	....	4	....
Chicago	617	328	179	6	39
Cincinnati	5	14	....	....	7
Cleveland	9	9	1	....	10
Dallas	10	25	....	....	3
Denver	110	9	14	2	....
Des Moines	....	5	....	7	....
Detroit	22	53	4	....	30
E. St. Louis, Ill.	233	207	6	30	51
Ft. Worth	175	15	....	5	8
Indianapolis	25	121	....	1	48
Jersey City	65	9	....	....	....
Kansas City	304	113	36	6	25
Lancaster	11	....	....	....	....
Los Angeles	7	1	14	....	....
Milwaukee	14	23	1	....	16
Nashville	5	12	....	....	2
Nebraska City	....	10	....	1	....
New York	52	30	....	....	....
Ogden	2	....	10	....	....
Oklahoma City	93	17	....	8	....
Omaha	336	120	114	4	25
Ottumwa, Ia.	10	20	....	....	....
Peoria	6	19	....	....	....
Pittsburg	3	14	....	....	3
Portland, Or.	7	9	4	....	....
St. Joseph	107	129	20	....	33
St. Paul	81	53	....	2	133
San Francisco	3	8	7	1	....
Seattle, Wash.	1	....	....	....	....
Sioux City	122	123	6	2	5
Sioux Falls	3	20	1	....	....
Spokane, Wash	4	4	....	....	3
Various	376	119	163	135	11
Canada	....	....	....	14	....
Totals	2016	1802	581	239	474
One week ago	3821	2051	613	326	634
Four w'ks ago	3774	1783	717	389	504

State origins of livestock loaded December 11—

For Portland:					
Oregon	7	7	....	....	....
Washington	....	2	4	....	....
Totals	7	9	4	....	....
One week ago	8	5	13	....	3
Four w'ks ago	6	5	....	....	....
For Seattle:					
Washington	1	....	....	....	....
Totals Seattle	1	....	....	....	....
One week ago	3	4	7	....	....
Four w'ks ago	2	5	1	....	....

Eastern Meat Trade Conditions.

Reports on Eastern meat trade conditions December 12 (8:30 A. M. Eastern time):

Beef.

Boston—Beef, fresh: Receipts moderate, weather conditions interfering with prompt arrival of cars, demand light, market quiet. Kosher beef: Supply liberal, demand good, market firm.

Steers: Receipts moderate, demand light, with a strong undertone to the market.

Cows: Receipts liberal, demand good for better grades, market steady to strong.

New York—Beef, fresh: Many over-due cars and home houses without cattle this morning, demand fair, price range narrowing, market strong. Kosher chucks and plates: Supply light, demand fair, market steady. Hinds and ribs: Supply light, demand good, market strong.

Steers: Receipts delayed, demand fair, market higher on common and light weight medium grades.

Cows: Receipts light, demand good, market advancing on all grades.

Philadelphia—Beef, fresh: Receipts light, a few cars not in, demand fair, market firm at yesterday's prices. Kosher beef: Supply liberal, demand good, market strong.

Steers: Receipts moderate, demand fair, market steady.

Cows: Receipts light, demand fair, market strong at yesterday's prices.

Washington—Beef, fresh: Receipts light, cars continue to arrive late, demand brisk, market very strong.

Steers: Receipts light, demand active, market strong at yesterday's prices.

Cows: Receipts very light, demand light, market opening strong.

Pork.

Boston—Receipts liberal, demand light, market steady to 50 cents per cwt., higher on loins, other cuts unchanged.

New York—Many houses without supply on account of cars running late, demand only fair, prices about the same as yesterday.

Philadelphia—Receipts moderate, demand slow, market fairly steady.

Washington—Supply light, demand light, market fairly steady.

Lamb.

Boston—Receipts liberal, demand light, market steady at yesterday's prices.

New York—Receipts very light, many cars overdue, demand fair.

Philadelphia—Receipts moderate, demand light, market quiet at yesterday's prices.

Washington—Receipts moderate, demand brisk, market steady to strong at yesterday's prices.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 12.—Hogs—Receipts 11,200, market 10 to 15 cents lower. Heavy, $16.90@17.25; mixed, $17.10@17.20; light, $17.00@17.35; pigs, $10@17.50; bulk of sales, $17.10@17.20.

Cattle—Receipts 9100, market slow to lower. Native steers, $9@15; cows and heifers, $6.50@10; Western steers, $8@12; Texas steers, $7@10.75; cows and heifers, $6.25@9.25; canners, $5.25@6; stockers and feeders, $6@11.50; calves, $8.50@12.50; bulls, stags, etc., $6@8.50.

Sheep—Receipts 5300, market active and stronger. Yearlings, $11.75@13.25; wethers, $11@12.50; ewes, $9.75@11.25; lambs, $14.75@16.75.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Hogs—Receipts 30,000, strong. Bulk of sales, $17.30@17.65; light, $16.90@17.60; mixed, $17.05@17.75; heavy, $17@17.25; rough, $17@17.20; pigs, $13@15.85.

Cattle—Receipts 18,000, weak. Native steers, $7.25@14.50; Western steers, $6.30@13.25; stockers and feeders, $6.10@10.75; cows and heifers, $5.10@11.20; calves, $8.50@15.50.

Sheep—Receipts 14,000 strong. Wethers $8.90@13; lambs, $12.65@17.

CORN AVERAGES HIGHER

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER HOLDS MOVEMENT IN CHECK.

Meager Receipts of Oats Send Prices to New Top Record for Season—Provisions Neglected.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Unfavorable weather conditions made corn prices average higher today, but there was persistent commission-house selling on the bulges. The market closed unsettled, January $1.21⅝ and May $1.19¾, with the final range as a whole varying from ¼c off to ¼c advance, compared with 24 hours before. The outcome in oats was a gain of ⅝c to 2⅛c. Provisions declined 25 to 30 cents.

Prevalent low temperatures, snowstorms and a new cold wave in sight rendered the prospect adverse to any likelihood of immediate substantial enlargement of corn receipts. The difficulties of efficient railroad operation under such circumstances and with an inadequate car supply tended until nearly midday to reduce offerings to a minimum and to bring about a moderate advance in prices. During the last part of the session, however, considerable aggressiveness developed on the selling side of the market and there was a corresponding reaction of values. Renewed announcements were being circulated at this juncture that no shipments of grain could be made through the embargoed territory eastward from Chicago.

Oats ascended to new high price records for the season. Meagreness of receipts acted as the chief bullish factor. Besides, export demand by way of the Gulf cut a figure.

Provisions sagged, owing to general neglect.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN.				
Jan.	$1.21⅝	$1.21⅝	$1.21	$1.21⅛
May	1.19⅝	1.19¾	1.19⅛	1.19⅝
OATS.				
Dec.	.74¼	.75⅞	.74¼	.75⅝
May	.71⅝	.72⅝	.71⅝	.72⅛
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	47.00	47.00	46.62	46.62
May	47.00	47.00	46.60	46.60
LARD.				
Jan.	.....	24.62	24.27	24.35
May	.....	.....	.....	24.35
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	.....	25.00	24.70	24.77
May	.....	25.15	24.85	24.87

Cash prices were:

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, $1.55@1.65.

Oats—No. 3 white, 76½@77¼c; standard, 77@77¼c.

Rye—No. 2, nominal.

Barley—$1.30@1.55.

Timothy—$5@7.50.

Clover—$20@26.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$25.

Ribs—$25.50@26.50.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Barley, $1.21@1.52.

Flax, $3.37@3.39.

Eastern Grain Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Corn: No. 2 yellow, $1.70@1.75. Oats: No. 2 mixed, 75½@77⅝c; standard, 72⅞@74¾c; white, 72⅝@73⅞c; No. 4 white, 70½@73⅝c. Barley, $1.21@1.46. Rye, $1.81@2.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Oats: No. 3 white, 78⅝c.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Spot quotations—Feed barley, $2.55; white oats, $2.70@2.75; Corn, $83@40; middlings, $31@52; shorts, $40@41.

Call board—Barley, December, $2.67½; May, $2.70.

Coffee Futures Irregular.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The market for coffee futures opened at an advance of 6 points on a moderate demand from brokers with foreign connections and reports of continued steadiness in Brazil. The buying orders seemed to be pretty well supplied around 7.29c for March and 7.81 for September, however, and prices later reacted under a renewal of scattered trade selling or liquidation. Reports that some of the cost and freight offers received were a shade easier may have contributed to the decline, but the talk around the ring reflected no fresh feature of importance. March sold off to 7.27c and September 7.79c, with the market closing net 3 points lower to 1 point higher. December, 7c; January, 7.08c; March, 7.25c; May, 7.41c; July, 7.59c; September, 7.74c.

Spot coffee dull. Rio 7s, 7¾c; Santos 4s, 9¾c. Only a few cost and freight offers were received with prices unchanged to a shade lower, including Santos 4s at 9.25c to 9.40c, London credits.

The official cables showed an advance of 75 reis at Rio, with the Santos market unchanged for spots and unchanged to 50 reis lower for futures. Rio exchange 5-32d higher. Victoria cleared 25,000 bags, Rio 50,000 bags, for New York, and Santos 42,000 bags for New Orleans.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 12.—Turpentine firm, 42½c; sales, 142 barrels; receipts, 108 barrels; shipments, 277 barrels; stocks, 25,254 barrels.

Rosin firm, sales 884 barrels; receipts, 649 barrels; shipments, 302 barrels; stock, 78,091 barrels. Quote: B, D, E, F, G, H, I, $6.05@6.10; K, $6.50@6.70; M, $6.95; N, $7.30; WG, $7.50; WW, $7.60.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Butter higher. Creamery, 38@48c.

Eggs—Receipts, 3596 cases; firm. Firsts, 49@50c; ordinary firsts, 43@43½c; at mark, cases included, 43@49c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Metal Exchange quotes lead quiet. Spot, 6.37½@6.62½c.

Spelter weak. East St. Louis delivery, spot offered at 7.50c.

Tin not quoted.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 12.—Linseed on track, $3.27@3.37; arrive (December), $3.30; December, $3.27 bid; May, $3.20¾ asked; July, $3.16¾, nominal.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Evaporated apples steady; prunes firm; peaches scarce; raisins firm.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Hops easy; state medium to choice 1917, 56@62c. Hides and wool unchanged.

New York Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Raw sugar nominal. Centrifugal, 6.70c; molasses, 5.82c. Refined, steady. Fine granulated, 8.15@8.35c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling, 30.35c.

LIST SELLS LOWER

Railway Shares Drop Two to Four Points in Wall Street.

MINIMUM MARKS FOR YEAR

Industrials Succumb to Pressure With Even Greater Declines. Foreign Issues Feature Weak Session of Bond Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The further crumbling of values in the stock market today was again traceable to obvious causes, foreign and domestic developments intensifying the general feeling of discouragement. Cumulative evidence that the Government purposes taking over the railroads under conditions not previously reckoned with and a news ticker dispatch from Washington quoting an eminent military authority as saying that all private munition plants should be placed under direct Federal control, contributed measurably to the widespread reversal.

Rails, including many issues for years classed among those yielding substantial dividend returns, fell 2 to 4 points, with scarcely a noteworthy exception touching their lowest range in the current period of liquidation. In some instances today's minimum established new records for a decade and even a generation.

United States Steel's uninterrupted decline to 81¾ represented a new low mark for this year and an extreme reversal of 53 points from its maximum of the mid-year.

Practically every grade of stock in the industrial, shipping and allied divisions succumbed to the pressure directed against the leaders, showing recessions of 2 to 5 points. Operations embraced a wide area, the movement bringing out many dormant issues. Sales, 780,000 shares.

Foreign flotations again featured the weak bond market, Anglo-French 5s and Paris 6s, as well as French municipals, recording greater depre