CAR RECEIPTS GAIN

Larger Cereal Movement to Portland in Past Year.

TEN PER CENT INCREASE

Wheat Arrivals Nearly Two Million Bushels Heavier Than in 1916, Owing to Activity in Milling for Government Account.

Although the export movement of wheat from Pacific Coast ports was practically at a standstill in the past year, the receipts at Portland showed a fair gain over 1916. This was due to the milling policy adopted by the food administration. In the past few months the tidewater mills have been operated to capacity on Government orders and they will continue to run at full speed for some time to come. For the cereal year the local receipts of wheat will, therefore, compare well with former seasons.

Barley receipts continue light, owing to the decreased use of brewing barley on the coast. The available supply of feed barley was also smaller than in previous years.

Although the oats crop was a small one, a larger part of it came this way in 1917 than in 1916. The increased hay movement is explained by the larger production last Summer. Flour receipts from the interior were reduced as the output of the country mills, over home needs, was largely taken by the food administration for shipment eastward.

The statistics here given show receipts of these commodities at Portland during the past eight years, the compilation being that of the Merchants' Exchange:

Wheat—

Year.	Bushels.	Year.	Bushels.
1917	8,788,000	1912	21,539,700
1916	6,871,800	1911	15,963,300
1915	17,739,500	1910	13,245,700
1914	20,611,500	1909	11,544,000
1913	23,073,000		

Barley—

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1917	12,005	1912	55,755
1916	13,540	1911	22,400
1915	69,405	1910	21,420
1914	81,375	1909	45,815
1913	89,530		

Flour—

Year.	Barrels.	Year.	Barrels.
1917	460,900	1912	917,600
1916	473,400	1911	1,100,600
1915	566,400	1910	913,200
1914	1,124,800	1909	937,600
1913	1,172,200		

Oats—

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1917	44,925	1912	41,575
1916	43,650	1911	23,825
1915	55,725	1910	29,430
1914	54,500	1909	38,550
1913	44,625		

Hay—

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1917	52,600	1912	43,500
1916	30,720	1911	68,400
1915	45,020	1910	36,220
1914	46,000	1909	34,640
1913	58,640		

Total receipts at Portland, in cars, as compiled by the Merchants' Exchange, were:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
1917	6,760	343	1130	1797	2832
1916	5,296	444	1684	1744	1576
1915	13,661	1882	1416	1429	2251
1914	15,855	2325	2812	1949	2369
1913	17,748	2387	2923	1761	1830
1912	16,589	1383	2294	1063	2173

BOX APPLES IN FAIR DEMAND

Steady Prices Rolling in Eastern Markets. Week's Movement Lighter.

The general apple trade is summarized in the weekly review of the Bureau of Markets as follows:

Northwestern extra fancy Romes sold at previous range of $1.35@1.50 per box f. o. b. Colorado shipping sections reported little or no selling movement. Rochester, N. Y., quoted $3 per barrel asked for Greenings. As from cold storage 50 cents lower, but ungraded Baldwins and others ranged firm at $3.75@4.50 with brisk demand. Northwestern Romes quoted unchanged at $1.25@1.50 f. o. b. with few sales.

Movement and shipping continued light in all the producing regions, with total shipment of only 594 cars, decreasing from 920 cars last week and 1466 the week preceding. In the large market centers, the jobbing demand varied from slow to good, but the price range was firm. New York Baldwins, As 2½, ranged $4.75@5.50 per barrel, while Maine and Massachusetts As sold mostly $4@4.50. New York Greenings As ranged $3@5.50. Maine and Michigan Spys As and firsts sold $5.25@6. Winesaps, Virginia and Southern firsts ranged $4@6.50. Fancy barrel stock of choice varieties reached $6@7.50 in Minneapolis. Missouri Ben Davis firsts were weaker at $3.50@4.25, but New York Bens large As ruled strong at $3.25@4.75.

Northwestern box apples met fair demand at steady range of $1.75@2.25 for extra fancy Jonathans and $2@2.65 for extra fancy Spitzenbergs.

COARSE GRAIN VALUES ARE STEADY

Cereal Exchanges in Coast Cities Not Open for Day.

There was no session of the local grain board yesterday, and the Seattle and San Francisco exchanges were also closed, but with Chicago open, traders here did not entirely lose interest in the market. Private trading, however, was quiet and all coarse grain prices were quoted steady.

Weather conditions in the Middle West, as wired from Chicago:

"Minneapolis cloudy, not so cold. Winnipeg cloudy, 10 above. Chicago cloudy, cold. Peoria cloudy, 12. St. Louis snowing, 22. Kansas City cloudy, 20. St. Joseph partly cloudy, 8. Hutchinson cloudy, 20. Topeka cloudy, light snow last night, 20. Ohio cloudy to snowing, cold, zero to 12 above. Davenport cloudy, warmer."

India shipments last week: Wheat, 229,000 bushels. Australia shipments last week: Wheat, 320,000 bushels.

Chicago total cash sales oats, all positions, 600,000 bushels.

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

	Wheat	Barley	Flour	Oats	Hay
Portland, Mon.	4	4	3	....	19
Season to date	3321	166	456	763	1124
Year ago	3211	112	887	1320	1133
Tacoma, Sat.	11	....	....	....	17
Season to date	2179	58	....	174	1114
Year ago	4325	103	....	229	1237
Seattle, Sat.	....	....	6	....	....
Season to date	2272	186	954	807	2116
Year ago	2507	241	969	922	2330

HOLIDAY POULTRY SUPPLY IS SHORT

Eggs Weaker With Local Stocks Accumulating—Cube Butter Lower.

The supply of holiday poultry was short of the demand yesterday and high prices were again realized. Dressed turkeys sold for the most part at 36 cents, though had they been so disposed dealers might have obtained more. Dressed geese brought 27@28 cents and dressed chickens sold from 25 to 27 cents.

Live poultry also cleaned up closely, hens, heavy and light, bringing 22 to 25 cents. Dressed meats were firm and also scarce.

The egg market was inactive with a weaker undertone. Sales were reported as low as 44 cents, case count, on the street. Receipts are now in excess of sales.

The butter market was easier, with country creamery extras quoted at 48½@49 cents and prime firsts at 48½ cents.

Oranges Are Higher.

The fruit and vegetable houses had a better business than they anticipated on the day before the holiday. Oranges were firm and generally quoted higher, in line with last week's advances at shipping points. There was a moderate demand for the lower-priced apples. Receipts of Southern produce were small.

December Hop Shipments Completed.

Several hop deals have been put through in the past few days, the purchasing being to complete December shipments. Prices have not shown much variation of late. There is a possibility of developments in the late Winter months that may put the market on a more satisfactory basis.

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Feed, Flour, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session:

No session Merchants Exchange until Wednesday.

WHEAT—Bulk basis Portland for No. 1 grade: Hard white—Bluestem, Early Bart, Allen, Galgalus, Martin Amber, $1.05. Soft white—Palouse bluestem, fortyfold, White Valley, Gold Coin, White Russian, $2.03. White club—Little club, Jenkins club, white hybrida, Sonora, $2.01. Red Walla — Red Russian, red hybrida, Jones fife, Coppei, $1.98. No. 2 grade, 3c less. No. 3 grade 6c less. Other grades handled by sample.

FLOUR—Patents, $10; Valley, $9.60; whole wheat, $9.60; graham, $9.40.

MILLFEED—Net mill prices, car lots: Bran, $30 per ton; shorts, $32 per ton; middlings, $39; mixed cars and less than carloads, 50c more; rolled barley, $60@62; rolled oats, $62.

CORN—Whole, $75; cracked, $76 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, 48½@49c; prime firsts, 48½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 50@52½c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 56@57c delivered.

EGGS — Oregon ranch, current receipts, 44@45c; candled, 47@48c; selects, 50c 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, 22@23c; Springs, 23@24c; ducks, 20@25c; geese, 20c; turkeys, live, 25c; dressed, choice, 36c.

VEAL—Fancy, 16½@17c per pound.

PORK—Fancy, 18½@19c per pound.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $3.25@3.50; Japanese, $2.25@2.35; lemons, $7@8 per box; bananas, 6c per pound; grapefruit, $3@6.75; tangerines, $2.25 per box.

VEGETABLES—Tomatoes, $2@2.50 per crate; cabbage, 1½@2½c per pound; lettuce, $2@2.25 per crate; cucumbers, $1.35@1.75 per dozen; peppers, 17½c per pound; cauliflower, $2.25@2.50 per crate; sprouts, 10@11c per pound; artichokes, 85c@$1.10 per pound; garlic, 7@8½c per pound; squash, 2½c per pound; pumpkin, 2c per pound; celery, $2.25@4.25 per crate.

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

POTATOES—Oregon, $1.25@1.50 per hundred; Yakima, $1.50@1.75; sweet potatoes, 4½@4¾c per pound.

ONIONS—Oregon. Buying price, $1.75@2 per hundred.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples, $1@2.25; pears, $2.25; grapes, 5c per pound; cranberries, Eastern, $18.50@19 per barrel; persimmons, $2 per box; pomegranates, $2.25 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; 1-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; bayous, 11½c; pink, 10½c. Oregon, beans, buying prices: White, 9@9½c; colored, 8@9c.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 17@25c.

SALT—Granulated, $10.75 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $13 per ton; 50s, $16 per ton; dairy, $18.75 per ton.

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

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 13½c; peaches, 11@12c; prunes, Italian, 11½@13c; raisins, 85c@$2 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@32c picnics, 24c; cottage rolls, 28c.

LARD—Tierce basis, standard, pure, 30c; compound, 26c.

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

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

Hides and Pelts.

HIDES—Salted hides, 25 lbs. and up, 16c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 13c; salted and green kip, 15 to 25 lbs., 16c; 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, 26c; dry flint calf, up to 7 lbs., 30c; dry salt hides, 25c; 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.

Hops, Wool, Etc.

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

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 per pound.

Oils.

GASOLINE — Bulk, 20½c; cases, 29c. naptha, drums, 19½c; cases, 28c; engine distillate, drums, 10½c; cases, 16c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, $1.34; cases, $1.44; boiled, barrels, $1.36; cases, $1.46.

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. 31. — Butter.—Prime extras, 49c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, 53c; fresh extra pullets, 47c.

Cheese—New firsts not quoted. Young Americas, California, 22c.

Poultry—Hens, 25@26c; roosters, 16@17c; fryers, 27@29c; broilers, 30@35c; squabs, $2.50@3.50; pigeons, $1.50@1.75; geese, 18@20c; turkeys, hens, 32@34c.

Vegetables—Squash, cream, $1@1.25; hubbard, $1@1.25; eggplant, 7@8c; peppers, bell, 8@9c; chile, 4@5c; peas, 5@8c; tomatoes, $1.25@1.75; lettuce, $1.25@1.50; celery, 20@30c; potatoes, river, $1.75; sweet, $3.75; onions, Australian brown, $2@2.25; garlic, 4@5c; cucumbers, $2@2.25; beans, string, 12½@15c; lima, 8@10c; pumpkins, $1@1.25; carrots, $1@1.25; beets, $1.25@1.50; turnips, 75c@$1; rhubarb, $1.50@2.

Fruit — Grapes, Cornichon, $1.25@1.50; pears, Winter Nelis, $1@1.50; casabas, 75c@$1.50; strawberries, $6@9; lemons, $6@6.50; persimmons, 75c@$1.75; grapefruit, $2.75@5; oranges, navels, $4.50@5; tangerines, $2.25@3.25; bananas, Hawaiian, 5½@6c; pineapples, Hawaiian, $4@6; apples, Bellefleur, $1@1.25; Newtown Pippins, $1.25@1.25; olives, 8@10c; pomegranates, $1.50@2.

Hay—Wheat and wheat and oat, $26@28; tame oat, $26@27.50; barley, $24@26; alfalfa, $24@27; barley straw, 60@90c bale.

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

Flour—$10.80 per barrel.

Receipts—Flour, 14,398 quarter sacks; barley, 13,111 centals; beans, 2971 sacks; potatoes, 6480 sacks; onions, 1000 sacks; hay, 591 tons; hides, 2660; wine, 69,559 gallons.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 31.—Turpentine, firm, 43c; sales, 159 barrels; receipts, 234 barrels; shipments, 224 barrels; stock, 28,348 barrels.

Rosin, firm; sales, 946 barrels; receipts, 1716 barrels; shipments, 1675 barrels; stock, 83,746 barrels. Quote: B, D, E, F, G, $6.05; H, $6.07½; I, $6.10; K, $6.75; M, $6.95; N, $7.25; WG, $7.45; WW, $7.55.

Hops, Etc., at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Hops, quiet; state medium to choice, 1917, 30@35c; 1916, nominal; Pacific Coast, 1917, 32@36c; 1916, 15@19c.

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

Wool, firm; domestic fleece, XX Ohio, 79 cents.

London Stock Trading Small.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Business in American securities was restricted on the Stock Exchange today.

LIST AGAIN CLIMBS

Industrial Stocks Strongest Feature of Day's Trading.

RAIL SHARES IRREGULAR

Steel Most Prominent Issue in Wall Street Trading, Scoring Advance of Almost Three Points; Bonds Are Firm Throughout.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The year on the Stock Exchange went out in a moderate blaze of bullish confidence, last week's buoyant recovery being continued on an enlarged volume of operations. Dealings were of a different character, however, rails being relatively backward and irregular, while industrials, equipments, coppers and many unclassified issues manifested much of their old-time activity at materially higher levels.

There were numerous transactions for cash, suggesting the closing out of long-standing accounts with the expiration of the year. Traders evidently seemed inclined to begin the new year with a clean slate, today's movement impelling further extensive short covering.

Peace rumors again engrossed the attention of the banking community, especially a report that the allies are likely to make an early reply to the renewed overtures of the central powers. The successful efforts offensives on the French and Italian fronts also offered ground for encouragement.

United States Steel was the central feature from the outset, advancing uninterruptedly to 91, a gain of almost 3 points, and closing within a fraction of its best. The more prominent metals, motors, oils, shippings and affiliated stocks registered extensive advances of 1 to 6 points, utilities also gaining 1 to 3 points. Sales amounted to 913,000 shares.

International bonds reflected foreign developments, French municipals gaining 2 to 4 per cent. Domestic rails and industrials also strengthened. Liberty 4s were quoted at 97.26 to 97.14 and the 3½s at 99.60 to 99.50. Total bond sales, par value, $6,175,000. United States bonds, old issues, were unchanged on call.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Closing bid.
Am Beet Sugar	2,000	71	69¾	70¼
Am Can	18,200	39¼	37	38¾
Am Car & Fdry	4,100	71	68¾	69¾
Am Locomotive	6,200	56¼	54¼	55½
Am Sm & Refg	20,500	79	75¾	78¾
Am Sugar Refg	1,100	98¾	97	98½
Am Tel & Tel	4,800	103¾	102¼	103
Am Z L & S	.....	....	....	13½
Anaconda Cop	29,500	62	58¾	61¾
Atchison	4,600	83¾	81¾	83½
A G & W I S S L	5,100	99½	94	97½
Balt & Ohio	8,900	53¾	51¾	52¾
B & S Copper	2,100	16¾	15	16¼
Calif Petrol	1,000	14	13¼	13¾
Canadian Pacif	3,700	139¾	137	138¾
Central Leather	8,200	64	61¾	63¾
Ches & Ohio	4,600	51¾	51¼	51¾
Chi Mil & St P	3,300	47¾	46½	46¾
Chi & N W	700	95	94½	94½
C R I & P ctfs	7,300	24	22¾	22¾
Chino Copper	5,000	42¾	40¼	42
Colo Fu & Iron	800	36¾	36	36¼
Corn Prod Refg	19,200	31	29	31
Crucible Steel	6,000	54¼	51	53¾
Cuba Cane Sug	10,800	28¼	26¼	27½
Distillers' Secur	2,900	33¾	32¾	33
Erie	3,400	17¾	16¾	17
General Electric	5,800	132¾	127¾	132¾
General Motors	10,800	106	100¾	104¾
Gt Nor pfd	6,200	90	89½	89¾
Gt Nor Ore ctfs	2,900	27¼	26½	27¼
Illinois Central	1,000	94¾	93	92
Inspiration Cop	13,500	47	43½	47
Int M M pfd	26,100	83¾	79¾	83
Int Nickel	18,900	30¾	26¾	30¼
Int Paper	8,700	29½	23½	29
K C Southern	300	19¼	18¾	18
Kennecott Cop	9,800	32¾	31½	32¾
Louis & Nash	600	111½	111	111
Maxwell Motors	1,500	26	24¾	25
Mexican Petrol	11,200	86½	77¾	80¾
Miami Copper	2,900	29½	28¾	29¼
Missouri Pacific	9,400	25¼	24¼	24¾
Montana Power	.....	....	....	65
Nevada Copper	3,800	18¾	18¼	18¾
New York Cent	10,100	71¾	70½	71
N Y N H & H	2,900	32¾	31¼	32½
Norfolk & West	1,000	104¾	104	104
Northern Pacif	6,200	86¾	85	86
Pacific Mail	.....	....	....	23
Pennsylvania	5,400	47¾	46¾	47
Pittsburg Coal	.....	....	....	45
Ray Consol Cop	3,500	23¼	22¼	23
Reading	13,400	75¾	72¼	72¾
Rep Ir & Steel	7,800	79¼	77¾	79
Shatt Ariz Cop	1,200	16¼	16	16¾
Southern Pacific	4,400	84¾	83½	83¾
Southern Ry	3,200	24¾	24	24
Studebaker Cor	24,900	50½	48¾	49½
Texas Co	5,900	139	133	139
Union Pacific	11,900	115	113½	114¾
U S Ind Alcohol	3,900	118	116	116
U S Steel	158,800	91	88	90½
do pfd	2,800	108¼	105	107¾
Utah Copper	20,200	82¼	78	81¼
Wabash pfd B	400	22¾	22	22
Western Union	800	85	83¾	85
Westing Elect	7,200	40¾	39¾	40¼

Total sales for the day, 913,000 shares.

BONDS.

U S ref 2s reg	*96½	North Pac 4s	85¾
do coupon	*96½	do 3s	*58¾
U S 3s reg	*99	Pac T & T 5s	90¾
do coupon	*99	Penn con 4½s	*95¾
U S 4s reg	104	Union Pac 4s	87¾
do coupon	*104	U S Steel 5s	98
Atchison gen 4s	83½	Sou Pac cv 5s	86¾
D & R G ref 5s	53	Anglo-French 5s	88¾
N Y Cen deb 6s	94¼	U S Liberty 3½s	98.60

*Bid.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Closing quotations:

Allouez	49	Nipissing Mines	8¾
Ariz Coml	1	North Butte	13
Calumet & Ariz	59¾	Old Dominion	42
Calumet & Hec	422	Osceola	86
Centennial	14	Quincy	67
Cop R Con Co	44½	Shannon	5½
Franklin	4½	Superior	4
Granby Cons	72	Sup & Boston	3
Kerr Lake	4¾	Utah Cons	10¾
Lake Copper	5¾	Winona	1
Mohawk	61½	Wolverine	82

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mercantile paper, 5½@5¾%; sterling, 60-day bills, $4.71¼; commercial 60-day bills on banks, $4.71; commercial 60-day bills, $4.70¼; demand, $4.75¼; cables, $4.76 7-16; France, demand, 5.73¾; cables, 5.71¾, guilders, demand, 43¼; cables, 43¾; lire, demand, 8.36, cables 8.34, rubles, demand 12½, cables 12¼.

Bar silver, 86¾.

Mexican dollars, 69.

Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, strong.

Time loans, firm; 60 and 90 days and six months, 5¾% bid.

Call money, easier; high, 5½%; low, 4½%; ruling rate, 5½%; closing bid, 4½%; offered at 5%; last loan, 5%.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Discount rates short bills and three months, 4 3-16%.

Bar silver, 43¼d.

COFFEE FUTURES ARE STEADIER

Buying Due to More Optimistic Peace Prospects.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The market for coffee futures showed renewed steadiness today, with most of the active months making new high ground for the movement on further covering. European buying and support from Wall-Street sources, reports of a firmer tone in the spot situation and of an advance in marine war risks from South American ports probably contributed to the advance, but part of the buying was considered due to the more optimistic view of peace prospects. March sold up to 7.85c and September at 8.22, or about 10 to 12 points net higher, with reactions later under realizing. The close was net unchanged to 5 points higher. January, 7.59c; March, 7.79c; May, 7.92c; July, 8.05c; September, 8.22c; October, 8.30c; December, 8.47c.

Spot coffee steady. Rio 7s, 8¼c; Santos 4s, 9¾c. No fresh offers were reported in the cost and freight market.

The official cables showed an advance of 50 reis at Rio. The Santos spot market was unchanged and Santos futures were unchanged to 25 reis higher. Brazilian port receipts, 55,000; Jundiahy, 44,000.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Hogs—Receipts 29,000; strong 15c to 20c above Saturday's average. Bulk, $16.60@16.90; light, $15.80@16.75; mixed, $16.30@17; heavy, $16.25@17; rough, $16.25@16.45; pigs, $11.75@15.35.

Cattle—Receipts 11,000; strong. Native steers, $7.60@14.25; stockers and feeders, $6.70@10.40; cows and heifers, $3.35@11.35; calves, $5.50@14.

Sheep—Receipts 9000; firm. Wethers, $9.25@12.15; lambs, $12.90@16.60.

CORN MARKET EASES OFF

WARMER WEATHER AND PEACE TALK WEAKENS PRICES.

Oats Break Sharply After Touching New High Records for Season. Export Bids Withdrawn.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Peace talk and the disappearance of the cold wave tended to ease down the corn market. Largely as a result, prices, although steady at the finish, were ½c to ¾c net lower, with January at $1.26⅝ and May $1.24⅝. Oats fell 1½c to 3⅛c and provisions 5c to 42c.

Weakness in corn values developed chiefly in the last half of the day. During the earlier trading, scantiness of receipts, together with continued reports of difficulty in getting cars for shipments from country elevators, had a temporary bullish effect. Backwardness of husking was also of some influence toward a transient hardening of prices. After slight gains had been scored, however, attention focused to a considerable extent on gossip of proposed answers to Germany's latest peace offer. Additional selling was also brought about by the fact that milder temperatures promised help in facilitating railway traffic, and thus bring about more liberal arrivals.

Sharp breaks took place in the oats market, but not until new high price records for the season had been touched. Export business caused the upturn, whereas peace talk and the subsequent withdrawal of export bids made prices tumble.

Forecasts of plentiful supplies of hogs before the end of the week pulled down provisions.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	$1.26⅝	$1.26⅞	$1.26¼	$1.26⅝
May	1.25¼	1.25¼	1.24⅝	1.24⅝

OATS.

Dec.	.80¼	.81⅜	.77	.77
May	.77¼	.77⅞	.75⅝	.75⅝

MESS PORK.

Jan.	45.75	45.75	45.20	45.45
May	45.60	45.60	45.00	45.30

LARD.

Jan.	24.00	24.00	23.50	23.65
May	24.37	24.37	24.05	24.20

SHORT RIBS.

Jan.	.....	24.00	23.45	23.70
May	24.55	24.60	24.20	24.32

Cash prices were:

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow, $1.00; No. 4 yellow, $1.75@1.78.

Oats—No. 3 white, 80¾@81c; standard, $1@82c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.83.

Barley—$1.40@1.60.

Timothy—$5@7.50.

Clover—$20@26.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Flax, $3.52@3.55; barley, $1.31@1.83.

Dried Fruit at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Evaporated apples, quiet; Californias, 15½@16½c; prime to choice state, 15@16c.

Prunes, more offered; Californias, 8½@12½c; Oregons, 12@14c.

Peaches, quiet; standard, 11½c; choice, 12 cents.

Chicago Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Butter—Steady. Creamery, 39@44c.

Eggs—Unsettled. Receipts, 3437 cases. Firsts, 55@56c; ordinary firsts, 52@54c; at mark, cases included, 50@55c; refrigerator firsts, 41c.

Commodity Exchanges Closed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Holiday in raw and refined sugar markets today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Holiday on New York and London metal markets today.

Duluth Linseed Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 31.—Linseed on track, $3.47@3.59; to arrive, $3.47; Dec. $3.54 bid; Jan., $3.47 bid; May, $3.46 asked; July, $3.38.

Julian Eltinge announces, via ads in the trade papers, that he will remain in pictures. The ad admits "his three pictures by the Lasky-Paramount have been such a sensational success that he is now classed with Fairbanks and Pickford as a drawing card." Such modesty.

FACTS NO. 231

JUSTIFYING A SELECTION

After three years' continuous wear the Columbia River Highway is in, if anything, better condition than when first improved. The surface of the road has not cost the county one cent for maintenance, while it has been serviceable every day since its completion. This fine record is due to the fact that the highway is paved with

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YARD TRADE ACTIVE

Good Run Over Sunday at North Portland.

CATTLE RECEIPTS LARGE

Market Is Steady to Firm in All Departments—Choice Steers Moved at $9.75 to $10.50—Hogs Go at Former Prices.

The last day of the year saw an active market at the yards. There was a good run over Sunday, 67 cars being unloaded, of which 20 were cars of cattle from Robinette. Cattle trading was the feature of the day. In this department the strength of last week was continued, top-grade offerings easily commanding full prices. The bulk of steer sales were at $9.75 to $10.50. Cows and other butcher cattle were likewise firm. Hogs were steady, with sales generally at last week's range of prices. There was no open trading in the sheep division.

Receipts were 1107 cattle, 5 calves, 1734 hogs and 565 sheep. Shippers were:

With hogs—A. Luce, Oreland, Cal., 1 load; M. F. Holly, Medford, 1 load; E. A. Myers, Imbler, 1 load; D. E. Slasack, 1 load; Geyer Bros., New Plymouth, 1 load; Thompson & Geary, Heppner, 1 load; Cole and Dodd, Haines, 1 load; H. L. Snyder, Weiser, 1 load; Madison & Adams, 2 loads; Pickett Bros., 1 load; Goodnight & Peterson, 1 load; G. Falbright, Riverside, Wash., 2 loads; R. Butler, The Dalles, 1 load.

With cattle—J. Hodson, Myrtle Point, 1 load; S. Wilson, Emmett, 1 load; W. W. Gover, Robinette, 2 loads; Wallace & Taylor, 5 loads; Sam Martin, 2 loads; W. E. Cundiff, 2 loads; Charles Howell, 3 loads; George B. Saunders, 6 loads; H. M. Moore, Echo, 1 load; E. W. Gorsline, Enterprise, 1 load; B. E. Myers, Imbler, 1 load; Pendleton Meat Co., Pendleton, 2 loads; A. F. Milne, The Dalles, 3 loads; H. J. Harris, Redmond, 1 load; John Hays, 1 load; W. Chandler, Dayton, Wash., 1 load; L. A. Kaufman, Riverside, Wash., 4 loads; J. C. Conroy, Paterson, Wash., 1 load.

With sheep—Union Meat Co., Lyle, 2 loads direct.

With mixed loads—George Zimmerman, Yamhill, 1 load cattle and hogs; Joe Dadrak, Sheridan, 1 load cattle and hogs; O. E. Gorsline, Enterprise and Joseph, 3 loads cattle and hogs; J. W. Davis, Kelso, 1 load cattle and hogs; J. S. Flint, Junction City, 1 load hogs and sheep; C. A. Gourley, Harrisburg, 1 load hogs and sheep.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
22 steers	1132	$10.00	1 bull	1460	$ 6.75
5 steers	1053	8.50	1 bull	1210	6.00
1 steer	950	8.00	1 bull	1480	7.00
7 steers	995	9.35	1 heifer	960	6.50
5 steers	818	7.75	1 heifer	660	6.00
2 steers	1030	9.25	3 steers	947	8.25
6 steers	992	8.50	1 steer	950	8.50
7 steers	1005	8.50	1 steer	800	7.00
1 steer	800	7.00	7 steers	1005	8.50
1 steer	596	5.50	6 steers	992	8.50
17 steers	1084	8.85	7 steers	774	6.25
2 steers	850	6.75	20 cows	1015	7.75
2 steers	660	5.50	3 cows	1060	6.25
2 steers	900	6.75	1 cow	1100	7.25
2 steers	1250	9.00	1 cow	900	5.50
19 steers	1114	10.50	11 cows	1018	7.25
11 steers	1234	9.75	1 cow	540	3.00
2 steers	1170	9.75	1 cow	1120	6.00
3 steers	1010	8.50	5 cows	970	5.00
3 steers	943	8.25	2 cows	970	4.00
2 cows	970	4.00	2 cows	960	5.50
5 cows	974	5.00	14 cows	872	3.75
20 cows	1011	7.75	3 cows	1160	7.00
3 cows	1060	6.25	2 cows	945	6.25
1 cow	1100	7.25	1 heifer	710	5.75
1 cow	900	5.50	4 heifers	752	5.75
11 cows	1018	6.25	1 heifer	660	6.50
1 cow	540	3.00	1 bull	1210	6.00
1 cow	1020	6.00	1 bull	1480	7.00