

One of the best years in the history of the city from a commercial standpoint is drifting out under easy sail after a record-breaking holiday business. As usual at the close of a year or of a month, for that matter, the purchase of staples is restricted, buyers preferring to wait until a new month is here. In the line of holiday luxuries, however, there has been a remarkable demand right up to the close of business, and the Christmas retail trade in this city was the best on record. Conditions are quite favorable for a general improvement in the demand for staples after the turn of the year. Money is plentiful, and there is more good collateral in the hands of the farmers of Oregon than ever before at a corresponding date. The wheat movement to date has been fairly heavy, but there was such a large carry-over from the 1899 crop that the amount still held in the Northwest is unusually large.

The market showed decided strength yesterday, and a gain of even 1 cent a bushel adds many thousands of dollars to the value of the holdings in this country. The wool market remains inactive, and the statistical position of this commodity hardly seems to warrant an immediate improvement in price. The amount still held in the country is very close to the entire crop of a few years ago, and, with another good-sized crop coming out a few months hence, Oregon will have more of this great staple on hand than is necessary for good prices. Shippers of Oregon potatoes have been somewhat handicapped by poor transportation facilities between Portland and San Francisco, but the shortage of space on the steamers has resulted in driving them to rail shipments, and quite an active business is now being done with points in Arizona and New Mexico. Portland dealers shipping right through into territory usually handled by San Francisco merchants. The price is weak on account of liberal receipts and a weak market in the South, but good stock moves all right at 60 cents per cental.

The poultry market for the New Year's trade promises to be much better than that of Christmas, and the prices realized yesterday were the best that have been in the port since Thanksgiving. Some of the best turkeys sold as high as 31 cents, and very little good stock sold under 15 cents. Chickens, ducks and geese moved at proportionately good figures. The grocery markets are firm with no changes of consequence in prices.

WHEAT.—The wheat market took a violent turn upward yesterday, and the East was booming. The Portland market has been so far in front of the procession through out the advance in other markets has reflected locally. Wall's Walla wheat sold around 54 and 55 cents, and a fraction above these figures was paid for some fancy stock. Bluestem is in nominal demand at the usual differential of 2 to 3 cents per bushel. Shipments are holding up very well, another cargo clearing yesterday, and bringing the total shipments for the month, exclusive of flour, up to over 1,500,000 bushels. Valley millers continue to buy considerable wheat in this market, and so long as this condition of affairs exists there can be no export quotation of value on Valley wheat in this market.

Freights are ruling steady, with a fair amount of business doing. As high as 35¢ is paid for next season's wheat, but large carriers are obtainable at less. Nothing is obtainable, however, this side of April at less than 40 shillings. The supply of tonnage at the points from which it is usually obtained is quite limited, but there has been a slight decline in ultrate freights, and some talk of a combine being formed for the purpose of restricting the output of tonnage. If a move of this kind should be made effective, lower freights might be expected later in the season, unless other business should crop up in the meantime. A number of ships have headed in this direction from West Coast ports, but they nearly all demand rates considerably in excess of 40 shillings. The situation in California is thus reported by the San Francisco Commercial News:

Locally there is little change. Freights are slightly easier but there is little disengagement of tonnage to work upon, while that on the way has been decreasing. With a good export movement during the remainder of the season, however, the market would be placed in a good condition to receive the new crop; otherwise the large reserves would continue to act as a drag. From January 1 to June 30, 1900, 4,531,150 centals were exported.

PORTLAND MARKETS.
Grain, Flour, Etc.
Wheat—Wall's Walla, 54¢; Valley, nominal; bluestem, 55¢ per bushel. Flour—Best grades, 22¢ to 24¢ per barrel; Graham, 24¢. Oats—White, 15¢ to 16¢ per bushel; gray, 14¢. Barley—Feed, 12¢ to 13¢ per bushel; brew, 15¢ to 16¢ per bushel. Millstuffs—Bran, 15¢ to 16¢ per ton; middlings, 21¢; shorts, 17¢; clover, 17¢ to 18¢. Hay—Timothy, 15¢ to 16¢ per ton; Oregon wild hay, 10¢ per ton.
Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 20¢ to 21¢ per pound; store, 19¢ per pound. Eggs—Eastern, 15¢ to 16¢ per dozen; Oregon ranch, 17¢ per dozen. Poultry—Chicken, mixed, 20¢ to 21¢ per pound; ducks, 14¢ to 15¢ per pound; turkeys, live, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; dressed, 20¢ to 21¢ per pound. Cheese—Full cream, twins, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; Young American, 12¢ to 13¢ per pound.

Vegetables, Fruits, Etc.
Vegetables—Parsnips, 5¢; turnips, 7¢; carrots, 7¢; onions, 1¢ to 1.5¢; cabbage, 1¢ to 1.5¢ per cental; potatoes, 6¢ to 8¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 15¢ per sack; celery, 10¢ per dozen; California tomatoes, 1.25¢ per pound.
Fruit—Lemons, 15¢ to 16¢ per box; seedlings, 10¢ per box; grapes, 10¢ per box; bananas, 10¢ per bunch; Persian dates, 10¢ per pound; pears, 10¢ per box; apples, 10¢ to 15¢ per box; grapes, Muscat, 10¢ to 15¢ per box; Tokay, 10¢ per box. Dried fruit—Apples, evaporated, 6¢ to 8¢ per pound; sun-dried, 5¢ to 6¢ per pound; prunes, Italian, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; silver, extra choice, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; California black, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; plums, plums, white, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound.

Meat and Provisions.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, sheared, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; spring lambs, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; gross, dressed, 14¢ to 15¢ per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; light, 14¢ to 15¢ per pound; small, 13¢ to 14¢ per pound.
Beef—Gross, top steers, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; dressed best, 14¢ to 15¢ per pound. Provisions—Pork, pack (Shield brand), 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; ham, smoked, 15¢ to 16¢ per pound; picnic hams, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; breakfast bacon, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; dry-cured sides, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; dry-cured hams, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; 10-pound pails, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; 10-pound pails, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound; 10-pound pails, 10¢ to 12¢ per pound.

Spring—Nevada, 11¢ to 12¢; Eastern Oregon, 14¢; Valley Oregon, 15¢ to 16¢. Fall—Mountain lamb, 50¢; San Joaquin plains, 40¢; Humboldt and Mendocino, 40¢.
Hops, crop of 1900, 12¢ to 14¢.
Hay—Wheat, 10¢ to 12¢; wheat and oats, 10¢ to 12¢; best barley, 10¢ to 12¢; alfalfa, 10¢ to 12¢; compressed wheat, 10¢ to 12¢ per ton; straw, 2¢ to 3¢ per bale.
Millstuffs—Middlings, 15¢ to 16¢ per ton; bran, 14¢ to 15¢ per ton.
Potatoes—River Butte, 10¢ to 12¢; Salmon Butte, 10¢ to 12¢; Oregon Butte, 10¢ to 12¢; Nevada, 10¢ to 12¢.
Onions—1st, 10¢ to 12¢; 2nd, 8¢ to 10¢.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 20¢ to 21¢ per pound; store, 19¢ per pound; fancy dairy, 18¢ to 19¢ per pound; 2nd, 17¢ to 18¢ per pound.
Eggs—Fancy ranch, 15¢ to 16¢ per dozen; store, 14¢ to 15¢ per dozen.
Citrus fruit—Mexican tins, 10¢ to 12¢ per box; common California, 8¢ to 10¢ per box; 1st, 10¢ to 12¢ per box; 2nd, 8¢ to 10¢ per box; pineapples, 10¢ to 12¢ per dozen.

TONNAGE EN ROUTE AND IN PORT.
Vessels Chartered or Available for Grain Cargoes From the Northwest.

FOR PORTLAND					
Ship	Name	Flag and rig	Master	From	Days out
Nov. 10	Alsterkamp	Ger. ship	Jensen	1120 San Diego	10
Nov. 11	Andra	Br. ship	Adams	1200 Sta. Rosalia	10
Nov. 12	Arthur Fitzer	Ger. ship	Denker	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 13	Brundage	Br. ship	Brundage	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 14	Bonnet	Br. ship	Lordes	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 15	Brundage	Br. ship	Brundage	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 16	Cape Wrath	Br. ship	Lampshire	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 17	Comblanch	Br. ship	Walker	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 18	City of Durban	Br. ship	Walker	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 19	Ford Fischer	Ger. ship	Mark	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 20	Gen. G. d'Almeida	Br. ship	La Lina	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 21	Hestia	Br. ship	Schumaker	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 22	Helga	Br. ship	Helga	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 23	La Rochefoucauld	Br. ship	Hende	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 24	Marie Hackfeld	Ger. ship	Wurmman	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 25	Nordde	Ger. ship	Windhorst	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 26	Nordde	Ger. ship	Schulte	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 27	Nordde	Ger. ship	Fettykult	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 28	Otto Gildemeister	Ger. ship	Wilmens	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 29	Professor Koch	Ger. ship	Schulte	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 30	Queen Victoria	Br. ship	Hayden	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 1	Scythian Hills	Br. ship	Blackmore	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 2	Thistle	Br. ship	England	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 3	City of Lanthow	Br. ship	Strook	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 4	Forrest Hall	Br. ship	Scott	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 5	Province	Br. ship	Jones	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 6	Scythian Lochs	Br. ship	Parkhill	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 7	Forrest Hall	Br. ship	Scott	1000 Yokohama	10

Total tonnage en route and listed, 75,545.

GRAIN TONNAGE IN THE RIVER					
Ship	Name	Flag and rig	Master	From	Agents or Berth
Nov. 10	Langdale	Br. ship	Hunter	1000 Liverpool	Balfour
Nov. 11	Gen. Millner	Br. ship	Yules	1000 Glasgow	Balfour
Nov. 12	Marion Light	Br. ship	Cordner	1000 Sta. Rosalia	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 13	Arden	Br. ship	Arden	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 14	Pax	Br. ship	Reiners	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 15	Anticarra	Br. ship	Griffiths	1000 Hamburg	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 16	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 17	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 18	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 19	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 20	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 21	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 22	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 23	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 24	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 25	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 26	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 27	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 28	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 29	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 30	St. Charles	Br. ship	St. Charles	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.

Total tonnage in the river, 46,702.

GRAIN TONNAGE EN ROUTE TO PUGET SOUND					
Ship	Name	Flag and rig	Master	From	Days out
Nov. 10	Andromeda	Br. ship	Fulton	1000 Shanghai	10
Nov. 11	Florence	Br. ship	Shoemaker	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 12	Griffin	Br. ship	Griffin	1000 Yokohama	10
Nov. 13	Lyndora	Br. ship	Weston	1000 Liverpool	10
Nov. 14	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 15	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 16	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 17	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 18	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 19	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 20	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 21	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 22	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 23	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 24	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 25	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 26	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 27	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 28	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 29	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10
Nov. 30	Colbert	Br. ship	De La Haye	1000 London	10

Total tonnage en route, 24,351.

GRAIN TONNAGE ON PUGET SOUND					
Ship	Name	Flag and rig	Master	From	Agents or Berth
Nov. 10	Dunreagan	Br. ship	Dixon	1000 Honolulu	Kerr
Nov. 11	Boffa	Br. ship	Auld	1000 Yokohama	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 12	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 13	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 14	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 15	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 16	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 17	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 18	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 19	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 20	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 21	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 22	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 23	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 24	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 25	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 26	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 27	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 28	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 29	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.
Nov. 30	Westgate	Br. ship	Neville	1000 Hong Kong	P. F. M. Co.

There will be no session of the Board of Trade January 1.

The leading futures ranged as follows:
WHEAT.
December 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 1/2, 130 1/2, 131 1/2, 132 1/2, 133 1/2, 134 1/2, 135 1/2, 136 1/2, 137 1/2, 138 1/2, 139 1/2, 140 1/2, 141 1/2, 142 1/2, 143 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 146 1/2, 147 1/2, 148 1/2, 149 1/2, 150 1/2, 151 1/2, 152 1/2, 153 1/2, 154 1/2, 155 1/2, 156 1/2, 157 1/2, 158 1/2, 159 1/2, 160 1/2, 161 1/2, 162 1/2, 163 1/2, 164 1/2, 165 1/2, 166 1/2, 167 1/2, 168 1/2, 169 1/2, 170 1/2, 171 1/2, 172 1/2, 173 1/2, 174 1/2, 175 1/2, 176 1/2, 177 1/2, 178 1/2, 179 1/2, 180 1/2, 181 1/2, 182 1/2, 183 1/2, 184 1/2, 185 1/2, 186 1/2, 187 1/2, 188 1/2, 189 1/2, 190 1/2, 191 1/2, 192 1/2, 193 1/2, 194 1/2, 195 1/2, 196 1/2, 197 1/2, 198 1/2, 199 1/2, 200 1/2, 201 1/2, 202 1/2, 203 1/2, 204 1/2, 205 1/2, 206 1/2, 207 1/2, 208 1/2, 209 1/2, 210 1/2, 211 1/2, 212 1/2, 213 1/2, 214 1/2, 215 1/2, 216 1/2, 217 1/2, 218 1/2, 219 1/2, 220 1/2, 221 1/2, 222 1/2, 223 1/2, 224 1/2, 225 1/2, 226 1/2, 227 1/2, 228 1/2, 229 1/2, 230 1/2, 231 1/2, 232 1/2, 233 1/2, 234 1/2, 235 1/2, 236 1/2, 237 1/2, 238 1/2, 239 1/2, 240 1/2, 241 1/2, 242 1/2, 243 1/2, 244 1/2, 245 1/2, 246 1/2, 247 1/2, 248 1/2, 249 1/2, 250 1/2, 251 1/2, 252 1/2, 253 1/2, 254 1/2, 255 1/2, 256 1/2, 257 1/2, 258 1/2, 259 1/2, 260 1/2, 261 1/2, 262 1/2, 263 1/2, 264 1/2, 265 1/2, 266 1/2, 267 1/2, 268 1/2, 269 1/2, 270 1/2, 271 1/2, 272 1/2, 273 1/2, 274 1/2, 275 1/2, 276 1/2, 277 1/2, 278 1/2, 279 1/2, 280 1/2, 281 1/2, 282 1/2, 283 1/2, 284 1/2, 285 1/2, 286 1/2, 287 1/2, 288 1/2, 289 1/2, 290 1/2, 291 1/2, 292 1/2, 293 1/2, 294 1/2, 295 1/2, 296 1/2, 297 1/2, 298 1/2, 299 1/2, 300 1/2, 301 1/2, 302 1/2, 303 1/2, 304 1/2, 305 1/2, 306 1/2, 307 1/2, 308 1/2, 309 1/2, 310 1/2, 311 1/2, 312 1/2, 313 1/2, 314 1/2, 315 1/2, 316 1/2, 317 1/2, 318 1/2, 319 1/2, 320 1/2, 321 1/2, 322 1/2, 323 1/2, 324 1/2, 325 1/2, 326 1/2, 327 1/2, 328 1/2, 329 1/2, 330 1/2, 331 1/2, 332 1/2, 333 1/2, 334 1/2, 335 1/2, 336 1/2, 337 1/2, 338 1/2, 339 1/2, 340 1/2, 341 1/2, 342 1/2, 343 1/2, 344 1/2, 345 1/2, 346 1/2, 347 1/2, 348 1/2, 349 1/2, 350 1/2, 351 1/2, 352 1/2, 353 1/2, 354 1/2, 355 1/2, 356 1/2, 357 1/2, 358 1/2, 359 1/2, 360 1/2, 361 1/2, 362 1/2, 363 1/2, 364 1/2, 365 1/2, 366 1/2, 367 1/2, 368 1/2, 369 1/2, 370 1/2, 371 1/2, 372 1/2, 373 1/2, 374 1/2, 375 1/2, 376 1/2, 377 1/2, 378 1/2, 379 1/2, 380 1/2, 381 1/2, 382 1/2, 383 1/2, 384 1/2, 385 1/2, 386 1/2, 387 1/2, 388 1/2, 389 1/2, 390 1/2, 391 1/2, 392 1/2, 393 1/2, 394 1/2, 395 1/2, 396 1/2, 397 1/2, 398 1/2, 399 1/2, 400 1/2, 401 1/2, 402 1/2, 403 1/2, 404 1/2, 405 1/2, 406 1/2, 407 1/2, 408 1/2, 409 1/2, 410 1/2, 411 1/2, 412 1/2, 413 1/2, 414 1/2, 415 1/2, 416 1/2, 417 1/2, 418 1/2, 419 1/2, 420 1/2, 421 1/2, 422 1/2, 423 1/2, 424 1/2, 425 1/2, 426 1/2, 427 1/2, 428 1/2, 429 1/2, 430 1/2, 431 1/2, 432 1/2, 433 1/2, 434 1/2, 435 1/2, 436 1/2, 437 1/2, 438 1/2, 439 1/2, 440 1/2, 441 1/2, 442 1/2, 443 1/2, 444 1/2, 445 1/2, 446 1/2, 447 1/2, 448 1/2, 449 1/2, 450 1/2, 451 1/2, 452 1/2, 453 1/2, 454 1/2, 455 1/2, 456 1/2, 457 1/2, 458 1/2, 459 1/2, 460 1/2, 461 1/2, 462 1/2, 463 1/2, 464 1/2, 465 1/2, 466 1/2, 467 1/2, 468 1/2, 469 1/2, 470 1/2, 471 1/2, 472 1/2, 473 1/2, 474 1/2, 475 1/2, 476 1/2, 477 1/2, 478 1/2, 479 1/2, 480 1/2, 481 1/2, 482 1/2, 483 1/2