

THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

LOCAL HAMS A TRIFLE LOWER

Prices Are Down Half Cent Today.

Eastern Ham Quotations Dropped by the Hammond Packing Company.

Everything considered, this has been an excellent week for business in the local wholesale district.

LOCAL HAMS CHEAPER. According to the Union Meat Company, the price of local hams is about one half cent lower today.

EASTERN LARD DOWN. The Hammond Packing Company announces some changes today in the quotations on Eastern packed hams.

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Chain, Flour and Feed. Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; Bluestem, 75c; Valley, 15c; ... Groceries, Nuts, Etc. Sugar, 'rock' basis, cut, 15.50; ...

fast bacon, 16 1/2 @ 18 1/2; light sides, 12 1/2 @ 14 1/2; ... Eastern packed hams, under 18 lbs., 14 1/2 @ 15 1/2; ...

STOCKS HAVE REACHED BOTTOM

Yesterday's Break Expected to Be the Last.

Patten Again Is on the Bull Side of the Corn Market-- Other Items.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Chronicle says: Observers whose opinions are usually respected feel tonight that the lowest prices at which stocks will sell, barring some unforeseen calamity, were made this morning.

OF INTEREST TO MARINERS

Notices Given of Changes to Navigation.

Referring to Notice to Mariners, No. 48 (1875), of 1902, further notice has been received that Santa Cruz whistling buoy, moored about 1 1/2 miles S. 32 degrees E. true (S.E. 1-4 E. mag.) of the Pacific Coast Steamship wharf, entrance to Santa Cruz harbor, Cal., heretofore reported as not sounding, has been replaced by a perfect buoy in the same position.

Yesterdays Stock Storm.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Journal of Commerce says: The erratic course of the stock market on Thursday past, followed by a sharp decline on Friday, and a further decline on Saturday, has attracted much attention.

Patten's Hand Again.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The Record-Herald says: It looks as if Patten had started on another bull campaign in wheat. He has been buying in the market since May, and he has been successful in making a profit of more than 75 per cent.

LOGS BREAK LOOSE.

The raft of logs which were swept away by the freshet from the Portland Lumber Company's mill Thursday and lodged on this side of the river under the Morrison street bridge, again broke loose last evening and are now on their way to the ocean.

THE ORIENTAL FLEET.

It is estimated that fully 12,000 tons of flour will be shipped from Portland during the month of December, and of this amount, 7,000 tons will go by way of Puget Sound.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Lakme completed discharging her San Francisco freight yesterday at Columbia dock No. 1, among it being 500 tons of sugar. The steamer will call on Wednesday this evening to load lumber for Beilstone. A special to a Seattle paper from Skagway says that searching parties have been at work for several days without finding a trace of the bodies of McIntyre and Tibbey, the Alaskan mail carriers.

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WOULD RAISE TEXAS TOBACCO

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AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 12.—The management of the Southern Pacific proposes to establish Texas as one of the nation's foremost tobacco-producing regions. For a long time the road's industrial agents have been experimenting with the soil of certain sections of the state.

NEW YORK SUMMARY. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A good bank buying movement is expected in view of return of money from the holidays. Banks lost in cash \$2,426,000. It is rumored now that the Union Trust Company will be liquidated.

Iowa's Crop Report. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The total value of farm products of Iowa for the year 1902 is estimated to be \$245,722,000. The average yield of corn per acre this year is estimated at 34 bushels.

Cattle and Hogs. CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Union Stock Yards. Chicago Cattle Market. Cattle, Sheep, Horses, etc. Market prices for various livestock.

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CHILE'S POWER. VAL PARAIRO, Chile, Dec. 12.—There is a rumor here that Spain is negotiating for the purchase of the two new battleships which are being built for this government. There is no likelihood that Chile will sell. Her navy is now the strongest in South America, and it is her aim to add to it as she can and keep it in the lead.

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