TRANSACTIONS IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD

POULTRY PRICES DROP HALF CENT

RECEIPTS TOO LARGE TO KEEP MARKET CLEANED UP AT FORMER LISTS—GROUND LINSEED LOWER—CANDLES DOWN TEN CENTS—POTATOES WEAKER.

Front Street, Dec. 17.—The principal items of interest in the local markets today were:

Candles are lower.
Ground linseed oil lower.
Poultry declines.
Potatoes very weak.

Poultry Is Down.

As has been told in The Journal during the past few days, there was considerable weakness in the poultry market on account of the larger receipts. Today the receipts became so large that the commission men were unable to keep the market from being glutted without lowering the prices, so the quotations in nearly all lines went down ½c a pound. At the new prices the market shows a slightly better feeling and no immediate changes are looked for.

Candles Are Cheaper.

The Standard Oil company announces a change in the quotations on the cheaper grades of candles, the quotations being about 10c a box lower. There are no changes in oil prices.

Ground Linseed Lower.

According to the Portland linseed oil works, the quotations on ground linseed oil cake is about 50c a ton lower today, the new lists taking effect at once. The ruling prices are: Car lots, $25; less than car lots, $26. Regular linseed is unchanged.

Potatoes Very Weak.

Nothing but dullness is reflected in the local potato market, neither the receipts nor the demand today being very large. In the local markets there is some call for the better grades, but beyond this the market is slumping. At present there is really no call for anything but the best grades for shipping. Farmers generally are holding for higher prices until after the first of the year, with the expectation of higher prices. If the receipts become too large at that time, as the present tendency shows they will, prices will again touch the bottom of the ladder. The onion market is likewise weak, with very little local or outside demand.

Not Enough Veal.

Everybody seemed to be calling for veal in the meat houses this morning, and the stocks that arrived were quickly picked up at the very top quotations. The receipts of hogs were quite liberal, but the ruling demand is very strong. Beef is again coming in liberal supply, with the demand easy. Mutton is unchanged.

In the Produce Market.

The California steamer unloaded a large cargo of fresh vegetables this morning and everybody was busy. Several cars of oranges arrived and found ready sale. A large shipment of holly from Denver arrived in during the early morning.

Opinions on the Market.

Glafke company—Lots of holiday business. Cheese market is very weak and is liable to go lower.

Turner & Co.—Poultry and egg markets are unchanged from yesterday in either price or tone.

Bell & Co.—Holly from Denver arrived today and is selling at 25c a pound. Car of fine Baldwin apples arrived in from the valley yesterday, selling at $1.25.

Mark Levy & Co.—Plenty of fancy oranges in the market. California steamer arrived and brought large cargo of vegetables, including artichokes, tomatoes, summer squash and rhubarb.

Chatterton & Co.—Potatoes are moving off well, but principal call is for fancy stocks. Veal is in demand, hogs are ready sale.

Levy & Spiegl—Car of bananas, car of oranges and car of lemons arrived on the street today.

G. S. Smith company—Holiday business is lively.

Malarkey & Co.—No razor clams in market; silver smelt scarce; receipts Columbia river salmon very small; no change in fish prices.

Davenport-Thompson company — We think that butter is quite firm at the lowered quotations.

Everding & Farrell—Chickens coming in more lively and are piling up. Wild game is again coming in, with the following as the average prices: Mallards, $3; widgeon, $2; teal, $1.50.

W. H. Dryer—Farmers are holding their potatoes; market conditions are unchanged.

Toft, Hine & Co.—Heavy receipts of chickens; prices weaker. Hog receipts large, with prices the same; small veal scarce. Egg receipts too heavy to keep them moving at the present price.

Today's quotations, as revised, are as follows:

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Export quotations — New — Walla Walla, 75c; bluestem, 77c; valley, 78c.

BARLEY—Feed, $20.00; rolled, $21.00@22.00; brewing, $21.00@22.00.

OATS—No. 1 white, $23.50@24.00; gray, $23.00@23.50 per ton; white, $21.50; gray, $21.00 per ton, farmers' price.

FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.15@4.60; straights, $3.60; valley, $3.75@3.85; graham ½s, $3.40; 10s, $3.70.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $24.00; shorts, $19.50; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Timothy, $17.00; Eastern Oregon, $10.00@20.00; mixed, $14.00; clover, $13.00; wheat, $13.00; cheat, $12.00; oat, $13.00.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—New, 23@24c for choice; 15@22c for prime; poor grades, 10@15c.

WOOL—Valley, coarse to medium, 16@16½c; fine, 14@16½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, nominal, 25@37c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 10@20c; short wool, 20@30c; medium wool, 30@50c; long wool, 50c@$1.00 each.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 lbs and up, 14c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15c; dry salted, bulls and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 6@7c; 50 to 60 lbs, 6c; under 50 lbs and cows, 5@6c; stags and bulls, sound, 4c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 lbs, 6c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 6c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per lb less; culls, 1c per lb less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Creamery, extra fancy, 27½c; ordinary, 25c; cold storage, 25c; Eastern, 27½c; renovated, 22½c; dairy, 20c; store, 16@17c.

EGGS—Fresh Oregon, 35c; cold storage, 29@30c; bakers, 20@22c; Eastern, 29@30c.

CHEESE—Full cream, twin, 14@14½c; storage, 20c; bakers, 20c; Eastern, 27@28c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 10@11c per lb; hens, 11½@12c per lb; roosters, 9@10c per lb; broilers, 12@12½c per lb; fryers, 11½@12c lb; ducks, old, 12c per lb; young, 13c per lb; geese, 9c per lb; turkeys, old, 15@16c per lb; young, 16@17c per lb; dressed, 17@18c per lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—75@85c; buyers' prices, for shipping, 65@70c cwt; ordinary, 60@65c sack; buying, 60@65c; sweets, 2c per lb.

ONIONS—Oregon, $1.00; buying prices, f.o.b., Portland, 85@90c.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, Oregon, 40c@$1.50 per box; oranges, navels, $2.75@3.00 per box; seedlings, $2.00 per box; Japanese, 50@65c; bananas, 5@5½c per lb; lemons, choice, $3.00; fancy, $3.50@4.00; limes, Mexican, 65c per 100; pineapples, $3.50; pears, 75c@$1.25 per box; California, $1.00; cranberries, local, $7.00 per bbl; Jersey, $10.00; persimmons, $1.50.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 85c sack; carrots, $1.00; beets, $1.00 per sack; radishes, 12½@15c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, 1½@1¼c; lettuce, head, 15c per doz; hot-house lettuce, per box, $1.00@1.50; green peppers, 5c per lb; horseradish, 7@8c per lb; celery, local, 60c doz; tomatoes, $1.25 box; parsnips, $1.25; cucumbers, 50@75c per box; butter beans, 10c per lb; Lima beans, 8c; sprouts, 6c; cauliflower, Oregon, $1.00 per doz; artichokes, 75@90c per doz.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 6@7c per lb; apricots, 11@13c per lb; sacks, ½c per lb less; peaches, 6@9c per lb; pears, 8½c per lb; prunes, Italian, 3½@4½c per lb; French, 3½@4½c per lb; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c per lb; do whites, 6½@7c per lb; plums, pitted, 5½@6c; dates, golden, per lb, 6½c; fards, per 10-lb box, $1.50.

RAISINS—Seeded, fancy 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 9¾c pkg; seeded, 12-oz cartons, 7¾c; loose Muscatels, 50-lb boxes, 7@8½c per lb; London layers, $1.85@2.00; clusters, $2.50@3.75; ½s, 25c; ¼s, 50c advance over pound cartons.

FIGS—Ten 1-lb cartons, choice brand, $1.00; 10 1-lb cartons, fancy brand, $1.10; 10 1-lb bricks, 2-crown, 90c; 10 1-lb bricks, 3-crown, 65c; 50 ½-lb bricks, per box, $2.25; 4-row layers, per 10-lb box, 90c; loose, 50-lb boxes, per lb, 6@6½c. Calimyrans—Six-crown, 10-lb cartons, per box, $2.00; 5-crown, 10-lb carton, per box, $1.75; 4-crown, 20 ½-lb cartons, per box, $1.75.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—"Sack basis"—Cube, $5.70; powdered, $5.65; dry granulated, $5.55; beet granulated, $5.35; extra C, $5.05; golden C, $4.95; barrels, 10c; ½ bbls, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis; less 25c per cwt for cash 15 days; maple, 14@16c per lb.

HONEY—14½@15c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, 21@22c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per lb; package coffee, $13.25.

TEAS—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; gunpowder, 28@32@35c; English breakfast, different grades, 12½@65c; spider leg, uncolored Japan, 30@65c; green Japan, very scarce, 30@60c.

SALT—Fine—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $2.25; fine table, dairy, 50s, 40c; 100s, 75c; imported Liverpool, 50s, 50c; 100s, 98c; 224s, $1.90. Worcester—Bbls—2s, 3s, $5.50; 5s, $5.25; 10s, $5.00; bulk, 320 lbs, $5.00; sacks, 50s, 50c.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $8.25; 50s, per ton, $9.25; Liverpool lump rock, $23.00 per ton; 50-lb. rock, $11.50; 100s, $11.00.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, $5.75@6.00 per 100.

RICE—Imports: Japan, No. 1, $5.37½; No. 2, $5.12½; New Orleans head, $7.75.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 23½c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 18c; wooden, —; headlight, cases, 25½c; headlight, iron bbls, 20c.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in bbls, 43c; cases 48c; genuine kettle boiled, cases, 50c; bbls, 45c; ground cake, car lots, $25.00; less than cars, $26.00 per ton.

BENZINE—63 deg., cases, 22c; iron bbls, 15½c.

GASOLINE—86 deg., cases, 32c; iron bbls, 26c; stove, cases, 24½c; iron bbls, 18c.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 80c; wood bbls, 76½c; iron bbls, 74c; 10-lb. case lots, 79c.

BEANS—Small white, 3½c; large white, $3.40@3.50; pink, $3.40@3.50; bayou, 5½c; Limas, $4.00.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6@7c per lb for raw, 9@10c for roasted; cocoanuts, 55@90c per doz; walnuts, 14%@16c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 16c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@15c per lb; almonds, 14c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present base at $2.55.

ROPE—Pure Manilla, 13½c; standard, 12¾c; sisal, 10½c.

WHITE LEAD—500-lb lots, 6½c; less lots, 7c.

Meats and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS — Inspected — Beef, prime, 6½c; cows, 5c; mutton, dressed, 5@5½c; lambs, dressed, 6c.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef steers, 5@5½c; bulls, 3c; cows, 4@4½c; pork, block, 6½@6¾c; packers, 6½c; mutton, dressed, 4½@5c; lambs, dressed, 5@5½c; veal, small, 8@8½c; large, 3½@7c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 14¾c; 14 to 16 lbs, 14½c; cottage, 10c; picnic, 9½c; breakfast bacon, 16½@20c; regular short clears, unsmoked, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; clear backs, unsmoked, 10½c; smoked, 11½c; Union butts, 10 to 18 lbs, unsmoked, 8c; smoked, 9c.

EASTERN PACKED HAMS—Under 14 lbs, 15½c; over 15 lbs, 15c; fancy, 15@18½c; picnics, 9¼c; shoulders, 10%@11c; dry-salted sides, unsmoked, 11¾c; breakfast bacon, 16½@17c; fancy, 20c.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 11c; 5s, 11¼c; 50-lb tins, 10½c; steam-rendered, 10s, 10c; 5s, 10¼c; 50s, 9½c; compound tierces, 7½c; tubs, 7¾c.

EASTERN LARD—Kettle leaf, 10-lb tins, 10¼c; 5s, 10¾c; 50-lb tins, 10¼c; steam-rendered, 10s, 9¾c; 5s, 10c; 50s, 9¼c.

Above packing-house prices are not cash, 15 days.

CANNED SALMON—Columbia river, 1-lb talls, $1.75; 2-lb talls, $2.40; fancy, 1-lb flats, $1.00; ½-lb fancy, flats, $1.15; fancy, 1-lb ovals, $2.60; Alaska talls, pink, 80c; red, $1.50; 2-lb talls, $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c; flounders, 5c; halibut, 7c; crabs, $1.50 per doz; razor clams, 9@10c per doz; little-neck clams, 3c; striped bass, Puget sound, 15c; catfish, 7c; silver smelt, 5c; black cod, 6c; salmon trout, 12½@15c; lobsters, 5c; perch, 5c; salmon, silversides, 6c; steelheads, 7c; herring, 4c; Columbia river smelt, 20c.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $3.75 net; Olympia, per sack, $5.25.

LARGE COTTON ADVANCE.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

New York, Dec. 17.—McIntyre & Marshall say: The general expectations entertained in the cotton trade that the market would rule narrow and uneven during the holidays were upset completely by today's developments, with everybody surprised by Liverpool advancing 16 points on spot and 18 points on futures and final quotations maintaining 12 points of this advance at the close. The sharp rise was attributed to heavy buying orders from this side and credited chiefly to the local and New Orleans bulls. They were reported to have caught the market there heavily short and the violent rise was entirely unexpected. It was reported that they have started an aggressive campaign and intend to make all operations in this market sell over the 13 cents basis before the Christmas holidays. There was a good deal of profit-taking on the first bulge in the early trading, but these were small. There was no attempt by the bears to force the issue. The strength of the market is astonishing because today's rapid rise in all markets has been in the face of unfavorable trade reports and the movement of the crop continuing to run over last year's and no outside speculative or investment buying. Spot markets have been quiet and have materially responded to the day's sharp rise in futures and are up about ¼ cent almost everywhere. Many shorts were forced to cover today and the bulls seemed so confident and the bears were so badly beaten that there was little resistance to the advance.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	$12.44	$12.59	$12.43	$12.56@57
Feb.	12.55	12.67	12.55	12.67@70
Mar.	12.64	12.80	12.60	12.79@80
April	12.75	12.82	12.71	12.85@87
May	12.75	12.90	12.70	12.89@90
June	12.75	12.93	12.75	12.92@94
July	12.78	12.92	12.70	12.92@94
Aug.	12.39	12.59	12.29	12.56@59
Dec.	12.35	12.54	12.35	12.53@55

SAN FRANCISCO WHEAT WEAK.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The Chronicle says: Weakness ruled the local grain market and the speculative situation was almost at a standstill. Operators showed no interest in buying. Prices ruled low although May wheat developed some little steadiness during the last half of the day, closing $1.33¾, a small fractional advance from the morning figure. December wheat sold in a small way at $1.34¼, but buyers' wants were small. The private advices from Chicago showed a better tone there, with prices firmer and fractionally higher. The improvement was but temporary, however, for Southwest operators were heavy sellers later in the day and depressed the situation. Local barley market only moderately steady and grain must be extra fine to bring top prices.

Eastern Hogs Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The receipts of livestock in the principal packing centers of the country today were:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	35,000	25,000	12,000
Kansas City	7,000	7,000	3,000
Omaha	3,000	2,500	1,000

Hogs—Opened be higher with 8,000 left over from yesterday; receipts a year ago were 36,000. Ruling hog prices are: Mixed and butchers, $4.15@4.60; good heavy, $4.45@4.60; rough heavy, $4.15@4.40; light, $4.15@4.50.

Cattle—Steady.

Sheep—Steady.

Chicago Grain Car Lots.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The grain car record for today shows:

	Cars.	Grade.	Est.
Wheat	89	1	75
Corn	128	1	135
Oats	123	6	105

The wheat cars today were: Minneapolis, 279; Duluth, 22.

Cattle and Sheep Strong.

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 17.—Receipts of livestock in the local yards during the past 24 hours consisted of 120 hogs, 170 cattle and 340 sheep. Hogs are steady and cattle and sheep strong.

BROKERS' OPINIONS ON NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Logan & Bryan, New York: The stock market is still a dull one. It was a little irregular and on the whole was a shade easier. There was apparently some profit-taking in Sugar, on the passage of the Cuban bill, and the sale of 10,000,000 bonds by the Atchison, which also handicapped the market. There was nothing very significant, however, in the latter. Outside interest is still slow and lacking this, anything drastic in the way of a bull market is not likely. On the other hand there is no important selling from long stocks—they are fairly well held—and the tendency of the money market is easy. We see no cause for anxiety to holders of stocks.

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Anaconda Mining Co.	78¼	78¼	77	77
Amal. Copper Co.	48¼	49¼	47½	47½
Atchison, com.	68½	68¾	67¼	67⅝
do preferred	92½	92⅝	92¼	92⅛
Am. Car. & Found, com.	19½	19½	18⅝	19
Am. Sugar, com.	124⅝	125½	123	123
Am. Smelt., com.	49	49¼	49¼	49⅜
do preferred	91	92⅜	91	92½
Baltimore & Ohio, com.	79	79	78⅝	78⅝
do preferred	88	88	87½	87½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	50¼	50⅝	49⅝	49⅝
Canadian Pacific, com.	118¼	118½	188	118¼
Chi. & Alton, com.	35	35⅝	35	35
do preferred	69	69	69	69
Chi. & Gt. West., com.	15⅝	15⅞	15⅛	15⅛
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	142⅝	143	141⅞	141⅞
Chi. & North., com.	165	165⅝	165	164
Chesapeake & Ohio	33¼	33⅝	33	32⅞
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com.	26½	27	26½	27
Colo. South., 1st pfd.	53⅛	53½	53	53
D. & R. G., com	21	21½	21	21
do preferred	72	72	72	72
Erie, com.	29⅝	29⅞	29⅛	29⅛
do 2d preferred	49⅝	50¼	49⅝	49⅝
do 1st preferred	67⅝	67⅝	67¼	67⅜
Illinois Central	129½	129⅝	129¼	129¼
Louisville & Nashville	105⅝	106⅜	105¼	106⅛
Metro. Traction Co.	122	122	122¼	121¼
Manhattan Elevated	141⅝	141⅝	141	140⅝
Mexican Central Ry.	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜	9⅜
Minn., St. P. & Ste. M.				53
Missouri Pacific	93⅝	93½	92⅜	92⅜
M., K. & T., com.	17½	17⅝	17½	17½
do preferred	38½	38⅝	38½	38⅛
New York Central	118⅛	118⅝	118⅛	118
Norfolk & Western, com.	57½	57⅝	57½	57⅛
North American	75	75	74	74
N. Y., Ont. & West	21½	21⅝	21¼	21⅛
Pennsylvania Ry.	117½	117½	116⅝	116⅝
Pressed Steel Car, com.	97½	98¼	97	97
do preferred	67¼	67½	67	67⅛
Pacific Mail Steam. Co.	25	25	25	25
Reading, com.	44¼	44¾	43⅝	43⅝
do 2d preferred	60	60	58	58½
do 1st preferred	77	77	76½	76⅝
Rep. Iron & Steel, com.	6	6⅜	6	6⅜
do preferred	39	39	38½	38½
Rock Island, com.	25⅜	25⅜	25¼	25¼
do preferred	61⅝	61⅝	61	61
Southern Ry., com.	21	21¼	20⅝	20⅝
do preferred	77⅝	77⅝	77¼	77⅝
Southern Pacific	48½	48¾	47⅝	47⅞
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd.	44⅝	44⅝	44	44⅛
St. L. & S. W., com.				13
do preferred	88	88	87½	32
Texas & Pacific	25	25	24⅝	24½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	33¼	33⅝	33	33
T., St. L. & W., com.				22
do preferred				34½
Union Pacific, com.	78⅝	78⅝	77⅞	77⅞
do preferred	88	88	87⅜	87½
U. S. Leather, com.	7¼	7¼	7¼	7¼
do preferred	76½	76⅝	76⅜	76⅛
U. S. Rubber, com.	9½	10	9½	9½
do preferred	40	40	39½	39½
U. S. Steel Co., com.	10⅜	10⅜	10¼	10¼
do preferred	53¼	54¼	53	53⅝
Wheel. & L. E., com.	16	16½	16	16
do 2d preferred	25	25	25	25
do 1st preferred	49	49¾	48½	48
Wisconsin Central, com.	17	17½	17	17
do preferred	38	38	37½	
Western Union Tele.	87	87½	87	87
Wabash, com.	20	20	20	20
do preferred	36⅝	36⅝	36½	36⅝

Total sales for day, 420,000.
Money, 4½ per cent.

CHICAGO MARKET IS HIGHER ON WHEAT

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—December wheat opened at 78¾c and closed at 79c, an advance of ⅝c over the close of yesterday. May wheat opened at 81⅜c and closed at 81½c, an advance of ¼c over yesterday's market. The various markets ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	$ .78⅝	$ .79¼	$ .78½	$ .79
May	.81⅜	.81⅝	.81⅜	.81½
Corn—				
Dec.	.42½	.42½	.41⅝	.41⅞ A
May	.43⅝	.43⅝	.43⅜	.43½ B
Oats—				
Dec.	.35	.35	.34⅝	.34⅝
May	.36⅛	.37	.36⅜	.36⅜
Pork—				
Jan.	11.37	11.42	11.37	11.37
May	11.72	11.80	11.72	11.80
Lard—				
Jan.	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.37B
May	6.57	6.60	6.55	6.57B
Ribs—				
Jan.	6.10	6.10	6.07	6.10
May	6.22	6.30	6.22	6.30

ACTION OF COFFEE MARKET.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

New York, Dec. 17.—The coffee market for the week has been reactionary in character and prices 25 to 40 cents lower. There has been numerous influences brought to bear to bring about this change, the principal one being the large run of receipts in both Rio and Santos. The cable news is bullish. The trade in actual coffee is quiet with No. 7 quoted at 6⅝ cents, against 7 to 7⅛ cents last week. The market today was:

	Bid.	Ask.
December	$6.20	$6.25
January	6.25	6.30
February	6.40	6.45
March	6.50	6.55
April	6.55	6.70
May	6.80	6.85
June	6.90	6.95
July	7.00	7.05
August	7.10	7.15
September	7.20	7.30

Boston Copper Close.

Boston, Dec. 17.—The copper close was:

	Bid.	Ask.
Adventure	$ .02	$ .02¼
Arcadian	.80	.86
Arnold	.04	.04½
Atlantic	.07¾	.08½
Calumet & Hecla	4.35B	
Centennial	.15	.16
Copper Range	.45	.45½
Tamarack	.85	.90
Trinity	.04¾	.05
Dely West	.33	.34
Michigan	.04	.04¾
Mohawk	.36	.36½
Osceola	.58½	.59½
Phoenix	.02⅞	.03
Victoria	.01¾	.02
Wolverine	.68	.70
Wiuona	.07	.07¼

Closing Grain Quotations.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—The closing quotations on grain show:

St. Louis—Wheat—December, 80⅝c; May, 80¾c. Corn—December, 43c; May, 41⅝c.

Kansas City—Wheat—December, 67¾c; May, 69½@69⅝c.

Milwaukee—Wheat—December, 79c; May, 81⅝@81¾c. Corn—December, 41⅝c.

Minneapolis—Wheat—December, 79c bid; May, 81c asked; July, 80⅝@80¾c.

Duluth—Wheat—December, 79½c; May, 80¼c bid.

New York—Wheat—December, 90⅜c; May, 85c bid.

San Francisco—11:30 a. m.—Wheat—May, $1.33¼ bid, $1.33⅝ asked. Corn—December, 41¾c.

New York Grain Exports.

New York, Dec. 17.—The export sales after the close were reported as high as 81 loads yesterday and today, including about 35 loads of wheat due yesterday, mainly late, the balance today and all at outports. There was better bidding for export at the close and higher prices and more offered on some lots than were paid early in the day. Export sales of corn for the day were 43 loads, making 83 loads for the two days.

New York Metal Close.

New York, Dec. 17.—The metal close was Copper—Quiet, Lake, $12.37½@12.07½; electrolytic, $12.12½@12.37½.

Tin—Easy. Spot, $27.50, nominal; December, $27.50, nominal.

Lead—Steady. Spot, $4.37½.

Silver—55⅝c; London, 25⅝d.

Portland Clearing-House Report.

The report of the Portland clearing-house for yesterday was as follows:

Clearances	$714,505.25
Balances	65,795.73

Close of Liverpool Grain.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Close: Wheat—March, 6-4¼, unchanged; May, 6-3¼, ½ higher. Corn—February, 4½, unchanged; March, 3-11, ⅛ higher.

WHEAT MARKET IS DULL AND STEADY

LIVERPOOL MARKET SIMPLY DULL—ARGENTINE OUTLOOK MORE FAVORABLE TODAY—CORN MARKET WAS A SHADE EASIER—SAME CONDITION IN OATS.

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Logan and Bryan advise:

Wheat was very dull and steady throughout the entire session. There is very little change in news or conditions. Liverpool is simply dull. The Argentine advices, which were a little unfavorable yesterday, are little more favorable today. The cash situation, so far as the export business is concerned, is slow. Primary receipts are again in excess of last year and an increase in the visible on Monday is foreshadowed. Armour operations were apparently small and unimportant. The strength in the May position is the large scattered short interest and concentrated holdings. The July position seems more legitimate. If there is any scarcity in May it likely will be greater in July. We don't believe it will hurt to buy July wheat.

Corn a Shade Easier.

The corn market was a shade easier. There was some little selling pressure, which seemed to come from pit selling for a reaction. On the whole, however, the market was fairly steady. The movement from first hands continues very small and there is nothing like a selling pressure. Cash prices have a good undertone both here and at other markets and are gradually working to a higher level. We see nothing to make materially lower prices.

Oats Close Easier.

Oats prices closed a shade easier. There is almost nothing to say of the day's operations, as they were on a small scale. Conditions of supply and demand are the same as for some time past. Receipts are small and demand fairly good. Until the movement increases we cannot see where any great pressure is to come from. The situation is on the whole a fairly healthy one.

The provision market is firm and higher. Receipts of hogs were less than expected and prices at the yards were better. On the whole, from day to day, the movement is not larger than a year ago, and there is nothing particularly indicative at this time. On the other hand, pork is about $4 per barrel lower and lard and ribs about 2½ to 3 cents per pound lower than last year. The distributive demand is on the whole even better than a year ago. We are inclined to think packers are still accumulating products and that prices will be higher later on.

Chicago Local Stocks.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Local stocks were:

	Bid.	Ask.
American Biscuit	$ .36¾	$ .37
do preferred	.99½	100.00
American Box	.03	.03¾
do preferred	.20¼	.21
American Can	.03¾	.04
do preferred	.31¾	.32⅝
Chicago City Railway	1.60	1.60
Union Traction	.05½	.06
do preferred	.25½	.26
North Side Railway	.80	.90
West Side Railway	.45	.50

Chicago Cash Wheat.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The cash wheat market was:

	Bid.	Ask
No. 2 red	$ .89	$ .90
No. 2 red	.88	.89
No. 2 hard winter	.78	.81
No. 3 hard winter	.76	.78
No. 1 Northern Spring	.77	..
No. 2 Northern Spring	.82	.84
No. 3 spring	.77	.81

San Francisco Local Stocks.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—10:30 a. m.:

	Bid.	Ask.
Spring Valley Water	$ .38½	$ .39
San Francisco Gas & Electric	.66½	.67
do certificates	.66½	.67
Hawaiian Sugar	.44¼	.45
Honokea Sugar	.12½	..
Hutchinson Sugar	.09	.10
Alaska Packers	.40	..
Oceanic Steamship	.05	.06

American Stocks in London.

London, Dec. 17.—2 p. m.—Amalgamated Copper declined 1¼; Atchison advanced ⅝, preferred declined ⅛; Baltimore & Ohio advanced ⅝; Canadian Pacific advanced ⅛; Chesapeake & Ohio unchanged; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul advanced ¼; Erie unchanged; Illinois Central advanced ⅝; Louisville & Nashville unchanged; New York Central advanced ⅜; Ontario & Western advanced ⅛; Norfolk & Western unchanged; Pennsylvania declined ⅛; Reading declined ¼; Southern Pacific advanced ⅝; Union Pacific advanced ⅛, preferred unchanged; United States Steel unchanged, preferred advanced ⅜; Wabash declined ¼, preferred declined ⅛. Consols 88⅛, advanced ⅛.

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SHIP RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE

AFTER PROLONGED STAY AT THE MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA THE GLENESSLIN WILL COME UP TO PORTLAND—CRESSINGTON SAILS FOR THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

It is reported that the British ship Glenesslin has been chartered to load lumber at Portland. Nothing definite can be learned about the matter as yet.

The Glenesslin was just released from quarantine at Astoria yesterday. She arrived there in ballast more than two weeks ago from East London, South Africa. As soon as a tugboat can be secured she will come up to Portland. Mayer, Wilson & Co. are her local agents.

Another Italian ship will soon arrive in Portland. The Cressington sailed from Port Los Angeles yesterday for the Columbia river. She is from Antwerp with general cargo, a portion of which was discharged at the California port. Her cargo is consigned to Taylor, Young & Co. So far as known she is not chartered for an outward voyage.

There have only been two Italian vessels here this season, which are just that many more than usually come. One of these, the Cavour, met with disaster a week ago by drifting on Peacock spit at the mouth of the river during a strong gale. She was loaded with lumber for Peru, and the ship and cargo were total losses. The other Italian vessel is the Ninfa, which is still in Port. She is receiving a lumber cargo for South Africa.

With good weather it is believed that the Cressington will reach the Columbia in about two weeks. She has been out from Antwerp 208 days.

ORIENTAL LINER EXPECTED TONIGHT

After being four days overdue, the Oriental liner Indrapura reached Victoria, B. C., from Yokohama early yesterday afternoon. Disembarking 90 passengers she sailed at 4 o'clock for the Columbia river. She is expected to arrive there in ample time to reach Portland either late tonight or early in the morning.

Although there is a big fleet barbound on the inside, very few vessels experience any difficulty coming this way, and it is not anticipated that the Indrapura will be delayed on this account. She is bringing to Portland 40 Chinese and Japanese passengers, and 2,300 tons of general cargo. Of this amount 1,075 tons