### TRANSACTIONS IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD

CLINE WITHIN TWO DAYS -PARMERS RUSH TOO PAST-CREAMERY BUTTER VERY WEAK -MYSTERY IN TURKEYS.

Front Street, Dec. 18 .- The principal items of interest in the local markets to-

Poultry makes sensational slump. Creamery butter very weak. Egg receipts large. Mystery in turkey situation.

Sensation in Foultry.

The cut of ½ cent in the quotations on poultry yesterday was not sufficient to cause the market to clean up, and before the day was over it was apparent to all that something must be done to cause a larger movement. Today the quotations took a decided slump and mixed chickens fell flat at the 10 cents mark, with that price also about the top of the market. Receipts of chickens in the past two days have been simply enormous, and the retail trade has shown but little activity. The prices on poultry have been altogether too high to create a general buying, and a drop in the price lists seemed to be the only solution. Today there was a slightly better demand for poultry, but it is very seldom the case that the market is very active after a decline. Most of the receipts in the poultry market now are of the mixed chicken vasch to the mixed chicken vasc The cut of 1/2 cent in the quotations ket now are of the mixed chicken variety and coops of straight hens are hard to obtain. For this class of stocks a slightly higher quotation than on mixed is obtained. At the present time the poultry markets of the Northwest are own, and it is impossible for the local dealers to clean up by shipping to the The cause of the decline in poultry prices is not very hard to find. Farmers nowadays are becoming mere speculators, and when they see signs of an advancing market they hold their stocks until the market reaches a higher plane. This is the cause of their undoing, for when the market reaches its top then the receipts begin to pour in in enormous streams.

If farmers would learn to ship their stuff in the markets as soon as they can they will get the best prices," says a commission man. "There is nothing in this speculating business, and when a farmer tries that he invariably gets the worst of the bargain. The farmers who ship their stocks as soon as it is ready for the market never kick about

Much Mystery in Turkays.

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Ocal commission men are in rept of large numbers of inquiries from rivers as to the chainces for high ices for turkeys during the Christmas olidays, but they invariably answer hat the best time to ship stocks is sow. Very few of the commission houses are in the market this season to buy turkeys—most of them being given a severe lesson in this on Thanks; giving. Just at present there are very few turkeys in the market. The degree of turkey buying on Thanks; the market. The degree of turkey buying on Thanks; the market. The degree of turkey buying on Thanks; the market this a leading question whether it will be completely scarced out of turkey buying on Thanks; the control of the control

BET Market is Steady.

Although the receipts of eggs are quite large, still the market has a certain degree of steadiness, and the price shows no changes for today. There are some who predict lower prices at the opening of next week, but this is not certain, receipts being the principal governing power.

More Weakness in Greamery.

Added weakness is seen in the creamery butter market today, despite the fact that some of the local creameries are trying their best to stop the declining tide. The receipts of creamery butter in this market at present are larger than at any time since the early larger than at any time since the price are the large, cases, 24 to bils. ISAC: too bbls. butter in this market at present are larger than at any time since the early summer and demand is practically off. The reason for this is on account of the very large supplies of renovated stock which have entered this market of late, and which is selling at several cents under that of even the cheapest creamery. This butter has also caused a large falling off in the call for country store and dairy butter—the price of the renovated being lower. The very best grades of creamery butter are selling on Front street today at 27 1/2 cents

Too Many Hogs. It seems that receipts in all lines on Front street are showing a too large in-crease of late, this being especially It seems that receipts in all lines true of the hog market. Arrivals on the street during the past two days have been larger than at any period for several months, and prices are very weak and are liable to go lower. No changes occurred in meat prices today.

Opinions on the Market. Glafke Company—Butter prices have been too high. This is all the trouble in the market at present. Trouble has been that eastern stocks have been allowed to come in too freely; this is

also true of cheese. Turner & Co.-Customers calling for ducks, geese and turkeys; chickens are neglected; Oregon eggs still declining. Bell & Co.—Apples are moving off for holiday trade from 60 cents to \$1.25 a

Mark Levy & Co.- Yesterday was the busiest day of the season on Front street. About five cars of oranges and two cars of bananas arrived.

G. S. Smith Company—Chicken mar-ket slumped today.

Malarkey & Co.—Fish trade quiet on account of holiday demand for fowls; steelheads still scarce; Columbia river

smelt very scarce. Everding & Farrell—Chicken market in a bad state of demoralization; eggs and butter are both weak.

Page & Sons-Car extra fancy Hood River apples arrived in yesterday; cost \$1.80 f. o. b. there; poultry gone to smash; eggs cleaning up all right at

Toft, Hine & Co.—Chickens piling up; same also true of ranch eggs; receipts too heavy to keep them cleaned up at present quotations; hogs are in very heavy arrival and lighter receipts only will prevent a break in present prices; small yeal is still in active demand. Today's quotations, as revised, are as

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—Export quotations — New — Walla Wella, T5c; binestem. 77c; valley, 78c.

BARLEY—Feed. \$20.00; rolled. \$21.00@22.00; brewing. \$11.00@22.00;
OATS—No. 1 white. \$23.50@24.00; gray. \$23.00@23.50 per ten; white. \$21.50; gray. \$21.00 per ten. farmers' price.
FLOUR—Eastern Oregon: Patents. \$4.15@4.60; straights. \$3.50; valley. \$3.75@3.55; grainsm \$4s. \$3.40; aborts. \$10.00 per ten; middlings. \$24.00; aborts. \$10.50; chop. \$18.00.

HAY—Timethy. \$17.00; Eastern Oregon. \$18.00.

HOPS. Wood and Ridges. Grain, Plour and Feed.

Hops, Wool and Rides. HOPS-New, 23@24c for choice; 15@22c for

Butter, Eggs and Poultry. BUTTER-Creamery, extra fancy, 2715c; ordinary, 25c; cold storage, 25c; Eastern, 275c; renovated, 20c; dairy, 19c; store, 1569 16c.

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

CHEESE—Full cream, twin, 13% 614c.

POULTBY—Chickens, mixed, 10c per ib;
hens, 16@104sc per ib; roosters, 5c per ib;
trollers, 11% 612c per ib; frees, 11@11%c ib;
ducks, old, 12c per ib; frees, 11@11%c ib;
ducks, old, 12c per ib; frees, 11@11%c ib;
per ib; geese, 9c per ib; turkeys, old, 15@16c
per ib; young, 16@17c per ib; dressed, 17@18c
per ib.

Oregon, \$1.00 per dog; artichekes. 75@30c per dog.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated. \$@7c per lb; apricots. 11@13c per lb; accks. ½c per bl less; peaches. 6@9c per lb; accks. ½c per bl less; peaches. 6@9c per lb; accks. ½c per lb; fer lb;

figs.—Ten 1-lb cartons, choice brand. \$1.00; 10 1-lb cartons, fancy brand. \$1.10; 10 1-lb bricks, 2-crown, 00c; 10 1-lb bricks, 3-crown, 55c; 50 14-lb bricks, per box. \$2.25; 4-row layers, per 10-lb box, 90c; loses, 50-lb boxes, per lb. 60814c. Callmyrans—Six-crown, 10-lb cartons, per box. \$2.00; 5-crown, 10-lb cartons, per box. \$1.75; 4-crown, 20 14-lb cartons, per box, \$1.75.

Groceries, Buts, Etc.

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SUGAR—"Sack basis"—Cube, \$5.70; powdered, \$5.65; cdry granulated, \$5.55; coet branulated, \$5.35; evet branulated, \$5.35; colden C. \$4.35; barrels, 10c; ½ bbls, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per ewt for cash 15 days; maple, 144916c per lb.

HONEY—4449215c.

COFFEE—Green Mocha, 21423c; Java, faner, 28632c; Java, 2004, 20425c; Java, ordinary, 18622c; Costa Rica, good, 16215c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10212c per lb; package coffee, \$13.25.

TEAS—Oslong, different grades, 254965c; guapowder, 286232635c; English brenkfast, different grades, 12½ 665c; spider leg, uncolored Inpan, 30465c; greep Japan, very scarce, 30466c.

SALT—Fine—Bales, 28. 8s. 4s. 5s. 10s. \$2.25;

MEATS — Inspected — Beet, s, 5e; mutton, dressed, 5@5 %e; 

Above packing-nouse prices are not cash, 16 days,
CANNED SALMON—Columbia river, 1-lb talls,
\$1.75; 2-lb talls, \$2.40; fancy, 1-lb fars, \$1.00;
46-lb fancy, flats, \$1.15; fancy, 1-lb oval, \$2.60;
Alaska talls, pink, 80c; red, \$1.50; 2-lb talls,
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FISH—Rock cod, 7c; Sounders, 5c; halibut, 7c; crabs, \$1.50 per dos; ramor claus, 96210c per dos; Attle-neck claus, Sc; striped bass, Puget sound, 15c; cathsh, 7c; silver smelt, 5c; black cod, 6c; salmon trout, 1254@15c; lobsters, 5c; perch, 5c; salmon, allversides, 6c; steel-heads, 7c; herring, 4c; Columbia river smelt, 20c. OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, \$2.25; er sack, \$3.75 net; Olympia, per sack, \$5.35.

Portland Gearing-House Report.

The report of the Portland clearing-house for yesterday was as follows:
Clearances \$601,183.05
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San Francisco, Dec. 18.—The Chronicle says: The wheat market in this city developed a small measure of strength yesterday and though there was no material increase in the volume of business there was a slight upward tendency and values on futures were a triffe higher. During the morning there was a belefactivity for May wheat, mostly by operators who had previously soid short. This cemand was soon satisfied, however, and the final figure of the morning ruled through with little business. \$1.55 for May wheat, but there were no sales. Barley for future delivery was at a standatill because buyers and sellers were spart and each held firmly to their respective ideas of values and no sales occurred.

EASTERN HOGS LOWER AGAIN.

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#### **BROKERS' OPINIONS** ON NEW YORK STOCKS

(Furnished by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke, Co.)
Dick Bres., New York: The stock market
has been narrow this morning, but after the
anouncement that the steel billet peel had
maintained prices the whole list advanced
under lead of the United States Sizels and
closed decidely strong and active. Expectatiou is of a good bank statement and this
helped the rise. There was a lot of urgent
short covering at the close. There was no
important news. Some of the selling on the
udvance was of very good character. It was
moteworthy that stocks like Brooklyn Rapid
Transit. Amalgamated Copper, etc., did not
white in the improvement. A weak feature was
the selling of Rock Island.

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Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan \$12.62B	\$12.82	\$12.53	\$12,774279
Feb 12.70	12.89	12.70	12.89 @ 92
Mar 12,75B	13.04	19.75	13.01@02
April 12.93	18.15	12.85	13.14@15
May 12.07B	13.18	12.87	12.17@18
June 12,94B	13.19	12.87	13,186/20
July 12.94B	13.25	12.87	13.106121
Aug 12.61B	12,90	12.55	12.876290
Dec 12.57	12.73	12.50	12.69 65 71
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Dec\$ May	.79	\$ .79% .82%	\$ .79	\$ .791 .82
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Oats- Dec May	.85	.8514	.84%	.351
May	11.35	11.45 11.82	11.35 11.72	11.42 11.80
Jan May	6.55 6.55	6,37 6,57	6.32 6.52	6.37 6.57
Ribs	6.25	6.07	6.65	6.07

NEW YORK COFFEE.

(Furnished by Overheck, Starr & Cooke, Co. New York, Dec. 18.—Coffee close was: Sales today were 113,750 bags. 

was: Copper—Quiet. Lake, \$12.371/@12.621/; electrolytic, \$12.25@12.50; castings, \$12.121/@ electrolytic, \$12.25@12.50; castings, \$12.12 12.37%; Lead—Steady. Spot, \$4.37%; Tin—Dull. Spot, \$27.50, nominal; Decem \$27.50, nominal. Silver—55%c; London, 25%.

Chicago Cash Wheat, Chicago, Dec. 18.—The cash wheat market at

WHILE FOREIGN MARKETS SHOW NO MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE PRICE, YET TRURE WAS BEEN MORE DOING IN THE EXPORT BUSINESS OF LATE.

Corn Is Higher.

The corn market is higher. There is little or no improvement in the movement from first hands, and the cash demand is good, with an increasing tendency in the export inquiry. Local bears occasionally try to ride the market, but the pressure from this source is not persistent and seems to have a slight temporary effect. On the whole we would call it a strong market, and until the movement increases we would buy corn on the soft spots.

Oats Higher and Firm. The cats market closed a shade higher and is firm. There is some little in-crease in activity, with a good buying of oats around the close. The position seems to be much the same as in corn Good cash is in demand. There is no large speculative trade outside of the Patten holdings, which are apparently formant. We see nothing to make prices materially lower.

Provisions Close Quiet. The provision market closed quiet There were more hogs at the yards, but primary receipts are about the same as a year ago. Prices are much lower than then, and the distributive demand is better. Packers are not doing anything to advance prices, but are accumulating We would buy provisions on the soft

GRAIN CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

St. Louis—Wheat—December, 91½c; May, 81½ @81½c; Way, 81½ @81½c. Kanasa City—Wheat—December, 68½c; May, 69½ @69½c.
Minucapolis—Wheat—December, 79½c bid; May, 81½ @81½c.
Duluth—Wheat—Wecember, 79½c bid; May, 81½c bid.
San Francisco—11:30 a. m.—Wheat, May, \$1.53½. Barley—May, \$1.04.

San Francisco Local Stocks.

Portland Livestock Receipts.

Portland Union Stockyards. Dec. 18.—Recepits of livestock in the local yards during the past 24 hours consisted of 355 hogs, 7 cattle, 201 sheep and 1 horse. Ruling prices are firm at the following list:

Cattle—Best, \$3.50@3.75; medium, \$2.50@

Wales Has More Wheat.

New South Wales, Dec. 18.—The wheat crop of this, the second largest wheat growing section of Australia, is officially estimated at 28,568,000 bushels, which compares with 15,275,000 bushels last year and an average for five years of 13,281,000 bushels.

Close of Liverpool Grain. srpool, Dec. 18.—Close: Wheat—May. higher. Corn—March, 3-11%, ¼ higher

DEATH OF WALTON LEWIS.

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Wheat seems to be gaining a little in general activity. While the foreign market shows no material change in price, yet there is more doing for ex-port in the past two days. The uncertainty regarding the eastern political situation, which is to some extent un-doubtedly reflecting in consols, may and change in Argentine advices. The crop of New South Wales is 28,000,000 bushels, against a five-year average of 13,-000,000 bushels. The market maintains a strong tone. There is congestion in May options on account of the large short interest and the concentrated holdings, which gives some feeling of un-certainty concerning it, but the cash Assuming this to be true, July wheat at 5%c discount, with the growing crop condition 14 points below last year would seem to be a reasonably safe proposition, and we don't believe it will hurt to buy it. If wheat is scarce in May, it will likely be more scarce in

Chicago Grain Car Lots. Chicago, Dec. 18 .- The grain cars record Cars. Grade, Est. ....... 64 1 No. ...... 108 1 106 wheat cars today were: Minneapolis, 31;

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