THE WORLD'S MARKETS

WEAKER TONE IN BUTTER MARKET

Some Outside Makers Are Shading Their Values in Order to Unload.

TODAY'S MARKET FEATURES.
Cranberry prices boosted.
Eggs are selling lower.
Chicken market is easy.
Weakness gathers in butter.
Bananas sell at low prices.
Regular hams are ½c down.
Taking up medium hops.
Dressed meats still very firm.
Potato market is quiet.

Weakness Gathers in Butter.

A slight increase in supplies has been sufficient to cause a materially easier tone in the local butter situation. While as yet a steady to firm tone is noted in best known brands, those less familiar to buyers are rather hard to move and in a number of instances prices are being shaded in order to increase business. The fact that last week was the first week for some time that cream supplies showed an increase has caused a smaller amount of buying with the expectation that prices will go lower. The dullest is most noticeable in the cheaper grades of storage stock, although thus far the movement of better class storage has been quite good.

There remains a very firm tone in the cheese market, with no change in prices.

Eggs Are Selling Lower.

While a large per cent of the sales of strictly fresh local eggs were made as high as 42½c yesterday, the market is easier today, with the result that no one who wants to pay 40c is turned away. The increase in supplies, while not liberal, is growing, and for that reason the trade wants to move the stock with all possible dispatch.

Several more cars of eastern eggs have arrived here since last Saturday, and the market is staggering under the input. While prices in general have not been changed, some of the dealers are shading their quotations in order to clean up before the price on local eggs goes so low that there will be no market here at all for eastern stock at any quotation.

Easy Tone in Chickens.

No change in chicken prices is noted for the day, but the market is somewhat easier. Monday is always a poor day for chickens, and for that reason arrivals are generally nominal, but they were good yesterday and today. While no one knows definitely what the week's supplies will amount to it is generally believed that the movement will be extremely heavy.

Only a few coops of turkeys are coming forward at the moment.

Boost Cranberry Prices.

Some Front street handlers have put their cranberry prices up to $15 a barrel, or 15c a pound. Others are charging from $14 to $14.50, and say they are quite willing to unload at these figures. Another car is said to be due from the east.

Regular Hams Are Half Cent Down.

The new list of the Union Meat company announces a general decline of ½c a pound in regular hams. There is a drop of 1c in short clear backs weighing from 16 to 20 pounds, which puts the price at 12c for dry salt and 13c for smoked, the same figures as asked for the lighter grade. Several changes in bacon prices are likewise announced, but the general range of that line is unchanged at 13 to 21½c a pound.

Dressed meats are still very firm and high, with supplies scarce.

Brief Notes of Front Street Trade.

The bulk of the bananas which arrived yesterday were rather ripe, and for quite a movement the trade cut the price as low as 4c a pound. Hawkers took most of the supplies.

Potato market is quiet as far as shipping demand is concerned. There is still a demand for Early Rose for seed from the south, and some shipments are going forward. However, supplies of this variety are scarce. A cent is paid and offered.

A number of transactions in medium hops are again reported around 5@5¼c a pound. It is stated that Klaber, Wolf & Netter company is taking on large loads of this quality in order to even up its high priced purchases. Supplies in the hands of growers are rather light.

Pineapple supplies are increasing, but generally good quality is noted, and for that reason demand is liberal at former prices.

Orange market is firmer for large sizes, but prices are unchanged. Better colors, too.

Front streets sells at the following prices. Those paid shippers are less regular commissions:

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER—Extra creamery, 37c; fancy 32½@35c; store, 20c.

BUTTER FAT—Delivery f. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 35½c; sour, 33½c per lb.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 12@12½c; hens, 12½@13c; roosters, old, 11c; fryers, 12@13c; broilers, 14@14½c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, alive, 17½@19c; dressed, 20@22½c; spring ducks, 14@15c; pigeons, squabs, $2.00@2.50 per dozen; old, $1.00; dressed poultry, 1@1½c higher.

CHEESE—Full cream, flats, triplets and daisies, 15½@16c; Young Americas, 16½@1·c.

EGGS—Local best, 40c per dozen; eastern, 30@34c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 18c.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 7½@8c; prime to choice, 7@7½c; prime, 6@6½c; medium, 5@5¼c lb.

SHEEPSKINS — Shearing, 10@15c each; short wool, 25c@40c; medium wool, 50c@$1.00 each; long wool, 75c@$1.25 each.

MOHAIR—1908—Nominal, 18@19c.

TALLOW—Prime, per lb, 3@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

CHITTAM BARK—Old, 4½@5c; new, 4¼@5c lb.

HIDES—Dry hides, 15@16c lb; green, 8@9c lb; bulls, green salt, 5@6c lb, kips, 8@9c; calves, green, 12@13c per lb.

Grain, Flour and Hay.

BARLEY—Feed, $26.50@26.75; rolled, $28@29; brewing, $27.

WHEAT—Buying price, new—Track, Portland—Club, 91c; bluestem, 97c; fortyfold, 92c; red, 89c; Willamette valley, 91c.

MILLSTUFFS—Selling price — Bran, $26.50; middlings, $33.00; shorts, $30.00; chop, $21.00@29.00; alfalfa meal, $18.00 per ton.

FLOUR—Selling price—Eastern Oregon patent, $5.00; straight, $4.05@4.75; export, $3.70; bakers', $4.55@4.80; valley, $4.65; graham, ¼s, $4.40; whole wheat, $4.65; rye, 5s, $5.50; bales, $3.00.

HAY—Producers' price—New timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $14.00@15.00; ordinary, $12.50@13; eastern Oregon, $16.50; mixed, $11.00@12.00; clover, $10.00; grain, $11.00; cheat, $11.00; alfalfa, $12@12.50.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $30.50@31.50; gray, $29.50@30.50.

Fruits and Vegetables.

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, new navels, $2.00@3.25 per box; Japanese oranges 65c per box; bananas, 5c per lb; lemons, $3.25@5.00 box; grapefruit, $4.00@4.50; pineapples, Hawaiian, $3.00 doz; pears, $1.25; grapes, $1.00@1.25; huckleberries, 10@11c lb; cranberries, local, $11.50 bbl; eastern, $14@15 bbl.

ONIONS—New Oregon, $1.10@1.25 per 100; garlic, 7½@8c lb.

APPLES—Good, $1@2; poor 50@75c per box.

POTATOES — New, selling, $1.00@1.10; buying for shipment per cwt., fancy, 85@90c; ordinary, 75@80c; sweet, 2c; Early Rose, buying, $1.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 75c@$1; beets, $1@1.25; carrots, 50@75c sack; parsnips, 85c@1.00; cabbage, $1.50@1.75; tomatoes, California, $1.75@2 per crate; beans, 12c; cauliflower, $1.00; peas, 12c; horseradish, 6@8c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 8c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, 75c@$1 box; radishes, 15c dozen bunches; celery, 40@85c; eggplant, 15c lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Cube, $6.35; powdered, $6.70; fruit or berry, $5.95; dry granulated, $5.95; conf. A, $6.15; extra B, $5.45; Golden G, $5.75; D, yellow, $5.25; beet, granulated, $5.75; barrels, 15c; half barrels, 30c; boxes, 55c advance on sack basis.

(Above prices are 30 days net cash quotations.)

SALT—Coarse — Half ground, 100s, $11.00 per ton; 50s, $12.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.25; imported Liverpool, 50s, $20.00; 100s, $19.00; 40s, $18.00; extra fine, barrels 2s, 5s and 10s, $4.50@5.50; Liverpool lump rock, $20.50 per ton.

RICE—Imperial Japan No. 1, 5¾c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6¾c; Ajax (—); Creole, 5¾c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

COFFEE—Package brands, $16.50.

BEANS—Small white, $5.25; large white, $4.50; pink, $3.85; bayou, $3.75; Limas, $5.75; Mexican reds, $4.75.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 13 lbs, 14½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 13@21½c lb; picnics, 10c lb; cottage roll, 11c lb; regular short clears, smoked, 13c lb; backs, heavy smoked, 12c lb; light, smoked, 12c lb; bellies, smoked, 15c lb; pickled tongues, 60c each.

DRESSED MEATS—Front street — Hogs, fancy, 7@8c; ordinary, 6@7c; large, 6c; veal, extra, 9½c; ordinary, 9c; heavy, 8@8½c; mutton, fancy, 6@7c; spring lamb, 7@7½c lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 14c per lb; 5s, 14¼c per lb; 50 lb tins, 13½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13½c per lb; compound, 10s, 8¾c per lb.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.40; razor clams, $2.00 per box; 10c per doz.

FISH — Rock cod, 10c lb; flounders, 6c per lb; halibut, 7c per lb; striped bass, 15c per lb; catfish, 10c per lb; salmon, 7c per lb; herrings, 5c per lb; soles, 7c per lb; shrimp, 12½c per lb; perch, 6c per lb; tomcod, 10c per lb; lobsters, 25c per lb; fresh mackerel, (—) per lb; crawfish, 20c per dozen; sturgeon (—) per lb; black bass, 20c per lb; silver smelts, 6c per lb; black cod, 7½c per lb; crabs, $1.25@1.75 per dozen.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater Bay, per gallon, $2.50; per 100-lb sack, $5.00; Olympia, per gallon, $2.40; per 100-lb sack, $6.00@6.50; Eagle canned, 60c can, $7.00 dozen; eastern in shell, $1.75 per 100.

Paints, Coal, Oil, Etc.

ROPE—Manila, 9¾c; sisal, 7½c lb.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls, 58c; cases, 64c; boiled, bbls, 60c; cases, 66c a gal; lots of 250 gallons, 1c less; oil cake meal, $34 ton.

BENZINE—86 deg., cases, 19c per gal; iron bbls., 11½c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c per lb.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 58½c per gal.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $2.25.

WOOL MARKET QUIET BUT IS QUITE STEADY

The wool and hide market shows a slight improvement in tone. Hides are a fraction or two higher locally with the better feeling displayed in the east and abroad but wool is stiff here though selling at unchanged prices.

The Boston market is thus reviewed by the Boston Fibre and Fabric:

"The wool market is quieter, partly due to the absence of stock and partly to the fact that consumers have supplied their wants for the time being, although it is known that many of the mills have not covered on their heavy weight season and will be obliged to buy a considerable weight of wool later on. But the business which is being done now consists mostly of small, scattering lots, few sales of more than 100,000 pounds each having been put through. Occasionally a good sized transaction is reported, as in the case of one house, which sold all the Oregon wool which it had left, amounting to several hundred thousand pounds, and another house, which sold about 250,000 pounds of territories; but the total sales of the past week will not exceed 4,000,000 pounds. The agitation on the tariff question is having some effect on the trade, there being naturally a disposition to hold off until definite information is at hand which will indicate in a general way what is going to be done with wool and fabrics."

BOOMING TONE IN LIVESTOCK

Local Market Is Higher for Cattle and Hogs—Steers Sell Today at $4.50.

Livestock Market Booming.

The local livestock market is booming and for the better class of stock prices are working higher. As high as $4.50 has now been obtained for select steers and $6.30 has been paid for corn fed hogs.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Tuesday	200	100	...
Monday	261	356	...
Saturday	68	27	400
Friday	811	803	212
Thursday	300	140	...
Wednesday	300	...	360

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 15.—To the shipper and producer the livestock situation could scarcely be better than at this time. The forecast made of the market by The Journal recently has been fulfilled in every particular and today higher prices are in effect in the various lines.

Great strength continues to be noted in the cattle situation and for one load of 23 steers weghing 28,505 pounds, $4.50 was paid during the past 24 hours. This is 25c above anything heretofore paid in the yards the present season, although there has been considerable talk to the effect that $4.50 would be obtainable for something showing select quality. The market for all grades of cattle is showing improvement and in all lines prices are being held stiff. Bulls are selling up to $2.25. Arrivals are very small and do not more than half fill the demand now shown in the yards.

Hogs Sell 5c Higher.

One bunch of corn fed hogs from Medford tipped the top of the market today and sold at $6.30, or 5c higher than the extreme top for recent trading. Receipts of hogs for the day amounted to but 200 head, and as there has been a resumption of demand from northern packers many more head could be used and still not affect the great strength now shown.

While there have recently been several drops in hog values in the east and middle west, the changes are not sereve enough to affect prices along the Pacific coast.

No sheep arrived for the 24 hours, but previous arrivals readily brought former quotations. The only setback of note in the sheep market is noted in lambs, and these are generally of poor quality.

Today 100 goats and 20 horses were among the arrivals in the yards.

A year ago today cattle and hogs were firm at unchanged prices.

Today's arrivals in the yards compare with this day in recent years as follows:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1908	200	100	...
1907	15	50	230
1906	89	77	300
1905	...	50	...

Yard's Representative Prices.

The following prices are representative of late transactions in the yards and indicate the extent of the demand and the prices ruling on various grades.

	Weight.	Price.
STEERS.		
23 steers	28,505	$4.50
23 steers	24,900	4.35
9 steers	10,460	4.00
51 steers	58,900	4.10
COWS.		
16 cows	15,460	$2.75
1 cow	1,000	3.00
BULLS.		
2 bulls	2,915	$2.25
2 bulls	2,700	2.25
2 bulls, 1 steer	3,575	2.10
HOGS.		
84 hogs	18,950	$6.30
10 hogs	1,895	6.15
94 hogs	18,435	6.15
74 pigs	11,965	5.85
SHEEP.		
63 sheep	6,015	$4.00
146 lambs	10,160	4.50

Following is the general range of values on stock running in the yards for late shipments:

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $6.25@6.30; ordinary, $6@6.10; blockers and china fats, $5.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, $5.00@5.50.

Cattle—Best steers, weighing 1200 pounds, $4.25@4.50; medium steers, $4.25; poor steers, $3.50; best cows, $3.25; medium cows, $2.75; stags, $2.75@3.00; bulls, $2@2.25.

Sheep—Best wethers, $4.50@4.75; ordinary wethers, $4.25@4.50; lambs, $4.50@4.75; straight ewes, $3.50; mixed lots, $4.00.

Veal—Choice young calves, $4.00@4.50; heavy and rough, $3.50@3.75.

RECOVERY MADE AFTER DECLINE

Chicago Wheat Starts Wrong but Closes With Slight Advance for Day.

FINAL GOVERNMENT REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Final government report of 1908 grain crop: Spring wheat weight 57.3 pounds, winter wheat 58.8 pounds; oats, 29.8 pounds; corn, 86.9 pounds.

Spring wheat acreage, 17,208,000.

Winter wheat acreage, 30,349,000; production 437,908,000 bushels.

Oats acreage, 32,344,000; production, 80,176,000 bushels.

Rye acreage, 1,948,000; production, 31,851,000 bushels.

Corn acreage, 101,788,000; production, 2,668,651,000 bushels.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Dec. 14.	Gain.
Dec.	99½	100⅛	100	⅛
May	104¼	105⅛ B	104⅞B	¼
July	97⅛	97¾ A	97½	¼

Chicago, Dec. 15.—There was a sharp break in wheat values at the opening of the local market today but the loss was regained later in the day and the various options closed with a slight advance over yesterday.

Pressure to sell at the start of today's session came as a result of increasing bearishness of the entire foreign situation with continued depression of prices abroad. At Liverpool the market opened ⅝d under yesterday and closed with a net decline of ⅜d to ⅞d from Monday's final.

After the start there was a short period in which the market here stood still, both sides evidently trying to see what the other was going to do. Some of the big longs started to support the market in an aggressive way and under pressure to cover the sharp declines of the opening were quickly wiped away.

European visible supply wheat shows a decrease of 2,000,000 bushels but this was not sufficient to cause any strengthening of the tone abroad.

Chicago stocks of grain show as follows:

	Total bu.	Inc. bu.	Dec. bu.
Wheat	9,852,000	263,000	......
Corn	2,438,000	212,000	......
Oats	2,928,000	......	259,000

The Record-Herald today says:

Selling of wheat Monday as explained by traders in the late gossip was for outside longs and for the same bear interest that was so aggressive last week. A line of wheat held by several Nebraska longs of over half a million was let go. It is said by the best informed people that the bull leaders have made no change in their position, one of these leaders being quoted as saying that he was very much satisfied with his position and the way the market was going.

Range of Chicago prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
WHEAT.				
May	104⅜	105⅜	104⅜	105⅛ B
July	97⅛	98	97	97¾ A
CORN.				
May	61⅝	62	61⅝	61⅞ B
July	61½	62	61	61⅝
Sept.	61⅞	62	61¾	61⅝ A
OATS.				
May	52¼	52¾	52	50¼
July	47½	47½	47	47⅛
Sept.	40¼	40⅛	39¾	39⅞
PORK.				
Jan.	1570	1575	1567	1572 B
May	1605	1612	1602	1607 B
LARD.				
Jan.	915	915	912	912 B
May	940	940	935	937
RIBS.				
Jan.	815	817	815	819
May	845	847	842	847

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	857	857	847	847@48
February	...	...	...	849@52
March	865	866	855	855@56
April	...	...	...	856@60
May	871	873	865	863@65
June	...	...	...	861@62
July	870	872	861	861@62
August	861	862	863	858@54
September	...	...	...	840@42
October	849	850	841	841@43
December	887	893	887	885@87

MISSOURI PAC. HIT BY RAIDERS

Securities in New York Suffer From Bearish Activity—Some Recover.

New York, Dec. 15.—The stock market did not show any signs of a bear outbreak at the opening, for general conditions were rather steady. Pressure and intense pressure from the bears began to be shown soon after, with the result that some of the leading shares were down from 2 to 3 points from yesterday at one time during the day. Missouri Pacific was the first to receive a visit of the raiders, and this held that security down even at the closing. It closed 2 points under yesterday.

Amalgamated copper was weak, with a net loss of one point from yesterday, while Anaconda lost only ¼. Reading lost 1⅛ points, National Lead a similar amount, American Sugar 1, and Rock Island preferred 1¼.

The steadiness of Steel shares today in the face of the break in other industrials is said to be due to the recent report. The Steel company is now operating 60 per cent of its capacity. The report of the Steel corporation, which recently caused the securities of the company to reach their highest point, shows assets of $1,782,187,333. The outstanding bonds, preferred and common, stood $1,470,904,111, an excess of assets over liabilities of $311,283,222, which being an excess equal to $61 a share on the common stock. There is an undivided surplus of $122,652,109, and improvements out of earnings $180,000,000, and repairs out of earnings at $225,350,000, which is a total of $528,002,109, which represents actually $20,000,000 in the property out of earnings in excess of the par value of the common stock.

Range of New York prices, furnished by Downing-Hopkins Co.:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Rock Island	23⅝	23¾	23⅜	23½
Erie	34⅞	35	34	34½
Colo. Fuel	39	39	37⅞	38⅛
Brooklyn	57¼	57¼	56⅛	56⅝
Gas	100	100½	100⅛	100½
U. S. Steel	54	54¼	53½	53¾
do pfd	112½	112½	111⅝	111¾
Atchison	98⅛	98⅛	97½	98
Balt. & Ohio	110⅛	111	109½	110⅛
Can. Pac.	176½	176⅝	175⅞	175⅞
Sugar	131	131½	130⅛	130¾
Pennsylvania	130	130¾	129¼	129¾
Reading	141	141⅞	139½	139¾
So. Pac.	120¼	120⅝	119⅝	120⅛
St. Paul	150	150⅛	148¼	149
Nor. Pac	182¼	183	181⅝	182
Smelter	83¾	85⅛	83	84¾
N. Y. Cen.	121¼	121½	120¼	120¾
Nor. Pac.	142¼	142½	141½	142⅛
Amal.	82½	83	80⅛	81¼
Grt. North.	144½	145⅛	143⅝	144⅝
Wabash, pfd.	46⅝	47⅝	45⅝	45⅞
C. & O.	56⅞	57⅛	56	56⅞
Metropolitan	31	31½	30	30⅝
Denver	36½	37	36	36

Total sales, 1,020,600 shares.
Call loans closed at 4 per cent.

News Gossip of Finance

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$1,287,265.60
Year ago	905,484.64
Gain today	$ 381,780.96
Balances today	$ 158,139.00
Year ago	48,799.89

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,795,485.00
Balances today	148,052.00

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$ 811,165.00
Balances today	52,590.00

London, Dec. 15. — Bank of England rate is unchanged.

London, Dec. 15.—Consuls for money, 83 15-16; account, 84 3-16.

New York, Dec. 14.—Bar silver, 48¾d; Mexican dollars, 45c.

New York, Dec. 15. — Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	1930	103¼	104
do coupon	1930	104	.....
Threes, registered	1908	104¾	101½
do coupon	1908	100¾	101½
Threes, small bonds	....	100	.....
Fours, registered	1925	120¼	121
do coupon	1925	121	.....
Twos, Panama	....	102½	103½
do coupon	....	102	.....
Fours, Philippine	....	110	.....

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Final lake, 14¼@14⅜c; electrolytic, 14½@14⅝c; castings, 14¾@14½c.
Tin—$29.00@29.37½.
Lead—$4.20@4.25.

London, Dec. 15.—Silver, 22⅞d.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The treasury statement today shows: Receipts, $1,025,827; disbursements, $1,730.000.

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Eggs, per dozen—California, fresh, including cases, extras, 44c; firsts, 40c; seconds, 35c; thirds, 29c; California storage, extras, 35c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern storage, extras, 30c; firsts, 28c; seconds, 26c.

Butter, per pound—California fresh, extras, 31c; firsts, 29c; seconds, 23c; thirds, 20c; pickled, No. 1, 23½c; storage, California extras, 29c; packing No. 1, 21½c; ladies, extras, 23c.

New cheese, per pound—California flats, fancy, 14½c; firsts, 14c; seconds, 11½c; California Young America, fancy, 16½c; firsts, 16c; eastern New York cheddars, fancy, 17c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; do Young America, fancy, 16½c; California storage, fancy flats, 13c; Oregon flats, fancy, 14c; do Young America, 15c.

Potatoes, per cental—River whites (sacks), fancy, 75@90c; poor, 50@75c; Salinas Burbanks, $1.25@1.50; Oregon Burbanks, $1.10@1.25; early rose (for seed), $1.25@1.30; sweet potatoes, per crate, $1.25@1.50; sacks, $1@1.25.

Onions, per sack—75@85c.

Oranges, per box—Navels, standards, $1.25@2; choice, $2@2.50; fancy, large sizes, $3@4; tangerines, crates, $1@1.25; half orange boxes, $1.75@2; manderines, per crate, 65@80c.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Merchants exchange quotations:

Cash wheat—Walla Walla, white, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.62½; turkey red, $1.75; bluestem, $1.75.

Future wheat—May, $1.75 bid; December, $1.65.

Cash barley—Bright, $1.45; brewing, $1.50.

Future barley—May, $1.42⅛, $1.42½ asked; December, $1.40@1.41.

Millstuffs—Bran, $29; middlings, $33; shorts, $32.

Oats—White, $1.75 per cental.

Eastern Livestock Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 15—Hogs, 32,000; cattle, 6000; sheep, 20,000.

Hogs are steady. Cattle steady. Sheep strong.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—Hogs, 20,000; cattle, 11,000; sheep, 5000.

Omaha, Dec. 15.—Hogs, 6000; cattle, 5000; sheep, 10,000.

COARSE GRAINS MOVE HIGHER

Both Barley and Oats Futures Advanced 2 1-2c a Cental Here Today.

Snow to Cover Wheat.

Oregon—Rain west, snow east portion tonight; warmer. Wednesday rain west, rain or snow east portion. Southerly winds increasing to fresh northwest portion and to a fresh southerly gale along the north coast.

Washington—Rain tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight. Strong southerly gale along coast, fresh southerly winds interior.

Idaho—Rain tonight and Wednesday north portion; warmer tonight north portion, fair south portion tonight. Wednesday rain or snow. Fresh southerly winds north portion.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat. Cars.	Flour. Sacks.	Barley. Cars.	Oats. Cars.	Hay. Cars.
Tues.	26	1,500	2	..	6
Monday	67	8,300	13	1	9
Sat.	5	3,015	2	3	5
Friday	36	2,000	7	3	15
Thurs.	30	2,650	8	4	19
Wednes.	34	7,000	7	4	10

Great strength is again shown in the coarse grain list here as a result of the improvement in California demand and prices. That the supplies of both oats and barley in the south are getting close to the exhaust point is amply shown by the recent liberal purchases in this market for as early delivery as possible.

On the Portland board of trade today the entire coarse grain list was quoted higher, although only one sale was reported. The bidding for oats has been quite pronounced in the cash market for several days but now the futures are beginning to show signs of returning activity. During today's session 57½c was bid for December and $1.60 for January delivery, both of these prices being an advance of 2½c a cental over previous figures. Holders are likewise asking the same advance. During the day 100 tons of January-February oats were sold on the board at $32 a ton.

Barley market felt the improvement in California prices today and on the Portland board of trade futures are today being quoted at an advance of 2½c a cental for December and January, both bid and ask figures being up a like sum.

There is nothing of interest in the flour market.

Millfeeds are showing a slightly easier tone with some offering by outside mills here at a fractional decline, but local institutions are firm in their views under press of scant holdings and a very good demand and are therefore holding out for former top figures.

Board of trade prices today:

	Bid.	Ask.
CLUB WHEAT.		
December	90⅞	91⅞
January	91	92
NO. 1 WHITE OATS.		
December	1.57½	160
January	160	162½
NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.		
December	135	137½
January	137½	140

PRICE OF WHEAT IN AMERICAN MARKETS

	May.
Portland*	$ .90⅞B
Chicago	1.05⅛B
New York	1.08⅜
Kansas City	.95⅛
Winnipeg	.97⅛
St. Louis	1.02¾
Minneapolis	1.04⅛
Duluth	1.05⅛
San Francisco*	1.65

*December.

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
December	7s 11⅛d	7s 11 d
March	7s 7 d	7s 6¾d
May	7s 6 d	7s 5⅞d

Building Permits.

East Fifty-first street between Hawthorne and East Lincoln, D. G. Hoogerhyde, erect two story frame dwelling, $2000; Union avenue between Ivy and Cook, H. F. Kreiger, erect two story frame store and flats, $5000; East Twelfth street between Brainard and Springfield, E. L. Moore, erect one story frame dwelling, $1500; Wood street between Third and Fourth, Eilers Piano House, erect one and one half story frame dwelling, $1500; Wood street between Third and Fourth, Eilers Piano House, erect one and one half story frame dwelling, $1500; Wood street between Third and Fourth, Eilers Piano House, erect one story frame dwelling, $1250; Jefferson street between First and Front, P. R. L. & P. company, excavate basement, $200; Killingsworth avenue between Albina and Mississippi, J. M. Pittinger, erect one story frame office, $300; Belmont street between Thirty-ninth and Thirty-eighth, John Eder, erect two story frame dwelling, $2000; East Twentieth street between Going and Prescott, Joe Ennis, erect one story frame dwelling, $1800; Northrup street between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-fifth, Thomas Moffett, erect two story frame dwelling, $3450; Cleveland avenue between Maegley and Alberta, E. A. Miller, erect one story frame dwelling, $1000; East Seventy-fourth street between Clackamas and Multnomah, Mrs. Elizabeth Welter, erect one and one half story frame dwelling, $500; First street between Main and Madison, lessee, Morton Cohen, repair two story brick nickelodion, $125; Williams avenue between Killingsworth and Sumner, Ed. Sheen, erect two story frame dwelling, $3000; Weidler street between East Fourteenth and East Fifteenth, L. D. Wolford, erect two story frame dwelling, $4500.

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BOAS' MOTHER BREAKS DOWN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—In the effort to place a charge of murder against John Walter Wilson, who is held by the police under suspicion of having caused the death of Harry Boas by sending him strychnine through the mail, the police had subpoenaed 50 witnesses to testify before Coroner T. B. W. Leland when the inquest began at 10:30 this morning.

Mrs. Katherine Boas, mother of the dead man, was the first witness. She had hardly begun the recital of her son's sudden death when she was overcome and the hearing was delayed for some time until she was sufficiently self-possessed to resume.

With Mrs. Boas were her sons, Emile, John and Martin, and their sister, Alma.

Wilson, looking haggard and weak, was brought to the inquest room by detectives. The police have as yet placed no charge against him, relying upon the coroner's verdict for sufficient basis for a charge.

Theodore Kytka, a handwriting expert, appeared with charts of handwriting shown in the letter that contained the poison that killed Boas and samples of handwriting from letters known to have been written by Wilson. This expert had already announced that the handwriting in all papers was that of the same person.

Martin C. Boas, brother of the victim, was the second witness. He told of his suspicions that Wilson was responsible for his brother's death and detailed conversations in which Wilson told of the business and in one of which he alleged Wilson claimed to have been admitted to partnership. Boas then identified a number of specimens of Wilson's handwriting.

VILE LANGUAGE CAUSES ARREST

The suburb of Portsmouth has been stirred up over the unseemly actions of the Johnson family, 1825 Druid street, consisting of two sons and an aged mother. The young men have been annoying women and girls, and their language on the streets has brought many open windows down with a bang.

So numerous became the complaints that Patrolman Wellbrook yesterday made an investigation which resulted in the arrest of one son, John Johnson, aged 20 years. The other son, Joe, made his escape. John was sentenced to 30 days in jail in the police court today. He is a revolting looking creature, and apparently unsound mentally.

WARNS AGAINST THIEF ON WHEEL

Look out for a natty young man in brown who rides a bicycle. His specialty is robbing houses in the broad light of the afternoon. He takes only jewelry and cash, and as he does not dispose of any of his plunder in Portland he has been giving the police much trouble.

At the door of this jaunty young man is laid many of the robberies on the east side in the last few weeks, where houses have been boldly entered during their owners' absence. He wears a brown suit and hat and tan shoes. He is a good talker, and the officers have been warned that if questioned he will make a most plausible explanation.

WIDOW AND DAUGHTER ARE MORGAN'S HEIRS

Emma R. Morgan and Ethel Morgan Davis, widow and daughter of the late J. J. Morgan, have filed his will for probate in the county court. Property valued at $20,000 is disposed of, the greater part being in real estate. Lots at the corner of East Twelfth and Alder streets are given to the daughter and the remainder of the estate to the widow, there being no other heirs. Morgan died on December 8.

ESKIMO PEOPLE VISIT PORTLAND

Fresh from the frozen tundras of northern Siberia, two complete settlement of Eskimos arrived in Portland last night and will remain here for 10 days, before starting on a six months' showing tour of the eastern states. The entire outfit, consisting of 50 people with all the paraphernalia essential to life beyond the Arctic circle, will be transported to the fair grounds today where they will be installed in the Oriental building.

The Eskimos were brought down from the northern country for exhibition purposes at the Seattle fair, and with them were brought two carloads of exhibits, which will form a part of the show as it will be exhibited in the east and later at Alaska.

Manager Tony Gorman, who will pilot the show on the road, has been with the fat little brown-skinned people for the past two months in southeastern Alaska, where the band has been getting used to the balmy climate of the United States.

LOCOMOTIVES ARE LOOTED BY THIEVES

Engines standing on the sidetracks at the east side depot are being carried away piecemeal by sneak thieves, according to a report made by Patrolman Henson to his captain. Complaints have been made that not only have the lamps and wrenches been taken, but the brass work has been taken off several engines by the thieves.

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