THE WORLD'S MARKETS

TURKEY MARKET HOLDS STEADY

Demand Supply Just About Equal at High Prices Now in Effect.

Journal's Turkey Bulletin.

	Per pound.
Fancy dressed	25c
Ordinary dressed	22½@24c
Poor dressed	20@21½c
Fancy live	19@20c
Ordinary live	18@19c

TODAY'S WHOLESALE MARKET.

Turkeys just about holding.
Eggs are easier.
Chicken market is lame.
Run of fish quite good.
Dressed meats very firm.
Celery demand is better.

Supply and Demand About Equal.

Supply and demand were just about on a par in the wholesale market for turkeys this morning. While there were quite a few arrivals in from the country, shipments were not over-liberal and demand took care of what came without sacrificing values. Best dressed turkeys continued to sell at 25c although if birds were not strictly up to top notch both as regards quality and dressing a lower value was named. While there was only a limited call from the outside today because of the high prices the shipments were quite fair.

Too Many Dressed Geese.

The Front street markets are oversupplied with dressed geese and for that reason somewhat lower prices were named than usual. Dressed ducks found a fair call but there was but little movement in dressed chickens because of the enormous holdings. Live chickens moved rather slow around 11@11½c a pound; the former for cleanups and the latter for small lots.

The market was quite well supplied today with wild geese from the south with normal quotations ruling.

Eggs Are Showing Weakness.

There was a weaker feeling in the egg market along Front street during the day. While one or two houses continue to say they are able to secure as high as 45c for eggs it is a noticeable fact that dealers who are offering freely at 40c are unable to move them quite as well as might be expected. The egg situation as a whole is somewhat weaker with several wholesale groceries offering from 38@39c. This is to cleanup in anticipation of still lower values after the holidays.

Run of Fish Is Good.

A very good run of salmon is still reported from the lower Columbia river. The market is now quite well supplied with all sorts of fish and prices are ruling as usual. Razor clams and crabs are again in quite liberal supply but the storm off the coast this morning will prevent further shipments in this direction for a day or so. However, it is quite likely that the supplies are now sufficient to take full care of the holiday trade.

Dressed Meats Are Very Firm.

A very firm tone is ruling today in the dressed meat markets along Front street. Veal is firmest with 10c obtainable for any good quality, while one or two merchants are said to have "held up" their trade for 10½c a pound. This latter is not the general figure and is practically prohibitive.

Dressed hogs were in fair supply along the street this morning but the market was firmer and all arrivals were moved up quickly at top values.

Brief Notes of Front Street Trade.

No business of importance has as yet resulted from the inquiries for our onions from the south.

Potatoes are quiet but steady here.

Movement of celery is excellent. Holiday trade.

Butter market is steady to firm, especially for best known brands.

Front street 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, 10@10½c; hens, 10½@11c; roosters, old, 9½c; fryers, 11c; broilers, 14@14½c; geese, 9@10c; turkeys, alive, 19@20c; dressed, 20@25c; 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, 16c; Young Americans, 17c.

EGGS—Local best, 40c per dozen; eastern, 30@33c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

WOOL—1908—Willamette valley, 15c.

HOPS—1908 crop, choice, 6@7c; prime to choice, 6@6½c; prime, 6c; medium, 4@5½c.

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

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.

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@27.00; rolled, $28.50@29.00; brewing, $27@27.50.

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@23.00; 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, $15.00; ordinary, $14.00; eastern Oregon, $18.00; mixed, $11.50@12.00; clover, $11.00; grain, $13.00; cheat, $13.00; alfalfa, $12.00@12.50.

OATS—Producers' price—Track, No. 1 white, $32@32.50; gray, $31@32.

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, $2.50@3.00 doz; pears, $1@1.25; grapes, $1@1.25; huckleberries, 10@11c lb; cranberries, local, $11.50 bbl; eastern, $13.50@15.00.

POTATOES — New, selling, $1.00@1.10; buying for shipment per cwt., fancy, 85c; ordinary, 70@80c; sweet, $1.75@2; Early Rose, buying, $1.

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

APPLES—Good, $1@1.50; poor, 50@75c per box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new Oregon, 75c@$1; beets, $1@1.25; carrots, 50@75c sack; parsnips, 85c@1.00; cabbage, $1.50; tomatoes, California, $1.75@2 per crate; beans, 15c; cauliflower, $1.00@1.25; peas, 13c; horseradish, 6@8c lb; artichokes, 65@75c doz; green onions, 15c per doz; peppers, bell, 8c; Chile (—); head lettuce, 40c doz; hothouse, $1@1.25 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 C, $5.75; D, yellow, $5.25; beet, granuated, $5.75; barrels, 10c; 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, $11.50; table, dairy, 50s, $16.50; 10s, $16.00; bales, $2.35; 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, 5½c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 6@6⅞c; Ajax (—); Creole, 5¼c.

HONEY—New, 15c per lb.

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; pickeled 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, 8c 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.

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.

ROPE—Manila, 9⅜c; sisal, 7½c lb.

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, 8½c per lb.

TURPENTINE—In cases, 58½c per gal.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis, $3.35.

For the swellest Christmas dinner—or late luncheon you can get precisely what you want at Juston's Cafe, 334 Alder.

Metzger's Jewelers and Opticians, 342 Washington st., bet. 7th and Park.

Stove factory removal sale—come get a stove or heater at less than wholesalers' cost, 99c up. 271 First street, near Madison.

Metzger fits your eyes for $1.

CALVES RISE 25 CENTS IN YARDS

Price of Best Stuff Advanced to $4.75 Today—Other Lines Changed.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN.

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Wednesday	42	58	646
Tuesday	150	40	232
Monday	179	325	1,034
Saturday	325	27	210
Friday	96	120	946
Thursday	617	464	...

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 23.—Owing to a great scarcity of supplies both in livestock and in the dressed meat market, an advance of 25c is shown in calves this morning, with a sale at $4.75.

There was quite a fair run of sheep during the 24 hours, but the market is very firm, especially for the better quality.

Hogs are firm, with prices unchanged. Arrivals were nominal since yesterday. Eastern market improvement has been a great help toward maintaining the tone and price of hogs along the Pacific northwest.

Nominal supplies were offered in the cattle market overnight and as in other lines the trade continued to buy at former levels.

Today's arrivals of livestock compare with this day in recent years as follows:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
1908	42	58	646
1907	65	135	...
1906	49	46	...
1905	..	...	...

A year ago today there was a slight improvement in the demand for sheep and values were more easily maintained. Other lines were firm at unchanged prices.

Yards' Representative Prices.

Following prices are representative of latest transactions in the yards and indicate the price ruling for the various grades and weights:

	Weight.	Price.
HOGS.		
40 hogs	9,005	$6.15
18 hogs	4,075	6.15
CATTLE.		
89 steers	92,165	$4.50
CALVES.		
77 calves	19,950	$4.75

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

Hogs—Best east of mountains, $6.10@6.15; ordinary, $6; blockers and china fats, $5.50@5.75; stockers and feeders, $5.00@5.50.

Cattle—Best steers, weighing 1200 pounds, $4.50; medium steers, $4.25; poor steers, $3.50; best cows, $3.50; medium cows, $2.75@3.25; stags, $2.75@$3.00; bulls, $2.00@2.25.

Sheep—Best wethers, $4.50@4.75; ordinary wethers, $4.25@4.50; lambs, $4.50@5.00; straight ewes, $3.50; mixed lots, $4.00.

Veal—Choice young calves, $4.25@4.75; heavy rough, $3.75@4.00.

PRODUCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Eggs (per dozen) — California fresh, including cases: Extras, 50c; firsts, 49c; seconds, 37c; thirds, 25c; pullets, select, 46c; California storage, extra, 35c; firsts, 32½c; seconds, 26½c; eastern storage, extra, 30c; firsts, 28c; seconds, 26c.

Butter (per pound)—California fresh, extras, 33½c; firsts, 30c; seconds, 25c; thirds, 20c; pickled, No. 1, 23½c; storage, California extras, 29c; packing, No. 1, 21½c; ladles, extras, 23c.

New cheese (per pound)—California flats, fancy, 15c; 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, per sack, 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, $1.00@1.25.

Onions (per sack)—75c@$1.00.

Oranges (per box)—Navels, standard, $1.25@2.00; choice, $2.00@2.50; fancy large sizes, higher; tangerines, crates, 75c@$1.00; half orange boxes.

HIGHER PRICES IN INDUSTRIALS

Copper and Smelting Shares Affected by Professional Support in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—Traction and industrial issues had their share of prosperity in the stock market today, an occurrence that was long overdue but scarcely expected at this time. Brooklyn Rapid Transit was the prime feature of the day, advancing to 68 at the end of the session as compared with last transactions around 63½ yesterday.

There was weakness in Chesapeake & Ohio owing to the rumor that announcement of a preferred issue was to be brought out late this afternoon. C. & O. was one of the few issues to show an actual loss today. Professional manipulation was decidedly bullish all day and a general gain was shown in securities as a result.

Peoples Gas has been rather timid about moving during recent days, but today it came forward and spoke right out at meeting. An advance of 4 points over yesterday's price which carried Gas to 105⅝, was the result.

The advance spread even to the remote corners of the market and included the copper and smelting shares. Amalgamated Copper went to 81⅝ as compared with 79⅛ yesterday, and American Smelter moved from yesterday's price at 81⅛ to 83½ toward the close of the market today. Anaconda Mining advanced ⅜ joint over yesterday's final figure. The rest of the market advanced from ⅛ to 3 points.

The summary of the Wall Street Journal says today:

"Americans in London about parity. C. & O. will issue 30,000,000 5 per cent refunding and improvement bonds, of which 11,000,000 has already been sold. W. C. Brown expected to be the new president of New York Central. United States Steel is able to earn income from all sources, $15.50 a ton on steel. Southern Pacific reports will show over 8 per cent common stock and is expected late next month. An agreement among copper producers to fix prices is now definitely denied. Interboro carried 1,800,000 passengers on Sunday, the largest in its history. Subway doing 30 per cent more business than last year and the Elevated 3 per cent less.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.

Description.	Open.	Close.
Amalgamated Copper Co.	79⅝	81½
American Car & Foundry, c	47⅜	47
American Car & Foundry, p.	108¾	107
American Cotton Oil, c.	42½	43¼
American Locomotive, c.	56¼	56¾
American Sugar, c	129	128¾
American Smelter, c	81⅛	83½
Anaconda Mining Co.	47½	48¾
American Woolen, c.	26¼	28½
Atchison, c	97¼	97¾
Atchison, pfd	102	102
Baltimore & Ohio, c.	109⅝	109⅞
do pfd		91½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	61¼	67⅜
Canadian Pacific, c.	176¼	176¼
Central Leather, c	30⅛	30⅜
Chicago & Great Western, c	11	13
Chi., Milwaukee & St. P.	147⅜	148½
Chicago & Northwestern,	....	178⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	59¼	58
Colorado Fuel & Iron, c.	38⅝	39¼
Colorado Southern, c.	57½	57
do 2d pfd	75	74½
do 1st pfd	78	76¾
Corn Products, common	....	17¼
do preferred		73
Denver & Rio Grande, c.	37½	38¼
do preferred	82	82
Erie, common	33⅞	34
do second preferred	39½	39½
do first preferred	49	49
Great Northern, preferred	144½	145½
Illinois Central	146	146¾
Interurban Metropolitan, c.	19¼	19½
do preferred	46¾	47½
Louisville & Nashville	121½	122¾
Mexican Central Railway	24¼	23¾
M. K. & T., common	43¼	42½
do preferred	75½	74¼
Distillers	37¼	36½
Ore Lands	73¼	73½
Missouri Pacific	64⅝	66
National Lead	78¾	78⅝
New York Central	119¾	120⅜
N. Y., Ontario & Western	45¼	45½
Northern Pacific, c.	141¼	141
Pacific Mail Steamship Co.	35	35½
Pennsylvania Railway	129⅞	130
P's Gas, L. & Coke Co.	102	105¼
Pressed Steel Car, c.	42	42
do pfd	....	99½
Reading, c	139	140
Republic Iron & Steel, c.	24⅞	24¾
do pfd	85¼	85¼
Rock Island, c.	23⅜	24
do pfd	59⅜	61½
Southern Pacific, c.	119¼	119⅝
do pfd	122⅛	122⅜
Southern Railway, c.	25⅝	25⅝
do pfd	59½	59⅞
Texas & Pacific	33⅜	34
Toledo, St. L. & W., c.	....	41¼
do pfd	58⅞	69½
Union Pacific, c.	180¼	181⅝
do pfd	....	94½
United States Steel Co., c.	53⅝	54⅛
do pfd	112¼	112
Wabash, c.	20¼	20
do pfd	51⅝	50
Western Union Telegraph	67	67
Wisconsin Central, c.	32¾	32
do pfd	67½	67¾
Westinghouse	86	86
Utah Copper	44¼	46½
Third Avenue	36½	

News Gossip of Finance

Portland Banks.

Clearings today	$840,577.85
Year ago	Holiday
Balances today	$152,568.28

Tacoma Banks.

Clearings today	$813,287
Balances today	52,773

Seattle Banks.

Clearings today	$1,557,101
Balances today	208,635

New York, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 48⅜c; Mexican dollars, 45c.

New York, Dec. 23.—Government bonds:

	Date.	Bid.	Ask.
Twos, registered	1930	103	103½
do coupon	1930	104	.....
Threes, registered	1908	100¾	101½
do coupon	1908	100	100½
Threes, small bonds	....	100	.....
Fours, registered	1925	120¼	121
do coupon	1925	102¼	102¾
Twos, Panama	....	102½	102¾
do coupon	....	102	.....
Fours, Philippine	....	110	.....

New York, Dec. 23.—Lake, 14¼@14⅝c; electrolytic, 14½@14¾c; castings, 14¾@14½c.

Tin—$29@29.37½.

Lead—$4.20@4.25.

London, Dec. 23.—Silver, 23 7-16d.

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Merchants exchange quotations:

Wheat—December, $1.69.

Barley—December, $1.42½@1.45; May, $1.43½@1.44.

Cash wheat — Walla Walla, $1.67½; red Russian, $1.62*; Turkey red, $1.77½; bluestem, $1.77½.

Cash barley—Feed, $1.42½; brewing, $1.47.

Cash oats—No. 1 white, $1.75.

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

A par excellent table d'hote dinner served at the Perkins grill Christmas, 5 to 8:30. Reserve your tables.

ANOTHER FLOP IN WHEAT PIT

Liverpool Turns Again and Closes Lower—Chicago Regains Its Loss.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET.

	Open.	Close.	Dec. 23.	Gain.
May	105⅞	106⅜A	106⅛A	¼
July	97¾	98¼	98 A	¼
Sept.	95¼	95¼A	95	¼

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat started with the wrong foot forward or back at the opening of the Chicago market today. There was a continuation of selling of long wheat by extremely tired holders and this brought about a lower range of values at the opening. The improvement noted was made later in the day.

Opening weakness here was due somewhat to another flop of sentiment in foreign markets. The advance and better feeling abroad yesterday was believed to be the start of a bull campaign on the other side, but today's trading showed reversed conditions. Liverpool started very dull with unchanged values in effect and closed still duller and somewhat weak, with values ⅛d to ¼d under yesterday's final. There will be no session of the Liverpool exchange either Friday or Saturday, as in the Chicago and other American grain markets.

After the opening the market in Chicago drifted into extreme calm, with quotations scarcely showing a change. Later some of the shorts began to buy back some of the wheat they had sold during the past few days and this brought the market back to a firmer basis, with the result that prices closed about ¼c higher than yesterday.

Cash wheat—No. 2 red, 103⅞@104⅞; No. 3 red, 102½@104; No. 2 hard winter, 102⅞@103⅞; No. 3 hard winter, 99@103; No. 1 northern spring, 108@108¼; No. 2 northern spring, 106@108; No. 3 spring, 100@106.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	105⅞	106½	105⅞	106⅜A
July	97⅜	98⅜	97⅜	98¼B
Sept.	94⅞	95¼	94⅞	95¼A
CORN.				
May	60⅝	61	60⅝	61 B
July	60¾	61¼	60⅝	61
Sept.	60¾	61	60¾	61 B
OATS.				
May	51½	51⅞	51½	51⅞A
July	46½	46¾	46½	46¾
Sept.	40	40¼	40	40⅛
PORK.				
Jan.	1597	1622	1597	1622
May	1625	1655	1625	1655
LARD.				
Jan.	935	955	932	955
May	955	975	955	975
July	967	972	955	975
RIBS.				
Jan.	825	840	825	840
May	877	885	872	872
July	872	887	872	885

BOSTON COPPER MARKET

(Furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co.)

Boston, Dec. 23.—Bid prices:

Adventure	9	Nippissing	10½
Allouez	38½	No. Butte	83¼
Arcadian	3¼	E. Butte	9
Atlantic	16¾	Osceola	128
Butte Coala.	27¼	Parrot	28¾
Black Mt.	2⅞	Phoenix	60
Cal. & Ariz.	117	Quincy	93
Cal. & Hecla	660	Royale	22¾
Centennial	31½	Shannon	17
Copper Mt.	38	Sup. & Pitts.	16⅜
Cop. Range	80¼	Tamarack	79
C. Ely	7⅜	Trinity	16⅛
Daly West	10	United	12½
Franklyn	16¼	Utah Min.	44⅜
Granby	105½	Utah	45⅜
Greene Can.	11⅝	Victoria	3¼
Giroux	6¼	Wolverine	150
Lake	22⅜	Winona	6
Mass.	6⅞	Yukon	4¼
Mohawk	68½	Bay S. Gas.	81
Miami	12¼	U. S. Mining	42⅜
Nev. Con.	19	U. S. Oil	28½

PORTLAND PRODUCE RECEIPTS

The Portland board of trade furnishes the following list of produce arrivals for the 24 hours ending 11:30 a. m. today:

598 boxes and 1 car apples, 2 cars oranges, 9 crates cabbage, 22 sacks carrots, 27 boxes lettuce, 21 sacks onions, 78 sacks potatoes, 15 crates tomatoes, 32 packages vegetables, 131 boxes butter, 139 cases and 1 car eastern eggs, 950 gallons milk, 4017 gallons cream, 28,000 pounds dressed poultry, 74 boxes clams, 11 boxes crabs, 3 boxes crawfish, 32 boxes fish, 86 sacks oysters, 3 boxes shrimp, 1 box mussels.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	864	867	858	860@62
March	871	878	868	873@74
April	...	...	...	867@68
May	882	886	876	886@82
July	878	884	874	880@81
August	870	875	868	872@74
October	858	863	854	858@59
December	899	906	896	901@03

Liverpool Wheat Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Wheat:

	Open.	Close.
December	7s 10⅝d	7s 10¾d
March	7s 6¼d	7s 6¼d
May	7s 5½d	7s 5⅝d

Campaign Publicity Scheme.

From the Washington (D. C.) Times.

The statement is made that the campaign cost less money than any in a number of years. For this desirable result we have to thank corrupt practices acts in various states which have made the purchase of votes a more difficult thing—the state of the public mind will not countenance that sort of thing to the extent it once did—and the publicity of the contribuions. Now that it is seen that so large a sum can be raised, even though the names of contributors are given out, one argument against publicity is done away with. Indeed, it may follow that a desire to figure on the list as a liberal giver will promote contributions. The bulk of the money comes from persons who have an entire right to contribute to the party of their choice and against whose motives nothing can be alleged. There is no reason why the transaction should not be open and aboveboard, as it concerns both the receipt and the expenditure of the fund.

British Barmaids.

Letter in London Times.

May I add to G. P. Gooch's timely reminder of the census figures giving 27,707 barmaids in England and Wales the fact that the total number of women engaged in "board, lodging and dealing in spirituous drinks," is 73,834, under the headings of "inn, hotelkeepers, publicans, beer-sellers, cider-dealers, cellar women, barmaids, and others in inn, hotel, eating-house service," and including employers and employed?

Gratitude

is shown by our many customers for the big reduction we have made in our clothing department; $18.75, $15.75 and $9.75 takes your choice of any suit, overcoat or raincoat in the store. Cohen & Dietderich, the leading clothiers, opposite Vancouver National bank.

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Make table reservations for Christmas dinner at the Lenox, Third and Main.

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BIDDING MORE FOR OUR BARLEY

Advance of 2 1-2c a Cental Offered but Holders Ask Still Further Rise.

Promise Warmer Weather.

Oregon and Washington—Rain west, rain or snow east portion tonight and Thursday; warmer east portion tonight. Southerly winds, with a moderate westerly gale along coast.

Idaho—Rain, or snow tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight.

BOARD OF TRADE RECEIPTS.

	Wheat Cars.	Flour Sacks.	Barley Cars.	Oats Cars.	Hay Cars.
Wednesday	53	4,093	1	..	4
Tuesday	45	4,100	2	2	4
Monday	67	3,500	2	1	10
Saturday	51	3,032	2	1	3
Friday	36	2,912	4	6	6
Thursday	49	7,800	8	3	12

The barley situation shows renewed strength and both bid and ask prices are higher for futures on the Portland board of trade today. For December delivery $1.37½ is now being bid and $1.40 asked. This is a rise of 2½c over yesterday's figures. A similar rise is noted in the January delivery at $1.40 bid and $1.42½ asked. While there was a fractional decline in the San Francisco market today the situation in the south is just as firm as ever.

Cash barley situation is very firm locally and prices are stiff with no business resulting because present holders are not willing to let go at the quoted figures.

Oats situation is firmer with holders asking an advance of 2¼c a cental for January delivery. There is no change in the bids for either December or January but bidders seem more eager to do business despite the early approach of the holidays.

Country millers who have been offering millfeeds at a decline from local quotations have changed their minds regarding the future of values and are now asking an advance. While one sale of two cars of bran was made at $25.50, the same prices as yesterday, another car was held and later sold at an advance of 50c a ton over that figure. A car of gray oats was likewise sold today on the board of trade. It brought $32 a ton.

Board of trade prices today:

	Bid.	Ask.
CLUB WHEAT.		
December	91⅛	91⅞
January	91⅝	92½
NO. 1 WHITE OATS.		
December	1.62	1.62½
January	1.62½	1.65
NO. 1 FEED BARLEY.		
December	1.37½	1.40
January	1.40	1.42½

NO PLANS OF CLERMONT

Hudson-Fulton Committee Can't Get an Accurate Description.

From the New York Times.

While accurate data has been obtained whereby the Dutch ship Half Moon, which sailed up the Hudson river in 1609, can be faithfully reproduced for the Hudson-Fulton celebration next fall, no satisfactory material is extant whereby a true fac simile of Fulton's first steamboat, Clermont, which came 200 years after Hudson's discovery, can be made. The most painstaking search has been made, but no builder's or engineer's plans of Fulton's famous steamboat have been discovered.

Rear Admiral Coghlan, whose sudden death will be a distinct loss to the Hudson-Fulton celebration committee, had made for several months an exhaustive search for the original plans of the Clermont, and recently reported on behalf of the Half Moon committee, that the lack of sufficient data on the building of Fulton's steamboat would make it impossible to reproduce accurately the pioneer steamboat.

No contemporary engraving so far as is known, exists of the Clermont, the pictures depicting the steamer on the Hudson having been made at a later date, when alterations had been made to the original boat. The New York Historical society possesses what is probably one of the most authentic of these early representations. It is a water color showing in vignette the Clermont as she first appeared. The painting was made by Richard Varick De Witt, an early New Yorker, who frequently saw the Clermont. This painting is signed by Riley Bartholomew, who for several years was an officer on the boat, and he certifies that the painting is an accurate representation of the boat. The painting was made in 1858, and Mr. DeWitt, in an autograph description, states that the Clermont was about 100 feet long and propelled by a cross-head, bell crank engine of 24 horse power. Later the vessel was enlarged.

Feminism That Overreached.

From the Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The women of the United States know almost nothing about their sisters in South America, and from an Italian woman's description, translated for the Literary Digest, it seems that the progress of the sex in Argentina has had some odd effects.

Women have been very prominent in Argentina as physicians, surgeons, dentists, writers on scientific subjects and sculptresses. But, according to the Italian observer, the result of their achievement is isolation from the male sex rather than equality with men.

In Europe women of the intelligent classes are the associates and inspirers of men in the sciences and in politics, though lacking the franchise. In Argentina, through woman's invasion of the work usually done by man, independence has been won at the expense of companionship and domestic life. Woman has become a rival of man, and at social events, in the schools, in the streets, and even at home there is evidence of a tacit recognition of this fact.

While the feminist movement in other countries is making in the direction of self sufficiency, in Argentina it has passed through this stage and is dissatisfied with what it has won. There are new feminists who have founded "schools of the hearth" and are working back to the old conception of woman's calling.

Of course there are "advanced" people who hail with delight the kind of progress that has been made in Argentina, and cherish an ideal in which the family has no place, the only social units being the individual of either sex and the state, which shall dictate the propagation of the race and bring up all the children. This program still claims few converts, though it has been in the world since Plato.

Moralists who believe in the home, in man's duty to provide, in the primacy of woman's maternal privileges and in the helpful companionship of the sexes, will want to know more about the experience of Argentina.

HIS LATEST CURIO!

Washington, Dec. 5.—Herbert L. Satterlee, son-in-law of J. P. Morgan, who has been sworn in as assistant secretary of the navy, has entered upon his duties.

Washington, Dec. 3.—In the absence of Secretary Root, the state department is in charge of Assistant Secretary Robert Bacon, former partner of J. P. Morgan.

City Supplies and Waste.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.

An expert testifying before the legislative committee that is investigating the financial methods of New York City—Dr. Frederick A. Cleveland, technical director of the bureau of municipal research—declared that from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000 might be saved to the taxpayers each year by intrusting all purchases for all departments to a single honest and capable buyer. The same authority pointed out, also, the extravagant waste that ensues through the lax system of taking care of material in the water department and other departments. Interesting comment was aimed at storeyards that look like junkshops.

The unfortunate plight New York has found itself in, by reason of its abnormally increasing annual budget, is likely to afford, through the ensuing investigations, valuable knowledge to students of civic economy the country over. That much in the bad condition of affairs in municipal government is due to corruption will be generally conceded. But that there also is great waste in methods of management, as well as extravagance in administration, are facts sufficiently developed in New York to relieve criminal dishonesty from entire responsibility.

In Dr. Cleveland's opinion a central purchasing agency would better matters only when certain conditions prevail. There might be even greater waste and more unfavorable contracts. To accompany a central agency there ought to be a requirement that appropriations for supplies should not be made to purchasing agents. The purchasing agent should be a person representing the city in contractual relations. Purchases should be made on requisitions and charged against the funds of the person making the requisition. The city should provide instruments for the control of the central purchasing agency.

It is argued that a single purchasing agent could be watched more carefully than a dozen different departments, and that, with concentration and simplification of methods, the way would be opened to the free competition previously driven out by the city contracting firms, which, "by some remarkable process of divination, seem to be able to figure always just a minute fraction under the bid of the nearest competitor." Methods that allow contracting firms to profit by fraud, innocent favoritism or special information are expensive alike for the taxpayers.

Useless.

From the Chicago Tribune.

The Doctor—You are talking about useless noises. Give us a few true facts. What is useless noise?

The Professor—Well, in the phrase, "true facts," for instance, "true" is a useless noise.

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