APPLE TRADE IS AIDED BY HIGH PRICES FOR OTHER FRUIT

Edited by Hyman H. Cohen

LIVE POULTRY TIME IS HERE; SHIPPERS SHOULD SEND SUPPLY

Time to Ship Is When the Market Wants Offerings; Many Make Mistake and Hold for Holidays When Dressed Stock Is Wanted.

There is an unusually firm tone and active demand for live poultry at this time along the street and especially chickens. The call is the best for many weeks and naturally this is the time for shippers to send their stuff forward.

As the time approaches for the Christmas trade the demand for live poultry is expected to slacken. This is usually the case at least, although there are few shippers who are willing to believe it. Many of them persist in sending live poultry to the market at a time when the wholesale and retail trade are so busy that they cannot take care of anything except dressed offerings.

There is little call for turkeys at this time, although few are coming forward. Prices are nominally unchanged.

Ducks and geese are in good demand for live stuff with prices for the latter unusually liberal and up to 14@15c a pound for quality offerings.

LOBSTERS AGAIN IN MARKETS

After an absence of an extended period, lobsters are again being offered in the local market, a supply having come forward from San Pedro. Sales are shown at 35c a pound, a high record.

MEAT PRICES ARE MIXED HERE

Market for country killed meats is showing a mixed tone, and especially for hogs. While sales of select block hogs were made as high as 19c a pound during the last 24 hours, some business was done at 18c.

HALIBUT PRICES SLIGHTLY OFF

With somewhat better supplies offering from the north, the price of fresh halibut here is somewhat lower in the wholesale trade. Sales are shown at 18@21c a pound. Salmon remains, at 29c for steelhead.

NORTHWEST IS BUYING CELERY

Orders for fancy Troutdale celery from various Pacific Northwest points are coming to the local trade. The quality is unusually favorable, and the market price is holding firm.

CABBAGE MARKET IS WEAKER

Weaker tone is showing for cabbage here, with a very liberal increase in offerings to the wholesale trade. Sales are still shown at 2c crated, although some are shading this price.

BRIEF NOTES OF PRODUCE TRADE

Potato market stagnant everywhere, with prices on nominal basis.

Still no selling of onions reported by onion growers.

Butter and cheese markets are steadier.

Storage eggs are weaker, with fresh just about steady.

Hides and wool steady at former prices.

WEATHER NOTICE FOR SHIPPERS

Protect shipments during the next 36 hours against the following minimum temperatures: Going north, 38 degrees; northeast over S., P. & S. R. R., 20 degrees; east to Baker, 20 degrees; and south to Ashland, 28 degrees. Minimum temperature at Portland tomorrow about 38 degrees.

JOBBING PRICES IN PORTLAND

These prices are those at which wholesalers sell to retailers, except as otherwise stated:

Dairy Products

BUTTER — Creamery, prints in parafine wrappers, extras, 48c; prime firsts, 46c; firsts, 44½c; cubes, 10c less; cartons, 1c advance; dairy, 35c.

BUTTERFAT—Portland delivery basis. No. 1 cream, 52c.

CHEESE — Selling price: Tillamook fresh Oregon fancy full cream triplets, 25@25½c lb.; Young America, 26@26½c lb. Price to jobbers, flats, 23c; Young America, 24c. I. c. l. lb.; brick, 35c; limburger, 35c; brick Swiss, 39c per lb.; Oregon triplets, 23½@24c per lb.

EGGS—Selling price: Case count, 53c per dozen, buying price, 50@51c per dozen; selling candled, 54c; extra candled, 55c; storage, 40c.

LIVE POULTRY — Hens, heavy Plymouth Rocks, 20@20½c lb.; ordinary chickens, 18½c lb.; stags, 12@14c lb.; small springs, 17@18c; turkeys, 20c per lb.; dressed, fancy, 28@30c per lb.; culls, 20c; squabs, $2.60 per dozen; geese, live, 13@16c; ducks, 20@22c per lb.; pigeons, $1.25 per dozen.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

FRESH FRUITS—Oranges, $4.00@4.75 per box; bananas, 5½@6c; lemons, $6.75@8.25; California grapefruit, $4.50; Florida, $4.75@6.00; pears, $1.50@2.25 per box.

BERRIES—Huckleberries, 15c per lb.; cranberries, local, box, $4.00@4.25; eastern, $16.00 per barrel.

APPLES—Ortley extra fancy, box, $2.00; Ortley fancy, $1.75; Winter Banana, extra fancy, $2.25; Winter Banana, fancy, $2.00; fancy table apples, 4 tier, $2.00; Hood River Spitzenburgs, fancy, $2.00; Hood River Spitzenburgs, choice, $1.50; Baldwins, wrapped, $1.25; Baldwins, not wrapped, $1.00; cooking apples, 4 tier, $1.00; cooking apples, 4½ tier, 85c; fancy table apples, 4½ tier, $1.75; Newtowns, choice 4 tier, $1.25; Spitzenburgs, unwrapped, $1.00.

GRAPES—Malaga, 6@7c lb.; Oregon Tokay, $1.75@2.25 per crate; California Tokay, $1.50@2.00.

ONIONS—Oregon, $3.75@3.00; garlic, 6½@8c per lb.

POTATOES — Selling price: Table stock, local, $1.50@1.75. Buying price: Choice shipping, $1.00@1.25; sweet potatoes, 3½@3½c.

NUTS—Almonds, IXL, less than sack, per lb., 22½c; almonds, IXL, full sack lots, per lb., 22c; almonds, No. Plus, less than sack, per lb., 21c; almonds, No Plus, full sack lots, per lb., 20c; Brazils, less than sack, per lb., 28c; chestnuts, eastern, small, per lb., 25c; chestnuts, Jap, large, per lb., 20c; filberts, less than sack, per lb., 23c; pecans, large, per lb., 20c; peanuts, "Swan" brand, Jap single sacks, per lb., 13c; peanuts, "Swan" brand, Jap 5-sack lots, per lb., 13c; peanuts, best fresh roasted, lb., 15c; walnuts, French, less than sack, per lb., 18½c; walnuts, Diamond Budded, full sack, per lb., 28@28½c; walnuts, No. 1 S. S., less than sack, per lb., 25c; walnuts, No. 1 S. S., full sacks, lb., 25c.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1.25 per sack; carrots, $1.25 per sack, beets, $1.50 per sack; parsnips, $1.50 per sack; cabbage, local, $2.00 cwt.; green onions, 25c dozen bunches; peppers, 15c per lb.; head lettuce, 85c per dozen; celery, 85c per dozen; artichokes, $1@1.25 dozen; cucumbers, $2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, California, $1.65@1.85 lug; eggplant, 10c per lb.; string beans, 10@12½c per lb.; peas (—) per lb.; cauliflower, Oregon, $1.25@1.50 per dozen; pumpkins, 1½c per lb.

Fish and Meat, Fish and Provisions

DRESSED MEATS—Selling price, country killed best hogs, 18@19c lb.; ordinary 17@17½c lb.; best veal, 15½@16c lb.; ordinary veals, 13½@14c per lb.; rough, heavy, 10@11c per lb.; goats, 5@6c per lb.; lambs, 17@20c per lb.; mutton 15@17c per lb.; beef, 7@10c per lb.

SMOKED MEATS—Hams, 28½@34c per lb.; breakfast bacon, 34@35c; picnics, 24c per lb.; cottage roll, 28c; short clears, $1@34c; Oregon exports, smoked, 34c per lb.

LARD—Kettle rendered, tierces, 30½c per lb.; standards, 30c; lard compound, 24c.

OYSTERS—Olympia, gallon, $4.50; canned, eastern, 66c per can, $6.50 per dozen; eastern oysters, per gallon, solid pack, $3.50.

FISH—Dressed flounders, 6c; silverside salmon, 20c; perch, 10@8c; sole, 10c; steelhead trout, 18c per lb.; halibut, 18@21c per lb.; black cod, 8c; herring, 6c lb.; razor clams, (—) per dozen; hard shell, 4c per lb., $2.75 per box; crabs, $1.75@2.50 per dozen.

Groceries

SUGAR — Cube, $8.75; powdered, $8.50; fruit or berry, $8.00; D yellow, $7.40; granulated, $8.00; beet, $8.00; extra C, $7.60; golden C, $7.50.

HONEY—New, $4.00@4.50 per case.

RICE—Japan style No. 1, 7½c; New Orleans, head, 9c; blue rose, 6½c.

SALT—Coarse, half ground, 100s, $15.00 per ton; 50s, $16.00; table dairy, 50s, $19.75; 100s, $19.25; bales, $2.55; fancy table and dairy, $25.70; lump rock, $20.00 per ton.

BEANS—Nominal. Small white, 14c; large white, 13½c; pink, 10½c; limas, 15c; bayous, 10½c; red, 10c.

Hops, Wool and Hides

HOPS—Nominal, 1917 crop, 28@30c per lb.

WOOL—Willamette valley coarse Cotswold, 55c per lb.; medium, Shropshire, 60c per lb.; Eastern Oregon, 50@55c per lb.

HIDES—Salted, 25 lbs. and up, 18c; salted stags, 50 lbs. and up, 15c; salted and green kips, 15 lbs. to 25 lbs., 18c; salted and green calf, up to 15 lbs., 20c; green hides, 25 lbs. and up, 15c; green stags, 50 lbs. and up 12c; dry flint hides, 30c; dry flint calf, up to 7 lbs., 33c; dry salt hides, 25c; dry horse hides, $1.50 to $2.50; salted horse hides, $3.00@4.00; horsehair, tail, 30c; horsehair, mane, 15c; dry long wool pelts, 42c; dry short wool pelts, 25@30c; salted sheep pelts, long wool, each, $4.00@5.00; salted lamb pelts, each, $2.00@3.00; salted short wool pelts, each, $2.00@2.50; dry sheep shearlings, each, 15@30c; salted sheep shearlings, each, 25@50c.

TALLOW—No. 1, 13c; No. 2, 12c; grease, 9c per lb.

CHITTIM OR CASCARA BARK—Buying price, per car lots, 3¼c per lb.

MOHAIR—1917, 55c per lb.

ROPE—Sisal, dark, 23c; white, 22½c per lb.; standard Manila, 32c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, bbls., $1.31 per gallon; kettle boiled, barrels, $1.33; raw, cases, $1.41; boiled, cases, $1.43 per gallon; lots of 250 gallons less.

COAL OIL—Water white, in drums and iron barrels, 10c per gallon.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 12c per lb.; 500 lbs., 12¼c.

TURPENTINE—Tanks, 65c; cases, 75c; 10 case lots, 1c less.

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Columbia Smelt May Be on Strike

Have the Columbia river smelt passed up the river this season? The question is being asked by the fish trade generally, because the run is several weeks late thus far. Usually smelt appear in the markets just previous to Thanksgiving, but this season to date none have arrived.

Idaho Cattle Come But Quality Stuff Generally Lacking

Nothing Real Good In Yards to Test Extreme Values; General Situation Has a Dull Tone.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK RUN

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.
Friday	58	411	..	..
Thursday	571	377	..	1
Wednesday	637	204	2	1371
Tuesday	127	74	..	358
Monday	2968	818	23	785
Saturday	330	284	2	500
Week ago	853	188	13	32
Year ago	1170	189	20	72
Two years ago	2498	227	1	49
Three years ago	265	43	..	184
Four years ago	1095	287	..	1199

It was a nominal market at the best that greeted the livestock trade at North Portland for the day.

There was a fair run of cattle reported in over night, most of the arrivals being from Idaho. None of the stuff showed real good quality, and for that reason extreme values were not tested. On the other hand the market is very dull on account of the packing house labor situation.

General cattle market range:

Medium to choice steers	$9.50@10.00
Good to medium steers	8.75@ 9.50
Common to good steers	7.25@ 8.25
Choice cows and heifers	7.00@ 7.75
Common to good cows and heifers	5.50@ 7.25
Canners	3.00@ 5.25
Bulls	4.50@ 6.75
Calves	7.00@ 9.50
Stocker and feeder steers	4.00@ 7.50

Hog Trade Steady

With only a few driveins reported at North Portland over night, there was little to develop in the trade during the day. In general the trend of the market is considered steady at previous quotations.

General hog market range:

Prime light	$15.85@16.00
Prime heavy	15.85@16.00
Prime heavy	16.00@16.10
Pigs	13.75@15.25

No Sheep Arrive

Since Wednesday, when a local meet company brought from a fair number of sheep from their own feed lots, there has been only a single head reported in the sheep alleys at North Portland. That was Thursday, and no receipts were shown over night.

Market continues slightly depressed at former prices.

General sheep and lamb range:

Western lambs	$13.00@13.50
Valley lambs	12.50@13.00
Yearlings	12.00@12.50
Wethers	11.75@12.25
Ewes	8.00@10.00

Friday Livestock Shippers

Cattle—M. Hizgenbottam, Weiser, 2 loads; P. J. Brown, Robinette, 2 loads; Sol Dickerson, Weiser, 1 load; W. A. Grenwald, Kooskia, Idaho, 2 loads; J. H. Johnson, Ferdinand, Idaho, 3 loads; R. Griffith, Grangeville, Idaho, 1 load; A. F. Knox, Grants Pass, 1 load.

Friday Morning Sales

COWS

No.	Ave. lbs.	Price	No.	Ave. lbs.	Price
1	880	$ 6.50			

STEERS

1	740	$ 5.15			

STAGS

1	970	$ 5.00			

HOGS

5	160	$15.75	1	530	$14.85

AMERICAN LIVESTOCK PRICES

Chicago Hogs $17.40

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Hogs—Receipts 21,000, slow and steady to 5c lower. Mixed and butchers, $16.70@17.40; good heavy, $16.70@17.40; rough heavy, $16.70@16.90; light, $16.55@17.30; pigs, $13.00@16.25; bulk, $16.80@17.35.

Cattle—Receipts 8500, steady to shade higher. Beeves, $7.35@16.25; cows and heifers, $5.20@11.80; stockers and feeders, $6.10@11.00; Texans, $6.30@13.70; calves, $7.75@14.75.

Sheep—Receipts 3000, steady. Native and western, $8.80@12.90; lambs, $12.50@16.90.

Kansas City Hogs $17.40

Kansas City, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Cattle—Receipts, 4000, slow and weak to unevenly lower; steers, $9.00@14.00; cows and heifers, $5.00@9.50; stockers and feeders, $5.00@12.50; calves, $6.00@12.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 8000, steady to 5c lower; tops, $17.40; bulk, $17.00@17.30; heavies, $17.20@17.40; mediums, $17@17.35; lights, $16.90@17.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 1000. No market.

Omaha Hogs $17.40

Omaha, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—Hogs—Receipts, 5300, 5c lower; tops, $17.40; range, $17.10@17.40; mixed, $17.25@17.35; good choice, $17.35@17.40; light, $17.30@17.40; rough, $17.10@17.30; bulk, $17.20@17.35; pigs, $11.00@16.00.

Cattle—Receipts, 1400, steady; beeves, $7.00@15.00; cows and heifers, $5.25@10.50; stockers and feeders, $6.00@12.00; western, $10.00@13.00; calves, $9.00@12.50.

Sheep—Receipts 800, steady; wethers, $11.00@12.50; yearlings, $11.50@13.25; lambs, $15.75@16.50; ewes, $9.25@11.50.

Denver Hogs $17.40

Denver, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—Cattle receipts 1700, steady; steers, $7.75@12.00; cows and heifers, $6.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, $7.00@11.25; calves, $8.00@10.25.

Hogs receipts 600, 5c lower; tops, $17.40; bulk, $17.00@17.35.

Sheep receipts 5700, steady; ewes, $10.00@11.00; lambs, $16.00@16.50.

POTATOES ALONG THE COAST

San Francisco Market

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—Onions, per cental—Brown or yellow, $1.50@1.90 for good stock.

Potatoes, per cental—Delta, $1.65@1.85 for fancy; ditto choice, $1.25@1.60; ditto Sonoma, $1.75@1.90; ditto Salinas, $2.50@2.85; ditto Idaho Netted Gems, $1.65@1.85; ditto Oregon Burbanks, $1.90@2.15.

Sweet potatoes, per 100 pounds, $2.60@2.70 ex. car.

Seattle Market

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—Onions—California yellow, per pound, 3¼@3½c; Yakima, per pound, 3c.

Potatoes—Locals, new, $32@35; Yakima Gems, $36@40.

Los Angeles Market

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Potatoes, northern, Burbanks, $2.25@2.60; Russets, $2.30@2.35; locals, $2.25@2.35; sweets, $2.60@3.00.

HIGH ORANGES WILL AID APPLE MARKET; OTHER FRUIT SCARCE

Extreme Values Shown in All Lines and This Naturally Will Aid the Demand for Apples; No Low Prices Expected by the Trade.

NORTHWEST APPLE SHIPMENTS

Season to date	15,154 cars
Same, 1916	12,676 cars

With the new crop California navel orange production showing an unusually small volume and extremely high prices in effect for the initial offerings, there is added interest in the apple trade.

Those that are looking for cheap apples are very likely to feel themselves. All fruits are scarce and high-priced and this naturally affects the demand and price for apples.

There are no substitutes for apples that can be obtained at lower prices—even if there was such a thing as a substitute for the king of fruits.

The orange situation shows a reverse of conditions as compared with apples. Large oranges are showing the biggest portion of the crop while small apples generally rule with large sizes at a premium.

Various apple markets of the country:

Buffalo—Extra fancy Spitzenberg, large, $2.65@2.75; medium, $2.25@2.50; fancy large, medium, $2.15@2.50; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.25@2.35; fancy medium, small, $1.75@2.00; extra fancy and fancy Wageners, medium, $1.75@2.00.

Washington—Jonathans, Grimes, fancy, $2.00@2.25; extra fancy Romes, large, $2.25@2.75; extra fancy Winter Bananas, large, mostly $3.00; medium, $2.75. Delicious, Spitzenberg, extra fancy, large, $3.00@3.50; fancy medium, $2.50@2.75; choice, $1.75; extra fancy Newtowns, medium, slightly immature, mostly $2.50; extra fancy Staymans, large, $2.50@2.75.

Baltimore—Extra fancy Jonathans, medium, $2.00@2.10; fancy, $1.75@1.85; extra fancy Delicious, large to medium, $2.50@2.75; fancy Romes, mostly $2.00. Oregons extra fancy Staymans, medium, $2.00@2.15; extra fancy Spitzenberg, $2.25; extra fancy and fancy Ortleys, $2.00@2.25.

Boston—Washingtons extra fancy Spitzenberg, medium to large, $2.50@3.00. Extra fancy Staymans, medium, $1.75@2.00.

New York—Extra fancy Jonathans, $1.85@2.10. Other varieties, yesterday's prices unchanged.

Cleveland—Washington extra fancy Romes, large, $2.50.

Chicago—Inferior stock cleaning up. Jonathans, $1.50@2.00, mostly $1.75@1.90; extra fancy Delicious, $2.50@2.75; choice and fancy, $2.00@2.25. Romes, best, large, $2.25; medium, $1.50@2.00; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, $2.25@2.50; choice to fancy, $2.00@2.25; Winter Bananas, large, $2.75; medium, $2.00@2.50.

Minneapolis—Extra fancy Jonathans, medium to large, $2.10@2.15; fancy Jonathans, medium to large, $1.85@1.90. All small, $1.50@1.65. Jumble pack, $1.25@1.50; extra fancy Delicious, medium to large, $2.75@3.00; fancy, medium to large, $2.25@2.50. Extra fancy Romes, medium to large, $2.00@2.25; small, $1.50@1.65; fancy medium to large, $1.75@2.00; small, mostly $1.50; extra fancy Winesaps, $2.25@2.50; extra fancy Spitzenbergs, medium to large, $1.50@1.75.

St. Paul—Northwest extra fancy Jonathans, medium to large, $2.00@2.25; fancy, $2.00@2.10; small, mostly $1.65. Jumble pack, $1.25@1.65. Extra fancy Delicious, medium to large, $2.25@2.50; small, mostly $2.00. Extra fancy Staymans and fancy medium to large, $2.00@2.25. Extra fancy Spitzenbergs and fancy medium to large, mostly $2.25@2.50.

Embargo Is Bear Feature in Corn And Oats Market

By Joseph Pritchard

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—The embargo on shipments of corn and oats eastbound, which was issued by the government, was the principal weakening factor in the various grain markets on the board of trade today. Losses were shown of ¼@1c in corn, and 2¼@3¼ for oats. The trade did not seem to fully realize that the embargoes were really meant in the way of changed conditions as far as the leading terminal markets were concerned, as these have had small stocks of grain of all kinds for some time. It is expected that within a few weeks the balance of the 10,000 cars to be furnished to western roads by eastern lines will be delivered and that a material increase in the movement of grain to market is looked for.

Provisions were 12½@45c lower.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—The embargo on shipments of corn and oats eastbound after December 10 had a bearish influence on the market at the opening today and opening prices in corn and oats were lower. The market was weak with oats in the lead.

December oats at the opening was off 1⅛c. Local longs were active on the selling side, while buying was scattered.

In sympathy with corn and oats the provision market also was weak and opening prices lower than the previous close.

Chicago range of prices furnished by United Press:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
CORN				
December	124½	124½	124	124
January	121⅝	121⅝	120¼	121¼
May	119⅝	119⅝	118½	119
OATS				
December	74½	75½	72⅝	72⅝
May	72	72½	70	70¼
PORK				
January	4725	4725	4700	4700
LARD				
December				2472
January	2450	2460	2440	2440
May	2447	2457	2442	2445
RIBS				
January	2542	2542	2510	2510
May	2542	2542	2512	2512

DISTANT DELIVERY COTTON IS STRONGER AT OPENING

New York, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Strength in the distant positions was the feature at the opening of the cotton market today, October starting 20 points higher on competitive bidding, while other months were 8 points lower to 5 points higher. After the call business fell off some, but the tone was steady.

The close was barely steady at a net decline of 14 to 24 points.

	Open.	High	Low.	Close.
January	2840	2857	2830	2850
February				2810
March	2815	2826	2803	2803
April				2777
May	2788	2798	2772	2772
June				2748
July	2765	2768	2741	2743
August	2725	2725	2720	2720
October	2665	2665	2680	2681
December	2926	2926	2910	2905

PACIFIC COAST BANK STATEMENT

Clearings—	This week.	Year ago.
Monday	$ 4,636,006.02	$ 2,884,347.78
Tuesday	3,325,115.44	2,314,807.35
Wednesday	3,013,862.59	2,060,758.75
Thursday	3,022,891.60	2,407,047.96
Friday	3,794,640.39	2,528,827.97
Seattle Banks		
Clearings	$ 4,211,077.00	
Balances	539,089.00	
Spokane Banks		
Clearings	$ 1,150,719.00	
Balances	346,515.00	
Tacoma Banks		
Clearings	$ 509,071.00	
Balances	108,977.00	
San Francisco Banks		
Clearings	$17,842,633.00	
Los Angeles Banks		
Clearings	$ 4,840,046.00	

Eastern Grain Markets

Chicago — Cash corn, No. 3 mixed, $1.73; No. 4 mixed, $1.65@1.70; No. 5 yellow, $1.65@1.68; No. 6 yellow, $1.57; No. 5 mixed, $1.60; spring, $1.25@1.47. Oats, No. 3 white, 75⅝@76¼c; No. 4 white, 74⅝c; standard, 76@76⅝c.

Duluth—Cash oats, 72½@74½c. Rye, $1.78. Barley, $1.10@1.40.

Winnipeg—Cash oats, No. 2 white, 83c; No. 3 white, 80c.

Minneapolis—Cash corn, No. 3 yellow, $2.00@2.05. Oats, Montana No. 2 white, 76½@79½c; standard, 75½@76½c; No. 3 white, 74½@76½c; No. 4 white, 73½@75½c.

Swift & Co. Shares

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Swift & Co. shares 123½.

Consumer Is Not a Buyer of Luxuries

Luxuries are being tabooed by the average consumer this season. Wholesalers of foodstuffs, and especially produce men, report the holiday demand for such luxuries as figs, dates, raisins, nuts and oranges, as not selling up to 50 per cent of the normal for this period.

Pressure in Stocks Forces Early Price Lower in New York

CLOSE IS NEAR HIGH

New York, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Stocks closed slightly below the high prices of the day. U. S. Steel common sold down one point to 86⅞, and Bethlehem Steel B declined from 74½ to 73⅝. Reading fell one point to 88⅝, and Utah after dropping one point to 76¼ closed at 77.

Sales, 336,700 shares; bonds, $2,735,000.

New York, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Stocks were under pressure at the opening of the stock market today, and first prices showed declines of from fractions to over one point.

Steel common declined one point to 86⅞ and Bethlehem Steel B sold off 1⅛ to 73. Republic declined ⅞ to 74⅝.

Delaware & Hudson sold off 1⅞ to 94¼, while fractional declines were suffered in Reading, Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific.

General Electric declined 2⅝. United Cigar-stores was 1¼ lower at 35¼. Marine preferred declined ⅞ to 90⅞ and American Can sold down to 33½, a loss of ⅝.

The copper stocks were weak, Utah declining ⅛ to 77⅛ and Inspiration was ⅝ lower at 41⅝.

Shortly after the opening, U. S. Steel sold down to a new low record for the year of 86⅝. American Telephone continued under pressure, yielding 1⅛ to 102⅝, the lowest price touched in a long period.

The market was stronger in the afternoon. Steel common moved up 1⅛ to 87⅞, and Bethlehem Steel B advanced nearly 2 points to 74½. General Motors moved up from 85⅝ to 88. Union Pacific advanced to 111⅛ and Reading to 89.

During the remainder of the forenoon a better tone prevailed and the list in general moved higher. Corn products was exceptionally active, gaining one point to 29⅛. Steel common after selling down to 86⅝, moved up to above 87 and Bethlehem Steel B after yielding to 72⅝ rallied to 73⅝. Reading rallied to 88⅝. American Telephone sold down 1⅝ to 102⅝ and Western Union fell 2 points to 77⅛.

Money loaning at 3½ per cent.

Range of New York prices furnished by Overbeck & Cooke Co., 216-217 Board of Trade building:

DESCRIPTION—	Open	High	Low	Bid
Alaska Gold	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛
Allis-Chalmers				17½
Am. Beet Sugar	71	71	71	71
Am. Can, c	33½	34¼	33	34
Am. Car Fdy., c	64⅝	65½	64⅝	65
Am. Cotton Oil, c	24	24⅝	24¼	24½
Am. Linseed, c	25¼	25⅝	24⅝	24⅝
Am. Loco., c				51
Am. Smelter, c	72¼	72½	71⅝	71⅝
Am. Sugar, c				94
Am. Tel. & Tel.	103⅛	103⅛	102⅛	102⅛
Anaconda Min. Co.	55⅝	56⅛	56	56
Atchison, c	83	83⅛	82⅝	82⅝
Baldwin Loco., c	54	54⅛	53⅛	53⅛
Balt. & Ohio, c	48	48⅛	47⅛	47⅛
Bethlehem Steel B	73	74⅝	72⅝	73⅝
Butte & Superior	17⅛	17⅛	16⅝	16⅝
Calif. Petroleum, c				11⅛
Canadian Pacific	131⅝	133⅝	131⅛	132⅝
Central Leather, c	62	62⅛	61⅛	61⅛
Chicago & Gt. W., c				7
Chicago, M. & St. P	37⅛	38⅛	37⅛	38
Chicago & N. W., c	92	92	91⅛	91⅛
Chino Copper	42⅛	42⅛	42	42
Colorado F. & I., c	33⅛	33⅛	33⅛	33
Cons. Gas				82⅛
Corn Products, c	28	29⅛	28	29⅛
Crucible Steel, c	52⅛	52⅛	51⅛	52
D. L. & W., c				5
Distillers	32⅛	33	32⅛	32⅛
Erie, c	14⅛	15⅛	14⅛	15
General Motors	88	88	85⅛	87
Goodrich Rubber	35⅝	36	35⅛	35⅛
Gt. Nor., Ore Lands	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛	25⅛
Gt. Nor., pfd.	90	90	89⅛	90
Greene-Can.				36
Hide & Leather, c				12⅛
Ice Securities				10
Illinois Central	93⅝	93⅝	93⅛	93⅛
Industrial Alcohol	107⅛	108⅛	107⅛	108⅛
Int. Mer. Marine	21⅛	21⅛	21	21⅛
K. C. Southern, c				16⅛
Lackawanna Steel	79⅛	80	78⅛	79⅛
Lehigh Valley	53⅛	53⅛	53⅛	53⅛
Louis. & Nashville				113⅛
Maxwell Motors, c				26⅛
Mexican Petroleum	74⅛	75⅛	74⅛	75
Miami Copper	28	28	27⅛	27⅛
Midvale Steel	42⅝	43⅛	42⅛	43⅛
M., K. & Texas, c	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	4
Missouri Pacific	23⅛	23⅛	23	23⅛
Nev. Consolidated	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛
New Haven	28⅛	29	28⅛	28⅛
N. Y., Air Brake				105
New York Central	68	69	67⅝	68⅛
N. Y., O. & W.				19⅝
Nor. & West., c	102	102⅛	101⅝	102
Northern Pacific	84	84⅝	84	84⅛
Pacific Mail				23⅛
Pennsylvania Rr.	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛
Pittburg Coal, c	43⅛	43⅛	43	43⅛
Press. Steel Car, c				51
Ray Cons. Copper	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
Ry. Steel Springs				54
Reading, c	88⅝	89⅛	87⅛	88⅛
Rep. Iron & Steel, c	74⅛	75⅛	73⅛	74⅛
Rock Island	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
Studebaker, c	42	42	42	42
Southern Pacific	81⅛	81⅛	80⅛	81⅛
Southern Ry., c	24⅛	24⅛	24	24⅛
Tenn. Copper				12⅛
Texas Co.	135	136⅛	134⅛	135⅛
Tobacco Products	46	46	45⅝	45⅝
Union Pacific, c	111⅛	111⅝	110	110⅛
U. S. Rubber, c	50	50	49⅝	49⅝
U. S. Steel, c	87	87⅞	86⅝	86⅞
Utah Copper	77⅛	77⅛	76⅛	76⅛
Virginia Chemical, c				33
Wabash	8	8	8	8
W. U. Telegraph	78⅛	78⅛	78⅛	78⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛
Willys Overland	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝

Total sales—336,700 shares.

New York Bond Market

	Bid.	Ask.
Atchison Genl. 4s	82	83
Bal. & Ohio Gold 4s	77	79¼
Beth Steel Ref. 5s	89⅛	90
Cent. Pacific 1st 4s	79	80
C., B. & Q. Col. 4s	93¼	93⅝
St. Paul Genl. 4½s	84	85
Chicago N. W. Genl. 4s	51⅛	51⅝
L. & N. Unl. 4s	86	87⅛
Northern Pacific P. L. 4s	82⅛	83⅛
Reading Genl. 4s	83	84⅛
Union Pacific 1st 4s		81⅛
U. S. Steel 5s	96	96⅛
Union Pacific 1st Ref. 5s	78	78⅛
Southern Pacific Conv. 5s	89⅛	90
Southern Pacific Conv. 4s	75⅛	76⅛
Penna. Conv. 4½s	97⅛	97⅝
Penna. 1st 4½s	90⅝	91⅝
Ches. & Ohio Conv. 5s	75	77⅛

Foreign Bond Market

	Bid	Ask
Anglo-French 5s, Oct. 1920	89⅛	89⅛
Uni. Kingd. 5s, Sept. 1918	97⅛	97⅛
Uni. Kingd. 5½s, Feb. 1918	99⅛	99⅛
Uni. Kingd. 5½s, Nov. 1919	95	95⅛
Uni. Kingd. 5½s, Feb. 1919	97⅛	97⅛
Uni. Kingd. 5½s, Nov. 1921	91	91⅛
Anglo-French 5s, Aug. 1919	93⅛	93⅛
Rep. France 8s, 1931	136	145
Paris 6s, Oct. 1921	81⅛	82⅛
Marseilles 6s, Nov. 1919	81⅛	83
Russia Extn. 5½s, 1921	44	48
Russian Intl. 5½s 1926	108	112
Dominion 5s, Aug. 1917	94⅝	95
Dominion 6s, April 1921	93	95
Dominion 5s, April 1931	90	91⅛
Dominion 5s, April 1926	90	91
Argentine 6s, May 1920	91	93
Dominion 5s, 1937	93⅛	93⅛
French 5½s, 1919	94⅛	95

Money and Exchange

New York, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Call money on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange today ruled at 3½ per cent; high, 3½ per cent; low, 3½ per cent. Time money was quiet. Rates were, 5⅝@5¾ per cent; 60 days, 5¾@5