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OCEANIC.....Wednesday, Dec. 1.
GAELIC.....Tuesday, Dec. 21.
OCEANIC, GAELIC, BELGIC.
Superbly Appointed—Superior Accommodations.
SAN PABLO—Cabin capacity limited.
Reservations can be made by letter or telegraph to, and cabin plans seen at, 287 Broadway, New-York, or Room 74, Railroad Building, San Francisco.
LELAND STANFORD, President.
T. H. GOODMAN, General Passenger Agent.

THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

Per North River, Vessels and Railroads.

Ashes, pkgs.	2	Rye, bush...	1,000	Oleo stock, pkgs.....	317
B W Flour, pkgs	372	Malt, bush...	1,900	Peanut bags	203
Beans, bbls..	377	Barley, bush	82,350	Pork, pkgs...	403
Buck wheat bush.....	550	Peas, bush...	9,700	Rice, pkgs...	3
Cotton, bales	1,052	Oats, bush	620	Tallow, pkgs...	1,710
Cotton seed oil, bbls....	50	Grass seed bags.....	37	Cutmeats, pk	1,734
Copper, lbs..	15	Hemp, bales.	607	Lard, tcs.....	2,025
Dried fruit, pkgs.....	157	Hides, No...	6	Lard, kegs...	4,369
Eggs, pkgs..	3,913	Hides, bales.	387	Butter, pkgs	9,713
Flour, bbls....	15,183	Leather, sid's	10	Cheese, pkgs	1,217
C Meal, bbls.	164	Lead, pigs...	173	D Hogs, No..	286
C Meal bags	1,427	Spirits turp, bbls	1,248	Rice, pkgs...	1,104
Wheat bush	207,400	Molasses, hhds	8,226	Spelter, pcs..	550
Corn, bush..	202,400	Oil cake, pks	100	Starch, pkgs.	319
Oats, bush...	38,000		510	Tobacco, pks	147
				Whiskey bbls	731
				Wool, bales.	17

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

COFFEE—For Brazil growths the market is a firmer one at 13c. for fair Rio spot cargoes. Sales, 1,000 bags No. 6 12¼c., 2,500 bags do. 12¾c., 1,000 bags No. 8 at 11⅞c. and 250 bags No. 7 at 11⅞c. In Mild Coffees there is a fair trade passing and the market is strong. Sales, 500 bags Maricaibo and 200 bales Mexican. The option market opened firm at 20 points advance and closed firm at: January, 11.45@11.50; February, 11.50@11.55; March, 11.50@11.55; April, 11.50@11.55; May, 11.50@11.55, June, 11.50@11.55; November, 11.40@11.45; December, 11.45@11.50. Sales, 100,500 bags.

COTTON—Spot prices are still firmly held owing to the scarcity of desirable grades. Trading is consequently light. The sales to-day were 227 bales (133 last evening), all for consumption. Since September 1 the Port receipts have been 2,149,700 bales, comparing with 2,115,280 bales for the corresponding period last year.

Quotations based on the American standard of classification are as follows:

	Uplands.	New-Orleans and Gulf.	Texas
Ordinary.....	6 7-16	6⅝	6⅝
Strict Ordinary.....	6⅞	7 1-16	7 1-16
Good Ordinary.....	7 13-16	8	8
Strict Good Ordinary.....	8¼	8 7-16	8 7-16
Low Middling.....	8 11-16	8⅞	8⅞
Strict Low Middling.....	9	9 3-16	9 3-16
Middling.....	9 3-16	9⅜	9⅜
Good Middling.....	9 7-16	9⅝	9⅝
Strict Good Middling.....	9 11-16	9⅞	9⅞
Middling Fair.....	10 1-16	10¼	10¼
Fair.....	10 11-16	10⅞	10⅞
STAINED.			
Good Ordinary.....	6¼	Low Middling.....	7⅞
St. Good Ordinary ...	6 15-16	Middling.....	8⅝

In options the movement was moderate. The market opened rather irregular at an advance of 2 points or near a decline of 1 point on late months. It ruled about steady all day and closed firm at an advance of 1@3 points from yesterday's closing figures. Sales, 74,900 bales.

Months.	To-day's closing.	Highest.	Lowest.
November.....	9.07@ 9.08	9.07	9.07
December.....	9.13@ 9.14	9.14	9.10
January.....	9.23@ 9.24	9.24	9.20
February.....	9.33@ 9.34	9.35	9.30
March.....	9.44@ 9.45	9.45	9.41
April.....	9.54@ 9.55	9.55	9.52
May.....	9.64@ 9.65	9.65	9.60
June.....	9.74@ 9.75	9.75	9.70
July.....	9.82@ 9.83	9.82	9.80
August.....	9.90@ 9.91	9.91	9.86

Transferable Notices at 9.10.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—FLOUR—There has been an unusual display of interest in the flour market for a Saturday session, and throughout the list of grades there is a tendency to do better with Spring Wheat Patents on a home demand and low grades on an export demand, especially strong and held higher. An advance of 5@10c. is generally asked and sometimes secured, but the market as a whole has not advanced. City Mill Extras also had increased attention. Sales—27,600 bbls., including 7,400 bbls. City Mills Extra at $4 40@$4 50 for the West Indies, latter in new packs. 1,200 bbls. Fine, $1 90@$2 70, 950 bbls. Superfine, $2 15@$2 90, latter for choice; 1,300 bbls. Extra No. 2, $2 60@$3 10; 8,200 bbls. Winter Wheat Extra, $2 60@$4 75; 8,900 bbls. Minnesota Extra, $2 60@$3 80 for Common to Good, $3 85@$4 90 for Good to Choice, the latter for one or two private brands of Patent. Included in the sales were 10,200 bbls. for export. Quotations—Fine, $1 90@$2 70. Superfine, $2 15@$2 90. No. 2, $2 60@$3 10. Good to Fancy Extra State, $3 35@$3 75; Common to Good Extra Western, $2 60@$3 75. Good to Choice Extra Western, $3 85@$4 75. Common to Fair Extra Ohio, $2 60@$3 85. Good, $3 90@$4 35. Good to Choice, $4 35@$4 75; Common Extra Minnesota, $2 60@$3 15. Clear, $3 50@$4 10. Rye Mixture, $3 35@$3 95. Straight, $3 65@$4 45. Patent, $4 35@$5. Bakers' Extra, $3 90@$4 90; St. Louis Common to Fair Extra, $2 60@$3 75. Fair to Good, $3 85@$4 60. Good to Very Choice, $4 65@$5, latter an extreme. Patent Winter Wheat Extra, $4 30@$5. City Mill Extra for West Indies, $4 40@$4 50, latter in new packs; South American, $4 60@$4 70; market closed firm. SOUTHERN FLOUR—In moderate demand and firmly held. Sales, 900 bbls. Common to Fair Extra at $3 25@$3 85, and Fair to Choice at $3 90@$5. RYE FLOUR—Fairly active and steady. Sales 900 bbls. Superfine at $3 05@$3 20. CORNMEAL—Firm. Yellow Western quoted $2 75@$2 85 and Brandywine at $2 75@$2 85. Sales 200 bbls. Brandywine at $2 85. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Quoted $1 90@$2 00.

GRAIN—WHEAT—The market for cash lots has been firm, and the trading more active, with prices ½@¾c. higher, closing firm with a more active business for export and a light trade for city milling. In options the trading has been fairly active and the market strong, with prices irregular and ½@⅞c. higher at the close. Opened strong at an advance of ½@¾c, declined ¼@⅜c., advanced ⅜@⅝c., and closed steady with prices at about the highest of the day. Sales—5,728,000 bushels future, 378,000 spot, including Ungraded Milwaukee at 85c.; Ungraded Spring p. t. to arrive; Ungraded Red, 81@90½c.; No. 3 Red, 84½@85½c.; No. 2 Red, 85¾c. in elevator, 85⅞c. f. o. b.; 86@87c. afloat; No. 2 Red, November, closing nominally at 85¾c.; do. December, 85¾@86