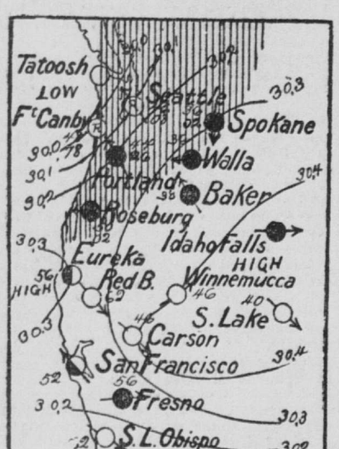
THE COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver a fraction lower.
Wheat quiet. Barley lower.
Oats, Corn and Rye dull.
Hay easy. Feedstuffs unchanged.
Beans and Seeds dull.
Slight changes in Rice.
Potatoes and Vegetables as before.
Pickled Butter lower.
Eggs show more steadiness.
Cheese in light supply.
Poultry plentiful and dull.
Game steady.
Fresh and Dried Fruit quiet.
Oranges depressed and plentiful.
No change in Provisions.
Meat market as before.
Larger receipts of Coal.
New York Exchange higher.
Increased exports of Lumber.

LUMBER EXPORTS.

Exports of Lumber from this port during the first 11 months of 1896 were 30,162,000 feet, against 15,480,000 feet for the same time in 1895.



Explanation.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate maximum temperature for the days; those underneath it, if any, the amount of rainfall, of melted snow in inches and hundredths, during the past twelve hours. Isobars, or solid lines, connect points of equal air pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature. The word "high" means high barometric pressure and is usually accompanied by fair weather; "low" refers to low pressure, and is usually preceded and accompanied by cloudy weather and rains. "Lows" usually first appear on the Washington coast. When the pressure is high in the interior and low along the coast, and the isobars extend north and south along the coast, rain is probable; but when the "low" is inclosed with isobars of marked curvature, rain south of Oregon is improbable. With a "high" in the vicinity of Idaho, and the pressure falling to the California coast, warmer weather may be expected in summer and colder weather in winter. The reverse of these conditions will produce an opposite result.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18, 1896, 5 P. M.—Weather conditions and general forecast:

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of same date last season: Eureka 16.63 inches, last season 12.70 inches; Red Bluff 9.46 inches, last season 5.34 inches; San Francisco 8.80 inches, last season 3.16 inches; Fresno 3.54 inches, last season .81 of an inch; San Luis Obispo 5.97 inches, last season 3.60 inches; Los Angeles 3.83 inches, last season 1.37 inches; San Diego 2.73 inches, last season 1.43 inches; Yuma 1.14 inches, last season .32 of an inch.

San Francisco data—Maximum temperature 52, minimum 45, mean 48.

An area of high pressure is central this evening in Utah and a well defined storm is central off the Northern Washington coast. Fair weather prevails throughout California, Nevada and Utah, while cloudy weather is reported from the North Pacific States and rain is falling throughout Washington. High southerly winds prevail along the Washington coast. A maximum wind velocity of 52 miles per hour is reported from Fort Canby. It is not expected that this storm will affect the weather in California.

Forecast made at San Francisco for 30 hours ending midnight December 19, 1896:

Northern California—Fair Saturday, except partly cloudy in extreme north portion; fresh northerly winds shifting to southerly in extreme north portion.

Southern California—Fair Saturday; fresh northerly winds.

Nevada—Fair Saturday.

Utah—Fair Saturday.

Arizona—Fair Saturday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Saturday; fresh generally, northerly winds.

W. H. HAMMON, Forecast Official.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Financial.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The day opened quiet, but by the end of the session it proved to be one of the most eventful at the Stock Exchange for a long time past. After a moderate decline the usual rally ensued. Later, when news came from Washington that the Senate Committee of Foreign Relations decided to report favorably the Cameron resolution to recognize the independence of Cuba it did not take long for the street to reach a conclusion as to the importance of this action, and the dullness was almost immediately supplanted by active and steady dealings at steadily declining prices, and severe losses were sustained by leading shares. The execution of stop orders accelerated the downward movement, which was equal to 1½@6½ per cent. Several attempts were made to rally the market, but each advance was met with a flood of offering and the result was at the close many stock were at the lowest point of the day.

The only marked rally was in Sugar, Reading, General Electric and Tennessee Coal and Iron, which closed 1@1½ per cent above the lowest. The feeling in the final trading was one of uneasiness. Total sales were 392,787 shares.

The bond market was heavy. Total sales were $1,585,000. Atchison general fours fell 1½; do Adjustment, 1; Chesapeake and Ohio general four and a half, 1½; Chicago and Northern Pacific first fives certificates, 1⅜; Chicago and Eastern Illinois general fives, 1; General Electric debenture fives, 2; Houston and Texas Central first fives, 1; Kansas and Texas seconds, 2⅜; Ohio Southern fours certificates, 1¼; do first sixes, 2; Reading general threes, ⅜; do first preferred, 3; do seconds, 2¾; Northern Pacific thirds, 1⅞; Southern Railway consolidated fives, 2; Texas Pacific seconds, 1⅜; Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City first sixes certificates, 2; and Standard Rope and Twine sixes, 2.

In Government bonds coupon fours of 1925 brought 120, coupon fives 114 and coupon fours of 1907 111½.

Grain.

FLOUR—Dull, steady. Winter wheat, low grades, $2 20@3 30; fair to fancy, $3 35@4 75; do patents, $4 90@5 25; Minnesota clear, $3 50@4; do straights, $4@4 60; do patents, $4 05@5 05; low extras, $2 20@3 30; city mills, $4@5; do patents, $5 10@5 25; rye mixture, $3 20@3 30; superfine, $2 10@3 30; fine, $2 90@3 05. Southern flour dull, steady; common to fair, extra, $3@3 55; good to choice do, $3 55@3 85. Rye flour, quiet, steady, $2 85@3 25.

CORNMEAL—Quiet, steady. Yellow Western, $1 95@2 05.

RYE—Quiet. Western, 45c delivered.

BARLEY—Quiet. Feeding, 28c c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Spot market moderately active, weaker; February, 95⅛c; ungraded red, 80@95½c; No. 1 Northern, 88⅝c.

Options were dull and irregular, closing weak at from ⅛c to 1⅛c decline, following the West, lower stock market and the Cuban trouble. May sent March were most active. No. 2 red, January, 88c; March, 87⅛c; May, 85⅛c; July, 81c; December, 86⅞c.

CORN—Spot, easier, dull. No. 2, 28¼@28½c elevator, 29¼@29½c afloat; No. 2 yellow, 29½c.

Options were dull, weak and ¼@¾c lower with the West, with only light local trade. May only traded in. December, 28⅜c; January, 28⅞c; May, 31¼c.

OATS—Spots, dull, steady. December, 21⅝c; January, 22¼c; May, 24¼c.

Options dull, easy. December, 28½c; January, 22⅛c; May, 24⅜c.

Spot prices: No. 2, 21¾@22c; No. 2 white, 25½c; No. 2 Chicago, 22¾c; No. 3, 20c; No. 3 white, 22½c; mixed Western, 20@23c; white do, 23@30c.

Provisions.

LARD—Quiet, nominal. Western steam, $4 12½ @4 15; City, $3 70; December, $4 05, nominal, Refined quiet; Continent, $4 40; South American, $4 25; compound, 4⅜@4½c.

PORK—Dull, steady. New mess, $8 25@8 75.

BUTTER—Choice, firm; fair demand. Western creamery, 14@21½c; do factory, 7@12c; Elgins, 21@21½c; creamery, 11@16½c.

CHEESE—Steady, moderate demand: 3½c.

EGGS—Firm. Icehouse, 15@17c; Western fresh, 20@22c; do case, $2@4; limed, 15c.

TALLOW—Quiet. City, 3¼c; country, 3⅛@3⅜c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Steady. Crude, 19½@20c; yellow prime, 23c.

RICE—Firm. Domestic, 3¾@6c; Japan, 4⅛@4½c.

MOLASSES—Firm, moderate demand. New Orleans, new, 25@34c.

COFFEE—Quiet, 5 points up; December, $9 20; January, $9 30; March, $9 30@9 35; May, $9 35; September, $9 35@9 45. Spot Rio, dull, steady. No. 7, 10c.

SUGAR—Dull, unchanged. Off A, 4⅛c; mold A, 4⅝c; standard A, 4⅜c; confectioners' A, 4¼c; cut loaf, 5c; crushed, 5c; powdered, 4⅝c; granulated, 4⅜c; cubes, 4⅝c.

Fruit and Produce.

ALMONDS—Paper shell, 11@12c; soft shells, 8@9½c.

APRICOTS—Bags, 9@11c.

PEACHES—Peeled, 14@15c; unpeeled, 7@9c.

PRUNES—Four sizes, nominal, 5@5¼c.

RAISINS—Two-crown, 4½c; 3-crown, 5½c; 4-crown, 6½c; London layers, $1 45@1 50; clusters, $1 65@2.

HOPS—Quiet; unchanged.

WOOL—Quiet, firm, unchanged.

Merchandise.

PIGIRON—Moderate demand American, $11@13.

COPPER—Quiet; Lake, $11 20@11 50.

LEAD—Firm. Domestic, 3@3 05.

TIN—Steady. Straits, $11 80. Plates quiet.

SPELTER—Dull; Domestic, $4 15@4 25.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 18.—The big export clearances of flour from Newport News yesterday which were given as 140,000 barrels, having turned out to be but 140,000 pounds or 700 barrels, the people who bought wheat on the report were ready to sell at the opening of the market this morning. Consequently lower prices prevailed. Liverpool cables were steady to ¼d lower, which was another disappointment. During the first half hour a report was circulated that the Northwestern stocks would decrease one million bushels for the week, and a sharp upturn of half a cent was the result. The story was disproved later, and the proper estimate shown to be 950,000 bushels inclusive. Those who bought on the rumor then threw their wheat on the market, prices dropping back on selling as much as they had previously advanced on buying. Receipts in the Northwest were 363 cars against 537 last Friday and 729 a year ago. Chicago had 48 cars and inspected out 73,412 bushels. Export clearances were high at 204,996 bushels. Closing Continental cables were higher. The close was weaker on reported shipments of gold from New York to Europe. May wheat opened from 79⅞@80¼c, sold between 80⅝@80½c, closing at 79½c 7/8c under yesterday. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 81 cars. No. 2 red spot wheat 88½@89⅝c, closing about 88½c.

CORN—The corn market was neither active nor interesting. Business maintained its reputation for dullness, few orders appearing and but a handful of brokers being present. The advances and recessions of wheat were reflected in the tone, but the movement was slow. Liverpool cables gave an advance of ¼d. Receipts were 330 cars, and 60,868 bushels were taken from store. Exports amounted to 303,541 bushels. May corn opened from 25⅛@25⅜c, sold at 25¼@25⅜c, closing at the inside, ⅛@¼c under yesterday. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 319 cars.

OATS—There was good buying of oats during the morning and the feeling was quite firm. One commission-house alone took half a million bushels of May option and of others proportionately large amounts. Receipts were 345 cars, and 3,409 bushels were taken from store. Exports amounted to 41,914 bushels. The weakness of wheat during the last hour affected imports. May closed ⅛c under yesterday. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 250 cars.

FLAX—Was lower, but steady at the decline. No. 1, 71¼c; Northwestern, 75½@76c; December, 72½c; May, 77. Receipts were 39 cars.

PROVISIONS—Packers sold moderately of provisions, and as the demand was not any too good prices declined slightly. There was no change in hog prices. The grain market conveyed some steadiness to provisions during the morning. The close was fairly steady, with May pork 2½c to 5c lower, May lard a shade lower and May ribs a shade higher.

BUTTER—The butter market held steady and was fairly active to-day. Receipts were good and orders were plentiful. Prices were unchanged.

Creameries—Extras, 20c ₱ lb; firsts, 18@19c; seconds, 15@16c; imitations, fancy, 13@15c; June goods, extras, 17c; firsts, 14@15c. Dairies—Extras, 19c; firsts, 14@17c; seconds, 10@12c. Ladies — Rolls, 10@11c; firsts, 8@8½c; packing stock, 9@9½c; grease, 2½@3c; roll butter, 11@12c.

EGGS—Moderate supply; fair demand. Prices unchanged. Fresh stock, 19c ₱ dozen.

MONEY—Was easy at 5@6% on call and time loans. New York exchange was sold at 30c premium.

Closing Prices.

WHEAT—December, 76¼c; May, 79½c; July, 74c.

CORN—December, 22⅝c; January, 22¾c; May, 25¼@25⅜c.

OATS—December, 16¾c; May, 20c.

PORK—January, $7 60; May, $7 87½.

LARD—January, $3 82½; May, $4 02½.

RIBS—January, $3 85; May, $4 02½.

Livestock.

UNION STOCKYARDS, ILL., Dec. 18.—Offerings of cattle to-day were quite liberal for a Friday, and as the demand was inclined to be slow prices were easy and in some instances somewhat lower. The demand for hogs was only fair. The supply was good and prices about steady to 5c lower. Sheep and lambs were steady. The receipts to-day were free and the demand fair.

CATTLE — Receipts, 6000. Fancy cattle, $5 40@5 60; choice to prime 1350 to 1700 lb steers, $4 90@5 35; good to choice steers, 1250 to 1500 lb, $4 50@4 85; medium steers, 1200 to 1350 lb, $4 10@4 45; fair beef steers, 1000 to 1200 lbs, $3 35@4 00; common beef steers, $3 50@3 75; good to choice stockers and feeders, 900 to 1250 lb, $3 45@3 85; fair to good do, 500 to 875 lb, $2 80@3 45; bulls, choice to extra, $3 25@3 75; bulls, poor to choice, $2 00@3 20; cows and heifers, choice to prime, $3 60@4 15; cows, fair to choice, $2 40@3 50; cows, common to fair canners, $1 40@2 35; calves, good to fancy, $4 75@5 25; calves, common to good, $3@4 70; Texas grass steers, $3 00@3 40; Western range steers, $3 25@3 80; Western range cows and heifers, $2 50@3 80; milkers and springers, ₱ head, $25@40; Texas fed steers, $3 00@4 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 29,000. Heavy packing and shipping lots, $3 10@3 35; common to choice mixed, $3 15@3 40; choice assorted, $3 35@3 40; light, $3 20@3 40; pigs, $2 85@3 40.

SHEEP—Receipts, 9000. Inferior to choice, $2 25@3 75; lambs, $3 25@5 50.

Receipts at Omaha.

SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR., Dec. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 5700. Market steady. Light and mixed, $3 15@3 30; heavy, $3 10@3 20.

CATTLE — Receipts, 14,600. Nothing good; market lower for heifers and cows; feeders steady. Steers, $3 35@4 20; cows, $1 50@3 45; feeders, $3@3 90.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1100. Market steady on good; others weak. Muttons, $3 35; lambs, $4 60.

Receipts at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 18.—HOGS—Receipts, 11,500. Opened weak; closed strong. Light, $3 20@3 30; medium, $3 30@4 27½; heavy, $3 17½@3 25; pigs, $2 95@3 10.

CATTLE—Receipts, 5000; strong. Native steers, best, $4 10@5 00; fair to good, $3 00@4 10; cows and heifers, best, $3 00@3 50; fair to good, $1 70@3 00; bulls, $1 70@3 80; stockers and feeders, $3 00@3 90; Texas and Western, $2 60@3 70; calves, $5@11.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1000. Steady.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 18.—R. G. Dun & Co. will say to-morrow in their weekly review of trade: Cuban reports, unusual closeness of money in Germany and the decision that there will be no action on the tariff at this session, have not really changed the situation, but have been talked about as if they might change it. The holiday trade is generally large, though at some points more confined to cheap goods than usual, and the influence of an increase in the working force is felt in other ways. But until the new year the only material changes expected are such as prepare for a large business next year. In the iron and steel industry these appear of the utmost importance.

Since events for some months to come will turn largely on the state of foreign trade it is cheering that produce exports in November were $109,091,947 in value, amounting for three months to $307,749,587, more than double the value of imports, which were $151,361,351. The enormous excess which has brought hither in three months net imports of gold amounting to $68,640,143, besides establishing credits of many millions in London which virtually pay in advance for future imports, has not prevented, it is believed, a special shipment of gold to Germany next week, for which the Germany bank pays a premium to meet demands January 1, supposed to be on Russian account.

London affects the shipment by borrowing more millions here, so that the amount of such sterling advances is now reckoned at $35,000,000. More much borrowing may cause advance in the rate of interest, realizing on exchange drafts, of which many become due before or shortly after January 1, and a sharper demand on London than is convenient. But for $2 worth of produce going out to every $1 worth of goods brought in, nothing of an ordinary nature can cause gold exports of consequence. In two weeks of December exports from New York have been 6 per cent larger and imports 12 per cent smaller than last year.

Exports of cotton are unusually stimulated by lower prices, and with forced liquidation of important speculative operations cotton has declined to 7.12c, recovering to 7.19c. July 15 the price was 7.8, short crop raised it to 8.87 September 10 and it has now gone back about to the starting point. Receipts from plantations continue heavy, while commercial stocks here and abroad are only about as large as a year ago, when the movement had been 1,100,000 bales less. The demand for goods in this country falls below the increased production, and the market is weak in tone, with prices of some jobbers' bleached goods sharply reduced. Speculation in wool has halted, sales for the week being 3,721,200 pounds, against 5,180,000 last year.

The control of the Mountain Iron Messabic mine has been leased for fifty years or purchased by the Carnegie interest from J. D. Rockefeller, the ore to be shipped by his new steamship line on the lakes and by the new railway which the Carnegie Company is building to Lake Erie. This, with the erection of sixteen new open-hearth furnaces, making sixty-six, insures enormous increase of product at extreme low cost and will affect all combinations in steel products or in ore. The billet pool has practically dissolved and sales are reported at $16 to $17, the contracts to supply consumers through most of the whole of next year. The beam pool has revived and restored the price to $1 55, but nails and steel bars are a shade lower. The rail association has been in session, and our Philadelphia dispatch states that rails are sold at $25, against $28, so long maintained. Bessemer pig and gray forge are a shade lower at Pittsburg, Virginia and Alabama iron is offered 25 cents lower at the East and with so much uncertainty regarding great changes in progress very little is done in finished products and generally at concessions. A sale of 3,000,000 pounds of lake copper is reported at 11¼. Coke production is increasing at contracts reported at $1 50.

Wheat rose about 2c Monday, but declined still further and closed ½c lower for the week. The receipts in two weeks have been 6,625,382 bushels, against 11,600,587 last year, and Atlantic exports for three weeks have been—flour included—6,921,444 bushels, against 5,097,844 last year. Stocks have been weak. Almost a panic occurred on Friday when the Cameron joint resolution was adopted by the Senate committee. Speculators immediately felt the war with Spain beginning, and St. Paul, Burlington and Rock Island broke five points, while the whole list lost over a point.

Failures for the week have been 387 in the United States, against 378 last year, and 41 in Canada, against 62 last year.

BANK CLEARINGS.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Bank clearing totals at the principal cities for the week ended December 17, with comparisons, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's:

CITIES.	Amount.	Percentage Inc.	Dec.
New York	$805,278,763	.....	11.1
Boston	97,629,196	.....	2.2
Chicago	96,087,096	.....	1.7
Philadelphia	61,433,956	.....	12.6
St. Louis	26,524,476	.....	0.4
Pittsburg	18,550,859	.....	10.6
San Francisco	14,731,420	.....	2.0
Baltimore	13,945,779	.....	5.4
Cincinnati	12,279,950	.....	10.3
Kansas City	11,315,423	0.9	.....
New Orleans	12,999,401	.....	9.1
Minneapolis	10,016,857	.....	.....
Detroit	7,080,728	.....	2.7
Louisville	7,230,040	11.9	.....
Cleveland	6,284,087	.....	6.2
Milwaukee	4,990,894	.....	5.0
Buffalo	4,588,249	.....	13.9
Omaha	3,804,324	.....	14.4
Denver	2,432,927	.....	19.1
Los Angeles	2,405,602	.....	25.0
Portland, Or	1,567,831	9.0	.....
Salt Lake	1,879,129	52.8	.....
Helena	528,727	10.5	.....
Tacoma	478,368	.....	9.1
Seattle	539,758	.....	5.2
Spokane	668,844	46.5	.....
Totals U. S.	$1,085,921,223	.....	7
Outside of New York City	480,462,460	.....	5.6

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Total	$22,861,360	.....	.....

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Bonds, Exchange, Money and Railroad Shares.

Money on call easy at 2¾; last loan at 2¾ and closing offered at 2¾. Prime mercantile paper, 4¾. Bar silver, 65½c. Mexican dollars, 51c. Sterling exchange is firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 83¾@4 84 for 60 days and $4 87¼@4 87½ for demand. Posted rates, $4 84½@4 88½. Commercial bills, $4 82@4 83½. Government bonds weaker; State bonds dull; railroad bonds steady. Silver at the board was neglected.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Am Tel & Cable	85	North American	4¾
Atchison	12¼	Northern Pacific	12
Preferred	27½	Preferred	21½
Adams Express	148	Northwestern	100¼
Alton, Terre Haute	50	Preferred	146¾
American Express	109	N Y Central	93½
American Tobacco	74¾	N Y, Chicago & St L	11½
Preferred	100½	1st preferred	63
Bay State Gas	1¼	2d preferred	27
Baltimore & Ohio	14¼	N Y & N H	176
Brunswick Lands	¾	N Y & New Eng	45
Buffalo, Roch & P	15	N Y Susq & W	9
Canada Pacific	52	Preferred	24½
Canada Southern	47½	Ontario	10
Canton Land	50⅞	Ontario & Western	14
Central Pacific	14½	Oregon Improvmnt	—
Ches & Ohio	15	Preferred	—
Chicago Alton	160	Oregon Navigation	14
Preferred	172	Oregon Short Line	14
Chicago, B & Q	89⅛	Pacific Mail	22½
Chicago & E Ill	40	Peoria, D & Evans	24
Preferred	95	Pittsburg & W pfd	—
Chicago Gas	70¼	Pullman Palace	158
Cleve & Pittsburg	163	Quicksilver	1¼
Consolidation Coal	34	Preferred	12
Consolidated Gas	144½	Reading	24¼
C C C & St Louis	23½	Rio Grande Western	15
Preferred	81	Preferred	40
Colo Fuel & Iron	22¼	Rock Island	64
Preferred	70	Rome Wat & Ogden	115½
Cotton Oil Cert	9	St L & S W	3½
Commercial Cable	150	Preferred	9
Del Hudson	125	St Paul	80½
Del Lack & Westrn	156	Preferred	130
Denver & R G	11⅝	St Paul & Duluth	19
Preferred	40	Preferred	80
Distillers	—	St Paul & Omaha	46½
General Electric	29⅞	Preferred	113
Erie	13⅞	St P M & M	112
Preferred	33	Silver Certificates	65¼
Fort Wayne	164	Southern Pacific	14½
Great Northern pfd	118	Southern Railway	8½
Green Bay	½	Preferred	24½
Harlem	290	Sugar Refinery	108⅞
Hocking Coal	5	Preferred	100
Hocking Valley	16	Tenn Coal & Iron	24
Homestake	35	Preferred	90
H & Texas Central	—	Texas Pacific	18⅛
Illinois Central	92	Tol A A & N Mich	—
Iowa Central	7¼	Tol Ohio & Central	20
Preferred	24	Preferred	50
Kansas & Texas	12¼	Tol St Louis & K C	5
Preferred	24	Preferred	15
Kingston & Penn	3	Union Pacific	8¼
Lake Erie & Westn	16½	U P Den & Gulf	2
Preferred	68	U S Cordage	5
Lake Shore	152	Preferred	10
National Lead	23	Guaranteed	20
Preferred	85	U S Express	40
Long Island	45	U S Leather	7¾
Louisville & Nash	45½	Preferred	57¾
Louisville, N Albny	¼	U S Rubber	24¼
Preferred	1¼	Preferred	80
Manhattan Con	87½	Utica & B River	150
Memphis & Charls	15	Wab S L & Pacific	5¾
Mexican Central	7	Preferred	14¼
Michigan Central	92	Wells-Fargo	97
Minn & S L	—	Western Union	81¼
Preferred	—	Wisconsin Central	2
Minn & St L com	17¾	Wheeling & L E	6⅞
1st preferred	76	Preferred	27
2d preferred	47½	Am Cotton Oil pfd	50½
Missouri Pacific	18	W U Beef	5
Mobile & Ohio	29	Ann Arbor	9
Nashville & Chatt	67½	Preferred	20
National Linseed	13¾	Brooklyn Traction	19
N J Central	101	Erie 2d pfd	20
Norfolk & Westrn	9¾	American Spirits	10¼
Preferred	14¾	Preferred	24¾

CLOSING BONDS.

Ala Class A 4s	105	Northern Pac 1sts	115½
Do Class B 4, 5s	104	Do 2ds	116
Alabama, class C	96	Do 3ds	78½
Atchison 4s	98	Do consol bs	53
Do 2ds A	41¼	Or Improvmnt 1st	86
Canada South 2ds	105½	Do 5s	2
Cen Pac 1sts of '95	102¾	R G & W 1sts	113½
Cherokee 4s, 1896	102	Do consol 5s	—
Do 1897	102	Or Short Line 6s	111
Do 1898	102	Do consol 5s	64
Do 1899	102	Pacific 6s of '97	99½
Ches & Ohio 5s	108¼	Phila & Reading 4s	80¼
Ch & N P Tr Rcts 5s	40⅛	Do 1st pfd income	45
D G 5-6s	101	Rio Grande West 1sts	75
Den & R G 1st	110	St L & Iron Mt Gen 5s	76
Do 4s	90	St L & S F Gen 6s	110½
Erie 2ds	64⅞	St Paul Consols	130
Flt W & Den City 1sts	54	St P C & Pa 1sts	117½
G H & S A 6s	91	So Carolina 4½s	105
Do 2d 7s	95	Southern R R 5s	89
Gen Elec Deb 5s	90½	Do Pac Cal 1sts	107
H & T Cent 5s	108	Tenn new 3s	80
Do con 6s	105	Texas Pac 1sts	85⅝
Iowa Central 1sts	96	Texas Pac 2ds	20¼
Kansas Pa Consols	67	Union Pac 1sts	96.102
Ks Pa 1sts Den Div	111	U S 4s reg of 1925	119¾
La Consol 4s	96	Do 4s, coupon	119¾
Missouri funding	—	U S 4s reg of 1907	109¾
M K T 2ds	57	Do 4s, coupon	110½
Do 4s	81	Do 2s	96
Mobile & Ohio 4s	80	Do 5s, reg	113¾
Mutual Union 6s	111½	Do 5s, coupon	113¾
N J Cent Gen 5s	118	Va funding deb	61½
N Y C & St Louis 4s	103⅞	Do registered	—
Nor & West Gen 6s	119	Do deferred 6s	5
N Carolina con 4s	101	Do trust rept stpd	63¾
Do 6s	122	Wabash 1st 5s	106⅛
Northwest Consols	138¼	West Shore 4s	107
Do deb 5s	107½		

FOREIGN MARKETS.

WHEAT IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, ENG., Dec. 18.—The spot market is quiet at 7s 2d@7s 3d. Cargoes dull at 33s 4½d, arrived.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations for No. 2 Red Winter: December, ——; January, 6s 7d; February, 6s 7¾d; March, 6s 8d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, ENG., Dec. 18.—Consols, 110 13-16d; silver, 29⅞d; French Rentes, 102f 32½c.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 84½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 87¾
Sterling Cables	—	4 88
New York Exchange, sight	—	12½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	15
Fine silver, ₱ ounce	—	65¼
Mexican Dollars	51½	52

PRODUCE MARKET.

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—Is quiet, both on call and in the shipping market and prices show no marked variation. Quoted at $1 40@1 45 ₱ ctl for common grades, $1 47½@1 50 ₱ ctl for average No. 1, $1 52¾ for choice and $1 55@1 60 ₱ ctl for extra choice for milling.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—9:15 o'clock—No sales.

SECOND SESSION—May—6000 ctls, $1 52½; 4000, $1 52½; 16,000, $1 52⅜; 4000, $1 52¼; 6000, $1 52⅛.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—12,000 ctls, $1 51⅜; 28,000, $1 51¼; 26,000, $1 51½; 4000, $1 51⅝.

AFTERNOON SESSION—May—4000 ctls, $1 51⅞; 2000, $1 52; 8000, $1 52⅛; 18,000, $1 52⅝; 32,000, $1 52¼; 6000, $1 52½.

BARLEY—The market is dull and Feed is lower. We quote Feed, 77½@82½c; choice bright, 85c; Brewing, 92½@97½c; No. 1 Chevalier, $1 10@1 20 ₱ ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—9:15 o'clock—No sales

SECOND SESSION—No sales.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—8000 ctls, 93¼c; 2000, 93⅜c.

AFTERNOON SESSION—May—2000 ctls, 93½c.

OATS—No further change. Fancy Feed bring as high as $1 45 ₱ ctl. Common to good White range from $1 10 to $1 35 ₱ ctl, according to quality. Black, for feed, 90c@$1 05; for seed, $1 20@1 35; Gray, nominal; Red, $1@1 10; Surprise, $1 50@1 60.

CORN—Offerings are neglected. Large Yellow, 80@82½c ₱ ctl; Small Round do, $1; White, 85@87½c.

RYE—Dull and weak at 95c@$1 ₱ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Quoted at $1 15@1 40 ₱ ctl.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

FLOUR—Net cash prices are as follows: Family extras, $5@5 10; Bakers' extras, $4 90@5; superfine, $4 15@4 50 ₱ bbl.

CORNMEAL, ETC.—Feed Corn, $18@19 ₱ ton; Cracked Corn, $19@20 ₱ ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $2 85 ₱ 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 75 ₱ 100 lbs; Rice Flour, $5 75; Cornmeal, $3 35; extra cream do, $3; Oatmeal, $3 50; Oat Groats, $4; Hominy, $3 10@3 30; Buckwheat Flour, $3 25@3 50; Cracked Wheat, $3 50; Farina, $4; Whole Wheat Flour, $3; Rolled Oats (bbls), $6@6 40; Pearl Barley, $3 75@4; Split Peas, $3 50; Green do, $4 25 ₱ 100 lbs.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

Receipts of Hay are not large, but the market is dull and easy.

BRAN—$13@13 50 for the best and $12@12 50 ₱ ton for outside brands.

MIDDLINGS—$18@19 for lower grades and $20@21 ₱ ton for the best.

FEEDSTUFFS — Rolled Barley, $19 50@20; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $26 50 ₱ ton; jobbing, $27 50; clipped Oats, $1 50 ₱ ctl.

HAY—Wheat, $8@10 50; Wheat and Oat, $8@7 10; Oat, $6@9; Barley, $7@8 50; River Barley, $5@6 50; Alfalfa, $6@7 50; compressed, $6@9 50; stock, $5@6; Clover, $6@8 ₱ ton.

STRAW—35@50c ₱ bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

Mustard Seed is neglected. Beans continue dull.

BEANS—Bayos, $1 40@1 55; Small Whites, $1 15@1 30 ₱ ctl; Large Whites, $1 10@1 25 ₱ ctl; Pinks, $1 05@1 20; Reds, $1 20@1 30; Blackeye, $1 10@1 20; Red Kidney, $2 25; Limas, $1 75@1 90; Butters, $1 25@1 50; Pea, $1 15@1 25.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, $2 75@3; Yellow Mustard, $2 10@2 25 ₱ ctl; Flax, $1 35@1 40; Canary Seed, 2½@2¾c ₱ lb; Alfalfa, 4@6½c; Rape, 2½c; Hemp, 3½c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1@1 15 ₱ ctl; Green, $1 40@1 60 ₱ ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS, VEGETABLES.

Potatoes and Onions are steady. Vegetables show no important change.

POTATOES—Sweet Potatoes, 75c@$1 10; Early Rose, 50@60c; River Reds, 50c ₱ ctl; Burbank Seedlings, 25@40c ₱ ctl for Rivers and 50c@$1 for Salinas.

ONIONS—40@60c ₱ ctl.

VEGETABLES—Los Angeles Green Peppers quotable at 5c ₱ lb; Los Angeles Egg Plant, 5c ₱ lb; Mushrooms, 6@15c ₱ lb, latter figure for buttons; Marrowfat Squash, $5@7 ₱ ton; Tomatoes, 25@50c ₱ box; Los Angeles Tomatoes, 75c @$1 25 ₱ box; Dried Peppers, 7@8c ₱ lb; Green Peas, 3@6c ₱ lb; Los Angeles String Beans, 4@3c; Dried Okra, 8@9c ₱ lb; Cabbage, 40@50c ₱ ctl; Carrots, 30@40c ₱ sack; Garlic, 1½@2c ₱ lb.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

BUTTER—Held goods are 1c lower all around and weak. Dairy Butter continues depressed, but Creameries hold up.

CREAMERY—Fancy, 23@24c ₱ lb; seconds, 21@22½c ₱ lb.

DAIRY—Fancy, 20c; good to choice, 17½@19c; lower grades, 15@16½c ₱ lb.

PICKLED—15@17c ₱ lb.

FIRKIN—15@16c ₱ lb.

CREAMERY TUB—17@18c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—Good stock is scarce. Choice mild new quotable at 11@12c common to good old, 8@10c; Cream Cheddar, 11@12c; Young America, 11½@12½c; Western, 11½@12½c; Eastern, 12½@13½c ₱ lb.

EGGS—The decline in prices has stimulated the demand and stocks are considerably reduced again. Hence the market is not so weak. Eastern quotable at 24@25c ₱ doz for fancy and 21@22c for cold-storage; ranch Eggs, 25@27c for small and medium and 27½@30c for fancy; store Eggs, 22@25c; Duck Eggs, 25c.

POULTRY AND GAME.

POULTRY—A car of Eastern is selling at $5 50 for Hens, $5 for young Roosters and $4 for Fryers. California