THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver declined sharply.
Wheat steady. Freights advanced.
Barley weaker.
No change in Oats and Corn.
Light receipts of Hay.
Beans and Seeds dull.
No change in Coal.
Potatoes in good shape. Onions easy.
No change in Butter and Eggs.
Poultry Market still glutted. Game low.
Fancy Apples firmer. Oranges dull and weak.
Provisions unchanged.
Hides, Wool and Hops as before.
Exchange higher.
Increased exports of Specie.

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

Exports of specie from this port during the first eleven months of the year were $41,378,134, against $24,508,899 during the same period in 1896 and $5,000,452 in Silver Bullion, $9,914,587 in Mexican Dollars, $301,485 in Silver Coin and $26,398,743 in Gold Coin. Of this Treasure China took $11,825,264, Japan $1,743,575, India $1,522,988, Honolulu $815,542 and New York $25,390,705.

GOLD COIN MOVEMENT.

The movement of Gold Coin at San Francisco for the month of November was as follows:

Paid for duties	$419,500
Exported	1,906,800
Withdrawn	$2,326,300
Coined in November	3,055,000
Added to local circulation	$728,700

The showing for the first eleven months of the year was as follows:

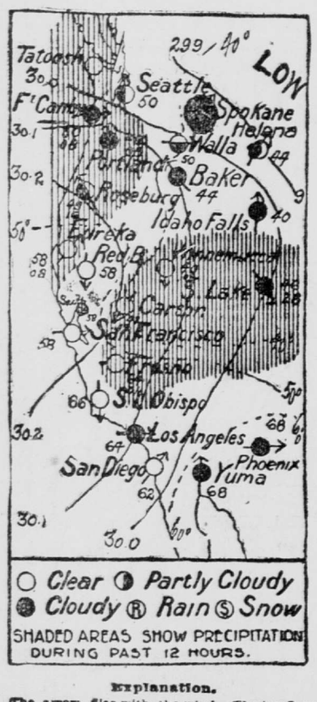
Paid for duties	$4,698,200
Exported	25,398,700
Withdrawn	$30,096,900
Coined January 1 to November 30	29,875,000
Loss to local circulation	$221,900
Added in 1896	9,520,200

STOCKS OF GRAIN.

The detailed statement of the stock of grain on hand in the State, as taken by the Produce Exchange, is as follows, the totals having already been published:

REPORT OF FLOUR AND GRAIN REMAINING IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ON DECEMBER 1, 1897.

	Flour Bbls.	Wheat Ctls.	Barley Ctls.	Oats Ctls.	Beans Sacks.	Corn Ctls.	Rye Ctls.
San Francisco warehouses and mills, including grain and flour afloat in harbor and in transit	19,925	428,800	30,240	66,480	140,300	4,200	
Sonoma, Solano, Yolo, Colusa and Glenn counties	11,510	1,000,200	164,700	81,980	2,000	40	
Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter, Butte, Placer and Tehama counties	16,600	819,760	98,720	79,560	6,000		
Contra Costa and Alameda counties	1,000	1,339,480	529,880	300,963	640	4,600	
San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties	1,000	1,853,040	658,300	700,963	10,000		
Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties	94,940	111,678	3,160	7,495,380	500	17,100	
Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties	1,500	7,500	20,000	2,000		1,000	
Totals	146,992	5,162,610	3,136,020	9,556,000	159,440	25,480	4,240
Totals, December 1, 1896	115,992	4,778,620	2,368,380	9,500	193,220	557,948	10,941,760
Totals, December 1, 1895	115,992	9,132,610	3,136,020	28,280	44,956	5,000	4,000
Totals, June 1, 1896	94,940	7,733,850	758,600	81,980	510,852	6,000	40
Totals, December 1, 1896	111,678	7,495,380	3,000,980	79,560	700,963	17,100	21,360
Totals, June 1, 1897	146,992	5,162,610	3,136,020	9,556,000	159,440	25,480	4,200



Explanation.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate minimum temperature for the days: those underneath, 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.

THE WEATHER BUREAU.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. WEATHER BUREAU, SAN FRANCISCO, December 8, 1897, 5 P. M.

The following are the rainfalls for the past twenty-four hours and the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with those of the same date last season: Eureka .18 this season ——, last season 14.66; Red Bluff .28, this season 5.41, last season 5.73; Sacramento .30, this season 3.98, last season 4.72; San Francisco .27, this season 3.87, last season 6.76; Fresno .35, this season 1.79, last season 3.01; San Luis Obispo .48, this season 1.40, last season 4.70; Los Angeles .00, this season 2.48, last season 2.99; San Diego .00, this season 1.15, last season 2.08; Yuma .00, this season .81, last season 1.20.

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature 58, minimum 52, mean 55.

Weather Conditions and General Forecasts.

An area of high pressure lies over the Pacific Slope. During the past twenty-four hours the pressure has risen more than half an inch over Oregon and Washington.

The temperature has fallen over the entire country west of the Rocky Mountains.

Rain has fallen in Utah, Nevada and Washington.

The following maximum wind velocities are reported: Fort Canby 30 miles per hour, from the west; Landers 28, west; Carson City 36, west.

Forecasts made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, December 9, 1897:

Northern California—Fair Thursday; colder; light northwesterly wind.

Southern California—Fair Thursday; colder; light northerly wind.

Nevada—Fair Thursday; colder.

Utah—Fair Thursday; colder.

Arizona—Fair Thursday; much colder; probably frosts Thursday night.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Thursday; continued cold weather; light northerly wind.

Special report from Mount Tamalpais, taken at 5 P. M.—Clear; wind northwest; 12 miles an hour; temperature, 42; maximum, 49.

ALEXANDER MCADIE,
Local Forecast Official.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—To-day's stock market opened this morning with a tremendous show of animation and vigorous upward tendency, gains being uniform pretty much through the list. It was evident that the strength displayed by the market yesterday had brought orders to the commission-house to buy stocks. There was also buying for London account for the first time in several days, the advance in prices here apparently failing to tempt arbitrage brokers to sell. Their purchases of St. Paul were on quite a large scale and they also bought Union Pacific, but there were sales of Louisville and Atchison for London account.

Sugar was the one exception in the strength of the market at the opening, but its loss soon widened and heavy liquidation in the stock set in, offerings being very heavy and active support being of no avail to recover its losses. Yesterday's rumor of an extra dividend was thoroughly discredited this morning and yesterday's gain was consequently completely wiped out before the announcement of the regular dividend. The stock was very feverish all day and fluctuated widely and frequently, but worked constantly toward a lower level and closed near the lowest, with a net loss of 4⅜. Total sales were 120,000 shares. Consolidated Gas was also a mark for the reactionists and dropped at one time 4½ points.

The consequence was that the market was kept unsettled all day. When the general advance came to a stop dullness intervened and there were frequent rallies. Early in the final hour prices of many stocks were at the best, but the final drop in sugar again weakened prices all around and left net gains confined to fractions in almost all cases and a fair sprinkling of losses all through the list. Union Pacific was heavy on account of the steps taken by the Government to qualify as a bidder at the Kansas Pacific sale.

The activity displayed by the bond market was quite remarkable for the first hour, approaching $1,750,000 in par value, and, it is said, breaking the record for one hour's business. There was some decrease in activity earlier in the day, but the tone continued strong and the prices of a number of bonds of the middle grade moved up from one to several points.

Some of the railroad-grade bonds showed heavy gains. Total sales, $4,250,000.

Old fours registered declined ⅛ and do. coupon ¼ bid, but the fives rose ⅛ bid; the new fours coupon sold at 129, which is higher than ever before.

Total sales of stocks to-day 435,500, including: Atchison preferred 1,027, do. 4s, 5070, Burlington 27,080, L. and M. 12,260, Manhattan 7435, Missouri Pacific 13,576, M. K. and T. preferred 4250, New Jersey Central 5255, Northern Pacific 3682, do preferred 15,066, Northwest Terminal 3300, Reading 3295, Rock Island 17,015, St. Louis and San Francisco second preferred 3227, St. Paul 34,035, Southern Railway preferred 10,725, Union Pacific 5875, Wabash preferred 3376, American Tobacco 18,020, Bay State Gas 8198, Chi ago Great Western, 15,155, People's Gas 13,230, Laclede Gas 3830, Sugar 119,030.

LONDON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The markets were to-day inactive but cheerful, the features being the bouyance of Americans and Argentines. In the former case the tone was entirely due to New York support. There was a good feeling here but little action. So apathetic are dealers that Secretary Gage's currency plans had little effect. Of course it is felt that if this scheme for an issue of 2 per cent bonds repayable, principal and interest, in gold coin is carried through a great stride will be made toward currency reform.

Prices closed at the best.

Southern Railway preferred was especially good. Grand Trunks were booming, and all descriptions of Canadian securities, including Hudson Bay shares, were good. Argentines were bought from influential quarters. It was urged that with the resumptions of full interest the bonds are cheap. Apropos of the rise in Argentines, I just learn privately that a meeting of what is known as the Rothschild committee has been called for Friday. It is believed that some statement is coming relative to the payment of arrears of interest.

Mines were dull. Silver was flat on the announcement that the Indian Government will offer forty lakhs of bills, when only ten was expected.

The Paris markets were firm and the Berlin market irregular.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

Closing Prices for Bonds and Railway Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Money on call easy at 1½@2%; last loan at 2%; closed at 1½@2; prime mercantile paper, 3@4%; Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85¼@4 85⅝ for demand and $4 82½@4 82¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 83½@4 84 and $4 86½@4 87; commercial bills, $4 82¼; silver certificates, 59½@59⅝c; bar silver, 59¼c; Mexican dollars, 46¾c; Government bonds, firm; State bonds, dull; railroad bonds, strong.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Railroads—		St Paul	95¼
Atchison	13⅝	Preferred	142
Preferred	30¼	St Paul & Omaha	78½
Baltimore & Ohio	12¼	Preferred	150½
Canada Pacific	80¾	Southern Pacific	20½
Canada Southern	54¼	Southern Railway	9⅛
Central Pacific	11⅝	Preferred	32¼
Ches & Ohio	22⅝	Texas & Pacific	12
Chicago & Alton	161	U P, trust assmt pd	25¼
Chicago, B & Q	98⅛	U P D & G	8⅛
Chicago & E Ill	52½	Wabash	7⅞
Chicago, Ind & L	9¾	Preferred	18½
do pref'd	31	Wheel & L E	2⅛
C C C & St L	86	Preferred	10
Preferred	79	Express Companies—	
Del & Hudson	108½	Adams Ex	156
Del L & W	152	American Ex	115
Del & Rio G	11½	United States	40
Preferred	46	Wells-Fargo	112
Erie, new	14¾	Miscellaneous—	
Erie, preferred	37¾	A Cot Oil	22¾
Ft Wayne	169¾	Preferred	74¾
Ga Nor pfd	150	Am'n Spirits	8½
Hocking Val	5¾	Preferred	20¼
Illinois Cent	103¼	Am Tobacco	87⅛
Lake Erie & W	17½	Preferred	113
Preferred	71½	Peoples Gas	95¾
Lake Shore	174	Cons Gas	181½
Louis & Nash	56⅞	Com. Cable Co	175
Manhattan L	105⅝	Col F & Iron	22¾
Met St Railway	118¾	do do pref'd	70
Michigan Central	103⅛	Gen. Electric	33¾
Minn & St. L	26¾	Illinois Steel	47
do do 1st pref'd	58	La Clede Gas	44½
Mo. Pacific	34⅜	Lead	35⅛
Mobile & Ohio	45	do pref'd	104
Mo. K & T	13½	Nat. Lin Oil	16¾
do pref'd	36⅞	Oregon Imp. Co	16
N J Central	84⅝	Pacific Mail	31
N Y Central	107¼	Pullman Palace	173
N Y Chicago & St L	13⅞	Silver Certificates	59¼
do do 1st pref'd	75	Stan Rope & Twine	4½
do do 2d pref'd	35½	Sugar	140¼
Nor West	13	Preferred	114¾
No Amer Co	4⅜	T C & Iron	26
No Pacific	20⅝	U S Leather	7¼
Preferred	57⅞	Preferred	63½
Ontario & W	15¾	U S Rubber	15½
Ore R & Nav	37½	Preferred	65½
Ore Short Line	18	Western Union	89⅞
Pittsburg	167¾	Ch G W	16
Reading	21¾	C & N W	122¾
Rock Island	91⅛	Preferred	165¼
St Louis & S F	7½	Rio Grande Watn	22
do 1st preferred	58¼	Preferred	56
do 2d preferred	—	St L & S W	4⅞
St P, M & M	123	Preferred	10¾

CLOSING BONDS.

U S New 4s, reg	128¾	N J Cent Gen 5s	112¾
do do 4s, coup	128¾	North Carolina 6s	125
do 4s, reg	112⅛	Do 4s	102
do 4s, coup	114	Northern Pac 1sts	119
do 2s, reg	99	Do, 3s	61
do 5s, reg	114⅜	Do, 4s	84
do 5s, coup	114⅜	N Y C & St L 4s	106¾
District 3 65s	109¼	Nor & W 6s	121½
Ala Class A 4s	108	Northwest Consols	144¼
Do, Class B	108	Do, deb 5s	116½
Do, Class C	98	Oregon Nav 1sts	116¼
Do, Currency	98	Do, 4s	93
Atchison 4s	89½	O S Line 6s tr	123½
Do, Adj 4s	57¾	Do, 5s tr	99⅜
Canada So. 2ds	106½	O Imp 1sts tr	101
Can Pac 1sts	105	Do, 5s tr	43¾
Chgo Terms	45¼	Pacific 6s, of '95	102⅝
C & Ohio 5s	112	Reading 4s	85⅝
C H & D 4½s	104⅝	Rio G West, 1sts	83½
Den & R G 1sts	108¼	St L & I M Gen 5s	87¾
Den & R G 4s	90	St L & S F Gen 6s	118¾
East Tenn 1sts	111	St P consols	140½
Erie Gen 4s	71⅞	St P, C & P 1sts	120
F W & D 1sts	68	Do, deb 5s	117½
Gen Electric 5s	99	S Carolina Nn-fnd	¼
G H & S A 6s	104	Southern Ry 5s	94
do do 2s, old	100	StanRpe&Twine6s	59
H & T Cent 5s	112¼	Tenn New Set 3s	91
do con 6s	105	Tex Pac L & G 1sts	98
Iwa Cons	98	Do, reg 2ds	30⅞
Kan P Con tr	99	U P 1sts	102½
Kan P 1st (D D) tr	112	U P D & Gulf 1sts	52
La New Consol 4s	100	Wab 1st 5s	106⅞
L & N Uni 4s	87½	Do, 2ds	80⅞
Missouri 6s	100	West Shore 4s	111¾
M K T 2s	64½	Va. Centuries	68½
Do, 4s	87	Do, deferred	3
N Y Central 1sts	119	KsCityP&Glsts 5s	—

MINING STOCKS.

Chollar	$ 35	Ontario	$ 2 50
Crown Point	10	Ophir	60
Con. Cal. & Va	1 10	Plymouth	03
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver	1 00
Gould & Curry	35	do pfd	8 00
Hale & Norcross	1 20	Sierra Nevada	45
Homestake	30 00	Standard	1 50
Iron Silver	55	Union Con	15
Mexican	20	Yellow Jacket	30

BOSTON.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Atchison, 13¼; Bell Telephone, 260; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 88; Mexican Central, 5⅞; Oregon Short Line, 19; Boston and Montana, 147½; Butte and Boston, 25; San Diego, ——.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 17,941 bbls; exports, 99,949. Firmly held, but quiet and no higher.

WHEAT—Receipts, 96,200 bushels; exports, 158,822. Spot firm. No. 2, red, 99c. Options opened firm and, with few exceptions, ruled strong all day, influenced by another squeeze of December shorts, small Northwest receipts, unexpected decrease in the world's stock and French export buying, closed ⅞@1c net higher. No. 2 red May, 92 13-16@93¾c, closed 93⅝c; December, 96⅞@97 9-16c, closed 97½c.

HOPS— Heavy: State, common to choice, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 15@18c; Pacific Coast 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 6@9c; 1897 crop, 15@18c; London firm, £4 10s@£5.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 27@31c; Texas, 13@17c.

PETROLEUM — Dull. United closed 65¼c asked.

METALS—The market for metals closed with buyers having the advantage. The New York Metal Exchange reports the market for pig iron warrants easier, with sales of 400 tons at $6 70 bid and $6 75 asked. Lake copper quiet, but firm at $10 87½ bid and $11 asked. Tin very quiet at $13 65 bid and $13 70 asked. Spelter quiet at $3 95 bid and $4 05 asked, and lead easy at $3 65 bid and $3 70 asked. The firm that settles price for miners' and smelters' calls the lead market quiet at $3 50.

COFFEE—Options closed steady at unchanged prices to 5 points decline. December, $5 80@5 85; March, $6@6 05.

Spot Coffee—Rio, firm. No. 7 invoice, 6½c; No. 7 jobbing, 7c; mild Cordova, quiet, 8½c.

SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3⅜c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 1-16c; refined, firm.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5658 packages; steady; Western creamery, 16@23c; Elgins, 24; factory, 11½@14½.

EGGS—Receipts, 4499 packages; firm; State and Pennsylvania, 21@25c; Western, 21@24c.

Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—California dried fruit quiet and firm. Evaporated apples, common, 5@7c; prime wire tray, 7¾@8c; wood-dried prime, 8⅛c; choice, 8½@c; fancy, 9@9½c.

PRUNES—3@8c ₱ lb.

APRICOTS—Royal, 7@8½c; Moorpark, 9@11c.

PEACHES—Unpeeled, 7@10c; peeled, 12@20c ₱ lb.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—A firm tone was observable in wheat at the opening, and it improved as the session progressed. The chief incentive to buy came from the further decrease in the deliveries in the Northwest, and though other bullish news came in during the day this proved the main sustaining factor throughout. For the first time shorts in December showed real anxiety. December opened at 99c, or ¾c above yesterday's close. A little selling by the bull clique sufficed to put the price back to 98¼c, but an hour later an attempt to buy a few lots put the price to $1 very quickly. The interest in the option did not then die as it did yesterday. More buying orders came in after a slight reaction which put the price to $1 01.

Again the bull crowd let go, but for the rest of the day December showed an affection for the dollar mark. There was good action in the May price also, due partly to the bidding up of December, partly due to bull influences. Chicago receipts were 566 cars, compared with 27 cars last year, but there are extraordinary inducements being offered to bring wheat here if it comes up to the hill requirements of the Chicago contract quality. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 604,000 bushels.

During the last hour's trading May sold off to 90½c on realizing and closed at 90½@90⅝c. December closed at $1 00¼.

Corn was utterly indifferent to the advance in wheat and barely managed to hold its own. Outside of a little trading in May early in the day there was almost nothing done.

Oats, though quiet, were firmly held by the strength of wheat.

Provisions were weak from the start. Hog receipts were much larger than was expected, and heavy selling by packers helped to further weaken the market. January pork closed 7½c lower, January lard 5c lower and January ribs 7½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat No. 2—				
December	99	101	98¼	100¼
January	90	91¾	90	91½
May	90	91	89⅝	90⅝
Corn No. 2—				
December	25⅛	25¼	25⅛	25⅛
May	28½	28½	28⅜	28⅜
Oats No. 2—				
December	21¼	21¼	21⅛	21¼
May	22⅛	22¼	22⅛	22⅛
Mess Pork ₱ bbl—				
December	7 30	7 32½	7 30	7 32½
January	8 25	8 25	8 20	8 22½
May	8 47½	8 50	8 42½	8 45
Lard, ₱ 100 lbs—				
December	.....	.....	.....	4 15
January	4 25	4 25	4 25	4 25
May	4 40	4 42½	4 40	4 42½
Short Ribs, 100 lbs				
December	4 17½	4 17½	4 17½	4 17½
January	4 32½	4 32½	4 27½	4 30
May	4 17½	4 20	4 17½	4 17½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steadier; Winter patents, $4 70@4 90; Straights, $4 20@4 40; Spring specials, $5 85; Spring patents, $4 40@4 90; Straights, $4 30@4 50; Bakers', $3 50; No. 2, Spring wheat, 88@93c; No. 3 Spring Wheat, 81½@93c; No. 2 Red, $1@1 25; No. 2 Corn, 25⅝@25¾c; No. 2 Oats, 21¾@22c; No. 2 White, f.o.b., 24¾; No. 3 White, f.o.b., 23¼@23¾c; No. 2 Rye, 40½@42½c; No. 2 Barley, f.o.b., —; No. 4, —; No. 1 Flaxseed, $1 10@1 13½; Prime Timothy Seed, $2 65; Mess Pork, ₱ bbl, $7 35@7 40; Lard, ₱ 100 lbs, $4 25@4 27½; Short Ribs sides (loose), $4 15@4 50; Dry Salted Shoulders (boxed), $4 75@5; Short Clear Sides (boxed), $4 45@4 65; Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1 19; Sugar, cut loaf, $5 89; granulated, $5 26; standard A, —.

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	14,000	13,000
Wheat, bu	172,000	51,000
Corn, bu	456,000	308,000
Oats, bu	633,000	518,000
Rye, bu	17,000	.....
Barley, bu	85,000	47,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was steady. Creamery, 15@23c; dairy, 12@19c; cheese quiet, 8@9½c; eggs firm, fresh, 20c.

Wheat Movements.

Receipts. Bushels.	Cities.	Shipments. Bushels
174,670	Minneapolis	75,660
121,024	Duluth	344,114
429,000	Milwaukee	78,800
171,900	Chicago	50,948
17,029	Toledo	1,500
34,000	St. Louis	15,000
40,000	Detroit	1,000
48,500	Kansas City	30,500
1,236,123		597,522
37,300	Boston	94,156
96,200	New York	158,822
13,267	Philadelphia	2,073
61,525	Baltimore	110,000
.....	New Orleans	16,000
208,292		381,051

PARIS FUTURES.

	Dec.	Jan.
Flour — Opening	62 50	61 95
Closing	62 60	61 90
Wheat — Opening	30 65	29 60
Closing	30 75	29 50

LIVERPOOL WHEAT FUTURES.

	Dec.	Mar.	May.
Opening	7 3⅞	7 3⅞	7 2¾
Closing	7 4¼	7 4¼	7 3⅛

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—CATTLE—Sales of common dressed beef steers were at $3 50@3 75, and really good shipping cattle at $4 25@4 30. Choice beeves sold around $4 75, and fancy Christmas cattle were nominal around $5 10@5 40. The bulk of the sales to-day were much below $4 75. Very few calves went over $6 25.

HOGS—Sales were largely at $3 30@3 40, coarse heavy packers selling at $3 15@3 25, and prime shipping lots at $3 40@3 45. Pigs sold mostly at $3 10@3 40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep were salable at $2 75@3 50 for inferior to common; $3 73@4 50 for fair to choice and $4 60@4 65 for prime flocks, rams selling at $2 75@3 75. Western fed sheep sold in large numbers at $3 75@4 50. Lambs sold freely at $3 90@4 50 for culls up to $5 60@5 65 for choice to extra lots. Some feeding lambs brought $5.

Receipts—Cattle, 17,000; hogs, 52,000; sheep, 19,000.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 8.—CATTLE — Receipts, 9000. Market weak to 10c lower. Texas steers, $3@4 55; Texas cows, $2 40@3; native steers, $3 55@4 85; native cows and heifers, $1 50@4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 15@4 30; bulls, $1 50@3 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 17,000. Market steady to 2½c lower. Bulk of sales, $3 25@3 32; heavy, $3 25@3 35; packers, $3 25; mixed, $3 32@3 35; lights, $3 20@3 30; yorkers, $3 27@3 30; pigs, $3@3 25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3000. Market weak. Lambs, $4@5 65; muttons, $3 50@4 65.

Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 8.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3000. Market 10@15c lower. Native beef steers, $3 70@4 80; Western steers, $3 70@4 30; Texas steers, $3@3 80; cows and heifers, $2 90@3 80; canners, $2@2 80; stockers and feeders, $3 30@4 40; bulls, stags, etc., $2@3 60.

HOGS — Receipts, 8500. Market 5@10c lower. Heavy, $3 10@3 25; mixed, $3 15@3 20; light, $3 25@3 30; bulk of sales, $3 15@3 20.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3500. Market slow. Fair to choice natives, $3 60@4 60; fair to choice Westerns, $3 50@4 50; common and stock sheep, $3@4; lambs, $4@5 50.

AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Special telegraphic and cable dispatches to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation, indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 253,000 bushels.

Afloat for and in Europe—Increase, Liverpool Corn Trade News, 700,000 bushels.

World's supply—Net increase 447,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 939,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 307,000 bushels.

A decided shifting of available stocks of wheat is indicated by the reports to Bradstreet's this week. The larger increases include 200,000 bushels in Northwest interior elevators, 132,000 bushels at New Orleans, 124,000 bushels in Chicago private elevators, 58,000 bushels at Cleveland and 40,000 bushels at Rochester.

The larger decreases, however, include a falling off of about 1,100,000 bushels in Manitoba and at Fort William and Keewatin, Ont., 72,000 bushels at Galveston, 48,000 bushels in Milwaukee private elevators and 45,000 bushels at Port Huron.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Dec. 8.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say of the wool market: On the whole the market has not been so lifeless for months. It is generally admitted, however, that the mills are grinding up the raw material very fast. All things considered the actual amount must be pretty nearly if not quite at the rate of 600,000,000 pounds per year. Such a showing affords great encouragement to the wool trade, and the predictions are still rife that the prices will not long hence be fully on a level with those of October 1. It is increasingly difficult to speak of actual prices in this market; the quotations are unchanged, and while an intensely dull market always raises the presumption of concessions, it would be difficult to put one's finger on actual markdowns at this time. As a matter of fact there is hardly buyers enough around to break the market. There has been a big falling off in the sale of Australian, owing to the fact that, while there are a number of persons who would be glad to pick up round amounts, the holders are not anxious to sell at prices previously quoted.

The sales of the week in Boston amount to 1,960,000 pounds domestic and 700,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 2,660,000 against a total of 4,552,000 for the previous week.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 — To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $227,146,496; gold reserve, $158,191,669.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

Oregon.

PORTLAND Dec. 8.—Wheat weak at unchanged figures. The scarcity of tonnage prevents much business being done.

Cleared—British ship Wasdale, Queenstown, with 102,028 bushels wheat.

Washington.

TACOMA, Dec. 8.—Wheat. No. 1 blue stem, 75c; No. 1 club, 72c.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 8. — Exchanges, $306,581; balances, $55,507.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

London.

LONDON, Dec. 8. — Consols, 113⅛; silver, 27¾d; French rentes, 103f 92½c.

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8. — Wheat — Quiet; No. 1 standard California, 37s 9d; cargoes off coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, dull for white, quiet for red; English country markets, partially 6d cheaper; French country markets, quiet; wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, steady.

COTTON—Uplands, 3 7-32d.

CLOSE.

WHEAT—Spot No. 1 red Northern spring, 7s 7d.

CORN—December, steady, 3s 1½d; January, steady, 3s 1¼d; February, steady, 3s 1½d.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 83½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 86½
Sterling cables	—	4 87
New York Exchange, sight	—	10
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	12½
Fine Silver bars	—	59¼
Mexican Dollars	—	47¼

PRODUCE MARKET.

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—The Inversnaid takes for Cape Town 52,166 ctls, valued at $81,692; Kilmeny, for Cork, 58,487 ctls at $85,888; Chile, for Cork, 77,146 ctls at $115,700.

A ship has been taken at 35s, and this rise in freights keeps the market from responding to improved quotations from the East and abroad.

Tidewater quotations are as follows: $1 42½ for No. 1, $1 43¾ for choice and $1 45@1 47½ ₱ ctl for extra choice for milling.

CALL BOARD SALES.

INFORMAL SESSION—9:15 o'clock—May—2000 ctls, $1 37⅞; 8000, $1 38.

SECOND SESSION — May — 2000 ctls, $1 38⅜; 2000, $1 37⅞; 6000, $1 38¼; 2000, $1 38⅛; 4000, $1 ⅜.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—6000 ctls, $1 37¼; 4000, $1 37⅜; 24,000, $1 37½. December—2000, $1 43½; 4000, $1 43⅜; 2000, $1 43¼.

AFTERNOON SESSION—May—14,000 ctls, $1 37⅝.

BARLEY—The rain, which averaged an inch in the Sacramento Valley and half an inch in the San Joaquin, has further weakened the market and sellers are now more willing to meet buyers.

Feed, 85@90c for cark to good and 9 1-16@ctl for choice; Chevalier, for seed, $1 30@1 60 ₱ ctl; Brewing, $1 05@1 10 for No. 1 and 90@95c ₱ ctl for dark Coast.

CALL BOARD SALES.

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

SECOND SESSION—May—2000 ctls, 88½c; 2000, 88¼c; 2000, 88—.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—December—2000 ctls, 87c. May—8000, 84¾c.

AFTERNOON SESSION—May—2000 ctls, 84⅞c.

OATS—There is nothing doing beyond the usual jobbing trade. Fancy Feed, $1 15@1 20; good to choice, $1 07½@1 12½; common, $1 02½@1 05; Surprise, $1 20@1 30 ₱ ctl; Red, $1 35@1 40; Gray, $1 12½@1 17½; Milling, $1 07½@1 12½; Black, for seed, $1 35@1 50. Clipped Oats sell at $1 ₱ ton over the raw product.

CORN—Weak and dull at the prices. Small Round Yellow, 95c ₱ ctl; Large Yellow, 85@92½c ₱ ctl; White, 87½c.

RYE—$1@1 02½ ₱ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Quoted at $1 20@1 35 ₱ ctl.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

The China steamer took out 10,990 bbls Flour. There is no change in prices.

FLOUR—Net cash prices are: Family extras, $4 55@4 65; Bakers' extras, $4 30@4 40 ₱ bbl.

CORNMEAL, ETC.—Feed Corn, $20 50@21; Cracked Corn, $21@22 ₱ ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $5 ₱ 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 50 ₱ 100; Rice Flour, $5 75; Cornmeal, $2 25; extra cream do, $3; Oatmeal, $3 50; Oat Groats, $4; Hominy, $3 10@3 20; Buckwheat Flour, $3 25@3 50; Cracked Wheat, $3 25; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 25; Rolled Oats (bbls), $5 70@5 90; in sacks, $3 75; Pearl Barley, $4; Split Peas, $3 50; Green do, $4 25 ₱ 100 lbs.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

Receipts of Hay are running moderate, as will be seen. Bran and Middlings are also in light stock.

BRAN—$17 50@18 50 ₱ ton.

MIDDLINGS—$20 50@22 50 ₱ ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $20@21 ₱ ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $28 50@29 50 ₱