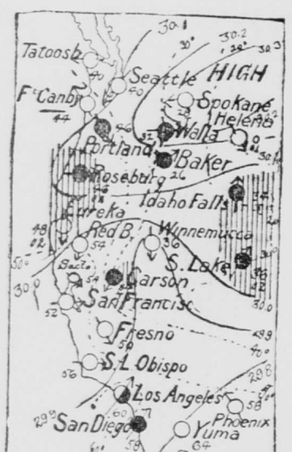
THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver lower.
Wheat dull. Barley doing better.
Oats and Rye unchanged. Corn advanced.
Hay steady. Bran higher.
Another advance in Beans.
Potatoes and Onions unchanged.
Mushrooms in liberal supply.
Butter doing better. Eggs weak.
Hens firmer. Game steady.
Two cars of Eastern Poultry due.
Cranberries in large supply and weak.
Grapes firmer. Oranges dull.
No change in Dried Fruits.
Provisions as before.
Hops in fair demand.
Decreased receipts of Wine.

RECEIPTS OF WINE AND BRANDY.

Receipts of wine and brandy at this port for the first eleven months of the year were as follows, compared with the same time in 1896: Wine, 20,810,400 gallons, against 12,749; brandy, 43,850 gallons, against 158,000.



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 places 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 "lows" 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 15, 1897, 5 P. M.

The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date, as compared with those of the same date last season and the rainfall during the past twenty-four hours: Eureka —this season, 16.89 last season, past 24 hours .14; Red Bluff 6.06 this season 9.61 last season, — past 24 hours; Sacramento, 4.22 this season, 5.60 last season, — past 24 hours; San Francisco 4.07 this season, 8.78 last season, — past 24 hours: Fresno 1.95 this season 3.60 last season, — past 24 hours; San Luis Obispo 1.57 this season, 5.99 last season, — past 24 hours; Los Angeles 2.50 this season, 3.84 last season, — past 24 hours; San Diego 1.23 this season, 2.75 last season, — past 24 hours; Yuma .81 this season, 1.20 last season, — past 24 hours.

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature 53, minimum 49, mean 49.

Weather Conditions and General Forecasts.

The pressure has risen generally over the western half of the country, the greatest rise taking place along the Rocky Mountain region. The temperature has fallen rapidly over the Rocky Mountain and plateau regions. It has remained nearly stationary over the Pacific Slope.

Light rain has fallen at Eureka, Roseburg and Carson City. With these exceptions, the weather has been generally clear on the Pacific Slope.

Forecasts made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, December 16, 1897:

Northern California — Fair Thursday; continued cold weather; probably heavy frosts in the morning; light northerly winds.

Southern California — Fair Thursday, continued cold weather; probably heavy frosts in the morning; light northerly winds.

Nevada — Fair Thursday; continued cold weather.

Utah — Fair Thursday; continued cold weather.

Arizona — Fair Thursday; continued cold weather.

San Francisco and vicinity — Fair Thursday; continued cold weather; probably heavy frost in the morning; light westerly winds. Special report from Mount Tamalpais taken at 5 P. M.: Clear; north wind, 24 miles per hour; temperature, 38 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees.

ALEXANDER MCADIE,
Local Forecast Official.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—To-day's market was largely professional, and in the contest between the bulls and the bears the former enlisted themselves under the banner of the coalers, and the latter made the local traction stock their main resource. The fortunes of battle shifted several times during the day, and in the middle of the afternoon the bulls seemed to have received a great decisive advantage, the earlier marked losses in some specialty stocks having been almost entirely wiped out, and the bears apparently driven to cover. In the last hour of trading, however, a large number of loans were suddenly called, and in replacing them the call loan rate stiffened sharply to 4 per cent, at which rate a large amount of money was placed.

This induced liquidation, especially in stocks, which yielded a profit on the day's advance. The bears, thus encouraged, renewed their attack on the specialties which had engrossed their attention all day and uncovered stop loss orders on the way down. As a consequence the tide of battle was turned completely and victory lay with the bears. A small part of the day's large gains were left in some of the stocks which had shown most early strength, but in other leading shares early gains were replaced by late losses. The scarcity of money is due to operations looking to the payment to-morrow of an instalment of about $8,500,000 on the Union Pacific scale.

The previous payments of this account, amounting to over $29,000,000, have been left on deposit in New York banks, but to-morrow's payment will go direct into the Treasury and be removed from the money market. Two additional payments of an equal amount remain to be made, one on December 21 and one on January 5, and this will also go directly into the Treasury. The payment by the Government on December 24 of the maturing Pacific bonds, which amount to over $29,000,000 will be made by checks, presumably on the New York deposits to the Government's credit. The movement of currency continues from the New York banks this week, indicating a still further decline in New York cash reserve.

The tone of sterling exchange was somewhat easier to-day, but did not respond in a marked degree to the hardening of the money market. Time loans for the shorter period also stiffened appreciably. The early strength in the day's stock market was aided by the rise in the price of coalers due to reports of an agreement to restrict the output next year. The Northern Pacific stocks were so accentuated in strength, the preferred advancing at one time 1⅝ and the common nearly a point.

Reports from London and the Europe bourses showed a good demand there for those stocks.

Sugar was traded in ex-dividend and at one time during the day showed a recovery of one-third the dividend, but in the later dealings it succumbed quite easily and lost over 2 points on the day.

The bond market was firm at less active prices, and the active list was only about steady. Some of the high-priced issues showed sharp advances. Total sales, $300,000.

United States new 4's declined, ⅛ bid.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 460,800 shares, including: 7670 shares Atchison, 21,300 do preferred, 30,988 Burlington, 6610 Louisville and Nashville, 61,880 Manhattan, 9110 Metropolitan Street Railway, 5160 Missouri Pacific, 12,038 New Jersey Central, 21,370 Northern Pacific, 39,230 do preferred, 65,80 Reading, 12,300 Rock Island, 33,100 St. Paul, 9490 do preferred, 3908 American Tobacco, 6620 Chicago Great Western, 12,167 People's Gas, 41,330 Sugar, 6422 Western Union.

LONDON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The settlement has been satisfactorily concluded and the stock markets here were generally good to-day. The feature was the rise in English rails on the belief that the engineering strike is about settled.

Americans were good and closed near the best. The support here is almost entirely professional. St. Paul was especially bought at the close.

Kiffirs were animated and strong, notably the deep level shares. I am privately informed that a large block of shares has been taken up by a syndicate in Scotland. Western Australian mines were buoyant. There is a keen demand for gold by Russia and India at 78 strong. The allotment of Indian Council draft was all sold and five lakhs in addition. The allotment rates ranged up to 15-16d. Indications favor a demand for drafts for some time to come.

Paris consols shares were steadier.

A huge amount was borrowed from the Bank of England to-day.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

Closing Prices for Bonds and Railway Shares.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Money on call firmer at 2@4%; last loan 3½%; closed 3@3½%; prime mercantile paper, 3@4%. Sterling exchange easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85¼ for demand and $4 83⅝@4 82⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 83½@4 84 and $4 86½@4 87; commercial bills, $4 82¼; silver certificates, 57½@58½c; bar silver, 57c; Mexican dollars, 45½c; Government bonds, easy; State bonds, dull; railroad bonds, strong.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Railroads—		St Paul	96⅛
Atchison	13½	Preferred	142
Preferred	33	St Paul & Omaha	78¼
Baltimore & Ohio	13	Preferred	150½
Canada Pacific	80⅝	Southern Pacific	20
Canada Southern	55½	Southern Railway	9⅜
Central Pacific	10¾	Preferred	33⅜
Ches & Ohio	22⅛	Texas & Pacific	1½
Chicago & Alton	162	U P, Denver & G	7½
Chicago, B & Q	1 93⅜	U P Ry & L G	7½
Chicago & E Ill	52½	Wabash	7¾
Chicago, Ind & L	9½	Preferred	18¼
do do pref'd	32½	Wheel & L E	2
C C C & St L	85¼	Preferred	10
Preferred	81	Express Companies—	
Del & Hudson	111¼	Adams Ex	156
Del L & W	154	American Ex	115
Del & Rio G	11⅝	United States	40
Preferred	45¾	Wells-Fargo	115
Erie, new	15⅛	Miscellaneous—	
First preferred	38¼	A Cot Oil	22¾
Ft Wayne	170	Preferred	75½
Gt Nor pfd	130	Am'n Spirits	7⅞
Hocking Val	5½	Preferred	18½
Illinois Cent	104¼	Am Tobacco	87
Lake Erie & W	16½	Preferred	111
Preferred	70	Peoples Gas	96⅝
Lake Shore	174	Cons. Gas	177
Louis & Nash	57⅝	Com. Cable Co	175
Manhattan L	104¾	Col F & Iron	23
Met St Railway	124½	do do pref'd	70
Michigan Central	102	Gen. Electric	33¾
Minn & St L	26¾	Illinois Steel	43
do do 1st pref'd	88	La Clede Gas	44¾
Mo. Pacific	24⅛	Lead	34¾
Mobile & Ohio	29	do pref'd	104
Mo. K & T	13⅛	Nat. Lin Oil	16¾
do pref'd	36½	Oregon Imp. Co	14½
N J Central	88¾	Pacific Mail	30
N Y Central	107¾	Pullman Palace	173
N Y Chicago & St L	13½	Silver Certificates	57½
do do 1st pref'd	73	Stan Rope & Twine	4½
do do 2d pref'd	35	Sugar	138¾
Nor West	14¾	Preferred	112
No Amer Co	4⅝	T C & Iron	25⅜
N Pacific	27⅛	U S Leather	7⅛
Preferred	66⅝	Preferred	62½
Ontario & W	15¾	U S Rubber	16
Ore R & Nav	36	Preferred	66½
Ore Short Line	18	Western Union	90½
Pittsburg	168	Ch G W	15¾
Reading	22	C & N W	123⅜
Rock Island	91¼	Preferred	163½
St Louis & S F	8¼	Rio G & Wstn	22
do 1st preferred	58¾	Preferred	59
do 2d preferred	26¾	St L & S W	4¼
St P, M & M	123	Preferred	10

CLOSING BONDS.			
U S New 4s, reg	129⅜	N J Cent Gen 5s	112
do do 4s, coup	129⅜	North Carolina 6s	125
Oregon, reg.	104	do 4s	103
do 4s, coup	104½	Northern Pac 1sts	120
do 2s, reg.	99½	Do, 3s	60⅞
do 5s, reg.	114½	Do, 4s	95¼
do 5s, coup	114½	N Y C & St L 4s	106⅝
District 3-65s	109¼	Nor & W 6s	122
Ala Class A	108	Northwest Consols	144½
Do, Class B	108	Do, deb 5s	116½
Do, Class C	100	Oregon Nav 1sts	116
Do, Currency	99	Do, 4s	93½
Atchison 4s	89¾	O S Line 6s tr	123½
Do, Adj 4s	58⅝	Do, 5s tr	99
Canada So. 2ds	107	O Imp 1sts tr	102
Can Pac 1sts	—	Do, 5s tr	42¾
Chgo Term 4s	96½	Pacific 6s, of '95	102⅝
C & Ohio 5s	112	Reading 4s	85¾
C H & D 4½s	104⅝	Rio G West, 1sts	82¾
Den & R G 1sts	109	St L & I M Gen 5s	89
Den & R G 4s	90½	St L & S F Gen 6s	118¾
Eas Tenn 1sts	110	St P consols	140½
Erie Gen 4s	71½	St P C & P 1sts	121½
F W & D 1sts	69½	Do, 5s	118½
Gen Electric 5s	89	S Carolina Nn-fnd	1¾
G H & S A 6s	104	Southern Ry 5s	94¾
do do 2s, cfd	100	StanRpe&Twine6s	59¾
H & T Cent 5s	112½	Tenn New Set 3s	91½
do con 6s	105	Tex Pac L & G 1sts	9½
Iowa C 1sts	99⅜	Do, reg 2ds	29⅞
Kan P Con tr	113	U P 1sts	102¾
Kan P 1st (D D) tr	112	U P D & Gulf 1sts	50
La Nw Consol 4s	111	Wab 1st 5s	107¾
L & N Uni 4s	86⅞	Do, 2ds	81
Missouri 6s	100	West Shore 4s	111
M K & T 2s	63½	Va. Centuries	68½
Do, 4s	87	Do, deferred	3½
N Y Central 1sts	119½	KsCity F & G 1sts 5s	—

MINING STOCKS.			
Chollar	$ 33	Ontario	$ 2 50
Crown Point	20	Ophir	55
Con. Cal. & Va	1 20	Plymouth	03
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver	1 00
Gould & Curry	30	do pfd	8 00
Hale & Norcross	1 00	Sierra Nevada	44
Homestake	10 00	Standard	1 50
Iron Silver	45	Union Con	20
Mexican	28	Yellow Jacket	25

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Atchison, 13½; Bell Telephone, 263; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 95⅜; Mexican Central, 6¼; Oregon Short Line, 19½; San Diego, —.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—There was no strongly developed feeling either way at the opening in wheat. Prices were substantially the same as at the close yesterday. Most of the firm feeling was imparted soon after the opening by a cablegram from the Liverpool Corn Trade News stating that only five Argentine steamers had been fixed as yet, meaning that only that many so far had been chartered for shipment of wheat. It also quoted Goodwin, the Argentine authority, as saying the arrivals in Europe would not be before April. A private Paris cablegram ridiculed the statement that France would only need to import 20,000,000 bushels of foreign wheat from November 1 to the end of the crop year, stating their estimate of requirements for that time at 60,000,000 bushels, and that bakers' and millers' stocks were small and farmers' deliveries slow.

These statements caused moderate covering by the more timid shorts, the price of May advancing in consequence. But the dullness of trading militated against any sustained advance, and prices slowly slid off again to 90⅜c, though not without several slight rallies. Primary receipts amounted altogether to 882,465 bushels against 289,950 bushels the previous year. Export clearances from Atlantic ports amounted to 315,000 bushels in wheat and flour. A second cablegram in the Liverpool Corn Trade News reported official statistics of wheat and flour consumption in Germany and Belgium for November much smaller than in that month last year. May touched 90⅜c, the lowest point on that future. Bradstreets reported the world's visible increased by 183,000 bushels.

The temporary decline on the reported reduced appetites of the Germans and Belgians came to an end when the Bradstreet's report was published. The market developed considerable strength toward the close, due to free general covering by shorts and limited speculative offerings. May advanced to 91¼c and closed firm at 91⅛c. December transactions comprised all told about 200,000 bushels, most of it sold for Armour & Co.'s account.

Corn was very slow and inclined to be weak up to within fifteen minutes of the close. May closed ⅜@½c higher, or at 91⅝c.

Oats were strong and ⅛c higher at the end.

Provisions were exceedingly firm and more active speculatively than they have been for some time. At the close May pork was 15c higher, May lard 7½@10c higher, and May ribs 10c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat No. 2—				
December	97½	98½	97	97¼
January	92	93⅛	92	93
May	90½	91¼	90¾	91⅛
Corn No. 2—				
December	25¼	25⅝	25⅛	25⅝
January	25⅝	26	25⅝	26
May	28⅝	29	28½	29
Oats No. 2—				
December	21⅞	21⅞	21½	21⅞
May	22¼	22½	22	22⅜
Mess Pork ₱ bbl—				
December				7 50
January	8 42½	8 52½	8 40	8 50
May	8 62½	8 77½	8 62½	8 75
Lard ₱ 100 lbs—				
December				4 35
January	4 45	4 50	4 42½	4 47½
May	4 60	4 67½	4 60	4 65
Short Ribs, 100 lbs				
December				4 32½
January	4 30	4 35	4 27½	4 35
May	4 42½	4 50	4 40	4 47½

Cash quotations were: Flour, easy and rather weak; hard pa ents, $4 40@4 80; softs, $4 40@4 60; soft bakers, $3 40@3 60; winter straits, $4 50@4 70; No. 2 Spring Wheat, 88@89c; No. 3 Spring Wheat, 82@93c; No. 2 Red, 97¼c; No. 2 Corn, 26½c; No. 2 Oats, 22¼c; No. 2 White, f. o. b., 24@24¼c; No. 3 White, f. o. b., 23@23¾c; No. 2 Rye, 45½c; No. 2 Barley, —; No. 1 Flaxseed, $1 15@1 18½; Prime Timothy Seed, $2 60@2 65; Mess Pork ₱ bbl, $7 50@7 55. Lard, ₱ 100 lbs, $4 40@4 50; Short Ribs sides (loose), $4 27½@4 62½; Dry salted Shoulders (boxed), $4 50@4 75; Short Clear Sides (boxed), $4 45@4 65. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1 19. Sugar, cut loaf, $5 95; granulated, $5 32; standard A, —.

ARTICLES.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	23,000	20,000
Wheat, bu	344,000	9,000
Corn, bu	268,000	48,000
Oats, bu	618,000	247,000
Rye, bu	86,000	1,000
Barley, bu	95,000	9,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was steady. Creamery, 15@22c; dairie, 12@19c; cheese, quiet, 8@8½c; eggs steady, fresh, 18c.

Wheat Movements.

Receipts. Bushels.	Cities.	Shipments. Bushels
319,470	Minneapolis	105,720
33,032	Duluth	9,296
40,300	Milwaukee	31,850
343,567	Chicago	9,100
13,935	Toledo	8,000
52,000	St. Louis	28,000
3,614	Detroit	2,000
54,500	Kansas City	35,000
870,418		230,035
230,035		148,494

TIDEWATER.

7,800	Boston	46,881
179,450	New York	24,100
7,811	Philadelphia	5,513
34,974	Baltimore	72,000
	New Orleans	
230,035		148,494

PARIS FUTURES.

	Dec.	Jan.
Flour — Opening	61 45	61 05
Closing	61 40	60 90
Wheat—Opening	29 75	29 15
Closing	29 80	29 10

LIVERPOOL WHEAT FUTURES.

	Dec.	Mar	May.	July	Sept.
Opening	7 38¾	7 38¾	7 21½	7 01⅛	6 83½
Closing	7 41½	7 41¼	7 3	7 03⅛	6 81½

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,613 bbls; exports, 4213 bbls. Market continued very quiet at barely steady prices. City mill patents $5 65@5 95; city mill clear, $5 40@5 50.

WHEAT—Receipts, 179,450 bushels; exports, 24,100. Spot firm. No. 2 red, 98½c. Options opened easy under local offerings, rallied on French cables, small Northwest receipts and cold weather West, holding firm all day and closing ¾@1⅛c net higher on a late scare among shorts. May, 9 9-16@93¼c, closed 93¼c; December, 96½@97⅛c, closing 9 3/8.

WOOL—Quiet.

HOPS—Easy; 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.

PETROLEUM—Dull.

METAL—Pig iron warrants steady; $6 70 bid and $6 80 asked. Lake Copper quiet, unchanged at $10 87½ bid and $11 asked; tin, easy, $13 65 bid and $13 70 asked; spelter, dull, at $3 85 bid and $4 asked. Lead, firmer, $3 72½ bid and $3 77½ asked; brokers', $3 60.

COFFEE—Options closed steady at a net advance of 15 to 20 points; sales, 16,250 bags, including December, $5 75; March, $5 85@6 00.

Spot Coffee—Rio, steady. No. 7 invoice, 6⅝c; No. 7 jobbing, 7½c; mild market, dull; Cordova, 8½@15c.

SUGAR—Raw, strong; refined strong. 3½, centrifugal, 96 test, 4c, refined, strong; mold A, 5@5 5-16c; standard A, 4 15-16c; confectioners' A, 4 5 11-16c; cut loaf, 5 11-16c; crushed, 5 1-16c; powdered, 5¼c; granulated, 5 1-16, cubes, 5¼c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5600 packages; steady; Western creamery, 15@23c; Elgins, 23c; factory, 12@17c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4723 packages; steady; State and Pennsylvania, 21@26c; Western, 20@24c.

Dried Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—California dried fruits: Apples strong; other fruits steady. Evaporated apples, common, 5@7c ₱ lb; prime wire tray do; wood-dried prime, 8@8¼c; choice, 8½c.

PRUNES—3@8c.

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

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

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Common lots sold around $3@3 75, while extra fine Christmas cattle brought $5 65. The greater part of the steers sold at $4 35@5 10. Feeders were sold sparingly at $3 80@4 35, and stockers brought $3@3 75. Choice to prime heifers were in good demand at $3 75@4 50. Calves were weaker, with sales at $6 15, few going above $6.

HOGS—Sales were at an extreme range of $2 30@4 35, the greater part of the hogs crossing the scales at $3 27½@3 37½. Pigs sold chiefly at $3 25@3 35.

SHEEP—Were in demand at $2 75@3 for the poorest, up to $4 60@4 75 for choice to prime natives. Western feds lots fetching $3 75@4 50. Lambs were active at $4@4 50 for a few culls up to $5 75@5 90 for choice to extra grades. Christmas lambs sold at $6@6 20.

Receipts—Cattle, 11,000; hogs, 28,000; sheep, 15,000.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 6000. Market steady, 10c higher: Texas steers, $3@3 75; Texas cows, $2@3 25; native steers $3 60@5 25; native cows and heifers $1 75@4 30; stockers and feeders, $3 10@4 50; bulls, $2 45@3 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 15,000. Market slow to weak; bulk of sales, $3 25@3 30; heavies and packers, $3 25@3 35; mixed, $3 22@3 30; lights, $3 20@3 32½; yorkers, $3 30@3 32; pigs, $3@3 25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000. Market firm. Lambs, $3 90@5 35; muttons, $2@4 60.

Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2500. Market steady. Native steers, $3 75@4 80; Western steers, $3 60@4 50; cows and heifers, $2 75@4 25; canners, $1 75@2 25; stockers and feeders, $3 75@40; calves $4@5 75.

HOGS—Receipts, 5200. Market stronger. Heavy, $3 15@3 25; mixed, $3 25@3 30; light, $3 30@3 40; bulk of sales, $3 30@3 30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2000. Market steady to strong. Fair to choice natives, $4@4 60; fair to choice Westerns, $3 70@4 50; common and stock sheep, $3@4; lambs, $4 30@5 50.

AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Special cable and telegraph dispatches to Bradstreets 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 Rockies, increase, 83,000; afloat for and in Europe increase, Liverpool Corn Trade News, 300,000. World's supply, total increase 383,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 470,000.

Oats, United States and Canada east of Rockies, decrease 799,000 bushels.

Further shifting of the country's wheat stocks is indicated by reports to Bradstreets this week. Among the more important increases not reported in the visible supply were the gain of 598,000 bushels at New Orleans, 5,900,000 bushels at Chicago private elevators and 119,000 bushels at Winnipeg. The large decrease included a falling off of 570,000 bushels at Fort William and Keewatin and 180,000 bushels at points in Manitoba outside of Winnipeg.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say to-morrow of the wool trade: The market the past week has been characterized by the excessive dullness which usually marks the last month of the year. The sales have been confined to a limited number of sellers. Concessions on good wool are not in order.

Last week the caole advices stated that 3000 bales had been bought for America at the London sales. We are now advised that wools are put down for this country which will not come this way, and the figures of last week will accordingly have to be modified. There have been fairly good-sized sales of foreign wools so long as good Australian wools can be bought at lower figures in Boston than in any other part of the world the demand here is likely to continue good. They will perhaps average 2c in the grades below the importing point.

The sales of the week amount to 942,000 pounds domestic and 1,572,500 pounds foreign, making a total of 2,514,500 pounds.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $227,966,682; gold reserve, $159,849,774.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 72@73c; valley and blue stem, 75@76c.

Washington.

TACOMA, Dec. 15.—No. 1 blue stem, 75c; No. 1 club, 72c.

Cleared—City of Hankow for Queenstown with 67,000 bushels.

Total shipments of grain from Puget Sound since September 3, 936,120 bushels.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—Exchanges, $293,734; balances, $74,467.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

London.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Consols, 113 1-16; silver, 26 5-16d; French rentes, 103f 87½c.

Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Steady; No. 1 standard California wheat, 37s 3d; cargoes off coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, quieter; English country markets quiet and steady; French country markets quiet; wheat in Paris, dull; flour in Paris, dull.

COTTON—Uplands, 3 7-32d.

CLOSE.

WHEAT—Spot No. 2 red Western winter no stock.

CORN—December steady, 3s 2¼d; February steady, 3s 1¼d.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 83½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 86½
Sterling cables	—	4 87
New York Exchange, sight	—	15
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	17½
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	57
Mexican Dollars	47½	48

PRODUCE MARKET.

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT—The millers are out of the market, and as the demand on shipping account is slack there is nothing doing. Futures are dull.

Tidewater quotations are as follows: $1 40 for No. 1, $1 41¼ for choice and $1 42½@1 45 ₱ ctl for extra choice for milling.

CALL BOARD SALES.

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

SECOND SESSION—No sales.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—2000 ctls, $1 38⅛; 6000, $1 37⅞; 4000, $1 37¾; 10,000, $1 38.

AFTERNOON SESSION—May—18,000 ctls, $1 38½.

BARLEY—Feed continues to creep up slowly, under moderate receipts and a steady demand. There is nothing doing in Brewing.

Exports from this port in November were 256,650 ctls, valued at $292,117, against 370,160 ctls at $63,960 for the same month last year.

Feed, 85@87½c ₱ ctl for dark to good and 90c ₱ ctl for choice; Chevalier, for seed, $1 30@1 60; Brewing, $1 05@1 07½ for No. 1 and 92½@97½c ₱ ctl for dark Coast.

CALL BOARD SALES.

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

SECOND SESSION—May—4000 ctls, 82c. December—6000, 85¼c.

REGULAR MORNING SESSION—May—2000 ctls, 82⅞c.

AFTERNOON SESSION—No sales.

OATS—The tone is fairly steady, but the demand is slack. Stocks are liberal. Fancy Feed are quotable at $1 15@1 20 ₱ ctl; good to choice, $1 07½@1 12½; fair, ctl; 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 ₱ ctl over the raw product.

CORN—The market was quoted higher again yesterday. It is very unsettled. Small Round Yellow, 97½c@$1 ₱ ctl; Large Yellow, 95@97½c ₱ ctl; White, 87½c.

RYE—$1@1 02½ ₱ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Quoted at $1 20@1 35 ₱ ctl.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

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

CORNMEAL, ETC.—Feed Corn, $1 50@22; Cracked Corn, $21@22 ₱ ton.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 ₱ 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 30; 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.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

Colored have again advanced and are in good demand. Several of the white descriptions have also gone up.

BEANS—Bayos, $2 65@2 80; Small Whites, $1 20@1 55; Large Whites, $1 15@1 30; Pinks, $1 60@1 80; Reds, $1 40@1 50; Blackeye, $2 50; Red Kidney, $—@2 25; Limas, $1 60@1 70. Butters, $1 40@1 50; Pea, $1 30@1 50.

SEED—Brown Mustard, $2 75@3 ₱ ctl; Yellow Mustard, $2 25@2 75 ₱ ctl; Flax, $1 80@2; Canary Seed, 2¼@2¾c ₱ lb; Alfalfa, 6¼c; Rape, 2@2¼c; Hemp, 3c; Timothy, 5½c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 25; Green, $1 20@1 40 ₱ ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS, VEGETABLES.

Mushrooms are in liberal supply and weak. Potatoes and Onions are unchanged.

Los Angeles Green Peas 6@7c ₱ lb and String Beans 7@8c ₱ lb; Green Peppers, 5@6c; Tomatoes, 75c@$1 25 ₱ crate; Summer Squash, —; Egg Plant, 12½@15c ₱ lb.

POTATOES—Early Rose, 40@50c; River Reds, 35@40c; River Burbanks, 40@50c (₱ sack); Oregon Burbanks, 50@70c; Salinas Burbanks, 60@80c; Sweet Potatoes, 40@50c ₱ ctl for Rivers and 65@90c for Merced; new volunteer Potatoes, 2@2½c ₱ lb.

ONIONS—$1 50@1 75; cut Onions, $1@1 35.

VEGETABLES—Mushrooms, 50@15c ₱ lb; Marrowfat Squash, $8@10; Hubbard Squash, $8@10 ₱ ton; Dried Peppers, 4@6c ₱ lb; Dried Okra, 15c; Cabbage, 60@75c ₱ ctl; Carrots, 25@30c ₱ sack; Garlic, 3c ₱ lb; Tomatoes, 25@65c ₱ box; Green Peas, 5c; String Beans, 3@4c ₱ lb.

POULTRY AND GAME.

Two more cars of Eastern are impending over the market and will probably be put on before the end of the week. Local stock is firm, with an advance in Hens.

Game sold rather better.

The Eastern stock is selling at $5 for Hens, $4@4 50 for young and $5 for old Roosters.

POULTRY—

Live Turkeys, 11@12c for Gobblers and 11@12c ₱ lb for Hens; dressed Turkeys, 11@13c; Geese, ₱ pair, $1 25@1 50; Ducks, $3 50@4 50; Hens, $4@5 ₱ doz; Roosters, young, $3 50@4; old, $3 50@4; Fryers, $3 50@4; Broilers, $3 50@3 75 for large and $2 50@3 25 for small; Pigeons, $1 75@2 ₱ doz for young and $1 for old.

GAME—Quail, ₱ dozen, $1; Mallard, $3 50@4; Canvasback, $3@6 50; Sprig, $2@2 25; Teal, $1@1 25; Widgeon, $1 50; Small Duck, $1 25; Gray Geese, $2 50; White, $1 25@1 50; Brant, $1 50@2; Honkers, $4@4 50; English Snipe, $1 50@1 75; Jack Snipe, $1; Hare, $1; Rabbits, $1 25@1 50 for Cottontails and 75c@$1 for small.

BUTTER, CHEESE AND EGGS.

Butter shows signs of doing better, as stocks are much reduced. In fact, some descriptions are already quoted at a small advance.

Eggs are weak at the quota ions. There is no change in cheese.

BUTTER—

CREAMERY—Fancy creameries, 27@28c; seconds, 24@26c ₱ lb.

DAIRY—Choice to fancy, 23@25c; lower grades, 16@22c.

PICKLED—21@22½c ₱ lb.

FIRKIN—19@20c ₱ lb.

CREAMERY TUB—22½@23½c ₱ lb.

EASTERN—12@13c for ladle-packed.

CHEESE—Choice mild new, 11@12c ₱ lb; common