COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver declined.
Wheat unchanged. Freights weak.
Barley and Oats firm. Corn higher.
Rye steady.
Some change in Millstuffs.
Bran and Middlings advanced. Hay steady.
Beans quiet but firm.
Potatoes, Onions and Vegetables firm.
Butter lower. Eggs easy. Cheese unchanged.
More Eastern Poultry in.
Game slow and weak.
Oranges weak and dull. Apples plentiful.
Limes well cleaned up.
Prunes tending upward again.
Provisions selling fairly.
More inquiry for Hops. Wool and Hides quiet.
Hogs advanced. Beef and Mutton unchanged.
Oils the same.

MONEY IN CIRCULATION.

The general stock of money in the United States on the 1st of January is reported by Treasury officials at $2,384,349,455, of which $663,248,815 was in Government vaults and the balance in circulation in the following amounts:

Gold coin	$ 547,568,360
Silver dollars	61,491,073
Small silver	65,720,308
Gold certificates	26,557,283
Silver certificates	376,695,592
Treasury notes of 1890	103,443,936
United States notes	262,480,927
Currency certificates	43,315,000
National Bank notes	223,827,755
Total	$1,721,100,640
January 1, 1896	1,650,223,400
Increase	$ 70,877,240

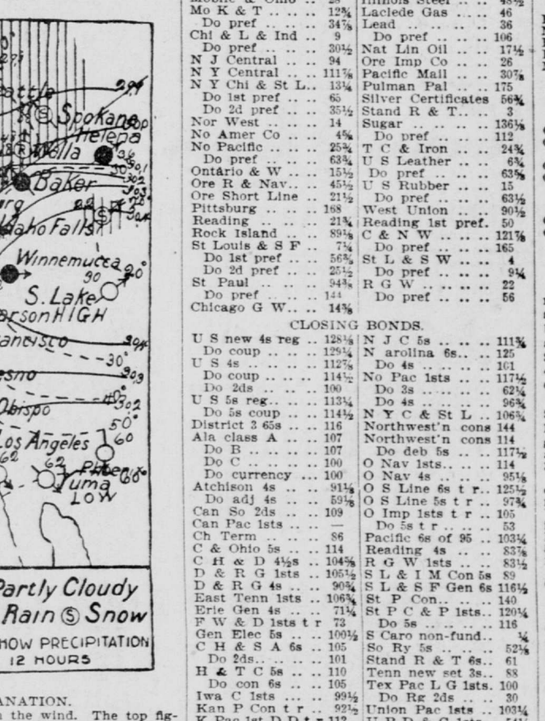
The increase for 1897 embraces nearly $30,000,000 in gold coin, about $3,000,000 in silver dollars, $3,600,000 in small silver, $20,000,000 in silver certificates, $19,500,000 in Treasury notes, $1,100,000 in United States notes and $2,500,000 in National Bank notes. There was a decrease of $1,800,000 in gold certificates and $7,000,000 in currency certificates.

EXPORTS OF SALMON.

Exports of Salmon from this port in 1897 were 789,252 cases and 17,061 packages, valued at $3,338,300, against 707,900 cases and 10,700 packages at $3,027,000 in 1896.

EXPORTS OF LUMBER.

Exports of Lumber from this port in 1897 were 26,079,000 feet, valued at $533,000, against 33,208,000 feet at $859,600 in 1896.



EXPLANATION.

The arrow flies with the wind. The top figures at station indicate maximum 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.

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18, 1898, 5 p. m.

The following are the rainfalls for the past twenty-four hours and seasonal rainfalls to date, as compared with those of the same date last season:

Stations.	Past 24 Hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.10	17.50	25.88
Red Bluff	0.00	6.58	12.07
Sacramento	0.00	5.22	7.19
San Francisco	0.00	5.09	11.14
Fresno	0.00	2.28	4.90
San Luis Obispo	0.00	2.52	9.75
Los Angeles	0.00	3.75	8.44
San Diego	0.00	3.14	6.99
Yuma	0.00	1.06	4.76

San Francisco data: Maximum, 52; minimum, 42; mean, 47.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECASTS.

An area of high pressure is central this evening in Utah and in Nevada. The lowest pressure is reported from Puget Sound. To the north of this latter section a moderate storm is now central. Rain has fallen to-day as far south as Cape Mendocino and eastward throughout Washington. The greater portion of this storm will move eastward along the Canadian border to-night. A slight secondary depression, however, is apparently central near Eureka, which will probably move southeast through California and will cause rain to-night and Wednesday forenoon in the northern portion of this State.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours, ending midnight, January 19, 1898:

Northern California—Occasional rain to-night and Wednesday, ending during Wednesday; wind shifting to westerly.

Southern California—Fair Wednesday; heavy frost to-night; light northerly wind.

Nevada—Light snow in north portion; fair in south portion Wednesday.

Utah—Light snow in north portion; fair in south portion Wednesday; warmer.

Arizona—Fair Wednesday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Light rain to-night and Wednesday morning, followed by fair winds, generally westerly.

Special report from Mount Tamalpais, taken at 5 p. m.—Clear, northwest wind, 12 miles per hour; temperature, 42; maximum, 50 degrees.

W. H. HAMMON,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Prices were slaughtered in the afternoon trading on the Stock Exchange to-day, especially those properties including local traction lines, which were most benefited by the market's buoyancy yesterday. Prices opened with fractional appreciations in sympathy with London, which traded moderately both ways, but buying slightly more than they sold.

Large operators were not very active in the local market until the late trading. There appeared to be a general undertone of strength in the early transactions, but the temper gradually changed and rumor-mongers were not idle. Among other efforts to depress the market there was circulated an unfounded story that the United States Minister to Spain had sought the protection of the British embassy at Madrid. Realizations of profits by large interests aided the bear raid, uncovering stop-loss orders, and the market closed at or near the lowest and very weak.

The Senate Finance Committee's approval of the decision declaring for the payment of Government bonds in either gold or silver was used by traders as a bear card. The resolution presented in the House in the form of an amendment for the recognition of Cuban belligerency was not known until near the closing hour. In the general list the decline from the high point ranged from one to two points, but the net losses in most cases were fractional. Easy money and favorable statements of railway earnings had little influence on prices.

The bond market was well held, despite the heavy liquidations in the stock market. The issues which have been conspicuous in the dealings of late continued to vibrate very violently. Total sales, $3,840,000.

Government bonds showed some hesitancy, with quotations for the 5s shaded.

Total sales of stocks to-day were 336,200 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 4332; Burlington, 20,250; Louisville and Nashville, 3180; Manhattan, 40,340; Metropolitan, 6297; Missouri Pacific, 6100; New York Central, 10,900; Northern Pacific, 29,250; Northern Pacific preferred, 15,730; Reading, 4180; Rock Island, 4150; St. Paul, 17,721; Southern prefereed, 3223; Union Pacific, 21,620; Union Pacific, Denver and Gulf, 3022; Chicago Great Western, 13,550; Sugar, 54,733; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 6030.

LONDON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says:

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's speech at Swansea last night, declaring that England would have her rights in China even at the cost of war, although approved here, had some effect in checking market activity, and except for Grand Trunks and Americans prices for all stocks, including consols, were generally lower. The markets, especially mines, were also adversely affected by the Paris flatness. Americans, after a period of firmness, closed duller. Germany again bought Northern Pacific, but sold Canadian Pacific. New York absorbed New York Central. Grand Trunks were booming on largely increased business. I understand that Illinois Central bonds have gone well. The Paris Bourse was flat on the anti-Semite riots. The Berlin market was steady. I have reason to believe that the Bank of Germany may lower the rate to-morrow to 2 per cent. I believe that the financial position in Vienna is far from satisfactory. There was released from the bank to-day £250,000 Japanese money.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	12⅝	Haw Com	31½
Do pref	29¾	St P & Om	75½
Baltimore & Ohio	13	Do pref	148
Canada Pacific	87¾	St P M & M	121
Canada Southern	52½	So Pacific	20
Cent Pac	1⅞	So Railway	8¾
Ches & Ohio	21⅞	Do pref	30¼
Chi & Alton	165½	Texas & Pacific	11½
Chi B & Q	79⅛	Union Pacific	30¾
Chi B & Q	99⅛	U P D & G	9
C C C & St L	33	Wabash	7⅛
Do pref	80	Do pref	18½
Del & Hudson	111	Wheel & L E	2⅞
Del L & W	151	Do pref	12¾
Del & Rio G	11¼	Express companies	
Do pref	46¾	Adams Ex	159
Erie (new)	14¼	American Ex	118
Do 1st pref	37¾	United States	40
Ft Wayne	169	Wells Fargo	112
Gt Nor pref	130	Miscellaneous	
Hocking Val	6¼	A Cot Oil	21
Illinois Cent	106¼	Do pref	75
Lake Erie & W	17	Am'n Spirits	7¼
Do pref	72	Do pref	18
Lake Shore	179	Am Tobacco	86½
Louis & Nash	66	Do pref	113
Manhattan L	116½	Chicago Gas	96
Met St Ry	193¾	Cons Gas	150
Mich CNt	103	Com Cable Co	175
Minn & St L	25	Col F & Iron	24½
Do pref	85	Do pref	70
Mo Pacific	33¼	Gen Electric	34¼
Mobile & Ohio	28	Illinois Steel	48½
Mo K & T	12¾	Laclede Gas	46
Do pref	34⅞	Lead	36
Chi & L & Ind	9	Do pref	106
Do pref	30½	Nat Lin Oil	17½
N J Central	94	Ore Imp Co	26
N Y Central	111⅞	Pacific Mail	30⅞
N Y Chi & St L	13¼	Pulman Pal	175
Do 1st pref	65	Silver Certificates	56¾
Do 2d pref	35½	Stand R & T	3
Nor West	14	Sugar	136⅛
No Amer Co	4⅝	Do pref	112
No Pacific	25¾	T C & Iron	24¾
Do pref	63¾	U S Leather	6¾
Ontario & W	15½	Do pref	63⅝
Ore R & Nav	45½	U S Rubber	15
Ore Short Line	21½	Do pref	63½
Pittsburg	168	West Union	90½
Reading	21¾	Reading 1st pref	50
Rock Island	89⅛	C & N W	121⅞
St Louis & S F	7¼	Do pref	165
Do 1st pref	56¾	St L & S W	4
Do 2d pref	25½	Do pref	9¼
St Paul	94¾	R G W	22
Do pref	144	Do pref	56
Chicago G W	14⅝		

CLOSING BONDS.

U S new 4s reg	128⅛	N J C 5s	111¾
Do coup	129¼	N arolina 6s	125
U S 4s	112⅞	Do 4s	101
Do coup	114½	No Pac 1sts	117½
Do 2ds	100	Do 3s	62¼
U S 5s reg	113¼	Do 4s	96¾
Do 5s coup	114½	N Y C & St L	106¾
District 3 65s	116	Northwest'n cons	144
Ala class A	107	Northwest'n cons	114
Do B	107	Do deb 5s	117½
Do C	100	O Nav 1sts	114
Do currency	100	O Nav 4s	95⅛
Atchison 4s	91½	O S Line 6s t r	125½
Do adj 4s	59⅛	O S Line 5s t r	97¾
Can So 2ds	109	O Imp 1sts t r	105
Can Pac 1sts	—	Do 5s t r	53
Ch Term	86	Pacific 6s of 95	103¼
C & Ohio 5s	114	Reading 4s	83⅞
C H & D 4½s	104⅝	R G W 1sts	83½
D & R G 1sts	105½	S L & I M Con 5s	89
D & R G 4s	90¾	S L & S F Gen 6s	116½
East Tenn 1sts	106¾	St P Con	140
Erie Gen 4s	71¾	St P C & P 1sts	120¼
F W & D 1sts t r	72	Do 5s	116
Gen Elec 5s	100½	S Caro non-fund	¼
C H & S A 6s	105	So Ry 5s	52⅛
Do 2ds	101	Stand R & T 6s	61
H & T C 5s	110	Tenn new set 3s	88
Do con 6s	105	Tex Pac L G 1sts	100
Iwa C 1sts	99½	Do Rg 2ds	30
Kan P Con t r	92½	Union Pac 1sts	103¼
K Pac 1st D D t r	112	U P D & G 1sts	54½
La new cons 4s	102¼	Wab 1st 5s	108¼
L & N Uni 4s	86¼	Do 2ds	82
Missouri 6s	100	W Shore 4s	109⅝
M K & T 2ds	64	Va Centuries	70
Do 4s	67¼	Do deferred	3½
N Y Cent 1sts	110¼		

MINING STOCKS.

Chollar	18	Ontario	2 50
Crown Point	20	Ophir	50
Con Cal & Va	1 00	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	90	Quicksilver	1 00
Gould & Curry	30	Do pref	9 00
Hale & Norcross	1 15	Sierra Nevada	50
Homestake	37 00	Standard	1 40
Iron Silver	35	Union Con	30
Mexican	18	Yellow Jacket	25

BOSTON.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—Atchison, 12¼; Bell Telephone, 270½; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 99; General Electric, 35; Mexican Central, 6; Oregon Short Line, 21¼; San Diego, —; Boston and Montana, 152½; Butte and Boston, 24¼.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,542; exports, 19,705. Market firm and fairly active on trade brands.

WHEAT—Receipts, 97,125; exports, 93,130. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, $1 02. Options opened firm on bullish cable news and ruled quiet but firm all day, with few reactions, supported by a moderate export inquiry, local covering and small offerings; closed ½@1c net higher. No. 2 red January, $1 01¼@1 01½, closed $1 01⅝; May, 92 13-16@93 3-16c; closed, 93c.

HOPS—Firm; Pacific Coast, 1895 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@19c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 27@31c; Texas, 14@17c.

PETROLEUM—Dull.

PIGIRON—Warrants, dull at $6 60@6 70.

LAKE COPPER—Quiet at $10 80 bid and $11 10 asked.

TIN—Dull; $13 80 bid; $13 85 asked.

SPELTER—Quiet at $3 90 bid and $4 asked.

LEAD—Dull at $3 62½ bid and $3 67½ asked. The firm that fixes the price for miners' and smelters' makes the price of lead $3 55.

COFFEE—Options closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points net advance. Sales, 47500 bags, including March, $5 75@5 80; July, $6; October, $6 15. Spot Coffe—Rio, steady; No. 7 invoice, 6¼c; No. 7 jobbing, 6¾c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 8½@15c.

SUGAR—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3⅝c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅛c; refined, steady.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8355 packages; steady; Western Creamery, 14½@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 11@15c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4050 packages; firmer; State and Pennsylvania, 22@24½c; Western, 22@24c.

DRIED FRUIT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—California dried fruits quiet to firm.

EVAPORATED APPLES—Common, 5@7¾c; prime wire tray, 8½c; wood dried, prime, 8½c; choice, 8¾c; fancy, 9@9¾c.

PRUNES—3@8c.

APRICOTS—Royal, 5@7½c; Moorpark, 9@11c.

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

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Wheat got a good send-off from the early cable news. May was wanted at from 91⅝@91½c at the opening, against 90⅞@91c at the close the previous day. The Liverpool quotations were advanced ¾d per cental overnight, and the reason given for it comprised several items of considerable importance. The poorer crop prospects in India were mentioned as the chief item. Heavy rains in Argentina were reported to be unfavorable for Wheat and the Continent was said to be taking the arrived cargoes off coast in the United Kingdom. London quoted cargoes on passage and offered 3@4d higher. Paris reported 50 centimes reduction in the price of Flour and 10 centimes in Wheat. Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 350 cars, against 378 the week before and 268 the similar day of 1897. Chicago got 63 cars, two of which were contract. Advices from the Northwest were to the effect that, with splendid roads, farmers were delivering very little and country elevators were being gradually emptied by the inducements being offered in the way of premiums for cash Wheat over futures.

Considerable activity was imparted to the dealings in the July option by the buying of that future by Allen Grier against sales for May. The operation was supposed to represent the taking in of spreads for a group of St. Louis speculators. July opened at 81c and was advanced to 82¼c by the undoing of the St. Louis spread, and May, which did not get above 91⅝@94c, dropped back to 91⅝c while July was making the rise. Bradstreet's report of the world's visible supply made a decrease of 1,631,000 bushels east of the Rockies and 300,000 bushels decrease in and afloat for Europe. The reduction on the corresponding week of last year was 4,000,000 bushels. The market weakened on that showing of some reduction in Europe, notwithstanding the diminish in the world's shipment during the last few weeks. The Liverpool market closed with some of its early advance wiped out, and that also helped to undo the bullish sentiment that had ruled the proceedings up to 12 o'clock. Primary market receipts were 346,580 bushels, against 205,383 the year before. Atlantic seaboard clearances of Wheat and Flour were equal to 427,000 bushels. July sold at 82½c at the close, and May, after dropping to 91¼c, rallied and closed at 91⅝@91½c.

Corn was dull and prices late in the day were inclined to drag. May ranged from 25⅛@28⅝ and closed at 28⅝.

Oats kept within a narrow range. The market was firm early, but reacted later. May ranged from 23¾@23⅞c to 23⅝c and closed at 23⅝c.

A good trade was done in Provisions, especially during the morning. Packers were good buyers.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2—				
January	92¼	92¼	92	92¼
May	91½	91¾	91¼	91½
July	81	82⅝	81	82⅛
Corn, No. 2—				
January	..	..	..	26½
May	29⅛	29⅛	28¾	28⅞
July	30⅛	30⅛	29⅞	29⅞
Oats, No. 2—				
May	23¾	23⅞	23⅝	23⅝
July	22¼	22¼	22	22
Mess pork, per bbl—				
January	....	....	....	$9 35
May	$9 45	$9 50	$9 42½	9 47½
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
January	$4 70	$4 70	$4 62½	$4 65
May	4 77½	4 77½	4 75	4 75
July	4 85	4 87½	4 82½	4 82½
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
January	....	....	....	$6 65
May	$4 75	$4 75	$4 72½	4 75

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steadier; No. 2 spring Wheat, 87@87½c; No. 3 spring wheat, 80@91c; No. 2 red, 92¼@93c; No. 2 Corn, 26¾@27c; No. 2 Oats, 23c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 24½c; No. 3 White, f. o. b., 24@24¾c; No. 2 Rye, 44¾c; No. 2 Barley, f. o. b., 27½@29c; No. 2 Flax Seed, $1 20@1 24; Timothy Seed, $2 75; Mess Pork, per bbl., $9 35@9 40; Lard, per 100 lbs., $4 65@4 67½; Short Ribs, sides (loose), $4 52½@4 82½; dry Salted Shoulders (boxed), 4¾@5c; Short Clear sides (boxed), $4 75@5; whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	11,000	12,000
Wheat, bushels	31,000	12,000
Corn, bushels	217,000	190,000
Oats, bushels	263,000	233,000
Rye, bushels	10,000	3,000
Barley, bushels	83,000	35,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day, the Butter market was steady: Creameries, 14@19c; Dairies, 11@17c; Cheese, quiet, 8@8½c; Eggs, steady; fresh, 10c.

WHEAT MOVEMENTS.

Cities—	Receipts. Bush.	Shipmts. Bush.
Minneapolis	179,520	70,070
Duluth	36,777	.....
Milwaukee	44,200	.....
Chicago	31,500	11,862
Toledo	.....	3,000
St. Louis	16,000	70,000
Detroit	8,027	17,089
Kansas City	13,500	17,000
Totals	343,095	189,021
Tidewater—		
Boston	4,462	160
New York	97,125	94,130
Philadelphia	6,588	531
Baltimore	12,888	.....
New Orleans	.....	117,143
Totals	121,061	211,964

PARIS FUTURES.

Wheat—	Jan.	Mar.
Opening	60 05	59 05
Closing	60 00	58 95
Flour—		
Opening	28 40	27 55
Closing	28 35	27 55

LIVERPOOL WHEAT FUTURES.

	Mar.	May.	July.	Sept.
Opening	7 3¾	7 1	6 10	6 5
Closing	7 3⅝	7 1⅛	6 10⅛	6 5¼

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKET.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—CATTLE—Sales were mostly below $5. Butchers' and canners' stuff sold actively at steady prices. Few cows sold below $2 50 and choice prime heifers sold actively at $3 75@4 30, while bulls brought $2 50@4. Stockers and feeders sold at $3 35@4 50. Feeder sales were chiefly at $4 10@4 30. Calves were steady.

HOGS—Sales were at an extreme range of $3 50@3 75 for common to prime hogs, with the best lots going at the top price of the season. The greater part of the offerings crossed the scales at $3 60@3 70 and pigs went largely at $3 40@3 60.

SHEEP—Were weaker at $3@3 50 for a few common lots up to $4 50@4 60 for choice flocks, fed Western sheep finding buyers at $3 75@4 60. Yearlings sold anywhere from $4 40@5, according to quality, but lambs were less active and lower at $4@4 50 for the commonest to $5 50@5 75 for good to prime flocks, Westerns selling as high as $5 65.

Receipts—Cattle, 3500; hogs, 28,000; sheep, 15,000.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, official, 8500. Market, steady; stockers, strong; cows and heifers, active; Texas steers, $3@4 20; Western steers, $3 50@4 50; Western cows and heifers, $2 50@3 75; native steers, $3 75@4 90; native cows and heifers, $2@4 25; stockers and feeders, $3 25@5; bulls, $2 50@3 75.

HOGS—Receipts, official, 17,500. Market, active; good hogs, steady to strong; common, about steady; bulk of sales, $3 50@3 60; choice, $3 45@3 60; packers, $3 45@3 62½; mixed, $3 45@3 65; lights, $3 45@3 60; yorkers, $3 55@3 60; pigs, $3 20@3 45.

SHEEP — Receipts, official, 3000. Market, quiet; lambs, weak; lambs, $4@5 60; muttons, $3 15@4 20.

OMAHA.

OMAHA, Jan. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2800. Market, steady to 10c lower; native beef steers, $3 70@4 80; Westerns, $3 60@4 50; Texas steers, $3@3 60; cows and heifers, $2 85@3 85; canners, $2@2 80; stockers and feeders, $3 60@4 55; calves, $4@6; bulls, stags, etc., $2 25@3 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 8800. Market a shade stronger; heavy, $3 45@3 55; mixed, $3 50@3 55; light, $3 55@3 60; bulk of sales, $3 45@3 55.

SHEEP—Receipts, 3300. Market, steady; fair to choice natives, $3 75@4 45; fair to choice Westerns, $3 60@4 30; common and stock sheep, $3@3 85; lambs, $4 50@5 50.

DENVER.

DENVER, Jan. 18.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300. Market, steady to firm; beef steers, $3 60@4 15; cows, $2@3 50; bulls, stags, etc., $1 75@3; calves, $4@5 75; stockers and feeders, $3 65@4.

HOGS—Receipts, 300. Market steady, demand good; light packers, $3 40@3 55; heavy, $3 35@3 45; mixed, $3 15@3 50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2611, in transit. No sales; no quotations.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The first series of the Colonial Wool sales for this season opened at the Wool Exchange to-day with an attendance of buyers that was large. The catalogues offered were small and poor in quality. Competition was spirited, with cross-breds ruling firm. The Continental representatives were good buyers' of merinos and the home trade bought cross-breds unhesitatingly. The American buyers purchased Queensland greasy. Merinos were fully a penny above the last auctions. A moderate selection of Cape of Good Hope and Natal wools sold at an advance of about 5 per cent. The offerings to-day numbered 7277 bales.

Following are the sales in detail:

New South Wales, 800 bales; scoured, 8½d@1s 3d; greasy, 6½@10½d.

Queensland, 1600 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d@1s 4d; greasy, 6¾@8½d.

Victoria, 300 bales; scoured, 6½d@1s 4½d.

South Australia, 1800 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d; greasy, 4¾@7½d.

West Australia, 1300 bales; scoured, 9d@1s; greasy, 4½@8d.

New Zealand, 1700 bales; scoured, 6d@1s 3½d; greasy, 5¼@9½d.

Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 700 bales; scoured, 7¼d@1s 2d; greasy, 5½@7¼d.

AVAILABLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering the principal points of accumulation indicate the following changes in visible supplies last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday:

Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 1,631,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 300,000 bushels; world's supply, total decrease 1,931,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 2,287,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 769,000 bushels.

Among the larger decreases reported by Bradstreet's, not given in the official visible supply, are the falling off of 300,000 bushels of Wheat at Northwestern interior elevators, 255,000 bushels at New Orleans, 59,000 bushels at Galveston and 40,000 bushels at Chicago private elevators.

The only important increase reported is that of 126,000 bushels in points in Manitoba and Ontario.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—A stronger tone and more inquiry, which is expected to result in a large business later, were the features in the Wool market here this week. Territory Wools are continuing to attract the most attention, and as a result the price has hardened, although as yet nominal quotations have not advanced. Fleece Wools show a better demand and business is done on about the basis of quotations. Australian Wools held stronger in price and fair purchases are being noted. Quotations:

Territory Wools, Montana fine medium and fine, 16@18c; scoured, 48@50c; staple, 52@53c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 15@17c; scoured, 48@50c; staple, 52@53c.

Australian, scoured basis, combing, superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c; Queensland, combing, 65c.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—Was a shade higher to-day. Walla Walla being quoted at 71c and valley and bluestem at 73@73½c.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Jan. 18.—WHEAT—No. 1 bluestem, 74c; No. 1 club, 71c.

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—Exchanges, $222,498; balances, $38,691.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—Concols, 112 13-16; Silver, 26⅝d; French Rentes, 103.22½.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 18.—Wheat, firm; No. 1 standard California Wheat, 3⅝s; cargoes off coast, firm, 3@6d higher; cargoes on passage, rather firm, 6d higher; English country markets, quiet and steady; French country markets, quiet and steady; Liverpool Wheat, No. 1 California, 7s 10½d@7s 11d; Wheat in Paris, quiet; Flour in Paris, quiet. Weather in England, cloudy.

COTTON—Uplands, 3 3-16d.

CLOSE.

CORN—Spot American mixed new, firm at 3s 4¾d; do old, firm, 3s 4¾d; January, steady, 3s 3¾d; February, steady, 3s 2½d; March, steady, 3s 2¾d.

CASH IN THE TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $239,838,417; gold reserve, $162,836,177.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 83½
Sterling Cables	—	4 86
New York Exchange, sight	—	17½
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	20
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	56⅞
Mexican Dollars	47	47½

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT FREIGHTS—While 30s is the asking figure for Europe, it is doubtful whether it could be obtained, for the tendency is to seek lower rates. The chartered Wheat fleet in port has a registered tonnage of 32,000, against 34,000 tons on the same date last year; disengaged, 20,700 tons, against 105,800; on the way to this port, 163,000 tons, against 162,700.

WHEAT—Futures opened higher, but were irregular. The spot market was steady and without change. The shippers are not doing much at present.

Tidewater quotations are as follows: $1 27½@1 38¾ for No. 1, $1 40 for choice and $1 42½@1 45 per ctl for extra choice for milling.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May—6000 ctls, $1 38⅝; 16,000, $1 38¾.

Second Session—May—6000 ctls, $1 38⅝; 6000, $1 38¼; 16,000, $1 38½; 10,000, $1 38; 10,000, $1 37⅞. December—2000, $1 27½; 2000, $1 27⅛.

Regular Morning Session—May—32,000 ctls, $1 37⅞.

Afternoon Session—May—16,000 ctls, $1 37⅝; 16,000, $1 37½; 10,000, $1 37⅝.

BARLEY—Both feed and brewing are firm at the recently improved prices, with a good demand for the latter. Futuers also show a hardening tendency.

Feed, 92½@95c for dark to good, and 97½c@$1 for choice; Brewing, $1 10@1 15 for No. 1 and $1 02½@1 05 per ctl for dark Coast.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—No sales.

Second Session—May—2000 ctls, 88½c; 2000, 88¼c; 2000, 87c; 2000, 87½c.

Regular Morning Session—No sales.

Afternoon Session—May—2000 ctls, 86⅞c; 2000, 87c.

OATS—The market shows no change of consequence. The feeling is firm and the demand satisfactory.

Fancy Feed, $1 20@1 25 per ctl; good to choice, $1 15@1 17½; common, $1 10@1 12½; Surprise, $1 25@1 35; Red, $1 20@1 40; Gray, $1 12½@1 17½; Milling, $1 20@1 22½; Black, for seed, $1 25@1 50. Clipped Oats sell at $1@2 per ton over the raw product.

CORN—The tendency is upward and several descriptions have advanced.

Small Round Yellow, 97½c@$1 per ctl; Large Yellow, 97½c@$1; White, 92½@97½c.

RYE—Offerings are limited and the market is steady at $1 02½@1 05.

BUCKWHEAT—$1 50@1 75 per ctl.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

Prices for Flour have not changed for a long time. Trade is not over-active.

Millstuffs show some variation.

FLOUR—Net cash prices are: Family extras, $4 15@4 65; Bakers' extras, $4 30@4 40 per bbl.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follow, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 per 100 lbs; Rye Flour, $2 50 per $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, $4; Cracked Wheat, $3 50; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 25; Rolled Oats (bbls), $5@5 40; in sacks, $4 80@5 20; Pearl Barley, $4; Split Peas, $3 50; Green do, $4 25 per 100 lbs.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

Bran and Middlings are both 50c higher. The Hay market is steady.

BRAN—$19 50@20 50.

MIDDLINGS—$21@24 50.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $21@22 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $28 50@29 50; Oilcake, $30; Cocoanut Cake, $19@20; Cottonseed Meal, $29@30 per ton.

HAY—(Ex-car in round lots)—Wheat, $13 50@16 per ton; Wheat and Oat, $13@15; Oat, $12@14; Barley, $12@13 50; compressed, $13 50@15 50; Alfalfa, $10 50@11 50; stock, $10@11 50; Clover, $10@12 per ton.

STRAW—30@45c per bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

While trade in Beans is not lively at the moment the market is firm and there is no disposition to cut prices. Seeds are dull, as usual.

BEANS — Bayos, $2 90@3; Small Whites, $1 25@1 40; Large Whites, $1 20@1 35; Pinks, $1 80@1 90; Reds, $1 50@1 70; Blackeye, $2 25@2 50; Butters, $1 40@1 50; Limas, $1 65@1 75; Pea, $1 25@1 40 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, $3 per ctl; Yellow Mustard, $2@2 50; Flax, $1 90@2; Canary Seed, 2¼@2¾c per lb; Alfalfa, 3@6c; Rape, 2@2¾c; Hemp, 3c; Timothy, 5½c.

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

POTATOES, ONIONS, VEGETABLES.

Potatoes and Onions rule firm, with moderate stocks. The Summer Vegetables from the South are bringing good prices.

Hothouse Cucumbers from San Jose brought $2 per dozen.

POTATOES—Early Rose, 60@70c; River Reds, 45@50c; River Burbanks, 50@65c; Oregon Burbanks, 60@90c; Salinas Burbanks, 75c@$1; Sweet Potatoes, 50c per ctl for Rivers and 60@75c for Merced; new Volunteer Potatoes, 2½@3c per lb.

ONIONS—$2 25@2 50 per ctl; cut Onions, $1 50@2 per sack.

VEGETABLES—Marrowfat Squash, $12@15 per ton; Hubbard Squash, $10@12 per ton; Dried Peppers, 5@6c per lb; Dried Okra, 15c; Cabbage, 60@75c per ct