COMMERCIAL WORLD.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver lower.
Wheat advanced.
Barley nominal.
Oats and Corn firm.
Rye quiet.
Flour unchanged.
Bran and Middlings advanced.
Free receipts of Hay.
Beans and Seeds dull.
Potatoes lower. Onions steady.
Butter weaker. Eggs and Cheese steady.
Three cars of Eastern Poultry in.
Game about the same.
Fruit dull.
Dried fruit stagnant.
Lard expected to advance again.
Wool, Hops and Hides quiet.
Meat market unchanged.
Oils as before.
Coffee the same.
Increased imports of specie.

IMPORTS OF SPECIE.

Imports of specie at this port during the first eleven months of the year were $32,389,719, against $12,320,849 during the same time last year, and consisted of $2,604,261 in gold bullion, $28,378,488 in gold coin, $1,282,252 in silver bullion and $124,718 in silver coin. The lion's share of these imports came from Australia in the form of $24,227,278 in gold coin. Japan sent $6,152,913 and Mexico $2,244,739.

NEW YORK DRIED FRUIT MARKET.

The New York Commercial says:

"There are no new features, though it has been said that a deal is in progress here, which, when completed, will show that something has been doing all the time. On the coast distributive request is light, and the markets, more or less controlled by speculators. They are trying to force prices down ¼@½c, but under encouraging advices from the East holders are indifferent, and accept no proposition except at full prices, the statements that Eastern buyers will take larger supplies as soon as stocktaking is over serving to keep the market steady, and holders firm in their views.

"Prunes are generally quiet under small consuming demand. Large sizes from the Northwest are no longer obtainable, and supplies in some sections of California are about exhausted. This creates a firm feeling, which will probably develop into increase in prices after the quiet of the closing year is over.

"Apricots are steady, but holders are firm and no concessions are obtainable. Spot supplies are small, concentrated and holders little inclined to shade quotations to secure business. On the coast royals are quoted at 10½@12½c, Moorparks, 11½c.

"Peaches move slowly. Prices are high and demand is light. Spot supplies are small and in few hands. All holders are firm, and buyers show no interest. Consequently, trading is small. On the coast prices are firm, and holders of first hand stocks make no concessions. Choice are quoted at 7½c, and few of any other grade are procurable.

"Pears are steady, but demand is comparatively light. Prices on the coast range around 7½c for sliced and 6½c for quarters.

"The situation in raisins, while it has certain critical features, is practically unchanged. There are numerous accusations of incorrect or fraudulent market, slack packing, etc., whether it may be, but it appears to have injured the trade but little. If persisted in it would be a serious offense, but the association is to take vigorous measures to protect distributors from such methods, and it will probably be stamped out. A combination of unfavorable conditions is causing some slight weakness in the market, but decline in price is only fractional, so far. Supplies on the spot and on the coast are too light to permit any considerable reduction, and, if anything is lost, it will be regained as soon as the spring demand begins."

WEATHER REPORT.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27, 5 p. m.

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

Stations—	Last 24 Hours.	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	0.00	9.87	15.48
Red Bluff	0.00	3.81	6.08
Sacramento	0.00	3.72	4.38
San Francisco	0.00	3.99	4.07
Fresno	0.00	1.82	1.89
San Luis Obispo	0.00	1.34	1.55
Los Angeles	0.00	0.24	2.53
San Diego	0.00	1.09	1.41
Yuma	0.00	1.32	0.81

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 68; minimum, 43; mean, 52.

An area of high pressure still continues central in Utah. A moderate depression has moved northeastward from the Pacific Ocean into the eastern portion of British Columbia during the last twelve hours. It has caused rain in Washington and Oregon and light snow in Idaho. Cloudy weather extends southward as far as Cape Mendocino and light showers are expected on the extreme northern California coast to-night. Fog is approaching the coast from the westward.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, December 28, 1898:

For Northern California—Partly cloudy Wednesday with fog along the coast; brisk northwest wind.

For Southern California—Fair Wednesday; light variable winds.

For Nevada—Partly cloudy Wednesday.

For Utah—Partly cloudy Wednesday.

For Arizona—Generally fair Wednesday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Partly cloudy Wednesday, probably foggy in the morning; fresh northwest wind.

Special from Mount Tamalpais—Partly cloudy; wind northwest, 10 miles; temperature, 60; maximum temperature, 60.

W. H. HAMMON, Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Stocks were strong and higher to-day with business well distributed. The improvement in railway quotations was from 1 to 2 points generally and even greater in the specialties. Shifting of speculative accounts and profit-taking were at times responsible for fluctuations downward, but the tone throughout was confident. Among the many reasons to account for this were favorable traffic reports for the third week in December, especially St. Paul, where the gross increase was over $175,000; Saturday's good bank statement, the North Dakota decision in favor of the railways and continued ease in the money market. Moreover, the advance in Americans in London had a stimulating effect, although later there was moderate selling from that quarter on advances here. There was a continuation of the tendency to discount January dividend disbursements, a larger proportion of which will remain in this country than hitherto, because of absorption of large blocks of interest-bearing securities formerly owned abroad. The Grangers were more largely traded in than of late, at advancing prices, Rock Island making an extreme advance of 3 points, St. Paul 1⅝, Burlington 1¾ and the others a point each. Many orders, accumulated over the holidays, were received to buy at the market and caused a wide opening in many stocks. American Steel and Wire stocks rose about eight points each and retained the greater part of the advance. Federal Steel also, both common and preferred, was up over two points and eased off somewhat. People's Gas and Brooklyn Transit were very strong, the latter on the theory that there would be an announcement in January of the consolidation of competing lines. Sugar refining was an exception to the general strength, because of the reported complications in the trade, due to sales direct to the retailers by the independent companies, and a reduction in the price of the refined article. The stock lost about three points at the opening, rallied slightly and closed a little above the lowest. Several of the minor industrial specialties displayed strength, especially Leather preferred and Lead. Other stocks whose advances attracted attention were Norfolk and Western, Pittsburg, C. C. C. and St. Louis, the Pacific, Metropolitan Street Railway and Bay State Gas. The closing was strong, slightly under the best, aggregate transactions having reached nearly a million and establishing the largest total for the year.

The bond market tended strongly upward, the inquiry embracing a marked variety of issues with substantial improvements. Total sales, $5,150,000. United States 3s advanced ¼ and the 2s ⅛ in the bid price.

Total sales of stocks to-day, 951,300 shares, including 7500 Atchison, 32,450 do preferred, 4445 Pacific, 17,220 Burlington, 10,950 Denver and Rio Grande preferred, 10,100 Louisville and Nashville, 6800 Metropolitan, 13,130 Missouri Pacific, 8400 Missouri, Kansas and Texas preferred, 43,020 Northern Pacific, 17,020 do preferred, 39,020 Rock Island, 17,000 Union Pacific, 63,000 St. Paul, 17,000 Texas and Pacific, 66,000 Steel, 27,020 do preferred, 25,020 People's Gas, 3830 General Electric, 9727 Lead, 12,720 Pacific Mail, 27,000 Sugar, 16,300 Leather, 39,010 do preferred, 5400 Rubber, 3420 St. Louis and San Francisco, 17,720 Chicago and Great Western.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	18¾	St Louis & S F...	8⅝
Do prefd	51¾	Do prefd	66¾
Baltimore & Ohio	69½	Do 2d prefd	34
Canada Pacific	85	St Louis & S W..	7½
Canada Southern	56¾	Do prefd	17¾
Cent Pac	41½	St Paul	73¾
Ches & Ohio	25¼	Do prefd	165½
Chi & Alton	169½	St P & Om	91½
Chi B & Q	124⅞	Do prefd	168
Chi & E Ill	58	So Railway	10⅝
Do prefd	130	Do prefd	42
Chi G W	16½	Texas & Pacific	19½
Chi Ind & L	7½	Union Pacific	43⅝
Do prefd	32	Do prefd	74½
Chi & N W	142⅝	U P D & G	12⅝
Do prefd	187½	Wabash	8⅝
C C C & St L	44	Do prefd	20
Do prefd	96	Wheel & L E	5⅞
Del & Hudson	111⅝	Do prefd	27¾
Del L & W	147	Express Companies—	
Den & Rio G	20⅝	Adams Ex	108
Do prefd	70¼	American Ex	144
Erie (new)	14⅝	United States	52
Do 1st pref	37¾	Wells Fargo	129
Ft Wayne	175	Miscellaneous—	
Get Nor prefd	139¾	A Cot Oil	33¼
Hocking Val	3¾	Do prefd	88¼
Illinois Cent	114¾	Am Spirits	13¾
Lake Erie & W	22¾	Do prefd	37¾
Do prefd	74½	Am Tobacco	143
Lake Shore	201¼	Do prefd	129
Louis & Nash	64⅝	Cons Gas	194½
Manhattan L	97¾	Com Cable Co	175
Met St Ry	192¼	Col F & Iron	32
Mich Cent	111	Do prefd	77
Minn & St L	37¾	Gen Electric	95½
Do 1st pref	99	Haw Com Co	58
Mo Pacific	45⅛	Intl Paper	62⅞
Mobile & Ohio	31	Do prefd	91½
Mo K & T	13¼	Laclede Gas	51
Do prefd	37⅛	Lead	38¾
N J Central	93	Do prefd	113½
N Y Central	123½	Nat Lin Oil	8½
N Y Chi & St L	14	Pacific Mail	45⅝
Do 1st prefd	70	People's Gas	110⅛
Do 2d prefd	36	Pullman Pal	150
Nor West	18	Silver Certificates	59½
No Amer Co	7	Standard R & T	8½
No Pacific	43⅝	Sugar	123¼
Do prefd	77¾	Do prefd	111⅝
Ontario & W	18	T C & Iron	38
Or R & Nav	50	U S Leather	7⅞
Do prefd	64	Do prefd	73⅞
Rock Island	114¼	U S Rubber	45¼
So Pacific	33	Do prefd	111
St P M & M	172	West Union	92¾
		Federal Steel	49⅛
		Do prefd	83½
		Or Nav prefd	72
		Pacific Coast	42¾
		Colo Southern	7
		Do 1st prefd	50
		Brooklyn R T	76¾

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 3s	107¼	N J C 5s	115⅝
U S new 4s reg	128¾	N Carolina 6s	125
Do coup	128¾	Do 4s	104
U S 4s	111¾	No Pac 1sts	118
Do coup	113¼	Do 3s	69⅝
Do 2ds	99½	Do 4s	102½
U S 5s reg	112⅝	N Y C & St L 4s	106⅝
Do 5s coup	112⅝	Nor & W 6s	128
District 3.65s	118	Northwestern con	143½
Ala class A	108	Do deb 5s	119½
Do B	108	O Nav 1sts	119
Do C	100	O Nav 4s	100¼
Do Currency	100	O S Line 6s tr	130
Atchison 4s	93¾	O S Line 5s tr	111
Do adj 4s	79½	Pacific 6s of 95	102⅞
Can So 2ds	110½	Reading 4s	86⅝
C & O 4½s	91	R G W 1sts	92¾
Chi T 4s	95	St L & I M con 5s	105
C & Ohio 5s	115	St L & S F gen 6s	123
C H & D 4½s	104⅝	St L Con	162½
D & R G 1sts	188	St P C & P 1sts	121½
D & R G 4s	102¾	Do 5s	121½
East Tenn 1sts	107½	So Ry 5s	105¾
Erie Gen 4s	75⅝	Stand R & T 6s	83½
F W & D 1sts tr	86	Tenn new set 3s	97½
Gen Elec 5s	108	Tex Pac L G 1sts	103½
G H & S A 6s	107	Do Rg 2ds	40⅝
Do 2ds	103	Union Pac 4s	104¼
H & T C 5s	111	U P D & G 1sts	88
Do con 6s	111	Wab 1st 5s	113½
Iowa C 1sts	106	Do 2ds	95
La new con 4s	107½	W Shore 4s	112½
L & N Uni 4s	97⅞	Va Centuries	83
Missouri 6s	100	Do deferred	7¼
M K & T 2ds	67¾	Wis Cent 1sts	67½
Do 4s	91	Colo Southern 4s	86¼
N Y Central 1sts	117½		

MINING STOCKS.

Chollar	10	Ontario	50
Crown Point	12	Ophir	45
Con Cal & Va	1 00	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	45	Quicksilver	1 50
Gould & Curry	21	Do prefd	4 00
Hale & Norcrs	10	Sierra Nevada	70
Homestake	50 00	Standard	2 00
Iron Silver	71	Union Con	10
Mexican	28	Yellow Jacket	20

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Do prefd	63
Call loans	2@3	Ed Elec Tel	195
Time loans	3@4	Gen Elec prefd	158
Stocks—		Atch prefd	51⅞
Atch Top & St Fe	18⅝	Bonds—	
Amer Sugar	123⅜	Atchison 4s	98½
Do prefd	111½	Mining Shares—	
Bay State Gas	4⅛	Allouez Min Co	6½
Bell Tel	275	Atlantic	31½
Boston & Albany	245	Boston & Mont	277
Boston & Maine	170	Butte & Boston	87
Boston L	82½	Calumet & Hecla	635
Chi Bur & Q	124⅛	Centennial	30
Fitchburg	107	Franklin	20¼
Gen Electric	96	Osceola	81½
Mexican Central	5¾	Quincy	135
N Y & N Eng	59	Tamarack	177
Old Colony	198	Wolverine	24½
Or Short Line	43	Parrott	32
Rubber	45	Humbolt	2½
Union Pac	43½	Union Land	10¾
West End	89¾	Adventure	9¾
Westingh Elec	38		

THE LONDON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here were stagnant after Christmas, except in Americans, which were fairly active, with narrow fluctuations in the early hours. A little spurt came with the New York prices, followed by a pause, but at the close was active. St. Paul was buoyant on a rumor that the Credit Lyonnaise and other Continental establishments were advising their clients to acquire the stock. Forty thousand pounds sterling gold in bars was bought by the bank and 165,000 pounds in bars were sold for Germany, it is understood. Germany on Saturday took 163,000 pounds to-day's African arrivals in the open market at 77s 11¾d.

CLOSING.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Canadian Pacific, 87¾. Bar Silver, quiet, 27⅝d per ounce. Grand Trunk, 7½. Northern Pacific preferred, 79. Money, 3@3½ per cent.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Spanish fours closed at 48 87½.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour—Receipts, 78,389 barrels; exports, 50,897 barrels; strong and higher. Winter patents, $3 75@4; winter straights, $3 50@3 60; Minnesota patents, $3 85@4 10; winter extras, $2 70@2 90.

WHEAT—Receipts, 347,425 bushels; exports, 402,140; spot firmer; No. 2 red, 80⅝ f. o. b. afloat. Options—Opened firmer, and responded all day to a broadening speculation and bullish sentiment. The public and foreign houses were best buyers, with professionals at times unloading. Through liquidation the December option lost half its premium over May and May closed unsettled. Export trade was light, but was offset by big and unexpected visible supply, and December closed very strong at ⅝@1⅛c net advance. March, 77@78, closed 78c; May, 73⅝@74⅞, closed 74⅞.

HOPS—Quiet, but firm. State, common to choice, 1896 crop, 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 19@20c; Pacific Coast, 1896 crop 7@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 19@20c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 17@22c; Texas, 11@14c.

There was a further stiffening in tin and lead to-day in the metal market, and the other departments showed a general undertone on smaller offerings and broadening interest on the part of buyers. News which reached the market was very encouraging as a rule. The prospects are that business during the rest of the week will continue brisk. At the close the Metal Exchange called:

PIGIRON—Warrants firm at $7 50; nominal.

LAKE COPPER—Firm, with $12 85 bid and $13 asked.

TIN—Stronger, with $18 40 bid and $18 50 asked.

LEAD—Strong, with $3 85 bid and $3 90 asked.

SPELTER—Dull and easy at $5 15; nominal.

The firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters at the West quote lead at $3 67.

COFFEE—Closed at 15 to 25 points lower. Sales, 25,000 bags, including December, $5 55; January, $5 50@5 55; February, $5 60; March, $5 70@5 80; April, $5 70@5 85; May, $5 80@5 95. Spot Coffee—Rio weak: No. 7 invoice, 6¾c; No. 7 jobbing, 7⅜c. Mild—Market steady; Cordova, 7¾@15c.

SUGAR—Raw dull and irregular; fair refining, 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4⅜c; molasses sugar, 3⅝c; refined easier.

DRIED FRUITS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—California dried fruits steady on all except apples, which remain dull.

Evaporated apples—Common, 7@8c; prime wire tray, 8⅜c; choice, 9@9⅜c; fancy, 10c.

Prunes—5@10½c.

Apricots—Royal, 11@14c; Moorpark, 13@17c.

Peaches—Unpeeled, 9@11½c; peeled, 19@21c.

VISIBLE GRAIN SUPPLY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat for the week ending Saturday, December 24, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange is as follows:

		Increase.	Decrease.
Wheat	28,783,000	.....	1,776,000
Barley	4,144,000	.....	25,000
Corn	18,700,000	547,000	.....
Oats	5,947,000	.....	62,000
Rye	1,331,000	185,000	.....

IMPORTS OF WHEAT.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—Imports into Liverpool of wheat for the week: From Atlantic ports, 87,600 quarters; from Pacific ports, none; from other ports, 1000 quarters.

Receipts of corn from Atlantic ports for the week, 74,500 quarters.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The opening in wheat was somewhat irregular, May starting unchanged to ¼c higher at 68⅞@69¼c. All the commission houses were apparently plentifully supplied with large and small buying orders, but in view of the indifference shown by Liverpool and the large receipts here and in the northwest, the accumulation of three days, local traders showed some reluctance to go after wheat at enhanced prices. But the hesitation was only temporary. The buying demand was so heavy and so well distributed that it became evident the market was in for a boom, and traders with wheat for sale withdrew their wheat for the time being. Prices in consequence jumped with great rapidity, May getting to 69½c before offerings became heavy enough to ease the market. Heavy realizing caused a short setback, the market reacting to 68¼@68⅜c, but the heavy demand continued and offerings were absorbed so quickly that buyers were soon compelled to again advance prices materially before wheat was obtainable. Not until 70⅛c was reached was the advance stopped. There was nothing in the news to warrant such an advance, but outside interest in the market was so large that it became local sport to corner, and many heavy local holders increased their lines. New York reported a good Continental demand. A decrease on passage of 1,776,000 bushels was reported, and this fact helped the market late in the session. The market lost none of its bullishness in the afternoon, May finally reaching 70⅝c, closing strong at 70⅝c, an advance of 1⅝c.

Corn was very strong and active in sympathy with wheat and higher cables. May gained 1⅝@1¾c.

Oats were active and higher. Sympathy with corn and wheat was the main influence. May closed ¾c higher.

Provisions were fully as active as the grain markets and prices advanced very rapidly. All classes of buyers were in the market and offerings being moderate some difficulty was found in satisfying the demand. Hog receipts showed a falling off. Outsiders led the speculation, their buying being heavy all day. The bullishness of grain markets had more or less effect on provisions. At the close May pork was 35c higher, lard 12½c and ribs 15c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
December	67	68	67	68
May	69⅛	70⅝	68⅞	70⅝
July	67¼	68⅞	67¼	68⅞
Corn No. 2—				
December	36⅝	37¾	36⅝	37¾
May	37½	39¼	37¼	39¼
July	37¾	39½	37½	39½
Oats No. 2—				
May	27⅝	28¼	27¼	28¼
July	26⅛	27	26⅛	27
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
January	10 12½	10 20	10 02½	10 20
May	10 35	10 57½	10 35	10 55
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
January	5 35	5 45	5 35	5 45
May	5 55	5 70	5 55	5 70
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
January	4 90	5 00	4 90	5 00
May	5 10	5 20	5 10	5 20

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, firm, nominally 10c higher; No. 3 spring Wheat, 63@66½c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 2 Corn, 28¾c; No. 2 Oats, 26⅝@27c; No. 2 white, 29@34c; No. 3 white, 28½@29c; No. 2 Rye, 54@55½c; No. 2 Barley, f. o. b., 40@47c; No. 1 Flaxseed, $1 10; Prime Timothy Seed, $2 30; Mess Pork, per barrel, $8 25@8 80; Lard, per 100 pounds, $5 30@5 42½; Short Rib Sides, loose, $4 85@5 10; Dry Salted Shoulders, boxed, 4¼@4⅜c; Short Clear Sides, boxed, $5 10@5 15; Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 26; Sugar, cut loaf, 5.95c; granulated, 5.26c.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	83,000	75,000
Wheat, bushels	282,000	65,000
Corn, bushels	819,000	211,000
Oats, bushels	847,000	390,000
Rye, bushels	71,000	20,000
Barley, bushels	174,000	30,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was steady; creameries, 14@20½c; dairies, 12½@17c. Cheese, steady; 8⅝@10½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 22@22½c.

WHEAT MOVEMENTS.

Cities—	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
Minneapolis	1,460,430	52,650
Duluth	231,895	179,888
Milwaukee	241,150	36,300
Chicago	231,850	65,183
Toledo	37,011	9,000
St. Louis	127,000	28,000
Detroit	204,850	8,029
Kansas City	122,500	7,500
Totals	2,706,486	386,550
Tidewater—		
Boston	142,233	32,000
New York	437,525	404,141
Philadelphia	106,369	118,436
Baltimore	179,244	367,924
New Orleans	.....	74,017
Galveston	303,844	93,300
Totals	1,169,215	1,089,818

LIVERPOOL FUTURES.

Wheat—	Dec.	Mar.	May.
Opening	.....	5 10¼	5 8½
Closing	5 11½	5 10⅛	5 8¼

PARIS FUTURES.

Flour—	Dec.	Jan.-Apl.
Opening	45 40	45 50
Closing	45 20	45 25
Wheat—		
Opening	20 75	21 30
Closing	20 40	21 15

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Consols, 110 5-16@110 7-16; Silver, 27⅜s; French Rentes, 101f 80c.

Wheat cargoes on coast, nothing doing; cargoes on passage, nominal, unchanged; No. 1 Standard California, 30s; English country markets, part 6d cheaper; wheat and flour on passage to United Kingdom, 2,250,000 bush; wheat and flour on passage to Continent, 1,060,0000 bush; Indian shipments of wheat to United Kingdom, 53,000 bush; Indian shipments of wheat to Continent, 2000 bush.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—Wheat, firm; wheat in Paris, firm; flour in Paris, dull; French country markets, quiet; Cotton, uplands, 3 3-32s.

CLOSING.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—WHEAT—Futures closed steady; December 5s 11½d; March, 5s 10¼d; May, 5s 8¼d.

CORN—Spot firm; American mixed, 4s. Futures quiet; March, 3s 10⅞d; December, 3s 11¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, 8s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific Coast), dull, £4 15s@5.

EASTERN LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts today were small and buyers slow to take hold. The range of prices was $5@5 70 for good to choice steers and $4@4 45 for common grades. Feeders sold at $3@4 40; Western range steers, $3 90@5 50; choice calves, $6@6 80; commoner grades, $3@6; bulls, cows and heifers ranged from $2@4 50.

HOGS—Buyers were not eager. Sales were at an extreme range of $3 30@3 70; bulk, $3 50@3 55; pigs, $3@3 40.

LAMBS—Sold at $4@5 25; yearlings, $4@4 50 and sheep, $2 25@4 15 for inferior to prime natives. Common to prime Western sheep, $3@4 10.

Receipts—Cattle, 2500; hogs, 30,000; sheep, 8000.

KANSAS CITY.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 7500. Market steady to weaker; native steers, $3 50@5 25; native cows and heifers, $1 75@4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 25; bulls, $2 80@3 40.

HOGS—Receipts, 13,000. Market weak to 5c lower. Bulk of sales, $3 45@3 55; heavies, $3 50@3 60; packers, $3 45@3 52½; mixed, $3 40@3 50; lights, $3 25@3 40; pigs, $3@3 30.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2000. Market firm; lambs, $3 60@5 25; muttons, $2 50@4 25.

OMAHA.

OMAHA, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1800. Market steady; native beef steers, $4 25@5 50; Western steers, $3 75@4 40; Texas steers, $3 60@4 10; cows and heifers, $3@4; canners, $2@3; stockers and feeders, $3 30@4 40; calves, $4@6 75; bulls and stags, $2 25@3 80.

HOGS—Receipts, 10,600. Market 5s lower; heavy, $3 40@3 45; mixed, $3 42½@3 45; light, $3 45@3 50; pigs, $3@3 40; bulk of sales, $3 42½@3 45.

SHEEP—Receipts, 800. Market slow; native muttons, $3 70@4 30; Westerns, $3 50@4 10; stockers, $2 50@3 50; lambs, $3 75@5.

DENVER.

DENVER, Dec. 27.—CATTLE—Receipts, 300; market firm to stronger. Beef steers, $3 75@4 50; cows, $3@3 50; feeders, freight paid to river, $3 50@4 25; stockers, freight paid, $3 75@4 25; bulls, stags, etc., $1 75@2 50.

HOGS—Receipts, 600; market 10@15c higher. Light packers, $3 45@3 50; mixed, $3 40@3 45; heavy, $3 25@3 35.

SHEEP—Receipts, none; market dull and lower. Good muttons, fat, $3 50@4; lambs, $4@4 25.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The wool market continued brisk, the week's sales showing over 6,000,000 pounds. The position of the market for domestic wool is a steady one and dealers are most hopeful of better prices in the near future. Fleece wools are yet quiet as a whole, although medium grades are still going well.

Territory wools—Montana fine medium and fine, 14@16c; scoured, 43c; staple, 47@48c; Utah, Wyoming, etc., fine medium and fine, 13@15c; scoured, 43c; staple, 47@48c.

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

PORTLAND'S BUSINESS.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—Exchanges, $471,623; balances, $104,160.

NORTHERN WHEAT MARKET.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—Local wheat buyers were quoting 68c for Walla Walla and if they wanted wheat badly enough would go from ½ to 1 cent better. Tonnage is so scarce that there is not much activity even with returning strength in the markets. Valley is steady at 62c and blue stem 62@63c.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Dec. 27.—Wheat, stronger. Club, 60c; blue stem, 63@63½c.

LOCAL MARKETS.

EXCHANGE AND BULLION.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 82¾
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 85¾
Sterling Cables	—	4 86¾
New York Exchange, sight	—	15
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	17½
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	59¼
Mexican Dollars	—	47½

WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS.

WHEAT FREIGHTS—Continue dull and nominal. The chartered wheat fleet in port has a registered tonnage of 14,131, against 44,425 tons on the same date last year; disengaged, 32,000, against 9400; on the way to this port, 140,800, against 171,400.

WHEAT—The Madagascar takes for Cork 75,169 ctls, valued at $85,500; Duchesse Anne, for Cork, 44,723 ctls, at $53,675.

The market advanced in sympathy with higher quotations from the East and abroad. Business was good on call, but dull on spot.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, $1 15@1 17½; milling, $1 20@1 22½.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May—12,000 ctls, $1 21; 20,000, $1 20¾; 50,000, $1 20⅞.

Second Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 21; 14,000, $1 21⅛; 18,000, $1 21¼; 4000, $1 21⅜.

Regular Forenoon Session—May—2000 ctls, $1 21½; 14,000, $1 21⅝; 30,000, $1 21¾.

Afternoon Session—May—10,000 ctls, $1 21½; December—4000, $1 17½.

BARLEY—The market is largely nominal at the moment, there being no sales to make quotations. Trading on call is also slack.

Feed, $1 27½@1 30; Brewing, $1 35@1 45 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

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

Second Session—Seller '99, new—2000 ctls, 98c; 2000, 97⅝c; 6000, 97¾c; 4000, 97⅞c.

Regular Forenoon Session — December—2000 ctls, $1 34¼; 2000, $1 33¾.

Afternoon Session — Seller '99, new — 6000 ctls, 99c.

OATS—Are firm, but dull at unchanged quotations. Offerings are ample for all immediate needs.

Fancy Feed, $1 30@1 32½ per ctl; good to choice, $1 25@1 27½; common, $1 20@1 22½; Surprise, $1 35@1 42½; Gray, $1 25@1 30; Milling, $1 27½@1 32½ per ctl; Red, $1 45@1 60; Black, $1 60@$1 75.

CORN—The market is firm enough, but the demand is nothing extra.

Small round yellow, $1 20; Eastern large yellow, $1 12½@1 13; white, $1 12½@1 15; mixed, $1 07½@1 10 per ctl; California white, $1 12½@1 15.

RYE—Quiet and unchanged.

California, $1 17½@1 22½; Eastern, $1 15 per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Is nominal.

FLOUR AND MILLSTUFFS.

FLOUR—Family extras, $4 15@4 25; bakers' extras, $3 90@4 per bbl.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices in sacks are as follows, usual discount to the trade: Graham Flour, $3 25 per 100 pounds; Rye Flour, $2 75 per 100; Rice Flour, $7; Cornmeal, $2 50; extra cream Cornmeal, $3 25; Oatmeal, $4 25; Oat Groats, $4 50; Hominy, $3 25@3 50; Buckwheat Flour, $4@4 25; Cracked Wheat, $3 75; Farina, $4 50; Whole Wheat Flour, $3 50; Rolled Oats (barrels), $5 85@6 25; in sacks, $5 65@6 05; Pearl Barley, $5; Split Peas, $4 25; Green Peas, $4 50 per 100 lbs.

HAY AND FEEDSTUFFS.

Bran and middlings are higher and firm. Corn products are also strong. Arrivals of hay during the past three days foot up 772 tons, but the market shows little change one way or the other.

BRAN—$16@18 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$19@22 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS — Rolled Barley, $26 50@27 50 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $31@31 50; jobbing, $32@32 50; Cocoanut Cake, $24@25; Cottonseed Meal, $26@30 per ton; Cornmeal, $23 50@24 50; Cracked Corn, $24@25.

CALIFORNIA HAY — Wheat, $16 50@18 for good to choice, and $14@16 for lower grades; no fancy coming in; Wheat and Oat, $15@16 50; Oat, $14@15 50; Island Barley, $12@14; Alfalfa, $11 50@13 50; Stock, $11@12; Clover, nominal.

OUTSIDE HAY (from Oregon, Utah, etc.)—Wheat and Wheat and Oat, $13 50@15; Cheat, $12@12 75; Alfalfa, Wheat, $13 50@15; Clover, $11@12; Timothy, $11 50@13 50 per ton.

STRAW—35@75c per bale.

BEANS AND SEEDS.

There is little doing in Beans at the moment. Quotations are as before. Seeds remain unchanged.

BEANS—Bayos, $1 85@2; Small Whites, $2 15@2 20; Large Whites, $1 80@1 95; Pinks, $1 95@2 05; Reds, $3 15@3 25; Blackeye, $3 75@4; Butters, $2@2 50; Limas, $3 25@3 35; Pea, $2 25@2 40; Red Kidneys, $2 40@2 50 per ctl.

SEEDS—Brown Mustard, $4 50@4 75 per ctl; yellow mustard, $4 25; Flax, $2@2 25; Canary Seed, 2¼@2¾c per lb; Alfalfa, 5½@6¾c; Rape, 2¼@2¾c; Hemp, 2½@3c; Timothy, 5@5½c.

DRIED PEAS—Niles, $1 50@1 75; Green, $1 75@1 85 per ctl.

POTATOES, ONIONS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes are lower and easy at the decline. Onions are unchanged. Vegetables stand about the same.

POTATOES—65@75c per ctl for Early Rose; 60@75c per sack for River Burbanks; Salinas Burbanks, $1@1 15; Oregon, 75c@$1; Sweet Potatoes, $1 60@1 85 for Merced; New Potatoes, 2@2½c per lb.

ONIONS—50@75c per ctl. A small lot of Oregons sold up to $1.

VEGETABLES — Green Peas, 8c; String Beans, 10c; Cabbage, 40@50c; Tomatoes, 75c@$1 25 for Los Angeles; Egg Plant, 15c per lb; Garlic, 7@8c per lb; Dried