COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Silver and Exchange as previously quoted.
Wheat advanced a fraction. Freights quiet.
Barley in moderate supply and firm.
Oats firm and in demand. Corn and Rye dull.
Flour easy at the recent decline.
Flaxseed advanced. Beans quieter, but no weaker.
Hay firmer, with some sales at an advance.
Bran, Middlings and Rolled Barley firm.
Potatoes easy, Onions steady and Vegetables quiet.
Eight cars of Eastern Poultry in thus far this week.
Game weak and low under continued heavy arrivals.
Butter and Eggs in light supply and firm. Cheese ditto.
Cranberries higher than for years. Citrus fruits quiet.
Dried Fruits, Nuts, Raisins and Honey neglected.
Provisions steady, with an advancing tendency in Bacon.
Hide dealers have their periodical disagreement as to prices.
Wool dull and disappointing. Hops quiet, but firm.
Mutton, Veal and Lamb higher again.
Beef and Pork in moderate supply and firm.
Quicksilver lower.
Active trading on the Bond and Oil exchanges.

Revenue Collections.

Local Internal Revenue collections for November were as follows:

Lists	$5,510 56
Beer	83,753 20
Fruit Spirits	48,549 22
Grain Spirits	45,787 54
Export Stamps	2 50
Cigars	19,265 33
Cigarettes	4,848 04
Snuff	19 81
Tobacco	4,636 22
Special	5,263 00
Playing Cards	91 50
Documentary	68,928 07
Proprietary	12,244 74
Total	$293,904 98

Government Money Here.

Julius Jacobs, Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco, reports cash on hand November 30 as follows:

United States notes	$57,940 00
Treasury notes of 1890	4,997 00
National Bank notes	14,755 00
Gold certificates	$18,480 00
Gold certificates, series of 1900	20,000 00
Redeemed gold certificates, series 1900	290,000 00
Silver certificates	43,517 00
Gold coin	27,426,287 42
Standard silver dollars	31,405,220 00
Subsidiary silver coin	310,869 05
Minor coin	21,537 76
Coupons	1,800 65
Miscellaneous	357 25
Total	$60,325,792 43

The shipments of silver during the month were as follows:

Standard silver dollars	$107,000
Fractional silver coin	82,490
Total	$189,490

The Weather and Crops.

A. G. McAdie, section director of the climate and corp service of the Weather Bureau, makes the following report for the week ending Monday:

"Favorable weather has prevailed in all sections during the week. Light showers have fallen in portions of the central and northern section, and part of the week has been cloudy or foggy, with lower temperatures and frequent light frosts in many places. There has been sufficient sunshine, accompanied by favorable winds, to dry out the soil to some extent, enabling farmers to continue the work of plowing and seeding, except on the low lands, which are still too wet for cultivation. If any serious damage was done to growing crops or fruit trees by the recent storm, reports have not been received at this office. On the contrary, in one of the sections of Southern California where it was reported that orange groves had been flooded and nearly ruined, a correspondent now states that practically no damage was done, and that this season's orange crop will be fully equal to last season's. All parts of the State have been immensely benefited by the heavy rains of the preceding two weeks, and agriculturists are unanimous in the confident belief that the season will be the best for many years. An increased acreage of grain in all the grain-growing districts is one of the results of the favorable conditions up to this date, and correspondents state that the early sown grain is making remarkable growth and is of excellent color and strength. Grass has also grown rapidly and green feed is abundant in all sections. Alfalfa is thrifty and will yield a heavy crop.

"Conditions have been generally favorable for maturing oranges in Southern California, though in some sections the cool, cloudy weather has retarded their development to some extent. Large quantities of oranges and olives are being gathered in all citrus fruit districts."

Weather Report.

(120th Meridian—Pacific Time.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4—5 p. m.

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

STATIONS.	Last 24 Hours	This Season.	Last Season.
Eureka	....	14.93	20.86
Red Bluff	....	6.69	7.32
Sacramento	....	6.79	7.10
San Francisco	....	5.85	7.71
Fresno	....	4.98	3.52
Independence	....	2.14	1.22
San Luis Obispo	....	8.66	5.36
Los Angeles	....	6.79	2.50
San Diego	....	1.70	1.28

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature, 54; minimum, 42; mean, 48.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND GENERAL FORECAST.

The pressure has risen slowly over the northern half of the Pacific slope and rapidly over Northern Washington and Vancouver Island. It has fallen over California and Arizona. From Point Conception southward to San Diego there has been a quick fall and it is possible that a disturbance may develop Wednesday over the southern part of the State.

The temperature has remained almost stationary west of the Rocky Mountains. The weather continues cool in the great valleys of California and abnormally warm south of the Tehachapi.

Heavy rain is falling over Washington and Northern Oregon. At Astoria 1.28 inches is reported. A maximum wind velocity of 30 miles per hour from the south is reported from Portland, Or.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, December 5, 1900:

Northern California—Fair Wednesday, except cloudy in extreme northern portion; light northerly, changing to southeasterly winds.

Southern California—Increasing cloudiness Wednesday, possibly light showers in extreme southern portion; light northerly winds.

Nevada—Fair Wednesday.

Utah—Fair Wednesday.

Arizona—Fair Wednesday.

San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Wednesday, with increasing cloudiness; light northerly, changing to southeasterly winds.

ALEXANDER G. McADIE,
Forecast Official.

EASTERN MARKETS.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A favorite paradox in Wall street is that a surprise is always expected in Sugar. In the pursuit of their professional avocation speculators are always trying to discount what they expect, and the consequence is that in Sugar they are invariably surprised and disappointed. To-day was no exception. Action on the quarterly dividend has been looked for at any time for several days past and the "news" as to what the dividend would be has varied all the way from an increase in the regular rate from 1¾ to 2 per cent up to the regular 1¾ and an extra disbursement of 2 per cent. The speculation has gone on right merrily on that basis. The price was run up to 135¼ this morning when the intimation was disseminated that no action would be taken on the dividend to-day. Consequently the announcement a little later that the directors had met at the private residence of the president of the company and declared a dividend of only 1¾ per cent came like a bombshell upon the speculative contingent. In their rush to save losses they forced the price down by rapid stages, meeting no support except from professional shorts on the way down. The stock touched 127¾ in the end, which was 8 full points below the highest and closed with a net loss of 6⅛. The violent slump in this stock had a depressing influence on the whole market, but the movement elsewhere at no time approached demoralization. In fact there were points of strength persisting here and there in the railroad list, but they yielded their gains in the late reaction. The pressure to sell the railroads was steadily during the latter part of the day and a large number of them show net losses of about a point. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy declined 1¾. The general weakness, while partly due to sympathy with the violent decline in Sugar, was undoubtedly based for the most part on anxiety as to the ability of the money market to carry speculative accounts long over the new year. There was no evidence that liquidation was forced to-day, but a spirit of caution prevailed and induced measures to avoid anything like forced liquidation in view of the large advances in prices which the market has enjoyed. Another noticeable feature of the situation is the steadiness of sterling exchange in spite of the firmness of the local money market and the notably easier rates in London and Berlin. The foreign selling of our securities, which was continued to-day to the extent of 25,000 shares, is supposed to account for this. The opinion is expressed by some foreign authorities that this process has been carried so far as to leave New York without future power to draw gold from European sources. In this connection to-day's report of a further shipment from Australia from San Francisco of $1,500,000 in gold has some significance. Incoming steamers are bringing large shipments of American securities recently sold by foreign holders, and the increase in the supply of stock available for lending serves to facilitate bear operations in the market.

The bond market shared in the reactionary tendency of the stock market, but was varied by new points of strength. Total sales, par value, $3,505,000.

United States new 4s advanced ¼ per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Shares Sold.	Stock—	Closing Bid.
14,200	Atchison	35½
17,700	Atchison prefd	82⅞
2,400	Baltimore & Ohio	79⅞
.....	Canadian Pacific	85¼
1,000	Canada Southern	58⅞
16,700	Chesapeake & Ohio	37½
1,000	Chicago Great Western	14⅝
6,600	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	135
300	Chicago, Ind & Louisville	32
500	Chicago, Ind & Louisville prefd	57
100	Chicago & Eastern Illinois	97½
.....	Chicago & Northwestern	166
4,700	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	114⅝
1,400	C C C & St Louis	66
500	Colorado Southern	6¾
100	Colorado Southern 1st prefd	42½
.....	Colorado Southern 2d prefd	17
200	Delaware & Hudson	115
.....	Delaware, Lack & Western	181
200	Denver & Rio Grande	24½
4,100	Denver & Rio Grande prefd	78¾
4,900	Erie	14⅞
9,300	Erie 1st prefd	40⅞
200	Great Northern prefd	180½
.....	Hocking Coal	15¾
200	Hocking Valley	38½
500	Illinois Central	123⅞
200	Iowa Central	20
100	Iowa Central prefd	46
100	Lake Erie & Western	35½
.....	Lake Erie & Western prefd	107
.....	Lake Shore	216¼
7,100	Louisville & Nashville	83
7,600	Manhattan Elevated	108
4,100	Metropolitan Street Railway	169
500	Mexican Central	13⅝
100	Minneapolis & St Louis	64½
.....	Minneapolis & St Louis prefd	99½
12,700	Missouri Pacific	59
.....	Mobile & Ohio	41½
200	Missouri, Kansas & Texas	12½
2,100	Missouri, Kansas & Texas prefd	37¼
700	New Jersey Central	148
4,000	New York Central	141⅝
1,400	Norfolk & Western	41⅝
100	Norfolk & Western prefd	81
17,600	Northern Pacific	70
1,500	Northern Pacific prefd	81⅝
1,400	Ontario & Western	25
.....	Oregon Ry & Navigation	42
.....	Oregon Ry & Navigation prefd	76
19,200	Pennsylvania	142
2,200	Reading	19
16,800	Reading 1st prefd	62⅝
12,600	Reading 2d prefd	31
.....	Rio Grande Western	65
100	Rio Grande Western prefd	93
4,200	St Louis & San Francisco	18¾
100	St Louis & San Fran 1st prefd	76
1,400	St Louis & San Fran 2d prefd	45¾
1,500	St Louis, Southwestern	16
1,000	St Louis, Southwestern prefd	38⅝
12,200	St Paul	126¾
.....	St Paul prefd	175½
.....	St Paul & Omaha	120
21,200	Southern Pacific	41¼
18,800	Southern Railway	17⅞
9,500	Southern Railway prefd	66¾
15,600	Texas & Pacific	20½
24,800	Union Pacific	71
2,100	Union Pacific prefd	81
500	Wabash	8½
9,900	Wabash prefd	21⅝
400	Wheeling & L E	10¼
500	Wheeling & L E 2d prefd	27¼
100	Wisconsin Central	10⅝
1,185	National Tube	60
3,800	National Tube prefd	103
200	Third Avenue	112½
300	Baltimore & Ohio prefd	85
	Express companies—	
.....	Adams	140
.....	American	160
100	United States	48½
.....	Wells-Fargo	132
	Miscellaneous—	
200	American Cotton Oil	30½
.....	American Cotton Oil prefd	90
200	American Malting	5
300	American Malting prefd	26
2,300	American Smelting & Refin	57⅛
700	American Smelting & Refin prefd	95½
.....	American Spirits	1¼
.....	American Spirits prefd	17
1,200	American Steel Hoop	27
600	American Steel Hoop prefd	75
21,100	American Steel & Wire	41⅛
200	American Steel & Wire prefd	85
2,000	American Tin Plate	41¾
200	American Tin Plate prefd	87⅛
1,000	American Tobacco	106⅝
.....	American Tobacco prefd	130
200	Anaconda Mining Co	47½
12,700	Brooklyn Rapid Transit	70¼
8,000	Colorado Fuel & Iron	49¾
7,000	Continental Tobacco	35
800	Continental Tobacco prefd	91½
12,200	Federal Steel	48⅞
1,400	Federal Steel prefd	75¾
300	General Electric	166
.....	Glucose Sugar	52
.....	Glucose Sugar prefd	100
1,000	International Paper	23
200	International Paper prefd	72
600	Laclede Gas	70
200	National Biscuit	37
.....	National Biscuit prefd	91
.....	National Lead	19
200	National Lead prefd	93
1,000	National Steel	35
200	National Steel prefd	92½
100	New York Air Brake	164
8,300	North American	19¾
.....	Pacific Coast	57
100	Pacific Coast 1st prefd	86
.....	Pacific Coast 2d prefd	66
2,200	Pacific Mail	47
11,800	People's Gas	98¾
100	Pressed Steel Car	49⅝
.....	Pressed Steel Car prefd	83
2,100	Pullman Palace Car	201
.....	Standard Rope & Twine	5¼
120,700	Sugar	127⅝
.....	Sugar prefd	116½
12,200	Tennessee Coal & Iron	67½
7,600	United States Leather	12½
1,200	United States Leather prefd	74¾
4,200	United States Rubber	29
700	United States Rubber prefd	85
.....	Western Union	82
2,000	Republic Iron & Steel	18¾
1,600	Republic Iron & Steel prefd	65
.....	P C C & St Louis	56
135,000	Amalgamated Copper	94

644,500 Shares sold.

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 2s ref reg	104½	N Y Cent 1sts	110
U S 2s ref coup	105½	N J Cent gen 5s	127½
U S 3s reg	110	N Pacific 3s	70⅞
U S 3s coup	110	N Pacific 4s	105
U S new 4s reg	138½	N Y C & St L 4s	107¼
U S new 4s coup	138½	N & W con 4s	99¾
U S old 4s reg	115	Or Nav 1sts	111
U S old 4s coup	115	Or Nav 4s	102¾
U S 5s reg	113¼	Or Short Line 6s	127½
U S 5s coup	113¼	Or S Line con 5s	116½
Dist of Col 3.65s	124½	Reading Gen 4s	91¼
Atchison gen 4s	102¼	R G W 1sts	100¾
Atchison adj 4s	89	St L & I M con 5s	113½
Canada So 2ds	108½	St L & S F gen 6s	128¾
Ches & Ohio 4½s	103	St Paul consols	74
Ches & Ohio 5s	120¼	St P C & P 1sts	119⅞
C & NW con 7s	139	St P C & P 5s	121½
C & NW SFdeb 5s	119½	So Pacific 4s	82¾
Chgo Terminal 4s	93½	So Railway 5s	112¾
Colo Southern 4s	84	Stand R & T 6s	70
D & R G 4s	101	Tex & Pac 1sts	112½
Erie General 4s	75¼	Tex & Pac 2ds	78
F W & D C 1sts	75½	Union Pacific 4s	108
Gen Electric 5s	139	Wabash 1sts	116¾
Iowa Central 1sts	114	Wabash 2ds	105
L & N Uni 4s	100⅝	West Shore 4s	114½
M K & T 2ds	71½	Wis Cent 1sts	86½
M K & T 4s	94½	Va Centuries	92

MINING STOCKS.

Brunswick	09	Ontario	6 00
Chollar	13	Ophir	85
Crown Point	10	Plymouth	68
Con Cal & Va	1 30	Quicksilver	1 25
Deadwood	58	Do prefd	7 00
Gould & Curry	50	Sierra Nevada	25
Hale & Norcross	15	Standard	2 80
Homestake	55 00	Union Con	20
Iron Silver	59	Yellow Jacket	20
Mexican	15		

BOSTON STOCKS AND BONDS.

Money—		Union Pacific	71
Call loans	3@4	Union Land	3
Time loans	4@5	West End	91½
Stocks—		Westingh Elec	52¼
Atchison	38½	Bonds—	
do prefd	82½	Atchison 4s	101½
Am Sugar	127½	N E G & Coke 5s	67
do prefd	116	Mining shares—	
Bell Telephone	215	Adventure	6½
Boston & Albany	249½	Allouez Min Co	2½
Boston & Maine	195½	Amalg Copper	94
C B & Q	134⅞	Atlantic	27
Dom Coal	37¾	Boston & Mont	325
do prefd	112	Butte & Boston	84
Fed Steel	48⅝	Calumet & Hecla	825
do prefd	75½	Centennial	16
Fitchburg prefd	138	Franklin	15
Gen Electric	168½	Humboldt	25
do prefd	145	Osceola	73½
Ed Elec Ill	218	Parrot	48½
Mex Cent	14	Quincy	174
Mich Telephone	85	Santa Fe Copper	6¾
N E G & Coke	13	Tamarack	297
Old Colony	20	Utah Mining	34½
Old Dominion	28	Winona	3½
Rubber	28½	Wolverines	45½

London Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

Business in the markets here to-day was restricted and dull, speculators refraining from dealing until Thursday's Afrikander meeting, which, it is thought, may create some political disquietude. Paris rumors of a settlement of copper troubles were accompanied by a fall in Tintos of 1⅝ and in Spanish fours of ⅝ and fairly large cash sales of consols which fell 3-16. The sales of Tintos were attributed to President McKinley's reference to trusts in his message, which, hitting the Amalgamated Company, would, it was thought, react on Tintos, but the trouble is apparently local. Investment was still strongest in Kaffirs, for Erbas, in which an apparently concerted movement was made, both here and in New York. London was inclined to sell the list, but New York steadied prices, sending Erie firsts a dollar above London prices.

Atchison, 40⅝; Canadian Pacific, 87¾; Union Pacific preferred, 82¾; Northern Pacific preferred, 85; Grand Trunk, 6⅝; Anaconda, 9¾.

Bar silver, steady, 29 11-16d.
Money, 2 per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Money on call steady at 4@4½ per cent; last loan, 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange unsteady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85¼ for demand and at $4 81⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4 82½@4 86½; commercial bills, $4 80¾@4 81¼. Silver certificates, 64@65c. Bar silver, 64¼c. Mexican dollars, 50¼c. Government bonds, strong; State bonds, unsteady; railroad bonds, irregular.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,551 barrels; exports, 35,367 barrels. More than usually active, selling freely at old prices and closing firm.

WHEAT—Receipts, 106,357 bushels; exports, 66,398 bushels; spot, firm. No. 2 red, 78⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 77⅞c elevator; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 83⅝c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 87⅝c afloat.

Options were generally firm and higher all day, reflecting a moderate scare among shorts, the strength in corn, a liberal decrease in world's stocks, better speculative demand and more bullish sentiment among traders. The close was strong at ⅛c net advance. January, 77⅝@78⅛c, closed 78⅛c; March, 78¾@80 9-16c, closed 80⅛c; May, 79½@79⅞c, closed 79⅞c; December, 76 15-16@77⅜c, closed 77⅜c.

HOPS—Steady.
HIDES—Firm.
WOOL—Dull.

COFFEE—Options closed firm, with quotations unchanged to 10 points higher. Total sales, 18,500 bags, including: December, 6.15@6.20c; March, 6.40@6.50c; May, 6.60@6.65c; July, 6.65c; September, 6.65@6.75c. Spot coffee—Rio, quiet; No. 7 invoice, 7⅝c. Mild—Quiet; Cordova, 9½@13¼c.

SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 4 7-16c; molasses sugar, 3 11-16c; refined, steady.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8221 packages; firm; creamery, 17@25½c; factory, 12@15½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7495 packages; strong; Western regular packing, at mark, 21@25c; Western, loss off, 19c.

DRIED FRUITS.

Trading in evaporated apples was chiefly confined to the choice and fancy varieties at the old basis. State common, 4@5c; prime, 4¾@5¼c; choice, 5¼@6c; fancy, 6@6½c.

California dried fruits were dull, but steady. Prunes, 3½@8½c per lb.

APRICOTS—Royal, 11@14c; Moorpark, 15@16c.

PEACHES—Peeled, 16@20c; unpeeled, 6@9c.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The opening in cotton was easy with near months 1@5 points higher. The market soon after the call was steadier and a trifle more active, but later an easier turn developed under general selling, the market closing quiet, 6@11 points lower.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Wheat found a firm and somewhat broader market save for a degree of easiness at the opening on unresponsive Liverpool cables. January opened ⅛c lower at 70⅝c to 70¾c. On buying by St. Louis interests the market steadied. A Rosario cable announcing damage to the Argentine crop by hail also figured in holding the market. Later the corn strength, the belief that Bradstreet's world's visible would show a decrease of 3,000,000 bushels and the reported closing of navigation on the sea of Azof caused a sharp demand. Shorts covered freely on the advance and January rose to 71⅝c. Against the price were liberal Northwestern receipts, a continuation of the heavy Southwestern movement and the lack of cash demand, but in spite of these facts the market held strong and January closed ⅜c up at 71½@71⅝c.

December corn was the feature in the corn pit. Rumors of a probable squeeze similar to that worked by Phillips were rife. Contract stocks here are only 1,300,000 bushels and nearly all of this, it is stated, has found an Eastern market. Receipts show about 1 per cent of contract grade. Phillips was credited with taking in 500,000 bushels of December during the day. There is little old corn in the country, the leaders say, and the roads make it difficult to get that to market. Unfavorable weather and strength of foreign markets were factors in the market. December sold between 36 and 37⅛c and closed ⅜c over yesterday at 36⅞c. May closed ⅛@¼c higher at 36⅝c.

Oats ruled dull and only fairly steady in view of the corn and wheat strength. May closed unchanged at 23⅝c.

Provisions were generally dull, although at times lard showed some activity on local buying. Hog receipts were liberal, but prices were sustained early by the demand for lard and later by the grain strength. The close was firm. January pork closed 15c over yesterday, lard 5@7½c higher and ribs 2½c up.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
December	70⅝	71½	70⅝	71⅝
January	70¾	70⅞	70⅝	70¾
May	73⅞	74⅝	73⅝	74⅝
Corn No. 2—				
December	36½	37⅝	36	36⅞
January	35¼	35⅝	35⅝	35⅝
May	36⅝	36¾	36⅜	36⅝
Oats No. 2—				
December	21¼	21½	21¼	21½
May	23⅞	23⅞	23¾	23⅞
Mess Pork, per barrel—				
January	11 87½	12 02½	11 87½	12 02½
May	11 85	11 97½	11 85	11 97½
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
December	6 97½	7 10	6 97½	7 10
January	6 77½	6 80	6 77½	6 80
May	6 85	6 87½	6 85	6 87½
Short Ribs, per 100 pounds—				
January	6 17½	6 22½	6 17½	6 20
May	6 27½	6 30	6 27½	6 27½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, quiet and steady; No. 3 spring wheat, 67½@70c; No. 2 red, 72@74c; No. 2 corn, 37c; No. 2 yellow, 37c; No. 2 oats, 22½c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c; No. 3 white, 24¾@26c; No. 2 rye, 50c; fair to choice malting barley, 50@56c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 67½; No. 1 Northwestern, $1 70; prime timothy seed, $4 10@4 30; mess pork, per barrel, $11@11 12½; lard, per 100 pounds, $7@7 02½; short-rib sides (loose), $6 50@7; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5 87½@6 12½; short clear sides (boxed), $6 55@6 65; whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27; clover, contract grade, $10.

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	28,000	15,000
Wheat, bushels	151,000	209,000
Corn, bushels	306,000	331,000
Oats, bushels	252,000	113,000
Rye, bushels	2,000	1,000
Barley, bushels	10,000	14,000

On the Produce Exchange to-day the butter market was dull; creamery, 15@24c; dairy, 13@20c. Cheese, active, 10¾@11¼c. Eggs, quiet; fresh, 24c.

Foreign Futures.

LIVERPOOL.

Wheat—	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.
Opening	5 11⅛	....	6 ⅝
Closing	5 11⅛	....	6 ⅝

PARIS.

Wheat—	Dec.	Mar.-June.
Opening	20 10	21 35
Closing	20 10	21 30
Flour—		
Opening	26 00	37 40
Closing	26 00	27 35

Available Grain Supply.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreets show the following changes in available supplies:

Wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 1,527,000 bushels. Afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 3,000,000 bushels. Total supply, decrease, 1,473,000 bushels.

Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 364,000 bushels.

Oats, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 635,000 bushels.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Business was quiet in the wool market this week, the holiday making quite a difference in the amount of sales. The tone of the market is steady, but the anxiety felt regarding the recent failure of two wool houses on account of a fear that the wools held by these dealers would be forced on the market has been allayed by the fact that the wools are to be offered on the market the same as before. Dealers are viewing the outlook with expectation of a better market, but as yet they can see but little prospect of immediate higher prices.

Territory wools continue to head the list of sales. Australian wools are quiet and sales are made at full recent prices. Quotations:

Territory, scoured basis: Montana and Wyoming—Fine medium and fine, 17@18c; scoured, 48@50c; staple, 50@51c. Utah—Fine medium and fine, 16@17c; scoured, 47@49c; staple, 50c. Idaho—Fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scoured, 47@49c; stable, 50c. Australian, scoured basis—Spot, combing superfine, nominal, 75@75c; good, 65@70c; average, 62@67c.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5000; generally steady, including butchers' stock; good to prime steers, $5 45@6; poor to medium, $4@5 35; selected feeders, $3 50@4 25; mixed stockers, $2 25@3 70; cows, $2 60@4 15; heifers, $2 65@4 65; canners, $2@2 50; bulls, $2 50@4 15; calves, $3 50@5 50; Texas fed steers, $4@4 90; grassers, $3 50@4 15; bulls, $2 50@4 75.

HOGS—Receipts, 31,000; to-morrow, 40,000, estimated; left over, 3000; opened stronger, closed easier; top, $4 87½; mixed and butchers, $4 50@4 87½; good to choice heavy, $4 55@4 85; rough heavy, $4 40@4 50; light, $4 50@4 87½; bulk of sales, $4 70@4 80.

SHEEP—Receipts, 19,000; sheep and lambs opened steady, closing slow; good to choice wethers, $4@4 35; fair to choice, $3 50@4 05; Western sheep, $4@4 35; Texas sheep, $2 50@3 60; native lambs, $4@5 50; Western lambs, $4 75@5 50.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The Metal Exchange calls their market quiet with pigiron warrants at $9 50@10 50. Lake copper, unchanged, $17. Tin, very dull, $27 80@28, against $28 yesterday. Lead quiet at $4 87½ for pig and spelter quiet at $4 50@4 35. The broker's price for copper was $17 and for lead $4 37½.

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 4.—Clearings, $431,541; balances, $74,825.

Northern Wheat Market.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—Wheat, steady, at 54c for Walla Walla and 57c for bluestem.

Cleared—Ship Maipo for Queenstown, with 97,429 bushels of wheat.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, Dec. 4.—Wheat, dull and nominally unchanged. Bluestem, 55½c; club, 53½c.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Consols, 97⅝; silver, 29 11-16d; French rentes, 101f 50c; cargoes on passage, rather easier; cargoes No. 1 standard California, 30s 3d; cargoes Walla Walla, 28s 9d; English country markets, quiet, steady.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4.—Wheat, steady; No. 1 standard California, 6s 2½d@6s 3d; wheat in Paris, steady; flour in Paris, steady; French country markets, steady.

COTTON—Uplands, 5 19-32d.

CLOSING.

WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red Western winter, 6s ¼d; No. 1 Northern spring, 6s 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d. Futures, quiet; December, 5s 11⅛d; March, 6s ⅝d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed, new, 4s 1¼d. Futures, quiet; December, 4s 1d; January, 3s 10½d; March, 3s 9½d.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	4 82½
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 86½
Sterling Cables	—	4 87½
New York Exchange, sight	—	5
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	7½
Fine Silver, per ounce	—	64¼
Mexican Dollars, nominal	50½	@ 51

Wheat and Other Grains.

WHEAT FREIGHTS—The spot market is dull at 40s, usual options. The chartered wheat fleet in port has a registered tonnage of 56,740, against 41,886 tons on the same date last year; disengaged, 10,664 tons, against 3638; on the way to this port, 120,500 tons, against 194,800.

WHEAT—The foreign markets showed little change. New York was several fractions firmer, and Chicago opened dull with a moderate demand. This inactivity, however, was succeeded by a firmer tone and more disposition to buy. The feeling became bullish, as the visible is steadily decreasing and receipts in the Northwest are falling off. In addition Flour is showing signs of emerging from its recent apathy, and the Argentine situation is still poor. The Liverpool demand for Flour is good, and at Chicago but little Wheat was drawn out by bids. Hence operators are generally looking for better prices.

In the local market both spot and future prices were a fraction or so higher.

Spot Wheat—Shipping, 97½c; Milling, $1@1 05 per ctl.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—May—2000 ctls, $1 04¾.

Second Session—May—14,000 ctls, $1 04¾.

Regular Morning Session—4000 ctls, $1 04⅞; 2000, $1 05.

Afternoon Session—May—14,000 ctls, $1 05; 12,000, $1 05¼. December—2000, 97½c.

BARLEY—The market shows no change. Offerings of feed are moderate and choice bright is scarce and firm. There is little call for Brewing and Shipping grades.

Feed, 77½c for choice bright, 75c for No. 1 and 67½@72½c for off grades; Brewing and Shipping grades, 80@85c; Chevalier, nominal.

CALL BOARD SALES.

Informal Session—9:15 o'clock—No sales.
Second Session—No sales.
Regular Morning Session—No sales.
Afternoon Session—December—4000 ctls, 75c. May—2000, 75½c.

OATS—The sharp demand for red has about cleaned up this description. White and Black are in brisk request, both for seed and feed. The market is as firm as ever.

White, $1 30@1 50; Surprise, nominal; Red, $1 20@1 30 for feed and $1 35@1 40 for seed; Gray, nominal; Black, for feed, $1 12½@1 20; for seed, $1 20@1 30 per ctl.

CORN—Continues quiet and unchanged, the feeling being rather weak than otherwise. California Yellow, $1 15@1 20; California White, $1 20; Eastern Yellow, $1 15@1 20; White, $1 20; Eastern mixed, $1 15@1 20 per ctl.

RYE—Continues dull and freely offered at 85@90c per ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—Quoted at $1 75@2 per ctl.

Flour and Millstuffs.

The demand for Flour is quiet at the lower prices.

FLOUR—California Family Extras, $3 35@3 50, usual terms; Bakers' Extras, $3 15@3 25; Oregon, $2 75@2 85 per barrel for family and $2 75@3 for bakers'; Washington, bakers', $2 75@3.

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

Hay and Feedstuffs.

Straw is quoted higher. Hay is firm and several cars of choice Wheat sold at $14, though this figure is not yet quotable. Bran is reported firm at unchanged prices.

BRAN—$14@15 50 per ton.

MIDDLINGS—$16 50@19 50 per ton.

FEEDSTUFFS—Rolled Barley, $16@17 per ton; Oilcake Meal at the mill, $26@26; jobbing, $26 50; Cocoanut Cake, $17@18; Corn Meal, $26@27; Cracked Corn, $26 50@27 50; Mixed Feed, $16@18 50.

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