

STEERS SHOW GOOD TONES

ADVANCE OF TEN CENTS IN PORTLAND.

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Hogs, Sheep and Cows Likewise Good Sellers

Trade in the live stock market started off this with an advance of ten cents on best grade beef stuff and with a feeling of confidence in the future of the market on all lines, especially in the case of quality stock, says a Portland market critic.

Three loads of prime steers sold early yesterday at Portland at \$7.75, as against \$7.65, last week's top quotation, and the best figure paid for steer stock in that market for the season to date. Other steers sold at an extreme range of \$5.50 to \$7.50, according to quality. The best cows put up at the yards Monday were taken over at \$6.50, while heifers that graded up well sold at \$6.6. The few calves worked off went at \$7 to \$9.

In the sheep and hog divisions no such in the way of trade was reported, but there was no evidence of any loss of the strength displayed by these lines at the close of last week, and dealers were confident that the bulk of the day's offerings would be disposed of before the close. One load of hogs a little short of prime sold at \$7.90.

Flour, Feed and Grain.

- Wild Hay—(retail)—\$12.00.
- Timothy—\$15.00 (retail).
- Alfalfa hay—\$12.00 (retail).
- Shorts—\$1.45 per cwt.
- Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.
- Bran—\$1.25 per cwt.
- Rolled Oats—\$1.50 per cwt.
- Rolled barley—\$1.45 cwt.
- Blue Stem Flour—\$1.35 sack.
- Patent—\$1.35.
- White Quartz—\$1.35 per sack.
- Snowdrift—\$1.35.
- 10s Corn Meal—35c per sack.

Fruit, Etc.

- Home grown apples—75c @ \$1.00 a box.
- Oranges—\$5 @ 60c.
- Bananas—40c per doz.
- Pineapple—20c and 25c, size.
- Cranberries—15c qt.
- Grape fruit—(large size) 10c.
- Vegetables and Miscellaneous.
- Onions—1.50 per cwt., small lots 2c lb.

- Potatoes—75c per cwt.
- Beans—White, 1-3c; 11 ns, 10 cents
- Cabbage—2c
- Celery—2 bunches for 25c. (Home grown, 10c.
- Sweet potatoes—5c per lb.
- Green peppers—20c lb.
- Squash—2 1/2c lb.
- Pumpkins—2 1/2c.
- Turnips—2 1/2c lb.
- Eggs and Butter.
- Fresh eggs—45c.
- Ranch eggs—45c.
- Storage eggs—35c.
- Butter—Fancy creamery, 40 cents, 1 lb. roll; 2 lb. roll, 80c.

Ranch butter—2 lb. roll 70c. Cattle, Hogs and Poultry. (Buying Prices.) Heavy hogs—\$6.50 cwt. Light hogs—\$7.00 cwt. Medium light hogs—\$7.00 cwt. Ducks, dressed, 18c. Geese—Dressed 18c. Cows—4 @ 5 1/2c. Steers—6c.

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Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank will be held at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913 at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting a board of seven directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected, and such other business will be considered, as may properly be offered at said meeting.

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USE OF WHO OR WHOM.

Where Grammar Bunks Up Against Idiom and Gets a Jolt.

The employment of the nominative "who" for the accusative in certain forms of interrogation has become so imbedded in common usage that resort, even now, to the strictly orthodox practice frequently requires, on the part of educated men, positive effort or prolonged training. It somehow does not seem natural. In the past assuredly this nominative form, where precise grammar would require the accusative, turns up with almost invariable regularity in works which set out to represent colloquial speech.

"Who is it from?" says the mother in Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," to her daughter, who has just received a letter. "Who is it like?" says the heroine of "Jane Eyre" to St. John Rivers as she shows him the picture of Rosamund Oliver. Such examples could be multiplied by hundreds. There are cases, indeed, when the use of "whom" would strike upon the ears of most of us as painfully pedantic.

"Who the devil is he talking to?" says Sir Lucius O'Trigger in Sheridan's "Rivals," as he notices Captain Absolute soliloquizing. To tolerate "whom" in place of "who" in such a sentence as the last would require the speaker to be so thoroughly steeped in grammar that the sense of traditional usage, which has been hardening into idiom, has at last been completely overcome. That height of linguistic virtue few of us there are who attain.

—Thomas R. Lounsbury in Harper's Magazine.

FURY OF A SPIDER.

An Insect Tragedy as Seen Through a Magnifying Glass.

One day, rummaging in an old desk, I found a magnifying glass. It was September, and in a sunny, weed ridden corner of the garden I had discovered a big black and gold spider who had strung her web between two tall birch trees and was doing a thriving business in grasshoppers.

Seated on the ground, I now surveyed her through the glass for an hour as she hung in the middle of her engine of destruction. When I touched the net with my finger she swung frantically to and fro, prompted doubtless by some instinct of self preservation, but otherwise was as motionless as if carved in jet.

Grasshoppers were not very plentiful as yet, but at last a large green fellow flew plump into the toils, the spines on his legs that had so often discoursed sweet music becoming entangled. Instantly the crafty spider was all alive. Darting upon her victim, she took her station above him, and, hanging by two legs, seized him in her other six and rolled him round and round, unwrapping him in a band of silver silk until he was as helpless as a mummy, and then she bit him in a dozen places with fangs oozing with poison.

At the spectacle of her evil eyes glittering with the lust of killing, magnified as they were by the glass, I turned sick and rolled over on my face among the weeds and lay for a long time miserably inert.—Atlantic Monthly.

Strange Freak of Memory.

There is a strange story of how Sir Walter Scott, producing "The Bride of Lammermoor" during illness, was afterward found to have forgotten entirely what he had thus created. According to James Ballantyne, "the book was written and published before Mr. Scott was able to rise from his bed, and he assured me when it was first put into his hands in a complete shape that he did not recollect a single incident, character or conversation it contained. The original incidents of the story, which he had known from boyhood, he still remembered, but he knew no more about the story he had written than he did before he began to write or even think about writing it." These facts were corroborated by Mr. Lockhart, Sir Walter Scott's son-in-law and biographer, so that they are placed beyond question.

Founder of the Japanese Navy. The founder of the Japanese navy was an Englishman named Will Adams, who went to the eastern seas as pilot of a Dutch fleet in 1598 and was cast away in Japan a couple of years later. He became a Japanese noble and constructor of the navy to the tycoon, but was never allowed to return to England. He died about twenty years afterward, very ingeniously leaving half his property to his wife and family in England and half his property to his wife and family in Japan. After his death he was detained—Exchange.

Some Big Numbers.

If you fill a tiny vessel one centimeter cube with hydrogen corpuscles you can place therein, in round numbers, five hundred and twenty-five octillions of them. If these corpuscles are allowed to run out of the vessel at the rate of 1,000 per second it will require seven octillions of years to empty it.

One of the Ways.

"Who was that seedy individual I saw you give a dollar to?" "An old literary friend of mine; author of 'Ten Thousand Ways of Making Money.'"

Mind and Matter.

Teacher: Is there any connection between mind and matter? Small Boy: Yes. If a boy doesn't mind there'll be something the matter.—Chicago News.

Men are born to succeed, not to fail.—Thruout

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John Cyclone Thompson says that he now weighs 190 pounds and will enter the heavyweight division. He will challenge the winner of the coming bout between Palzer and McCarthy.


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