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FLOUR RISES 5 MORE CENTS

PORTLAND HOG PRICES HIGH—EST IN COUNTRY.

General Tone Holds Firm, and Hogs Principally Offered.

LOCAL FLOUR UP.

La Grande flour went up five cents on the sack today on the local trading centers.

Portland Stockyards, Feb. 2.—The hog market was steady today at higher prices reached yesterday. The price here is 10 cents over Chicago and 25 cents over South Omaha, making this the highest market in the country.

Receipts were light today and the volume of sales small. Up to 11 o'clock hogs monopolized the market.

FLOUR, HAY, FEED, ETC.

Blue Stem Flour—\$1.90.
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Rolls Oats—\$1.6 per cwt.
Oats—(To producer) \$1.60.
Barley—\$1.60.
Alfalfa hay—(To producer) \$11.00.
Rolled Oats—\$1.95.
Barley—\$1.50.
Rolled Barley—\$1.75 wt.
Wild hay—(To producer) \$9.00 baled.

CATTLE.

Prime light steers\$6.50@7.00
Good\$4.50@6.50
Medium\$5.85@6.35
Cows, prime\$5.50@5.75

Hogs.

Prime\$5.90@6.10
Medium\$5.75@5.90
Rough heavy\$4.50@5.25

SHEEP.

Best Spring lambs\$5.50@6.50

CHICKENS AND FOWL.

Turkeys—22c@28c, retail.
Selling fliers—22c@25c, retail.
Hens—18c@18c, retail, dressed.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35 cents, 1-lb roll; 2-lb roll 70 cents.
Ranch butter—1-lb. roll 30c; 2-lb. roll—60c.
Fresh Ranch Eggs—35c.

VEGETABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Brussil Sprouts, 20c a pound.
Parsley—5c a bunch.
Sweet potatoes—6c lb.
New potatoes—\$1.25 cwt.
Chili peppers—40c.
Honey—20c.
Cabbage—3c.
Carrots—2c lb.
Beans—White 10; Lima, 12c; Pink 10c.
Onions—3c lb.
Celery, Cal. 2@25c.
Pumpkin—2c lb.
Sugar, cane or fruit—\$6.40, sack; cash; \$6.80 for 30 days' time.

CONCERT HAS MUCH MERIT

HALLOWELL PEOPLE COME WITH A REPUTATION.

Public Invited to be Present at Both Program and Subsequent Dance.

In the Hallowell Concert company which comes to La Grande under auspices of the La Grande lodge of Elks next Friday evening, La Grande people are unquestionably to hear something good. A few seasons ago the La Grande Elks heard this company play and sing, and were infatuated with them. When the opportunity came to bring them back, the Elks decided that the treat was too good to keep from the public, and consequently, the public is cordially invited to be present at the program, and with privilege of dancing later.

John H. Wegtzell—A pupil of Oscar Saenger of New York, and formerly with the Madam Butterfly Grand Opera company, has a deep, rich baritone voice with large range. Mr. Wegtzell sings either in English, Italian or German language. His songs of which consist of such numbers as the following:

Torreador—from Carmen. By Bizet.
Die Posente—from Faust, By Gounod.
Sigmunds Love Song—Die Walkure.
Evening Star—from Tannhauser. By Wagner.
Nina. By Pergolesi.
Ein Schwan. By E. Greig.
A few numbers the Hallowell Concert company play:
Overture—William Tell. By Rossini.
Overture—Oberon. By Von Weber.
Overture—Mignon. By A. Thomas.
Overture—Maritana. By Wallace.
Overture—Martha. By Flotow.
Overture—Raymond. By A. Thomas.
Overture—Orpheus. By Offenbach.
Selection—Carmen. By Bizet.
Selection—Il Trovatore. By Verdi.
Selection—Tannhauser, By R. Wagner.
Hungarian Fantasia. By Tobani.
Prelude—from Lohengrin, By Wagner.

Want Ads.

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BARRETT SEES A BIG SAVING

SO-CALLED SALARYLESS PEOPLE COST MONEY.

Writer Quotes Senator About Proposed Consolidations.

(By E. H. UPJOHN.)

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2.—(Special) —"My proposal, now in the hands of the joint committee of the legislature on the consolidation of state commissions and offices will, if adopted, represent a saving of practically \$1,000,000 in a biennial period to the taxpayers of Oregon," declared Senator Barrett of Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties. "From the present 50 or 60 commissions, with consolidation and abolition, the plan which I have presented to the committee will merge them all into 12 general heads."

"With the reduction of expense which this plan saves, at the same time it will tend to increase the efficiency of the state government. Under the present system we are over-worked with commissions, quite apart and aside from the sheer saving in money. On every hand there is a commission of some kind or another. The statute books are cluttered up with acts and parts of acts creating this or that commission and defining their duties at length."

"Session after session there has been added here, and there some new board for the purpose of accomplishing something which could have been done as well and as efficiently by some other board or commission already in existence. It is true a number of these that have been created have been unsalaried boards. But there is always an expense to those commissions, even when no salary is paid. It will be found that a great percentage of the unsalaried commissions have a salaried secretary in tow and at the same time there is always the printing, stationery and traveling expenses. These may seem small in comparison, but when one stops to think that practically all of those commission print long and exhaustive reports and circulate them broadcast, the expense is seen in a different light."

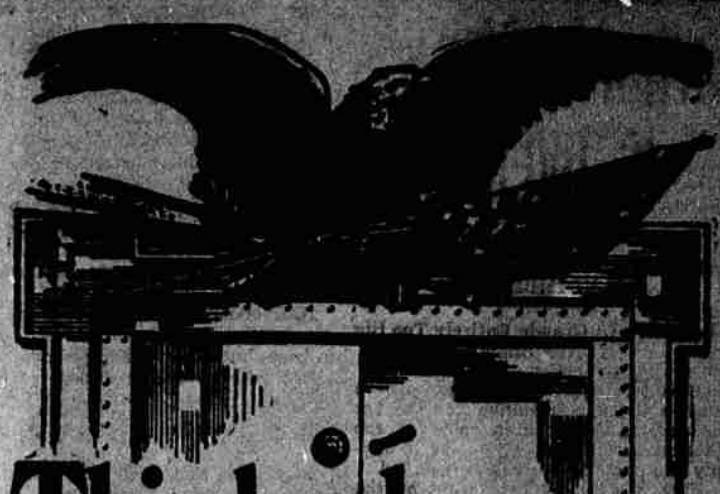
The Barrett plan leaves the Board of Control as it is. It creates a department of education of five members, one appointed by the governor from each congressional district, one from the state at large and the fifth to be the superintendent of public instruction acting ex officio. All state school matters and the work of all and commissions on state school matters come under this head.

The department of finance will take up all matters pertaining to the state treasurer's office and will take over the state banking department. The department of labor will include all the work done by the labor commission, industrial welfare commission, industrial accident commission and the board of inspectors of child labor. It will consist of two directors to be appointed by the Governor, the present labor commissioner to be retained as one during the term for which he has been elected to have supervision over the inspection of factories and workshops.

The corporation department or public utilities commission will do the work now handled by the railroad commission and state tax commission. The state engineer's department will do its present work and the work of the state highway engineer's department. The duties of the corporation commissioner will be merged in those of the state insurance commission. The state board of health in addition to its present duties will take over those of the dairy and food commissioners. The department of agriculture will take over the state fair board, horticultural board, pure seed board and possibly others. The department of animal industry will take over the work of the state livestock sanitary board, stallion registration board, the duties of the dairy and food commissioner, so far as they relate to dairy cattle, the present commissioner to be continued during his present term. The department of land and forest will include the work of the state water board, state board of forestry, desert land board and possibly others. The department of game is to include three commissioners, including the governor, state game warden and master fish warden, the two wardens to be appointed by the governor and removed by him at his option. The Barrett plan will also repeal the State Portage Railroad act, transferring the property to the state board of control; immigration commission, conservation commission, bureau of mines, uniform system of accounting, and all continuing appropriations except those for the university, agricultural college and experiment stations. It is also recommended that the appointment of a state architect be left to the board of control, but, as there is little prospect of the state engaging in the construction of new buildings for some time, it is suggested that his services be dispensed with at this time.

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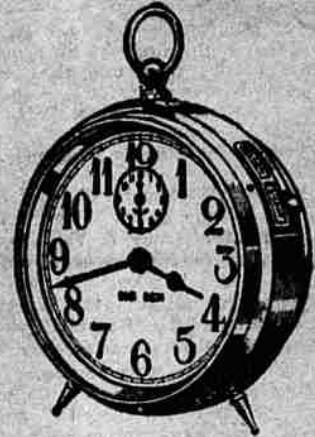
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