THE MORNING OREGONIAN, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1900.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS No. 2 red. They continued easy until the heat hour, when reports of good expert trade when reports of good expert trade the prime weather resterday shortened the re- tan, 4%. The possibilities of economy of oper-Wook-Duild

Fine weather resterday shortened the re-celpts of produce which comes to hand by team, the farmers all being buny at work. Re-celpts by rail and boat, however, were suffi-celpts by rail and boat, however, were suffi-cently heavy to prevent much strength in priors. The potato market was exceptionally guil. The demand has failen of in San Fran-cice, and there is a very large surplus yet to cisco, and there is a very large surplus yet to be marketed in the state, so that the outlook use on hears. Is not bright for very good prices from now on. There was furious manipplation in the stock be marketed in the state, so that the outlook is not bright for very good prices from now on. Onlons are slightly weaker. Butter is also dropping, and, while eggs are still moving at 12c, an effort to advance the price to 12c was a failure. The wheat market is stack, with nothing doing. In groceries, a 10c advance in sugars is the only new feature.

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PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Etc.

There is nothing of special importance in the local wheat market. The East steadled up again yesterday, and, aside from a slight decline in Liverpool futures, the foreign markets were fairly good. There is very little chang-ing hands in Portiand, and prices, as usual on a lifeless market, cover a protty wide range. Fifty-three cents is about the lowest quotation tven on Walls Walls, and 54c and better has been paid where the wheat was wanted for a special purpose. Valley has been sold as high as 54c, but the general quotation yesterday was

Wheat-Walla Walla, 53654c; Valley, 529 53%c; bluestem, 55856c per oushel. Flour-Best grades, \$2 70(86; graham, \$2 50;

superfine, \$2 10 per barrel. Onts-White, 35c; gray, 5 Boc per bushel. lite, 35c; gray, 33@34c; stained, 29@

Barley-Feed, \$14@15; brewing, \$17@17 50 per

ton. Millstuffs-Bran, \$12@15 per ton; middlings (18@18; shorts, \$13@15; chop, \$14. Hay-Timothy, \$9@10; clover, \$7@7 50; Ore-gon wild hay, \$6@7 per ton.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Vegetables-Paramips, \$1; carrots, \$1; turnips, 60c; onions, \$1 5062 50 per cental; cabbage, 906961 per cental; potatoes, 50 6 60c per rack; Socy#1 per cental; potatoes, 50 000 per rack; gweet potatoes, 2%5000; peas, 60; beans, 100; asparagues, 60; new potatoes, 3503% per pound. Pruit-Lemons, 82 50603; oranges, \$2003 per box for navels, \$1 30602 for seedlings; tangérines, 51 75; Japanese oranges, 756681 50 per box; pineapples, \$4 50606 per donen; bananus, \$2 20 62 per bunch; Persian dates, 7%680 per pound; spiles, \$161 60; pears, 750681 25 per box. Dried fruit - Apples, evaporated, 7680 per pound; sun and evaporated, 5000; plums, 4150; pears, 46

ann and evaporated, 50%c; plums, pliless, 40 Bige; prunes, Italian, 54505c; allver, extra choles, 5 6 6c; figs, Smyrns, 22%c; California Black, 56%c; do white, 10c per pound.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 50 @ 55c; seconds, 4214@45c; dairy, 30@6714c; store, 25@8214c per

roll. Eggs-115012c per dozen for Oregon. Poultry - Chickens, mixed, \$3 50 9 5; hens, 5596; ducks, \$596; geese, \$6 5098 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10911c; dressid, 125914c pet

ne-Mallard ducks, \$3; widgeon, \$1 5082; teal, \$101 50 per dozen. Cheese-Full cream, twins, 12%@18c; Toung America, 140 per bound.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Coffee-Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 29@32c; Java, rood, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 15@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; do rood, 16@18c; de ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, \$12.75 per case; Arbuckle's, \$14.25; Lion, \$12.75

Sugar-Cube, \$5 82%; crushed, \$5 82%; powdered, 45 82%; dry granulated, cane, 45 32%; beet, 45 22%; extra C, 54 82%; golden C, 54 70 pet; half barrels, 5% more than barrels; maple ngar, 15616c per pound. Beans-Small white, 3%c; bayou, 4c; Lima, 6c

per pound. per pound. Salmon -- Columbia river, I-pound talis, \$16 1 50; 2 - pound talis, \$2602 50; fancy, I-pound flats, \$1 65091 75; ½-pound fancy flats, \$56955; Alaska, I-pound talis, \$1 20091 80; 2-pound talis, 1 code in \$1 PO@2 25.

Grain bags-Calcutta, \$767 10 per 100 for pot. \$6 50006 62% for July-August. Nuts-Peanuts, 6%%7c per pound for raw, 10c

for roasted; coccanuts, 90c per donen; wainuts, 10@lic per pound; pine nuts, 15c; hickory nuts, 7c; cheshnuts, 15c; Brasil, 11c; fiberts, 15c; fancy pecans, 12@14c; almonds, 15 @ 17½c pet

Cases, 21%c per gallon; barrels

commanded as high as 4 per cent premium for

largely reflected, the urgefit demand from the shorta, notably Sugar, American and Conti-nental Tobacco, People's Gas and Wester Union, which rose 1% to 3%. Speculation in the railroad list was rather duil during the period of feverish excitement in the specialtics, but later is the day an active and vigorous demand sprang up for Baltimore & Ohio, the Pacifics, some of the grangers, Wheeling & Lake Eric second preferred and a number of hes remainser backs.

number of less prominent stocks. Baltimore & Ohio was carried up 5% points. The highest prices were not maintained in any case, the violenily speculative specialties showing the sharpest recation, but the closing generally was rather easy, below the best, and the net changes, though mostly gaine, were very ragged as to uniformity. The iron and steel stocks

as to uniformity. The iron and steel stocks were rather heavy, notably National Steel and Tennomese Coal. The money market showed evidences of re-laxation. The continued declines in the price of Government bonds indicates a process of liquidation "which suggests that the recent level of prices prompted the changing of plans for taking out bank-note circulation and the selling out of holdings of bonds. The railroad bond market continued active, but price changes were rather irregular. The total sales were \$2,370,000. United States 2s refunding, when issued, the old 4s, new 4s and 5s declined 1s per cent in the bid price.

per cent in the bid price. BONDS,

STOCKS. The total sales of stocks today were 741,000 thares. The closing quotations were:

lower. March 220%c. Shoulders-Dry salted, bexed, \$6 2566 50. Short clear sides-Bexed, \$6 30676 40. Butter-Steady; creamery, 19624c; dairy, 16 Cheese-Firm, 12018c. Eggs-Stendy; fresh, 13c. "Ex dividend. Money, Exchange, Etc. SAN FRANCISCO, March 20, - Sterling or London-60 days, \$4 83; do sight, \$4 87. Mexican dollars-4856849c. Drafts-Sight, 175c; do telegraphic, 20c. Liverpool Markets. LIVERPOOL, March 20,-Wheat-Spot, No. 1 epring Northern, firm, 6s 35. Futures, steady; May, 5s 9861; July, 7s 95. NEW YORK. March 20.-Money on call, 301 per cent; last loans, 4. Corn-Spot, American mixed, new, quiet, 5s Frime mercanelle paper-50055 per cent. Sterling exchange-Weak, with actual busi-teem in bankers' bills at \$4 855 for demand and 10%d: old, steady, 3s 11%d. Futures, quiet; May, 3s 10%d; July, 3s 10d, at \$4 52 for 60 days; posted rates, \$4 83694 839 and \$4 8694094 87; commercial bills, \$4 81940 Available Supplies of Grain.

Wool-Dull Hops-Steady.

THE GRAIN MARKETS. Prices for Cereals in European and

American Ports. SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.-Wheat, first Barley, quiet. Onte, dull. Spot quotations were: Wheat-No. 1 shipping, 95%c: choice, 97%c: milling, 09%;00\$1 01%. Barley-Feed, T0975c; brewing, 82%;055c, Oata-Gray, Oregon, \$1 07%;01 12%; milling \$1 15;21 17%; rod, 95:0\$1 15. Call board sales: Wheat-Firm: May, 98%c; cash. 97%c. Corn-Large yellow, \$1 12%@1 15.

Chicago Grain and Produce. CHICAGO, March 20.-Early trading in wheat was marked by considerable liquidation. Cables

was marked by considerable liquidation. Cables were lower at the opening, and continued to decline, which, with the continued large re-ceipts in the Northwest and the absence of for-eign demand, left the market practically with-out support. May opened unchanged, at 60% 0 60%. Presence to liquidate, which soon became quite general, forced the price back to 60%. Below this price, however, the bears could not force the market, and abortly before 11 o'clock a cool demand surger un local shorts and outa good demand sprang up, local shorts and out siders giving support to the market, and ad-vancing the price to 60%c. This demand satisfied, the market again re-lapsed into a condition of heaviness, with the

price fluctuating within a narrow range. Dur-ing the last hour of trading strength again de-veloped. The visible decreased 1,325,009 bush els, which was more than expected. This sti fened the market appreciably, and when the senboard reported an improved foreign demand buying became quite brisk. May reaching the best price of the day, 06%, at which price the market closed stendy.

Corn was dull and inclined to weakness prices ruling a little lower. News was such as not to materially influence prices, and the markat was controlled by scalpers. May closed his

Oats showed no indications of recovering from its present stagnation. Speculative busi-ness was insignificant. May closed a shade lower. Provisions were active, the market at

being in a memi-panicky condition, so far as pork was concerned, and the price of that con pork, the continued a wide range. Small stocks of pork, the continued advance in the price of hoge and fear that m corner might be attempted brought about a strong buying movement soo

after the opening, and us the price went sky-ward shorts tumbled over themselves in their engerness to cover. The price advanced 50c in a very few minutes. Then offerings became a very rew minutes. Then citerings became liberal, and the market fell a great deal faster than it had advanced, 20c being clipped off quickly. Another flurry chopped off 30c more, but before the close confidence had been re-stored, and the price again advanced to about yesterday's closing figures. Late in the ces-sion there was considerable selling of lard and the and those commodities confidence in conserite, and those commodities suffered in conse quence, pork also weakening somewhat. The close was rather nervous, with May pork 2550 lower, May lard 7550 lower and May ribs 7550

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT. Opened. Highest. Lowest. Closed. 80 05% 00% CORN. March 37% 37% 38% 37% 57% 39% 11111 May July September OATS. May 24% 24% 23 23 24 24 MESS PORK. LARD. SHORT RIBS May 615 617½ 607½ July 617½ 620 610 Cash quotations were as follows: Fiour-Dull, Wheat-No. 3 spring, 623660; No. 2 red, 68%c. Corn-No. 2, 36%c. Oats-No. 2 white, 28%@27c; No. 3 white, 26

Bye-No. 2, 556(55%) Barley-No. 2, 376943c. Finamed-No. 1, \$1 65.

NEW YORK, March 20 .- Special cable and

aggregate stock of wheat held at Port-

Tucoma and Seattle increased 118,000

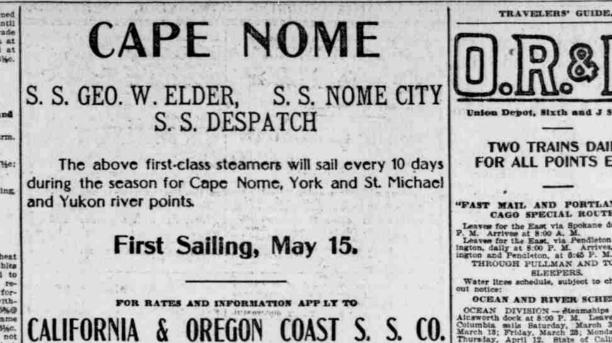
SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

elegraphic communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supply

Receipts Shipmet

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Timothy seed-Prime, \$2 45. Meas pork-\$10 80811 42% per bbl. Lard-\$5 8586 per cwt. Short ribs-Sides, loose, \$666 23.



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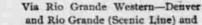
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4 60; selected feeders, 10c lower, \$4@4 75; mixed stockers, \$3 4093 90; cows, steady, \$3@ Mileon success, as work the constraints, 2000; 4 25; heifers, \$3 25096 60; canners, \$2 25003; bulls, \$3694 15; calves, 75c to \$1 off, with a work and \$4696 50. Texans, receipts, 5000; best on sale today, \$5; Texas fed steers, \$3 75 455, strong; Texas bulls, steady, \$4694 60.

W0. strong: Texns buils, steady, \$4496 60. Hogs-Electipts 21,000. Fairly active, firm; top, \$5 15; mixed, \$4 2565 15; good to choice heavy, \$565 16; rough neavy, \$4 85694 56; light, \$4 85695 07%; built of sales, \$5566 7%; Sheep-Receipts, 10,000. Sheep and lambs, weak; shade lower; good to choice wethers, \$5 0065 60; fair to choice, mixed, \$5 1005 66; Western sheep, \$5 2565 80; yearlings, \$5 906 6 40; nultye lambs, \$5 25697; Western lambs, freeholder.



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TRAVELERS' GUIDE.

27%c; tanks, 15%c. Rice-Island, 6%c; Japan, 5%c; New Orleans 4% gG%c; fancy head, \$7@7 50 per mack.

Ment and Provisions.

Mutton-Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes. MGM 25: dressed, TGT450 per pound; spring ambs, \$2022 50 each. Hogs-Gross, choice heavy, \$5; light, \$4 50;

Propa-dross, choice heavy, \$5; hight, \$4.00, Pressed, 5060 per pound. Beef-Gross, top steers, \$464 50; cows, \$3.56 \$4; dressed beef, \$5;67% per pound; small, \$600, Provisions - Portland pack (Shield brand); Provisions - Portland pack (Shield brand): Hams, smoked, are quoted at 13%c per pound; biento hams, 9%c per pound; breakfast bacon, 15%c; bacon, 9%c; backs, 9%c; dry suit sides, 5%c; dried beet, 17%c per pound; lard, 5-pound pails, 10c; 10 - pound pails, 9%c; 50c, 5%c; therees, 8%c per pound. Eastern pack (Ham-mond's): Hams, large, 13c; medium, 13%c; small, 13%c; picele hams, 9%c; shoulders, 9%c; bacon, 12%c; picele hams, 9%c; shoulders, 9%c; bacon sides, 9819%c; backs, 10c; berts, 5c; bacon sides, 9810%c; backs, 10c; butts, 5c; lard, pure loaf, kettls rendered, 5s, 10%c; 10s,

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

best; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c; mohair, 26@28c per pound.

pound. hespekine-Shearlings, 15620c; short-wool, 22 Sc; medium-wool, 20050c; iong-wool, 60c051

Pelts -- Bear skins, each, as to size, \$5@15; cubs, each, \$165; badger, each, 10014c; wild-out, 25840c; housecat, 5 @ 10c; fox, common gray, 40800c; do red, \$1 256175; do cross, \$2 56 lynz, \$1 5082 50; mink, 30c@\$1 25; mar-dark Northern, \$4@8; do pale, pine, \$1 25 muskrat, 8 @ 12c; skunk, 25@40c; otter (and), \$400; pather, with head and claws per-fect, \$160; pather, with head and claws per-fect, \$163; raccoon, 25050c; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$3 5005; wolverine, \$2 50050; beaver, per skin, large, \$507; do medium, per skin, \$465; do small, per skin, \$162; do kits, beaver, backst per skin, 50c@\$1.

Tallow-Dilbigo; No. 2 and grease, Sight per

pound. Hides-Dry hides. No. 1, 16 pounds and up-ward, 156/1514c; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 16 pounds, 156 per pound; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 156/16c; dry maited, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, sound steers, 60 pounds and over, Sigipe: de De to 60 pounds, SESigi de under 50 pounds and cows, This e: kip, 18 to 30 pounds, This Sci do veal, 10 to 14 pounds, Thic: 60 calf, under 10 pounds, Thic: green (unsalied) to per pound less; culls (bulls, stags, moth eaten, badly cut, scored hair slipped, weather beaten or grabby), one-third less.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Corner in Third Avenue Causes Bril-

liant Speculative Pyrotechnics.

NEW YORK, March 20.-There was a bril-liant display of speculative pyrotechnics today, which was interesting and informing as a spectacle, but which must have been attended with unpleasant consequences for some one. The speculative outbreak rook place in the New The spi traction group, and was precipitated by the official announcement published this morn-ing that the Metropolitan Street Railway had secured a controlling interest in the Third Ave-nue road. This at once confirmed the fears of shorts, which have been quite acutely mani-fested for several days, that there was not a large enough supply of Third Avenue stock on the market to enable them to cover their un-filled contracts for deliver. In other and filled contracts for delivery. In other wo the stock was cornered. The result, briefly stated, was a jump of nearly 17 points in the price on top of yesterday's rise of nearly 19

The violent rise in the stock brought out inrge lots from long holders, which caused many col-lapses, and made wide and feverish fluctuations all day. But when the shorts attempted to supply their needs the price always mounted buoyantly upward again. The New York pub-lic utilities have been the favorite field of operation by the bears for several days part, and the sympathetic strength imparted to the group by the Metropolitan-Third Avenue com-bupation drove the shorts to cover with a rush. group by The extreme advances in the group were Met repolitan, 11%; Brooslyn Transit, 7%; Consoli-dated Gas, 7; Brooklyn Union, 5, and Manhat-

4 81%, Silver certificates-00%@G1%c. Mexican dollars 47%c

from last week; Wheat, United States and Canada, Bonds-Government, weak; state, steady; rallroad, trregular

Foreign Financial News.

FORCER FIRMERIA ACTS. NEW YORK, March 20.-The Commercial Ad-vertiser's London financial ceblegram says: There was considerable increase in the busi-ness in the markets here today, although it was mainly professional. Still, the public is thought to be waking up at last. The general ione was Among the more important increases reported good. Consols were up I on closing of hig bear commitments and Paris buying. The war not given in the official visible statement are Dear commitments and Paris buying. The wat ioan sold at 2.3-16 premium, and 4 per cent is talked of. Americans were good all day, though not brick. London bought Baltimore & Ohie and Union Pacific, while New York supported the rise which the Morgan stocks started. Paris kept Tintos firm, but New York allows Annoondas to droop. The bank bought £02,008 gold in bars, and loss £10,000 for an unstated call. Money was easier. hose of \$20,000 bushels at Manitoba storage points, 116,000 bushels at Milwaukee private elevators, and \$5,000 bushels at Port Huron. The principal decreases are those of 1,400,000 bushels at Northwestern interior elevators, 105,000 bushels at Cleveland, 52,000 bushels at Louisville, and 50,000 bushels at Minneapolis private elevators. bushels last week.

Stocks in London.

LONDON. March 20.-Canadian Pacific, 984; Union Pacific preferred, 774; Northern Pacific preferred, 77; Atchison, 24%; Grand Trunk, SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.-Wool-Spring-5%; Anaconda, 9%.

New York Grain and Produce. NEW YORK, March 20.-Flour-Receipts, 87.-929 barrels: exports, 390. Market dull. Wheat-Receipts, 124,890 bushels. Spot mar-

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histonic and a state of the second se Purchases of wheat made in March in-variably show a good profit during April and May, as the following table, compiled from the official records, will prove: records, will pri Low in High March, Ap'i-Ma 8334 \$1 0134 112 12574 12575 140 76555 140 76 5054 14 8534 8 8534 8 8534 103 8534 8 8534 1036

lant, 8@10c per pound. Apples-\$1 25 for choice; common, 50c. Citrus fruits-Oranges, navels, \$1 2562 50 Mexican limes, \$5 5006; common California iemona, \$1; do choics, \$1 25@1 50 per box. Fananas-\$1@2 50 per bunch.

Butter-Fancy creamery, 21c; do seconds, 20 \$20%c; fancy dairy, 18@10c; do seconds, 15@ 17c per pound.

Chress-California, new, 608140; Young Amer-ica, 020140; Eastern, 10140170 per pound. Eggs-Store, 12%@13%c; fancy ranch, 14@15c per dozen.

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centala 4106; eais centala 1065; beans sacks, 324: potatoes, sacks, 2166; do Oregon, 942; bean, sacks, 1066; middlings, sacks, 450; hay, tons, 387; woll, bales, 107; hides, 323. portunity to increase your income. We have the facilities and solicit your busi-

EASTERN LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO, March 20.-Cattle-Receipts, 2500. Board of Trade and Stock Exchange Broker 214-215 Chamber of Commerce. PORTLAND, • • • OREGON.

6 40; native lambs, \$5 5067; Western lambs, \$607.

OMAHA, March 20.-Cattle-Receipts; Market 10c lower; native beef steers, \$4605 85; cows and helfers, \$3 25694 30; canners, \$2 2569 3 10; stockers and fseders, \$3 7065; calves, \$4697 50; buils and stags, \$2 75693 85. Market 5c lower:

Hogs-Receipts, 11,400. Market de lower; heavy, \$4 85694 95; mixed, \$4 823964 55; light, \$4 75694 85; bulk of mins, \$4 85, Sheep-Receipts, 6500. Market stendy; fair to choice natives, \$5 7066 10; fair to choice 5,000 21,000 Westerns, \$5 3065 80; common and choice

sheep, \$4 2595; lambs, \$696 99. KANSAS CITY, March 20.-Cattle-Receipts

0.000. Market strong: Texas steers, \$2 750 40; Texas cows, \$203 (5; native steers, \$3 75 65 35; native cows and helfers, \$2 7564 40; stockers and feeders, \$3 3000 25; bulks \$2 30664. Hogs-Receipts 15,000. Market steady; bulk of sales, \$4 80455; heavy, \$4 875465 65; pack-

era, \$4 8566; mixed, \$4 75894 85; lights, \$4 658 4 8715; Yorkers, \$4 75694 8715; pigs, \$4694 75. Sheep-Receipts, 3000. Market firm; lambs, \$5698 50; muttons, \$4694 90.

The Metal Markets,

NEW YORK, March 20.-Considerable pregu-arity was developed in the market for metals oday. Copper was firm and 12% points higher, nfluenced by cables, which again showed ad-rance in London. On the other hand, tin ruled easter, in sympactry with weakness abroad, bid prices being 37% points off from the previous close. Pig-tron warrants, quiet; Lake copper. firm, \$10 50; tin, dull, \$31 62569 22; spelter, quiet. \$4 55614 60; lead, \$4 67569 4 7255. The firm that fixes the selling price ers and smelters quotes lead at \$4 40 at the close. Bar silver, 60c.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.-Bar silver, per

LONDON, March 20.-Bar silver, 27 11-104. Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, March 20. - The wool market here is dull as a whole and sales are meager. Wool buyers are holding off, and do not bid for large lots, consequently prices are nominal, aithous a bid under present quotations for a large lit would underbiedly bring out a seller. Terr Nevada, 12915c: Eastern Oregon, 12916c; Valley, Oregon, 12916c. Fall-Northern, mount-ain, 10912c; mountain, 8910c; plains, 8910c; Humboldt and Mendocino, 14915c per pound.
Hops-1809 crep, 11913c per pound for choice, Milstuffs-Middings, \$17920; bran, \$12913 Territories are quiet, and quoted on a scoured basis of about 60c for choice lots of fine medium and fine. Fleece wools are quiet and prices nom-Territory wools-Montana and Dakots, fine

medium and fine, SD221c; scoured, 60502c; staple, 67605c. Utah and Wyoming, fine me-dium and fine, 19621c; scoured, 60c; staple, 65 697c. Idaho, fine medium and fine, 18621c; scoured, 606961c; medium, 20623c; scoured, 52 654c.

Australian woold, secured basis, spot prices Combing, superfine, nominal, 93595c; good, 83 @900; average, 50@656.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, March 20. - Coffee - Options closed 5010 points lower; mates, 10,000 hags, in-cluding March at \$6 8066 \$5; May, \$6 75; July, \$6 70. Spot confee, Rio, nominal; No. 7, involce, 54,66%; No. 7, jobbing, 8%,63%; Mild, quiet; Oordova, 9%,614c. Sugar-Raw and refined, strong.

Who Are Freeholders!

PROSPER, Or., March 20.-(To the Ed-ltor.)-Will you please state through the columns of The Oregonian who are com-petent to swear as witnesses to the state-ments of an elector at time of registration? The law says a freeholde homesteader or a person who holds a bond for a deed or one who holds a lease of land considered a freeholder? Also, will neglect to register disqualify a person from acting in an official capacity in elec-tion affairs? L. R. EDMUNDS.

The term "freeholder," as defined by the common law, which definition lawyers believe governs in the present case, covers all title to landed estates greater than a term of years. The shortest lease falling

within the scope must be not less than for some human life. The title may be equitable, or otherwise. A homesteader,

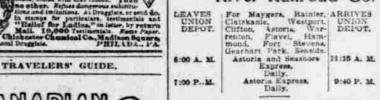
a county. A man who has not registered could hardly be called an elector, unless the reason for his not having registered fell within some of the grounds specifies where a man could be sworn in when try ing to vote. In the latter case, he would be an elector as soon as he took the required oath with the number of witnesse attesting his statement required by law.

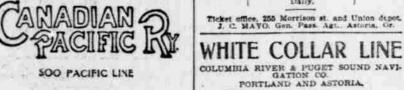
or not a County Clerk is obliged to registe a young man who will become of age next September? Of course, he could not vote in the state election next June, but as the books close for two years on May refusal to register would debar him from

the privileges of the franchise for that time. YOUNG AMERICAN.

plicant unless he is at that time a qualified elector, which, of course, means that he must be of age when asking to be registered. In following this course, County Clerk Holmes is guided by legal advice which is the nearest approach to any official legal opinion on the point yes brought to light in Multnomah County. However, it is understood that the man in not debarred from voting on election day, as the proviso enabling the judges at a polling place to swear those otherwise entitled to vote who have been unable for sufficient reasons to register, is interpreted as covering the case of a man who has reached his majority after the registration books were closed.







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