# TREND OF THE MARKETS

**TRADE EXPANDING WHILE PRICES ARE HARDENING.**

**Especially Good Reports From the West and Northwest—Review of the Week.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Sales for Spring account, demand for manufactures and industrial operations generally are expanding, while prices are hardening. Specially good reports come from the West and Northwest, and the leading Eastern markets also note the growth of sales for Spring.

The least favorable advices come from the South and Southwest, though Chicago notes exceptionally large buying by wholesalers from these sections. Water is reported scarce, and railroads are reported hauling it 100 miles. Kansas City and St. Louis, therefore, report, relatively, the least favorable reports for a long time past. Continued strength is to be noted in all the staples and fleet, fractional advances being shown during the week, while hog products, country produce generally, iron and steel, and other metals are also quoted higher. The highest prices in years have been reached by butter and eggs as a result of the cold weather, which in the Northern part of the country, particularly in the East, has checked shipments and impeded collections.

**Rapid Advance in Cotton.**

The advance in raw cotton has been rapid, ⅝c for the week and ⅞c since the present movement began. Patient bulls are at last reaping the reward of their confidence in higher prices for the South's staple. Despite increased receipts, visible supplies will probably show another falling off this week, and the heavy export movement, shipments for five months being 13 per cent larger than last season, leads to claims that domestic manufacturers are not as well supplied as expected, and that relatively cotton is being overexported. Cotton goods have felt the quickening influences operative in the raw product, but also reflect the increased demand at leading markets for all varieties. Print cloths are 3-16c higher on the week. Prints and ginghams are active, the latter being heavily sold ahead, and as advances in staple cotton have been numerous, this latter branch of the trade displaying more animation. Despite car shortage, which reduces supplies of fuel, causes banking of furnaces and prevents shipments of finished products, production and demand for iron and steel is going forward at a record-breaking rate.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregate 3,175,081 bushels, as against 4,890,457 last week, and 4,814,878 in this week last year. Wheat exports July 1, 1901, to date, 23 weeks, aggregate 173,822,436 bushels, as against 124,591,061 last season. Corn exports aggregate 427,366 bushels, as against 164,145 last week and 4,760,422 last year. July 1, 1901, to date, corn exports are 22,558,766 bushels, against 123,122,481 last season.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 205, as against 247 last week, 226 in this week last year, and 190 in 1900, 169 in 1899, and 209 in 1898. Canadian failures number 25, as against 29 last week, and 39 in this week a year ago.

**Bank Clearings.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended February 13, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

| | Clearings. | Inc. | Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | $1,219,810,000 | .... | 12.9 |
| Chicago | 141,487,000 | 15.6 | .... |
| Boston | 134,551,000 | 0.8 | .... |
| Philadelphia | 87,205,000 | 9.2 | .... |
| St. Louis | 47,650,000 | 16.2 | .... |
| Pittsburg | 31,261,000 | .... | 14.9 |
| Baltimore | 21,620,000 | 3.5 | .... |
| San Francisco | 22,025,582 | .... | 4.1 |
| Cincinnati | 18,257,050 | .... | .... |
| Kansas City | 19,104,000 | 38.1 | .... |
| Cleveland | 11,579,000 | .... | 17.7 |
| Minneapolis | 9,920,000 | 15.6 | .... |
| New Orleans | 13,272,000 | 17.5 | .... |
| Detroit | 10,115,000 | 20.1 | .... |
| Louisville | 9,730,000 | 4.3 | .... |
| Indianapolis | 10,247,000 | 34.7 | .... |
| Providence | 6,461,000 | .... | 2.3 |
| Omaha | 6,222,000 | 6.1 | .... |
| Milwaukee | 7,295,000 | 16.7 | .... |
| Buffalo | 4,829,000 | .... | 2.8 |
| St. Paul | 4,176,000 | .... | 9.2 |
| St. Joseph | 4,767,000 | 28.9 | .... |
| Denver | 4,356,000 | .... | 2.9 |
| Richmond | 4,908,000 | 14.0 | .... |
| Savannah | 3,172,000 | .... | 28.4 |
| Salt Lake | 3,318,000 | 11.7 | .... |
| Albany | 2,604,000 | .... | 4.0 |
| Los Angeles | 4,743,000 | 62.9 | .... |
| Memphis | 3,140,000 | .... | 9.7 |
| Fort Worth | 2,571,000 | 4.3 | .... |
| Seattle | 2,386,582 | 12.1 | .... |
| Washington | 2,407,000 | 12.3 | .... |
| Hartford | 2,315,000 | 6.1 | .... |
| Peoria | 2,081,000 | 40.0 | .... |
| Toledo | 3,148,000 | 57.3 | .... |
| Portland, Or. | 2,618,692 | 50.9 | .... |
| Rochester | 2,045,000 | 11.2 | .... |
| Atlanta | 2,728,000 | 17.0 | .... |
| Des Moines | 1,576,000 | 14.7 | .... |
| New Haven | 1,482,000 | 3.7 | .... |
| Worcester | 1,723,000 | 22.4 | .... |
| Nashville | 1,519,000 | 11.4 | .... |
| Springfield, Mass. | 1,388,000 | .... | .... |
| Norfolk | 1,021,000 | 24.9 | .... |
| Grand Rapids | 1,859,000 | 16.3 | .... |
| Scranton | 1,297,000 | 1.0 | .... |
| Portland, Me. | 1,387,000 | 29.1 | .... |
| Sioux City | 1,096,000 | 4.0 | .... |
| Augusta | 1,226,000 | 23.8 | .... |
| Syracuse | 1,304,000 | 23.4 | .... |
| Dayton, O. | 1,392,000 | 28.9 | .... |
| Tacoma | 978,583 | .... | 8.3 |
| Spokane | 1,219,796 | 40.3 | .... |
| Tacoma | 1,266,525 | 20.0 | .... |
| Davenport | 805,000 | 17.6 | .... |
| Wilmington, Del. | 971,000 | .... | 13.0 |
| Evansville | 856,000 | 5.7 | .... |
| Birmingham | 959,000 | .... | 4.1 |
| Fall River | 1,067,000 | 21.5 | .... |
| Macon | 643,000 | .... | 10.1 |
| Little Rock | 750,000 | 14.5 | .... |
| Helena | 706,000 | .... | 44.1 |
| Knoxville | 701,000 | 28.7 | .... |
| Lowell | 691,000 | 18.5 | .... |
| Akron | 872,000 | 3.2 | .... |
| Wichita | 742,000 | 20.0 | .... |
| Springfield, Ill. | 427,000 | 16.0 | .... |
| Lexington | 538,000 | .... | 2.7 |
| New Bedford | 480,000 | .... | 8.5 |
| Chattanooga | 488,000 | 2.7 | .... |
| Youngstown | 541,000 | 69.0 | .... |
| Kalamazoo | 468,000 | 51.9 | .... |
| Fargo | 296,000 | .... | 14.2 |
| Binghamton | 280,000 | 12.1 | .... |
| Rockford | 279,000 | 7.0 | .... |
| Canton | 296,000 | 23.7 | .... |
| Jacksonville, Fla. | 422,000 | 31.8 | .... |
| Springfield, O. | 262,000 | 21.7 | .... |
| Chester | 258,000 | .... | .... |
| Quincy | 247,000 | .... | .... |
| Bloomington | 287,000 | 2.2 | .... |
| Sioux Falls | 264,000 | 18.6 | .... |
| Jacksonville, Ill. | 144,000 | 6.6 | .... |
| Fremont | 150,000 | 45.7 | .... |
| Houston | 11,805,000 | 32.2 | .... |
| Galveston | 8,049,000 | .... | 2.2 |
| Columbus, O. | 7,812,000 | 23.2 | .... |
| Wheeling | 691,000 | .... | .... |
| Wilkesbarre | 602,000 | .... | .... |
| Beaumont | 425,000 | .... | .... |
| Totals U. S. | $1,928,021,602 | .... | 1.4 |
| Outside N. Y. | $ 708,230,546 | 6.2 | .... |
| CANADA. | | | |
| Montreal | $ 18,605,256 | 40.8 | .... |
| Toronto | 13,045,013 | 20.2 | .... |
| Winnipeg | 2,533,769 | 29.4 | .... |
| Halifax | 1,120,816 | 21.5 | .... |
| Vancouver, B. C. | 783,546 | 24.8 | .... |
| Hamilton | 741,875 | 0.6 | .... |
| St. John, N. B. | 692,927 | 5.4 | .... |
| Victoria, B. C. | 475,343 | .... | 0.6 |
| Quebec | 1,074,987 | .... | .... |
| Ottawa | 1,500,073 | .... | .... |
| Totals | $ 38,366,545 | 30.2 | .... |

**EVIDENCE OF SOLID BASIS.**

**Heavy Losses Through Elements Fail to Retard Business.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Business continues to progress satisfactorily, notwithstanding heavy losses through the elements. The new year has been usually handicapped in this way, floods and snow blockades being closely followed by fires and explosions, destroying much property and retarding traffic. It is only another evidence of the solid basis upon which the Nation's industries are established that in each case plans for rebuilding on a grander scale were made before the shock of the catastrophe had fully passed.

The labor situation has distinctly improved during the week. Disputes at woolen mills were adjusted, except as to the weavers; threatened disturbances in coal mines were averted, while street railway employes secured voluntary advances in wages. A slight decrease of 3.5 per cent in railway earnings for the first week of February, as compared with the same week of last year, was not surprising, in view of the many severe storms and the diminished movement of grain.

In the iron and steel industry, it is now being demonstrated that there is such a thing as too much prosperity. During the last few years there has been such a marvelous expansion in domestic business that the capacity of the furnaces and mills, as well as transporting facilities, have failed to keep pace.

Interruption to movement by deep snow and the holiday was not sufficient explanation for decrease of Western receipts of wheat to 2,292,162 bushels, against 2,940,368 bushels last year, or of corn to 1,351,600 bushels, compared with 4,402,539 bushels a year ago. If present high figures are not attractive enough to bring out a more liberal movement, there is evidence of light supplies and prospect of continued strength. On the other hand, some neutralizing influence must be recognized in exports of wheat, flour included, from all ports of the United States, aggregating only 3,429,829 bushels, against 3,999,080 bushels last year, while Atlantic ports sent out but 396,075 bushels of corn, compared with 3,926,692 bushels a year ago.

Failures of the week numbered 240 in the United States, against 257 last year, and in Canada 33, against 40 last year.

**'Change Seat Sold for $70,000.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A New York Stock Exchange seat has just been sold for $70,000, and, although there were five memberships offered, it was said only one sale was made at that figure. The high record price for New York Stock Exchange membership is $80,000. This amount was paid a few weeks ago.

## RAILROADS AT ST. LOUIS.

**What the Southern Pacific Is Doing for California.**

The Southern Pacific will have an elaborate exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, Mr. Harriman has granted a large appropriation to this end. It will be the aim of the railroad fully to represent California, and especially San Francisco, at St. Louis. San Francisco is the avowed Western terminus of the Harriman system.

All this is interesting to Portland, for two reasons. First, it suggests the question what Mr. Harriman will do for the Lewis and Clark Exposition; second, it suggests the question whether Portland, the only fresh-water harbor on the Pacific Coast, situated on one of the greatest rivers of the American Continent, is going to have recognition in the Southern Pacific's exhibit at St. Louis.

W. H. Mills, land agent of the Southern Pacific, in an interview in the San Francisco Call, says: "You must understand that San Francisco is the Western terminus of the Harriman system of roads, and it is the wish of the president to give all visitors an idea of the importance of this city." He says that the Southern Pacific has made application for two spaces in the exposition. "One will be for an exhibition in a pavilion, showing the resources of the states and territories that the Southern Pacific passes over; the other space will be used in making a good representation of San Francisco's position in the commercial world." Mr. Mills adds:

"The Southern Pacific Company has already dispatched a representative to Manila to collect specimens of cabinet woods from the Philippine Islands. The great fault with California at the present time is the dearth of cabinet woods. We feel, however, that when a conservative trade is established between this country and Manila, San Francisco will be the great cabinet wood center of the United States.

"We intend to have a large globe made, which will show the great importance of San Francisco as a commercial port, and owing to our liberal allowance we intend to have some large maps made, also. We have as an attraction splendid biograph pictures of the ferry-boats on San Francisco Bay and our street-car systems. We will also take fine pictures of the splendid forests of California and moving pictures of scenes in Golden Gate Park. On a special day we will ask the residents of San Francisco who own private equipages to assemble in Golden Gate Park, and we will take a biograph picture of the scene, to let the Eastern people know that we are not behind the times."

## BRUISERS WORKING HARD.

**Both Ferns and Tracey Expect to Win February 26.**

The boxing contest between "Rube" Ferns and Tom Tracey, which is scheduled for February 26, is beginning to arouse interest and enthusiasm among Portland sports, and many of them are preparing to "take a chance" on the outcome. A few bets have already been placed, and indications point toward very liberal betting at the eleventh hour. Both men are hard at work, and both are confident of winning. Every morning Ferns and his trainer, Jack Hanley, take a run up the Cayon road, and in the afternoon crowds of interested spectators flock to the Mikado Hotel to see the Kansas man at work. Tracey, under the watchful eye of Martin Denny, is training at the Sailors' Home, and is fast rounding into form.

Ferns has received several offers to go to San Francisco and meet some of the best Californians, among them Al Neill. Billy Lavigne is anxious for Ferns to come to Los Angeles and try conclusions with Mike Donovan.

**Low Rate to Valley Points.**

ST. PAUL, Feb. 14.—The Northern Pacific Railroad announces that it will make effective during March and April to main and branch lines of the Southern Pacific between Portland, Or., and Ashland, Or., inclusive, a second-class rate of $25. This action extends largely to territory to which colonist rates will be made.

**Sternberg Wins at Albany.**

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 14.—In the preliminary oratorical contest of Albany College Charles Sternberg won first place. Subject, "Martyrdom of Man."

# ACCEPTS LIGHT FRANCHISE

**PORTLAND MAN WILL PUT IN ELECTRIC PLANT AT BAKER CITY.**

**Proposes to Supply Union, La Grande and Huntington as Well—Capitalists Back of Project.**

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 14.—A. B. Frame, of Portland, has accepted the franchise granted him by the City Council last month for the establishment of an electric light and power plant in this city. Mr. Frame contemplates the erection of a big power dam and plant on Eagle Creek, with capacity sufficient to furnish electric light and power for Union, Huntington, La Grande and Baker City.

The capitalists back of this proposition made it a condition that at least $3000 per month should be secured by Mr. Frame in the way of contracts for a period of two years before they would undertake the erection of the plant. Already $1100 worth of contracts have been signed, and the remaining $900 is in sight.

**To Boom Baker County.**

The Chamber of Commerce committee on advertising has taken steps to provide 25,000 pamphlets, similar in design to the Lewis and Clark booklet issued by The Oregonian. The pamphlet will contain 16 to 20 pages with illustrations. It is the intention to have these booklets ready by the time the first excursion of homeseekers comes out from the East, or about March 1. A committee of citizens will board each incoming train at Huntington and induce as many people as possible to get off, and look over the farming lands of the Powder River Valley.

**Wants State Democratic Meeting.**

The Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee for the purpose of persuading Chairman White, of the Democratic State Committee, to call the next state convention to meet in Baker City. They argue that as the Republican convention has been called to meet at Portland, and as this section of the state is inclined to be in line with the Democracy, it will be meet and proper to have the convention meet here. The time and place of the convention will be settled by Mr. White when he goes to Portland, for which city he will leave tomorrow.

**AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON.**

**J. Arthur Gambler Wins First Honors on "Public Opinion."**

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Feb. 14.—In the tenth annual local oratorical contest, which was held in Villard Hall this evening, J. Arthur Gambler, of the '02 class, was declared the winner, and will represent the 'varsity in the intercollegiate contest at Salem on March 14. The contestants and the subjects of their orations were: L. L. Lewis, '02, "Our Civic Renaissance"; J. Arthur Gambler, '02, "Public Opinion"; George Eyre, '03, "Law-Abiding Citizenship"; Benjamin F. Evans, '04, "The Conversion of Clovis"; Stephen A. Pennick, '05, "Elijah P. Lovejoy." Besides the orations there were a number of excellent vocal and instrumental selections by students of the School of Music. The orations were of a high order of rhetorical excellence, and the contest was one of the most successful of the kind ever held at the university.

The judges of the contest were: Rev. Mac H. Wallace, of the First Congregational Church; Judge E. O. Potter, '87; the Rev. Dr. B. F. Rowland, of the First M. E. Church. The judges graded the contestants upon the rhetorical excellence, originality, subject-matter, style of treatment and manner of delivery of the orations.

**E. A. Smith, McMinnville.**

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Feb. 14.—A. E. Smith, a junior, will represent McMinnville College in the intercollegiate contest to be held at Salem March 14. The local contest was held tonight. Smith's subject was "The History of the American Negro."

**At Willamette University.**

SALEM, Feb. 14.—R. B. Wilkins won in the local oratorical contest tonight, and will represent Willamette University in the intercollegiate oratorical contest to be held here March 14. In the local contest there were three speakers: R. B. Wilkins, Sophia Townsend and Walter Keyes.

## HE PAINTED MADRID RED.

**A Portland Citizen Goes Over and Licks Spain Again.**

This world is becoming too small to be a comfortable place to live in. A man may take the wings of the morning and flop around the earth till he's dead, and he can't find a place where he can go on a quiet "toot" without all the rest of the world knowing all about it through the newspapers. Here is a case in point, where a citizen of Portland crossed the Continent and the Atlantic Ocean, celebrated the New Year by painting Madrid a bright vermilion hue, and he has been back here only a week, when the New York Sun arrives with the following account of his exploit:

"The way in which an American mechanic painted things red in Madrid is made the subject of an official report to the State Department by Dean R. Wood, United States Vice-Consul in the Spanish capital. The department declines to give the American's name, but was willing to adopt the suggestion of the Vice-Consul that the story be furnished to the press, as, in the opinion of Mr. Wood, the considerate treatment of the man by the Spanish police authorities 'would go a long ways toward creating a friendly feeling between the two countries.'

"Vice-Consul Wood's report indicates that the American, who was a sheet iron worker from Portland, Or., gave Madrid about the liveliest New Year's eve that the town had experienced for some time. Mr. Wood's fellow-countryman got drunk early in the day and started down one of the principal streets of Madrid yelling, running and making plenty of noise.

"'At intervals,' says the Vice-Consul, 'he took Spanish money from his pocket, which he scattered among the crowd following him, which caused considerable excitement, and the affair assumed proportions of a small-sized riot.'

"When the police remonstrated with the man he made things lively for half a dozen of them, and one got badly worsted. The American was finally dragged off to the lock-up, where, to quote Mr. Wood, 'he still continued violent.' At the solicitation of the Police Judge, Mr. Wood went to see the man the next day, and learned that he was a native of Minnesota who had resided for a long time in Oregon. He had been an instructor in sheet iron working in the State Penitentiary at Salem, he said, and later was employed by the firm of Corbett, Failing & Robertson, in Portland. He said also that one of the United States Senators from Oregon could vouch for him.

"The man explained that after five years of sobriety he had begun to celebrate New Year's day on the day of his arrest, December 31, and didn't remember anything about his subsequent actions. It was finally arranged that the man should be released on condition that he leave Madrid, and he departed on January 3. He said he was going back to Oregon. He had $460 in American money, and a small amount of Spanish money. Vice-Consul Wood doesn't tell why the man was in Madrid."

The man who has won all this notoriety can be no one else than William B. Bundschuh, a first-class workman in sheet iron and tin, who was for some six years in the employ of Goldsmith & Loewenberg in their stove shop at the Oregon Penitentiary. He was last in the employ of Foster & Robertson, successors to Corbett, Failing & Co., and shortly after the fire in their establishment started East. He returned here about a week ago, but said nothing about having visited Madrid. When seen by a reporter last evening he declined to make any statement in regard to his travels during his absence, but said several irrelevant things, the purport of which is nothing to nobody.

Something over a year ago Mr. Bundschuh took a trip and visited Cuba, and the object of his trip to Spain was probably to see how the Spaniards bore up under the loss of that island, and incidentally to jolly them up.

AN OLD-TIMER IN THE HEART OF PORTLAND.

On the north side of Taylor street, between Second and Third, in a gap between two brick buildings, and just across the street from the M. E. Church, is probably the oldest, and certainly the most disgraceful, dilapidated, old tumble-down shack in the business part of Portland. It is a regular disease-breeding, plague spot, having an accumulation of filthy rubbish in front and rear. The little lean-to on the west side is inhabited by a Chinaman, who is impervious to filth diseases. The city authorities may see that the structure is removed and the lot cleared of filth and rubbish.

ANOTHER OREGON PIONEER LAID TO REST.

WILLIAM H. WILSON.

YONCALLA, Or., Feb. 14.—Another Oregon pioneer was laid to rest near here last Wednesday—William H. Wilson—who came to the Webfoot State in 1843. Mr. Wilson was born in Tennessee, December 28, 1822. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1843 with Charles and Jesse Applegate, and first settled on Salt Creek, in Yamhill County. October 20, 1849, he was married to Mrs. Hannah Dickinson-Gilliam, and the same year moved to the place in Yoncalla Valley where the remainder of his life was spent. Mr. Wilson was a member of the State Legislature from Douglas County in 1862, and always took an active interest in public affairs. In February, 1844, while assisting in building a mill at Oregon City, he, with other workmen, was attacked by Indians. Mr. Wilson was struck in the hip by an arrow, the flint point of which he carried to his grave. Le Breton and Rodgers, the only others wounded in the assault, both died of their wounds at the time. Mr. Wilson was a volunteer in the Cayuse Indian war in 1847, and rendered valiant service. Mr. Wilson is survived by a wife and eight children—John D., the Misses Minnie and Maggie, of Yoncalla; Mrs. J. L. Cowan, of Monroe, Wash.; Mrs. James Brown, of La Grande; William W. and Mrs. Ella Burt, of Drain, and Joseph B., of Astoria.


# PAIN IN THE BACK?

A TRIAL BOTTLE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST KIDNEY CURE SENT ABSOLUTELY FREE TO EVERY READER OF THE OREGONIAN WHO SUFFERS FROM KIDNEY, LIVER, BLADDER OR BLOOD DISEASES, OR WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN AMONG WOMEN AS "FEMALE WEAKNESS."

## IT'S YOUR KIDNEYS!

THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN HAVE KIDNEY DISEASE AND DO NOT KNOW IT UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE.

THIS SIMPLE TEST WILL TELL: Put some morning urine in a glass or bottle; let it stand for twenty-four hours. If then it is milky or cloudy or contains a reddish brick-dust sediment, or if particles or germs float about in it, your kidneys are diseased. This is the supreme moment when you should begin to take Warner's Safe Cure to arrest all these unnatural conditions, for they are the unmistakable symptoms of kidney disease. If, after you have made this test, you have doubt in your mind as to the development of the disease in your system, send us a sample of your urine, and our doctors will analyze it and send you a report with advice without any cost to you.

## Warner's Safe Cure

Miss Mary Ronark, 38 Thomas Ave., Memphis, Tenn., Vice-President of the Women's League, writes: "WARNER'S SAFE CURE has cured me of rheumatism which came from uric acid poison. I have had no rheumatic pains since I took WARNER'S SAFE CURE."

Mr. George Dessum, 154 Fifth St., Cincinnati, Ohio, Major of the Christian Volunteers, says: "I had gravel and inflammation of the urinary organs, caused by exposure in conducting outdoor meetings. I found no relief until I took WARNER'S SAFE CURE. It has absolutely cured me. May God bless you for sending such relief to suffering humanity."

Dr. Leo Vogel, 1123 Pratt Ave., Rogers Park, Ill., says: "I prescribe WARNER'S SAFE CURE and it cures all cases of kidney and bladder troubles and also female weakness; it induces sleep, and gently yet vigorously drives the disease out of the system, thus restoring health quickly and permanently."

Warner's Safe Cure is purely vegetable and contains no harmful drugs; it does not constipate; it is a most valuable and effective tonic; it is a stimulant to digestion and awakens the torpid liver, putting the patient into the very best receptive state for the work of the restorer of the kidneys. It prepares the tissues, soothes inflammation and irritation, stimulates the enfeebled organs and heals at the same time. It builds up the body, gives strength, and restores energy that is or has been wasting under the baneful suffering of kidney disease.

## Cures Kidneys

Are you tired? Low spirited? Weak and flabby? Have you a constant drubbing ache in the small of your back? Have you chills? Scalding and pain when you urinate? A frequent desire to urinate? Are you troubled with sleeplessness? Have you headache? Is your appetite bad? Do you find your food does not nourish your body and make your blood rich and red? Have you a bad taste in your mouth in the morning? If you have any of these symptoms your kidneys have been diseased for a long time, for kidneys diseases seldom put out such symptoms until they have been working several months and the tissues have been eaten away with disease. You have every reason to be alarmed, and you should take Warner's Safe Cure at once. You will find full directions with each bottle. Warner's Safe Cure is guaranteed to cure any form of kidney trouble, Bright's disease, diabetes, uric acid poison, inflammation of the bladder, rheumatic gout, liver complaint, female weakness and irregular periods (female weakness and irregular periods are caused by kidney disease neglected), too frequent desire to urinate, gravel, stones in the bladder, blood disease, indigestion and headaches. All these diseases originate in the kidneys. If the kidneys were healthy and strong, so that they could perform their work properly, there would be none of these complaints. WARNER'S SAFE CURE is now put up in two regular sizes and sold by all druggists or direct, at

**50 Cents and $1.00 a Bottle.**

Refuse substitutes. There is none "just as good" as Warner's. Insist on the genuine WARNER'S SAFE CURE, WHICH ALWAYS CURES. Substitutes contain harmful drugs which in jure the system.

TRIA BOTTLE FREE. To convince every sufferer from diseases of the kidney, liver, bladder and blood that Warner's Safe Cure will cure them, a trial bottle will be sent absolutely free by mail postpaid to any one who will write Warner's Safe Cure Co., Rochester, N. Y., and mention having seen this liberal offer in The Oregonian. The genuineness of this offer is fully guaranteed by the publisher. Our doctor will send medical booklet, containing symptoms and treatment of each form of kidney disease, and many convincing testimonials free.

**WARNER'S SAFE PILLS Taken with Warner's Safe Cure move the bowels gently and aid a speedy cure.**


## GROCERS' SIDE OF IT.

**Says What He Thinks About Commission Men.**

PORTLAND, Feb. 14.—(To the Editor.)—As much has been said of late about the differences of the Produce Merchants' Association and the retail grocers; and as a great deal of it is misleading to an outsider, I wish to present the grocers' side of this question. A commission merchant, in an interview, complained of the grocers buying of the producer. Last Fall a commission man bought some tomatoes of a grower and before they were unloaded I drove up, and the commission man asked me if I wanted tomatoes. I bought a few boxes and the grower took the tomatoes out of his wagon and placed them in mine. I paid the commission man 20 cents per box. I found said commission man had paid the grower only 20 cents per box, making a profit of 50 per cent without touching the goods. I bought of the grower direct after that.

The produce merchant not only sells to hotels and restaurants, but the by-laws of their association exempts them from weekly payments, thus giving them preference over the grocer.

The "Produce Merchant" quoted says the "grocer carries the consumer on their money and that if the grocers can raise $20,000 to start a commission house they can pay their bills," thereby leaving the impression that the grocers do not pay their bills.

Now I can say for myself (and this will hold good with at least nine-tenths of the grocers), that the produce merchants are paid promptly and it is not a question of having money to pay these bills weekly, as I think most grocers could pay cash for their produce without serious inconvenience.

But why should we make preferred creditors of the produce merchants over the large wholesale houses? The produce merchants have done nothing for our association, in fact, have "turned us down" every time we have asked them for any help, while the five wholesale grocery houses have done all in their power to help us out.

There is no need of the grocers opening a commission house of their own, as each grocer can get all the California produce he wants from San Francisco, and there is no trouble about getting Oregon produce. GROCER.

## BULL RUN WATER IN ALBINA

**Supply Will Soon Be Furnished—East Side Affairs.**

Albina will be supplied with Bull Run water within a few days at the farthest. Yesterday the East Twelfth-street main was extended to Tillamook street, on which there is a large pipe. In all there will be four connections between the East Portland and the Albina system, which will provide plenty of water.

There is some apprehension that by throwing the East Portland and Albina systems together the effect would reduce the pressure in East Portland, and especially in Sunnyside and in the high service districts. A member of the Water Committee said yesterday that there need be no fear of the pressure being reduced in East Portland.

The big standpipe on East Thirteenth street, Holladay's Addition, will be kept full of water, which will tend to maintain an equal pressure. It has not been used for some time, and will be cleaned out today. The intention is to supply Bull Run water by gravitation in the Albina system as far as possible, and keep a pump in operation in the station in Lower Albina, to force water up to and maintain pressure on the higher levels.

**RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY.**

**Several Small Postoffices Will Be Dispensed With—Some Opposition.**

The prospect that free mail delivery will do away with several country postoffices, including those at Russelville, just east of Montavilla, and Terry, 12 miles eastward on the Base Line road, has aroused some opposition to the inauguration of free delivery. At Terry a petition is being circulated protesting against the postoffice there being abolished, which will be forwarded to the Postal Department at Washington at once. Russelville people also object to losing their postoffice. At Montavilla opposition to free delivery has sprung up, but how strong has not yet developed. At all these country settlements where there is a postoffice there is always a certain advantage in a business way in having the office, and those who reap a direct advantage object to losing it, but the indications are that mail will be delivered by carrier to every farmer between the Willamette River and the Sandy by the end of the present year.

## MUST HAVE RANGE TO LIVE

**Why Harney County Is Opposed to Leasing System.**

The opposition of Harney County to range-leasing is reflected in the extract from the Burns Times-Herald, given below. One of the strongest arguments against the proposed system is that, although more homestead and desert land entries have been made in the past year than in any preceding year, settlers who have made them would be debarred from taking advantage of this system, because they would not hold patents to their lands. The Burns paper says:

"As conditions now exist, when a homestead is taken it is with the intention of running stock. Not one out of every 100 depends wholly on the products of a farm for support. Even though it was possible to produce immense crops, there would be no market for them. Such being the case, it is imperatively necessary that range privileges accompany a homestead right, in order to live. Under a lease law that provides that one must own deeded land in order to be benefited, hundreds of our settlers would be left in the cold with nothing to do but give up their rights and migrate to the Lord only knows where.

"Where there are hundreds of applications now for lands under the United States land laws, there would not be one after such a law was put into force, as the land would be almost worthless without range privileges. After all the range has been leased for a term of years, what inducement is there for a prospective settler in a stock country? The small man who leases enough land to pasture his flocks at the beginning of 10 or 20 years must plod along in the same old rut, with no opportunity to increase, as there is no range. The natural increase would necessitate twice the amount of range in that length of time."

**Great Damage at Lewiston.**

LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 14.—Fire broke out at 10:30 o'clock tonight in the Cash Hardware Store, as the result of the explosion of an aceteline gas tank. Three explosions followed later, blowing out glass from windows and shaking the entire structure. At 1 o'clock the fire companies had the flames under control, and the loss is confined to the main department of the store. The Cash Hardware Store is the largest establishment of the character in the state, and the loss will be heavy.

Avalanches are so common in Switzerland that devices are now being made to control them. The Swiss form earthworks or entrenchments, which are pointed in such a fashion that avalanches coming in contact with them are split and so driven aside.


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