

Wool Sells Well Disposes of Finest Lot of Hops in Oregon.

Seavey & Metzler Buyers Bought Last November at 32 Cents, They Finally Change Hands at About 25—Active Dealing in Wool on the Sheep's Backs.

The most interesting development in the hop market of late has been the sale of George Mueller's 400-acre holding yesterday. This lot was bought by the Astoria man last November at 32 cents. The exact price he received for them yesterday was not made public, but it is known to be around 25 cents.

Wool Very Active Much Buying in Eastern Oregon at High Prices.

Eastern and local wool buyers are in all the shearing fields east of the mountains, buying up everything they can get hold of at paying top prices. From the readiness with which buyers are selling, it is evident that they believe prices will not be much better at the sheared lots.

Melrose Sheep Shedded. The melrose sheep is marketed as an end. Goat shearing is over and considerable numbers of sheep are being sent to the Island Empire, where there is a growing demand for the kind of stock. Oregon sheep produced about 55,000 pounds of the mohair, fully 90 per cent of which is now in the hands of one Portland dealer.

New Montana Wool Sales. HELLENA, Mont., April 21.—Large sales of Montana wool before that article is removed from the sheep's back are reported daily. A special to the Record from Billings says: "Conditions are unchanged and the market is extremely dull at 23 1/2c for combed, 7 1/2c for raw wool."

Chinook Salmon Prices Fixed. At ASTORIA, Ore., April 21.—(Special.)—A meeting that was attended by representatives of nearly every industry in the city broke this afternoon and fixed the selling prices for canned salmon the same as those which prevailed last year. The prices are as follows: One-pound tins, \$1.45; one-pound tins, \$1.35; half-pound tins, \$1.05; one-pound tins, \$1.25; half-pound tins, \$1.05; one-pound tins, \$1.25.

Portland Markets. Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. Wheat—Club, \$3.75; No. 1, \$3.75; No. 2, \$3.75; No. 3, \$3.75; No. 4, \$3.75; No. 5, \$3.75; No. 6, \$3.75; No. 7, \$3.75; No. 8, \$3.75; No. 9, \$3.75; No. 10, \$3.75; No. 11, \$3.75; No. 12, \$3.75.

STATE BUTTER BRAND PLATES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED BY COMMISSIONER.

New Law, Soon Effective, Will Protect Consumers and Foster the Legitimate Trade.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Hays has had much to do in distributing to creamery men plates for the new state brand which all first-class Oregon butter must bear. The law passed at the last session of the legislature, and which will go into effect on May 15, requires that all butter made in this state under the separate process must bear on its wrapper the device known as the "Oregon State Brand." This device, was decided upon recently at a meeting of creamery men held in the commissioner's office. According to the provisions of the law, butter that has been in cold storage for 30 days or longer that is sold as a second or third grade shall not be sold in wrappers bearing the state brand.

Coffee, Nuts, Etc. COFFEE—Mocha, 20¢ per lb.; Java, 15¢ per lb.; Sumatra, 12¢ per lb.; Ceylon, 10¢ per lb. NUTS—Almonds, 12¢ per lb.; Walnuts, 10¢ per lb.; Pecans, 8¢ per lb. DRIED FRUIT—Apples, 10¢ per lb.; Peaches, 12¢ per lb.; Raisins, 8¢ per lb.; Prunes, 10¢ per lb.

LIVESTOCK MARKET. Prices Quoted at Portland Union Stockyards Yesterday. CATTLE—Heifers, 12¢ per lb.; Steers, 10¢ per lb.; Calves, 12¢ per lb. HOGS—Large, 10¢ per lb.; Small, 12¢ per lb. SHEEP—Wool, 10¢ per lb.; Hides, 12¢ per lb.

San Francisco Mining Stocks. SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—The official quotation for mining stocks today were as follows: Alpha Cons., 10¢; Andes, 10¢; Belmont, 10¢; Bunker Hill, 10¢; Calumet, 10¢; Consolidated, 10¢; DeWitt, 10¢; Eastern, 10¢; General, 10¢; Hercules, 10¢; Imperial, 10¢; Inspiration, 10¢; Lincoln, 10¢; Littlefield, 10¢; Mammoth, 10¢; Manhattan, 10¢; Miami, 10¢; Nevada, 10¢; North Star, 10¢; Pacific, 10¢; Pioneer, 10¢; Rand, 10¢; Redwood, 10¢; Santa Fe, 10¢; Silver Hill, 10¢; Standard, 10¢; Summit, 10¢; Tilden, 10¢; Union, 10¢; Virginia, 10¢; Western, 10¢; York, 10¢.

San Francisco, April 21.—Silver bars, 90¢ per oz.; Gold, 100¢ per oz.; Wheat, 1.25 per bushel; Flour, 1.00 per bushel; Sugar, 0.15 per pound; Coffee, 0.25 per pound; Tea, 0.50 per pound; Rice, 0.10 per pound; Beans, 0.15 per pound; Corn, 0.10 per bushel; Potatoes, 0.10 per bushel; Apples, 0.10 per bushel; Peaches, 0.15 per bushel; Raisins, 0.10 per bushel; Prunes, 0.10 per bushel; Dried fruit, 0.10 per bushel.

STATE BUTTER BRAND WHARVES WILL BE PAINTED. Portland's Water Front to Be Made More Presentable. Portland's water front is to be one long, continuous stream in white from Jefferson street to the Albina ferry, so say the officials of the Portland Chamber of Commerce Civic Improvement Board.

INDUSTRIES ARE ACTIVE FIRMER THE COUNTRY OVER.

Iron and Steel Continue Buoyant—Good Outlook for Trade on the Pacific Coast.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Trade reports are irregular in character, but industries are firmer. Steel continues buoyant. The demand for pig and other iron, however, is not so pronounced. Inquiries for foreign pig-iron are numerous. Here, activity here is being in the immediate future in the market. American houses are said to be figuring on the construction of iron and steel works in the West. It is usually quiet for jobbers, though prices are active. Prices for iron and steel are active, but the situation in this respect is very satisfactory. Coal prices have softened considerably during the week. Anthracite is active, but the soft coal situation is rather unsatisfactory. Recent conceptions in the Eastern districts having placed these sections at a disadvantage. The outlook is active, but the wool market is quiet. Foreign grades, however, are in good demand.

Bank Clearings. The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ending April 20, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year.

Chicago Man Finds Forgotten Stock in Gas Company. CHICAGO, April 21.—John P. Fox, a retired merchant 60 years of age, has filed a bill in the Circuit Court demanding an accounting with the People's Gas Light & Coke Company, and that the affairs of the company be placed in the hands of a receiver. Fox is searching through an old safe a short time ago, found three forgotten stock certificates in the original People's Gas Company of the original face value of \$75,000.

Was Built to Be Shot at. Hugo Floating Target Launched by Navy at Brooklyn. NEW YORK, April 21.—A floating target built by the Navy and launched today at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, it is designed for use only in testing the accuracy of the gunners of the forts along the coast. The target is in the shape of a box 25 feet long and 10 feet high. It is towed by a small tug, and can be towed to any point where such a vessel might go. Steel plates an inch thick are the material of the target's construction. There are water tight compartments so the effect of perforating it will not be felt. With its ballast the target weighs 30 tons.

Shoplifters Made a Fortune. NEW YORK, April 21.—Three members of a gang of shoplifters which came here two months ago from Chicago were sentenced today to 12 months imprisonment and a fine of \$50 each, which, if not paid, will entail a further term in the prison of one day for each dollar. The prisoners were John Chromovich, Suspe Stoinberg and Dora Gloner. The last named is known as "Queen Rachel." Bank books showing deposits of \$2,000 were found on the prisoners when they were arrested. The police also found among other things at that time thousands of dollars worth of the finest silks and velvets and most delicate laces in their flat on the East Side.

TRAVELER'S GUIDE. The Great Northern Railway. PORTLAND, DEPART. Arrives. Union Depot. Leave. Arrives.

DOCTOR SUES FOR BIG FEE. Preacher Says Mrs. McVickie Found Zeigler Indispensable. CHICAGO, April 21.—Hearing of Dr. L. C. H. Zeigler's suit for \$100,000 for alleged medical services by him to the late Mrs. Harriet G. McVickie, wife of the widely-known theatrical manager, was begun today in the Probate Court.

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Knights of Pythias Celebrate. Nearly 500 Knights of Pythias from all parts of the state were the guests of the Oregon Lodge No. 1 Tuesday night at the Marquam building. The gathering was suggested by D. C. Herron, and the large attendance from even the most remote sections of the state accomplished the purpose of the local lodge.

TIME CARD OF TRAINS. PORTLAND. Depart. Arrive. Puget Sound Limited. Tacoma, Seattle, Olympia, South Bend, and Lacey's Harbor points.

Pennyroyal Pills. COLUMBIA RIVER SCENERY. Regulator Line Steamers. PORTLAND TO THE DALLES. City Ticket Office, 122 Third St., Phone 620.

THE GREAT NORTHERN. 2 OVERLAND TRAINS DAILY. JAPAN-AMERICAN LINE. S. S. IYO MARU. For Japan, China and All Atlantic Ports, Will Leave Seattle About May 15.

PACIFIC COAST. Steamers leave Seattle, S. S. Humboldt, S. S. City of Seattle, S. S. City of Tacoma, S. S. City of Everett, S. S. City of Astoria, S. S. City of Portland, S. S. City of Vancouver, S. S. City of Seattle.