ONIONS GO SOUTH

Movement Is on a Fairly Large Scale.

EFFECT ON PRICES

Shipments May or May Not Break the San Francisco Market-Potato Trade Is Slow-Eggs Are Becoming Cheaper.

Oregon onlons are moving freely toward the Southern markets. It is estimated that the shipments of last week and the present week will be 18 or 20 cars. According to trade wires from San Francisco yesterday, that market went up 25 cents to \$1.75@ 2.10 for Oregon stock. It was figured in some quarters that these heavy shipments. coming on top of an already weak market, would occasion a further slump. This view, however, did not prevent local buyers from operating and some business was reported done at \$1.85. It is known that certain of the dealers in California are already carry-ing very large holdings of onions and the opinion has been given that the arrivals in the next few days cannot be supported. On the other hand, the advocates of higher prices believe that the big speculative holders in California will exert themselves t keep the market up for their own protection. The local situation is, of course, improved by the withdrawal of such a large block of there is a steady, though small movement of Eastern onlons to the Coast.

The potato market is fearureless. Small shipments are going forward regularly, but it looks as if a big surplus will be carried over in Oregon unless the movement be-romes more rapid. There has been no change in prices in the last few days.

POULTRY MARKET DULL AND WEAK Eggs Arriving More Freely and Declining. Cheese Moves Better.

The poultry market was dull again yes Receipts were large and a good many of the coops were carried over. The heavy buyers seem to be waiting for lower

Eggs continue to arrive quite freely and the market has a weak tone. Most sales were at 35 cents, but it was reported some dealers were offering at 32% cents.

Butter was quoted firm in all departments The city creameries are now together at A better outside inquiry for cheese is re-

Weekly Grain Statistics. The weekly grain statistics of the Mer-chants' Exchange follow:

		Bushels.	Increase.
December	16.	1007 45,465,000	2,044,000
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Totals8,482,000 8,920,000 8,848,000

The Front-street trade was again disap-pointed by the non-arrival of bananas yesterday. A car of lemons came in. The \$4.50%5. steamer brought a fair assortment of veg-

etables. Buying, on the whole, was only Cate Hops Sell for 5 Cents. The hop market is still active, though not so much business is passing as was the case

last week. The most important sale reported yesterday was the Cate lot of 500 bales at Hillsbure, which was secured by Hart & Hubbard at 5 cents.

Better Tone in Wheat Market. A much better tone prevailed in the wheat market and prices were quoted firmer. The volume of business, however, was not large, but a considerable amount of activity is looked for soon. The other cereals and hay were dull.

Bank Clearings. Clearings of Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

PORTLAND QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc. MILLSTUFFS—Bran, city, \$23; country, \$24 per ton; middlings, \$20; shorts, city, \$24.50, country, \$25.50 per ton; chop, \$18 per ton.
WHEAT—Club. 81@52c; bluestem, 83@
\$4c; Valley, 81@52c; red. 70@50c.
CATS—No. 1 white, \$28; gray, \$28.
FLOUR—Patent, \$4.95; straight, \$4.40;
clears, \$4.40; Valley, \$4.40; Graham flour,
\$4.25@4.75; whole wheat flour, \$4.50@5; rye

flour, \$5.50. BARLEY Feed, \$27.50 per ton; brewing. \$31; rolled, \$30 CEREAL FOODS—Rolled outs, cream, 90-pound sacks, ber barrel, \$8; lower grades, \$6.50@7.50; outmeal, steel-cut 45-pound sacks, \$8.50 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, \$4.50 per bale; outmeal (ground), 45-pound sacks, \$5 per barrel; 9-pound sacks, \$4.50 per bale; split peas, per 100 pounds, \$4.25@4.80; pearl barley, \$4@4.50 per 100 pounds, pastry flour, 10-pound sacks, \$2.60 per bale; flaked wheat, \$3.25 per case.

10 pound sacks, \$2.00 per hale; flaked wheat, \$3.25 per case. CORN-Whole, \$32; cracked, \$33. HAY-Valley timothy, No. 1, \$16 per ton; Eastern Oregon timothy, \$20@22; clover, \$15; cheat, \$15; grain hay, \$15@10; alfalfa, \$15; vetch, \$14.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

BUTTER—City creameries; Extra creamery, 371/2c per pound; state creameries, fancy creamery, 35/9/37/2c; store butter, choice. 20c
CHEENE—Oregon full cream twins. 16 B
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PORK—Block 75 to 150 pounds aggree; packers, 6#64%; POLLTRY—Average old hens, 11@12c; mixed chickens, 11c; Spring chickens, 12c; resetters, Sc; dressed chickens, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 15c; dressed, cnoice, 17@13c; grees, live, per pound, 8@2c; ducks, 12½@18%; pigeons, \$1@1.50; squabs, \$2@3. EGGS—Fresh ranch, candled, 35c per dozen; Eastern, 25@30c per dozen;

DOMESTIC FRUITS—Apples 75c@2 per bon; peaches, 75c@\$1 per crate; pears, \$1.25 @1.75 per box; cranberries, \$0.56@12 per

sack; carrots, 65c per sack; beets, \$1.00 per sack; sarile, Sc per pound.

FRESH VEGETABLES—Artichokes, 90cg \$1.00 per dozen; beans, 75c per pound; cabbage, le per pound; cauliflowers, 75c p\$1.00 doz; catery, \$3.50 pc.75 crate; lettuce, hothouse, \$1.91.25 per box; calons, 15c poer house, sig1.25 per box; calons, 15c poer dozen; parsley, 20c per dozen; peas, 11c per pound; peppers, \$2.17c per pound; pumpkins, 101% c per pound; radishes, 20c per dozen; spinach, 6c per pound; sprouts, 8c per pound; squash, 101% per pound; tomatoes, \$1.50 per box.

ONIONS—Buying price, \$1.75@1.85 per cw.

cwi.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, \$65%c per pound; apricots 16 @ 19c; peaches, 11@13c; pears, 11%@14c; Italian prunes, 2%@6c; California figs, white, in sacks, 566%c per pound; black, 4%@5c; bricks, 75c@\$2.25 per box; Smyrma, 18%@9c per pound; dates, Persian, 6%@7c per pound.

POTATOES—Buying price, 50@65c per hundred, delivered Portland; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 per cwt.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

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RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 6%c; Southern Japan, 5% \$5%c; head, 7%c.

COFFEE—Mocha, 24@28c; Java, ordinary, 17@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; good, 18@18c; ordinary, 12@16c per pound. Columbia roust, cases, 100s, \$14.50; 50s, \$14.75; Arbuckle, \$16.63; Lion, \$15.88, SALMON—Columbia River, 1-pound talls, \$2 per dozen; 2-pound talls, \$2.95; 1-pound flats, \$2.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 95c; red, 1-pound talls, \$1.53; sockeyes, 1-pound talls, \$1.50.

flats, \$2.10: Alaska pina, 1-pound tails, \$1.50: red, 1-pound tails, \$1.55; sockeyes, 1-pound tails, \$1.55; sockeyes, 1-pound tails, \$1.90:

SUGAR—Granulated, \$5.60: extra C, \$5.10; golden C, \$5.00; fruit gugar, \$5.40. Advance sales ever suck, basis as follows: Barreis, 16c; ½ barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds Terms: On remittances within 15 days deduct ½c per pound; if later than 15 days and within 30 days, deduct ½c; maple sugar, 156 15c ever pound. days and within 30 days, deducting; maple sugar, 15@18c per pound.

NUTS—Walnuts, 15½ @20c per pound by sack; Brazil nuts, 19c; filberts, 16c; pecans, 16@18c; almonds, 19@20c; chestnuts, Ohlo, 25c; peanuts, raw, 6% @8%c perpound; roasted, 10c; pleenuts, 10@12c, nickery nuts, 10c; cocoanuts, 25@90c perdoren.

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Provisions and Canned Meats.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 22 be pound; standard breakfast, 19 be; choice, 18 be; English, 11 to 14 pounds, 17c; peach, 15 be; HAMS—10 to 11 pounds, 14c pound; 14 to 16 pounds, 13 be; 18 to 20 pounds, 14c; plenies, 9 be; cottage, 12c; shoulders, 11 be; boiled, 24c. boiled, 24c

SAUSAGE—Bologna, long, 8c; links, 74c, BARRELED GOODS—Pork, barrels, \$20; bair-barrels, \$11; beef, barrels, \$10; haif-barrels, \$5.50.

DRY SALT CURED—Regular short clear dry sait, 12c; smoked, 13c; clear baiks, dry sait, 12c; smoked, 13c; clear bellies, 14 to 17 pounds average, dry sait, none; smoked, none; Oregon exports, dry sait, 13c; smoked, 14c.

smoked, none; Oregon exports, dry sait, 13c; smoked, 14c. LARD-Kettle rendered; Tiercea, 12%c; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13%c; 10s, 13%c; 5s, 13%c; 3s, 13%c Standard pure; Tierces, 11%c; tubs, 12c; 50s, 12c; 20s, 12%c; 10s, 12%c; 5s, 12%c Compound; Tierces, 8%c; tubs, 8%c; 50s, 8%c; 20s, 8%c; 10s, 9%c; 5s, 9%c

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

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HOPS—1907, prime and choice, 5@7c per pound; olds, 20 per pound, according to shrinkage; Valley, 18@20c, according to shrinkage; Valley, 18@20c, according to fineness.

MOHAIR—Choice, 29@30c per pound. CASCARA BARK—5%@6c per pound; car lots. Ic per pound.

HIDES—Dry, No. 1, 15 pounds and up, 12@12%c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c per pound; dry saited, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry fint; culls moth-eaten, badly cut, scored, murrain, hairslipped, weather-beaten or grubby, 2@3c per pound less; saited hides, 5@6c; saited kips, 6@6c; calf skins. T@8c; green hide, ic per pound less.

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FURS-Bearskins, as to size, No. 1, \$5@20 ench; cubs, \$1@3 ench; badger, prime, 25@30c each; cat, wild, with head perfect, 30@50c; cat, house, 5@20c; fox, common, gray, large prime, 50@70c each; red, \$1@5 each; cross, \$5@15 each; silver and black, \$100@200 each; nishers, \$5@8 each; lynx, \$4.50@6 each; mink, strictly No. 1, according to size, \$1@3 each; marten, dark northern, according to size and color, \$10@15 each; pile, according to size and color, \$2.50@4 each; muskrat, large, 12@15 each, skunk, 30@40c each, civet or polecat, 5@15e each; strick and and claws, perfect, \$2@5 each; raccoon, for prime, large, 50@75e each; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$2@5 each; raccoon, for prime, large, 50@75e each; wolf, mountain, with head perfect, \$2.60@5 each; prairie (coyote), 80c@\$1.60 each; wolverine, \$6@8 each

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK MARKET. Prices Quoted Locally on Cuttle, Sheep and

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Prices hold very steady in the local live-stock market. Receipts yesterday were 50 outtle and 240 sheep.

The rollowing quotations were current in the local market:
CATTLE—Best steers, \$3.75@4; medium, \$3.25@3.50; cows. \$2.65@2.85; fair to me-dium cows. \$2.62.25; bulls. \$1.50@2.25; calves. \$3.50@4.
SHEEP—Good sheared, \$4.25@4.75; full wool. \$4.50@5; lambs. \$4.50@5.
HOGS—Best, \$5.95.25; lights and feeders, \$4.50@5.

Eastern Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17. — Cattle—Receipts about 4000; market, steady. Beeves, \$2,156,6.10 cows and heifers, \$1,1094.50; Texans \$2,63.80; Westerns, \$3,1084.70; stocker, and feeders, \$2,2084.10. and feeders, \$2.20@4.10, Hogs-Receipts, shout 17,000; market, 20c higher. Light, \$4.35@4.75; mixed, \$4.35@4.45; \$4.55; heavy, \$4.30@4.85; rough, \$4.35@4.45; pigs, \$3.75@4.60; hulk of sales, \$4.65@4.80; Sheep-Receipts, 12,000; market, steady. Natives, \$2.24.46; Westerns, \$2.94.55; year-lings, \$4.30@5.75; lambs, \$3.75@6.30; West-erns, \$3.75@6.25.

KANSAS CITY. Mo. Dec. 17 Cartis-Receipts, 1000, including 200 Southerns: market, slow to steady. Native steers, \$4.95.
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wethers, \$3.75@5.25; fed ewes, \$3.25@4.35.

SOUTH OMAHA, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000; market, slow to steady. Native steers, \$3.25@5.95; cows and helfers, \$2.25@4. Western steers, \$3.25.0.5 cows and helfers, \$2.75.0.4.25; fows and helfers for range, \$1.75.0.4.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.75.0.4.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 3200; market, 20.0.25; higher. Heavy, \$4.45.0.4.5; mixed, \$4.40; bulk of sales, \$4.40.4.5; stockers, \$4.6.4.45; help \$4.50.4.5; mixed, \$4.40; bulk of sales, \$4.40.4.5; stockers, \$4.6.4.5; help \$4.50.4.5; market, steady, \$4.6.4.5; stockers, \$4.6.4.5; market, \$4.6.4.5; m

"NOT GUILTY," SAYS RUEF

Deposed Boss at Last Pleads Afte Many Delays.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.-Abrahar Ruef, indicted jointly with Jeremiah Din an on a charge of conspiracy, pleaded no guilty in Judge Dunne's court this morn ing. Ruef's cases have slipped along un noticed, delay granted after delay, unt today, when he attempted no further me tions of delay and when the clerk of th court asked him for his plea he answere

Not guilty. Dinan also pleaded not guilty. The charge to which Ruef and Dinas pleaded not guilty was in relation to the maintaining of the disreputable munici-pal house at 620 Jackson street, in viola of the law.

This is the first time that Ruef has been called upon to plead since he pleade guilty to the charge of extortion in the restaurant cases Mayor Schmitz was found guilty.

Two Black Murderers Executed.

TRENTON, N. J., Dea 17 .- Charle Gibson and Stephan Dorsey, colored, were electrocuted at the state prison toda for the murder of Mrs. Edward Horne and Victoria Natoli, the latter a servant zirl employed by Mrs. Horner. The murders were committed in connection with a robbery of the Horner home near Cam-den Inst August.
The electrocutions were witnessed by Edward Horner, husband of one of the

NEW YORK. Dec. 17 .- The scantiness of ie money supplies kept the stock market

NEW YORK. Dec. 17.—The scantiness of the money supplies kept the stock market duli and contracted the speculative activity materially, but the tone of the market showed some relief from the heaviness that has weighed upon it for several days past. Prices showed small resiliency, however, and the movement was dragging and hesiliating. Assistance toward resisting the mood of depression was afforded by the news of the declaration of extra dividends of 2 per cent on Lake Shore and Michigan Central stocks, the two most prominent substiliaries of the New York Central.

Lake Shore's semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent has been the regular rate only for two previous half years and on Michigan Central 4 per cent a year has been the rate for 11 years. The surplus from these dividend profits over the sum required to pay interest on the collateral bonds issued by the New York Central accrues to the New York Central accrues to the New York Central treasury, which holds most of the stock of the two companies. There has been conspicuous selling of New York Central is dividends would be reduced or paid in scrip by decision of the directors this week. The action in the subsidiary stocks today shook this belief and led to buying to cover shorts by the bears. Other stocks in the list showed a similar condition of over extension of the short interest against the recent active selling. This was true of American Sugar and to some extent of the copper shares.

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The sustaining effect on prices in general developed only after a period of sharp recessions. The coalers were conspleuous in the decline, Reading leading. The weakness was attributed to reports of consultation among those interested in these properties to devise means to meet the requirements of the law for divestment of ownership of coal mines. Assertions accompanied these reports that difficulties were encountered in finding a feasible method of complying with the law which seemed to threaten the necessity of suspension of business by these companies when the laws become effective on May 1. The subsequent raily in the stocks pointed to a professional origin for much of the selling. The whole market, in fact, remained largely in professional hands and was narrow. Dividend prospects for individual stocks formed the staple of the discussion.

Money conditions were unchanged. The premium persisted on currency, call loan-rates went higher than yesterday and discounts rose in both London and Berlin. Fears of a severe money stringency over the year-end in meeting the necessities of that period affected these markets. New York's command of the exchanges is explained by the November foreign trade statement which shows an excessive value of exports over imports for the month of \$93,655,751. Not only was there a decline of nearly \$9,000,000 in the value \$21,759,000, the agricultural exports furnishing \$17,000,000 of the international exchange situation is afforded by the showing that in splie of November's \$03,463,030 of gold imports, the 11 months of the late market and the clossing was irregular.

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Eastern Mining Stocks. BOSTON, Dec. 17.-Closing quotations

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Money, Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call, firm, 6@18 per cent; ruling rate, 12 per cent; closing bid and offered, 6 per cent. Time loans, firm but dull; 60 days, 10@12 per cent; 90 days, 8@10 per cent; six months, 7@8

per cent.

Prime mercantile paper, 8 per cent.

Sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.8610@4.8615 for demand and at \$4.8015@4.8020 for 60day bills. Commercial bills, \$4.80@£8025.
Bar silver, 53%c.
Mexican dollars, 52c. Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds,

LONDON, Dec. 17.-Bar milver, uncertain, 24%d per ounce. Money, 3564 per cent.

bills, 5%@6 per cent. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 .- Silver bars Mexican dollars, 52c.

Drafts-Sight, par; telegraph, 10c, Sterling on London, 60 days, \$4.80%; eight, \$4.86% Daily Treasury Statement WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Today's stateent of the Treasury shows;

M. H. DURST ARRIVES AT AURORA Other Members of Organization Committee

Other Members of Organization Committee
Will Be in Oregon Monday.

AURORA, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—M. H.
Durst has just arrived in Oregon from Callfornia in connection with the formation of
the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' Union. Next
Monday other members of the organization
committee will arrive to take up the work
of organization in Oregon and Washington.
In order to relieve the present conditions,
it is the intention to secure the co-operailon of all present holders to make up a
shipment of 30.000 bales from this Coast
to be sent to London and handled as a unit
in London. It is expected that these hops
shipped to London will realize several times
what is now being offered for the same
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Mr. Durst is here to meet growers and arrange for meetings by the organizing

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—There was a fur ther decline in the tin market, which seems to be devoid of support, and spot closed at £115 10s and futures at £117 5s. Locally the market was weak and lower at 26.371 @26.60c.
Copper was lower at London, with spot
closing at £57 10s and futures at £58 15s. Ecoper market was weak but carry intercepts of the changed Lake, 13213-25c; electrolytic, 12.75 @13c; casting, 12.50@12.75c.

Lead in London was higher at £13 2s 6d. but locally it was weak and further declined to 3.4093.50c. Spelter advanced to £20 in London, but was lower here, closing at 4.15@4.25c." lower here, closing at 4.15@4.25c.

The English iron market was lower. Standard foundry quoted at 48s 7d and Cleveland warrants 49s 4%d. Locally unchanged.

Changes in Available Supplies. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.-Special cable an

telegraphic communication received by Bradstreet's show the following conditions in available supplies;

Oats, United States and Canada, in-

More Trading in Boston Wool Market. BOSTON, Dec. 17.-A slight revival is noted in the local wool market and dealers report some buying, although trading is atili confined to odd lots. Staple wool prices held firm, but inferior wools are weak, as the sup-ply still is considerable. Quotations: California—Northern, 64765c; middle county. 60@62c; Southerns, 55@58c; Fall free, 45@48c Cregon—Eastern No. 1 staple, 709712c; East-ern No. 1 clothing, 68@70c; Eastern average, 676798c; Valley No. 1, 600762c; Territory—Scoured basis, fine staple, 709 72c; fine medium staple, 68@70c; fine clothing, 65@67c; half-blood, 65c; three-eighths, 62@63c;

Pulled-Extra, 65@70c. Dried Fruit at New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Evaporated apples are easy; famoy, 11@11146; choice, 10c; prime, 856,89646; 1968 fruit, 75,9211c. Primes were steady and there was a jobbing demand for spot. Prices range from 4% to 18c for California and from 7 to 7%c for Ore-

Apricotz-Quiet. Choice, 22c; extra choice, 22c, and fancy, 24625c.

Peaches—Unchanged, Choice, 12612%c; extra choice, 1246134c; fancy, 13613%c, and extra fancy, 1481446c.

Raisins—Unchanged, Loose Muscatela, 76 7%c; seeded, 789%c; London layers, \$1.70g 1:80.

Coffee and Sugar. NEW YORK, Dec. 17,—Coffee futures closed steady, net 10 points lower, Sales, 14,250 bags, December, 5.8565.90c; January, 5.90c; March,

Scanner, S. Shot, September, 6.15c. Spot, steady, No. 7 Rio, 614c; No. 4 Santos, Sc. Mild coffee, quiet. Cordova, 94,0134c. Sugar-Raw, firm Fair refining, 3.30@3.35c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.85c; molasses sugar, 3@ 3.68c. Refined, firm, Crushed, 5.50c; powdered, New York Cotton Market. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton futures closed steady, net unchanged to 9 points lower.

December, 11.27c; January, 10.70c; February, 10.67c; March, 10.77c; April, 10.75c; May, 10.81c; June, 10.83c; July, 10.78c; August, Wool at St. Louis.

ST LOUIS, Dec. 17. Wool-Steady. Ter-ritory and Wetsern mediums, 20@23c; fine mediums, 19@21c; fine, 15@17c. Further Decline in Tin. LONDON, Dec. 17.—There was a further decline in the tin market foday which closed at 113½ as compared with 112 yesterday. The sales amounted to 1000 tons.

Wheat Turns Very Strong at Chicago.

FOLLOWS WEAK OPENING

Advance Is Due to Reports From Argentina That Harvesting There Is Being Delayed by the Rain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The sharp advance in wheat followed a weak opening. The Liverpool market falled to exhibit the strength pool market falled to exhibit the strength of yesterday in the local market and liberal receipts in the Northwest also depressed prices. About the end of the first hour the market became strong, because of the receipt of messages from Argentina declaring that harvesting there is being delayed by the rain. Shorts became active bidders and prices advanced rapidly. The rise was accelerated by a report that Argentine cargoes at Liversool bad been marked up there? at Liverpool had been marked up there 3 cents. The market closed strong. May opened ¼ to %c lower at \$1.02\% to \$1.02\%, advanced to \$1.05\% \$0.05\% and closed at \$1.65\%. The sharp advance in wheat brought out an urgent demand for corn. Prices advanced nearly 2 cents from the low point of the day. May opened &@%c lower at \$71\% to \$75\% or May opened %@%c lower at 57% to 57%c and advanced to 59%c, where is closed. Onte railled along with wheat and corn and closed firm. May opened %@%c lower at 54c, sold off to 58%@58%c, advanced to 54%c. where it closed.

Provisions were firm. At the close May pork was off 71/c, lard was down 71/2000, and ribs 21/2 lower. The leading futures ranged se follows: -

WHEAT. Open. High.
December . \$.03% 90½
May . . . 1.02½ 1.05%
July96% 90½ CORN. OATS. May, old ... 54 .54%, May, new .. 52 .53%, July, old ... 47% .48%, July, new ... 45% .46 PORK. January12.82½ 12.82½ 12.90 May13.30 13.30 13.00 LARD. January 7.85 7.85 7.72½ 7.75 May 7.92½ 7.92½ 7.77½ 7.85 6.8214 6.8214 6.75 7.1214 7.1214 7.00 Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Steady. Wheat—No. 2 Spring. \$1.0881 12; No. 3, 94cg\$1.0; No. 2 red. 55%20854c. Corn—No. 2, 604g61c; No. 2 yellow, 65@ Oats-No. 2, 50@50%c; No. 3 white, 49%@ Bye-No. 2, 77c. Barley-Fair to choice maiting, 88995c. Flax Seed-No. 1 Northwestern, \$1.12½.

Finx Seed—No. 1 Northwestern, \$1.12: Timothy Seed—Prime, \$4,30@4.35. Clover—Contract grade, \$16.26. Short Ribs—Sides (loose), \$6,75@7.25. Pork—Mess. per bbl., \$12.121/gp12.25. Lard—Per 100 lbs., \$7.95.

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Sides—Short clear (boxed), \$7.12\%\pi 7.25.

Whiskey—Basis of high Wines, \$1.35.

Plour, bbls. 45.700 30,

Wheat, bu. 55,890 74,

Corn, bu. 257,000 266,

Oats, bu. 437,500 304,

Eye, bu. 2,000 1,

Barley, bu. 68,760 25, Grain and Produce at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- Flour-Receipts, 43,

600 barrels; exports, 4200 barrels. Firm and higher.
Wheat—Receipts, 85,000 bushels; exports, 48,200 bushels. Spot. strong. No. 2 red. \$1.0616 eievator and \$1.06½ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, \$1.22 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard Winter. \$1.16½ f. o. b. afloat. After a sharp opening drop, influenced by easier caly 2 cents from the low point. The rise was on reports of rains in Argentina. Last prices showed a 2 to 25 c net advance. December showed at \$1.06%. May at \$1.12 and July at

\$1.06%. Hops, wool and hides—Quiet.

Grain at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO. Dec. 17.-Wheat-Firm.

Barley-Firm.
Spot quotatione: Wheat-Shipping, \$1.60%,
1.65 per cental; milling, \$1.70@1.75 per cen-Barley-Feed, \$1.52461.55 per cental; brew-Ing. 1.621,61.671/2 per cental.
Onts-Red. \$1.7562 per cental; white, \$1.556
1.65 per cental; black, \$2.7563 per cental.
Call board sales; Wheat-May, \$1.641/2 1.65 per cental.

Rarley-May, \$1.63% per cental bid and

\$1.64% per cental asked. Corn-Large yellow, \$1.70@1.75 per cental. European Grain Markets. LONDON, Dec. 17.—Cargoes, steadler; more disposition to buy. California, phompt ship-ment. 3d higher at 39s; Walla Walla, prompt

chipment, 3d higher at 38s 9d. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 17.-Wheat closed: Dember, nominal; March, 7s 10%d; May, 7s English country markets, steady. French country markets, quiet.

Minneapolfs Wheat Market. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Wheat—May, \$1.11½; July, \$1.11½; No. 1 hard, \$1.10; No. 1 Northern, \$1.08; No. 2 Northern, \$1.05½@ 1.06; No. 3 Northern, \$1.01@1.05.

Wheat at Duluth. DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 17.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.02%; No. 2 Northern, \$1.04%; December, \$1.04%; May, \$1.11%.

Wheat at Tacoma TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 17.—Wheat—One cent higher. Bluestem, 82c; club. 80c; red.

TOO MANY HOPS RAISED

GROWERS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT DEPRESSION. Captain George Pope Believes a State

Association Could Remedy This Trouble. ELLIOTT PRAIRIE. Dec. 15 .- (To the

ELLIOTT PRAIRIE. Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I was very much pleased to read in yesterday's Oregonian the opinions expressed for and against the proposed plan of a Pacific Hopgrowers' Association. It would appear that a majority of Portland people are in favor of some kind of an organization, for it cannot be dealed that the present chaotic state of the hopgrowing industry is so bad that something must be done. I have taken considerable interest in and have purposely kept up an agitation of the question.

Last Spring I wrote our junoir Senator at Washington to see if some aid could not be given in the way of statistics and also to see if we, as growers and shippers, could not obtain a drawback of the duties on hop cloth for all hops exported. My communication with Senator Bourne bore good fruit, the Agricultural Department responded at once and the Senator pointed out a way by

settled, thus giving the hopgrower the same right as the wheat exporter now enjoys for his grain bags, which, by the by, the farmer furnishes free. Now I contend that this is only one item that could be much better looked after by an association of all the hopgrowers than it could be by an in-

The plan advocated by our California friends is a very sweeping one. Yet if it suits them I should say that is their business. Oregon and Washington could draw up their own rules and organize to suit themselves. Yet the principal features of all the State organizations should be alike. all the State organizations should be alike.

Let us look for a moment at the trouble that has brought us to our present pass. From every opinion expressed in your issue of yesterday, as gleaned by your reporter, I note that one and all express the verdict: Too much acreage. If we look at the intest bulletin on hops, we find that both California and Oregon have doubled their acreage in five years.

It stands to reason that this alone is quite sufficient to have brought ruin so close to us, yet this is only part of our trouble. Since

yet this is only part of our trouble. Since the great increase of our acreage, the labor problem has increased a hundredfold. It has become more difficult year by year to barvest the crop and it has, furthermore, become next to impossible to put that crop on the mar-ket in the way it should be. Last July I ad-vocated the plan of only picking haif the crop. Had we then had a Pacific Coast union, this would, in all probability, have taken place, and it would have saved Oregon growers the neat little sum of \$1.800,000, and

besides they would have had a living price for what they had to sell. For reasons like there, I hope all men in Oregon who are interested will come to-gether. I have no special plan to suggest, but have every confidence in the judgment of all my fellow hopgrowers that if we all come together we will be able to evolve a plan that will be acceptable to all, but whatever that plan may be, it must be on the lines of honesty and without special privileges to particu GEORGE POPE.

ORGANIZING THE OREGON GROWERS California Committeemen Will Visit This

State in a Few Days. ALAMEDA, Cal., Dec. 14 .- (To the Editor. —The California end of the Pacific Coast Hopgrowers' Union is practically organized. Enough growers have signed up to assure success. It will be only a matter of time for us to have the co-operation of 90 per cent of the California hopgrowers.

of the California hopgrowers.

Particular attention has been paid to the legal end of the association. Every precaution has been taken to conform to and keep within the provisions of the law. We have had the best legal advice obtainable and growers have been free to propound any queries they liked, so that the matter has been thoroughly discussed. The articles of association have been signed and will be filed soon. The union will then have legal identity.

As soon as all parties can get away, a As soon as all parties can get away, a committee of four, including our legal adviser, will go to Oregon and Washington for the purpose of canvassing all details of the association and by-laws with the hopprowers of those states. Meetings will be called in different sections and committees appointed to discuss matters, nominate directors, etc.

is expected to spend some 10 days in this work.

The board of directors will consist of 15 men,
five to be selected from each state. The directors will be practical business men. It is requested that hopgrowers in all sections will bear these meetings in mind, so that no time need be lost on account of slack attendance. The committee desires to meet and discuss the matters before them with every hop-grower, whether he has five or 500 aures. Hopgrowers having all or part of their hops contracted are particularly requested to be contracted are particularly requested to be on hand, as the union proposes to help them also. The hopprower having only five acres has the same vote as the man having 100 times as many scree. The union is strictly co-operative; it is "one man, one yote." Individual interests are amply safeguarded.

Those growers who are dealers are also expected to co-operate, as their growing interests will largely predominate over any commissions they can make as dealers. At the same time, no legitimate dealer-grower need lose a dollar's commission by reason of his being a member of the union.

The union is not antagonizing dealers. Hop-

The union is not antagonizing dealers. Hop The union is not antagonizing dealers. Hop-growers are merely uniting for protection and to secure living prices for their products, also to gain the advantages which unity of efforts and control give. The unite distength of hopgrowers will give them control of the circumstances which are now combining to ruin the individual and to demoralize the industry. Acting as a unit hopgrowers can have easily convend having rices for hous. very easily command paying prices for hops. The opposition from dealers is shortsighted.

tain hopgrowers are to proceed.

It is the intention to do all business particularly at first—through dealers just present and every dealer acting in good faith with growers will have exactly the same privileges and chances to buy hops from the union as every other grower will have. A do not appeal to the directors can easily be let alone and advised to go elsewhere for

let alone and advised to go elsewhere for his bops. If dealers are not willing to cooperate with growers so we can realize autable prices, or if dealers attempt to injure the union in any way, we may easily arrange to sell direct to the trade.

This is a defensive and offensive alliance between bopgrowers. The union will have an immense power behind it. The combined wealth represented will amount to over \$20,000,000. Every hopgrower will receive protection and backing from the union. All cases of illegal treatment of hopgrowers will be prosecuted at the union's expense. Every man's interest will be protected. All dealers say they would prefer to see hors selling at say they would prefer to see hoor selling a 15 cents than at knockout prices. It would add to the stability of the business and to growers' and dealers' individual prosperity if hops never got below 15 cents per pound. The bylaws provide that the directors shall immediately after harvest export or destroy the surplus. This will absolutely do away with short selling, or if any speculator has

the recklessness to contract ahead at low prices he will most probably end up in the bankruptcy court.

In this connection the Associated Press reports that Congressman Burleson has intro duced a bill to regulate gambling in cotton This bill makes it illegal to deal in con-tracts for the delivery of cotton unless the person selling the contract has made pro-

person selling the contract has made provision for the spots at which to close the deal. President Reosevelt's signature is considered as a matter of course.

This has been accomplished by the power of the Cottongrowers' Union. What is to prevent hopgrowers having such a bill exacted for our benefit? Nothing only the disjuncted state of the industry.

The lagerheer brewers' Board of Trade has raised the price of beer one dollar per barrel, to go into effect in New York and New Jersey the first of the year.

"How does this strike" the hop grower? It would cost the brewer only 22½ cents per barrel to pay us 20 cents per pound for our

barrel to pay us 30 cents per pound for our hope. He can't do it, or at least the dealers may brewers won't pay more, and yet the price of beer is put up at one time more than four times the cost of the hops at 30

ents per pound.

What do we hopgrowers say to that? Are willing to combine or not? If not let us low up our yards.

As soon as the union is organized, the directors will make arrangements to prevent stocks of hops being sacrificed for current prices. Until we are organized we cannot move forward, so that it is necessary for us to move quickly.

to move quickly.

Growers having hops are earnestly requested not to sell at ruling knockout prices.

The union will soon be ready to co-operate with growers to raise prices.

Growers will be notified through the press when they will be able to meet the committee to discuss the organization and bylaws.

THE COMMITTEE THE COMMITTEE

QUOTATIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO. Prices Paid for Produce in the Bay City Markets.

Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The foling prices were quoted in the produce market today:
Vegetables—Cucumbers, \$1\$1.50; garile, 466c; green peas, 255c; atring beans, 5\$100; tomatoes, 50c#\$1.50.

Peultry—Roosters, old, \$4\$4.50; roosters, young, \$5,5046; brollers, small, \$2\$3.50; brollers, large, \$4\$5; fryers, \$5\$0, hens, \$4\$85; ducks, old, \$4\$5; young, \$5\$7.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 374c; creamery

Butter Fancy creamery, 3715c; creamery seconds, 34c; fancy dairy, 25c; dairy sec onds, 2ic.
Fruits—Apples, choice, \$2.00; common, 60c; bananas, \$183.50; Mexican limes, \$3.500

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4.50; California lemons, choice, \$3.50; com-mon, \$1.25; oranges, navels, \$1.25@2.50; pineapples, \$264 Egge-Store, 28630c; fancy ranch, 48c; Eastern, 274;c.
Cheese—New. 13½ @16c; Young America,
14½ @17c; Eastern, 18½c.
Wool-Spring, Humboldt and Mendocino,
24@25c; South Plains and S. J., 6@8c; lambs,

11@1316c. Hops-Old, 2@Sc: new, 681014c. Milistuffs-Bran, \$28@29; middlings, \$31 Hay-Wheat, \$12@17; wheat and oats, \$12@15; alfalfa, \$11@14; stock, \$8@10; straw, per

bale, 45@85c. Dale, 40650c.
Potatoes — Salinas Burbanks, \$1.25\$1.60;
eweets, \$1.25\$1.50; Oregon Burbanks, \$1\$1.25\$
Onloss-\$1.75\$2.10 per cental.
Recolpts-Flour, 5412 quarter macks; wheat,
430 centals; barley, 3360 centals; oats, 65 centals; beans, 783 sacks; corn, 625 centals; pota-toes, 2050 sacks; bran, 540 sacks; middlings, 335 sachs; hay, 70 tons; wool, 100 bales;

Dairy Produce in the East.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—On the Produce Ex-hange today the butter market was firm. reamerics, 2562845c; dairies, 25c. Eggs-Firm at mark, cares included, 248 25c; firsts, 23c; prime firsts, 25c; extras, 27c. Cheese—Steady, 11@12c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 .- Butter, firm. Imiation creameries, firsts, 20221c. Cheese-Steady and unchanged.

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