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and get the price of cash wheat continues at such a high premium over the options that the evidence of manipulation is untraceable. In previous attempts to corner the market, the speculating syndicate brought out the wheat. This season, as the price advances, the stocks of wheat dwindle.

WEDNESDAY'S "ASSEMBLY."
An effort is being made to get an "advisory assembly" on Wednesday, in the name of the Republican party, to adopt a platform and resolutions, and to recommend the favorable consideration of the Republican members of the City of Portland the name of the best qualified and suitable Republican for each elective office to be voted for at the primary nominating election to be held on the eighth day of May.

INCOME TAX IS PROBABLE.
It is reported at Washington that President Taft has in view a plan for taxation of incomes, as a means of bringing money into the treasury. So much objection is made to taxation of inheritances, by the General Government, and so general is the insistence that this source of revenue be left to the states, that thought is turning to taxation of incomes; and under direction of the President the Attorney-General is preparing an income tax bill.

THE MEN WHO OWN THE GROUND.
The men who own the ground in Portland are here to stay. They differ in this particular from the people who own the ground in a city, who are here to stay, who own the ground as a tenant, can, if he desires, make a change of hands. He can, if his inclination or his interests move him to do so, get up and move away.

WHERE BILLIONS ARE NEEDED.
When James J. Hill two years ago made the astonishing statement that the railroad of the country would require \$1,000,000,000 more for every year for the next five years, it was regarded as one of those fanciful flights like his estimate of the biscuiting ability of the Orientals.

An irreverent grain broker in a weekly trade letter says that "Providence and Patten are doing excellent team work in the wheat market, with Providence pitching and Patten catching." One of the results of Mr. Patten's catching was a \$250,000 failure in Chicago Saturday.

alone in this matter, the greatest danger for this city, in case we shall be barred from entering Central Oregon by a water-level route, lies in the strong probability that the traffic will be drained out to California by routes that are much more economical than any except the Deschutes route.

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