LANE'S PERTINACITY GETS STEEL INQUIRY

Oregon Senator's Hot Words Arouse Colleagues but Probe Is "Directed."

"REQUEST" THEN ALLOWED

Finding Committee Room Locked, Western Member Gets in Bad Humor and Has His "Say." Congressional Record Tells.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Senator Lane's pertinacity in demanding publicity of proceedings of committees and in "going after" the steel trust in his characteristic manner made him the center of a scene on January 30, in which several Senators were wrought up over what seemed to be reflections on their integrity. Hot words were spoken by the Oregon Senator, generating equal heat on all sides of him, and it seemed for a time as though Senator Lane might be disciplined.

The hubbub all arose about a charge that the steel trust had received rebates from railroads. The charge was made to Dr. Lane by William H. Green, of Creighton, Neb., and the doctor, after satisfying himself of Mr. Green's standing by inquiry of Secretary Bryan and Senators Hitchcock and Norris, moved a resolution that the Interstate Commerce Commission be directed to inquire into the charge. Against his protest the resolution was referred to the committee on interstate commerce, which proceeded to hold an inquiry. On the first day of proceedings were informal and no stenographer reported them. The Assistant Attorney-General and Chairman Clark, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, testified on that day that David Lamar, the so-called "Wolf of Wall street," had asked the Commission to investigate the charge and had offered evidence on the condition that the Commission allow him to designate the attorney who should conduct the investigation. Because of this condition, the Commission rejected his proposal.

Lane Finds Door Locked.

While Mr. Clark was present, Senator Lane was summoned. He found the main door of the three committee rooms locked, and that irritated him. After some exploration he secured admission through another door to a small room through which he passed to the committee room, he told the Senate:

"There sat the distinguished gentlemen of the committee behind locked doors." He continued:

My experience put me out of humor. I wasscerry that I had gone to the committee at all. I would have kicked in that double door if I had been sure that I would have arrived at the right room after doing so and have taken the chances of getting licked for it.

Having reached the committee-room, Senator Lane was requested to summon Mr. Green to testify. Mr. Green asked for ten minutes in which to decide whether to appear. He appeared, explaining that he had felt obliged to consider Mr. Lamar before making a statement, as he was "acting under the advice of a board of strategy."

Authority to "Direct" Denied.

The committee reported amendments making the resolution read that the charges be "referred to the Attorney-General and to the Interstate Commerce Commission for investigation and for such action as shall be deemed advisable by them, or either of them, in the public interest," while Dr. Lane's resolution had "directed" the Commission to investigate and ascertain whether the evidence justified prosecution of the steel trust. The committee held that the Commission's duties being defined by law the Senate had no authority to direct it to do anything and that the Commission and the Attorney-General could be relied upon to prosecute if the evidence warranted.

Senator Lane insisted on his original resolution. The whole committee stood by Mr. Newlands and the Oregon Senator replied to all of them in a speech bristling with invective. He accused the committee of having taken no interest in the main question of whether the steel trust received rebates.

"Doctored" Report Charged.

The doctor went on to denounce the wolfing of the New Haven Railroad by "the late lamented J. P. Morgan."

He then raised a storm by saying:

Now, then, I am going to say one more unpleasant thing, and then stop. Here is your report that you have put in and have been quoting—your report of your proceedings, doctored—a doctored report, played up as to some facts and others minimized; some interrogatories kept out of it entirely. What, the 'Wolf of Wall Street'! Yes. If you are going to put in a report to the Senate, put it in full and complete. I challenge it; I challenge it—

Bristow Takes Up Cause.

Senator Bristow then took up his cause, saying that, whether Lamar was a scoundrel or not, that should not be a bar to investigating any information he had and that he could be compelled to furnish it.

The discussion ended eventually but it was renewed February 2, when the committee's amendment to the Lane resolution was adopted by a vote of 35 to 25. Senator Norris then moved a substitute to the amended rsolution, by which the Interstate Commerce Commission was "directed," as by the Lane resolution, to investigate and was "directed" to report to the Senate, but he agreed to substitute "request" for "direct" and his motion was adopted by 33 to 27.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. D. Bush, of Boise, is at the Oregon.

C. H. Daniels, of Seattle, is at the Benson.

C. K. Spaulding, of Salem, is at the Imperial.

G. H. Plummer, of Tacoma, is at the Multnomah.

C. M. Shinn, of Cottage Grove, is at the Benson.

Mrs. Mary Evans, of Salem, is at the Washington.

T. L. Danley, of Kansas City, is at the Imperial.

Miss Emma Travis, of Eugene, is at the Nortonia.

A. M. Bolter, a hopgrower of Salem, is at the Imperial.

Vere Radir-Norton, of Los Angeles, is at the Multnomah.

S. A. Rossier, of Beckleton, Wash., is at the Washington.

George B. Conway is registered at the Oregon from Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen, of Oregon City, are at the Nortonia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carroll, of Seattle, are at the Multnomah.

O. A. Williams, of Indianapolis, is registered at the Nortonia.

Fred W. Wilson is registered at the Cornelius from The Dalles.

W. L. Reid is registered at the Multnomah from Holyoke, Mass.

T. W. Lusk, of Silverton, one of the largest timber dealers in Oregon, is registered at the Perkins.

Mrs. G. S. Folsom, of San Francisco, is registered at the Nortonia.

Chandler Sloan, of Tacoma, registered at the Oregon yesterday.

F. T. Hendrix, a merchant of Albany, is registered at the Cornelius.

Charles S. Blecha, of Vancouver, B. C., is registetred at the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sealy Blachley, of Pomeroy, Wash., are at the Oregon.

D. H. Hanley registered at the Multnomah yesterday from Bayne, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rehm are registered at the Nortonia from New York.

B. A. Parish registered at the Oregon yesterday from Castle Rock, Wash.

E. E. Maxham, of Tacoma, with Mrs. Maxham, is registered at the Cornelius.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Orchard are registered at the Washington from Ashland, Or.

J. W. Shortridge, of Wheeler, Or., and F. W. Shortridge, of Milton, Or., are at the Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hoover, of Kokomo., Ind., are at the Washington, as is also G. A. Hoover, of Banks, Or.

F. W. McCaffray, a merchant of Redmond, Or., who is here for the Irrigation Congress, is registered at the Perkins.

R. N. Stanfield, of Stanfield, who was a member of the House of Representatives of the last Legislature, is at the Imperial.

Among the Seattle people at the Carlton are: James Breck, Thomas Rafter, J. S. Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. William Lawson.

John H. Lewis, State Engineer, and James T. Chinnock, of the state water department, are registered at the Imperial from Salem.

Vernon A. Forbes, Representative from Crook, Grant, Klamath and Lake counties in the last Legislature, is registered at the Benson from Bend.

A. L. French, E. H. Lara and E. A. Sather are among those from Bend who are here for the Irrigation Congress and who are registered at the Benson.

Hugh O'Kane, a hotel owner of Bend, is registered at the Perkins. Mr. O'Kane reports that 22 new brick buildings have been completed in Bend the past year and that prospects were never better.

WASTE REMEDY FOUND

PROPER TRAINING OF CHILDREN IS CLEW, SAYS FEDERAL AGENT.

O. H. Benson, of Department of Agriculture, on Tour Encouraging Back-yard Gardens in Oregon.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Declaring that the proper training of children would eliminate much of the waste in products grown on farms and in gardens, O. H. Benson, specialist in charge of the agricultural home economic work as promoted by the United States Department of Agriculture, arrived in Salem yesterday to confer with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill. He said if investigation indicated its practicability, the Federal Government would in this state, as it is doing in several other states, co-operate with local authorities in the industrial club work of boys and girls.

Through the efforts of Mr. Churchill and his assistants Oregon probably has the best system of boys' and girls' industrial clubs in the schools in the country, and it is probable that Mr. Benson will make some suggestion for Federal and state co-operation at once.

"The Federal Government help in several states," said Mr. Benson, "consists in it paying half the salaries and expenses of the field workers. We are co-operating in 21 states, and I am on the Coast now with a view of giving such aid to Oregon, Washington and California. It is our plan to have the boys and girls do backyard farming, and do it profitably. We show them how to make it pay, and the experience will be of valuable assistance in maturity.

Our biggest work perhaps is to impress upon the children how to eliminate waste. The best known factory methods are taught for adoption at home so that the waste in canning is reduced to a minimum."

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Maximum temperature, 52 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 5.1 feet; change in last 24 hours, .2 foot rise. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), .23 inch; total rainfall since September 1, 1913, 27.69 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 28.40 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1913, .71 inch. Total sunshine, none; possible sunshine, 10 hours 13 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), 5 P. M., 30.15 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of weather.
Baker	34	0.00	4	E	Snow
Boise	42	0.01	4	N	Cloudy
Boston	8	0.00	18	NW	Clear
Calgary	18	0.00	4	SE	Pt. cloudy
Chicago	12	0.06	12	NE	Cloudy
Denver	38	0.00	4	S	Clear
Des Moines	12	0.38	10	E	Snow
Duluth	-2	0.00	10	NE	Pt. cloudy
Eureka	52	0.04	4	NW	Cloudy
Galveston	62	1.68	12	S	Cloudy
Helena	42	0.00	4	SW	Cloudy
Jacksonville	68	0.00	4	NE	Clear
Kansas City	18	0.24	24	NE	Snow
Los Angeles	74	0.00	6	W	Clear
Marshfield	52	0.12	4	SW	Rain
Medford	50	0.00	..	..	Cloudy
Montreal	-14	0.00	22	W	Clear
New Orleans	70	0.84	14	SE	Rain
New York	10	0.00	38	NW	Clear
North Head	46	0.50	10	S	Cloudy
North Yakima	36	0.00	4	SW	Cloudy
Phoenix	74	0.00	4	SW	Clear
Pocatello	38	0.01	4	SE	Cloudy
Portland	52	0.23	6	W	Rain
Roseburg	54	0.03	4	SW	Cloudy
Sacramento	62	0.00	8	SE	Clear
St. Louis	22	0.08	20	E	Snow
St. Paul	6	0.00	10	E	Clear
Salt Lake	44	0.00	4	SW	Pt. cloudy
San Francisco	58	0.00	8	W	Clear
Seattle	32	0.10	10	SW	Pt. cloudy
Spokane	40	0.00	4	S	Rain
Tacoma	54	0.10	8	SW	Pt. cloudy
Tatoosh Island	48	0.28	10	SE	Clear
Walla Walla	34	0.00	4	S	Rain
Washington	20	0.00	8	N	Pt. cloudy
Winnipeg	-4	0.00	20	SE	Cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Eastern high-pressure area is central this evening over Lake Huron and the barometer continues relatively low over Western Washington and a disturbance of slight energy overlies the lower Mississippi Valley. Light rain has fallen in Western Oregon, Washington and extreme Northern California, and snow has occurred in Eastern Oregon, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Moderately heavy rains have fallen in the lower Mississippi Valley and along the west Gulf coast. Low temperatures continue in the Northern states east of the Mississippi River and it is much colder in Oklahoma, Kansas, Eastern New Mexico and Northern Texas.

The conditions are favorable for occasional rain Friday in Western Oregon and Western Washington and for generally fair weather east of the Cascade Mountains.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; southerly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Occasional rain west, generally fair east portion; southerly winds.

Idaho—Probably fair.

Governor and Colonel Lawson Sued.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Papers were served on Governor West and Colonel Lawson by Sheriff Ech today in the damage suits instituted against them by H. Stewart, Anton Warner and William Wiegand, ex-saloonkeepers of Copperfield, who allege that the Governor and Colonel Lawson confiscated ttheir stocks of liquor when martial law was declared in Copperfield. The aggregate amount of damages asked is $8000.

WOOL BUYERS READY

Contracting About to Begin in Eastern Oregon.

FIRST BIDS ARE MADE

One Operator Offers Better Price Than Last Year—Mutton Sheep Shearing in Coast Markets Nets Lower Rates.

Wool contracting operations are starting in this state. A buyer in Wallowa County has approached growers on the subject and made bids, but no business has been put through. It is also reported from Morrow County that efforts have been made to secure wool on contract at better prices than last year's. It is likely that in the next week considerable business in this line will be put through.

According to latest reports from Utah and Nevada, the buying wave has slowed down somewhat, the advance in prices having served to check operations more or less. Wool authorities estimate that a total of 10,000,000 pounds in Utah and Nevada is under contract, of which 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 pounds is in the former state. Utah, as a rule, contracts 50 to 60 per cent of its clip before shearing. There has also been some contracting in Wyoming and Idaho, but not to any great extent. About 16 cents is reported as the top on average Nevada and 14 cents on Utahs.

Shearing of mutton sheep is under way at the yards here and in Seattle. A little of this early shorn wool has been sold around 15 to 17 cents. These prices compare with 17 to 19 cents paid last year. Shearing in the early Yakima sections will begin soon after March 1.

Stockmen have had the advantage of an open Winter, and have not fed as much as usual. About 25 per cent of the sheep have been fed on hay and the remainder ran on the range. The stock come off the Fall range in fine condition, and sheepmen say they will have good grass to lamb on.

The prospects are that the Oregon clip will be somewhat smaller than last year's, owing to so many lambs, yearlings and old ewes having been sold for mutton or shipped out of the state. The Washington clip, however, it is believed will be a little larger than last year's. If weather conditions in March and April are favorable, that is, if it is not dry and dusty, there will undoubtedly be a good clip of wool in this part of the country.

Wool Contracting at Heppner.

HEPPNER, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—R. S. Bicknell is in this county endeavoring to contract wool at an advance of 2 cents a pound over last year's prices. Mr. Bicknell is an owner of large holdings in Idaho of sheep and range. Contracts have been reported but the exact figures were not given. One other buyer is also present trying to contract both sheep and wool at an advance over last season's price.

BAD BREAK IN LOCAL EGG MARKET

Cutting of Prices by Dealers Carries Quotations Below 30 Cents.

The local egg market experienced a bad slump yesterday, the abrupt fall in prices equaling that in the San Francisco market early in the week. Receipts of Oregons were no larger than on the preceding day, but a quantity of California eggs were unloaded from the steamer, and it is known that a car of Eastern eggs is near at hand. Local holders, therefore, thought it best to unload as fast as possible, and prices cut no figure. At the opening of the day, 33 and 34 cents were quoted, but it was not long before eggs were offering at 32, then at 31 and finally sales were made at 30 cents. Before the close of business, it is probable that eggs could have been bought as low as 28 or 29 cents, in fact, one or two dealers offered eggs at these prices.

The poultry market was fairly well supplied and the undertone was easy. Chickens generally sold at 16 cents.

Dressed meats were firm. Pork was in light supply and sold at 11 cents.

The butter and cheese markets were unchanged.

STRONG DEMAND FOR HOPS AT PRICE

About Seven Hundred Bales of Oregons Change Hands.

There is no doubt of the growing demand for hops at the prices now established, as transfers of nearly 700 bales came to light yesterday. The activity is chiefly in the lower grades, which can be had at prices that look attractive to buyers. Holders of prime and prime to choice hops are not rushing them on the market.

The largest transaction reported yesterday was the purchase by Lachmund & Co. of the Fletcher crop of 200 bales at Independence at 17½ cents. T. A. Livesley & Co. bought 97 bales from Gottlieb Meyer, of Macleay, at 18 cents, and the Denny lot of 80 bales at Salem at 17 cents. The Ambler crop of 104 bales, at Mount Angel, has been bought by Morley, of Silverton, at 19 cents. Klaber Wolf & Netter paid 19 cents to Lee Maginn, of Wilsonville, for 112 bales.

The contract market was quiet. Fifteen cents was offered for one year.

ORANGE MARKET IS HEAVILY STOCKED

Local Vegetable Supply Further Increased. Potato Trade Dull.

Large receipts of oranges recently have made the local market top heavy, but the fruit is going into consumption at an active rate. Apples are selling fairly well. A car of Florida grape fruit arrived and another car is due today. Fancy stock is bringing $6.

Vegetable receipts included two cars of celery, one of lettuce and one of sweet potatoes. Celery was quoted easier at $3.50 and head lettuce at $2@2.25.

Among the steamer vegetables put on sale were sprouts at 13 cents, radishes at 35 cents, chickory at 40 cents, parsley at 25 cents and bell peppers at 12½ cents.

The potato market is very dull with far more stock offering than can be disposed of. Some California advices report conditions weaker there, and others say supplies are cleaning up. Potatoes from Mexico are being distributed in Texas.

WHEAT BUYERS AND SELLERS APART

With Demand Small, Dealers Decline to Come Up to Farmers' Prices.

The wheat market was an uninteresting affair. The demand was small and dealers were, therefore, not disposed to accede to the terms of farmers, most of whom are as high in their prices as ever. A little club was bought at 87 cents and a small quantity of bluestem at 97 cents, but sellers' asking prices in most instances were several cents above these figures.

No new export flour business is coming forward, and it is uncertain when trade can be opened up with the Orient unless freights are reduced.

Local receipts, in carg, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

	Wheat.	Barley.	Flour.	Oats.	Hay.
Monday	27	6	18	7	15
Tuesday	46	4	10	1	6
Wednesday	26	4	9	3	11
Thursday	28	3	8	1	13
Year ago	24	....	9	1	....
Season to date	13048	1908	1826	1323	1960
Year ago	13185	1737	1440	1198	1390

Sale of Mount Angel Hops.

SILVERTON, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—F. M. Morley & Co., of Silverton, have purchased the T. L. Ambler hop crop at Mount Angel, consisting of 104 bales, for which they paid 19c per pound. These hops are of top notch quality and the buyers are glad to get hold of them. Several sales have been reported in different parts of the valley recently, but none brought so good a price as paid by the local dealers.

Sugar 10 Cents Lower.

There was a 10-cent reduction in all grades of refined sugar yesterday. It was purely a coast refiners' decline and had no bearing on Eastern market conditions. Fruit and berry are now quoted at $4.80 locally.

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

WHEAT — Track prices: Club, 87@88c; bluestem, 97@98c; forty-fold, 89c; red Russian, 87c; valley, 89c.

OATS—No. 1 white, milling, $24@24.50 per ton.

CORN—Whole, $35; cracked, $36 per ton.

BARLEY—Feed, $22.50@23 per ton; brewing, $24; rolled, $25.

FLOUR — Patents, $4.60 per barrel; straights, $4; exports, $3.65@3.80; valley, $4.60; graham, $4.60; whole wheat, $4.80.

HAY—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, $16.50; mixed timothy, $14.00; alfalfa, $14; clover, $9@10; valley, grain hay, $12@13.50.

MILLFEED—Bran, $21.50 per ton; shorts, $23.50; middlings, $29@30.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Local jobbing quotations:

TROPICAL FRUITS — Oranges, navels, $1.75@2.25 per box; lemons, $3.50@4.50 per box; pineapples, 6c per pound; bananas, 4½c per pound; tangerines, $1.75 per box; grapefruit, California, $3.50; Florida, $5@6 per box.

VEGETABLE — Cauliflower, $2.25 per crate; cucumbers, $1.50@1.75 per dozen; eggplant, 10@15c per pound; peppers, 12½c per pound; radishes, 35c per dozen; head lettuce, $2@2.25 per crate; garlic, 12½c per pound; sprouts, 11c per pound; artichokes, $2 per dozen; squash, 1½@2½c; celery, $3.50 per crate; tomatoes, California, $2.25; Cuban, $4 per crate; hothouse lettuce, 50@75c per box; spinach, 75@80c per crate; horseradish, 8@10c; rhubarb, 12½@15c per pound; cabbage, 2½c per pound.

GREEN FRUIT—Apples, 75c@$2.25 per box; grapes, Malagas, $7.50@9 per keg; Emperors, $4 per keg; cranberries, $12@12.50 per barrel; pears, $1@1.50.

ONIONS—Oregon, $3.50 per sack; buying price, $3 per sack at shipping points.

POTATOES—Oregon, 80c@$1.00 per hundred; buying price, 60@90c at shipping points; sweet potatoes, $2.25@2.50 per crate.

SACK VEGETABLES—Turnips, $1; carrots, $1; parsnips, $1; beets, $1.

Dairy and Country Produce.

Local jobbing quotations:

EGGS—Oregon fresh ranch, 29@31c per dozen.

POULTRY—Hens, 16c; Springs, 16c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 14@15c; geese, 12½@13c.

CHEESE—Oregon triplets, 21c; Daisies, nominal; Young Americas, nominal.

BUTTER—Creamery prints, extras, 35c per pound; cubes, 32c.

PORK—Fancy, 11c per pound.

VEAL—Fancy, 14@14½c per pound.

Staple Groceries.

Local jobbing quotations:

SALMON — Columbia River, one-pound talls, $2.25 per dozen; half-pound flats, $1.40; one-pound flats, $2.45; Alaska, pink, one-pound talls, 85c; silversides, one-pound talls, $1.25.

HONEY—Choice, $3.40@3.50 per case.

NUTS — Walnuts, 14@20c per pound; Brazil nuts, 20c; filberts, 14@15c; almonds, 19@23c; peanuts, 5½@6c; cocoanuts, $1 per dozen; chestnuts, 8½@10c per pound; pecans, 14@15c.

BEANS—Small white, 8c; large white, 4.90c; Lima, 9.30c; pink, 4½c; Mexican, 5½c; bayou, 5¾c.

SUGAR—Fruit and berry, $4.80; Honolulu plantation, $4.75; beet, $4.60; extra C, $4.50; powdered, barrels, $5.05.

COFFEE—Roasted, in drums, 16@52c per pound.

SALT—Granulated, $14.00 per ton; half-ground, 100s, $10.25 per ton; 50s, $11 per ton; dairy, $12.50 per ton.

RICE—No. 1 Japan, 5@5½c; cheaper grades, 4½c; Southern head, 5¾@6¾c.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, 10c per pound; apricots, 12@14c; peaches, 8@11c; prunes, Italians, 8@10c; currants, 9½c; raisins, loose, Muscatel, 6¼@7½c; bleached Thompson, 11¾c; unbleached Sultanas, 5½c; seeded, 9c; dates, Persian, 7@7½c per pound; fard, $1.40 per box.

FIGS—Package, 6 oz., 50 to box, $1.85; package, 10 oz., 12 to box, 80c; white, 25-lb. box, $1.75; black, 25-lb. box, $1.75; black, 50-lb. box, $2.50; black, 10-lb. box, $1.15; Calarab candy figs, 20-lb. box, $3; Smyrna, per box $1.50.

Provisions.

HAMS—10 to 12-pound, 18½@19½c; 12 to 14-pound, 18½@19½c; 14 to 18-pound, 18@19c; skinned, 18½c; picnic, 16c; boiled, 22c.

BACON—Fancy, 26@27c; standard, 21@24c.

DRY SALT CURED—Bacon, 18½@20c; short clear backs, 14@16c; exports, 15@16½c; strips, 16@17½c.

LARD—Tierce basis: Pure, 12¼@13¼c; compound, 10½c.

Oils.

COAL OIL—Barrels, 13½c; cases, 17½@20½c.

GASOLINE—Bulk, 16c; cases, 23c; motor spirit, bulk, 16c; cases, 23c.

LINSEED OIL—Raw, barrels, 61; boiled, barrels, 63c; raw, cases, 66c; boiled, cases, 68c.

TURPENTINE—In case, 63c per gallon; tanks, 61c.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—1913 crop, prime and choice, 18@19c; 1914 contracts, 15c.

PELTS—Dry, 10c; dry short wool, 7c; dry shearings, 10c; green shearings, 10c; salted lights, 60@70c; salted heavy, 75@90c.

HIDES—Salted hides, 12½c per pound; salt kip, 13c; salted calf, 19c; green hides, 11½c; dry hides, 23c; dry calf, 25c; salted bulls, 8c per pound; green bulls, 7c.

WOOL—Valley, 14@15c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c.

MOHAIR—1913 clip, 28c per pound.

CASCARA BARK—Old and new, 5c per pound.

CAVES TO BE EXPLOITED

MOVE STARTS TO OPEN "MARBLE HALLS" OF OREGON.

Grants Pass Leaders Begin Campaign to Have Government Take Prompt Action as to Withdrawals.

ASHLAND, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Through the enterprise and enthusiasm of Joseph Moss, Wilford Allen, of the Daily Courier, and members of the Commercial Club of Grants Pass, a movement is under way to open the Marble Halls of Oregon for tourist and local gratification. Joaquin Miller renamed Josephine Caves the Marble Halls on a visit preceding his death.

The Commercial Club has appointed a committee, of which Mr. Moss is chairman, and a letter will soon be addressed to all the commercial clubs of the state asking their co-operation in securing Government action on the proposed withdrawal as a forest reserve. In the meantime the Grants Pass commercial organization is asking that members of Congress and particularly the Oregon delegation be deluged with letters urging prompt action.

It is pointed out that the portion of Josephine County in close proximity to the caves furnishes one of the finest hunting and fishing grounds in the West, that a great mining district lies between the Marble Halls and the coast and that when tourist travel shall have been developed it may be possible to interest some of the travelers in an investigation of the gigantic copper belt.

SEALER WANTS REPORTS

State Officer Requests Monthly Records From Counties.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.— (Special.) — Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures Buchtel has written to the County Courts impressing upon them the necessity of county sealers making monthly reports to the courts and the state department. The letter says in part:

"I feel that by sending in these reports it will place the state office in closer touch with the various county officers, and by a comparison of these reports it will enable this office to advise with the sealers, call attention to the different conditions that arise and make suggestions that will place this law on a more efficient basis, thereby securing to the people greater benefit and more satisfactory results to all concerned."

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Best Hogs Remain Steady at $8.55. Buyers Pay $6.75 for Choice Lambs.

The livestock market held steady yesterday with a small run and trade quiet.

The top hog level for the time being has been established at $8.55. Two cars were sold at that figure yesterday, and a load of light hogs brought $7.85.

Several bunches of lambs were disposed of at $6.75, indicating continued strength in this division.

Receipts were 155 cattle and 447 hogs.

Shippers were: J. F. Blanchard, Redmond, 1 car cattle; George Slayton, Redmond, 3 cars cattle; F. Neil, Ashland, 1 car cattle; G. W. Dunn, Ashland, 1 car cattle; Will Block, Amity, 1 car hogs; same, McMinnville, 1 car hogs; F. B. Decker, Gervais, 1 car hogs; F. L. Kelly, Roosevelt, 2 cars hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
74 lambs	75	$6.75	16 hogs	200	$8.55
75 lambs	76	6.75	60 hogs	156	8.55
90 hogs	112	7.85	47 lambs	92	6.75
17 hogs	170	8.55	156 lambs	95	6.75

Current local quotations on the various classes of livestock follow:

Prime steers	$7.25@$8.00
Choice steers	7.00@ 7.25
Medium steers	6.75@ 7.00
Choice cows	6.25@ 6.85
Medium cows	6.00@ 6.25
Heifers	6.00@ 6.75
Light calves	8.00@ 9.00
Heavy calves	6.00@ 7.75
Bulls	4.00@ 5.75
Stags	6.00@ 7.00
Hogs—	
Light	7.50@ 8.55
Heavy	6.50@ 7.55
Sheep—	
Wethers	5.00@ 6.00
Ewes	2.50@ 4.75
Lambs	5.00@ 6.75

Omaha Livestock Market.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 12.—Hogs—Receipts 14,300, market lower. Heavy, $8.35@8.50; light, $8.00@8.40; pigs, $7.00@8.00; bulk of sales, $8.25@8.45.

Cattle—Receipts 2000, market steady. Native steers, $7.00@8.75; cows and heifers, $6.00@8.00; Western steers, $6.25@8.60; Texas steers, $5.85@7.30; cows and heifers, $5.75@7.00; calves, $7.25@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts 13,000, market strong. Yearlings, $5.85@6.50; wethers, $5.25@5.80; lambs, $7.00@7.60.

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Cattle—Receipts 6000, market steady to a shade lower. Beeves, $7.00@9.55; Texas steers, $6.80@8.00; Western steers, $6.60@7.85; stockers and feeders, $5.50@8.00; cows and heifers, $3.50@8.00; calves, $7.50@10.25.

Hogs—Receipts 30,000, market slow, 5c to 10c under yesterday's average. Light, $8.55@8.70; mixed, $8.55@8.75; heavy, $8.40@8.77½; rough, $8.40@8.55; pigs, $7.75@8.60; bulk of sales, $8.60@8.75.

Sheep—Receipts 22,000, market 10c lower. Western, $4.70@5.90; yearlings, $5.65@6.90; lambs, native, $6.75@7.70; Western, $6.80@7.80.

Eastern Exchanges Closed.

The Eastern financial, grain and other exchanges were closed yesterday, in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

London Financial Market.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Bar silver, steady, 22¾d per ounce; money, ¾@1 per cent; rate of discount on short bills, 1 13-16@1¾ per cent; do, three months' bills, 1¾ per cent.

Wheat at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 12.—Wheat—Spot firm. Futures easy. March, 7s 2¾d; May, 7s 2½d.

Rogue River Watches Congress.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Rogue River Valley fruitgrowers are much interested in the situation at Washington, where Congress is about to adopt the standard barrel for apples as well as the standard box for the Western States. It is the standard boxes that appeal to the associations of the Northwest.

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