

Local Market Put on Parity With Interior Prices.

1 TO 2-CENT ADVANCES

Demand for Grain at Coast Points Revives and Higher Scale of Offers is Necessary to Meet Eastern Competition.

The local wheat market was strong and active yesterday, but throughout the season...

There has been a substantial improvement in the rail situation so far as the coast is concerned.

Terminal receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Weekly wheat statistics of the Merchants Exchange show the following changes in the American wheat crop:

Quantity on passage compared as follows:

Weekly shipments of wheat from the coast were:

CALIFORNIA HOPE SELL AT 10 CENTS More Than One Thousand Bales Are Sold in the Week.

The hop market has weakened in California, but continues very quiet in the West.

ORANGE TRADE OF LARGE VOLUME Current Prices May Hold for Remainder of Winter.

Receipts of Eggs Are Increasing Sharp Fall in Prices Over Holiday—Dressed Hens Rise.

Bank Clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Table with columns for various commodities like Flour, Corn, and other grains, listing prices and quantities.

TOP-GRADE STOCK BRINGS \$6.25 AT NORTH PORTLAND.

Only 28 Cars Are Unloaded at Yards—Firm Prices Prevail in Cattle and Sheep Division.

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BOXCAR FIGHT VICIOUS

SLEEPING MAN ATTACKED WITH CLUB IN VICTIM'S STORY.

Tribe Beat Way From La Grande on Freight Train—Assault in Held and Baker Police Called.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—As the result of a three-sided battle in a speeding boxcar a few miles west of here this morning, C. O. Keaster, with face and head a mass of cuts and bruises, is being cared for by friends.

Keaster asserts that he was awakened from his sleep at 3 o'clock by the bang of a revolver and barely turned his face away from the light when a heavy blow, presumably from a "billy" afterwards found on Meade, landed on his right ear, almost stunning him.

A rain of heavy blows followed, and the pain, partially restoring to consciousness, Keaster staggered to his feet and grappled with his assailant.

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REWARD JUDGMENT WON

Payment of \$100 by Detective Agency for Capture Ordered.

Payment of a reward of \$100 by the Pinkerton Detective Agency to Charles McDougall revolved upon the question of whether H. E. Richards, alias Charles E. Rigdon, was a professional criminal or a District Judge Bell, who had had the case under advisement since the recent trial in his court decided yesterday that McDougall was entitled to the reward, and authorized a judgment in his behalf against the William and William Pinkerton Detective Agency.

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STEEL STOCK ADVANCES ON VERY LARGE BUYING.

ENTIRE MARKET BUOYANT

Highly Favorable Earnings Statements Stimulate Railway Shares.

Coppers Aided by Another Advance in Refined Metal.

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ASK 'LETTER-WRITING' AID

Chamber Invites Co-operation in Arousing Public Interest.

Letters from the Chamber of Commerce were mailed yesterday to every newspaper in the city urging assistance in the campaign to promote public interest in "letter-writing week" which has been set for January 17-22.

In that week every citizen of Oregon will be urged to write and mail to friends in the East at least ten letters descriptive of the scenic attractions and other things of interest to tourists, and urging friends who are planning trips to the West to include Oregon in their itinerary.

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