OCEAN ROUTE URGED AS PACIFIC OUTLET

Growers of Coast Bitterly Attack Eastern Lines.

BAD FAITH IS CHARGED

California Transporation Conference Attended by Many Delegates From Northwest.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Analysis of the transportation difficulties which have faced the fruit and vegetable growers of California and the Pacific coast this year and in the past, and suggestions for bringing about improvement of conditions, featured the opening day of the 55th annual convention of the fruit growers and farmers of California.

The convention is being attended by delegates from Montana, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arizona and other western states.

Establishment of a transportation committee to look after car troubles and placing of a branch of the car service division of the American Railway association at some point on the coast, were among the suggestions.

Eastern Roads Attacked.

Bitter attacks on the eastern railroads because of their alleged partiality and promises not carried out, together with charges that the terminals are in a demoralized condition, were made by several speakers, several of whom advocated the use of the Panama canal, declaring time and money would be saved the growers through the use of water routes in shipping California and coast products to the east.

Discrimination during times of emergency also was charged to the eastern roads. Few charges were made against the principal western roads serving California.

Car Shortage Discussed.

Questions regarding the possibility of a recurrence of the car shortage of 1922 were answered by railroad representatives, who said that a similar combination of disconcerting circumstances was highly improbable, not only next year, but in following seasons. Strikes of coal miners and railroad shopmen, combined with bumper crops throughout the United States, were responsible, transportation experts declared.

Despite these difficulties, western roads operated to greater advantage to shippers than ever before, according to distribution managers. From western points shipments were handled with remarkable speed, it was stated, until reaching larger eastern centers, where the congestion was so great as to tie up cars for weeks before they could be moved.

Plea Made for Northwest.

A plea for the northwest was entered by Frank R. Spinning, superintendent of transportation utilities of Olympia, Wash. Millions of acres of the richest ground in the country were waiting to be reclaimed in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, he said, but no effort toward reclamation was being made because the spirit of the people had been broken by transportation troubles.

"What use is it for us to sow and reap when we are unable to move our crops after harvesting them?" Mr. Spinning asked. "Thousands of boxes of apples are rotting on the trees at the present time because we lack the cars to ship them."

Others Voice Sentiments.

Mr. Spinning's words were reiterated by Miles Cannon, commissioner of agriculture of Idaho; G. E. Erb, president of the public utilities commission of Idaho; E. M. Burns of the Northwestern Growers' association, A. S. Stone, general manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' association, and others.

ARSON CHARGE IS FACED

William and Mary Barry Held for Grand Jury Action.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Charged with arson with intent to defraud the Philadelphia Insurance company, William and Mary Barry of Jennings Lodge today were awaiting action of the circuit court grand jury. They were arrested on a complaint filed by H. H. Pomeroy, chief deputy fire marshal, and Deputy Lewis in connection with the blaze which on July 26 destroyed their home at Jennings Lodge and the Ingalls residence adjoining.

Mrs. Barry was released upon her own recognizance and her son upon $500 bail, furnished by C. D. Atchley and Wiley Trout. Both have waived a preliminary hearing in the justice court.

Barry, at the time of the fire, was undergoing treatment in the Oregon City hospital. All of the personal effects of the family, as well as their residence, were lost.

FINE POULTRY ORDERED

Check for $675 Sent for Pen of Clackamas Birds.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Eastern poultry fanciers, appreciating the fact that some of the highest class birds of the United States are being produced in Oregon, are now turning their attention to securing some of the best from Clackamas county.

R. E. Butler of the Butler Poultry farms of Jennings Lodge, and a member of the Portland police department, has just received an order for a pen of his birds. The order came by telegraph December 6 by the Smith Standard Incubator company of Cleveland, Ohio. This is considered one of the largest cash orders from the western states.

The telegram asked for two cockerels at $100 each, four yearling hens at $50 each, eleven yearling hens at $25 each. This order was for Barred Rocks.

$10,000,000 LENT ROAD

Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Road Obtains U. S. Aid.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—A loan of $10,000,000 to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company out of the $300,000,000 revolving fund was approved by the interstate commerce commission. The action of the commission was in effect an approval of a renewal of a $10,000,000 loan, which becomes due January 1. The new loan will run for seven years and bear 6 per cent interest.

Since the original loan was made the company has been unable to earn any sum for application on the debt, the commission said.

"Its current earnings are comparatively low and it is asserted that it is impossible to refund with the proceeds of available bonds any reasonable discount," it was said. "It is apparent that this application needs more time in which to recover from the effect of a period of depression and extensive improvement through which it has been passing and to strengthen its financial structure.

"It must refund its maturity when due in order to preserve its existing credit and the integrity of its operating status."

The commission has had the application before it since February 4, 1922. The time for filing applications for loans expired February 28, 1922.

ELECTION TIE DECIDED

J. K. ELY TO REMAIN AS ESTACADA RECORDER.

Court Holds Choice by Lot Must Stand as Recount Shows Two Men Still Even.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—J. K. Ely will remain recorder of Estacada, Judge J. U. Campbell decreed in the circuit court here today, deciding the case brought by F. C. Bartholomew, contesting the recent election. Although two votes were thrown out during the recount, upon the motion of the contestant, the final tally was still a tie between the two aspirants. The vote had originally been declared a tie by the election board and Ely was elected by lot. Judge Campbell held that inasmuch as Ely had originally won the lot and a tie was rightfully found to exist, the election should stand.

Bartholomew filed his contest suit here December 1, alleging among other things that the votes of George Jack and Clara Nelson were illegal, because they had not resided in Estacada for six months, the period set by the charter as the minimum residence to allow ballot upon a city election. These two votes were cast out. It was then found that the election board made an error of two votes and that a tie still existed. Other matters contested were ruled out by the court.

CONTRACT IS AWARDED

Portland Concern to Build State Institute for Blind Workers.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The contract for the general construction of the plant of the Oregon employment institution for the adult blind, to be located at Eighty-fourth and East Glisan streets, Portland, today was awarded by the state board of control to the Rounds-Clist company at a cost of $105,148. Seven proposals were submitted for this work, all the bidders being located in Portland.

The contract for the plumbing and heating was awarded to Fox & Co., of Portland. Eleven proposals were offered for this work, the lowest bid being $28,500. This contract includes fire service equipment and an oil burner.

The plant includes five buildings and construction will begin at once.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

MORROW-BROWN—William C. Morrow, legal, 697 Washington street, and Freda E. Brown, legal, 690 Washington street.

SORENSEN-THORNBURY—Louie C. Sorensen, legal, 768 Talbot road, and Lelia F. Thornbury, legal, 768 Talbot road.

LUNDSTROM-SAMPSON—Elmer Lundstrom, 34, 309 East Forty-eighth street, and Helen O. Sampson, 29, 173 Sixteenth street.

SAMS-FORD—Lee E. Sams, 29, Ilwaco, Wash., and Marguerite Ford, 18, Warrendale, Or.

Vancouver Marriage Licenses.

OLDS-POOPOOII—Henry A. Olds, 36, of Portland, and Dellarose Poopooti, 26, of Portland.

JOHNS-COWAN—Jack C. Johns, legal, of Portland, and Alma Cowan, 23, of Unionville, Mo.

GILBERT-WESSON—Donald Gilbert, 22, of Portland, and Lois Wesson, 26, of Portland.

FRANCOIS-KNIGHT—Horace Francois, 38, of Guernsey, Channel islands, England, and Laura Knight, 18, of Stockton, Cal.

BALL-RYDER—Orla A. Ball, 29, of Oregon City, Or., and Faye B. Ryder, 26, of Oregon City, Or.

RAMSEY-DEMENT—Glen Ramsey, 31, of Portland, and Nell B. Dement, 30, of Portland.

PIRTLE-ST. JOHN—Thomas Uriah Pirtle, 49, of Arlington, Wash., and Anna St. John, legal, of Arlington, Wash.

WARDLE-STONER—R. M. Wardle, 65, of Carlton, Or., and Mrs. Annie Stoner, legal, of Carlton, Or.

SHIRLEY-REDHEAD—James Edgar Shirley, 21, of Sutherlin, Or., and Henrietta Eggretta Redhead, 21, of Sutherlin, Or.

JOHNSON-SPURLOCK—Roy Johnson, 24, of Heppner, Or., and Anna Spurlock, 29, of Heppner, Or.

GROTH-BEVERIDGE—Carl M. Groth, 26, of Vancouver, and Hazel O. Beveridge, 24, of Camas, Wash.

Klamath Falls Protection Better.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Fire protection here has been increased 100 per cent as a result of the new water mains, which have just been completed, and the new fire alarm system, in the opinion of Fire Chief Ambrose. The mains were tested by C. F. Wagner, engineer for the Oregon insurance rating bureau. A material reduction in insurance rates is expected after Mr. Wagner has reported his findings to the bureau. The California-Oregon Power company spent $60,000 for the new mains, and in return secured a water rate increase of approximately 50 per cent.

Benton Farm Bureau to Meet.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Benton county farm bureau will hold its annual meeting here Saturday, December 16. B. F. Irvine of Portland will deliver the address. A community dinner will be served. Calvin Ingle is president of the Benton county organization, having succeeded Claude Buchanan, the latter being elected to the legislature.

Damage Claims Are High.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Marion county, during the month of November, received from sheepmen damage claims aggregating $441.50. It was alleged that the money was due for sheep that had been killed by dogs. This is the largest bill from this source ever received by Marion county in any one month.

Kozer to Speak in Portland.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, went to Portland tonight, where tomorrow he will give an address at the annual convention of the county judges of the state. Secretary of State Kozer will discuss the subject of co-operation between state and county officials.

WHEAT AND OATS CONTINUE BULLISH

Corn Values Hold Within Narrow Limits.

UNDERTONE IS STRONG

General Trade Is Not as Large as Recently; Sales of 300,000 Bushels Are Made.

BY CHARLES D. MICHAELS.
(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—All deliveries of wheat and the deferred futures of oats sold at a new high high for the season today, the same bullish enthusiasm prevailing as of late. Wheat, however, reversed its action of the previous day and closed at the top with net gains of ¾@1⅝ cents. Corn was up ⅛@½ and rye ⅝@1⅛c while December oats were 1⅛ lower and distant deliveries unchanged to ⅜ higher with December at ⅝ under the May against 1½ over the previous day.

Wheat prices backed and filled within a moderate range the greater part of the day with free buying of both May and July on all the dips by strong commission houses. There was a sharp dip at one time due to selling of May by a house that was a good buyer recently but the offerings quickly disappeared and the highest prices of the day were made at the last on general buying.

July wheat is attracting more attention and led the advance with many commission houses now openly on the bull side of that delivery on account of zero weather without snow protection over the greater part of the belt. Sterling exchange jumped to a new high on the present upturn and as a result the Liverpool-Chicago difference has widened around 2 cents a bushel the last few days.

Corn values held within relatively narrow limits and the general trade was not as large as recently. The undertone, however, was strong and the finish at the top. Sales of 300,000 bushels were made to go to store without affecting sentiment to any great extent, although the December eased as compared with the May, closing at 1c premium. Domestic shipping demand was slow and the basis in the sample market unchanged with receipts 366 cars. Country offerings smaller with cold weather increasing feeding operations.

At no time did December oats get as high as the finish of the previous day. There was persistent selling by longs and with a lack of aggressive buying prices at the inside were off 1½ from Monday's finish, going to ½c under May at one time, with the finish ⅝c under, whereas recently it has been at a premium. Commission houses were fair buyers of the deferred deliveries. Shipping demand slow. Receipts 132 cars, with 100,000 bushels sold to go to store.

Cash and seaboard interests readily absorbed offerings of rye from northwestern hedgers and the undertone was firm. Offerings of round lots for shipment were scarce with No. 2 on track selling at 1¾@2c over December. The two northwestern markets had 107 cars.

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While wheat values have been on the up grade for nearly a week, those in close touch with conditions say there are no signs as yet of the advance culminating. The heavy profit-taking sales have been absorbed by traders who could not liquidate on a break of 1 to 2 cents, while many of those who took profits are bullish and waiting for a decline to reinstate their lines. An outstanding feature is the marked change in sentiment noticeable in messages from the west and southwest. Farmers have apparently turned very bullish almost over-night on account of the prospect of higher prices and are not disposed to sell either wheat or corn.

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Change in contract grades of wheat for delivery on futures at Chicago which was adopted by the Board of Trade Monday does not go into effect until August 1, 1923.

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Good buying of wheat futures was on in Winnipeg and, like Chicago, closing prices were at the best, with net gains of 1¾c. The cash business was mainly in filling in previous sales and for winter storage.

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Late private cables from Liverpool reported a better tone in the grain trade there as a result of the strength here. Foreigners have held off in buying and are fighting the advance. An advance in foreign exchange of late has placed many importers abroad in an uncomfortable position, as those with grains bought a month or two ago, when exchange was low, find it hard to compete with those who bought when exchange was higher.

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World's exporting countries have a surplus of 972,000 bushels of wheat this year, according to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. Importing countries need 946,000,000 bushels, suggesting a surplus at the end of the season of 26,000,000 bushels against 128,000,000 bushels last year.

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Mexico is expected to import 36,000,000 bushels of corn this season, compared with 12,000,000 bushels last year.

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Houses with Omaha connections have been heavy sellers of corn futures here the past two days and have also sold considerable wheat. It was said that a line of May wheat bought recently around $1.17 for a St. Louis trader went on today on the bulge and was well taken. Readiness with which offerings of all grains have been taken of late is creating more care among holders and tends to check selling by the bears.

The daily Chicago market letter received by the Overbeck & Cooke company of Portland follows:

Wheat—The sudden drop in temperatures throughout the winter wheat belt turned attention to the July delivery and that month led the advance in today's market. There is no snow protection in any part of the belt and it is feared that a continuation of cold weather may do considerable damage to the growing crop. The decline in Liverpool was almost entirely ignored. The feature of the cash news was the strength in Kansas City, where spot prices were 1 to 2 cents higher and advanced bids were reported from the gulf. It is becoming more evident each day that the bills introduced in congress for agricultural relief are to be passed at this session. The bill known as the Gould plan, which would place at the disposal of the war finance corporation $250,000,000 to be used for the purchase of drafts against foreign shipments, is unquestionably the most important and the most logical solution of the farmers' difficulties. It is quite well acknowledged that Europe could use the entire surplus of North America, as well as that of Argentina and Australia, and if we can offer means of financing the necessary purchases, we would undoubtedly get the business to the exclusion of the competitors. The trade has not as yet fully recognized the importance of these developments and we believe when they do it will materially add to market quotations.

Corn—Held within a comparatively narrow range, but displayed an undercurrent of strength and the close was at the best prices of the day. All cash markets were firm and higher with the futures, receipts at all points being relatively small. A continuance of the present cold wave will undoubtedly accelerate the feeding demand and further interfere with the movement of corn into commercial channels. Prospective conditions are very much in favor of higher prices.

Oats—This market again was prominent for its strength, closing prices being the highest of the season. Buying, however, was confined to the deferred position, which sold on a parity with December. Receipts continue small and the cash market in consequence is strong. There is little possibility of any increased cash pressure on the market, which will leave prices vulnerable to bullish developments.

Rye—Continued hedging by the northwest temporarily offset investment buying, stimulated by evidence of large export sales. It was estimated that 1,500,000 bushels was sold for export yesterday, mainly to Germany. Cash rye was relatively firm at 1½ cents to 2 cents over December for No. 2 on track. This market will undoubtedly be quick to follow the advances in wheat and in the same way will benefit by the proposed legislation.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	$1.23	$1.23	$1.21¾	$1.22⅞
May	1.20⅜	1.21⅜	1.20	1.21⅛
July	1.10½	1.12⅛	1.10½	1.12⅛

CORN.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	.72½	.73	.72¼	.72⅝
May	.71⅜	.71⅝	.71⅛	.71⅝
July	.70⅝	.71⅛	.70⅝	.71⅛

OATS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	.45	.45⅝	.45⅛	.45⅛
May	.44⅝	.45⅛	.44⅝	.45⅛
July	.41	.41½	.41	.41⅛

LARD.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	10.10
May	10.37	10.40	10.32	10.35

SHORT RIBS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	10.30
May	.....	.....	.....	9.90

Cash prices were:

Wheat—No. 2 hard, $1.24@1.24¼.
Corn—No. 2 mixed, 73⅝@74⅛c; No. 2 yellow, 74⅛c.
Oats—No. 2 white, 46¼@48c; No. 3 white, 44½@46c.
Rye—No. 2, 89¾@90c.
Barley—63@74c.
Timothy seed, $6@6.75.
Clover seed—$16@20.
Pork—Nominal.
Lard—$10.60.
Ribs—$10.50@11.50.

Primary Receipts.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Primary receipts: Wheat 1,421,000 bushels, versus 835,000 bushels; corn 1,396,000 bushels, versus 1,994,000 bushels; oats 992,000 bushels, versus 492,000 bushels.

Shipments: Wheat 565,000 bushels, versus 496,000 bushels; corn 778,000 bushels, versus 755,000 bushels; oats 612,000 bushels, versus 530,000 bushels.

Carlots: Minneapolis, wheat 384, corn 16, oats 22. Winnipeg, wheat 1417, rye 6. Duluth, wheat 145, rye 7. Kansas City, wheat 141, corn 40, oats 17. Omaha, wheat 47, corn 25, oats 5. St. Louis, wheat 32, corn 30, oats 23.

Cash Grain Markets.

Furnished by Jordan, Wentworth & Co.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—Wheat: No. 2 red, $1.36; No. 1 hard, $1.22; No. 2 hard, $1.21.

Corn: No. 2 mixed, 73¾@74c; No. 2 yellow, 74¾@75c.

Oats: No. 2 white, 46½@47c.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 12.—Wheat: No. 3 red, $1.21; No. 2 hard, $1.15@1.21; No. 2 dark hard, $1.24@1.25.

Corn: No. 2 yellow, 74c; No. 2 white, 71@71¼c.

Oats: No. 3 white, 45@45½c.

DULUTH, Dec. 12.—Flax, $2.65.

OMAHA, Dec. 12.—Oats: No. 3 white, 32c.

Minneapolis Grain Markets.

Furnished by McCaul-Dinsmore Grain company of Portland:

No. 1 dark northern, good to fancy, to arrive, $1.25@1.37; No. 1 dark northern, $1.31@1.38; No. 1 northern, $1.22@1.29; fancy No. 2 dark northern, $1.26@1.33; No. 2 dark northern, $1.20@1.26; No. 2 northern, $1.18@1.24; fancy No. 3 dark northern, $1.22@1.28; No. 3 dark northern, $1.15@1.22; No. 3 northern, $1.14@1.21; No. 1 dark hard Montana, $1.23@1.30; to arrive, $1.23@1.29; No. 1 hard Montana, $1.20@1.23; to arrive, $1.20@1.22; No. 1 dark hard Minnesota and South Dakota, $1.20@1.22; to arrive, $1.19@1.20; No. 1 hard Minn. and S. Dak., $1.19@1.20; to arrive, $1.19; fancy No. 1 amber durum, $1.11⅛@1.14⅛; to arrive, $1.07⅛@1.11⅛; No. 1 amber durum, $1.03⅛@1.09⅛; to arrive, $1.03⅛; No. 1 durum, 97⅛c@$1.02⅛; fancy No. 2 amber durum, $1.09⅛@1.12⅛; No. 2 amber durum, $1.00⅛@1.07⅛; No. 2 durum, 95⅛@99⅛c.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 67⅛@68⅛c; to arrive, 66⅛c; No. 3 yellow, 66⅛@67⅛c; to arrive, 65⅛.

Oats—No. 2 white, 41⅝@43⅝c; No. 3 white, 39⅝@41⅝c; to arrive, 39⅝c.

Barley—Choice, 61@64c; medium good, 57@60c; lower, 52@56c.

Rye—No. 2, 82⅝@83⅛c; to arrive, 82⅝c.

Flax—No. 1, $2.57½@2.69; to arrive, $2.57½.

Wheat futures—December, $1.19⅝; May, $1.20; July, $1.16⅝.

Grain at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Wheat: Milling, $2.25@2.30; feed, $2.20@2.25.

Barley, feed, $1.45@1.47½c; shipping, $1.50@1.52½.

Oats: Red feed, $1.60@1.75.

Hay: Wheat, $17@20; fair, $15@17; tame oat, $17@21; wild oat, $14@16; alfalfa, $19@21; stock, $12@15; straw, $11@12.

Seattle Grain Market.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Wheat: Hard white, soft white, $1.25; western white, $1.24; hard red winter, soft red winter, $1.20; northern spring, western red, $1.19.

Feed and hay unchanged.

Winnipeg Wheat Futures.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Wheat: December, $1.07⅝; May, $1.11⅝.

Naval Stores.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 12.—Turpentine, firm, 132; sales, 400; receipts, 448; shipments, 493; stock, 13,835.

Rosin, firm; sales, 1071; receipts, 1865; shipments, 914; stock, 112,270.

Quote: B. D. E. F. G. H., $5.15@5.20; I. K., $5.15@5.25; M., $5.30@5.45; N., $5.50@5.55; WG., $5.75; WW., $6.50.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Raw sugar, centrifugal, $5.78; refined granulated, $7.10.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—California-Hawaiian raw sugar, $5.78.

CAR SHORTAGE REDUCED

Critical Period in Oregon Said to Have Been Passed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The critical period in Oregon's car shortage situation has passed and shippers whose commodities heretofore have not been included in the priority class may look for early relief. This was the statement issued here today by members of the public service commission.

Since November 25 all orders for refrigerating and heated cars on the Union Pacific system east of Portland have been supplied and since December 6 all orders for such equipment have been filled on the Southern Pacific lines south of Portland.

The Oregon Electric, Oregon Trunk and Spokane, Portland & Seattle lines have had a slight surplus in cars for several weeks. The situation on the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company is not as satisfactory.

FARM UNION TO MEET

Annual Convention to Be Held at Lebanon Next Week.

LEBANON, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The annual convention of the Farmers' union of Oregon and southern Idaho, which was postponed from December 7, 8 and 9 to December 21, 22 and 23, will be held in Lebanon next week. Arrangements had been about completed for the convention when notices were received by the local committee that owing to the inability of one of the national officers to be here in the early part of the month the convention had been postponed.

It was estimated that there will be about 300 delegates in attendance. Coming on the very eve of the holidays the convention will add to the work of the committee in taking care of the crowd. The committee believes that it can house all the delegates, as the people are responding liberally in opening their homes for the visitors.

Final Naturalization Set.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Thirteen aliens will have their final examination for admittance to citizenship at the naturalization hearing in the circuit court here December 18. The list includes three natives of Germany, three of England, two each from Switzerland and Denmark and one each representing Russia, Belgium and Holland.

DAKOTA HOGS RECEIVED

FOURTEEN LOADS BROUGHT IN BY PACKERS.

No Other Arrivals by Rail and Little Stock Is Available for Open Market.

Fourteen loads of Dakota hogs were received at the yards yesterday as a direct shipment to packers. There were no other arrivals by rail and not much was held over from the opening of the week, consequently the market was a quiet affair. There were no changes in prices and all lines were reported steady. Receipts were 1740 hogs.

The day's sales were as follows:

	Wt.	Price.		Wt.	Price.
6 steers	1060	$ 7.00	23 hogs..	139	$ 8.75
28 steers	640	5.25	1 hog...	290	8.75
30 steers	652	5.25	15 hogs..	115	9.00
1 steer.	610	5.25	11 hogs..	103	8.50
13 steers	770	5.25	1 hog...	580	6.50
1 steer.	1130	5.50	2 hogs..	285	8.75
3 steers	730	4.00	6 hogs..	251	9.00
4 cows.	830	3.40	14 hogs..	121	8.75
3 cows.	1003	3.75	11 hogs..	266	9.00
2 cows.	995	4.00	1 hog...	230	9.00
2 cows.	1070	3.50	4 hogs..	140	8.75
1 cow..	1060	4.10	22 lambs	123	12.00
2 cows.	1170	4.00	7 lambs.	108	11.00
2 heif.	830	4.75	5 lambs.	82	12.00
4 heif.	1052	.....	8 ewes.	170	5.50
28 hogs.	135	9.50	1 ewe..	170	5.00
2 hogs..	225	9.40	25 yearl..	140	8.00
4 hogs.	205	9.50			

Prices quoted at the Portland Union stockyards were as follows:

Cattle—	Price.
Choice steers	$ 7.00@ 7.50
Medium to good steers	6.50@ 7.00
Fair to medium steers	5.75@ 6.50
Common to fair steers	4.25@ 5.75
Choice heifers	4.50@ 5.00
Choice cows, heifers	4.50@ 5.00
Med to good cows, heifers	4.00@ 4.50
Fair to med. cows, heifers	3.50@ 4.00
Common cows	2.50@ 3.50
Canners	1.50@ 2.50
Bulls	3.00@ 4.25
Choice feeders	5.00@ 5.50
Fair to good feeders	4.00@ 5.00
Choice dairy calves	8.00@ 8.50
Prime light calves	8.00@ 8.50
Medium light calves	7.50@ 8.00
Heavy calves	4.00@ 7.00
Hogs—	
Prime light	9.00@ 9.50
Smooth heavy, 250@300 lbs	8.00@ 9.00
Smooth heavy, 300 lbs. up	7.50@ 8.00
Fat pigs	8.50@ 9.00
Feeder pigs	8.50@ 9.00
Stags, subject to dockage	4.50@ 6.00
Sheep—	
East-of-mountain lambs	10.50@12.00
Choice valley lambs	10.50@12.00
Medium valley lambs	9.50@10.50
Common valley lambs	8.50@ 9.50
Cull lambs	6.75@ 8.50
Light yearlings	9.00@ 9.50
Light wethers	7.50@ 8.50
Heavy wethers	7.00@ 7.50
Ewes	2.00@ 6.00

Chicago Livestock Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(United States department of agriculture.)—Hogs—Receipts, 57,000; market 10c to 20c lower than Monday's best time; bulk 200 to 275-pound averages, $8.25@8.30; few 150 to 170-pound averages $8.35@8.45; top, $8.45; packing sows mostly $7.50@8; desirable pigs around $8.25; heavy hogs, $8.15@8.30; medium, $8.20@8.30; light, $8.25@8.40; light light, $8.20@8.35; packing sows, smooth, $7.60@8; packing sows, rough, $7.30@7.65; killing pigs, $8.10@8.35.

Cattle—Receipts, 13,000; beef steers fairly active, generally steady, killing quality better than Monday; bulk native beef steers, $8.50@10.25; several lots matured steers, $10@10.75; $12.75 bid on choice loads; she stock steady; bulls slow, veal calves strong to 25c higher; stockers and feeders slow, better kinds steady; others weak; bulk desirable veal calves to packers, $9.25@9.75; upward to $10 for few choice light vealers; bulk desirable heavy bologna bulls, $4.25@4.50; bulk stockers and feeders, $5.50@6.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 15,000; opening very slow; few early sales fat lambs around steady; early top, $15.50 to packers; clipped 80-pound fed lambs, $13.50; sheep fully steady; heavy fat ewes, $5@6; lighter weight up to $7.25; two loads 112-pound aged wethers $8.25.

Kansas City Livestock Market.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 12.—(United States department of agriculture.)—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000; fat she stock steady to 15c higher; prime cows, $6.50; good and choice, $5@6; common to medium, $3.50@4.50; good fed heifers, $7.50; all other classes around steady; best heavy steers, $12; some long yearlings held above $13; baby beeves $11; good choice vealers, $8@9; most canners $2.15@2.25; cutters largely $2.75@3.25; bulk bologna bulls, $3.50@4.

Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; fairly active; 5c to 15c lower; mostly 10c lower; packer top, $8.25; shipper top, $8.20; 130 to 170 pounds mostly $8@8.10; bulk desirable 190 to 270-pound, $8.10@8.25; bulk of sales, $8@8.25; packing sows steady; mostly $7.50@7.60; fat pigs, 25c lower; bulk, $7@7.50; 110 to 125-pound pigs to shippers, $7.50@7.90.

Sheep—Receipts, 4000; lambs generally 25c to 35c higher; choice Colorado, $11.50; better grades, natives and other fed lots, $14.50@15; sheep strong, light ewes $7.25; others $6@7; 62-pound feeding lambs, $14.00.

Omaha Livestock Markets.

OMAHA, Dec. 12.—(United States department of agriculture.)—Hogs—Receipts, 11,000; mostly 10@15c lower; closing active; bulk mixed and packing grades, $7.10@7.85; bulk butcher hogs, $7.90@8.15; top, $8.20.

Cattle—Receipts, 8000, beef steers steady to 10c lower; best corn feds here $9.65; yearlings held at $11; all other classes generally steady; veals top to packers, $9; bulk cow and heifers, $4@5.50; stockers and feeders, $5.75@6.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; lambs and yearlings, firm; bulk lambs, $14.50@14.85; top, $14.85; fed clipper lambs, $12.85; yearlings, $11.75@12.10; sheep, strong to 25c higher; bulk ewes, $6.50@7; top, $7.50; feeders, steady; top feeding lambs, $14.25.

San Francisco Livestock Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—(Federal state livestock market news service.)—Cattle—Beef steers, good grade, $7.75@8; medium grade, $7@7.50; common grade, $6@6.75; beef cows, good grade, $5.75@6; medium grade, $5.25@5.50; common grade, steady, $4@5; canners and cutters, $2@3.50; bologna bulls, $3@4.50; calves, 150 to 200 pounds, good and choice, $7.25@7.75; 200 to 250 pounds, good and choice, $7@7.25; 250 to 300 pounds, good and choice, $6.75@7; over 300 pounds, $5.50@6.50.

Hogs—Good and choice grain-fed California 150 to 200 pounds, $10.25@10.50; 200 to 250 pounds, $9.50@10; 250 to 300 pounds, $8.50@9; over 300 pounds, $7.50@8; smooth sows, 250 to 300 pounds, $6.50@7; rough sows, $250 to 300 pounds, $5.50@6; over 300 pounds, $4.50@5.50.

Sheep and lambs—Full-wooled lambs, good and choice grades, $13.50@14; medium grade, $12.50@13.50; ewes, medium and good, $5.50@6.50; wethers, medium and good, $8.50@10.

Seattle Livestock Market.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Hogs, steady; receipts, 1000; prime, $9.30@9.50; smooth heavies, $7.25@8.25; rough heavies, $6@7.50; pigs, $8.50@8.75.

Cattle, steady; receipts, 100; prime steers, $6.75@7.25; medium to choice, $6.50@7; common to good, $5.75@6.50; best cows and heifers, $4.75@5; common to good, $3.50@4; canners, $1.50@3.50; light calves, $7.50@8; heavy calves, $4.50@5.

CROP REPORT LIFTS COTTON

Futures at New York Gain 22 to 32 Points.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The cotton market gained 22 to 32 points today in fairly active trading after drifting aimlessly until the government crop report was published. There was further evening up by professionals in the first two hours, after the list opened off 1 to 9 points, with scattered Liverpool and southern selling. Later December eased off 20 points in reflection of near month liquidation. Locals, Wall street and the trade took a few lots, but orders were too small and widely separated to have influence on the movement of prices.

The crop report was regarded as one of the most complete standoffs the trade has ever witnessed. However, for the moment, a little speculative liquidation caused a general dip of 20 to 25 points but the list quickly rallied and in the last hour firmed. At its highest the market was up 25 to 37 points net. Buyers included old bulls, re-establishing long lines, and room traders.

The local market for spot cotton was steady, 20 points advance, 25.30c for middling upland.

Southern spots were: Galveston, 25.20c, 25 points advance; New Orleans, 25c, unchanged; Savannah, 25.25c, 25 points advance; Augusta, 25.13c, 25 points advance; Memphis, 25c, unchanged; Houston, 25.15c, 25 points advance; Little Rock, 25c, unchanged.

The range of New York cotton futures, as reported by Overbeck & Cooke company of Portland, was as follows:

Month—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
January	24.80	25.15	24.50	25.11
March	25.03	25.35	24.75	25.32
May	25.03	25.38	24.76	25.33
July	24.60	24.96	24.32	24.93
October	23.00	23.21	22.65	23.19
December	24.83	25.10	24.50	25.00

PRIZES AWARDED STOCK GROWERS

Cups and Medals Given by Institute of Meat Packers.

At the Pacific International Exposition just closed in Portland a number of solid silver cups and medals were awarded by the Institute of American Meat Packers, through its committee on improved livestock breeding, for the purpose of encouraging the use of purebred sires for commercial livestock.

After a long period of experience in the purchase of livestock, the packing industry has come to the conclusion that the improved breed is the basis for advancement in the production of better types of livestock. Therefore, it stands behind the purebred sire movement and offers these prizes in recognition of breed quality. These prizes were awarded as follows:

Cups—

Shorthorn—Hercules Beef Calf club, Ellensburg and Mabton, Wash.

Hereford—Ed W. Coles, Haines, Or.; second—Carl Hesterberg and R. Babcock, Moore, Idaho.

Aberdeen-Angus—Congdon & Battles, Yakima, Wash.

Medals—

Chester White—Melville Richey, Boring, Or.

Poland-China—Clair Cormutt, Shedd, Oregon.

Berkshire—Lester Barrows, Shaw, Or.

Duroc-Jersey—Arthur Branden, Silverton, Or.

Shropshire—Millard Shelton, Scio, Or.

Hampshire—Sven Nelson, Gresham, Or.

Lincoln—James Coffield, Goldendale, Wash.

Hereford—Theodore Barnum, Moro, Oregon.

Shorthorn—Ford Schlein, Mabton, Wash.

Chicago Potato Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Potatoes, steady; receipts 52 cars; total United States shipments 319 cars; Wisconsin sacked round white, 70@80c cwt.; ditto bulk, $1.00 cwt.; Minnesota sacked round white, 70@80c cwt.; Idaho sacked russets, No. 1 unbranded, closing price Monday, $1.20@1.25 cwt.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Copper, quiet; electrolytic, spot and futures 14 cents.

Tin easy, spot and nearby $37.50, futures, $37.25.

Iron firm, No. 2 southern, $24@26.

Lead steady, spot, $7.10@7.35.

Zinc quiet, East St. Louis, spot and nearby delivery, $7.20@7.30.

Antimony, spot $6.37@6.62.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Maximum temperature, 28 degrees; minimum, 19 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 2.9 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.6 foot fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), none; total rainfall since September 1, 1922, 13.44 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 14.86 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1922, 1.42 inches. Sunrise, 7:44 A. M.; sunset, 4:26 P. M. Total sunshine, 8 hours; possible sunshine, 8 hours 42 minutes. Moonrise Wednesday, 1:52 A. M.; moonset Wednesday, 1:36 P. M. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 A. M., 30.12 inches. Relative humidity at 5 A. M., 54 per cent; at noon, 41 per cent; at 5 P. M., 34 per cent.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS.	Temperature Minimum	Temperature Maximum	Precipitation	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	Weather.
Baker	-2	14	0.00	..	NE	Cloudy
Boise	18	28	0.00	..	SE	Cloudy
Boston	28	[illegible]	0.00	[illegible]	W	Cloudy
Calgary	-2	[illegible]	0.00	..	[illegible]	Clear
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.00	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Denver	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
D. Moines	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Eureka	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rain
Galveston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rain
Helena	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Juneau†	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Kansas City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
L. Angeles	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pt. cloudy
Marshfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Medford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rain
Minn'p'lis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
N. Orleans	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
N. Head	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Phoenix	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Pocatello	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Portland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Roseburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Sacramento	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
St. Louis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Salt Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Snow
San Diego	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
S. Francisco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rain
Seattle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Sitka†	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cloudy
Spokane	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Tacoma	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Tatoosh Is	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Valdez†	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Walla Wa.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Washington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Winnipeg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear
Yakima	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Clear

†A. M. today. *P. M. report of preceding day.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Fair; easterly winds.

Oregon—Fair, except rain or snow southwest portion; moderate southeasterly winds.

Washington—Fair; moderate easterly winds.

Report From Mouth of Columbia.

NORTH HEAD, Dec. 12.—Condition of the sea at 5 P. M., smooth; wind, southeast, four miles.

Clarke Paving Finished.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The Battle Ground-Heisson pavement, recently completed at a cost of $140,000, was accepted today by the Clarke county commissioners, 1 about six weeks after the date of completion called for in the contract. A little work on the road still remains to be done, but the contractors have given a personal bond to do this next spring. The pavement is open to traffic.

Santiam Farmers to Irrigate.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Forty Santiam valley land owners, representing approximately 4000 acres of land, met here today and discussed the formation of an irrigation district. Joseph M. McAllister of the state engineer's office and Mr. McDonald, representing the Willamette Valley Irrigation Land company, met with the farmers. A permanent organization was perfected and surveyors will be put at work to estimate the cost of the proposed improvement.

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MORE DIVIDENDS LIKELY

NEW YORK CENTRAL DIRECTORS MEET TODAY.

Talk Heard to Effect That Annual Rate Will Be Increased to 6 or 7 Per Cent.

BY O. A. MATHER.
(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Dividend announcements and prospects again overshadowed news of the financial markets today. Aside from stock dividend and extra cash payments announced, there has been interest in the action to be taken by several important companies within the next few days.

Directors of the New York Central will meet tomorrow. There has been considerable talk that the annual dividend may be increased to 6 or 7 per cent. Directors of the People's Gas Light & Coke company of Chicago will meet tomorrow. It is expected that the 5 per cent rate will be restored. The 6 per cent annual has been paid since January after a lapse of several years in dividends. The directors of the Great Northern railroad on December 18 will declare the regular semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent on the preferred stock, according to present plans.

The Harley Machine company declared a 10 per cent stock dividend, payable to stockholders of record today.

Stockholders of the Babcock & Wilcox company increased the capital stock from $15,000,000 to $25,000,000 and a 33 1-3 per cent stock dividend will be distributed. The quarterly dividend payment at the rate of 2 per cent on the increased issue. The Solar Refining company increased its capital stock from $2,000,000 to $4,000,000 and a 100 per cent dividend was declared.

The General Baking Powder company increased capital stock from 150,000 to 500,000 shares of common stock of no par value and a stock dividend was declared tomorrow. The directors of the Plymouth Cordage company recommended increasing the capital stock from $4,000,000 to $6,000,000 and a 50 per cent stock dividend. The meeting will be held January 20.

The Goodman Manufacturing company increased its capital stock from $3,000,000 to $6,000,000 and a 100 per cent stock dividend. Directors of the Chapman Valve company will vote on December 19 on increasing the capital stock from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000 and declaring a 50 per cent stock dividend. The Pierce Manufacturing company declared a dividend of $20 a share and declared a 100 per cent stock dividend. Stockholders of the Kelley company increased the capital stock from $800,000 to $1,000,000 and it is likely to declare a 50 per cent stock dividend.

Chicago Oil Market.

(By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Gasoline: Tank wagons, 18c; service stations, 20c; naphtha, 27.7c. Oils, summer 17.4c, winter 17.6c. Carbon perfection, iron barrels, 14⅛c. Linseed oil, raw, $1.13; boiled, $1.15; in 5-gallon cans. Carbon oil, 24 pints, $6.25. White lead, 100-pound kegs, 12½c; 25-pound kegs, 12⅞c; 12½ pounds, 13¼c. Turpentine, $1.71. Denatured alcohol, 44c.