

PORTLAND HIGHEST MARKET IN WHEAT

Cash Product Goes to \$1.22 1-2, With Offerings at \$1.25 and Feeling Bullish.

OTHER GRAINS SOARING

Oats and Barley Share in Advance on Strong Demand for Export and Bidding for Flour to Go Abroad Is Strong Also.

Portland is the highest primary wheat market in the world. Prices have been climbing steadily in the past week and are now far beyond any previous level.

Barley, which has been more or less neglected throughout the season, has also started to climb. February delivery of barley is about \$1.50, a rise of 15 cents over Friday's price.

SHEEPMAN FINED \$100

Shearing in Midwinter Brings Arrest of L. Willard.

Judge Imposes Penalty for Cruelty to Animals and in Addition Four of Flock Dies from Exposure.

The wind should be tempered to the shorn lamb. It will probably will cost Leonard Willard, a Troutdale sheepman, \$100 to ascertain the writer of this paragraph.

TEACHER IS BID FAREWELL

Y. M. C. A. Salesmanship Classes Banquet N. F. Sturgis.

Salesmanship classes at the Portland Young Men's Christian Association have a farewell banquet Friday night at N. F. Sturgis, who has had charge of the business classes.

DETECTIVES ARE NAMED

Archie Leonard and Le Roy B. Cahill Appointed to Fill Vacancies.

Carrying out plans, announced several days ago, Mayor Albee yesterday appointed Archie Leonard and Le Roy B. Cahill to the detective service to fill two vacancies caused by the transfer of two plain clothes men back to the patrol service.

HOSTILE LEGISLATION IS SEEN AS PROSPERITY BAR

James J. Hill Declares Respite, for Few Years at Least, Needed to Return Capital to Business—Railroad "Oppression" by Many Laws Cited.

ACCORDING to James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railroad, whose views on "The Outlook for Business" were set out before the Rochester Chamber of Commerce on December 5, a respite from hostile legislation is the first and indispensable requirement for the return of prosperity.

While existing laws were allowed to fall into more or less complete disuse, new laws should be enacted in another year or two.

Years ago, the share of the laborer in production may have been undervalued or ignored. Now it is the fashion to overlook or deny the part of capital.

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The main outlines of the present business situation are clear. This country may enter, if it will, certainly after the close of the European war.

This great and continued demand on us should be the guarantee of a corresponding prosperity. It would be so if no artificial conditions intervened.

But, to realize this, both capital and business initiative must have reasonable freedom. The enormous destruction of wealth, the continuous raising of the interest rate, all foretell new and difficult conditions for American enterprise.

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Subordinate to a moment the extension of the sphere of the government power to an improvement of its quality. Ruling powers that do not give the people at least an efficient conduct of public affairs should be removed.

Rest from agitation, intelligent economy, efficiency, harmonious co-operation for business institutions as well as for political divisions, these are not abstract ideas.

After January 1 it will be impossible to ship supplies for the relief of European war sufferers over American railroads free of charge.

Major Albee yesterday appointed W. R. Roberts, H. P. Boardman and A. F. Holden, Jr., deputy fire marshals to serve under Fire Marshal Stevens.

The appointments were made with the understanding that in making inspections the appointees must appear in uniform. The official uniform for deputy fire marshals is the same as the uniform worn by firemen.

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Double S. & H. Stamps Every Day Until Xmas if You Mention This Ad.

Here, Madam, Is a Storeful of Useful Economical and Mannish Xmas Gifts

This Christmas is to be a time of useful gifts for everyone. Gifts of wearables are, of course, the most popular with all menfolk, and this store is filled with just the things men would choose for themselves.

Men's \$25 Overcoats, \$19 Suits and Balmacaans

The superb Kuppenheimer and Cambridge \$25 garments now selling at \$19.00.



Store Open Evenings Until Xmas

For the Boy

- Bathrobes at \$3.00 up
Cowboy, Indian and Military Suits at \$1.25 up
Suits and Overcoats at \$3.85 up
Mackinaws at \$5.00 up
Sweaters at \$1.85 up
Combination Sets at 75c up

For Husband

- House Coats at \$5.00 up
Bathrobes at \$3.85 up
House Slippers at 50c up
Mufflers at 50c up
Tie, Handkerchiefs, Sets at \$1.00 up
Underwear at 50c up

For Brother

- Neckwear at 50c up
Sweaters at \$2.50 up
Umbrellas at \$1.00 up
Initial Belts at \$1.00 up
Evening Dress Sets at \$3.50 up
Gloves at \$1.00 up

For Father

- Pajamas at \$1.50 up
Frisable Slippers at \$1.75 up
Auto Gauntlets at \$2.00 up
Mufflers at 50c up
Traveling Cases at \$5.00 up
Collar Bags at \$1.00 up

Lion Clothing Co.

Successor to Steinbach & Co. GUS KUHN, Pres. Morrison At Fourth

The Store of 100 Per Cent Service

LIBRARY OPEN 4 HOURS

BRANCHES, HOWEVER, WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Attractions Many at Public Institution and New Magazines Have Been Received.

The public library will be open for reading only from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. on Christmas Day.

The Postoffice Department has installed a letterbox in front of the library entrance on Tenth street.

The following new magazines have just been received in front of the library: The Postoffice Department, Elite, Social Hygiene Quarterly, Script, Ohio State University Lantern, and Monthly, and The Fatherland.

An exhibit of chocolate of special interest to teachers and pupils may be seen in the lower lobby.

The children's story hour at the Central Library will be held on Saturday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock.

Miss Mildred Davis has been transferred to the reference department of the Central Library and Miss Ada S. Couillard has been appointed in her place.

There will be a phonograph concert this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the St. Johns library.

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MASONS HOLD ELECTION

A. H. MCGOWAN IS CHOSEN WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

Large Attendance Sees Installation and Retiring Head Is Presented With Handsome Jewel.

At the stated communication of the Portland Lodge of Masons Friday night at the Masonic Temple, the annual election resulted in the selection of A. H. McGowan as worshipful master.

The following officers were appointed: H. G. Chickering, senior deacon; C. B. Howard, junior deacon; W. O. Roberts, senior steward; C. A. Craft, junior steward; C. W. Whittelsey, marshal; G. S. Edmondstone, chaplain; and Richard Martin, organist.

Immediately afterward they were installed by Julius C. Moreland, past grand master, who is senior past master of Portland Lodge and one of its charter members.

A large attendance, among whom were many past masters, including P. S. Malcolm, past grand master, sovereign grand inspector-general in Oregon and in charge of the subscriptions.

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GRANGERS WANT EXPERT

Multnomah County Farmers to Ask for Oregon College Man.

Multnomah County grangers have taken steps to secure services of an expert from the Oregon Agricultural College for the farmers of this county.

H. A. Lewis, president of the Multnomah County Grange Association; H. E. Davis, president of the Gresham Fruit-growers Association, and J. J. Johnson, master of Evening Star Grange and newly-elected master of Pomona Grange, are a special committee to investigate the proposition.

The County Commissioners have offered the appointment of such an expert provided the grangers and farmers desire his services.

Professor H. French, head of the College Experimental Station, has assured the grangers of the county that an experienced man will be sent.

The work of the expert is to teach farmers preparation and fertilization of the soil and the best kind of crops to raise to get the best results.

TRESTLE TRAFFIC TO HALT Vancouver Way Will Be Closed to Heavy Loads Until Repaired.

The Vancouver trestle will be closed to heavy traffic until much-needed repairs suggested by County Surveyor Holbrook can be made, under an order made by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday.

Mr. Holbrook reporting on the bridge at the request of Roadmaster J. B. Yeon, declared that 4000 feet of the trestle, beginning at a point near Oregon Street is badly decayed and worn.

He recommended that it be repaired immediately, and that all vehicles weighing more than six tons be excluded from the lower deck of the bridge until the repairs are completed.

The Board adopted Mr. Holbrook's recommendations in every particular. \$22.50 cash buys new \$375 upright piano this week at Graves Music Co., 151 Fourth street.—Adv.

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