

COMMERCE - TRADE

WHEAT IN THE NORTHWEST

Grain and Flour Markets Slow All Over the Coast—New Potatoes Are Somewhat Cheaper—Currants, Peaches and Plums Plentiful and at Reasonable Prices.

There are four new arrivals in the market this week and more are coming as fast as the sun and the season will ripen them and the farmers will bring them to the market. Currants at 35 cents to the gallon, apricots at 5 cents a box, peaches at 7 cents a pound and plums at 5 cents a pound are the things that are new.

Onions are now 3 cents a bunch and new potatoes have fallen from 3 cents to 2 1/2 cents per pound. Outside of these, there are no important changes in the prices of commodities as quoted last week.

Pendleton Retail Grocery Prices. Coffee—Mocha and Java, best, 50c per lb.; next grade, 35c per lb.; lower grades coffee, 25c to 15c per lb.; package coffee, 20c per lb.; 3 packages for 50c.

Choice Beef Cattle, Etc. Cows, per hundred, \$3 to \$3.25. Steers, \$3.75. Hogs, live, \$5 to \$5.50. Hogs, dressed, 7 to 7 1/2c. Veal, dressed, 7 to 7 1/2c.

Portland, July 23.—Wheat market quiet, as there is hardly any wheat left in the country to purchase. Reports from various sections of this state during the week confirm our early predictions that the yield of the Northwest would run fully 25 per cent less than a year ago.

Flour—Market quiet, the demand good, but prices very low. Wheat too high to entertain offers and very scarce. A demand has come from China, but the price is too low for millers to entertain. Japan is still in the market for flour, but the buyers there have not secured many large lots, as prices do not conform with millers' ideas as to values.

Barley—Stocks being low and new barley as yet not harvested, there is nothing to report that would be of interest to the trade. The outlook for a good crop this year is very favorable and will greatly exceed that of a year ago. Feed quotations are steady at \$20 per ton.

San Francisco Markets. San Francisco, July 23.—Dealers in the trade claim that they have never witnessed so dull a spell, and crop reports coming in from the harvest fields are not very flattering.

NEWS OF ATHENA.

School Has Begun at Cold Spring—City Marshal Has a Big Fight With a Prisoner—H. Key Afflicted With a Lingering Illness—Delegate to State Lodge Degree of Honor.

Athena, July 22.—Mrs. H. O. Worthington and son, Ernest, spent last week at the home of Angus McDonald on Cayuse Creek.

Mrs. Hilda Mansfield and her two little girls left Wednesday for their home in Joseph, after a pleasant visit with Athena and Milton friends.

A. L. Swagart sold 80 head of fat hogs to Pendleton butchers, the hogs were prime and brought 5 1/2 cents on foot.

Mrs. W. E. Arndfeld and family spent last week visiting friends in Milton.

Mrs. Clarence Whiteman has returned home from a visit to friends in Walla Walla.

N. I. Miller has a fine fly which has every indication of being a fine driving animal.

Mrs. Elina Taylor was a visitor in Pendleton last week.

A case of disorderly conduct gave Marshal Gholson and several assistants Wednesday morning, a mess of trouble.

T. W. Wilcox, of Heppner, is transacting business in the city.

Mr. A. L. Jones made a visit to the Bingham Springs last week to visit his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Saline, who will remain here all summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor McDonald returned to their home in Walla Walla from an eastern trip.

Miss Annie Dobson has returned to Cold Spring to teach school.

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John D. Matheson, traveling engineer of the O. R. & N., spent last night in the city, and went to Umatilla this morning.

Strayed—Gray horse, weighs about 1,200 pounds, brand F. O. on left shoulder. Will pay liberal reward for same. P. T. Hales, Adams, Or.

Mrs. J. V. Tallman and child, accompanied by Miss Georgie Folsom, left this morning for Newport, where they will spend the summer months.

Dr. C. C. Phillips and wife, of Lewiston, Idaho will come to Pendleton the first of next week to visit a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. Kunkle, after which they will go to Lehman Springs for an outing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robbins, of Sumpter, left this morning for Priest Lake, where they will spend the summer. While in the city they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanford, the parents of Mrs. Robbins.

MANLY COMBINES HARVESTING BEGUN

THEY HAVE ADVANTAGES, ALSO SOME DISADVANTAGES.

Their Use Greatly Curtails the Amount of Available Stock Feed—Sixty-Five Per Cent of the Grain of This County Harvested By Them.

Over the county the stockmen are beginning to raise the cry that the use of the combined harvesters is shortening the straw to such an extent that they cannot find feed for their stock during the winter months and it is perhaps true to a great extent for the combines are coming into general use all over the farming districts of the county.

By the old method where the thrasher was set in the field and stacked the straw as it was run through the machine, all of the material of the straw was saved and the berde of the stockmen wintered around the pile.

The farmers are not mourning over the loss of the straw, for it is not a loss to them to be deprived of the money made on the pasture rent. The large stacks in the country are the best indicator of the growers, for there is some ingredient in the soil that burns when the straw is fired and makes the soil more fertile.

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WORK ON THE SEWER.

Work Has Begun on Court and Alta Streets—Will Finish by Time Limit.

The work on the new sewer is progressing as fast as can be expected, considering the nature of the work, and the care that has to be taken in the work in the trenches.

All of the work at the present is in the trenching, and the work on the ditch has to be carried on, to prevent it from caving in on the men as they lay the pipe.

The 20-inch pipe has been laid, and the men are now at the foot of Alta street, at work on the main line up that street.

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HORSES TO ALBERTA.

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SUPT. NOWLIN MAKES REPORT

FINANCIAL CONDITION IS MOST SATISFACTORY.

Efficiency of Teachers is Increasing—Salaries Raised an Average of \$12 Per Month—Libraries Contain Over 4,000 Books—Increase of Females in School Population.

The annual report of J. F. Nowlin, superintendent of schools of Umatilla county, is now complete, and discloses a most healthful and satisfactory condition in the public schools of the county.

The number of children in the county between the ages of 4 and 20 is 6,293, an increase of 347 over 1902. Of this total number there are 3,195 boys and 3,098 girls, or three more girls than boys.

In 1902 there were nearly 100 more boys than girls, showing that the greatest increase during the past year was in the female school population.

Of the total number of scholars in the county, 881 are recorded as attending school during the year. 440 of this number being boys. There are 105 school districts in the county with 101 school houses.

Several of the districts being joint districts with those in Union county. Three new school houses were constructed during the year. Superintendent Nowlin has traveled 1,500 miles during the year in discharge of his official duties and visited 160 schools.

The number of teachers employed during the year was 163, 117 of this number being females and 46 males. 102, 293 teachers were employed.

Standards Are Improving. This decrease in the number of teachers shows a splendid advancement in school conditions, as teachers were not changed so frequently. The teachers employed at the beginning of school terms this year, have finished their schools, showing a greater efficiency among teachers and a more general satisfaction among patrons of the public schools.

Of the teachers in the county, 63 hold state certificates, 22 hold first grade certificates, 37 second grade, 21 third grade, and two primary grade certificates. Sixteen applicants were examined for a library fund and but two were granted certificates.

Have joined our Piano Purchaser's Union this week and saved \$100 by so doing. If you are thinking of buying an instrument do so at once and get a good piano for the same price that you will have to pay elsewhere for an inferior article and it takes only \$10 a month to get one of these fine instruments. Write or call at Wholesale and Retail Dealers in EVERYTHING MUSICAL. Remember 315 E. Court Street