

WEEKLY MARKET LETTER.

Morning, Hopkins & Company's Review of Trade.

Legitimate laws of supply and demand may at times be counterbalanced by speculation, but they cannot always be ignored with impunity. The advance in wheat values during the week has been long overdue. Nominally it has been caused by reported damages to the Russian wheat crop. In reality it is due to depleted reserves and small stocks.

A conservative statement of supplies at home and abroad is as follows: Importing countries require 100,000,000 bushels more than last year. The only countries with exportable surplus are America and Russia. The latter, according to latest reports, will have less than usual for export. America must therefore reap the benefit of the increased export demand. Fortunately, we have excellent crop prospects, promising at present the second largest wheat crop ever produced in this country. In this connection it must be borne in mind that our reserves are practically exhausted, and if they are to be replenished from the coming crop our exportable surplus will not exceed that of last year by over 20,000,000 bushels. Importers are waking up to the situation, and they have been large and persistent buyers of wheat in our markets during the week. The resulting advance, while large and rapid, is more than fully warranted, and the tendency of the market is to advance still further.

Exports for the week were somewhat higher than the previous one, wheat and flour equalling 1,978,000 bushels, while the world's shipments were reported at about 4,000,000 bushels. On ocean passage decreased 550,000 bushels, and our visible supply showed an increase of 708,000 bushels, and now totals 16,032,000 bushels, against 47,172,000 bushels a year ago this time. There were alarming reports of damage to the Russians' greatest food and cereal, the rye crop. An encouraging feature is the exceedingly light receipts of new wheat, the movement thus far being very limited and not amounting to more than one-third of that of a year ago. This indicates that there is a very heavy interior demand for new wheat, or else that the new crop is being held back in anticipation of higher prices. Cables have advanced daily and are very strong, bringing buying orders for both English and French accounts, mostly future delivery.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 75c; Valley, 75c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, \$3.75; graham, \$3.25; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 38c@40c; choice gray, 37c@39c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, \$16@16.50; brewing, \$18@19 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, \$13.50 per ton; middlings, \$21; shorts, \$15.50.
Hay—Timothy, \$12.50; clover, \$10@11; California wheat, \$10@11; do oat, \$11; Oregon wild hay, \$9@10 per ton.
Eggs—14c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 35c@40c; fair to good, 30c; dairy, 25c@30c per roll.
Cheese—Oregon, 11c; Young America, 12c; California, 9c@10c per pound.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$2.75@3.25 per dozen; broilers, \$1.50@3.50; geese, \$3@4; ducks, \$2.50@3 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10c@11c per pound.
Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 35c@40c per sack; new potatoes, 50c per sack; sweets, \$2.25 per cental.
Onions—California, new, red, \$1.25; yellow, \$1.50 per cental.
Hops—10c@11c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4c@6c.
Wool—Valley, 11c@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 7c@9c; mohair, 20c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 2c@2c; dressed mutton, 4c; spring lambs, 5c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4; light and feeders, \$2.50@3; dressed, \$3@4.25 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, \$2.75@3; cows \$2.25; dressed beef, 4c@5c per pound.
Veal—Large, 3; small, 4c@4c per pound.

Seattle Markets.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 18c; ranch, 10c@13c.
Cheese—Native Washington, 10c@11c; California, 9c.
Eggs—Fresh ranch, 17c@18c.
Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, 10c@11c; spring chickens, \$2@3.50; ducks, \$2.50@3.75.
Wheat—Feed wheat, \$24 per ton.
Oats—Choice, per ton, \$21.
Corn—Whole, \$20; cracked, per ton, \$20; feed meal, \$20 per ton.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$19; whole, \$18.50.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef, 6c; cows, 5c; mutton sheep, pork, 6c; veal, small, 6c.
Fish—Halibut, 4c; salmon, 4c; salmon trout, 7c@10c; flounders and sole, 3c@4; ling cod, 4c@5; rock cod, 5c; smelt, 2c@4c.

San Francisco Markets.
Wool—Choice foothill, 9c@11c; San Joaquin, 6 months' 8c@10c; do year's staple, 7c@9c; mountain, 10c@13c; Oregon, 10c@13c per pound.
Hops—8c@12c per pound.
Millstuffs—Middlings, \$18@21; California bran, \$14@14.50 per ton.

A NEW REPUBLIC.

South American States Have Formed a Federation.

Quietly and unostentatiously the greater republic of Central America has become an accomplished fact. The first step was taken a year or more ago, when Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua united in a confederation for mutual defense. Now Costa Rica and Guatemala have joined and the new republic is complete. It would have been still better had the confederation been established half a century ago and thereby developed the resources of the five countries as they should have been and also prevented a score of miserable civil wars and revolutions brought about by ambitious and corrupt military adventurers. They naturally should be under one authority so far as their national policy is concerned, and now that this has been accomplished there is little doubt it will tend toward conditions of peace and order in domestic affairs.

The new republic will possess considerable strength. Its population will be a little over three millions, of which Guatemala has nearly one-half. The area will be 185,825 square miles, divided as follows: Guatemala, 63,400; Costa Rica, 23,000; Salvador, 7,225; Honduras, 43,000; and Nicaragua, 49,200. As compared with South American States Chile has 238,470 square miles of area, Peru 463,747, and the Argentine Republic 1,778,185, though the population of the latter is only about 917,000 larger than that of the new republic. Compared with Illinois, its area is about three times as large, while its population is about a million and a half less. The Central American population is largely made up of native Indians and mixed races, but the Europeans and those of European descent are steadily increasing.

The arrangement of the new federation is both wise and sensible. The individual States retain complete autonomy and absolute control of their domestic affairs. Outside relations, treaties, commercial and industrial relations with other nations are managed by a sort of congress which meets in the various capitals at stated times and which is regularly elected. Representation to foreign governments also proceeds from the authority of this body. In a word, the relations of the greater republic to the outside world are practically managed as ours are, and the rights of the States to control their own affairs remain untouched. Undoubtedly one of the impelling motives to this union was the fact or the fear that Mexico had its covetous eyes on those States adjoining her own southern boundary, which has had the effect to expedite this fusion of the five States. The union will give the republic an army of about 175,000 men, regulars and militia, which will be sufficient for all ordinary purposes of defense. As to the commercial and industrial resources of the new republic, they should be greatly developed under the new management. If it have no other result than to put an end to the interminable revolutions and civil wars in that section it will be a blessing.

A Forgotten Author.

The oldest American man of letters is Theodore S. Pay, now living abroad at Berlin, at the age of 90. He is mostly forgotten, and his books are all out of print. Yet he was a man of some note in the literature of his day. His novels, "Norman Leslie" and "Hoboken," were in every circulating library, and were widely read, fifty years and more ago. He was a contemporary of Irving, Willis, Bryant, Hallock, Percival and others of that period. He had a position in the diplomatic service, being given the place of Minister to Switzerland by President Van Buren, who was very kind toward literary men. Irving was appointed Minister to Japan by him. Hawthorne had his position in the Boston custom house during his administration. Bancroft was made collector of the port of Boston, and James K. Spaulding, who had written at least one novel, was a member of his Cabinet. It was noted as a curious fact at that time that the literary men of the country were generally Democrats. Mr. Pay has never resided at home since he lost his foreign mission. The charms of European life were too much for him.—Boston Herald.

Life Should Be Longer.

It was the naturalist Buffon who asserted that human beings should live to 140 years instead of merely 70. Buffon argued that all creatures of the animal kind live at least six or seven times as long as it requires them to obtain full development. Thus the horse is full grown at 3 years and lives to 18 and 20. The ox is fully developed at 4 years and the dog at 2. The former lives to 24 and 25 and the latter to 12 and 14. There is no doubt that in these respects Buffon was right, and if his theory were borne out in the case of humankind the period of life should be at least 120 to 140 instead of 70.

Swallows Medals to Effect Cures. The Churchman reports that the daughter of the principal notary of Piacenza, Italy, was found to have in her stomach an accumulation of medals of a Madonna locally celebrated for powers of cure in cancer. She had swallowed a medal each day for a week, on advice of her confessor.

High Rifle Scores.

Two records of 104 out of a possible 105 with the Lee-Netford rifle have already been made this year by Sapper Gale of the Royal Engineers and Sergeant Dalgetty of the Berwick-on-Tweed rifles. The firing was at the regulation ranges, seven shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards, in military positions. In both cases the men missed the bullseye at the shortest distance. The highest score made with the discarded Martini-Henry rifle under the same conditions was 103.

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WISE WOMEN.

Those Who Heed the First Symptoms of Nervous Derangement.

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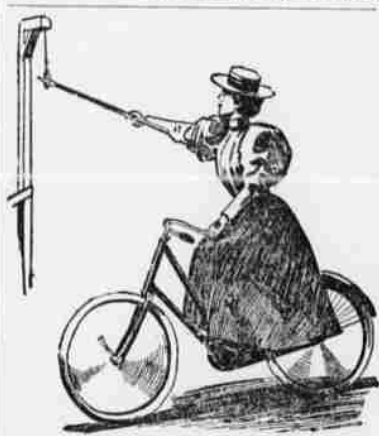
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LATEST BICYCLE GAME.

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A charity entertainment recently given in British Columbia contained a feature of novel interest contributed by amateur bicyclists. This was a wheeling gymkhana. The word "gymkhana" comes from India and means something much like a circus. The entertainment can be given anywhere by bicyclists who are sufficiently expert to make sharp turns and sudden stops. The one given in British Columbia included all sorts of fancy riding, one of the prettiest specimens being tilting at the ring by the young women riders. This is among the most difficult feats which the amateur bicyclist can attempt. It means being able to carry a long spear while riding at full speed and putting this through



THE BICYCLE GYMKHANA.

a series of rings, which are suspended from a gibbette arrangement over the rider's head. The show began with what a circus man would call the "grand entree," or parade of performers around the ring. The men wore white knickerbockers, red coats, red and white jockey caps, red stockings and white shoes; the girls white duck skirts, red and white striped shirt waists, red leather belt, white sailor hat with red band, red stockings and white shoes. Then followed a musical ride by eight couples, the riders first appearing in single file and doubling up as in the grand march at a ball until the entire sixteen rode in one line. Other graceful evolutions of a similar kind followed. A potato race of the usual picnic kind furnished amusement, a Maypole ride was pretty and the entire entertainment was voted a success. It will be seen that such a form of amusement could be easily gotten up anywhere, the only necessities being good riders and a large hall.

OLD HOSS HOEY.

The Celebrated Farce Comedian Who Died in New York Recently.

The death of William F. Hoey—Old Hoss, as he was familiarly known—occurred in New York recently and took from the farce-comedy stage one of the best known and most pleasing actors in that line. He was insane for a week before his death. Hoey was born in New York in 1855, and as a boy was famous in his neighborhood for his cleverness in singing negro and other songs. At 18 he played at Tony Pastor's, and he and John Fields toured the country for three years, doing variety work. Next he formed a combination with Bryant, Niles and Evans, and finally, in 1884, he and Evans started out in the farce written by Charley Hoyt, which made Evans and Hoey famous. This was "A Parlor Match," which the two men played until 1894.



WILLIAM F. HOEY.

when they parted, having each made a fortune. Hoey lost his in speculation. This year he again took up the great farce and made money. His last appearance was in Cleveland early in May.

Snake Steals Eggs.

A Deering, Me., farmer, who had lost a great many eggs through the depredations of some unknown visitor to his poultry yards, at last discovered the thief to be a monstrous milk adder, measuring thirty-nine inches in length.

This is the season of the year when we would rather have the moth eat up all the woolen goods in the house, than go down town in the sun for camphor balls.

The Winner

of one of those \$100 prizes got her yellow tickets in this way:

1. By using the tea herself.
2. By asking some friends who use the tea to give her their tickets.
3. By inducing some friends to try the tea and give her their tickets.

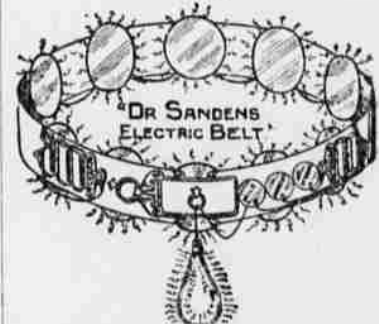
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