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inform the producers of the interior why wheat doesn't bring more or at least as much in the Portland market as in Tacoma.

Today's Oregonian, just arrived, copies and attempts to answer the Astorian's columnar. It does this by showing the Tacoma Ledger's quotations of wheat on December 18, and those of the Oregonian on the same date, as follows: Ledger's quotation: "Wheat, Walla Walla, 51 @ 52c; valley, 50 @ 52c; bluestem, 52 to 53c per bushel." In other words, the Oregonian would intimate that the prices are substantially the same, while, if its claims are correct, they should be higher in Portland.

The Oregonian's article was shown to several persons for an opinion as to the soundness of the reply. They agreed that it was not only an answer at all, but did not even amount to an equal statement that the prices are even as good in Portland as in Tacoma. They add, besides, that the quotation by the wheat ring may be forged with as easily as the O. R. & N. Bulletin with its figures. It is the first time that ring has made defamatory quotations. One of the persons remarked that the Oregonian of March last, gave a table of wheat experts, with their values, from Tacoma and Portland that showed wheat at the former place was in actual truth worth 10 per cent more than in the latter. This quotation is getting too big to be jugged with. The sentiment is that the Oregonian must make a square answer to the Astorian's columnar.

posed are going to assist in the Boer army.

EVANS KNOCKED OUT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—Dudley Evans was knocked out tonight by Chas. Jost in the 17th round at the Pastime Club.

When a young man asks a father for his daughter's hand in marriage, if the father is a wise one, he thinks of one thing—his own health. It is important as the young man's morals, social and business standing and intelligence. A young man who suffers from ill health has no right to marry until his health is restored. To do so is to commit a crime against the human race. While all diseases may not be directly inherited, the constitutional tendency to acquire them is inherited. If a man is a consumptive, the chances are that his children will have weak, underdeveloped lungs, and a predisposition to acquire the same disease.

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Mr. John G. Berg of San Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh Pa. writes: "Some six months ago I had my wife, I don't want to keep anything from you, I must tell you I am in the last stage of consumption. In December the doctor said I could then only speak in whispers. I have taken bottles back and can say with truth I am greatly improved. People are surprised to hear me speak. I can talk and my voice has not been as good in eight years. My stomach was never so strong before. Formerly I could not eat without suffering very much immediately after, but now I can eat anything."

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The Oregonian table of wheat shipments and values at Tacoma, Portland and San Francisco, referred to in the News article, was published in the Portland paper on April 4, last. It was reprinted and commented upon in the Astorian on the day following, April 5. It will be found also on page 9 of "A Book of Clatsop County," lately published by Sidney Dell. To refresh the memory of the News' informant and for the information of others who may be interested in following the discussion of this important subject, the table and comment as printed in the Astorian, are reproduced as follows:

FOREIGN WHEAT AND FLOUR SHIPPING FROM PACIFIC COAST PORTS, MARCH, 1899.

(Oregonian, April 4, 1899)

The exports of wheat and flour from the Pacific coast for the month of March were 1,201,890 bushels of wheat, valued at \$23,179, and 238,446 barrels of flour, valued at \$74,822. The business was handled by the different ports as follows:

WHEAT		FLOUR	
Port	Barrels, Value	Barrels, Value	
Portland	1,094,133 \$33,495	199,938 \$61,495	
Tacoma	453,842 12,725	48,261 15,330	
San Francisco	263,915 26,959	194,247 58,255	
Sacramento	26,195 26,959	194,247 58,255	

San Francisco's flour shipments included nearly 10,000 barrels which were sent from Portland, and which is not included in Portland's total, but is included in San Francisco's.

(Astorian, April 5, 1899)

Analysis of the foregoing table shows the startling facts (1) that wheat in Portland was worth 50 cents a bushel, (2) that wheat in Tacoma was worth 62 cents a bushel, or ten dollar a ton more than in Portland; and (3) that wheat in San Francisco was worth 71 1/2 cents a bushel, or about \$12 a ton more than in Portland. Also, that the Columbia basin farmers lost on their wheat in the month of March nearly \$200,000 because Portland's road—the O. R. & N. Company—refuses to make Astoria the seaport instead of Portland.

* It should be noted that these figures are from government statistics kept at the custom houses. They are not quotations by wheat speculators.

STEAD AGAIN BREAKS OUT.

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shepherds of Israel," in the present crisis to consider with a searching heart whether they, as ministers of the prince of peace have done all in their power to avert the terrible scourge of war.

He says: "It may be your duty to say your brother, but that mournful duty should never be undertaken save in a spirit of intense sorrow and compassion. Above all, it stands damned if it is waged in a spirit of vengeance. It is this which makes the spacy of the churches so absolutely amazing."

SUPPOSED BOER RECRUITS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—In the steerage of the French liner L'Aquitaine, which sailed for Havre today, there were 25 stalwart men who it is sup-

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IT CAN JUGGLE WITH FIGURES
OREGONIAN ON WHEAT PRICES
Evades Direct Questions By Citing Misleading Market Quotations—A Few Figures That It Cannot Deny.

- J. B. Layers of Portland is registered at the Occident.
- G. T. Hedrick was over from Ilwaco yesterday.
- E. Shelby Morgan of Portland, is in the city.
- A. L. Pense of Portland is at the Occident.
- John Riddie of Wahatam was in the city yesterday.
- Miss T. Lovell of Skamokawa is in the city.
- L. T. Russell of Fort Stevens is in the city.
- H. B. Selton of Knappa is in the city.
- J. H. Moran of San Francisco is at the Occident.
- Rev. George W. Granus of Salem is in the city.
- Joseph Watts and wife of Portland are registered at the Occident.
- G. W. McGowan of Chinook was in town yesterday.
- Geo. B. Story of Fort Canby visited Astoria yesterday.
- Frank Buchtel, of Portland, representing the Star brewery, is in the city.
- Paul C. Bates, the well known Portland insurance representative, is in the city.
- Al. Kinney, who has been attending the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, is home for the holidays.
- Frank Carnahan, who has been attending the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis for the past two or three months, has returned to spend the holidays with his family.

A Handsome Holiday Display
Water Sets, Liquor Sets, Glass Sets, Tea and Chocolate Sets, Salad Sets. COME JUST TO LOOK
Great American Importing Tea Co.

Another clever entertainment was furnished the people of Astoria by the Wizard Oil Company last evening. There was a bouquet of first class specialties that elicited general rounds of applause and the gifts bestowed sustained the company's reputation for generous and fair dealings. Mr. Boz-