OREGON UNION.

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Market Reports.

Corrected weekly at the hour of going to press.

PORTLAND.	CORVALLIS
Wheat, 75c	65c
Flour, 3 85 bbl	4.10
Oats, 33c	25c
Barley, $18 to 19 ton	
Bran, 17.00 ton	13.00
Hay, Timothy, baled, 12 and 12.50	10.00
" Wild, 9 to 10	
Butter, 40 and 55	30 and 40
Eggs, 25c doz	20
Chickens, 2 and 2.50 doz	2.00 and 2.50
Potatoes, 35 to 40c sack	50c
Onions, 1 1-4c lb	1 1-2
Hops, 8 to 14 for new crop	
Wool, Valley, 14 to 16c pound	13 to 15
Hogs, dressed, 4.50 to 5	4.50
Beef, " 4 to 5	4
Mutton, " 5	4
Apples, 40c to 65c box	20 to 25
Wheat Bags, 5 to 5 1-2 per 100	5 to 5 1-2
Cascara Bark	1 1-4c

O. C. & E. STEAMERS.—The heavy rains of last week have raised the river so that the locks at Oregon City are closed, and traffic on the river stopped between Oregon City and Portland. The Albany did not make her regular trip on Tuesday, but she is loaded with flour, at Fisher's mill, and is all ready to start, at this writing, when she can get through the locks. The steamer Hoag came down from Boonville with a load of wheat, for the Benton Mills, and will go back for another load. Traffic on the river is booming, and if they could take away the grain fast enough at Yaquina, two boats could not do the work.

THE POOR BOY.—Don't be ashamed, my lad, if you have a patch on your elbow. It is no mark of disgrace. It speaks well for your industrious mother. For our part we would rather see a dozen patches on your jacket, than hear one profane or vulgar word escape from your lips. No good boy will shun you because you cannot dress as well as your companions; and if a boy sometimes laughs at your appearance, say nothing, my good lad, but work on. We know many rich and good men who were once poor and friendless boys; and if you are poor and upright, you will be respected a great deal more than if you were the son of a rich man, and addicted to bad habits.—Ex.

THE COLLEGE.—The term is about half over of this college year at the O. A. C., and never in its history—viewed as an outsider of course—has it seemed to be doing so well. Nothing but kind words are heard from students about the faculty, and from the faculty about the students, while the citizens generally are lavish in their praise of both. The students are a credit to the institution, and their habits are above criticism. They are a gentlemanly and ladylike lot of well dressed men and women with a purpose in life, and they are devoting all their energies to carry it out. We say this much because we feel it to be due. People are always willing to condemn and find fault when anything goes wrong, and we believe it is proper to praise when it is deserved. Our college is a credit to everyone concerned, and an honor to the state.

CORVALLIS.—Corvallis is as lively a little town this winter as there is in the valley. The improvement in business over last year is very noticeable, as is also the improvment in the appearance of the city. We have three passenger trains in and three out from here every day besides two lines of steamboats on the river, and the S. P. freight from Portland on alternate days. All these are doing business and most of the time a good business. Our merchants are all busy. At the bank you will have to wait your turn at the window and the five employees are worked hard to keep up. The hotel is doing a better business than it has done for years. The harness shops are busy, and in short, everybody seems to be prosperous, there is no one complaining of hard times. So much for the business. The appearance of the city is greatly improved, the new crossings are kept clean, the sidewalks have been generally repaired or renewed, the building improvements on main street are very noticeable, and the Christmas display in the shop windows would do credit to a larger town. Take it all together Corvallis is one of the prosperous towns of the state, and as the old year approaches its end, let us each resolve that during the coming year we will do something to add to its prosperity.

LOCAL NEWS.

Look at Nolan & Callahan's holiday display.

R. L. Casteel, of Yaquina, was in the city on Sunday last.

Fine shoes and hats opened this week at Nolan & Callahan's.

Buy your men's and boys' holiday presents at Nolan & Callahan's.

"Remember that an anchor can be of no service that does not touch bottom."

Send the UNION to some friend for a Xmas present, it only costs $1.00 for one year.

An elegant line of men's smoking and lounging jackets just received at Nolan & Callahan's.

Doc Blodgett, of Blodgetts Valley, was in town yesterday, and reports the roads in a bad condition.

Judges Hufford and McFadden went to Salem on Monday to argue a case in the supreme court.

A new line of suitings and trouserings opened this week at Nolan & Callahan's tailoring department.

The courthouse is as dull as an empty schoolhouse these days, and a fellow hunting for news is out of luck.

"A good character, good habits, and an iron industry are impregnable to all the ill luck that fools ever dreamed of."

Reports from Yaquina bay are all agreed about the fearful wind storms they have been having there this winter.

The country all around us is under water, and no one is coming to town unless they have to, and then they come on horseback.

Dilly got tangled up in a wire fence the other night while he was searching for a house where they wanted a lock fixed. He fixed the lock and cursed the the fence.

A marriage license was issued to Frank Tharp and Addie Flock this week, and an action for divorce, to equalize things, was commenced by Nellie A. Maybee against J. E. Maybee.

Victor Hurt, and family, made a trip to Portland on the steamer Albany, Tuesday last. Mr. Hurt has quite recovered from his serious attack after eating the poisonous head-cheese.

Chas. Meserve of the Oregon City Enterprise was in Corvallis last Saturday in the interest of a new morning daily that he is about to start at the metropolis in the interests of ex-Senator Mitchell.

D. W. Counsil has moved his boot and shoe store and repair shop across the street from where he was. He is now located directly opposite the library, and will be glad to see you if you want work in his line.

C. E. Collins makes and repairs all kinds of cabinet ware and desks at the Corvallis Furnature Co's. shop. He does excellent work and his charges are very reasonable, if you have furniture that needs repairing call on him.

Lila L. Howell, the girl for whom the county judge has been seeking a guardian, has at last found a good home. Mrs. M. E. O'Kelly, wife of the pastor of the Evangelical Church, has been appointed her guardian by the court.

The Salvation Army will hold what they call a pound meeting at their hall on Saturday night. These meetings are for the purpose of receiving donations from charitable people, and anything useful will be gladly received, but they draw the line at head-cheese.

S. L. Kline has exhibited in his north window one of the largest candles ever shown in Corvallis. He offers a cash prize of $10 to the person that will guess how long the candle will burn. Call at the store for particulars. Special attention will be given to holiday goods during this month.

Wm. McMahon, a farmer living at Halsey, came over with his team on Saturday last, and as he couldn't cross the river he left it on the other side, and when ready to go home was obliged to take the train. Mr. McMahon has purchased from Mrs. Beach the house occupied by Mrs. Samuels, and will move here in the spring.

John Withycombe, the state veternary stock inspector, was in Corvallis on Saturday and called at the UNION office. Speaking of the Ptomain poisoning cases here, Mr. Withycomb says that the meat of the head of a hog is pecularly liable to produce that result, and he has no doubt but the poisoning was as Dr. Farra pronounced it.

Allan Logan was acquitted by the jury in his trial for killing the man Sylvester. It is not at all probable that the blow he is said to have received from the boy killed him. He was in a regular fight, giving and receiving blows, and in some manner he got a blow that killed him. Allan is a peaceful, well behaved boy, and we are glad to learn of this result of his trouble.

The program is out for a farmer's institute to be held under the auspices of the O. A. C. at Howell, in Marion county. Every place where these institutes have been held the farmers speak in the strongest terms in praise of them. They are doing a great good; subjects of vital interest to the farm and home are discussed in a scholarly way, by men who know what they are talking about, and the results must be education along the proper lines.

The warehouses at the O. C. & E. wharf was about filled with household furniture on Saturday last. Messrs. Welker, Taylor, Skipton Bros. and Armstrong left on Sunday morning's boat, and all had their household effects with them. Mr. Welker goes to California to spend the winter, and look around with a view of locating there. The Skipton Bros. and Mr. Armstrong go to Salem to reside permanently, and Mr. Taylor goes to San Francisco. We are sorry to lose them all, but Americans are a migratory people, and their places will soon be filled.

R. E. Gibson returned from Portland Tuesday where he had been on a business trip.

A football game is promised on Christmas Day between the Hook and Ladder Co. and the Engine Co. boys.

The shooting match at Philomath, on Saturday last, resulted in a victory for the breech-loader. Sam Wyatt won three of the prizes.

Dedication subscriptions to the M. E. Church are now due. Such subscribers are requested to pay the amounts to Geo. E. Lilly, Treas.

Dr. Chapman, of Monroe, was in town yesterday. We are always glad to see the doctor, he has something cheerful to say every time we meet him.

George H. Webber and Lydia G. Kisor were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Corvallis, by the Rev. Dr. Thompson, on Sunday last.

Ira M. Hunter sold 130 head of beef cattle to H A. Summerville last week, at a good price. Mr. Summerville has faith that stock will improve in value before spring.

Hops are in demand all over the state, and it seems the Oregon hops are in demand in the London market. At Gervais, lately, they were sold as high as 15 cents. About 80 bales were shipped from Corvallis this week.

G. F. Crawford died yesterday morning at 6 a m of Bright's disease. He was eighty years old and came to this county in 1852. The funeral will take place from Albany today and the burial will be at Sand Ridge cemetery, 10 miles from Albany.

The people who were poisoned in such a singular way from eating head-cheese are all rapidly recovering, and it will be many a long day before head-cheese will again form any part of their diet. It is almost miraculous that there were no deaths resulting from this occurrence.

Smith & Horning are buying and shipping a large amount of stock. On Monday they shipped a carload of sheep, on Thursday two car loads of cattle, today they will ship two car loads of Christmas sheep and on Saturday a carload of cattle. This leaves money in the community.

Dec. 23d to Dec. 28th inclusive the O. R. & N. Co. will sell round trip tickets to all points on the Willamette river at one and one fifth fare for the round trip, good for return until Jan. 4, 1898. The popular steamer Ruth leaves Corvallis for Portland Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6 a m returning next day.

Corvallis Lodge No. 14, A. F. and A. M. held its annual meeting on Wednesday night, when the following officers were elected. S. Chipman, W. M.; F. L. Miller, S. W.; A. W. Bowers, J. W.; Virgil Watters, Secy.; G. H. Davis, Treas.; John Young, Tyler. Appointive officers have not been named. Installation on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th.

The circulation of the UNION is increasing in a most satisfactory manner. It has a larger circulation in the town now than any paper published here, and in the county it is fast approaching that desirable place. We are only 6 months old, and if our present prospects continue, at the end of our first year we will have a larger circulation than any local paper ever had in Benton County.

A circular issued by the O. A. C. experiment station announcing the short course for farmers, is before us. It contains much valuable information, and those who want it can get it by applying to Professors French or Craig, the committee on short course. It contains articles on "Nut Culture," "Apple-growing in Oregon," "Hygiene of the Cow," etc., giving valuable information on these subjects. Send and get one.

Some time ago the Times published for fact that Ruthyn Turney was playing the fiddle in a concert hall at Skaguay. Below we give an extract from a letter sent to Jessie Spencer by Mr. Turney which speaks for itself:

"Jess, how did it get in print that I was playing violin up here? It is liable to cause decent people to lose their respect for me, because they one and all know that there is no place to play a violin in Skaguay except in a gambling hall or a den of prostitution. I think if I could get my hands on the promoter of this lie I would warm the wax in his ears. It's a lie without a ghost of a foundation and whether started through malice or otherwise, I can't say."

City Council.

At the regular meeting of the city council on Monday evening last, all were present except Councilmen Huston and Gibson.

A petition asking for the privilege of constructing a crossing in the middle of the block opposite the postoffice was laid on the table.

The bicycle ordinance was read the second time and passed to the next regular meeting.

A petition for a light at the corner of 12th and Monroe street was referred to the street committee.

An ordinance granting to the Oregon Telephone and Telegraph Co. certain privileges, was read and referred to the street committee.

An ordinance to increase the night watchman's salary from $40 to $50 a month was read twice and passed to the next regular meeting.

Bills allowed: General fund $306; street fund $27.

Inspected The River.

Eugene, Or. Dec. 11.—Major Freeman, United States engineer corps, took a number of representative citizens down the river today as far as Harrisburg on the snagboat, to show them the condition of the river. They found that the action of the high water has done much good in the way of improvement of the channel, and it is thought a small expenditure will make navigation possible at most seasons of the year. Major Freeman in now looking for a suitable quarry near the river, from which to secure rock to be used in revetment and wingdam work, and expects to push the improvement immediately, to the extent of the available approriation.—Oregonian.

ACROSS EASTERN OREGON.

Yaquina Bay Road to Be Extended to Snake River.

There is a strong probability that the coming year will see a new railroad stretching across Oregon from the Snake river to the coast. A branch of the new road will traverse the country between Prineville and Pendleton. Those commercial arteries, serving a virgin empire, will command two seaports, Portland and Newport, and bring a new and mighty factor to bear on the development of the state of Oregon.

When the Oregon Pacific railroad was built the project included an extension across the state to Ontario, on Snake river, near the mouth of the Malheur. The line was surveyed and definitely located all the way, and the engineers found the road would be easy to construct east of the Cascade range. Crossing the mountains a little to the northward of Mount Jefferson the route sags to the southward, touching Prineville, skirting the northerly shore of Malheur lake, thence bending northeasterly and decending the Malheur valley. Construction was begun on both ends of the line. The Yaquina end was completed across the Willamette valley and trains were put in operation on it. Nearly $150,000 was spent on the Ontario end, 11 miles of the road being graded and the rails being laid a considerable part of the distance. Then the big scheme languished, and its promoters finally had to abandon it. Seven or eight years ago construction was resumed on the coast station and the road was pushed eastward to the summit of the Cascades where it now rests. The crest of the mountains is reached on a grade that is less than 2 per cent., being by far the easiest mountain crossing in the Pacific states. Beyond the operating terminus of the road the grade is completed for a distance of 12 miles, on 4 miles of which the rails are laid.

Rather more than its share of vicissitudes came to the Oregon Pacific venture, and it appeared to be an aimless concern, dangling irresolutely in the air, when it was sold to A. B. Hammond, at Corvallis, some two years ago. Though Mr. Hammond got for $100,000 a property on which more than $16,000,000 had been spent, his investment could not be reconciled with an intention to hold the road as it was, a mere isolated fragment of a transportation system. But he kept his own counsel well, making neither boasts nor threats. He next appeared in the project to construct the much-promised railroad to Astoria, which is now approaching completion. The returning general prosperity, and especially the improving business conditions in the Northwest, together with the developments that come with the progress of affairs, now bring into view the general plan to complete the transportation system contemplated when the Oregon Pacific was started. It will be more comprehensive, however, than the Oregon Pacific promoters had in mind.

Mr. Hammond was seen in his room at the Portland yesterday, and, though he spoke guardedly of the probable railroad construction east of the Cascades, he admitted that the coming year might see a great transformation there.

"The Oregon Central & Eastern pierces a body of timber equal to that of the whole Puget sound district," said he, "and then look at the vast grain-growing and cattle-raising and wool-producing country, not to speak of timber and minerals, untouched by any modern means of transportation. There is a stretch of nearly 600 miles between the Oregon Railroad & Navigation on the north and the Central Pacific on the south, every mile of which is rich in natural resources. That certainly is a very attractive field for a railroad."

"Is there any connection between the proposed Eastern Oregon extensions of the Oregon Central & Eastern and your Astoria railroad enterprise?"

Well, you know we have a 99-year lease of the Northern Pacific between Goble and Portland, which completes our connection between Portland and Astoria. It may be that it will be deemed advisable to give the Eastern Oregon feeders an outlet at the mouth of the Columbia instead of confining them to Yaquina bay, which the government seems slow to improve for ocean craft. In that case I suppose a new line will be built up the valley, unless satisfactory arrangements can be made for using existing roads. The tendency of ocean commerce is to ship in large vessels, and the harbor that will not accomodate the largest merchant ships is hardly a safe one to tie an extensive railroad system to. The conditions have changed greatly during the past few years, and a deep-water harbor is essential to any transportation scheme involving foreign commerce. If plans now in mind shall be carried out, there will be plenty of business for Yaquina harbor without clearing commerce for foreign countries there. The coastwise business will be large. Yaquina bay is the nearest seaport to the rich Willamette valley, it should be remembered."

Within the coming week developments are expected that shall give a more definite form to this new Oregon railroad system. It is among the reasonable probabilities, however, that Eastern Oregon products shall be hauled eastward over the mountains to tide water next fall, instead of having to be driven on hoof or drawn by freight teams 100 miles or more to get to a railroad or a market.—Oregonian.

Money to Loan.

Wanted, within 10 days, applications for $25,000 or $50,000, in sums of $1,000 or upwards. Time, 5 years; interest, 7 per cent. Payable annually. Secured by mortgage on first class farms. For particulars, write or call on

W. H. HARTLESS,
Corvallis.

The Churches.

Services as usual next Sabbath at the Presbyterian church. A welcome to all.

Episcopal Church, Rev. Geo. F. Plummer, Pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 10 a. m.

Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Father S. Jurek, pastor. The usual services will be held every Sunday except the second Sunday of each month at 10:39 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Meetings at the Salvation Army hall every night in the week except Tuesday, Capt. Plumstead in charge. Everybody welcome and especially those that have no church home.

Baptist Church, Rev. Mark Noble, pastor. Regular services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor 3 p. m.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. E. J. Thompson, Pastor. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Junior C. E. 9 a. m. Senior C. E. 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursdays.

M. E. Church, South. W. J. Fenton, Pastor. Regular services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. Epworth League 6.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Evangelical Association of North America, church opposite the court house, W. N. O'Kelley, Pastor. Regular services every Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday School at 2 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesdays.

M. E. Church, Rev. Isaac Peart, Pastor. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Regular services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Class meeting follows the morning service. Prayer meeting Thursdays.

United Evangelical Church—Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. Preaching the first and third Sundays at 11 a. m. K. L. C. E. meets at 6:30 and preaching every Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Prayer and praise meeting Wednesday evening.

Services at the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath as usual. Preaching both morning and evening by Rev. Dr. Holt, of Portland. In the evening it is expected that the Dr. will sing a song in the Chinese language. A kind welcome to all.

At Methodist Episcopal Church, Lord's Day morning—"Housecleaning and burial day," a discourse for all people. Evening—"The kind of a church the new pastor, with the help of his people, is trying to build up, or what the new pastor considers an ideal church."

Congregational Church. Rev. F. O. Krause, a graduate of Beloit College and Yale Divinity School, has been engaged as pastor. Regular service every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7;30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at Plymouth at 3 p. m. two Sundays in a month.

There will be preaching services at the Christian Church on next Sunday morning and evening, by Dean Sanderson of the Divinity School, provided the health of his family will admit of his absence from home at that time. Otherwise one of the students of said school will occupy the pulpit in his stead.

Rev. W. S. Holt, D. D., of Portland, will give an illustrative lecture on the country, character, and customs of the Orientals, at the Presbyterian Church next Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock. The Dr. is an interesting and eloquent speaker. A cordial invitation to this lecture is extended to all. No admission fee.

Revival services will be commenced on the 11th of January, 1898, at the Evangelical Association Church in this city, by the pastor, Rev. W. N. O'Kelly, assisted by Rev. L. S. Fisher, of Portland, and other prominent evangelists. Mr. O'Kelly wants his church filled on this occasion, and extends a special invitation to skeptical men. The regular quarterly meeting will take place on Saturday, the 15th of January, Rev. L. S. Fisher presiding.

Cynthy.

When other fellers talk about the wives
  thet they hev got,
An' keep a-crackin' of 'em up, ez tho'
  they reely thought
The Lord had blessed 'em speshul in as-
  sortin' of their mates,
I jest can't help a-thinkin' thet each
  husban' overrates
The helpmeet thet is his'n; thet, never
  hevin' known
A better one, it's nachral to be praisin' of
  his own;
But it can't, in p'int of reason, by enny
  chances be
The other wimmin's haff ez good ez
  Cynthy is to me.

I set an' think of all the times she's kep'
  my courage up,
When life wuz tastin' bitter, 'n' the dregs
  wuz in the cup;
'N' how she's ben so patient with my
  weaknesses 'n' sins,
A-coaxin' of me back to whar the better
  road begins;
Of how she's shared by sorrers, in a
  quiet sort o' way,
Thet's made me quit my cussin' an' hez
  made me fit t' pray.
I hain't no doubt thet other wives is
  helpful; but, ye see,
They couldn't nohow be ez good ez
  Cynthy is to me.

An' then I think thet, mebbee, when the
  Lord A'mighty seen
What weak an' errin' creetures He'd
  made us, He wuz keen
To sort o' hedge, an' give us a decent
  kind o' show
Of keepin' somewhere nigh the path we'd
  reely oughter go,
An' so He gives us wimmin, an' He giv
  the wimmin ways
Of bearin' our infirmities an' givin' Him
  the praise;
But, even then, ye can't expect the rest
  o' them to be
More'n haff ez good to enny one ez
  Cynthy is to me.

—Chicago Journal.

MITE DEPARTMENT.

Hodes & Hall have an elegant line of Xmas toys, candies, nuts, toilet articles, etc.

Ivan Daniel, of the cadet band, has composed an overture, entitled "Champions of '97," and the band is now practicing on it.

Dr. Withycombe, state veterenary stock inspector, father of the Withycombes who are attending college, visited them while here on business during the week.

J. H. Gault has recovered, and returned from his home at Hillsboro. He got wind of the president's banquet, and it is easy to understand about the marvelous cure.

The football team are to be feasted at Hodes & Hall's on next Friday evening by Mr. John Rickard, one of the prosperous farmers living near town. The team will not want for entertainment.

The Jeffersonian Literary Society has adopted pale pink and Nile green as its colors and resplendant badges are now in course of being made. The Feronian society will give the Jeffs. a reception this evening.

Miss Emma Beach delivered an oration in chapel Tuesday on "Culture," that won for her many admirers. These orations by the Seniors are enjoyable and instructive to the students who are following in their steps.

It would lead one to believe that Prof. A. W. Keady is doing all in his power to promote the farming industry at Albany. A small squib in an Albany paper, signed "Nettie," says this: "I have adopted a good way to secure a farmer's education."

Chas. P. Osborn has returned from his business trip to San Francisco, and is beginning to prepare for his migration to the Klondike, in January next, in company with four or five other parties. He reports having had a delightful trip by water via Portland, although the sea was rough on the return trip.

All classes are reviewing for the term examination which begins next week. It is to be hoped that all will pass satisfactorily, That student is to be pitied who could have studied and would not, because they felt too rich or had an idea that they do not need education. Only regret will be theirs in the future.

Prof. and Mrs. D. W. Prichard were the willing hosts at a pleasant surprise party the other evening. As it was the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, (China wedding) their friends took the opportunity offered by the occasion to give a testimonial of their esteem for the Prof. and family, and brought with them many beautiful pieces of Chinaware as presents. The evening was an enjoyable one to all concerned.

Tuesday evening at eight o'clock sharp the football team with President Gatch and Manager Edwards gathered at Hodes& Hall's restaurant for a banquet which President Gatch had promised the team if they won the championship. The boys spent a fine evening, eating for one hour and ahalf. Everyone enjoyed themselves to the highest and fullest extent, for there was everything imaginable in the eating line. After thanking President Gatch for his kindness they retired happy, as was demonstrated as they went down the street. Those present were the following; President Gatch, Manager Edwards, McAlister, Bodine, Elgin, Walters, Thurston, McBride, Stimpson, Kruse, Scroggins, Holgate, Gault, Scott, Pendleton, Cree, Buxton, Holmes, Noel, Osborn, Burnett, Hudelson, Galligher, and Rusk.