FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

PORTLAND, December 2. 1880.

Legal tenders in Portland, buying, par, and selling at par.

Silver coin in Portland banks quoted at 1 per cent. discount to par.

Coin exchange on New York, 1 per cent. premium.

Coin exchange on San Francisco, par to ¼ per cent. premium.

Telegraphic transfers on New York, 1 per cent. premium.

Home Produce Market.

The following quotations represent the wholesale rates from producers or first hands:

FLOUR—Quotable in jobbing lots at: Standard brands, $5 00 best country brands, $3 50@$3 75, superfine, $3 75@$3 50.

WOOL—20@27½ for choice.

WHEAT—Good to choice, $1 30.

HAY—Timothy baled, buying at $16@$18 per ton.

POTATOES—Quotable at 1c per lbs

MIDDLINGS—Jobbing at feed, $20@$25; fine $25@$27½ ₱ ton.

BRAN—Jobbing at per ton, $15@$16.

OATS—Feed, per bushel 42½@45 cts.

BACON—Sides, 13½c; hams, Oregon S C 12½@18½c; Eastern, 14@15c; shoulders, 9@10c.

LARD—In kegs, 13; in tins, 13c

BUTTER—We quote choice dairy at 27a25c; good fresh roll, 20@22½c; ordinary, 15@20c, whether brine or roll

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, sun dried, 9a10c; machine dried, 12c¼. Pears, machine dried, 11a12c. Plums, machine dried, 20c.

EGGS—25c per doz.

POULTRY—Hens and roosters, $4 50a5. Turkeys 18a20c per pound. Geese, $8a9 per doz.

CHEESE—Oregon, 12½a15c; California, 10c.

HOGS—Dressed, 5½c; on foot, 3½a4c.

BEEF—Live weight, 1½ to 1¾c for good to choice

SHEEP—Live weight, 1½a2c.

TALLOW—Quotable at 6c.

HIDES—Quotable at 14a16½c for all over 16 lbs, one-third off for under that, also one-third off for culls; green 6½a8c.

General Merchandise.

RICE—Market quoted at China, 5½a5¾; Sandwich Island, 7½a7¾.

COFFEE—Costa Rica, 17a18c; Java, 25a26c; Rio, 16½a17c.

TEAS—We quote Japan in laquered boxes 50a75c; paper, 37½a47½.

SUGARS—Sandwich Island, 9½a10c; Golden C, in bbls, 10c; hf bbls, 9¾c; Crushed bbls, 11¾c, hf bbls, 12c; Pulverized bbls, 12c, hf bbls, 13½c; Granulated bbls, 11½c, hf bbls 12½c.

SARDINES—Qr boxes, $1 75; hf boxes, $2 75.

YEAST POWDER—Donnelly, $18 ₱ gross; Dooley, $20a22 ₱ gross; Preston & Merrill, $24 ₱ gross.

WINES—White, per doz in case, $3 50a4; per gal, 70c to $1 50; Sonoma, per doz in cases, $3 50 to $5; per gal, 60c to $1 50

Claret—California per gal, $1 to $1 25; imported per gal, $1 50 to $2.

Sherry—Cals per gal, $1 50 to $2 50; Spanish, $3 to $6; assorted brands, $12 to $18; imported per gal, $2 50 to $7.

Port—Various brands in qr csks, $2 50 to $5; $1 50 to $2; imported, $3 to $7.

SPIRITS—Fine old Hennessy Brandy in qr cks and octaves, $5 50 to $7 50 per gal; Dunville's Irish Whisky in cases per doz, $12; James Stewart & Co.'s Scotch Whisky in qr cks and octaves, $4; Hennessy Brandy in case, per doz, very fine—1 star $16, 2 star, $17 50, 3 star $19; Holland Gin, large cases, $18 to $20; Old Tom Gin in cases, $12; Rye Whisky, per gal, $2 50 to $5; Bourbon, per gal, $2 50 to $5; A Cutter, $3 25 to $3 50; O K Cutter, $4 50 to $5

OILS—Ordinary brands of coal, 30c, high grades; Downer & Co., 37½a40c; boiled linseed, $1; raw linseed, 95c; pure lard, $1a1 10; castor, $1 50a$1 60; turpentine, 60a65c.

Huffy People

One of the oddest things to witness, if not one of the most disagreeable to encounter, is the faculty which some people have for taking offense where no offense is meant—taking "huff," as the phrase goes with reason or without—making themselves and everybody else uncomfortable, for nothing deeper than a mood or more than a fancy. Huffy people are to be met with, of all ages and every station, neither years nor condition bringing necessary wisdom and unsuspiciousness; but we are bound to say that the larger proportion will be generally found among women, and chiefly among those who are of an uncertain social position, or who are unhappy in their circumstances, not to speak of their tempers. Huffiness, which seems to be a self-assertion in what may be called the negative form, and which the possessors thereof classify as a high spirit of sensativeness, according as they are passionate or sullen, is in reality the product of self-distrust. The person who has self-respect, and nothing to fear, who is of an assured social status and happy private condition, is never apt to take offense.

Many and great are the dangers of action with huffy people; and as sure as you are to flounder into the bog with them, while you are innocently thinking you are walking on the solidest esplanade, the dangers of speech are just as manifold. The dangers of jesting are, above all, great. It may be laid down as an absolute rule which has no exception anywhere, that no huffy person can bear a joke good-humoredly, or take it as it is meant. If you attempt the very simplest form of chaffing, you will soon find out your mistake; and not infrequently the whole harmony of the evening has been set wrong because a thin-skinned, huffy person has taken a pleasant jest as a personal affront, and either blazed out or gloomed sullenly, according to his or her individual disposition and direction of the wind at the time. —[Household.

OWN A HOME.—Every man who has or expects to have a family, should strive to become the owner of a home, for without one he can never feel or be independent. With a home of his own he becomes better contented, feels a deeper interest in public affairs, and is a better member of society. No man should rest satisfied until he possesses at least a small portion of the grandest of all the estates—land—the fruitful mother of all the productions which sustain existence, secure comfort and give stability and independence to life. Every man makes his life what it is out of the material circumstances which surround him. How different the feelings of a family with a home they can call their own from those who are dependent tenants.