THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

LOCAL HOLIDAY TRADE IS GOOD

Business Excellent During Past Week.

Several More Cars of Eastern Eggs Arrive---Local Quotations Not Altered.

The past wek has been very fair so far as business was concerned. The local wholesale district has been lively during the week, receipts on most lines being rather heavy.

The most sensational of all the changes in quotations during the week was perhaps the advance of 40 cents a hundred on the price of sugar. This makes the second advance in that line in considerably less than a month's time. Very few of the local jobbers expect the quotations to remain at present figures. Sharp advances are predicted.

On other articles the grocery market remains steady at the usual quotations. Packed canned meats are steady with a strong tendency to advance. Canned tomatoes and corn are still scarce and retailers are complaining on account of the slow delivery of their prders. This condition of affairs is due to the fact that the product is scarce throughout the United States.

MORE EASTERN EGGS ARRIVE.

Several more cars of Eastern eggs arrived in the local markets during the week and were easily sold to retailers at current quotations. During the present season of shortage in the egg supply it is estimated that at least 20 cars of the Eastern product have been sold in the Portland markets. Egg prices in the East are much lower than on the Pacific Coast and consequently Eastern jobbers are able to ship here and make a handsome profit. Portland egg quotations are, however, the lowest of any city on the Coast, the prices on the Sound and San Francisco being about 2 cents more than in the local market. It is said by some of the jobbers that retailers are taking advantage of the situation and are selling Eastern fresh as the Oregon stock. The quality is about the same and only an expert can tell the difference.

POULTRY CLEANS UP.

Athough receipts in the Portland poultry markets have been somewhat heavy during the past week, today the markets are practically cleaned up of that product. This is due to the closing of the wild game season.

There has been very large receipts of pork during the week, but today everything has been cleaned up. Quotations are rather good, but have not changed today. The receipts of fresh meats have been about enough to keep quotations down.

Creamery butter is weaker today and quotations will average about 30 cents a pound. Other grades are weaker and are quoted in proportion.

WHEAT PRICES WEAKER.

The wheat market is weaker today in sympathy with lower quotations in Chicago and San Francisco. Quotations in the Valley are lower for both export and mill business. Local prices are not altered.

Today's quotations as revised are as follows:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 72c; bluestem, 79c; Valley, 75c.

Barley—Feed, $22.00; rolled, $23.00@24.00.

Oats—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.17½; gray, $1.12½@1.15.

Flour—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $3.40@3.90; Diamond W., $3.85; straights, $3.20@3.30; graham, $3.00; Valley, $3.35@3.45.

Millstuffs—Bran, $19.00 per ton; middlings, $24.00; shorts, $20.00; chop, 18.00@19.00.

Hay—New timothy, $11.00@12.00; clover, $7.50@8.00.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—35½@26½c for choice.

Wool—Nominal; Valley, 15@15½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c.

Sheepskins — Shearings, 14½@19½c; short wool, 25@35c; medium wool, 30@60c; long wool, 60c@$1.11 each.

Tallow—Prime, per lb., 3½@4c; No. 2 and grease, 2@2½c.

Hides—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@15½c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 pounds, 15½c; dry salted, bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 7½@8½c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7½@8c; under 50 pounds, and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 pounds, 7c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@16c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Mohair—27c.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Butter—Creamery, 30@32½c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 17c.

Eggs—Oregon, 33½@35c; Eastern, fresh, 26@27½c; cold storage 22½@23c.

Cheese—Full cream, twins, 16½@17c; Young America, 17@17½c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4.00 per doz; hens, $4.00@4.50 per doz; broilers, $2.00@2.50; stirrings, $2.50@3.00; ducks, $4.50@5.50 per doz; turkeys, live, 14@15c do dressed, 16@17c per lb; geese, $6@6.50 per doz.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Sugar, sack basis, cube, $5.35; powdered, 5.20; dry granulated, $5.10, extra C., $4.60; golden C., $4.50, barrels, 10c; ½ barrels, 25c, boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per cwt. for cash, maple, 12½@15c per pound.

Honey—14@15c per frame.

Coffee—Green Mocha, 21@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32, Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c, Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia roast, $10.65; Arbuckles, $11.25 list; Lion, $10.75 list; Cordova, $11.25.

Teas—Oolong different grades, 25@65c; Gunpowder, 25, 32 to 35c; English Breakfast, different grades, 12½@60c; Spider Legs, uncolored Japan, 30@60c, green Japan, very scarce, 30@50c.

Salt—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s $2.60; fine table, dairy and imported Liverpool, 50s, 52c; 100s, $1.02; 20-s, $1.95 per bag.

Salt—Worcester salt, bulk, bbls, 320s, $5.00; Worcester 140 2s, $5.50; Worcester, 100 3s, $5.50; Worcester, 60 5s, $5.25; Worcester, 30 10s, $5.00, Worcester, linen sacks, 50s, 85c.

Salt—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $15.50; 50s per ton, $16.00; Liverpool lump, rock, $24.00 per ton; 50-lb rock, ——; 100s, ——.

Grain bags—Calcutta, $6.50 per 100.

Nuts—Peanuts, 6@7c per lb. for raw, 8½@8c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per doz; walnuts, new to arrive, 14½@15c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 10c; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@16c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 14@15c; almonds, 14@15c.

Coal oil—Cases, 22c per gallon; tanks, Water White, 15½c net; tanks, Headlight, 17½c net.

Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5½c; No. 2, 5c; New Orleans, nead, 7@7½c.

Salmon—Columbia River, 1-lb talls, $1.70; 2-lb talls, $2.40; fancy, 1-lb flats, $1.85; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.20; Alaska talls, pink, 80c; red, $1.25; 2-lb talls, $2.

Beans—Small white, $4.00; large white, $3.90, pink, $3.50; bayou, $3.75; Limas, 6½c.

Tobacco—Plug cut, smoking, 1 2-3-oz packages: Seal of North Carolina, 71c lb; Mastiff, 68c; Dixie Queen, 40c; Red Bell, 39c; Pedro, 50c; Golden Scepter, $1.15; fine cut, Cameo, 41c; Capstan, $1.85; Duke's Mixture, 40c; Bull Durham, 66c; Old English Curve Cut, 44c; Maryland Club, 71c; Mail Pouch, 38c; Yale Mixture, $1.40;. Plug tobacco, Drummond's Natural Leaf, 58c; Piper Heidsieck, 66c; Something Good, 45c; Standard Navy, 38c; T. & B., 53c; Spear Head, 43c; Star, 44c; Fine cut chewing: Golden Thread, 68c; Fast Mail, 70c.

MEATS AND PROVISIONS.

Fresh Meats—Beef, prime, 6½@7c; bulls, 3@4½; cows, 4½@6; pork, 7@7½c; veal, 8@8½c; mutton, 2½@3c; gross; dressed, 6½@6c; lambs, 5½@6c per lb.

Hams, Bacon, etc.—Portland pack (Western) hams, 15c; picnic, 10½c; breakfast bacon, 16½@19c; light sides, 14½c; backs, 12½c; dry salted sides, 13c; dried beef sets, —; insides and knuckles, — per lb.

Eastern packed hams, under 18 lbs., 15½c; over 18 lbs., 15c; fancy, 16c; picnic, 12c; shoulders, 12c; dry salted sides, unsmoked, 14½c; breakfast bacon, 18½c; do, smoked, 15½c; butts, 12@13c.

Lard—Kettle leaf, 10-lb. tins, 14c; 5s, 14¼c; 50-lb. tins, 13½c; steam rendered, 10s, 12¼c; 5s, 13¾c; 50s, 12¾c.

Above packing house prices are net cash, 15 days.

Fish—Rock cod, 8c; flounders, 7c; halibut, 9c; ling cod, 5c; crabs, per doz., $1.50; razor clams, 10c doz; red snappers, 8@9c; black cod, 8@9c; stripped bass, 10@12½c; salmon, 6@7c; soles, 8c; smelt, 6c; lobsters, 12½c; shrimp, Puget Sound, 15c lb.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes—65@70c; sweets, $1.75 cwt.

Onions—Oregon, 90c@$1.

oTmatoes—$1.00@1.25 per box; turnips, sack, $1.10; carrots, $1@1.10 sack; beets, $1.25, per box; crab apples, 3c per lb; Fall Butter pears, $85c@$1 per box; cranberries, Tillamook and Coos Bay, $8; Jersey, $11 a barrel; huckleberries, 10c lb; pomegranates, $1.50@2 box; garlic, 6@7c lb.

Apples—Fancy, 75c@$1.25; cooking, 50@75c.

Grapes—Concord, 25c per 10-lb basket; California, $1.25@1.40; Oregon, 75c@1.00.

Radishes, per doz, 12½@15c; cabbages, Oregon, 1@1¼c lb; lettuce, head, per doz, 12½@15c; green peppers, 50c box; squash, $1.50 cwt; pumpkins, $1.50 cwt; horseradish, 8c lb; celery, 75c@$1 doz; hothouse lettuce, $1.75@2 per box. mtvels, $2.50@3.75 box; California tangerines, $1.50@2 box; bananas, $2@2.75.

Dried fruits—Apples, evaporated, 7@7½c; apricots, 7@7½c; peaches, 7½@9c; pears, 8½c; prunes, Italian, 4½@5½c, French, 3½@4½c; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c; do. white, 7½@8c; plums, pitted, 5@6c; raisins, seeded, fancy, 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 8½c pkg; seeded, choice, 12-oz cartons, 7½c; loose Muscatelles, 50-lb boxes, 6½@7½c lb; London layers, $1.75.

Cattle and Hogs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Union Stock yards—

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	30,000	300	1,500
Kansas City	4,500	2,000	500
Omaha	1,000	3,500	200

Hogs—Opened 5 cents lower; year ago, 29,000. Mixed, $5.90@6.50; good, $6.45@6.65; rough, $5.90@6.40; light, $5.90@6.40.

Cattle and sheep opens steady.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6.—Close—December wheat, 5;11⅝, ¼ up; March wheat, 6-0¼, ¼ up; May wheat, 6-0, ¼ up; January corn, 4-5⅞, unchanged; March corn, 4-2⅝, unchanged.

OVER THE WILLAMETTE

GRADING NEW ROAD

Oregon Water Power & Railway Company Begins Work.

The Oregon Water Power & Railway Company has begun the work of building its new Springwater branch. Graders are now at work with a number of teams grading the right of way along the river front near the foot of Umatilla avenue, Sellwood.

The new road will run along the banks of the river from Portland to Sellwood, passing the tannery at that place and turning to the right, thence slightly southwest past the Golf Links, and thence southeast following the general course of Johnson Creek. The company has established a camp at Fourth and Nehalem streets, Sellwood.

WORK ON MILL

Being Rushed at Sellwood---The Machinery Arriving.

Work is progressing rapidly on the pile-driving for the foundation of the new sawmill at the foot of Spokane avenue, Sellwood.

The machinery for the plant has been bought from the old Empire Mill Company at South Bend, Wash., and is being moved to the site at Sellwood. The company building the mill is incorporated under the title of the East Side Lumber Company and is composed of John P. Miller, C. P. Hogue and J. M. Nickum, three well-known business men of this city. The company's capital stock has been placed at $75,000.

RUSHING BUILDING

New Sellwood School Assuming Shape.

The new addition to the Sellwood school is being rushed forward as rapidly as possible under adverse weather conditions. This week the painters began their work on the structure. The new building will contain eight rooms and a large assembly hall. Four of the rooms are part of the old building and have been remodeled to conform with the style of the new structure. The new school will have ample heating facilities.

Young People Elect Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Young People's Union of the Second Baptist Church, at the residence of W. B. Hall, 585 East Burnside street, last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Carrie Joseph, president; James Stram, vice-president; J. W. Burgy, secretary and treasurer; Miss Lizzie Gantenbein, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Leo S. Ball, organist. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

REVIEW OF THE WHEAT MARKET

Milne Thinks Prices Will Be Lower.

Stocks Look Up and Bears Have Climbed a Big Tree---The Quotations.

Furnished from special wires to Bolton, de Ruyter & Co., 102 Third street.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—The Record-Herald says: "We have had," says James H. Milne, "the operations in the market on a colossal scale of the great house of Armour. We have had a large export movement ever since July, and a steady and liberal milling demand. There has been about the usual movement from first hands, with daily bulletins of the big cost of insurance and freight sales from Duluth. More recently there have been reports of damage by fly in the growing Winter wheat. All these influences and the generally bullish talk should have been sufficient to put wheat up 20 cents a bushel if it were inherently in a strong position. But instead an advance of about 3 cents has been the net result. This, to my mind, is anything but a bullish feature.

"Now we have steadily increasing stocks at all primary markets, the premiums on cash wheat rapidly disappearing, and in place thereof the biggest carrying charges at St. Louis and Kansas City in years. There is the prospect of a carrying charge here. The elevators have ostensibly delivered out their wheat to the trade. There does not appear to be any special demand for it. At this time last year Winter wheat was at a big premium. This year no one wants it at the December price. Millers supply their wants from the low grades selling from 65 to 71 cents and not from the contract grade in store here. The visible supply is increasing.

"With the movement of flax practically over receipts will be liberal in the Northwest. Argentine has a surplus crop for export variously estimated at 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 which it is offering in Liverpool at 79 1-2 to 81 cents per bushel, February and March shipment, and guarantee 61 pounds per bushel. Russia harvested a big crop. Europe generally gathered a larger one than usual, and is selling cheaper than America is willing to. Therefore unless Argentine suffers a serious curtailment of her crop now harvesting, and unless the European market substantially advises its views, I see nothing to bull Chicago wheat on 76 cents, at least not at present. Yesterday was the last day for hull insurance, but insurance on grain cargoes does not expire until December 8. Boats here yesterday were offering at 2 cents on wheat and corn, but no one took any room. There must have been an extraordinary demand to hurry Manitoba wheat forward, and to get Duluth down to Buffalo. Fort Williams was bidding 5 cents to load quick, and Duluth was 3 1-2 to 4 cents. These rates are 1 1-2 to 2 cents over Chicago rates, relatively showing the better demand for the grain at those markets. With boats out of Chicago going at 2 cents the normal rates out of Fort Williams would be 3 cents, and out of Duluth 2 1-2 cents.

"It is possible there will be some further business from here, and there are boat owners who are willing to carry their own insurance. It is possible that first-class boats could get insurance up to 8 per cent at special rates. Evidently the warehouse men do not expect much further business, as they have put out within the past two days about 2,500,000 bushels of wheat which they have been holding since December 1 for that period when shipping would be very unlikely. The elevator people here are making the contract corn at a rapid rate for the benefit of that blind pool at St. Louis, which has the December wheat.

"In five days the private elevators have turned out 168 cars of contract corn and 65,000 bushels, the equivalent to almost 400,000 bushels of contract corn. Within this same period there have been only 38 cars of contract corn in the regular inspection."

STOCKS LOOK BETTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Chronicle says: Notwithstanding the loss of nearly $7,000,000 to the sub-treasury by the banks as shown by the usual figures covering the weekly movement of money, the feeling is strong that the stock market is scrapping on the bottom. The offerings of stocks continue moderate, and in the main for professional accounts. Prices rally on small purchases. There is no longer any important liquidation. Observers who lay stress on these points tonight say that while a bad bank statement might knock prices off a point or two, it looks as if the market had discounted the unfavorable monetary developments so generally expected between now and January 1. Noting the scant offerings of stocks and that there is a persistent though quiet absorption of securities by investment interests, room traders who have been bearish are covering their shorts, being also perturbed by the strength of certain individual stocks of which the most conspicuous is sugar. There is again talk of a large advance in these shares, and the way the latter nearly recovered their dividend after selling, an extra dividend is considered quite significant.

NEW YORK SUMMARY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—American stocks in London are idle and featureless. Further publication of details are likely to strengthen the favorable impression of the Manhattan guarantee. Littlefield's bill, recommending greater publicity and the taxation of watered stock of industrial corporations, was favorably reported on to Congress. The Hill influences are said to be important factions in the present operation of Erie. It is claimed that the Soo Line is earning 9 1-2 per cent on common stock. President Thomas of the Lehigh Valley says that road will be operated independently as heretofore. Twenty-six roads in the fourth week of November show a gross increase of 5.50 per cent. Berlin holders are reported to be sellers of Canadian Pacific. Telegraphic communication has been restored to all out of town points. The banks have lost nearly $7,000,000 cash this week. Dun's review says business actively continues in excess of previous years. Bradstreet says the seasonable Winter weather is greatly expanding the retail trade. Twelve industrials decreased 14 per cent and 20 active railroads decreased 17 per cent.

MAY ADD ONE MORE FEATURE

On Fitzsimmons Night There Will Be Many Attractions.

Negotiations are now pending to add another 10-round preliminary bout to the already well arranged program of the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons engagement Tuesday night. Many prominent pugilists from Seattle have already expressed a desire to engage in hostilities on this occasion, and from every indication a good night's sport will be the result of the earnest efforts of the Pastime Club.

The advance sale of seats at this early stage is sufficient proof that a large and enthusiastic crowd will greet the two prominent pugilists on this their first exhibition together since the great mill at San Francisco.

A scheme is now on foot among some of the personal friends of both Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, to greet them with a brass band upon their arrival Tuesday morning. Among the staunch admirers of Jeffries are some members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which lodge Jeffries is a member.

There has been some talk among a few about engaging a section of the house and turning out in a body. It is learned that Fitzsimmons has expressed a desire to belong to this lodge, and upon his return to New York will put in his application.

A carpenter force of 12 men have been at work arranging an increase in the seating capacity of the Exposition Building, so that every one holding a coupon shall be sure to get the right seat. Arrangements have been made to have the steam turned on early in the morning, and no stone has been left unturned to make it comfortable and pleasing to all spectators. Doors will open at 7:30 o'clock and the first preliminary start at 8:30 sharp.

A FIGHT NOT ON THE BILLS

Several days ago Dave Sullivan, the Eastern featherweight pugilist, attacked John Hertz, manager of Benny Yanger and matchmaker of the American Athletic Club, at Chicago. The argument that brought on the trouble was over a match between Sullivan and Benny Yanger. The match between Benny Yanger and Dave Sullivan looks like a certainty, made so by the fierce personal hatred existing between Davy and John Hertz, Benny's manager. John wants only one thing right now, and that is to get Davy licked. Yanger, naturally, is the logical man to do the whaling, and hence John offers the fat purse of $2,000, whereof only $250 shall go to the winner. This suits Dave pretty well, and the match will doubtless be arranged today.

Willie Hoppe, the boy billiardist, made his debut at Paris last week against St. Pereira, a third rate Spanish player, who won by 38 out of 150 points, in a balkline game. The result was no test of the relative merits of the players. Experts consider that Hoppe has a great future. His style resembles that of Schaefer and lives, and his touch is most delicate. He is sure to draw there when he shows his real form.

ERNE IS AMONG THE "HAS BEENS"

Retires From the Ring With Money.

Has a Clean Record of Many Hard Fought Battles--Opinion of Buffaloans.

Frank Erne has retired from the ring and made way for youth and brawn. His life as a fighter is filled with a record of many strenuous ring encounters. He has left a clean record and many friends. A Buffalo paper, speaking of him says: "The defeat of Erne by Britt has been freely discussed by local sports and that the ex-lightweight champion is 'all in' is the concensus of opinion. All reports of the battle were to the same effect, that Erne never had a chance with the sturdy native son. Erne's close Buffalo friends, even Rod McMahon, who had always stuck to Frank through thick and thin, bet his money on Britt, having finally become convinced that Frank is not the Erne of old. The information made public in this column to the effect that Erne had broken one of the fingers of his left hand while boxing with Zimpfer, very likely influenced the betting to some extent. Few believe that Erne broke his finger at all, but that he informed his friends to this effect in order to steer them away from betting on him. If this is true, then Frank must have anticipated the result himself.

"The fact that Erne was beaten by Britt's body punches is significant. It must mean that Frank's interior is impaired, as many have suspected for some time.

HAS SAVED MONEY.

"Erne must have some money and very likely he will now retire from the ring. He can't fight many more battles for big money on his past reputation, that's certain. Surely he can't be broke, for during the past three years he has earned $22,000 aside from what he had three years ago and what he got for losing to Britt Wednesday night. He had a guarantee, win or lose, in this fight and as there were 10,000 people present Wednesday night at fancy prices Frank ought to have drawn down $5,000. Erne, therefore, ought to be worth at least $20,000, and he might have had a great deal more had he fought oftener when he was right. He must be given credit for one thing, though, he never fought lobsters or second raters. It was the best or nobody with Frank all the time.

A statement of what Erne has won from the time he meat and defeated Gans in New York is interesting:

Defeating Joe Gans, New York	$ 2,500
Defeating Curley Suppes, Ft. Erie	2,200
Defeating Jem Maloney, London	1,500
Draw Tom Couhig, Buffalo	500
Losing to Gans, Fort Erie	4,200
Beating Gus Gardner, Chicago	700
Losing to T. McGovern, N. Y.	8,000
Losing to Jim Ferns, Fort Erie	2,600
Losing to Jimmy Britt (estimate)	5,000
	$27,300

Aside from this source of revenue, Erne has given boxing lessons at the Buffalo Club and has had a private class of boxing pupils from which he must have derived considerable cash."

ERNE'S GREAT RECORD.

The record of Frank Erne in the prize ring is a wonderful one, all things considered. He has beaten the best men who have appeared in the lighter weight classes in the past decade, and today he is in a condition to be envied, and that few athletes have held to after so many campaigns. He has been toeing the scratch for eleven years, and will have reached his twenty-eighth birthday on January 8 next.

Erne first met George Siddons in '93, and fought a draw. In a second battle he was defeated. Next he put out Young John L. Sullivan, Solly Smith and Joe Lennard. He then went to England and put out Willie Smith. He then returned to New York and put out Jack Craig, Kid Lavigne, Pal Hawkins, George McFadden, Jack O'Brien, Terry McGovern, Ed Couhig, Rube Ferns, Kearney Supples, Gus Gardner, Joe Gans and Jim Maloney.

WERE STAR BOARDERS.

J. B. Thompson and Mary L. V. B. Thompson failed to pay their boadr bill, so Sarah V. Hill says, in a complaint filed in the State Circuit Court. The Thompsons were boarders at Mrs. Hill's during 1895-96, and left owing a balance of $770. The whole amount with interest to December 1, 1901, was $1,398, and the balance due is calculated after deducting a $627 payment and $300 realized from the sale of a piano.

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