STANDARD OIL PRICES DOWN

Cut of a Half Cent Made in Quotations Today.

First Half of the Week Closes With Eggs in a Weak Condition and Meats Higher.

CHANGES OF HALF WEEK.
Coal oil declines ½ cent.
Beef and pork higher.
Eggs at a standstill.
Hops dull though stronger.
Potatoes weak, but some selling.
Onions slightly better.
Wheat stronger.
Butter lower.

The Standard Oil Company announces a drop of a half cent on the price of its various grades of coal oil. The new quotations go into effect at once and are as follows: Cases, 21c; tanks, water white, 16c net; tanks, headlight, 18c.

"There is an excellent demand for both fresh beef and pork on Front street," said John Toft of Toft, Hine & Co. Receipts of beef, especially, have been much too small during the past few weeks and even at the advanced quotations the stock is not coming in in the right proportion." Pork receipts are too small for the demand at this time, and everything is cleaned up on the street. Prices are on the advance, and it is quite likely that further advances will soon occur. The demand for lambs with pelts before Easter was enormous, but today there is no call for the stock at all and with fairly large receipts prices are on the downward move. Veal, too, is in too large receipt and during the past few days has seen a sharp decline in quotations.

What Happened to Eggs.

The first half of the week closes with the receipt of eggs increasing at an alarming rate, and the demand at bedrock. The sales of stock during the Easter season was rather large, but still was not up to the expectation of Front street commission men, on account of the extreme slowness of receipts during the fore part of the week. Today the market was hardly opened at all and retailers were unwilling to make a quotation. Most of the commission men are trying to hold prices up to 16 cents, but it is likely that quotations will drop before the close of business today.

Poultry in Fair Demand.

Although the receipts of poultry were extra large during the fore part of the week, all the stock received by commission men was cleaned up on Saturday at prevailing quotations. Quite a large lot of roosters arrived, but were hard to dispose of at any figure. Today the poultry market was not really opened and quotations are nominal.

The Butter Situation.

As was told in The Journal last Friday, the quotations on butter are weak and the drop of 2½ cents a pound went into effect today, the quotations on the best creamery being 25 to 27½c. There is still some California in the market, but with the cheapening of the local stock there is no active demand for foreign goods. The California stock was received several weeks ago and the shippers will not make any more shipments this season. Dairy and store are in nominal receipt.

Potatoes Still Weak.

As time elapses, the potato situation becomes worse for local holders of stock. The California market, which is at present the only outlet for Oregon Burbanks, is showing additional weakness and there is now certainly no hope for any advance during the few remaining weeks of the season. New stock is fast becoming the leading supply and it is a question of but a few weeks at the utmost before the old stock is driven out of the market altogether. Onions are slightly better, but their condition is yet unsatisfactory to local shippers.

Valley Wheat Looks Stronger.

There is a better feeling in the local wheat market, and Valley grade is showing additional activity, although very few buys are reported. Millers are making quiet attempts to secure supplies and yet make the farmers believe that there is nothing doing, so that they will not become excited and hold for still higher prices. Walla Walla and Bluestem are unchanged in either tone or price and the buys are only nominal.

Oregon Salmon in Market.

The fish commissioner seized 1,800 pounds of Chinook salmon while en route from the Clackamas River to this city yesterday, and the entire stock was disposed of by that officer to Malarkey & Co. Prices on Chinook of both the local and Sacramento variety stands at 3 cents a pound. Some Puget Sound herring is arriving and is quoted at 4 cents a pound.

Pope on the Hop Situation.

Captain George Pope of Elliot Prairie, formerly a well known broker of this city, says:

"The outlook for the 1903 crop is very encouraging. Spring plowing and grubbing have never to my knowledge been so far advanced as it is this season. The cold snap during February has had a beneficial effect on the vines in retarding their early growth, and thus giving the grower ample time to put the hills in good condition. If all other conditions continue favorable growers will be able to lay their hop yards by a month earlier than usual, and this will in all probability have the effect of maturing the crop from 8 to 10 days earlier than usual.

"In regard to the hops held by the growers, all I can say is that if the growers stand together and are firm, they will be repaid for their trouble before the hops of the new crop can be put on the market. There will be such a material shortage in supplies that brewers will scramble to get sufficient stocks.

English Hop Market Firm.

"My English advices confirm my views of the situation, notwithstanding the bear element of the market appears to have the upper hand at present, owing to the fact that the California growers have been free sellers of late. People here should remember that this is necessary, owing to the California hop not having the keeping qualities of the Oregon's. This fact points its own moral and I have every reason to believe that prices will advance within the next 60 days."

Today's quotations, as revised, are as follows:

PORTLAND WHOLESALE PRICES.

Grain, Flour and Feed.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 78c; bluestem, 83c; Valley, 76½c.
Barley—Feed, $21.50; rolled, $23.00.
Oats—No. 1 white, $1.17½@1.20; gray, $1.15@1.17½.
Flour—Eastern Oregon: Patents, $4.10@4.45; Diamond W., $4.30; straights, $3.50@4.20; Valley, $3.65@3.75; graham, ¼s, $3.35; 10s, $3.75.
Millstuffs—Bran, $18.00 per ton; middlings, $24.00; shorts, $19.00; chop, $18.00.
Hay—Timothy, $16.00; clover, $14.00.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

Hops—20@22c for choice; 1903 contracts, 15c.
Wool—Nominal. Valley, 15@15½c; Eastern Oregon, 10@14c.
Sheepskins—Shearings, 14½@19c; short wool, 22@23c; medium wool, 30c; long wool, 60c@1.44 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 lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15½c; dry salted, bulls and stags, 1-3 less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds or over, 7½@8½c; 50 to 60 lbs, 7½@8c; under 50 lbs, and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 to 30 lbs, 7c; sound, 10 to 14 lbs, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 lbs, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c lb less; culls, 1c lb 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@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.00.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Butter—Oregon creamery, 25@27½c; California, 27½c; dairy, 20@22½c; store, 17½c.
Eggs—Fresh Oregon, 16c.
Cheese—Full cream, twin, 17@17½c; Young America, 18@18½c; Eastern, 16@17c; California, 15c.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, 10½@11c per lb; hens, 11@12c; roosters, 9@10½c lb; broilers, 16@17c lb; springs, 13@14c lb; ducks, 11@12c lb; turkeys, live, 15@16c; dressed, 19@20c lb; geese, 8@9c lb.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

Sugar—"Sack basis," cube, $5.62½; powdered, $5.45½; dry granulated, $5.32½; extra C, $4.87½; Golden C, $4.77½; barrels, 10c; ½ barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per cwt. for cash, 15 days; maple, 14@16c lb.
Honey—14½@15c per frame.
Coffee—Green Mocha, 21@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@25c; Java, ordinary, 18@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 19@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per lb, Columbia roast, $10.63; Arbuckles', $11.25 list; Lion, $11.25 list; Cordova, $11.25.
Teas—Oolong, different grades, 25@65c; Gunpowder, 28@32@35c; English Breakfast, different grades, 12½c@65c; Spider Leg, uncolored Japan, 30@60c; green Japan, very scarce, 30@40c.
Salt—Bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s, $2.10; fine table, dairy, 50s, 35c; 100s, 74c, imported Liverpool, 50s, 45c.
Salt—Worcester salt, bulk, bbls., 320s, $5.00; Worcester, 140 2s, $5.50; Worcester, 100 3s, $5.50; Worcester, 30 5s, $5.25; 30 10s, $5.00; linen sacks, 50s, 85c.
Salt—Coarse, half ground, 100s, per ton, $14.00; 50s, per ton, $14.50; Liverpool, lump, rock, $20.00 per ton; 50-lb rock, $14.00; 100s, $13.50.
Grain Bags—Calcutta, $6.00@6.25 per 100 for August delivery.
Rice—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 5⅝c; No. 2, 5¼c; New Orleans, head, 7½c.
Breakfast Food—Premium, 36-2½c, $2.60; Force, $4.50; H O oats, $3.15.
Salmon—Columbia River, 1lb 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, $2.00.
Coal Oil—Cases, 21c per gal; tanks, Water White, 16c net; tanks, Headlight, 18c; turpentine, 77c net; gasoline, iron barrels, 18½c; cases, 24½c.
Beans—Small white, $4.50; large white, $4.25; pink, $3.75; bayou, $4.00; Limas, 5½c.
Tobacco—Plug cut smoking, 1, 2, 3-oz packages—Seal of North Carolina, 71c lb; Mastiff, 68c lb; Dixie Queen, 41c lb; Red Bell, 39c lb; Pedro, 50c lb; Golden Scepter, $1.15 lb; fine cut Cameo, 41c lb; Capstan, $1.85 lb; Duke's Mixture, 40c lb; Bull Durham, 66c lb; Old English Curve Cut, 74c lb; Maryland Club, 71c lb; Mail Pouch, 38c lb; Yale Mixture, $1.40 lb; Plug Tobacco—Drummond's Natural Leaf, 58c lb; Piper Heidsieck, 66c lb; Something Good, 45c lb; Standard Navy, 38c lb; T. & B., 53c lb; Spear Head, 43c lb; Star, 41c lb. Fine Cut Chewing—Golden Thread, 68c lb; Fast Mail, 70c lb.

Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes—45@50c; new, 4c; sweets, 3½c lb.
Onions—Oregon, 30@40c; garlic, 6@7c lb.
Fresh Fruits—Apples, fancy Oregon, 75c@$1.50; cooking, 50@75c box. Oranges, navels, $1.75@3.00 box; California tangerines, $1@1.25 box; bananas, $2.50@3.00 bunch; cranberries, Jersey, $11.00 per bbl.
Vegetables—Turnips, $1.00 sack; carrots, $1.00@1.10 sack; beets, $1.50 sack; radishes, 25c per doz, cabbage, California, 2c lb; lettuce, head, 25c per doz, green peppers, 40c lb; horseradish, 8c lb, celery, 85c doz, beans, string, 15c lb; asparagus, 8@10c; rhubarb, $1.25 box; tomatoes, Florida, $5.75 40-lb crate; parsnips, $1.75, pineapples, $5 doz.
Dried Fruits—Apples, evaporated, 7@7½c lb; apricots, 7@7½c lb, peaches, 7½@9c lb; pears, 8½c lb; prunes, Italian, 4½@5¾c lb; French, 3½@4½c lb; figs, California blacks, 6@6½c; do white, 7½@8c lb; plums, pitted, 5@6c; raisins, seeded, fancy 1-lb cartons, 50 packages to case, 8½c pkg; seeded, 12-oz cartons, 7½c; loose Muscatelles, 50-lb boxes, 6½@7½c lb; London layers, $1.75@2.00.
Nuts—Peanuts, 6@7c per lb for raw, 9@10c for roasted; cocoanuts, 85@90c per doz; walnuts, 14½@15c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, Eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 16c per lb; filberts, 15@16c per lb; fancy pecans, 14@15c per lb; almonds, 14@15c per lb.

Meats and Provisions.

Fresh Meats—Beef, prime, 7@8c; bulls, 4@5½c; cows, 5@6½c; pork, 8@8¾c; veal, 6@8½c; mutton, 6@6½c, gross; dressed, 8@9c; lambs, with pelts, 9@11c.
Hams, Bacon, etc.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 15¼c; 14 to 16 lbs, 15c; breakfast bacon, 15@19c; picnics, 11¾c; cottage, 11½c; salted sides, 12¾c lb; smoked sides, 13¼c; dry salted backs, 12¾c; bacon backs, 12¾c; butts, salted, 9½c; smoked, 10½c lb.
Eastern-packed Hams—Under 14 lbs, 15¾c; over 14 lbs, 15¼c; fancy, 16¼c; picnic, 12c; shoulders, 12c; dry salted sides, unsmoked, 12¾; breakfast bacon, 16@17c; fancy, 19c; butts, 12¼@13¼c.
Local Lard—Kettle leaf, 5s, 13⅝c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13½c; 50-lb tins, 13¼c; steam rendered, 10s, 13¼c; 5s, 13½c; 50s, 13c lb; compound tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c.
Eastern Lard—Kettle leaf, 10-lb tins, 13¾c; 5s, 13¾c; 50-lb tins, 13¼c; steam rendered, 10s, 13c; 5s, 13¼c; 50s, 12½c.
Above packing house prices are net cash, 15 days.
Fish—Rock cod, 7c; flounders, 5c; halibut, 4c; ling cod, 7c; crabs, $1.50 doz; razor clams, 9c doz; striped bass, 12½c; salmon, California chinook, fresh, 9c; soles, 8c; lobsters, 15c; shrimps, Puget Sound, 15c; catfish, 6c lb; Puget Sound herring, 4c lb.

LOCAL STOCK RECEIPTS.

PORTLAND UNION STOCKYARDS, April 13.—Today's receipts of live stock were light and consisted of only 500 hogs and 75 cattle. Quotations are stiff at the following figures:

Large hogs, $7.25@7.50; small, fat, $6.50@6.75.
Cattle—Eastern Oregon, $4.75@5.00.
Sheep—Eastern Oregon, fat, $5@5¼c.

Sheepherders Fight.

A few days ago two young men, Dave Tucker and Young Huffman, were grazing their flocks in close proximity to each other over on the Big Sheep Creek range. By some cause their sheep got into a bad mixup.

This brought the boys together. Blows quickly followed, accusations of "it was your fault and not mine" and the disputants got into an ugly mixup, away up among the rimrocks. For about 10 minutes honors (?) were equal. Then Tucker showed signs of being winded. Huffman saw his opportunity and embraced it. His heavy rights and lefts forced Tucker downward toward the verge of a 30-foot precipice.

Tucker's great danger of "selling out to the full" prompted him to force his antagonist. He caught two of Huffman's fingers between his teeth with the snap of a steel trap. This made Huffman squeal as it would any man.

Tucker came out of the mixup with two black eyes and Huffman with two sore fingers. Their flocks were still mixed at last account.—Joseph Herald.

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ARMOUR ATTEMPTS A WHEAT CORNER

Results in May Advance of Six Cents.

Crown Feared to Follow Bearish Inclinations--Wheat Crop Very Large.

From special wires and cables to Belton, de Ruyter & Co.

CHICAGO, April 13.—The Record-Herald says: As a result of startling contrasts in wheat there has evidently developed a very sensational speculative situation. Within a fortnight there has been an advance in the May price of about 6 cents, and in the July of about 4 cents. But the advances here have put Chicago out of a natural relation with the other markets, and have also put the futures here in a very queer relation with each other. Within a week there has been a taking on of a great line of May and July wheat by Armour. Within this same period the splendid wheat prospect has been further heightened by perfect weather. The situation is now that Armour holds for May and July a line of wheat probably larger than can be delivered. But at the same time the whole trade has been made radically bearish by the government announcement of an almost perfect crop condition, indicating a winter wheat yield vastly larger than any ever harvested. The crowd feared to follow its bearish inclinations so long as there was evidence of Armour buying. The instant there was a sign of selling by that interest, there was a general rush to do the same thing. May broke 3 cents and the July 2 cents almost instantly. There has existed for some time a speculative wheat opportunity. The contract stock here has been low, and there has been the possibility of its control by any rich operator. There was no evidence of an effort to control, however, up to a week ago. Suddenly Armour appeared as a great buyer and within a few days accumulated a line of May and July probably five times the contract stock. If there is any sustained bull deal lasting during the next 90 days it will need to be of vast proportions. If the operations involve only the May the undertaking would not be so huge. If it should take in the July, the man at the head of it might need to spread his operations over the Southwest as well as the Northwest. Even a campaign covering only the May would need to extend to Duluth, for there is a line of wheat there that would come here if that market should be permitted to drop to a discount as it was on Saturday. But the speculator who proposed to control the July probably would be compelled to look after the St. Louis market and the whole wheat country tributary to that point. The whole range in corn last week was within 1 cent of May and within less than that of more distant futures. The week closed with the market about where it started. There is an idea that there exists still an Armour July line, but it is probably not an important one. There is supposed to be a July line belonging to the Wells party. Such bulls as are in the market are making a move to help the price. They apparently expect some favorable development after the germinating period has passed. The Patten party is bullish on corn.

Is Here to Stay.

NEW YORK, April 13.—The London market is closed today. Looking forward one spells prosperity with capital letters, since it is here to stay. The railroads will continue to do a big business, and will make more money than ever. Industries are thriving. The winter wheat crop is the largest in history. There are facts that must govern values. Keep long on Steels, Tractions and Gas stocks. Remember that long before Northern Securities Company was formed St. Paul sold above 180. It is worth more than ever. Buy Leather common. George J. Gould is bullish.

Bear Party Seek Control.

NEW YORK, April 13.—Town Topics says: While outside selling and the bear party will operate for depression in the stock market today on account of the Northern Securities decision, we understand that Standard Oil and Morgan support will be extended. We do not believe that the decision should be interpreted as affecting other railroad companies owning stock in competitive lines. The progress of so-called community of interest is only temporarily checked by the Northern Securities decision, for concentration is the tendency of the times, and the anti-trust law will be repealed if necessary. Intrinsic value is not destroyed and the news could not have come at a better time for the stock market, which is oversold and has a big decline and contains no public interest.

Cattle and Hogs.

CHICAGO, April 13. — Union Stock Yards:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Chicago	30,000	26,000	16,000
Kansas City	4,500	4,500	5,000
Omaha	3,800	4,000	5,500

Hogs—Opened slow and steady; 3,500 left over Saturday; receipts hogs year ago, 37,000. Mixed, $7.10@7.55; good heavy, $7.40@7.60; rough heavy, $7.15@7.35, light, $6.90@7.35.
Cattle—Strong.
Sheep—Steady.

CROWN OF INDIA LOADED.

The British four-masted bark Crown of India finished loading its cargo of lumber Saturday evening. The vessel is expected to leave down the river next Wednesday. She carries 1,750,000 feet of lumber, all of it being of one size, 3x9 inches. The boards are a selected lot, being free from knots and of the finest timber. They are to be used as barricades in the gold and diamond mines of South Africa. Lumber with knots in it is considered unsafe for this purpose.

The vessel sails to Cape Town. The officers expect that the ship will be sent from the Cape to Australia to load coal for this Coast. Fifteen months ago, the Crown of India sailed from here with a cargo of grain for Hamburg. She returned with general freight to San Francisco.

John Bell, second mate of the bark, was a seaman on the Kearsarge when that vessel sank the Alabama. His family reside in Cape Town. On his arrival home he will stay at his own fireside the remainder of his earthly days.

OREGON BIRDS TALKED ABOUT

Two Interesting Papers Read Before the John Burroughs Club.

At the meeting of the John Burroughs Club held last Saturday evening, Miss Mary Frances Isom read a very interesting paper on the humming bird. It is now about time for this bright colored "will o' the wisp" to make its appearance, and the paper read by Miss Isom gave such information as will cause every member of the club to watch with more than usual interest the arrival and movements of this bird during its brief stay. On account of the humming bird's size, one easily imagines it to be a tropical bird, but such is not the case, according to Miss Isom, for the little creatures are also found darting about the regions of the far north. The fondness of these birds for any crimson flower was also brought out, as was their fighting qualities, it being said that no two male birds ever met in the air without a battle.

The article read by Thomas Elliot on warblers was also much enjoyed. Of the 40 known species, eight or nine are seen in the vicinity of Portland.

Expressions of sorrow were heard from all present upon the death of Mrs. Rosa F. Burrell, who was a member of the advisory board. Through the generousity of Mrs. Burrell, the club has for the past three years been able to offer its annual cash prize to the school children of Oregon.

GYPSIES' KING PAYS LICENSE

And Tells His Woes in Eleven Different Languages.

King Mitchell, of the Bulgarian gypsies now in the city, and three of his tribe paid an official visit to the City Hall and passed over $45 for fortune-tellers' licenses to Treasurer Werlein. The King, or 'big man' as he is known to his followers, paid the fee with many a squirk and squirm and bow, and while the licenses were being made out he entertained the treasury officials with his woes in 11 different languages, all of which he seemed to speak fluently. The linguistic effort apparently carried no hardship with it for the King, and after the last sentence, which was spoken in excellent English, he offered to teach the other 10 languages to any city officer who might wish to become a student. No one felt disposed to accept his generous tender, so it is not likely that the unknown foreign tongues will cause any great commotion in the city hall, except when the King makes another visit and his words again rattle the rafters.

The King's tale, as told in the 11 different languages and translated by himself, was that he was an American citizen, having been naturalized in Birmingham, Ala., a year ago. Birmingham was the home of his tribe, and they were traveling around the country for profit and pleasure. They were having a hard time in Portland for they had been unable to secure a permanent location, and were not well patronized. Their total receipts yesterday were only $6. Hundreds of people visited them out of curiosity, but only a few wanted to delve into the future. He expects seven more families from California this week, and if they get a location they will stay here three months. They were not beggars. They have plenty of money and the King exhibited a roll that led some to believe that he was Pierpont Morgan in disguise.

When the details were completed the King, with a bow, the extreme politeness of which would have put Opper's creations to shame deaprted.

LIVELY ROW IN MARQUAM GULCH

Three Italians Engage in Gun and Razor Duel.

Marquam Gulch was the scene of a lively mix-up yesterday afternoon in which three Italians played parts. Genaro Amotuzzo, one of the men, was badly cut; Frank Destafano, who wielded a razor, admits doing the cutting; Gutono Destafano, his brother, played an unimportant role. Amotuzzo fired three shots from a revolver, but fortunately none of them took effect.

The disturbers of the peace were arrested, and when the circumstances were related to Captain Parker, he refused them bail. This morning they were taken before Municipal Judge Hogue. Amotuzzo and Frank Destafano were charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, while Gutono Destafano was charged with fighting. All plead not guilty. Their bonds were placed at $250 each, which was furnished. Their hearing will occur tomorrow.

Whisky the Cause.

Several Italians, friends of the fighters, were interviewed at the police station this morning. They all agreed that it was a case of too much whisky. As far as could be learned the men had never been in trouble before, and at the time of the fight all were drunk.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued at the County Clerk's office: Samuel A. McKever, aged 23 years, and Carrie Lucy, aged 18 years, both of Portland; Chauncy Bush, aged 23 years, and Jessie E. Hadley, aged 21 years, both of Portland; Fred P. Fuchs, aged 22 years, and Bessie McBrian, aged 26 years, both of Portland.

BUILDING PERMITS.

C. G. Gibson, Carl, between Milwaukie and Eleventh, two-story dwelling, $1000.
A. G. Rushlight, Hawthorne and Grand avenues, one-story house, $2500.
David Henshaw, Whittaker, between Corbett and Water, one-story cottage, $1000.
J. Blane, repairs, Clay, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, $200.

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DRUMBURTON HAD STRENUOUS TRIP

Howling Winds and Jack Frost Cut Capers.

Four Sails Carried Away---Mates Assaulted by Sailors--Passengers on Board.

The British four-masted ship Drumburton arrived Saturday evening, after a passage that will long be remembered by the officers of the vessel. There seemed to have been a "hoodoo" cast over the ship during its stay in Asiatic waters. Two mates were stabbed by a sailor several days before the windjammer sailed from Japan. On the passage over four large sails were carried away by one of the fiercest typhoons that ever swept across the North Pacific. The weather almost all the way across was bitter cold and half the crew were laid up with the grip. The Japanese cabin boy slipped on the frosty deck and broke his starboard arm. But with all these many worries, Captain William Thomas made a good passage across the pond, and reached this city with his ship in Bristol fashion.

Winds Soon Began to Blow.

The Drumburton sailed from Hakodate, Japan, on the evening of March 12. For nine days she had strong southeast winds, but on the 21st the wind shifted to the northeast and began to blow an 80-knot gale. The next day the wind whipped clear around the compass, and then the typhoon proper started. For 24 hours the officers and men did not know if their ship would be able to weather the storm.

When the first sign of the approaching gale was shown by the barometer, the royals and topgallant sails were taken in. Later the main and mizzen canvass were hauled up. During the worst part of the gale, the foresail, fore lower topsail, spanker and jigger staysail were carried away. Throughout the storm, the weather was very cold and many of the crew were made quite sick. For a time, Chief Officer Norman Baker had only two men in his watch.

After the typhoon had spent its fury, the wind changed to the nor'west and then to the westerly. The last half of the passage was made through pleasant seas.

Second and Third Mates Assaulted.

Several days before the ship sailed from Japan, Second Mate L. Hookes and Third Mate C. Wheeler were attacked on the deck of the ship by two sailors. Both officers were stabbed in the back and arms, the would-be murderer using a large pocket knife. Hookes received the most severe wounds, the knife missing his spinal cord by a fraction of an inch.

The officers were sent to a Japanese hospital. The sailors were turned over to the local authorities and were given a jail sentence. The last reports received by Captain Thomas stated that the wounded men were recovering.

Several Passengers on Board.

There were five passengers on board the ship. C. G. Stimpson, wife and two children, of Port Townsend, were on their way home. Mr. Stimpson has been manager of a large American store at Quam Island. John Anderson, also of Port Townsend, was returning from a cruise in Eastern waters; he was formerly a sailor on the Drumburton.

BIRTHS.

April 5—Girl to the wife of W. N. Hays, 763 Borthwick street.
April 8—Girl to the wife of J. D. M. Abott, 505 Tacoma avenue.
April 6—Boy to the wife of F. Vogt, Montavilla.
April 7—Boy to the wife of R. A. Corthell, 50 North East Twelfth street.
April 5—Boy to the wife of S. Bartio, 578 North Front street.
April 5—Boy to the wife of A. H. Randall, 1122 Union avenue.
April 2—Boy to the wife of G. A. Stephan, 74 Seventh street.
April 2—Boy to the wife of W. Trevor, 415 Sixth street.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

April 11—Mrs. H. A. Huffman, 656 Third street. Measles.
April 11—Elmo Huffman, 656 Third street. Measles.
April 10—Lenora Blaesing, 284 College street. Diphtheria.
April 11—J. M. Coomer, East Twenty-sixth and East Taylor. Measles.
April 11—A. C. Olson, 641 East Fifteenth street. Measles.
April 11—Helen Galbreath, 684½ East Morrison street. Measles.
April 9—Mathilda, Hazel, Edith, Ralph and —— Coley, 464 Mill street. Whooping cough.
April 9—Jennie Browning, 464 Mill street. Scarlet fever.

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DEATHS.

April 10—Barbara Youngken, 67 years, 4 months, 5 days, 24 East Eleventh street. Hernia.
April 10—Solomon Fisher, 81 years, St. Vincent's Hospital. Pneumonia.
April 9—J. L. McIrvin, 43 years, 18 days, Good Samaritan Hospital. Fracture of skull.
April 9—Katherine S. Edris, 28 years, 7 months, 1 day, 353 Twelfth street. Asphyxiation.
April 9—William Wachlin, 31 years, 10 months, 22 days, 175 Myrtle street. Diabetes.
April 10—Alice E. Peterson, 324 North Sixteenth street. Broncho pneumonia.

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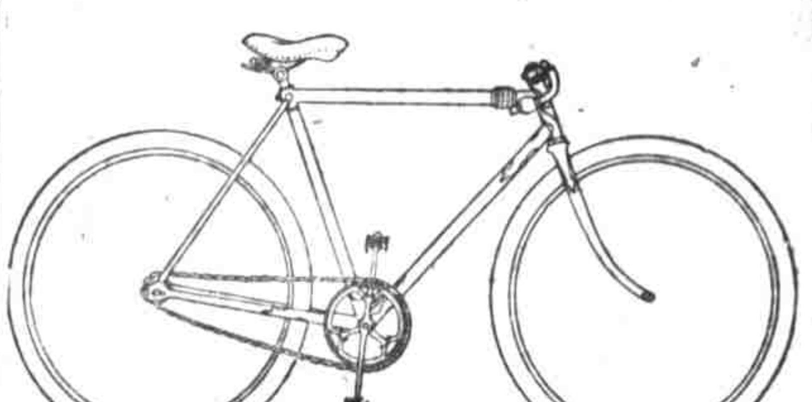

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BERLIN BLAVATSKY BROUGHT TO TRIAL

Anna Roth, Medium, Is Charged With Fraud.

In the German capital politics are forgotten, and the center of universal interest is transferred for the moment, says the London Daily Telegraph, to the law court, where the meager and listless, but sharp-eyed, "flower medium," Anna Rothe, looking worn after 12 months' preventive imprisonment, is on trial for having perpetrated fraud on 61 occasions, and attempted to do so on nine more. It's a lady's case, and therefore, spring bonnets and fashionable dresses predominated in the crowd that pressed eagerly toward the entrance to the tribunal on the morning when all the 81 witnesses, besides the experts, duly put in an appearance. The court was crowded to overflowing, and feeling ran high among the audience.

Few among the witnesses considered themselves defrauded by the prisoner, and many explained to the court in the picturesque phraseology of the spiritualistic dialect how the 153 flowers and enormous oranges which were found hidden away in the ample folds of the Widow Rothe's dress could have been the results of sudden materialization.

One witness went so far as to affirm that they were all suddenly materialized in consequence of a nervous shock experienced by the medium when caught red-handed, so to speak, by the police officers. The witnesses were of all ages and professions, old men and women, young girls, lads pursuing their studies, presidents of occultist societies, editors of spiritualistic periodicals.

One married lady deposed that the medium summoned the spirit of her brother-in-law, who horrified her by volunteering the information that he was undergoing exquisite tortures in the nethermost depths of the ice regions in Kingdom Come. Desirous of doing good from the far-distant sphere, he gave detailed directions to his sister-in-law, who seemingly anticipated quite a different temperature in the regions alluded to, nobody in her kinsman's position ever having before complained of cold.

Answers Court's Questions.

The defendant, an elderly person of slight build, was dressed in black. Her glittering dark eyes revealed intense nervousness. Answering the court's question, Rothe told how the spirits first began to appear to her at the age of 10. Long afterward her deceased brother-in-law visited her one day, sat on the sofa beside her and advised her to arrange seances.

She disclaims all knowledge of what happened during the sessions, because she was always in a trance. Even the finding of the flowers and oranges hidden in her clothes at the time of her arrest she pretends to know nothing of, but the female detective who searched her testifies that Rothe fought madly with her, using hands and feet.

The medium told the court that her most favorite friends from the other world were the religious reformer Zwingli, the poet Paul Flemming and the spirit of a little boy named Siegfried. She was unable to explain how the flowers and bric-a-brac materialized at the seances; no one knew but God. If anything was wrong about the seances the impressario Jentsch was responsible. He, however, has disappeared.

Paid High Fees.

Commissary Leonhart testified that Rothe's dupes had paid high fees for admission to the seances. He had visited several, and became convinced that a fraud was being carried on. He noticed that while the medium frequently changed the tone of her voice, according to the age and sex of the spirits who were supposed to be using her as their mouthpiece, yet all the ghosts would talk broad Saxon dialect, even Zwingli, of Switzerland, and Napoleon of Corsica. One day he noticed that the medium was unusually stout, and suspecting the presence of a fresh consignment of "souvenirs from the other world," decided to arrest her. When he took hold of the medium's hands the whole audience went to her defense and he was nearly mobbed.

Explains Medium's Inaction.

The vice-president of the Spiritualists' Society deposed that the medium conducted the seance in a perfectly orthodox manner and that her trance was genuine because it was accompanied by catalepsy, loss of sensibility and rolling of the eyes. Asked by the president to explain the sudden appearance of a glass egg, he answered that it had doubtless been an invisible atom which suddenly became manifest to the eyes of all in the medium's hand.

Questioned as to why, during her 12 months' arrest, the widow's supernatural powers had remained paralyzed, he informed the court that intercourse with the unseen world depends on the medium feeling in good condition and in soulful sympathy with the surroundings, which was not the case within the stone walls of a prison; but, he added, if the lady were set free the course of spiritual communications would again run smooth.

He saw flowers glistening with dew suddenly materialize in the Widow Rothe's hands in a well-lighted restaurant, and himself took the flowers and preserved them, but he disavowed the theory that nervous shock caused roses, violets, narcissi and tulips to materialize wholesale on the approach of the police.

A woman deposed that the medium was searched before the seance, but nothing was detected, and, among other things which subsequently became materialized, were nicknacks, thimbles, breloques, which hovered promiscuously in the air.

"Did you believe that?"

"Yes."

"Then do you suppose models of such things are manufactured in the other world?"

"I know that you can get them in Berlin for sixpence."

The witness further declared that the medium could not possibly have secreted these articles in her garments, adding that the tulips were fresh, and with roots, so that she planted one.

The owner of a bakery deposed that at one seance the reformer Zwingli, being summoned from the other world, delivered an unctuous address to the company, and then during the supper the spirit of an old stonecutter asked to be heard, but merely expressed regret that he could not sit at such an abundant table and enjoy the good things.

The holy ghost plant, a product of Mexico, Central and South America, is so called because of the shape of the flower, which has the appearance of a dove with expanded wings.

A scheme for establishing distributing kitchens has been adopted in Melbourne.