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TODAY'S MARKETS

The Wide Range in Values Between New York Hops and Oregon's Is Fast Disappearing — Former Lower—Coast's Unchanged

BETTER CALL FOR OREGON HOPS

New York Advices Tell of Small Supplies of Coast Product There Now.

PORTLAND WHEAT IS ONE CENT ADVANCED

Poultry Firm but Unchanged—Eggs Are About a Half Cent Lower With Indications of Heavier Arrivals—Some Creamery Butter Is Higher.

Front Street, Dec. 13.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are:
Oregon hops are in demand.
Two cars bananas and car sweets.
Wheat prices are 1c higher.
Eggs are ½c lower.
Poultry market firm but unchanged.
All dressed meats in demand.
Chinese boycott gets more serious.
Cheese is firmer; butter advances.

Oregon Hops Are in Demand.

In the New York market Oregon hops are showing a slight gain in price, while states are down somewhat. Quality is at last telling on the prices there, and there is now but 4c difference in the quotations between Oregons and New Yorks. Even then the quotations in New York do not represent what strictly choice Oregon are selling at, the list being prime to choice. Although the marekt in the Empire State is somewhat dull on account of the holidays, there is a somewhat better demand for coast product, especially choice Oregons. This from the latest issue of the New York Producers' Price Current is therefore of interest to local producers and dealers:

	Bales.
Receipts for week	7,220
Receipts from September 1	45,253
Receipts same time last year	83,484
Exports to Europe for week	2,447
Exports from September 1	10,808
Exports same time last year	58,509
Imports for week	535
Imports from September 1	5,777
Imports same time last year	3,273

"A very large clearance has been reported this week of the hops lately purchased for English account. The market for states is now practically at a standstill, as exporters have discontinued buying and a steady let-down in prices has to be reported. We hear of several good lots having been handled in the state at 13@14c. Transactions in Pacifics have been reported on the local market, mainly in Yakimas at 10½@11½c; we hear of an offer of 12½c refused for one lot of choice shipping Oregons and 13c has been paid. Strange to relate, the New York market is bare of 1905 Pacifics at the moment. Advices from Germany report an easier market on reddish low grades, but choice green hops eagerly sought for. English advices do not indicate any material change in the situation there."

State, 1905, prime to choice, per lb	17@19c
State, 1905, common to fair	10@11c
State, 1904, choice, per lb	12@13c
State, 1904, prime, per lb	10@11c
Pacific coast, 1905, prime to choice, lb	14@15c
Pacific coast, 1905, common to fair, lb	10@12c
Pacific coast, 1904, choice, per lb	10@12c
Pacific coast, 1904, prime, per lb	7@ 8c

Locally there is a very strange feeling in the hop market. A considerable amount of business is reported between dealers at printed quotations, but among the growers there is a tendency to hold.

Wheat Prices Are a Cent Higher.

On account of the late improvement in the wheat market elsewhere, Portland prices are showing another advance of 1c per bushel today. The market is quiet with few transactions of note. The flour situation remains as previously quoted, there being an entire lack of anything in the way of an oriental demand. The Chinese boycott is reported in a more serious condition and the few orders received from there have been canceled on this account. Millstuffs and hay are firm with no change in the prices.

Eggs Are a Half Cent Lower.

The egg market is ½c lower today. Receipts are now showing indications of increasing greatly during the next week and dealers are not holding their supplies quite so firm as previously. Most of them are still asking 35c for strictly fresh ranch, but a number of sales have been made at a drop of 1c under that figure.

The poultry market is in very good shape with receipts still rather light and demand very good. Prices unchanged today.

Cheese Is Firmer and Butter Advances.

A firmer feeling is reported in the cheese market today. Supplies in this market are of a nominal character and most of the dealers are asking 15½c for flats. But few sales of first-class product are made under that figure. A better tone continues to rule in the creamery butter market and prices in some cases are 2½c a pound higher on the street today. Today's quotations therefore range between 27½@30c a pound. Country store shows an increase in arrivals.

All Dressed Meats in Demand.

In the dressed meat market there is a demand for all first-class product. Veal is especially firm on smaller receipts and prices are up to the top. Hogs are likewise in good request with practically no changes in the quotations.

Bananas Arrive in Excellent Shape.

Two cars of bananas arrived in late yesterday afternoon in excellent shape. Prices the same.

A car of sweets was unloaded today along the street during the morning. Prices unchanged.

The potato market has a dull character with producers showing more inclination to sell at present prices. Onions are just steady.

The trade paid the following prices to Front street dealers for first-class product in round lots. Prices paid producers are so specified:

Grain, Flour and Feed.

WHEAT—New club, 72c; red Russian, 69c; bluestem, 75c; valley, 73c.

BARLEY—Feed, $21.50@22.00; rolled, $22.50@23.00; brewing, $22.50@23.00.

CORN—Whole, $27.00; cracked, $28.00 per ton.

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $26.00; gray, $24.50@25.00.

FLOUR—New eastern Oregon patents, $4.35; straights, $3.70@3.80; export, $3.30@3.35; valley, $3.70@3.80; graham, ¼s, $3.50; rye, 50s, $5.00; bales, $2.75.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $17.50 per ton; middlings, $25.00; shorts, country, $19.50; city, $18.50; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Producers' price—Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $11.00@13.00; ordinary, $7.00@9.00; eastern Oregon, $14.00@15.00; mixed, $8.50@9.00; clover, $8.00@9.00; grain, $8.50@9.00; cheat, $8.00@8.50.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 28½c; sour, 26½c.

BUTTER—City creamery, 30c; outside fancy, 27½@30c; ordinary, 25@27½c; store, 16@17c.

EGGS—No. 1 fresh Oregon, candled, 34@35c; cold storage and eastern, 27@27½c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, flats, 15@15½c; Young America, 16@16½c; cheddar, 15½c.

GAME—Jackrabbits, $1.75 per doz.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 11½c; fancy hens, 12c per lb; roosters, old, 9c per lb; fryers, 12c per lb; broilers, 12c per lb; ducks, 15@16c per lb; geese, 9@10c per lb; turkeys, 16c per lb; dressed, 17@20c per lb; squabs, $2.70@3.00 per doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS — 1905 — Oregon, choice, 10@11c; prime, 8½@9c; poor grade, 7½c; Washington, 10½@11c; 1904 crops, 7@8c for choice.

WOOL—1905 clip, valley, coarse to medium, 24½@25½c; fine, 26@27c; eastern Oregon, 19@22c.

MOHAIR—Nominal, 30@31c.

SHEEPSKINS—Shearing, 15@20c each; short wool, 25@40c each; medium wool, 50@75c each; long wool, 75c@$1.00 each.

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

CHITTIM BARK—2½@3c per lb.

HIDES—Dry, No. 1, 16 lbs and up, 16½@17½c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 5 to 15 lbs, 14c; dry calf, No. 1, under 5 lbs, 15c; salted hides, steers, sound, 60 lbs and over, 10@11c; cows, 8½@9½c; stags and bulls, sound, 6@7c; kip, 15 to 30 lbs, 9c; calf, sound, under 15 lbs, 11c; green, unsalted, 1c less; culls, 1c per lb less; horsehides, salted, each, $1.25@1.75; dry, each, $1.00@1.50; colt hides, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, each, 25c@$1.00.

Fruits and Vegetables.

POTATOES—Best Oregon, 75@80c per sack; producers' price for car lots, 70c per sack; ordinary, 65@70c; producers, price, 45@55c; sweets, $1.90 per sack; $2.00@2.25 per crate.

ONIONS—Oregon yellow Danvers, $1.25; producers' price, No. 1, $1.00@1.10; No. 2, 75@85c; garlic, 8@10c per lb.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, Oregon, $1.00@1.50; fancy, $1.75@2.00; oranges, new navel, $2.00@3.00; seedling, $1.75@2.00; bananas, 4@4½c per lb; lemons, choice, $2.25@2.75 per box; fancy, $3.25@3.75 per box; limes, Mexican, $1.25 per 100; pineapples, $4.00 per doz; grapes, $1.50@1.75; pears, $1.25@1.50 per box; pomegranates, 1.25 per box; tangerines, $1.75; Japanese oranges, 75c box.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, $1.00 per sack; carrots, $1.00 per sack; beets, $1.00@1.25 per sack; Oregon radishes, 25c per doz; cabbage, Oregon, $1.00@1.25 per cwt; green peppers, 7c per lb; California tomatoes, $1.00@1.25; parsnips, $1.00@1.25; string beans, 8@10c; cauliflower, $2.40 per crate; rhubarb, — lb; green peas, 9@10c lb; horseradish, 6c per lb; artichokes, 85c@$1.00 per doz; hothouse lettuce, $1.00@1.75 per box; celery, local, 45@65c per doz; eggplant, $1.50 per crate; pumpkins, 1¼c; squash, 1¼c; cranberries, Jerseys, $12.50@14.00 per bbl; Coos bay and Tillamook, $10.00; radishes, 25c per doz.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 10@10½c per lb; apricots, 10½@13c per lb; peaches, 10½@12c per lb; sacks, ½c per lb less; prunes, 30 to 40, 6¼c; ½c drop on each sixteenth smaller size; figs, California black, 5½@6c per lb; California white, 5c per lb; dates, golden, 6c per lb; fards, $1.35 per 15-lb box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Sack basis—Cube, $6.80; powdered, $5.65; fruit granulated, $5.55; dry granulated, $5.55; Conf. A, $5.30; beet granulated, $5.35; extra C, $5.05; golden C, $4.95; D yellow, $4.85; bbls, 10c; ½ bbls, 25c; boxes, 50c advance on sack basis, less 25c per cwt for cash, 15 days; maple, 14@15c per lb.

(Above prices apply to sales of less than car lots. Car lots at special prices subject to fluctuations.)

HONEY—$3.60 per crate.

COFFEE—Package brands, $15.75.

SALT—Coarse—Half ground, 100s, $7.00 per ton; table, dairy, 50s, $11.00; 100s, $10.75; imported Liverpool, 50s, $17.00; 100s, $16.50; 224s, $16.00; extra fine, bbls, 2s, 5s, 10s, $4.50@5.50; bulk 320 lbs, $4.00@5.00; sacks, 50s, 65@86c; Liverpool lump rock, $18.50 per ton; 50-lb. rock, $7.00; 100s, $6.75.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 7⅛c.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 6c; No. 2, 5@5¼c; New Orleans head, 7c; Ajax, 5c; Creole, 5¼c.

BEANS—Small white, $3.75; large white, $3.25; pink, $2.75; bayou, $4.50; Limas, $5.00; Mexican reds, 5¼c.

NUTS—Peanuts, jumbos, 8¼c per lb; Virginia, 7½c per lb; roasted, 9c; cocoanuts, 85@90c per doz; walnuts, 15@15½c per lb; pine nuts, 10@12½c per lb; hickory nuts, 10c per lb; chestnuts, eastern, 15@16c per lb; Brazil nuts, 14c per lb; filberts, 14@15c per lb; fancy pecans, 15½@16½c; almonds, 15@17c per lb.

Paints, Coal Oils, Etc.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 14¾c; standard, 13¼c; sisal, 11c.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 20½c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 15c per gal; wooden, 18c per gal; headlight, 170-deg., cases, 22½c per gal.

GASOLINE—86-deg., cases 24½c per gal, iron bbls 18c per gal.

BENZINE—63-deg., cases 23c per gal, iron bbls, 14½c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases 89c per gal, wooden bbls 86c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7⅜c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8¼c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present base at $2.70.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in 5-bbl lots, 50c; 1-bbl lot 51c; cases, 56c per gal; genuine kettle-boiled, cases, 58c per gal; 5-bbl lots, 52c; 1-bbl lot, 53c per gal; ground cake, car lots, $20.00 per ton; less than car lots, $30.00 per ton.

Meats, Fish and Provisons.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef steers, 5@6c per lb; hogs, block, 7c per lb; packers, 7c per lb; bulls, 4@5c per lb; cows, 5½@6c per lb; veal, extra, 7½@8c per lb, ordinary, 6c per lb; poor, 5c per lb; mutton, fancy, 7@7½c per lb.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 12¾c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs, 12½c per lb; breakfast bacon, 14½@18½c per lb; picnic, 8c per lb; cottage, 8¼c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 10½c per lb; smoked, 11½c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10½c per lb; smoked, 11½c lb; Union butts, 10 to 18 lbs, unsmoked, 8c per lb; smoked, 9c per lb; clear bellies, unsmoked, 11c per lb; smoked, 12c per lb; shoulders, 8½c per lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 11c per lb; 5s, 11¼c per lb; 50-lb tins, 10½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 10c per lb; 5s, 10¼c per lb; compound, 10s, 6¾c.

CANNED SALMON—Columbia river, 1-lb talls, $1.80; 2-lb talls, $2.75; fancy 1-lb flats, $1.90; ½-lb fancy flats, $1.15; fancy 1-lb ovals, $2.75; Alaska talls, pink, 85@90c; red, $1.50; nominal 2s, tall $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 7c per lb; crabs, $1.50 per doz; striped bass, 12½c per lb; catfish, 7c per lb; salmon, silversides, 6c per lb; steelheads, 7c per lb; herring, 5c per lb; soles, 6c per lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; perch, 5c per lb; black cod, 7c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; lobsters, 15c; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 25c per doz.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $3.75.

CLAMS—Hard-shell, per box, $2.00; razor clams, $2.00 per box.

WEDNESDAY PRICES IN THE WHEAT MARKET

	Dec.	May
Chicago	$ .85⅜	$ .88½A
New York	.....	.92⅝
Milwaukee	.85⅝	.88½
Duluth	.....	.86
San Francisco	1.20½*	1.41
Kansas City	.....	.80⅝
St. Louis	.....	.87⅝
Liverpool	6s 11⅛d	6s 10⅝d

*December barley.

JOURNAL'S DAILY TIPS ON MARKETS

While there is at present but little call for turkeys in the Portland market the indications are that within the week the call will be rather insistent and shippers would be amply repaid by sending their supplies. So say the dealers. None expect higher prices to rule.

DULL TONE CONTINUES IN SHEEP MARKET

No Arrivals Are Shown in Local Yards During the Last Twenty-Four Hours.

Portland Union Stockyards, Dec. 13.—Livestock receipts:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	141	144	...
Week ago	162	94	251
Previous week	264	50	584
Month ago	126	51	885

While no sheep arrived in the local yards during the past 24 hours, the tone shows absolutely no improvement from the former weakness. Hogs and cattle very firm, but unchanged.

Official livestock prices:

Hogs—Best eastern Oregon, $5.75; blockers and China fats, $5.00; stockers and feeders, $4.25.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $3.50@3.75; light and medium steers, $2.50; light cows, $2.50; stockers and feeders, $2.25; bulls, $1.50.

Sheep—Wethers, 4½c; mixed sheep, 4c; lambs, 4½c.

Calves—Good veal, 150 to 200 pounds, 5c; rough and heavy, 3@3½c.

EASTERN HOGS STRONG.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Livestock receipts:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Chicago	32,000	22,000	20,000
Kansas City	11,000	10,000	3,000
Omaha	9,000	5,500	10,000

Hogs opened strong, with 7,500 left over. Receipts a year ago were 46,000. Prices: Mixed, $4.70@4.80; good, $4.85@5.00; rough, $4.65@4.75; light, $4.65@4.90.

Cattle—Steady.

Sheep—Strong to 10 cents higher.

TRACTION STOCKS WERE ACTIVE

Great Gains Are Shown in Brooklyn Rapid and Metropolitan Railway Shares.

CAUSED BY ADVERSE DECISION TO HEARST

Announcement Causes Entire List to Gain and the Closing Is Generally Higher—Big Rise in Smelters Also Shown.

ADVANCES.

Amalgamated	1⅛	Colo. Southern	¼
Atchison	1	do 2d pfd	⅜
do preferred	¼	do 1st pfd	¾
Sugar	1½	Denver	½
Smelter	2⅜	Erie	⅛
do preferred	¼	Great Western	⅛
Brooklyn	2⅞	Ill. Central	1½
Baltimore	½	Louisville	⅜
Colo. Fuel	1¼	Metropolitan	3⅜
St. Paul	⅛	Mex. Central	1⅝
C. & N. W.	2	Katy	⅛
Canadian	⅜	do preferred	1⅛
Locomotive	¼	North American	1⅛
N. Y. Central	2	Union Pacific	2⅞
Pennsylvania	⅝	Steel, preferred	⅝
Rep. Steel, pfd	1	Wabash	¼
Southern Pacific	⅛	Wis. Central	⅛
Texas & Pac	⅛	do preferred	1⅜
Western Union	⅛		

LOSSES.

Anaconda	⅝	Missouri Pacific	⅛
Chesapeake	½	Norfolk	⅛
Denver, pfd	⅝	Ont. & Western	⅛
Pacific Mail	⅛	People's Gas	½
Pressed Steel Car	⅛	Reading	⅛
Rock Island	⅝	S. F., 2d pfd	⅛
do preferred	1	Tenn. Coal	⅛
U. S. Rubber	⅝		

Wall Street, New York, Dec. 13.—There was plenty of excitement in the trading in the stock market today. Smelters were very bullish and American Smelter common rose 2⅜ points. An adverse decision against Hearst helped the tractions and both Brooklyn Rapid and Metropolitan advanced with great speed. The rise in the former amounted to 2⅞ and the latter 3⅜ points. This helped the general list and the closing shows mostly gains. Union Pacific was again to the fore, the activity and bullish feeling resulting in an advance of 2⅞ points. New York Central gained 2 points and Colorado Fuel 1¼ points.

Official quotations by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke company:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Anaconda Mining Co.	194	196	190½	191½
Amal. Copper Co.	98⅝	100⅝	98	99½
Atchison, com	87⅛	89⅝	87⅛	88⅝
do preferred	105	105	104⅝	104⅝
Am. Car & Foundry, com	41	41	40¼	40½
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	98⅝
Am. Sugar, com	147	148½	146⅝	148½
Am. Smelt., com	162	163¾	161½	162⅝
do preferred	135½	137	133⅝	133½
Baltimore & Ohio, com	113⅝	113½	112⅝	113¼
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	86½	90⅝	85⅝	88½
Canadian Pacific, com	173¼	174	173	173⅝
Chicago & Alton, com	.....	.....	.....	31
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	45
C. & G. W., com	21⅝	21⅞	21⅝	21⅝
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	179¾	180	178⅝	179¼
C. & N. W., com	219	221	219	220
Chesapeake & Ohio	56½	56½	55½	55⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com	53	54⅛	53	53⅝
Colo. Southern, com	28⅝	28⅞	28¼	28⅞
do second preferred	46½	47⅝	46	46½
do first preferred	68½	68½	68	68¾
Delaware & Hudson	226	226	223½	223
D. & R. G., com	37½	37½	37⅝	37½
do preferred	90½	90½	89½	89½
Erie, com	48⅝	48⅝	48⅛	48½
do second preferred	.....	.....	.....	73
do first preferred	.....	.....	.....	80⅝
Illinois Central	177	177⅝	177	177½
Louisville & Nashville	153¼	154	152½	153½
Met. St. Ry.	118⅝	122⅝	118⅝	122
Mexican Central Ry	23⅞	25½	23⅝	24⅛
Missouri Pacific	103¼	103½	102½	102⅝
M. K. & T., com	38	38⅞	37⅝	37⅞
do preferred	68	69	68	68½
New York Central	154⅝	156½	155⅝	156⅛
Northern Pacific	196	196½	195½	195½
Am. Locomotive	70⅝	70⅞	69⅝	70⅞
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	116⅝
Norfolk & Western, com	85⅝	85⅝	85⅝	84½
North American	101	102½	100½	100⅝
N. Y., Ont. & Western	53½	53⅝	52⅝	53⅛
Pennsylvania Ry	140⅝	141⅝	140½	141⅝
P. G. L. & C. Co.	106½	106⅝	105⅝	105⅝
Pressed Steel Car, com	57⅛	57½	56	56
do preferred	99½	99½	99¼	99¼
Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	50¼	50½	48¼	48½
Reading, com	140⅝	141	139⅝	139⅝
do second preferred	97	97	96½	96½
do first preferred	92	93	92	92
Rep. Iron & Steel, com	33⅝	34⅝	33½	34⅛
do preferred	107½	108	107½	108
Rock Island, com	25⅝	25⅞	24⅝	24⅞
do preferred	65⅝	65⅝	64⅝	64⅝
Southern Ry., com	36⅝	36⅝	35⅝	35⅝
Southern Pacific	69⅝	70⅝	68⅞	69⅝
St. L. & S. F., 2d pfd	58	58	57	57
St. L. & S. W., com	.....	.....	.....	22½
do preferred	58⅝	59	58¼	58⅝
Texas & Pacific	35	35⅝	35	34⅞
Tennessee Coal & Iron	144½	144½	142½	142½
Toledo, St. L. & W., com	37	37	37	37
do preferred	58¼	58¼	58	58
Union Pacific, com	141½	145	140⅝	144
U. S. Rubber, com	56	56¾	55¼	55¼
U. S. Steel Co., com	38⅞	39	38½	38⅞
do preferred	105⅝	105⅝	105¼	105⅝
Wisconsin Central, com	30⅝	30⅝	29½	29⅝
do preferred	60⅝	63	60⅝	62⅝
W. U. Telegraph	93¼	93½	93¼	93½
Wabash, com	20⅝	21	20½	20⅝
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	41½
Central Leather	44½	44½	44	44
do preferred	.....	.....	.....	103

Money, 3 per cent.
Total sales for day, 1,615,700 shares.

SAN FRANCISCO LOCAL STOCKS.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Official morning closing.

	Bid.	Ask.
Contra Costa Water	47¼	47⅞
Spring Valley Water	40¼	40½
Mutual Electric	16½	16⅝
Pacific Lighting	74½	....
San Francisco Gas & Electric	85	86
Giant Powder	77	....
Honokaa Sugar	13	14
Hutchinson Sugar	15¼	....
Makawell Sugar	32⅝	33
Paahau Sugar	23	23½
Alaska Packers'	....	58
California Wine	....	82½
Oceanic Steamship	5	5⅛
Pacific Coast Borax	152	....
Pacific States Telephone	104⅝	105
Hawaiian Commercial	83	84

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

Boston, Dec. 13.—Official copper close:

	Bid.		Bid.
Adventure	$ 7.00	Osceola	$108.00
Allouz	40.50	Parrot	32.50
Atlantic	23.50	Phoenix	1.50
Bingham	37.25	Quincy	109.00
Calumet	710.00	Rhode Island	5.75
Centennial	29.50	Royal	24.00
Copper Range	82.75	Santa Fe	2.62½
Daly West	19.00	Shannon	7.62½
Elm River	2.50	Tamarack	120.00
Franklin	17.00	Trinity	10.62½
Green Copper	31.50	United Copper	57.00
Granby	10.50	Utah	46.00
Mass	10.25	Victoria	6.50
Michigan	17.75	Winona	8.50
Mohawk	63.50	Wolverine	127.50
North Butte	91.00	U. S. Mining	35.25
Old Dominion	34.00		

PORTLAND BANK STATEMENT.

Clearings	$804,982.36
Balances	70,878.19

New York Cash Cotton.

New York, Dec. 13.—Spot cotton, 20 points higher; middlings, 12c.

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 13.—Coffee futures closed 5 to 10 points lower. Official prices:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
January	$6.20	$6.25	July	$6.70	6.75
February	6.30	6.35	August	6.80	6.85
March	6.35	6.40	September	6.90	6.95
April	6.45	6.50	October	6.95	7.00
May	6.55	6.60	November	7.00	7.05
June	6.60	6.70	December	6.20	6.25

New York Cash Coffee.

New York, Dec. 13.—Cash coffee: No. 7 Rio, 7⅛c; No. 4 Santos, 8⅝@8½c.

EARLY CABLES DO NOT HELP

Liverpool Grain Opens About the Same as the Previous Close —Ends Higher.

ARGENTINE WEATHER THE BEARISH FEATURE

Harvesting Now Under Way and Conditions Never Looked Better—Chicago Pit Has a Loss of One Cent in December.

	Close. Wed.	Close. Tues.	Loss. Wed.	Close. Year ago.
December	$ .85⅜	$ .86⅜A	$ .01	$1.06⅞
May	.88½A	.88⅞A	.00⅜	1.08⅞
July	.83⅝B	.83⅝	.00⅛	.98⅞

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Argentine weather was responsible for today's break in the wheat market. The initial trading in Liverpool gave no encouragement to this market, the figures being unchanged. The closing there, however, was advanced. News from Argentine says the weather there is perfect for the harvest, which is now progressing satisfactorily. The greatest loss in this market was in the December, the decline amounting to a full cent. Many dropped three-eighths during the day, and July a quarter cent.

The corn market followed the action of wheat. The southwestern wheat markets are acting better, and the report from there says export bids are near a working basis.

Official quotations by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke company:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
Dec.	$ .87	$ .87	$ .85⅜	$ .85⅜
May	.89⅛	.89⅜	.88⅜	.88½A
July	.84	.84⅛	.83⅝	.83⅝B
CORN.				
N. Dec.	.44⅜	.44⅞	.44⅛	.44⅜
May	.44⅜	.44⅜	.43⅞	.55 B
July	.44⅜	.44⅜	.44⅛	.44⅛
OATS.				
Dec.	.31⅜	.31	.30½	.30⅜A
May	.32⅜	.32⅜	.32⅜	.32⅜A
July	.31⅛	.31⅛	.30⅜	.30⅜
MESS PORK.				
Jan.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.00
May	13.45	13.45	13.20	13.22
LARD.				
Jan.	7.29	7.29	7.22	7.22
May	7.35	7.35	7.22	7.22
SHORT RIBS.				
Jan.	6.97	7.00	6.87	6.87
May	7.17	7.17	7.07	7.07 B

SAN FRANCISCO GRAIN MARKET.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Official morning prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$1.41	$1.41	$1.41	$1.41
BARLEY.				
May	1.22¼	1.22¼	1.21⅝	1.21⅞
December	1.20	1.20½	1.20	1.20½

Skunk Oil Scarce and High.

Prospect (Me.) Dispatch in N. Y. Sun.

Neither tradition nor the memory of living man runs back to a time when Prospect was not the skunk oil metropolis of Maine. Even in the times when angleworm oil and snake oil ran skunk oil a close race for leadership Prospect maintained its reputation for producing more skunks to the acre and fatter skunks than any other town. In the days of the civil war General Heagan, a veteran of the conflict with Mexico, gained a reputation for benevolence and a small fortune by extracting the oil from skunks and sending it to the army hospitals for the relief of the stricken troops.

The harvest of skunk oil for 1905 has been very much below the average, due, it is said, to the fact that last June and July were cold and wet, and as grasshoppers hatch in those months, the weather killed most of the insects in infancy, thus cutting off the food supply of the skunks. As an offset for the poverty in yield the selling price of the oil has advanced from $4 to $6 a gallon, and buyers are busy collecting all the job lots on hand. In average years a fair sized skunk would yield a quart of pure oil, which was worth $1, and this sum, added to the 50 cents to $2 received for the pelt, made skunk hunting an important industry for the farmers and their sons.

The skunk hunters say that the crime of substitution has afflicted their trade more than any other, as dealers who are unscrupulous do not hesitate to dilute the genuine product of the skunk with 50 per cent or more of hens' oil, which resembles skunk oil in every respect except in smell. By adding a small quantity of the flavoring extract which skunks keep in stock the imitation article can be sold to customers without fear of detection.

The practice of selling adulterated oils for genuine has become so widespread that the hunters of skunks say they will ask the next legislature to pass an act making adulteration a crime punishable with a heavy fine or imprisonment. As science is unable to distinguish skunk oil from hens' oil or gooses' oil, by any test except its smell, it is feared that evidence sufficient to convict will be hard to secure.

The First Day.

From the New York Sun.

Which is the first day in the week, Sunday or Monday F.

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	Astoria and Seashore.	
7:00 p. m. Daily.	Express Daily. Astoria Express.	9:50 p. m. Daily.

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C. A. STEWART, Commercial Agent, 248 Alder street. Phone Main 906.

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UNION DEPOT.	Leaves.	Arrives.
CHICAGO-PORTLAND SPECIAL. For the East via Huntington.	9:15 a. m. Daily.	5:25 p. m. Daily.
SPOKANE FLYER. For Eastern Washington, Walla Walla, Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene and Great Northern points.	6:15 p. m. Daily.	8:00 a. m. Daily.
ATLANTIC EXPRESS. For the East via Huntington.	8:15 p. m. Daily.	7:15 a. m. Daily.
Columbia River Division.		
FOR ASTORIA and way points, connecting with stmr. for Ilwaco and North Beach, stmr. Hassalo, Ash-st. dock.	8:00 p. m. Daily ex Sunday. Saturday, 10:00 p. m.	About 5:00 p. m. ex. Sunday.
Yamhill River Route.		
FOR DAYTON, Oregon City and Yamhill river points, stmrs. Ruth and Modoc, Ash-st. dock. (Water permitting.)	7:00 a. m. Daily ex. Sunday.	7:30 p. m. Daily ex. Sunday.
Snake River Route.		
FOR LEWISTON, Ida., and way points from Riparia, Wash., stmrs. Spokane and Lewiston.	5:40 a. m. or upon arrival Train No. 4. Daily ex. Sat.	4:00 p. m. Daily ex. Friday.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY — SUNSET OGDEN, SHASTA ROUTES

Leaves.	UNION DEPOT.	Arrives.
*8:45 p. m.	OVERLAND EXPRESS. Trains for Salem, Roseburg, Ashland, Sacramento, Ogden, San Francisco, Stockton, Los Angeles, El Paso, New Orleans and the East.	*7:25 a. m.
*8:30 a. m.	Morning train connects at Woodburn daily except Sunday with train for Mount Angel, Silverton, Brownsville, Springfield, Wendling and Natron.	*5:55 p. m.
*4:15 p. m.	Eugene passenger connects at Woodburn with Mt. Angel and Silverton local.	*10:35 a. m.
*7:30 a. m.	Corvallis passenger.	*5:50 p. m.
*4:50 p. m.	Sheridan passenger.	*8:25 a. m.
‖10:45 p. m.	Forest Grove passenger.	‖1:50 p. m.

*Daily.
‖Daily except Sunday.

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Returning from Oswego, arrive Portland daily 8:30 a. m.; 1:55, 3:05, 5:05, 6:15, 7:35, 9:55, 11:10 p. m.; 12:55 a. m. Daily (except Sunday), 6:25, 7:25, 9:30, 11:45 a. m. Sunday only, 10:00 a. m.
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UNION DEPOT.	DAILY. Depart.	Arrive.
Yellowstone Park-Kansas City-St. Louis Special for Chehalis, Centralia, Olympia, Grays Harbor, South Bend, Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Lewiston, Butte, Billings, Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis and Southeast.	8:30 a. m.	4:30 p. m.
North Coast Limited, electric lighted, for Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Butte, Minneapolis, St. Paul and the East.	2:00 p. m.	7:00 a. m.
Puget Sound Limited, for Chehalis, Centralia, Tacoma and Seattle only.	4:30 p. m.	10:55 p. m.
Twin City Express, for Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Helena, Butte, Yellowstone Park, Minneapolis, St. Paul and the East.	11:45 p. m.	6:50 p. m.

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