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PERSONAL PROPERTY TO MRS. HOLTGRIEVE

The will of Henry Holtgrieve, who died February 2, was filed in the county court this morning. By its provisions, the widow, Elizabeth R. Holtgrieve, is allowed all the personal property, excepting money, and a part of the landed estates; Mrs. Emma Fitzgerald, a daughter, is given 80 acres of land; Mrs. Ocea A. Baker, a daughter, East Portland property. Mrs. Henrietta Miller, daughter, was not left an interest in the estate, the father stating in the will that he had given this daughter a farm shortly before the will was drawn. Charles E. Holtgrieve, a son, was given 275 acres of land, and another son, John S., was willed 160 acres. All other property is to be sold and the proceeds placed with the money left, the total to be divided equally among the widow and children. Mrs. Holtgrieve is named as executrix and Charles Holtgrieve executor of the estate, valued at about $16,000.

Astonished the Woodchuck.

From St. Nicholas.

A woodchuck, recently caught, had been brought into the sitting-room, where it had retreated into the unused fireplace, glaring furiously at every one who approached, and keeping its mouth wide open, except when from time to time it would close it with a fearful snap, loudly grinding its teeth together in the way peculiar to woodchucks.

At this inauspicious moments Napoleon, a pet prairie dog, was brought into the room and set down upon the floor. As the woodchuck was three times the size of the prairie dog, Napoleon's young mistress was for snatching him from those literal jaws of death, but the rest of the family said:

"Let them be. We can interfere in time."

This seemed by no means certain when Napoleon, inspired by deep interest, approached the woodchuck, which forthwith opened its mouth to an even wider extent as if to bite the dog's head off.

The undaunted Napoleon seemed to regard this as an unexpected opportunity to add to his knowledge, for he at once proceeded to examine the woodchuck's wide open mouth, thrusting his whole muzzle inside it, and then actually putting out his little pink tongue and sampling the roof of it. As for the woodchuck it seemed to be paralyzed with amazement. It did not relax a muscle, but sat immovable, with mouth wide open, as it had done when Napoleon first approached.

The latter made a long and leisurely inspecting, first of the inside and then of the outside of the woodchuck's mouth, and at last trotted calmly away again, leaving the poor nonplussed animal sitting in the fireplace as before.

A woman has been at The Dalles taking subscriptions for a babies' home in an eastern state. There is "nerve" for you!

Russell Sage, the great money lender, who has quit the Iron Mountain directorate as a preliminary step to closing his business career.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Portland Is Now Supplied With Sugar From the East and Prices Unlike Those at Seattle Will Remain Until Changed by the Refinery

SUGAR FAMINE IS AVERTED

Trainload of Supplies Rushed in From the East Saves This Territory.

WILL BE NO RISE IN PRICES ASKED

Dressed Hogs Not So Firm—Produce Is Getting Lower—Salmon Very Scarce While Shad Is Overplentiful—Eggs Holding Very Steady.

Front Street, April 28.—The principal features of the Portland wholesale markets today are:

No famine in sugar supplies.
Dressed hogs not so firm.
Shad prices are lower.
Salmon supplies are small.
String beans are coming down.
Steady decline in green peas.
Rolled oats sharply higher.
Bean prices again advanced.
Export flour likely to rise.
Higher prices bid for hops.
Eggs holding very steady.
Potatoes and onions continue good.

No Famine in Sugar Supplies.

With the arrival of the trainload of sugar from the east yesterday the famine which threatened this market has been averted and all dealers are now sending out supplies to the famished trade. Practically speaking there has been only one day that Portland has been without fairly liberal supplies of sugar—that was yesterday. From this time forth there will be plenty of sugar for all purposes. Some will arrive by steamer from California early the coming week, while some shipments will come from that direction by rail. In any event Portland sugar prices are unchanged.

Dressed Hogs Not So Firm.

Although the situation in dressed hogs cannot be considered weak, the tone of the market is not so good as a day or so ago and the larger arrivals cause some of the commission men to shade their asking prices. During the last day or so there have been considerable supplies of poor grade hogs—some that weighed twice as much as they should, while others were too small for good block trade. Today's general price for fancy block or packing stock is 8½c, although some sales are made either a fraction up or down.

While extra heavy receipts are still shown in dressed veal the Front street markets are in very good shape and prices printed by The Journal are fully maintained.

Salmon Supplies Are Small.

Supplies in the salmon market are very small. The catch in the Columbia river has been very disappointing, and this has resulted in some of the canners paying a fractional advance to fishermen in order to secure supplies.

Receipts of shad from the Columbia have been so heavy of late that stocks are piling up and going to waste. Price dropped very suddenly today and looks still lower.

Potatoes and Onions Continue Good.

While there is no settled condition ruling in the potato market the trade is still willing to do business on the present ruling prices. Onion stocks are so nominal that dealers are asking a wide range in prices.

String beans from the south are now quite plentiful and the price on the street has dropped to 15c a pound. Green peas are extra plentiful and stocks are piling up fast with prices steadily dropping. Most of the supplies usually intended for the San Francisco market are now coming in this direction.

Beans Show Nominal Supplies.

There are but nominal supplies in the bean market on account of the California disaster, and most of the houses in the Pacific northwest have advanced the price of small whites to 5c a pound. There is, however, no occasion at this time of getting excited over the bean situation. Prices may possibly go a trifle higher within the next two weeks, but after that time there will be plenty of stock in from Michigan, and this can be landed in this city at lesser prices.

Export Flour Likely to Rise.

While millers will not even consider the advisability of advancing the price on local brands of flour on account of the San Francisco trouble, there is a strong possibility that export brands will be advanced about 10c a barrel during the next week or so.

The wheat market is rather quiet with millers rather anxious to do business around the present level.

Rolled oats is sharply higher on account of the recent advances in the oat market. Today eastern brands are quoted 50c a barrel higher, while local oats are 25c a barrel up.

Eggs Held Very Steady.

Receipts of eggs are quite fair today, but there is plenty of demand. The heavy cold storage operations and the determined call from the north and south is keeping the market in very good shape, and the general trade is of the opinion that prices will not possibly go lower than at present.

Poultry arrivals are of a mere nominal character with some dealers asking an advance over present values.

The creamery butter market is in very good shape. The supplies are still under the demand. It is reported that some California butter will come in this direction to be placed in storage, but very little, if any, will go into the open market. That is at least present prospects.

Country store butter is coming quite fast to market with no outlet at present. It is quite likely that the local trade will be able to handle some of it in cold storage at a decline.

Higher Prices Bid for Hops.

There is plenty of demand for hops at the moment, but few holdings are being offered. Some bids were received today from the east at higher values, but the holders do not seem in the mood to let go until the price reaches around 12½c. Most all grades look alike to purchasers today.

The trade pays the following prices to Front street. Prices paid producers are less regular commissions:

Grain, Flour and Feed

WHEAT—Club, 70c; red Russian 68c; bluestem, 70c; valley, 69c.

BARLEY—Feed, $23.50; rolled, $24.50; brewing, $23.50.

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

RYE—$1.55 per cwt.

OATS—Producers' price—No. 1 white, $28.00; gray, $27.00.

FLOUR—New eastern Oregon patents, $3.90@3.95; straights, $3.40@3.50; export, $3.10; valley, $3.55; graham, ¼s, $3.50; whole wheat, $3.75; rye, 50s, $5.00; bales, $2.75.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $17.50 per ton; middlings, $25.00; shorts, country, $20.00; city, $19.00; chop, $18.00.

HAY—Producers' price—Timothy, Willamette valley, fancy, $10.00@12.00; 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.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

BUTTER FAT—F. o. b. Portland—Sweet cream, 18½c; sour, 16½c.

BUTTER—City creamery, 20c; outside fancy, 20c; stock, 13½@14c.

EGGS—No. 1 fresh Oregon, candled, 17c.

CHEESE—New—Full cream, flats, 15c; Young America, 16c; cheddar, 15c; California flats, 13½c.

POULTRY—Mixed chickens, 14½c per lb; fancy hens, 15c lb; roosters, old, 11c per lb; stags, 11c per lb; fryers, 20c per lb; broilers, 25c per lb; ducks, 16c @17c per lb; geese, 11c per lb; turkeys, 16@17c per lb; dressed, 21c per lb; squabs, $2.75@3.50 per doz; pigeons, $2.00 per doz.

Hops, Wool and Hides.

HOPS—Contracts, 1906 crop, 10c per lb; 1905 Oregon, 9½@11c.

WOOL—1906 clip—Valley, coarse to medium, 23@25c; fine, 25c; eastern Oregon, 20@22c.

MOHAIR—New crop, 30@35½c.

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—3c per lb.

HIDES—Dry, No. 1, 16 lbs. and up, 16½@17½c per lb; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 lbs. 14c; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 lbs. 18c; salted hides, steers, sound, 50 lbs and over, 10@11c; cows, 9½@10½c; stags and bulls, sound, 6@7c; kip, 15 to 50 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 sorted, $1 per sack; producers' price for car lots, 80c per cwt; ordinary, 85c; producers' price, 65@75c; new potatoes, 3@5c per lb.

ONIONS—Jobbing price—Oregon, No. 1, $2.50@3.00; producers' price, No. 1, $2.50; No. 2, $2; garlic, 8@10c per lb; onion sets, 7c.

FRESH FRUITS—Apples, $2.00@3; oranges, fancy navel, $3.50; seedling, $2.75; Mediterranean, $3.25@3.50; bananas, 5c per lb; lemons, choice, $3.50 per box; fancy, $4.00@4.25 per box; limes, Mexican, —— per 100; tangerines, $1.25; pineapples, Mexican, $4.50; Hawaiian, $6.00; California strawberries, $1.00@2.00 per crate.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, new, 75c per sack; carrots, 60@75c sack; beets, 90c@$1.00 per sack; Oregon radishes, 20c doz; cabbage, California, $3.00 per cwt; green peppers, (—) per lb; California tomatoes, $2.75@3.00; parsnips, 90c@$1.00; string beans, 15c; cauliflower, $2.25 per crate; green peas, 6@8c per lb; horseradish, 6@7c per lb; artichokes, 85c@$1.00 per doz; hothouse lettuce, $1.50@2.00 box; celery, 25c dozen; sprouts, 6c per lb; cranberries, Jerseys, $14.00 per bbl; Coos bay and Tillamook, $10.00; asparagus, California, 8c per lb; Oregon, 50@75c per doz bunches; Walla Walla, $1.25 per box; squash, 1½c; spinach, 75c@$1.00 per box; green onions, Oregon, 12½c per dozen bunches; California encumbers, $1.75@2.00 dozen.

DRIED FRUITS—Apples, evaporated, 13@15c lb; apricots, 13@15c per lb; peaches, 10½@12c per lb; sacks, ½c per lb less; prunes, 30 to 40, 7½c; ½c drop on each sixteenth smaller size; figs, California black, 6@7c per lb; California white, 8c per lb; dates, golden, 6c per lb; fards, $1.35 per 15-lb box.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

SUGAR—Sack basis—Cube, $7.05; powdered, $5.90; fruit granulated, $5.80; dry granulated, $5.80; conf. A, $5.80; beet granulated, $5.60; extra C, $5.30; golden C, $5.20; D yellow, $5.10; bbls, 10c; ½ bbls, 25c; sexes, 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, $16.35.

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, $15.50 per ton; 50-lb rock, $7.00; 100s, $6.75.

GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 7¼c.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3½@3¾c; New Orleans head, 7c; Ajax, 5c; Creole, 5¼c.

BEANS—Small white, $4.50; large white, $4.00; pink, $3.00; bayou, $3.00; Limas, $6.00; Mexican reds, 4¾c.

NUTS—Peanuts, jumbos, 8c per lb; Virginia, 6½@6¾c per lb; roasted, 8@8½c per lb; cocoanuts, $5@6c per doz; walnuts, 16@15½c per lb; pinenuts, 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, 14½@15½c.

Paints, Coal Oils, Etc.

ROPE—Pure Manila, 14½c; standard, 12½c; sisal, 11c.

COAL OIL—Pearl or Astral—Cases, 19½c per gal; water white, iron bbls, 14c per gal; wooden, 17c per gal; headlight, 170-deg, cases, 21½c per gal.

GASOLINE—86-deg, cases 26½c per gal, iron bbls 18c per gal.

BENZINE—88-deg, cases 26c per gal, iron bbls 18½c per gal.

TURPENTINE—In cases 95c per gal, wooden bbls 92c per gal.

WHITE LEAD—Ton lots, 7¾c per lb; 500-lb lots, 8c per lb; less lots, 8½c per lb.

WIRE NAILS—Present basis at $2.75.

LINSEED OIL—Pure raw, in 5-bbl lots, 56c; 1-bbl lot, 58c; cases, 58c per gal; genuine kettle-boiled, cases, 60c per gal; 5-bbl lots, 54c; 1-bbl lot, 56c per gal; ground cake, car lots, $29.50 per ton; less than car lots, $30.00 per ton.

Meats, Fish and Provisions.

FRESH MEATS—Front street—Beef steers, 4@5c per lb; cows, 3@4c per lb; hogs, fancy, 8½c; ordinary, 8c; poor, 7c per lb; bulls, 3@3½c per lb; veal, extra, 7@7½c per lb; ordinary, 6½c per lb; poor, 5@5½c per lb; mutton, fancy, 8@9c per lb; lambs, 9@10c.

HAMS, BACON, ETC.—Portland pack (local) hams, 10 to 14 lbs, 14½c per lb; 14 to 16 lbs, 14c per lb; breakfast bacon, 16@19½c per lb; picnic, 10½c per lb; cottage, 10½c per lb; regular short clears, unsmoked, 10½c per lb; smoked, 11½c per lb; clear backs, unsmoked, 10½c per lb; smoked, 11½c per 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, 10½c per lb.

LOCAL LARD—Kettle leaf, 10s, 13c per lb; 5s, 13½c per lb; 50 lb tins, 12½c per lb; steam rendered, 10s, 12c per lb; 5s, 12½c per lb; compound, 10s, 8½c.

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, 80@90c; red, $1.50; nominal 2s, tall, $2.00.

FISH—Rock cod, 7c per lb; flounders, 5c per lb; halibut, 5c per lb; crabs, $1.50 per doz; striped bass, 12½c per lb; catfish, 7c per lb; salmon, Columbia river chinook, 9c per lb; steelheads, 7c per lb; herring, 5c per lb; smelt, 6c per lb; shrimps, 10c per lb; perch, 5c per lb; black cod, 7c per lb; tomcod, 7c per lb; silver smelt, 7c per lb; lobsters, 15c per lb; fresh mackerel, 8c per lb; crawfish, 25c per doz; shad, 4c per lb; sturgeon, 10c per lb.

OYSTERS—Shoalwater bay, per gal, $2.25; per sack, $5.75.

CLAMS—Hardshell, per box, $2.00; razor clams, $2.00 per box.

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JOURNAL'S DAILY TIPS ON MARKETS

By Everding & Farrell.

Poultry receipts have been very small this week, and were it not for the eastern frozen goods in this market the people would have to eat something other than chicken. The market quotes good hens at 15c, old roosters at 11c and mixed chickens at 14c. Broilers and fryers are in demand at about 25c per pound, but be sure and send none that are less than one pound in weight—the very small ones are not wanted at all. There is a fine demand for young chickens of from 15 to 24 pounds to the dozen. Geese are fair sellers at 10c; ducks are still in the best sort of demand at 17c; good hen turkeys are in fine demand at 18c live, and fat dressed hens will sell at 22c. Squab pigeons are firm at $3, and old ones will also sell well. We look for a good demand for hens and large springs this coming week. This market will want a very great amount of poultry this season, and we hope that the producers will not forget this, and will turn out lots of this article.

A SHARP REACTION IN CHICAGO

The Wheat Market Suddenly Changes Form After a Materially Lower Opening.

SEPTEMBER OPTION HAS THE LARGEST GAIN

May and July Each Close at Seventy-Nine and Five Eighths With a Net Gain of Three Quarters Cent—Corn a Trifle Off.

RELATIVE WHEAT VALUES.

	Close Sat.	Close Fri.	Close 1905.	Gain Sat.
May	$ .79⅝	$ .79	$ .88⅝	$ .00⅝
July	.79⅝	.79	.83⅝	.00⅝
September	.75⅝	.77⅛	....	.00⅛

Chicago, April 28.—The wheat market opened off rather sharply this morning, due to the bearish reports received overnight from the growing crops. Later in the day the news came more bullish and on this account there was a sharp reaction in the price. The largest gain today was made by September, which closed ⅛c higher than yesterday. May and July closed at 79⅝c, with a net gain for each of ⅝c since yesterday.

In the coarse grains there was but little doing. May corn closed about ⅛c lower, while the May options in both oats and mess pork closed at previous figures.

Broomhall's weekly crop summary says: "United Kingdom, France, Germany and Hungary—Beneficial rains have fallen, otherwise the situation is unchanged. Roumania—There are moderate complaints with regard to drouth. Russia—Rains are wanted, but crops are so far in excellent condition; arrivals are moderate. Spain and North Africa—The situation is favorable. Italy—The outlook for the crop is fair."

The following was received from Minneapolis: "One of our newspapers, the Minneapolis Journal, of last evening's date has a column devoted to conditions as to cereals for 1906 in the Red River valley. It contains items from Fargo, Halstead, Wahpeton, Breckenridge, Stephen, Crookston and Ortonville. The gist of the comment is that seeding is backward and that there will be considerable decrease in wheat acreage and quite an increase in the acreage of durum, coarse grains and flax."

Official quotations by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke company:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT.				
May	$ .78⅝	$ .79⅝	$ .78⅝	$ .79⅝
July	.78⅛	.79⅝	.78⅛	.79⅝
Sept	.77⅛	.78⅝	.77⅛	.78⅝
CORN.				
May	.46⅞	.47	.46⅞	.46⅞
OATS.				
May	.32⅝	.32½	.32¼	.32⅝
MESS PORK.				
May	15.57½	15.60	15.52½	15.55

WESTON CROP LOOKS IN HEALTHY SHAPE

Weston, Or., April 28.—The wheat crop is in excellent condition in this section. Charles Hamilton has finished reseeding 480 acres of wheat on the reservation at the head of Thorn hollow. The failure of the seed to germinate was ascribed to formaldehyde. Dan C. Kirk was compelled to resow a small acreage in the same locality. He has 500 acres in wheat that promises well.

1,400,800 SHARES SOLD IN SHORT SESSION

Everyone Seems to Be Selling Stock Market—Prices Lose Early in Day.

NET LOSSES.

Amalgamated	1	U. S. Steel, pfd	½
Atchison	½	Louisville	½
Sugar	⅝	Missouri Pacific	⅝
Canadian	1	Locomotive	1½
St. Paul	1½	Cotton Oil	⅞
Erie	½	Central Leather	⅞
Reading	3⅝	Pennsylvania	⅝
Southern Pacific	⅝	Rock Island	⅝
U. S. Steel	1½	Union Pacific	1½

The stock market continued to be heavily sold today. The selling was not confined entirely to the insurance company, but from every part of the world came the orders to get out from under. For this reason the sales for the day reached up around the record mark, with 1,400,800 shares traded in during the short session. The bank statement was not up to general expectations and the California disaster continues to crowd the market lower.

Official quotations by Overbeck, Starr & Cooke company:

DESCRIPTION.	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Amal. Copper Co.	101⅝	103	100⅝	101½
Atchison, com	88	88⅝	87	88
Am. Sugar, com	130⅝	132	129⅝	131
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	72⅝	75⅛	72⅝	74
Canadian Pacific, com	156⅝	158½	156	157
Chi., Mil. & St. Paul	164	164	162⅝	162⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	....	....	....	54
Colo. Fuel & Iron, com	45⅝	47⅝	45½	45⅞
Erie, com	40½	41½	39⅝	40
Louisville & Nashville	141⅝	142⅝	141½	141½
Missouri Pacific	89½	90½	89⅝	90½
Central Leather	41	....	....	40½
Woolen	35½	....	....	35½
Cotton Oil	31½	....	....	40
Locomotive	61½	....	....	59⅝
Norfolk & Western, com	....	....	....	85½
N. Y. Ont. & West	47½	....	....	46⅝
Pennsylvania Ry	137⅝	138⅝	135½	135⅝
P. C., L. & C. Co	90½	90½	89½	80
Reading, com	120⅝	122½	119⅞	120½
Rock Island, com	24⅞	25½	24⅝	24⅞
Southern Pacific	63½	63⅝	62½	63½
Union Pacific, com	143	146½	144½	144½
U. S. Steel Co., com	39⅝	40½	39	39½
do preferred	105½	105⅝	104⅝	105

Total sales for day, 1,400,800 shares.

HOGS RETAINING A STRONG TONE

With Very Few Arrivals During the Past Few Days Prices Held at Top.

CATTLE PROSPECTS NOT QUITE SO GOOD

Trade Is More Unwilling to Buy Around Present Figures—Sheep Arrivals Not Yet Liberal but Trade Is Speculating on Heavy Movement

Portland Union Stockyards, April 28.—Livestock receipts:

	Hogs.	Cattle.	Sheep.
Today	...	50	...
Week ago	...	...	...
Month ago	115	210	63
Year ago	...	150	1,000

While the hog market is retaining its full strength the general tone of the livestock market is not quite so good. Today another day passed without the arrival of a single head of hogs, and for these the demand is growing stronger.

Cattle feeling is weaker with receipts better than demand, even with the present small arrivals. The price was maintained at yesterday's figures, but the future of the market does not look so encouraging.

While no arrivals are shown in the sheep market today, the feeling is not quite so good. Reports from the interior indicate much heavier shipments in this direction in the near future. Veal calves are hard to sell now. Today 20 horses came in.

Official livestock prices:

Hogs—Best eastern Oregon, $7.25@7.50; blockers and China fats, $6.85; stockers and feeders, $6.60.

Cattle—Best eastern Oregon steers, $4.75@5.00; best cows and heifers, $3.75@4.00; light and medium steers, $3.75@4.00; light cows, $2.75@3.00; stockers and feeders, $3.50; bulls, $3.00.

Sheep—Wethers, 6c; lambs, 6@6½c; mixed sheep, 5½c; sheared sheep, 4½c.

Calves—Good veal, 150 to 200 pounds, 4½c; rough and heavy, 4c.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT.

New York, April 28.—Bank statement:

	Increase.
Reserve	$ *694,600
Reserve, less U. S.	*3,120,525
Deposits	21,218,700
Loans	21,781,300
Specie	*2,919,300
Legals	2,224,700
Circulation	342,900

*Decrease.

PORTLAND BANK STATEMENT.

Clearings	$447,817.00
Balances	68,647.04

New York Cotton Market.

New York, April 28.—Cotton closing: July 10.88, May 11.08, December 10.40.

Began Very Early.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A good many years ago now a small, bare-legged boy set out from his home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for an afternoon's sport with a gun. He rambled along, as the boys will, with his eyes wide open for everything that came under them, as well as for the game that was the special object of his expedition, and he had not gone far when he saw a chaise approaching, driven by the governor of the state. The governor was a very popular and distinguished man, who was being talked of for the presidency, and we should not have liked the small boy if he had not been a little overawed by finding himself alone in the presence of so august a personage. He was equal to the occasion, however, and as the chaise reached him, he stood aside to let it pass and gravely presented arms. The governor at once pulled up his horse, and looked with amusement at the little fellow standing there as serious as a sentry, with his gun held rigidly before him. "What is your name?" said the governor. "Thomas Bailey Aldrich," replied the boy, with a military salute. He was invited into the chaise, and though he lost his shooting, what was that in comparison with the distinction of riding into Portsmouth town with Governor Woodbury? This was many years ago, and since then Mr. Aldrich has earned a place among the foremost of American authors.

What Bad Writing Cost Napoleon.

From Le Cri de Paris.

The nose of Cleopatra had a marked influence on the destinies of the ancient world. The handwriting of Napoleon I, we are assured by recent historians, had a similar effect upon the evolution of the modern world. He did not write—he scrawled. By reason of this, among other causes, he lost Waterloo. Grouchy could not read with exactness his decisive message. Was it "bataille engagee" (battle is on), or "bataille gagnee" (battle is won)?

Grouchy chose the latter significance, and, not believing it necessary to press forward, arrived too late. So much for the curl of a letter, a pen stroke, or an illegible swell to an "a."

This question was brought forward by the writing master of the elder Dumas.

"Remember, Alexandre," the master said to him, "the great defeat of the emperor was due only to his scrawling hand. If you wish to succeed in the world be careful of your heavy and your light strokes." So if Napoleon had known how to write legibly or if he had taken the trouble to do so, his descendants would reign today in France and we should not have had the republic. It appears historically established today that Dumas' writing master was right. And on such slight things rests the fate of empires.

Duke of Marlborough, Who Hopes to Be Viceroy of Ireland.

Magician and Majesty.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Jugglers, sword-swallowers and magicians travel all the way around the world, stopping at the big cities and usually paying their respects to the rulers of the regions visited. Thus it was that a magician, well known in London and New York, found himself, once upon a time, in the presence of the king of the Maoris. Turn to a map of the great South seas, put a finger on New Zealand and you will have indicated the country of the Maoris. Well, after some parleying, it was decided that his dusky highness himself should conceal an article which the magician should discover. The mind-reader left the room, and after a while was brought back blindfolded. He cogitated for a moment, and then exclaimed that the hidden article was in the king's mouth. His majesty shook his head savagely. The professor insisted that the article was there, and finally demanded that the royal mouth should be opened wide. The king refused. The professor was firm. Great was the excitement among the Maories who crowded around. By and by the king's mouth was slowly and reluctantly opened. The lost article—a button—was not there! The next instant, however, the king began to cough. He coughed up the button, which he had tried to swallow. The Maoris were uproarious with mirth. They didn't know which to admire the more—the wisdom of the magician or the heroism of the king.

Fish Know Colors.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Fish know colors," said one of the biologists of the University of Pennsylvania. "They can distinguish between red and blue, or white and green, as well as you and I."

"So you say," said a skeptical lawyer.

"It is the truth."

"So you say," the lawyer repeated.

"I'll prove it," cried the biologist, and he led the way to his huge aquarium.

In this aquarium were some red and some yellow and some green fish, and in it were artificial grottoes painted respectively red and yellow and green. The biologist roiled the water with his hand and the fish fled, the red ones to the red grotto, the yellow ones to the yellow grotto and the green ones to the green grotto.

"They know which color shields them from observation best," said the biologist. "Now, I'll change the grottoes, so as to prove my statement a second time."

He moved the grottoes to different places in the aquarium and again roiled the water.

The same thing followed as before. Each fish darted like a shot to the grotto of its own color, where it knew it would be best concealed.

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